

His Pain: Precious Moloji

Introduction

My name is Ntando Zulu, I am 30 years of age and I am an Architect. I live with my high School sweetheart Lerato she's 28 and I love her very much she's my everything. Me and Lerato we have been together for 14 years we had our ups and downs she has always put up with my shit especially my cheating tendencies. See I'm a guy and I easily get tempted so I used to have flings on the side especially when I was in Varsity, Lerato would always suspect something and sometimes she would be right, I'm sure that she used to cry herself to sleep Almost every day. Lerato never had the privilege to go to Varsity after Matric, so to make ends meet she looked for a job and now she's working at Edgars. Lerato has a very bubbly personality, she talks a lot she doesn't tolerate nonsense she's done beat up the girls I used to cheat on her with. We not married but I paid lobola for her, but we planning on getting married soon. Lerato is a BBW (Big Beautiful woman) Yeap I love my women big! We live in a 6 roomed house and we live with her Little sister Lethu she's 23 and moved in with us Last year because of school. She's in Varsity studying Electrical Engineering & Electronics, she's very smart she passed her first year with flying colours got 3 distinctions now she's doing her 2nd year. I never wanted to be an Architect but I had to do it because I applied late at Varsity and it was the only course that accepted late applications. I'm the type of person who likes to take risks and make my own dreams come true than work for someone else and make their dream come true. I want to be a software developer have my Company and create Apps. I always tell myself that it's high time we have our own Bill Gates or Mark Zuckerberg in South Africa.

Lerato: Aii maan Lethu! Didn't I tell you to take your books off my table I want to start setting the table for dinner.

Lethu: Lerato I'm writing a serious test tomorrow I have to study

Lerato: can't you study in your room?

Lethu: No I'll Fall asleep

Lerato: I don't care I'm going to my bedroom when I come back I don't want to see your books on my table nxa!

Lerato just left.

Lethu: why are you marrying her?

I just laughed...

Me: because I love her, you better take your books off her table you know she's crazy..

Lethu: Yeah whatever if I fail she will pay for my fees when I have to repeat next year.

Aii Lethu and Lerato fight a lot that I ask myself if they really sisters, Lerato came back.

Her: at least she listened, Ntando come get the dishes..

Me: I won't be joining you guys for dinner

Her: why?

Me: I have work to do..

Her: You have to eat first..

Me: I'll eat later..

Her: Now Ntando!

Me: Aii Lerato Phela mina I'm not Lethu who you always boss around

Her: I'm not bossing you around Ntando I just want you to eat, you didn't eat even when you came back home from work.

Me: I'll eat later Lerato..

Her: Kanti why usaba ukudla so? (why you scared of food)

Me: I did eat a pie at work..

Her: when was that? around 13:00 it's 19:00 now..

Me: Fine mom I'll eat! Let me just go and wash my hands.

She just smiled at me. I went to the bathroom and washed my hands then went to my office, I turned the other bedroom into an office. I started working on the Plan for some mall in Nelspruit that collapsed because the architecture that worked on the plan took short cuts. The construction company got sued and the architecture got arrested because a lot of people got hurt so the construction company heard about me and how good I am then they hired me to fix the mall. I'm an independent architecture I get hired by different construction companies. Lethu walked in on me while I was busy working.

Her: still working on the mall thing?

Me: Yes..

Her: it's been 2weeks now kanti when are you finishing?

I love Lethu she's like my little sister too but eyy she's irritating sometimes..

Me: What do you want Lethu?

Her: I have ideas for your new App.

Me: it will have to wait..

Lethu: wait? Do you think Mark Zuckerberg said Facebook can wait? Do you think Bill Gates said Microsoft can wait? I don't wanna mention Steve Jobs..

Me: Okay fine! Yooh you giving me a headache.

I just sat next to her.

Her: Good now I was thinking that you should start with something less complicated like creating your own Photo editor Application.

Lerato walked in on us while we were brain storming.

Lerato: Yazi the devil is tempting me!

Lethu: I told you Ntando that we should go eat first but wena you suggested we work on your App..

Lerato: Ntando you still doing that useless thing of yours?

Lerato doesn't have hope in me, she doesn't think that my idea of creating my own App will work, she always tells me that I'm not Mark Zuckerberg and I'm not in America, this is South Africa.

Me: It's not useless Lerato..

Lerato: it is Ntando!

Lethu: let me go, you guys will find me at the table.

Lethu just took her laptop and left.

Me: I don't wanna fight with you about this Rato so I'll just go and eat out..

Her: Eat out where because I cooked..

I just ignored her because I know that If I keep on arguing with her she will never stop..

Her: Wena just say it nje that you want to see that Ex girlfriend of yours Thandeka!

Me: Thandeka and I broke up long time ago..

Her: but that didn't stop you from cheating on me with her!

Me: That was long time ago Lerato I was still in Varsity..

Her: it still hurts me!

me: Entlek Vele you'll never forgive me for that neh?

Her: I'm trying to forgive you Ntando kodwa you make it hard for me especially when you hang around lapha e fish and chips were she works..

Me: Talking to you about this is like talking to a rock, you never listen.

I stated walking to the door.

Her: Hamba Vele Ntando to your Mistress! I don't even know what you see in her because she smells that dirty oil Yase Fish and chips..

I just left and got to my hyundai ix35 and drove to see My old man Mkhabela.

Mkhabela is originally from Durban he came to Gauteng to work for his wives and

kids, Yes Mkhabela is a polygamist. He was old and he was more of a father to me than a friend especially because I don't have a father figure in my life, my mom got raped when she was young and I was the result of that rape. Mkhabela was the first person I knew and got very close to when me and Lerato came to live here.. He was renting a small outside room that he paid 700 a month and his landlord had a Tavern so it was always noisy and busy in the yard. I knocked in his room and there was no answer so I just went and bumped into him at the gate..

Me: Mkhabela! I'm just from your room.

He was wearing a Jean and a tight t-shirt that didn't cover up all of his beer big belly, he was also wearing his work boots and a cap and had a black label beer bottle in his hand, Mkhabela worked at a mine.

Him: ya maan I was accompanying my woman home then I decided to buy myself a beer.

Me: You still with that woman? The one who drinks a lot

Him: No I left that one she used to finish my money on Alcohol and cigarettes.

Me: Ai I don't know how you do it, how many wives you have 4?

Him: 2 wives and 6 kids.

Me: and a girlfriend on top, Lerato is the only woman in my life mara she stresses me to a point where I think that I have 10wives.

He just laughed.

Him: Aii mfo I am a man I have to eat!

Me: Speaking of food what did you cook, I'm hungry..

Him: Nex Mfo (nothing) kanti didn't that wife of yours cook?

Me: she cooked mara you know Lerato she's a radio I won't eat in peace I'll even choke..

Him: Yena she can talk that's why I'm scared to visit your house..

Me: I'm gonna need weed to get through this night with her...

Him: Aii kodwa yena uyababa(she's hot) her curves, breasts aii mfo you are blessed..

Me: Eyy mfo stop talking about my wife's body that full package is for me only.

Him: sorry mfo mara good things have to be praised.

We just laughed and Mkhabela decided that we should go to fish n chips since it was the only one that was the closest to us.

We just drove to fish n chips and they were still open and luckily it was not busy.

Mkhabela just sat at the table while I went to order..

Me: good evening..

Waitress: good evening to you too sir what can I get you?

Me: Medium chips, 2 Russians, and a loaf of bread.

My ex Thandeka just came and told the waitress to go she will finish off my order.

Thandeka: So do u want spice, salt, V..

Me: just spice and tomato sauce Thank you.

I started walking to Mkhabela she called me..

Her: Can I please have a lift?

Me: There's taxis..

Her: I used my taxi fare money to buy lunch..

Me: Thandeka if I didn't come how were you going to get home?

Her: Now you are here.. So lift or no lift?

I seriously didn't know why I dated this girl...

Me: Fine but I'm gonna eat first..

Her: Whoa what's wrong Lerato doesn't feed you? Things are not good at home?

Me: what happens in my house is none of your business..

Her: I'm just asking y you getting offended? Sexual frustration I see..

Me: Ave uphapha Thandeka (you are too forward) me and Lerato we are good..

Her: then why are you here? Shouldn't you be eating 7 colours at home?

Me: Kanti what's your problem with my wife?

Her: she stole you away from me, it should be me in that house not her I seriously don't know what you see in her..

Me: maybe if you can look at yourself thoroughly then look at my wife, you'll see why she's the one who ended up in my house and not you..

I just walked away and left her making clicking sounds with her Tongue.

I just joined Mkhabela our food came we ate then and chilled busy talking on those chairs outside till they closed at 21:00, as we were walking to the car Thandeka came running..

Her: Hau manje you leaving me?

Me: Yes my car is not a public transport

I just left her there drove Mkhabela home then after I drove to my house, I saw my Father in law's Toyota Corolla in our yard I just put my car in the garage and went inside. My father in law was sitting at the kitchen with Lethu and Lerato.

Lerato: you see Daddy this is what I was telling you about! Look at the time, where have you been wena?

Lerato always took things to the max it was 21:45 she made it like I came home at 00:00.

Me: Yey don't yell at me like I'm a child!

Her: I will yell all I want!

Me: lerato! Don't make me hit you in front of your father!

I wasn't gonna hit her, I'll never raise my hand on her my mama would kill me and I'm sure her father would kill me too phela lerato and Lethu were daddy's girls, lerato's parents divorced when she was young her mother remarried but her and Lethu had to stay with their father because their mother's husband didn't want them. Their father never remarried he raised them alone.

Lerato: You see what I mean daddy? Look how his disrespecting you saying he will hit me in front of you.. And you didn't answer me where were you?

Me: I was with Mkhabela..

Lerato: Heeeee! Daddy Mkhabela is his old friend, his your age he has no sense of direction in life he drinks he has a lot of wives and wears cropped t-shirt to charm girls with his disgusting beer belly! I'm sure you guys were drinking!

Me: No we were at fish n chips..

Her: to see your Mistress! Haaah! This is blasphemy! Devil I chase you out of my house in the name of..

Lethu: Aii Lerato you called daddy for such nonsense at this time of the night?

Lerato: Shut up wena I'm not talking to you!

Lethu: Yazi we tired of you shame, I don't know why you can't see it.

Lerato: Then move out Lethu!

Lethu just stood up and went..

Lethu: wabhora struu!

Lerato followed her..

Lerato: what are you saying? I'll clap you wena Lethu! Just because now you wearing a bra size that's almost as big as mine you think you can disrespect me!!

I just opened the fridge took out two cans of Heineken and gave one to my father in law..

Me: You see the stress I deal with everyday?

Him: you know when you paid lobola and she moved out of my house I was happy, I mean I love my daughter mara Aii..

Me: Vele when she called you came? At this time of the night?

Him: what can I do, you know my daughter.. Let me go before she comes back and tell her that we did talk..

I just laughed and he left. I thought of going to bed mara eish.. I sat there and finished my Heineken then went to the bedroom. She was standing there brushing her hair wearing a bra and a bumshort only, I swear at that moment I forgot how crazy she was I just walked up to her and ran my hands on her body from her waist to her ass.. She just turned around and looked at me. I started kissing her from her neck, to her breasts.

Me: I was thinking that we should make this moment last since I'm leaving for Mpumalanga tomorrow..

Her: HmMMMM..

Me: So what do you say?

Her: Sounds good, and maybe we can talk about Thandeka while we at it.

That just killed my mood..I started walking out..

Her: where you going now?

I just gave her the middle finger, I walked to my study and noticed Lethu's bedroom door was opened a little and she was crying. I knocked.

Me: Can I come in?

She just nodded yes. I went in and closed the door. I sat next to her.

Me: What's wrong cup cake why you crying?

She didn't answer me.

Me: is it Lerato?

She nodded yes..

Me: She hit you?

She nodded yes..

I just put my arm around her shoulders..

Me: Askies I'll talk to her tomorrow... Try to sleep you writing tomorrow..

She got in bed..

Her: Can you wait till I fall asleep to make sure she doesn't come in

Me: Ya sure...

I just sat next to her with my hand patting her at the back. I sat there till I started getting very sleepy I decided to lean on the headboard then next thing I was gone... I woke up the following day in the morning after opening my eyes I looked around and I realized that I was not in my room I slept in Lethu's room and she was laying on my chest..

I just slowly moved her to the pillow then got up and went out. How could I have fallen asleep on Lethu's bed. I went to my bedroom Lerato was not around I looked at the clock it was 8am she already left for work. I just packed a few clothes bathe and went. I was driving to Mpumalanga I'm meeting with the contractor to see the mall and show them my new plan. I arrived in the afternoon was a long drive, I just booked Myself a hotel room in some hotel, I'm supposed to meet with the contractor tomorrow. I just put my suitcase in the room and went out to eat Lunch at Steers. I ordered a burger and a coke, I was on my Tablet while eating. After finishing Eating I went back to the hotel room it was around 17:00,i took my phone and rang Lerato, her phone just kept ringing she wasn't answering I just decided to call Lethu.

Her: Ntando

Me: Lele are you home?

Her: Not yet but I'll be home by 18:00 why?

Me: I tried calling Lerato but her phone keeps on Ringing..

Her: Ohh I'll tell her to call you when I get home..

Me: okay Thanx Lele..

Her: Sharp..

I didn't do much at the hotel room just chilled and kept myself busy with all my gadgets, my laptop, phone, and Tablet.

I waited for Lerato to call but she didn't call it was Now 20:00, I called her again she answered.

Me: Kanti why don't you answer your phone? (shouting)

Her: Keng? you in a bad mood and taking your frustrations out on me?

Me: No maan Lolo I've been calling you all day and you weren't answering..

Her: Not all day stop exaggerating.. Anyway I got home late and slept I was very tired we did stock taking at work..

Me: and you couldn't just pick up your phone to call me?

Her: Haibo Ntando Kanti yini? (what's wrong)

Me: just don't do that again I hate it when you don't answer your phone..

Her: sorry it won't happen again... did you have a safe trip?

Me: ya I arrived this afternoon..

Her: you must really impress them phela you worked hard on that plan that you didn't even come to bed last night..

I just cleared my throat not knowing what to say.

Me: Ya I will.. Uhm I have to go I'll see you tomorrow..

Her: okay bye..

Me: I love you

Her: I love you too..

Me: and stop hitting Lethu..

Her: I'll try not to..

I just hung up and put my phone away.. I decided to work on my App. I was stuck not knowing if I should create a photo editor that works on Android, BlackBerry or Microsoft, there's only one person I needed that can help me in this I just took my phone and dialled Lethu's number.

Her: 2 calls from you Today wow!

Me: aisuka! Don't be full of yourself I just need your help on something..

Her: I'm listening...

Me: The photo editor I'm trying to create I don't know if it should work on Android, BlackBerry or Microsoft..

Her: Shouldn't you be working on the plan checking if everything is fine, tomorrow is the due date..

Me: Says someone whose been always on my back telling me that I shouldn't give up on my dream..

Her: Okay I think you should create one that will work on an iphone..

Me: I think Android is better..

Her: No iphone is better because it will be easy to create it compared to Android, I don't think you will be able to read the Android Language it's too complicated..

Me: but Android is trending..

Her: So is iPhone there's a lot of iPhone users compared to Android users, especially overseas.

Me: there's a lot of Android users too, check Samsung and other phones that run on Android.

Lethu and I spent a lot of hours arguing on the phone, one thing I liked about her she challenges me on an intellectual level she's very intelligent, we argued until we both gave up.

Her: this argument is not over we'll finish it off when you come back.

Me: we shall indeed.

I just hung up and smiled, I never really enjoyed talking to a female like I enjoy talking to Lethu. She understands me we have a lot of things in common and speak the same language.

I just put my laptop away and slept.....

I woke up the following day bathed and took my laptop bag which had my laptop and the plan. I went to the Mall and the contractor was already there..

Him: Morning Mr Zulu..

Me: Morning Mr Bradey

Him: Thank you for coming at such notice...

Me: it's my job sir.

We just walked around the mall checking the side of it that collapsed and drawing up many assumptions of how all of this incident happened, after an hour of checking it out we went back to our cars.

Him: you really know your job Mr Zulu, I'm impressed..

Me: Thank you..

Him: Can you give me your plan I'll look at it when I get home, and we will meet up if there's something I need to ask you.

Me: No problem sir let me just get it.

I unlocked my car and got my laptop bag at the back seat, I opened it to take out the Plan for the mall but I couldn't find it, I looked and looked couldn't find it, then I remembered that I left it at home.

Him: Is everything alright Mr Zulu?

Me: Uhm No sir I can't find the plan, I think I forgot it at home..

Him: that's a disappointment that means our meeting was pointless and you travelling from Gauteng to Mpumalanga was a waste of time and petrol..

Me: I'm really sorry sir this has never happened before..

Him: I understand we all make mistakes just be thankful that I came alone without my business partners.

Me: this is embarrassing I'm supposed to be a professional..

Him: don't sweat it, you will just post it to me when you get home, I'll email you my address, fast mail it so it can arrive fast, and Mr Zulu please don't let this happen again..

Me: Thank you Mr Bradey and sorry it will not happen again..

I just got to my car all disappointed it was not like me to be this unprofessional. I just drove to the hotel and checked out then drove home. I arrived at home around 21:00 because I would stop and take minor breaks. I went to the bedroom and Lerato was asleep I didn't wanna wake her up, I just went to the bathroom took a bath went to my office and found the plan on my study table. I just started finishing it off worked through it the whole night I slept at 2am.....I woke up the following day at 10am, I was still sleepy but I have to post the plan to Mr Bradey so I just showered and went to the kitchen. Lethu was at the stove frying something all singing and shaking her little ass. She was wearing her pj's and her pj pants were short and tight. Lethu had a beautiful tiny body she wasn't a BBW and had a bit of big breasts Almost her sister's size. I just ignored starring at her so I went to boil the kettle.

Me: Lele..

Her: Hey you! When did you come back?

Me: Last night..

Her: I didn't see you..

Me: You probably was sleeping..

Her: Sit down I'm Making French Toast..

Me: Sorry can't do I need to post something to the contractor..

Her: how did your meeting go vele?

I wasn't In the mood to talk about that.

Me: it went well.. I'll see you later..

I just took the plan drove to the post office and posted it to Mr Bradey. I passed by at McDonald's and got me something to eat. I then drove to the car wash and had my

car washed and chilled a little at the car wash Namajita (friends). We chilled there all talking about soccer and woman then my phone started ringing and it was Lerato.

Me: Lolo..

Her: Hey Bubu, it's my lunch time I was thinking that we can have lunch together..

Me: okay where are you?

Her: I'm at the mall at fish and chips I've just ordered..

Me: did you just say fish and chips?

Her: Yes so come..

I knew this was not gonna go down well with Lerato and my ex, I just drove to the mall, fish and chips was close to the parking so I just sat inside my car waiting for Lerato, I texted her saying I'm at the parking. She came out of fish and chips after some few minutes arguing with someone, when I looked closely it was Thandeka. I just got out of the car and stood at the back of my car with my back leaning on the trunk of my car. The argument quickly turned into a physical fight I just saw Lerato throwing the chips across Thandeka's face.. Thandeka just wiped her face with her fish and chips shirt and slapped Lerato, Lerato slapped her back grabbed her by her hair hard and hit her face against the fish and chips glass door some two guys came to separate them Thandeka was crying and looked like she was bleeding, Lerato was angry all shouting "I'm not done with you wena! I will rearrange your face and sell you Ko scrapyard like the steel trash you are" I just stood there and Lerato was walking towards me, all Angry.

Her: Yazi Bubu that thing is testing my patience!

I just kept quiet and gave her a serious face..

Her: Mara Ntando she's the one who started me! Don't look at me as if like I'm the one who started the fight..

I knew talking to her would be useless Lerato never listens, I just got in my car and drove off to the house. I just slept because I was still tired.. I woke later and went to the kitchen Lerato was cooking..

Her: Hey..

I kept quiet went to the fridge and got a Heineken.

Her: Ntando I seriously don't understand why you mad yazi..

I just went to the lounge and watched soccer till she called me to tell me that dinner is ready. I just sat at the table and dished up it was just me and Lerato, Lethu was not at home and it was 18:00

I didn't say nothing and for the first time she kept quiet too. We finished eating and I threw the dish cloth at her as an indication that we should start washing dishes. She cleared the table and I helped her wash dishes then I went upstairs with her following me..

Her: Ntando please talk to me.. Yell at me or something just don't ignore me..

Me: I'm not loud like you..

She just came to me and put her hands under my t.shirt.

Her: I missed you..

No matter how angry I am I just cannot deny sex.

Me: I missed you too..

She started kissing me, I kissed her back to we went to the bed still kissing like that. I took off her shirt and leggings she took off my t.shirt..

We continued kissing, I took off her bra and sucked her nipples she started moaning and was squeezing me tight against her body I went back to Kiss her on her lips and moved my hand inside her bumshort and there was too much moist.

Me: You very wet.

I took my hand out and noticed it had blood. She just got embarrassed and asked me to get off her and she ran to the bathroom.

Me: Lolo it's just blood..

Her: Yes I think I'm on my periods you weren't supposed to see that it's embarrassing.

Damn! I didn't know why her periods had to come now..

I just went to wash my hand at the other bathroom we had 2 bathrooms one in our bedroom and the main one. I went to the kitchen and Lethu was trying to sneak in..

Me: You busted! Where have you been?

Her: Yooh don't scream like that you'll give me a heart attack, I was at the library.

Me: Yeah right till 22:00

Her: Yeap and I researched for you about Android.

I just followed her to her room.

Me: And?

Her: I told you it's complicated...

Me: Lele just say if that wena you love Iphone that's why you pressurizing me to create an App for iphone users.

Her: Nope it's not that I promise you..

She just took out the papers in her bag come here and read this Android language and tell me if you understand..

I just went and got the papers and she was right there was a lot going on it was like I was reading Greek. She just snatched the papers from me..

Her: I told you!

Me: I'm not even done reading..

Her: no need because you don't understand.

I just went to her and tried to get the papers from her she was just running around the room I chased her she jumped on her bed I jumped too and held her we both fell to the floor with me on top of her we just laughed.

Her: ouch that hurt though..

Me: sorry but it's your fault..

We continued laughing then looked deep in each other's Eyes and started kissing.. I pulled back, Lethu pushed me off her. I just stood up in disbelief of what just happened.

Me: I'm sorry..

Her: I'm the one who should be sorry...

I didn't know what to say I just left and went to my bedroom. Lerato was lying in bed all crying, my heart raced a little what if she saw us.

Me: Lolo what's wrong?

Her: I'm in pain..

Me: In pain?

Her: period pains.

That was a big relief. I just went to her got in bed and held her.

Me: I'm sorry did you drink Pain killers?

Her: Ya but they not working.

Me: just give them time...

I put my hand on her womb and gently rubbed her till she fell asleep... I went to bath then got in bed to sleep I couldn't stop thinking about Lethu and the kiss, I fell asleep at around 00:00.

I woke up in the morning Lerato was still sleeping next to me, I went straight to the bathroom and bathe, I went to the kitchen to make myself something to eat. I got to the kitchen and Lethu was there making breakfast, I took a few steps back thinking of going back to the bedroom, but I just thought to myself this is just silly it was just one stupid kiss. I went and took out my coffee cup to make coffee..

Me: Hey...

Her: hi..

I continued making coffee then I heard her saying "ouch" I turned and looked at her, she had cut herself on her finger and was bleeding.. I just went to her.

Me: let me see..

Her: I'm okay it's just a small cut..

I just took her hand we went to the sink and rinsed the blood off then I took a dish cloth and wrapped it around her hand.

Me: there we go, just hold that tight till you stop bleeding.

Her: Thank you.

I was still holding her hand, she looked at me and I looked at her. Lethu was beautiful in her own way she had beautiful big Eyes a fair skin colour. Our moment was interrupted by a knock at the door. She pulled her hand from my grip.

Her: I'll get it on my way out..

She just took her bag and went, she opened the door and it was my mother. She just hugged her.

Lethu: Mama! What a pleasant surprise..

My mother loves Lethu and Lerato as if like they her biological daughters, but she was more fond of Lethu.

Mama: Ohhh Lelethu you don't know how much I've missed you..

Lethu: I've missed you too... Mama I have to go to school we will talk when I get back.

Her: Okay have a nice day..

Lethu just left with my mom looking at her all smiling.

Mama: Such a sweet girl.

Me: Mama what are you doing here?

Her: is that the way to greet your mother?

I just went up to her and hugged her.

Her: Lerato called me last night..

At that moment Lerato came to the kitchen. When she saw my mom she started crying..

Lerato: Mama..

My mom just went to her.

Mama: Hello my baby how are you feeling?

My mom just hugged her then sat her down..

Her: feels like my womb is being stabbed..

Lerato always becomes a cry baby when my mom is around.

Mama: hai Ntando let's take her to the doctor.

Me: fine I'll just get the medical aid and my car Keys.

I just went to get the medical aid and car keys.. We drove to the doctor, we didn't take that long it was not so full then we came back.

Mama: Go lie in bed Lerato I will make you some Tea.

Lerato: Thank you mama I'm glad you here..

Mama: and I will cook your favorite meal later.

Lerato just smiled..

Lerato: what would I do without you mara..

My mom just gave her a hug and a baby kiss then Lerato went upstairs.

Mama: I want you to drive me to the mall I wanna get a few things I know you guys hardly buy grocery. She just made Lerato tea and went to give her then came back and we went, while I was driving we saw Lethu walking with her friends.

Mama: stop the car..

I just stopped and rolled down the window.

Mama: Lethu..

Lethu just came closer

Lethu: Ma.. Where are you guys going?

Mama: to the mall come along..

Lethu just said bye to her friends and got in the car sat at the back with my mom.

Mama: school is out already?

Lethu: Yes my last class was cancelled.

They started talking about school then my mom's shop. My mom has a bridal shop she sells wedding dresses and bride's maid dresses, she's also a wedding planner. We got to the mall and went to Pick n pay, I was just following them at the back while they were chatting and laughing, I just smiled to myself I liked what I saw. When we were done buying groceries we went home, my mom and Lethu started baking I just went out walked to Mkhabela's place he wasn't around I figured he was still at work, I went back home. Lethu and my mother were at the kitchen still baking I went to the bedroom, Lerato was in bed watching TV. I just laid next to her..

Her: where are you coming from?

Me: I went out for a walk..

Her: okay..

Me: how you feeling now?

Her: a lot better since the doctor gave me an injection..

Me: I'm glad to hear that Lolo.

Her: ain't you suppose to be working on the mall plan?

Me: I'm done with that just waiting for a feedback from the contractor, later I wanna work on my App.

Her: Aii Ntando..

Me: what?

Her: didn't I say that thing of yours is useless?

Me: You haven't even given yourself time to actually let me tell you about it.

Her: I'm not gonna waste my time listening to nonsense.

Me: You know Lerato I expect support from you as my wife..

Her: and as your wife I'm being realistic, don't waste your time.

I just looked at her, my own wife saying those things to me, I just stood up and went out. I drove to some local lounge sat there and drank Heineken chilled there the whole day till my phone rang and it was Mkhabela.

Me: Mkhabela

Him: Mfo I heard that you were looking for me.

Me: ya I was..

Him: Where are you now?

Me: I'm at 9/9 lounge.

Him: I'm coming mara aii they don't have beer there I'll come with my own black label.

I just laughed and hung up. Mkhabela showed up after 30min with his own bottle of black label. We sat there till nighttime drinking Mkhabela ended up drinking Heineken even some women came to join us. I looked at the time it was 20:30.

Me: Mkhabela I have to go before I get very drunk.. I'm not in the mood to fight with my wife tonight..

Mkhabela: you can't leave now look at this ladies we sitting with mfo..

Me: Mfo I have my own lady at home.

I stood up and went..

Mkhabela: hamba bakudlisile (go she has bewitched you).

I just went to my car and drove home all drunk but not too drunk. I put the car in the garage and went in, I found them in the lounge eating.

Lerato: wabona Mama your son! I go through this with him every day!

Mama: Ntando where have you been?

Me: Mama I'm not a child...

Mama: I'm not saying you are a child we just wanted to know where you coming from

Lerato: Sheeben I tell you! I can smell the booze all the way from here.

Sometimes I just feel like jumping across that table and strangle her to death. I just started walking to the bedroom..

Mama: Ntando we not done talking.

I just walked and threw myself on the bed and slept. I woke up and Lerato was sleeping next to me it was 01:00 am I just went and bathe, wore my Pj pants and no top, I walked to the kitchen I had a pounding headache wanted to drink lots of water, I passed by my office and Lethu was sitting there studying. I just stood at the door looking at her.

Me: did you see wat time it is?

Her: No...

Me: It's past 01:00am

Her: I'll sleep at 3am..

Me: No you sleeping now...

Her: just one chapter to go I have to Ace tomorrow's test..

Me: You writing at what time?

Her: 11am

Me: you'll study in the morning..

Her: No...

I just went to her and got her off the chair.

Her: just one hour..

Me: No Lethu..

I just put my hand around her waist

Me: You going to bed..

She tried fighting me off I just held her tight, till our eyes met.. We kissed then after about 30sec she pulled back.

Her: I don't wanna hurt my sister

Me: I don't wanna hurt her too..

She started walking to her room, I just stood there then after 2min I went and knocked in her room, she opened.

Her: what are you doing here?

Me: something that I shouldve done long time ago, I just went in locked the door and started kissing her, she didn't resist we kissed till we ended up on her bed I started kissing her body from her thighs to her neck. I undressed her, and opened her legs, I entered her and hit it hard That she started screaming loud, I just kissed her to shut her up. I've slept with my wife before but with Lethu I just felt a certain connection, I felt myself wanting her more and more we had about 2 rounds first I was on top of her then 2nd she was on top of me but both rounds I didn't come inside of her. She was very tired after the last round that she just slept on top of me, we both fell asleep..... We were woken up in the morning by a loud knock on the door.

Lerato: Lethu open the door!!

Lethu was still on top of me she started freaking out we looked at each whispering.

Lethu: what are we going to do?

I just put my hand on her mouth.

Me: Shhh we not opening..

Lerato kept knocking..

Lerato: if you don't open I will break this door!!

Lethu: I don't think she's gonna go you have to hide.

I just got up and put on my pj pants and squeezed in a small space next to the wardrobe. I heard her opening the door.

Lerato: I've been knocking

Lethu: and I've been sleeping..

Lerato: don't give me that I'm Older than you remember, respect!

Lethu: what can I do for you Lerato?

Lerato: Dad said I should give you this money, he tried calling you but you weren't answering.

Lethu: Thank you..

Lerato: anyway did you see Ntando?

Lethu: No isn't he sleeping?

Lerato: I wouldn't be asking you were he is if he was sleeping.

Lethu: anything else?

Lerato: No that's all..

Lethu: can I close the door now?

Lerato: you very rude, tell me Lethu when you look at me do you think we The same age?

Lethu: I respect you Lerato mara wena you don't respect me.

Lerato: Whatever! I got to go to work I'll be late, if you happen to see Ntando tell him he better have a good explanation about where he slept.

Lethu: I will let him know..

Lerato: I'm going to break his neck he doesn't know me..

Lethu: bye Lolo..

Lerato: bye..

I heard the door closing.

Lethu: you can come out now..

I just came out, she was sitting on the bed looking all sad, I just crouched in front of her and held her hands.

Me: what's wrong?

Lethu: This is not me Ntando, it's hard looking my sister in the eye and act like everything is fine while I'm sleeping with her man, under her roof.

Me: I know how you feel, I hate how this is gonna break her heart when she finds out about this.

Lethu: she's my sister and I love her, that's why this can never happen again.

Me: I get what you saying, it shouldn't happen for real.

Lethu: let me bath and go to school.

She stood up and went out of the bedroom. I love Lerato we've been dating since we were in high school, on the other hand I cannot deny what I feel for Lethu. I just stood up went to my room to bath then after went to the kitchen my mom was cleaning.

Me: good morning Ma..

Mom: sit down I wanna talk to you.

I knew a speech was coming, I sat down, she stopped cleaning and sat down too.

Her: Remember the first time, the very first time you came home with Lerato to come and meet me.

Me: I remember..

Her: you were soo happy and you two looked very much in love.

Me: I remember Mama, what's the point you trying to make?

Her: you and her come a long way don't hurt her.

I was surprised my mom said that, could she probably heard Lethu and I last night?

Me: I... I'm.. What do you mean by don't hurt her?

Her: this thing of you coming home late and drunk must end..

Me: Mama the problem is Lerato is very annoying she's always on my case, sometimes I don't even feel like coming home.

Mom: I know you think women are complicated but that's not always the case, we need to be loved, you don't have to tell her that she's special make her feel special, you don't have to tell her that she's the only woman in your life make her see, shower her with love, do you think coming home late at night and drunk will make her stop nagging?

Me: No, I just get tired of her always accusing me of cheating.

Mom: then don't give her a reason to think that you cheating.

My phone started ringing and it was Mr bradey.

Me: sorry ma I have to take this, it's work.

I just went to the lounge, and answered my phone.

Me: Good morning Mr bradey.

Him: Good morning Mr Zulu, sorry I didn't get back to you on time I was busy.

Me: No problem sir.

Him: I got your plan went through it showed it to my business partners and we all happy with your work, so if you still interested in working with us on rebuilding this mall you can come sign the contract next week and the work will start.

Me: I accept the offer sir, would be a great privilege to Work with you and your business associates.

Him: perfect! Then I shall see you next week

Me: I'll be there Sir.

Him: ohh before I forgot forward me your banking details so I can pay for your plan

Me: I will surely do so sir.

Him: bye..

I hung up all happy, this was the best job offer ever. I went back to the kitchen with my mom finishing off cleaning.

Mama: who was that?

Me: it's the contractor they wanna work with me full time on rebuilding the Mpumalanga mall.

My mom just started clapping and thanking God.

Her: I'm soo happy Ntando you always make me proud come and give me a hug.

I just went and hugged her.

Me: Let me go to the mall want me to get you anything?

Mom: No there's nothing I want.

I just left, I wanted to make peace with my wife so I just drove to the mall wanted to buy her a gift. I didn't really know where to start but I remembered that women love shoes, I just went to a shop that sells heels and boy were they expensive. I just asked the sales assistant to help me choose a beautiful pair of heels for my wife, she asked me her shoe size she was a size 5, she went around looking then came back with some heels, they were black and Gold looked very beautiful cost 1500. I just paid for them and went, I bought her a night gown, perfume, heels and chocolates. I drove to some classy expensive sushi restaurant and booked a table for 19:00 pm. I drove back home to wait for my wife, I just sat on the couch and watched TV all day. She came back at 17:00 and went to the bedroom I followed her.

Me: Lolo

She just looked at me all Angry.

Her: Mxm

Me: Sorry about last night, after that slight argument I went out to Mkhabela's place and we chilled while drinking and I just slept there.

Her: Stop lying wena you went to your stupid girlfriend!

Me: Lerato I don't have a girlfriend, you the only woman in my life.

She kept quiet and started tearing up.

I went up to her..

Me: What's wrong?

Her: It's nothing I'm fine.

I just sat down and sat her on my lap, while wiping her tears.

Me: Talk to me Lolo

Her: I'm scared Ntando

Me: Scared of what?

Her: That one day you will leave me for a girl that's not crazy..

Me: what makes you think that?

Her: because I do all this things act crazy and drive you away.. You even hardly here at home..

Me: don't ever think like that baby, I love you, yes we don't fight a lot and don't see eye to eye on a lot of things but you my woman and I'm still crazy about you like I was back in high school when I used to chase you every day and you'll even get irritated.

She just laughed..

Her: So you not cheating on me?

Me: I'm not cheating on you baby, I can't put you through that pain again.

I couldn't believe I was lying on my wife. She just smiled and kissed me.

Me: before I forget I got something for you.

I just went and got the gifts I got her. She opened the box of heels and went crazy.

Her: you bought this for me?

Me: yeap for my one and only.

Her: they beautiful bubu..

Me: do you like them?

Her: I love them..

Me: You better because they expensive.

Her: Thank you.

Me: Anything for my baby.

She just smiled and kissed me.

Me: ohh you have to wear those heels tonight..

Her: why?

Me: because we going out... I already booked us a table.

Her: wow I should get angry more often If this is the kind of treatment I'm gonna be getting.

Me: what you talking about I always buy you things.

Her: No you don't...

Me: What you talking about woman you always messing up my credit card..

Her: That's different.

Me: No its not..

I just started tickling her on her waist and she was all laughing.

Me: Yes it is..

Her: Stop it, you'll make me laugh till I vomit..

I just stopped.

Her: let's go take a shower before we go..

She just stood up took me by my hand and led me to the shower. We undressed and got in, turned the water on and started showering she came close to me and kissed me while I ran my hands on her wet body, that ass and those curves I surely was blessed. We kissed and I realized that she was still on her periods when I ran my fingers down on her.

Her: I'm still on my periods.

Me: I don't think menstrual blood can kill me..

She just smiled. We kissed then I kissed her on the neck I went down still kissing her body but when I was kissing her stomach she put her hand on the back of my head and slowly called my name I remembered that was the same way Lethu called my name last night just different voices. I stopped

Her: What's wrong?

Me: Nothing sorry...

I just French kissed her then stopped I couldn't stop thinking about Lethu. I pulled back.

Her: What's wrong baby?

Me: Nothing Lolo, think we should get out and dress before we get late phela there's no refund.

I got out with her following me we just dried ourselves and clothed. She wore a black dress that was tight and short, and the heels matched her dress perfectly. I just looked at her.

Her: What?

Me: Are you trying to cheat on me?

She just smiled.. I took her by her hand and we walked side by side, we got to the kitchen my mom and Lethu were preparing for dinner.

Lerato: count us out we going out..

Mama: wow look at you, my favorite couple, you guys look beautiful don't they Lethu?

I could see that Lethu was faking a smile.

Her: They do..

Lerato: my handsome husband is taking me out.

Mama: wow wish I was you.

I was busy starring at Lethu.

Lerato: let's go Bubu

She pulled me by my hand.. We drove to the sushi restaurant we arrived just on time, the waitress sat us at our table Ave gave us our menus. My mind was on Lethu. I just took out my phone started sending her whatsapp messages she didn't reply. Lerato and I ordered sushi she was eating and talking just being her bubbly self I was starring at my phone.

Her: waiting for a call?

Me: what?

Her: waiting for a call? You been quiet and starring at your phone..

Me: Yaa Mr bradey said he will call me about the details of the contract..

Her: you got the contract?

Me: yeah

Her: that's good baby why didn't you tell me?

Me: I was gonna tell you at home..

We just ate and left the restaurant, drove back home. We got in Lethu was sitting at the kitchen busy on her phone.

Lerato: hi Lele..

Lethu: Hey, you look like you had a good time..

Her: I did indeed, I have the best hubby ever.

Lethu just looked at me..

Lerato kissed me on my cheek.

Lerato: should we go and finish off what we started in the shower.

Me: You can just go I'll be right there..

Her: don't be long..

She just kissed Lethu on her forehead.

Lerato: night baby sis I love you..

Lethu: I love you too..

Lerato just went..

Me: It's good to see that your phone is working..

Her: what you mean?

Me: been sending you endless messages you didn't reply

Her: I was ignoring.

She stood up and started walking, I went and held her hand.

Me: Lethu..

Her: What Ntando? What do you want?

I just kissed her she pulled back and slept me, then I just pulled her closer and kissed her again she didn't resist, I picked her up and put her on top of the kitchen counter while we were kissing I heard a voice behind me saying.. "What the hell"

I looked back praying that it's not Lerato, and it was my mother. My mother doesn't say the word "hell" unless shit is real..

Mama: Ntando, Lethu what are you doing?

Lethu got off the kitchen counter.

Lethu: Mama it's..

Mama: Go to your room Lethu I'll deal with you later!

Lethu went to her room. My mom just looked at me with her eyes wide open.

Her: Ntando are you crazy? What if it was Lerato who found you?

Lerato showed up behind my mom..

Her: found out what?

My mom was still shocked at what she saw.. She struggled breathing

Lerato: Mama are you okay? Sit down.

I just got her a glass of water.

Lerato: what's wrong? Mama it's like you've seen a ghost.

My mom just looked at me then stood up and went to the guest room.

Lerato: What's going on Ntando?

I really didn't know what to say..

Me: She just...

Her: just what?

Me: heard bad news.. Her brother my uncle has passed on..

Lerato: what am I supposed not to found out?

Me: I.. I was thinking of buying you a car...

Her: Why am I suspecting that you lying?

Me: Aike I don't know what to say because you never believe me..

I just went to the bedroom with her following me. I just changed to my pj's and got in bed and slept. I woke up in the morning brushed my teeth and went downstairs it was a Saturday everyone was all seated at the table eating breakfast, I just joined them.

Me: Good morning..

Only Lethu and Lerato greeted back my mom kept quiet..

Lerato: So whose doing what today?

Lethu: I have nothing to do so I'll just be indoors probably watching movies.

Me: I have nothing either so I'll just sleep the whole day.

Lerato: And mama?

Mama: I'm leaving after breakfast.

Me: You leaving us soo soon?

Her: I can't tolerate the demons In this house..

Lerato: you saying our house is haunted?

Mama: Yes..

Lerato: I knew it! Weird things have been happening in this house, the atmosphere is just not clean.

Me: You exaggerating Lolo there's nothing in this house..

Mama just stood up.

Mama: I'll be leaving now..

Lethu: but you haven't touched your food mama...

She just gave Lethu a weird look then went to the guest room..

Lerato: Ehh what was that all about?

Me: let me just go and talk to her.

I went to the guest room and she was already packing..

Me: Mama is this about what you saw last night?

Her: I didn't raise you like that Ntando...

Me: I'm sorry. .

Her: you can't play sisters, whatever is going on between you and Lethu it has to come to an end...

Me: But...

Mama: Yey Ntando I'm your mother and my word should be final! You chose Lerato so you have to be faithful to her!

Me: I can't help how I feel about Lethu..

Her: Lethu is young! Way too young for you! She's confused tomorrow she will be running with another guy and you be forgotten. Please do me a favor I don't want to receive calls at my house from Lerato crying saying you cheating.

She just left me standing there.

Me: Can I at least drive you home?

Her: I came with a train I'll take the train again.

I stood there thinking to myself what if my mother is right, what if me and Lethu what we have is just a fling, I can't risk my relationship with Lerato for Lethu, she's still young what if she finds someone else at Varsity. I just went to Lethu's room and she was on her towel only. She just smiled at me..

Me: can we talk?

Her: ya we can, you look so serious what's wrong?

She came to me put her hands around my waist I just removed them.

Me: Lethu this thing we had... It was good while it lasted but honestly I love your sister with all my heart we've been dating for quite a while I even paid lobola for her. Lethu just sat down.

Lethu: what are you trying to say to me Ntando?

Me: I'm saying our sex moments were good while they lasted.

She just stood up and came to me all touching me.

Her: I know you don't mean this..

Me: don't make this hard please.

Tears started falling down her cheeks.

Her: wat was I? Just your sperm dish?

Me: I'm sorry..

Her: Get out!

Me: Lethu..

Her: Just leave Ntando! Go I hate you!

She pushed me out and locked the door..

I never knew this was gonna be this hard. I just went to the bathroom bathe and went to my office and started working on my App. It was hard concentrating when Lethu was on my mind. After a few minutes Lerato came to the study and sat on top of me we faced each other.

Her: Let's go out..

Me: we went out last night..

Her: eating raw fish, you call that going out

Me: Well I tried..

Her: Yes you did baby, so let me take you out.

Me: You paying?

Her: I work at Edgars..

Me: they pay you..

Her: don't be stingy moon pie..

Me: Fine where do you wanna go?

Her: It's a surprise.

Me: I hope it will be a good place and less expensive..

Her: it is a good place but expensive..

I just looked at her.. She just gave me her cutest puppy dog face.

Me: Fine you can go take my card in my wallet..

She just smiled and hugged me, I just smiled too, and hugged her back.

Her: I love you

Me: I love you too.

Lethu was standing at the door looking like she been crying.

Lethu: Just wanted to tell you guys that I'm going out to visit my friends..

Lerato: Okay Lele do you have enough cash?

Her: I'll ask dad..

Me: it's fine I can give u R500

She just started getting ticked off..

Lethu: I don't remember asking you.

Lerato: Hau Lethu his trying to be nice.

Lethu: Nice my left foot! I said I'm gonna ask Daddy and his not daddy.

She just left..

Lerato: what's wrong with her? She's soo touchy this days.....

Me: Maybe Varsity is stressing her.

Her: so let's go..

Me: were too?

Her: I'm taking you out phela...

Me: Ain't it too early?

Her: we gonna spend the whole day together..

We just left went to watch a movie first at the mall, then went horse riding, ice skating, then we finished off our day with bawling, then went to some diner to eat dinner there.

Her: I really had a nice day with you..

Me: me too Love..

Her: we should do it more often

Me: Not anytime soon, you cashrupted me.

She just giggled.

Her: but it was worth it, I mean it brought us more and more closer.

I just smiled at her. She was right spending time together really brought us together.

Her: we should get a takeaway for Lele I'm tired I won't be able to cook and my feet hurt.

We just got a takeaway and drove home, the house was dark, I just put the car in the garage.

Me: Don't tell me Lethu is not back, it's 22:00pm.

Her: Maybe she's sleeping.

We just went inside the house and switched on the lights, I went to check her in her room she wasn't around.

Me: Lolo she's not around..

Lerato: relax love Lele is old I'm sure she can take care of herself. Now stop worrying come and give me a message.

She just sat on the couch I went to her and started massaging her feet.

Me: where could she be this late?

Lerato: Aii Ntando..

Me: I don't know how you can be calm when you sister is..

At that moment we heard a car outside was playing music loud, and girls talking and singing Rihanna's song bitch better have my money. After a few minutes the door opened and it was Lethu with her friend she looked drunk.

Lethu: Bitch better have my money!

I just stood up and went to the kitchen.

Me: eyy you Making noise this is not a club!

She just stopped singing.

Her: Tjo Nazo ke! (here we go)

They were holding plastic cups.

Lerato: Lethu we were worried about you.. You should at least call and tell us you'll be late.

Her: I'm not a kid lerato..

Me: while you still living under my roof you are a kid and you will abide by my rules...

Her: Hehehe! Now I'm a kid but I wasn't a kid when you...

I knew what she was gonna say I just interrupted her..

Me: just go to your room Lethu!

She just held her friend's hand and they started walking to her room.

Lethu: where were we Friendo before we got interrupted?

Friend: Your wife in the back seat of my brand new foreign car..

Lethu: ya that bitch must pay us tomorrow she shouldn't act like she forgot, I spent all my money on alcohol.

I was boiling inside.

Me: did you see that?

Lerato: What can we say she's still young, let's go to bed..

We went to bed I couldn't sleep I was thinking of Lethu's sudden behavior. I eventually fell asleep at 2am.. I was woken up in the morning by Lerato Askin me to drive her to church. I just washed my face and brushed my teeth then drove her, we got at church kissed her and told her I'll fetch her later.. I drove back to the house Lethu was at the kitchen eating ice cubes.

Me: Hang over?

Her: blind..

Me: Yini vele Lele? (what's wrong)

Her: Ngani? (with what)

Me: please don't give me attitude when I'm talking to you...

She just stood up and went to her room.

Me: Lele I'm still talking to you!

She just gave me the hand..I just went to bath to cool myself down from all that anger then sat and watched TV until Lerato called me to come and fetch her, when I was walking out of the door Lele came and walked out too.

Me: Where you going?

Her: out!

I watched her walking out then a car came and she got inside. I just got into my car and fetched Lerato. She was busy talking to her church friends then came to the car.

Me: Yazini if you know that you still gonna be going around delivering daily sun to your church friends let me know so that I can fetch you and hour late!

Her: Yooh I can't even say bye to my friends?

I just kept quiet and drove home, we got home she started cooking, I sat at the kitchen drinking Heineken thinking about Lethu and the car she got into.

Me: Lerato does Lele have a boyfriend?

Her: I don't know..

Me: Kanti you guys don't talk?

Her: No Lele is very private..

Me: Mxm..

Her: What's your problem today?

Me: Nex (nothing).. I'm going out for a drive be back later.

I just went out to visit my old high school friend Sizwe back in high school we were very close we chilled drank beers catching up and going down memory lane it started getting late, and I decided to go before Lerato gives me grief. I got home and saw the same car Lethu got inside earlier parked in my yard. I didn't put my car in the garage I just parked it next to the gate got out and went inside. They were at the lounge Lethu, Lerato and some guy, he looked like Lethu's age group, they were eating.

Lerato: Love come meet Lele's boyfriend, his very sweet and funny.

Lethu just gave me a conniving smile.

I went and sat next to Lerato.

Lerato: Bubu this is Thabang, and Thabang this is my hubby Ntando..

Thabang: Sure.

Lerato: Thabang was telling us some funny story about him and his friends getting stuck at a dam.

Thabang: That was a nightmare I wish not to live again.

Lethu and Lerato started laughing.

Me: when did you start dating Lethu?

He looked at Lethu and smiled.

Him: been a month now..

Lerato: that's sweet, Lethu never told me about you before, which course are you doing?

Thabang: Same as Lethu. Very difficult but your sister stays Killing it.

Lethu: Ahhh baby don't make me blush.

Thabang: I'm for real babe, your lowest mark on tests is 90%

Lethu: And you stay killing it too, your lowest is 85%

They both smiled at each other. I felt like I was going to vomit.

Me: What's your intentions with her?

Thabang: Pardon?

Me: Are you planning to marry? And probably have kids along the way?

Lerato: that's still early love, they still young they need to enjoy their youth.

Me: Lethu is a straight A student. She's like my little sister too and I care for her. It is my responsibility to protect her from this playas wanna be.

I noticed that my question was making him uncomfortable.

Him: We really haven't thought about that, I mean I like Lethu a lot but we still have a long way to go before marriage and kids.

Lethu smiled at him and held his hand.

Me: You like her?

Him: Yes A lot.

Me: "Like" is a fling

Lethu: Ntando what's your problem?

Me: I was just saying If a guy likes you it obviously means you just his sperm dish.

Lethu: if there's anyone who knows better about sperm dishes it's you.

Lerato: Okay guys thi...

Me: No lerato let her speak..

Lethu: that's all I'm prepared to say for now, but keep pushing.

Me: you heard him, he likes you, He doesn't love you can you see the difference?

Thabang: We have been dating for a month, it's still early for love.

Lethu gave him a serious look.

Thabang: I mean I do feel something for you Lethu, but I'm not sure If it's love or..

Lethu : or?

Then he didn't know what to say anymore it was like he swallowed hot potatoes.

Thabang: You know what I mean.

Lethu: No I don't know what you mean Thabang.

Thabang: It's.. I.. Lethu it's.. I really don't know what to say.

Me: I rest my case.

Lethu stood up all hurt and walked to her room.

Thabang: Lethu..

Lethu ignored him and continued walking.

Thabang: I think I should leave, thank you for the food you really are a good cook
lerato

Lerato: My pleasure Dear, sorry about how things turned out.

Thabang: I'm sorry too.

He stood up and walked out with Lerato opening the door for her, and gave him a hug and left. Lerato came back to the lounge she looked at me I knew she was angry.

Me: I can help you wash the dishes.

Her: dishes can wait what was that all about?

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

Her: Lately you have been acting strange especially where Lelethu is involved.

Me: I'm looking out for her, wena how would you feel if your sister can fall pregnant by a guy who's not serious about her.

Lerato: Lethu is old enough to make her own decisions, let her live her life and stop fathering her she has a father!

She went to the bedroom and left me there. After upsetting two women who mean a lot to me I decided to wash the dishes maybe that can ease them up to forgive me. After washing the dishes I went to bed, Lerato was already sleeping, I took off my clothes and got in bed wearing my boxers only...I woke up the following day went to the bathroom to brush my teeth, lerato was there busy putting on her make up.

Me: Good morning.

She ignored me.

Me: Lerato I said Good morning.

Her: There's nothing Good about it, you Truly hurt my sister she cried the whole night and still is

Me: you guys should be thanking me, I saved her from a playa you saw that guy was not serious about her.

She walked out.

Me: we not done talking.

Her: I'll be late for work.

I brushed my teeth, put on my Jean and sleepers I was shirtless I kept on thinking about Lethu, probably I did hurt her. I went and knocked at her door, there was no reply I opened and walked in. She was still in bed

Me: Lerato told me that what happened last night hurt you.

She kept quiet.

Me: I seriously don't why you mad truthfully speaking you should be thanking me.

She woke up and sat up straight.

Her: Thank you for what? For ruining my relationship?

Me: No for saving you from a playa, that guy is bad news you can just see.

Lethu: screw you Ntando! You had no right to interrogate my boyfriend like that!

Me: Fine then for all its worth I'm sorry.

She kept quiet.

Me: I'm truly sorry I'm just trying to look out for you, I care a lot about you.

Her: I am a big girl I can take care of myself.

Me: Well then big girl I'm sorry from now on I won't get in your business.

She smiled at me.

Her: Thank you.

Me: can I have a hug then?

Her: No..

Me: You know you want too so come on.

She stood up and came to hug me, she pulled back and started taking a few steps backwards, I pulled her back close to me.

Her: Ntando Pl..

Me: just one kiss

Her: No..

I kissed her she kissed me back then hugged me.

Me: you have no idea how much I missed you

Her: missed you too.

While we were hugged let go and started walking backwards as if like she was about to have a heart attack.

Me: What's wrong?

She didn't answer me, she was starring at the door.

I turned around and it was Lerato standing by the door.

Lerato: Lelethu!

She dropped her back at the door and walked towards Lethu, I held her.

Lerato: Let go of me!

I let go of her but stood in her way so that she couldn't get to Lethu.

Lerato: Wow Lethu! You doing this to me?

Lethu was already having tears filled up her eyes.

Lethu: It's not what you think, i can explain

Lerato went crazy and started screaming..

Lerato: Explain what? You were kissing my husband it's pretty clear so what you wanna explain?

Lethu: I'm sorry..

Lerato was now crying too and still shouting.

Lerato: You sorry Lethu? I took you in! I feed you, you living under my roof, Ntando is this what you doing with my sister when I'm not around.

Me: No Lolo it's..

Lerato: Have you slept with her?

Me: Lerato..

Her: Have you slept with her Ntando?

I didn't say anything I looked down.

Lerato: Oh my God how many times?

Me: Baby that doesn't..

Lerato: How many times?

Me: Twice..

Her: In my house?

Me: Yes...

She picked her bag up and walked out I followed her. She went to our bedroom.

Me: Can we talk about this?

Her: Dammit Ntando you are a dog! You couldn't at least cheat with that ex of yours, you slept with my sister! Ntando (crying)

Me: Lerato it was a mistake.

Her: you slept with her twice Ntando that's no mistake. How could you do this to me again? We back to 14years ago when you used to cheat on me.

Seeing her crying like that hurt me a lot, Lerato usually responds with Violence but this time she was heartbroken, I've never seen her this heartbroken and crying like this, I didn't know what to say or how to comfort her

The next few days were very hard for all of us, but Lerato was the one who was taking it too hard. She wasn't eating, missed work a lot all she did was wake up bath then go back to bed hold her teddy bear tight and cry. I didn't know what to do or say to her anymore. My trip to Mpumalanga was approaching I didn't wanna leave Lerato in that state I wanted to work things out. I went to the bedroom day before I had to leave and she was laying there holding her teddy bear tight starring at the wall. I sat next to her.

Me: I'm leaving tomorrow Lolo..

She didn't pay attention to me.

Me: I hate to leave you in this state, I just wish that you could talk to me.

She didn't say anything, just squeezed the teddy bear tight.

Me: I love you Lolo, I know that there's nothing I can do to fix this.. To fix us and I don't expect you to forgive me but can you at least talk to me, I miss my bubbly wife..

I saw her eyes filling up with tears.

I held her hand.

Me: this past few days you've been crying all day, tell me how I can fix this Lolo please.

She pulled her hand away from my grip, held her teddy bear close to her chest and cried. That hurt me deeply, especially knowing that I'm supposed to protect her from pain and crying but I'm the one that's making her cry. I stood up and went to the kitchen, Lethu came in.

Her: Hi..

Me: Hey..

Her: I'll just go to my room.

She took a few steps then stopped.

Her: How is she?

Me: Still the same.

Her: Maybe I should go talk to her.

Me: I don't think that's a good idea.

Her: she's my sister I need her to forgive me.

Lethu walked to Our bedroom I ran after her trying to stop her, she flung the door open and went in.

Lethu: Okay Lolo this is crazy, you can't lock yourself up here all day crying.

I saw the anger reflecting through Lerato's eyes. She stood up

Lerato: Get out of my room jazebe!!

Lethu: No, I'm not going anywhere we need..

Lerato grabbed the lamp that was beside her side of the bed and through it at Lethu.

Lerato: I said Get out!!

Lethu ducked in time and it hit the wall.

Lerato came and pushed Lethu out and Lethu fell on her back, then she banged the door hard that the door handle became lose all screaming.

Lerato: Don't ever set your foot in my room again!

I went to Lethu and helped her to get up.

Me: Are you okay?

Her: Ya just hurt my shoulder.

Me: Just give her time.

Lethu started crying.

Her: I've hurt her more than I thought.

She walked to her room. I went to the kitchen and looked at the clock it was 17:00 I cooked. I wasn't a good cook but I've learned a few dishes while I was In varsity because my mom was not there to cook for me. I cooked spaghetti bolognaise, it was the easiest dish I've learnt to cook in varsity. I dished up for Lerato and just as I was about to take the dish up to her, she came in the kitchen.

Me: I was about to take this dish to you.

She had a bottle of panados in her hand she took two out and drank. Lethu came into the kitchen too.

Lethu: I'm going out too..

She stopped talking when she saw Lerato. There was some awkward silence then lerato broke the silence.

Lerato: how do you live with yourself Lethu? Look you dressed to go out, you've moved on with your life while you've ruined mine.

Lethu didn't say anything. Lerato walked to the room..

Lethu: I'm sorry sis..

Lerato stopped and turned around. She snatched the plate from my hand and threw it at Lethu, this time she didn't miss.

Lerato: Sorry? You sorry Lethu? Then you have the nerve to call me your sister!

Lerato teared up.

Lerato: starting from today I don't have a sister, you dead and buried to me Lethu!

Lethu was crying too, Lerato went to the bedroom, Lethu went to her room after Lerato.

I went and took my keys and drove to the only one person I know can help me, Mkhabela. When I got to Mkhabela's place I found him sitting outside with his door open, drinking beer and listening to music.

Mkhabela: Hau mfo, I'm happy to see you, you came at the right time to buy me another beer.

I sat next to him on the bench, and let out a deep sigh.

Him: kubuhlungu kuphi mfo? (where does it hurt my brother).

Me: I've messed up Mfo, I hurt my woman soo bad.

Him: What have you done? You refused to buy her clothes again? (laughing)

Me: No it's deeper than that.

Him: Moss this is serious, what happened?

Me: I.. I cheated on her..

Him: Again! With who? That girl from fish and chips?

Me: No.. With her.. Her sister.

I saw Mkhabela getting shocked.

Him: Awu Ngeke! (it can't be) even I mfo I have never done that..

Me: I'm not here for a lecture, I'm here for advice.

Mkhabela kept quiet for a while all thinking then started talking after a few minutes.

Him: You have no choice mfo, you have to Marry both of them.

Me: Uyahlanya? (are you crazy) I can never do that I'm not like you! And Lerato will never allow that to happen.

I am a one woman man.

Him: but you cheated!

Me: I know it's bad

Mkhabela: Marry both of them that's the only solution to this problem.

I knew Mkhabela was being crazy, I stood up and Left, I got home at around 20:00, Lerato was in the lounge watching a movie that looked depressing with a box of tissues next to her and her teddy bear. I went to her and sat on the coffee table facing her and blocking her view.

Her: You blocking my view.

Me: We have to talk baby.

Her: About what Ntando?

Me: About the affair I had with Lethu..

Her: Ohh you mean fucking her under my roof?

Me: Lerato please..

Her: Tell me something Ntando that day we were showering, getting ready to go out to that sushi restaurant and I wanted us to have sex in the shower, you refused was it because of Lethu?

Me: No Lolo..

Her: don't lie to me Ntando you've never said no to me , you've never refused sex before, It was because of her right?

I kept quiet..

Her: You were touching me but you were actually thinking of her weren't you?

I didn't reply, I was out of words.

She stood up and walked away, I followed her and stood in her way.

Me: Baby Please hear me out...

She just let the tears flow.

Her: You've hurt me Ntando I'll never forgive you this time around.

She took my hand and put it under her left breast.

Her: that's where the pain cuts through, deep in my heart..

Then she left me standing there and went to the bedroom. For the first time I felt her pain I sat on the couch with tears falling down, I love Lerato with all my heart, why I kept on hurting like this I don't know. I laid on the couch watched TV till I fell asleep.. I woke up the following day at 8am, went to the bathroom and bathe, went to my bedroom to clothe, Lerato was sleeping. After clothing I packed a few clothes and kissed Lerato on her forehead, left her a note saying "off to Mpumalanga, I love you". I drove to Mpumalanga with Lerato on my mind and I was praying that her and Lethu won't kill each other. I booked into the same hotel. I didn't stay that much at Mpumalanga just 3 days to make sure the plan was carried out perfectly, the mall was getting built, I asked Mr. Bradey if I could leave he allowed me, said there's no use in me staying any longer my work was done. I went to take my things from the hotel and drove straight home, Lerato hasn't answered my calls for the past 3 days that I was here at Mp. I got home at night around 22:00, it was quiet the lights were off, I got in switched the lights on, there seemed to be no one I went to the bedroom the bed was made no sign of Lerato. I took my phone out and called her she wasn't answering after a few times of calling she switched her phone off. I went to the bathroom and noticed her things were not in the bathroom, her towels, toiletries, and all those women staff, I went to the wardrobe, her clothes were not there, her drawers were empty too. I sat on the bed, I refused to believe that my baby left me..

I called Lethu and she answered.

Her: Ntando

Me: Hey Lele have you seen Lerato?

Her: she's at the house

Me: Noo I've just arrived a few minutes ago and she's not here, even her clothes are not here either.

Her: She moved out?

Me: looks that way

Her: where could she have went?

Me: I should be asking you that.

Her: I'll call dad and ask him if she's not at home.

Me: and I'll ask her friends.

Her: I'll see you later.. Bye

Me: bye.

I took my keys and drove around asking her friends they said they haven't seen her, Lele called me too and told me that she's not at home, I was getting very worried. I went to the Local lounge to get a beer and think about where Lerato could be. I bought 3 cans of Heineken and when I swiped my card it said declined. That was odd because I knew that I had about 80 000 from the contractor. I left the beer cans there went to the ATM and my balance was R10.00, I could not believe the bank was being untrustworthy. I drove home then slept. I woke up the following day very early to go and enquire at the bank about what happened to my money. When they opened I was the first one in , I went straight to the bank Teller.

Me: Good morning.

Her: Good morning how can I help you?

Me: I had about 80 000 in my account but now it's gone I'm left with R10 I would like to know what happened to my money.

Her: can I please have your card or your ID

I gave her my ID, she scanned it.

Her: Mr Ntando Zulu?

Me: yes

Her: This is a joined account between you and Miss Lerato?

Me: Yes it is

Her: unfortunately Sir she withdrew all the cash yesterday.

Me: She wat!

Her: She even signed for it.

Me: Can she do that?

Her: Yes she can because she has access to the bank account and all the money it has.

I couldn't believe that Lerato would go this far, I know that I've hurt her but this was just unacceptable for her to take all my hard earned money, that's ridiculous. I drove straight to my mom's house. She was sitting in the garden sorting out flowers, when she saw me she came up to me and hugged me.

Her: Ntando what a great surprise.

Me: Hello Mama how are u doing?

Her: I'm doing good my Son it's a new day God blessed me with another life, and you my son?

I pulled a chair and sat down.

Me: I don't feel good

Her: what's wrong? Talk to me.

Me: It's Lerato Mama

Her: What about Lerato

Me: She cleaned me out of all my money

Her: You have lost me, try explaining

Me: She found out about Lethu, got angry packed her bags and went.

My mom's face looked like it was about to explode.

Her: Kodwa Ntando I told you.

Me: Mama I understand ukuthi ukwatile (I understand that she's angry) but to take all my money from the joint account, that's crazy

Her: hey Ntando! This is very big and beyond me, only God can fix this, manje where did Lerato go?

Me: I don't know Mama and I don't care

Her: don't talk like that, she's just angry and hurt when she comes back to her senses she will come back and explain herself.

Me: I doubt that's gonna happen mama.

I chilled at my mama's house for the whole day, she ended up cooking and we ate then before I went home I visited my old childhood friends. I drove back home at 18:00 and arrived at 20:00, my father in law's car was in the yard. I put mine in the garage and went inside, they were sitting at the lounge, Lethu, my father in law and some 2 men, and Lerato. As soon as I laid my eyes on Lerato I got angry.

Me: Lerato where's my money?

Father in law: You don't even greet us..

Me: Majoro don't start with me, this daughter of yours stole my money!

Majoro was my father in law's nick name.

Majoro: Sit down! We here to talk to you.

I went and sat down. Majoro looked at Lerato.

Majoro: Talk baby.

Lerato: Ntando First of all I'm sorry for taking your money, I really didn't wanna take it

Me: Then why did you take it?

She held Majoro's hand and couldn't say anything.

Majoro: Talk baby ungamsabi(don't baby don't be scared of him)

Me: what's going on?

Lerato: Ntando I.. Majoro is..

Majoro: What she's trying to say is that Me and her are soulmates, Lerato and I started dating when she was 15 or 16.

I was beyond shocked this cannot be.

Me: What do you mean you dating? She's your daughter.

Lerato: Majoro raised me up with my sister, my father owed him money when he couldn't pay him, Majoro wanted me and Lethu as an exchange until my father pays him, but my father died while still owing him.

The anger that was burning inside while I sat there, all along I thought I was being unfair to her.

Me: so all along you were cheating on me?

Her: No when I started dating you I told Majoro I want out he said if I leave then I have to pay back my father's debt. That's why I married you Ntando for money

Me: For money?

Her: Yes..

Me: What are you trying to say? That you were Golding me? There was no love between us, was just about money?

Me: Yes Ntando.

I couldn't contain my anger anymore I hit the coffee table hard

Me: Unamanga maan Lerato! (you lying Lerato) if you didn't love me you weren't gonna be hurt everytime I cheated on you.

She started crying.

Lerato: I didn't love you Ntando, I don't love you even now.

Me: You lying, if you don't love me why you still crying?

Her: If I loved you, I was gonna beat Lethu to death after finding out about your affair, but I didn't

Me: look me right in the eye and tell me you don't love me.

She looked me in the eye but didn't say anything just tears falling down.

Majoro: I'm not here to be part of Days of our lives. Lerato owes me a lot of money and the 80 000 she gave me is not enough.

Me: So manje what does Lerato owing you have to do with me?

Majoro: Lerato told me that this house is also in her name so I'm here to take it, it's worth how much, 750 000? 800 000?

Then he looked at Lerato.

Majoro: At least it will make your debt lighter.

I just laughed.

Me: that was sure funny.

Majoro: I don't joke, I'll come with the papers tomorrow and you'll sign that you giving the house to me, Lerato has already signed so you the one that's left.

I looked at Lerato, she was ashamed that she couldn't look at me.

Me: Entlek what do you take me for wena Lerato, first you steal my money now you want to give this sugar daddy of yours my house.

Majoro: Ntando we trying to make this process very easy for y..

Me: Entlek vayani! (just go) you starting to piss me off!

I stood up and showed them the door. They stood up and walked, Lethu was still sitting down, Lerato stopped and looked at her.

Lerato: Lethu let's go!

Lethu: I don't wanna leave, I wanna stay here with Ntando.

Lerato: Lethu we've already talked about this!

Lethu started crying.

Majoro: Lerato talk to her! I don't have time for her stupid tantrums.

Lerato went and sat next to her.

Lerato: Lele please we already talked about this a lot of times. This is our life, you have never disappointed me before don't start now.

Lethu: I'm tired of this life.

Lerato: I know my baby but you know we have to survive, we only got each other, Dad is gone forever and mom don't care about us, she's living happily with her new hubby and their kids

Lethu: I don't understand why I have to do this, I don't owe him anything you don't owe him anything, dad owes him.

Majoro: Wena Lethu you owe me more than anyone, you think your course cost 5000? Keep dreaming baby girl I paid a lot of thousands for you at that private school you went to, and I'm still paying more for you at varsity. I always gave you the best life, you were living like a princess!

Lethu didn't say anything. Majoro got irritated he went and dragged her by her t-shirt.

Lerato: aii Majoro that's my little sister why you acting like this.

Majoro gave Lerato a deadly look.

Majoro: shut up wena! Or you want me to make a movie with you and your sister?

Lerato kept quiet. He dragged Lethu out and Lethu was crying, I didn't have the heart to help her, this bitches betrayed me and sucked me dry. I locked the door behind them, went and sat on the couch and called my mother, I explained everything and she said she's gonna come tomorrow. I also called mkhabela to come to my house with alcohol, he showed up after a few minutes with a crate of black label beers and a cigarette in his mouth.

Him: Mfo come and help me this thing is heavy.

I helped him, we put them in the fridge then sat down.

Me: Why did you come with black label only, you know I drink Heineken.

Him: That Hein.. What of yours is expensive Mfo, phela even with this crate of beers I bought it with my last cash.

Me: I'll try to drink this black label of yours then.

Him: Your House is quiet, vele ahambile amantombazane? (are the girls gone)

Me: Ya they gone.

Him: I should come rent a room, mara I'm not paying rent.

Me: If only you knew that Lerato is giving my house away to some sugar daddy of hers.

Mkhabela: What are you saying Mfo?

Me: it's a long story Mkhabela, but that monkey took all my money in my bank and now she's giving my house away

Mkhabela: that's not possible Mfo you also have to sign she can't give it away without your permission.

Me: Eish mfo I don't know what I got myself into.

Mkhabela: Ahh vele Mfo I never trusted that monkey of yours.

Mkhabela and I drank the beers, but I didn't drink that much then at 23:00 I drove him home. I came back and slept.... I was woken up In the morning by a loud banging at the kitchen door. I went to open and it was my mom.

Her: haibo you still sleeping? It's 11:00am

Me: I'm tired ma.

Her: go bath I'll make you breakfast.

When I was walking to the bedroom there was a knock at the door.

Me: you brought someone else with you?

Mama: No..

I went to open and it was Lerato, Lethu, Majoro and this time they were accompanied by 2 cops.

Me: Aii not you monkeys again.

They walked in.

Majoro: you know why we here Moss.

Me: To take my house? Just forget!

Mama: Hello Lerato how are you?

Lerato didn't greet back.

Majoro: Vivian we not here for greetings we came her to talk about business.

Majoro took out papers and put them on the table.

Majoro: the house is mine.

I read through them and it stated that I gave my house to Majoro, there was even an affidavit.

Me: I didn't sign that.

Majoro: your signature is here, let me show you because I can see that you a blind.

Me: someone forged my signature, and we all know who it is.

I looked at Lerato.

Her: Shame you give me too much credit Ntando but I didn't forge your signature, sorry to disappoint you.

Me: Then if you didn't who did? Because you the only one who knows my signature..

She looked at Lethu.

Lerato: My sister did technical drawing at school so she's good..

I looked at Lethu she didn't know what to say.

Majoro: so please leave, you can go and start packing.

Me: over my dead body!

Majoro: i was hoping that you'll cooperate.

He looked at the cops they took out their guns and led me upstairs and i started packing, i went back to the lounge.

Me: You will never get away with this Lerato ill fight you.

My mother and i started walking out

Majoro: Ohhh before i forget, i need your car keys.

Me: you want my car also?

Him: Yes, that's for fucking my woman.

I went up to him.

Me: go fuck yourself.

He punched me, when i tried to punch him back one of the cops stopped me and put the gun on my head.

Cop: I'm sure you don't wanna die today.

Mama: Ntando please give them the car, your life is more important.

I took out my car keys and threw them at him, Lethu quickly took a paper towel and came to wipe off my blood, i was bleeding through my mouth. Lerato came and hit her hand.

Lerato: Hai Lethu myeke! (lethu leave him)

I couldn't bare to look at Lerato I walked out and waited at the door.

Me: Mama let's go.

My mom put her hand on Lerato's cheek with a smile.

Mama: I will pray that God has mercy on your soul, know that i forgive you.

I didn't know how my mom would be soo calm in this situation. We walked to get a taxi, then got off at Town and walked to the train station, luckily my mom brought enough cash for the both of us. the train came after 10min and we went in. my mom was busy reading her prayer book i was sitting and thinking. We got home and i put my bags in my room. I looked at it and it was still as how i left it, i went to the kitchen.

Mama: How is your room?

Me: still the same.

I noticed a news paper with Mr Bradeys picture and a picture of the MP mall. I took it and sat down reading. My jaw dropped as i was reading.

Mama: What's wrong Ntando?

Me: I cannot believe this shit!

Mama: what's happening?

Me: The mall collapsed again, they saying my plan was all wrong and Mr Bradey is talking about suing me.

Mama: Ohh Nkosi yami! (ohh my Lord) What is with this devil in my house! I need to pray right now.

She went to her room to pray. I took my phone and Called Mr Bradey.

Him: Mr Zulu, i was about to call you.

Me: I've read something disturbing in the news paper.

Him: Unfortunately that is what happened. The mall collapsed lucky for you it collapsed at Night no one got hurt.

Me: No Mr bradey i worked in that plan for 2weeks i didn't work hard on it, i worked smart. You even approved it.

Him: i thought that the plan was perfect but to my surprise the mall collapsed apparently you missed a few things, since I'm a good guy I'm not gonna press charges or sue you, but I'll need you to reverse that 80 000 i have found another Architecture who actually knows what they are doing.

Me: im afraid i don't have that money anymore.

Him: Then you will have to make a plan, if you can't give me my money back then you leave me no choice but to sue.

He hung up the phone. I didn't know where i was gonna get 80 000 especially since Lerato took everything from me. I stood up and went to my high school best friend

Sizwe. Sizwe does piece jobs to earn a living but he mostly worked in his family spaza shop. I found him sweeping the shop.

Me: Wola sizwe

Him: Eyy Ntando!

He gave me a handshake.

Him: when did you arrive?

Me: a few hours ago.

He gave me a chair.

Him: i thought you was going to bless me with the presence of your sexy wife, were is she?

I looked away and let out a sigh.

Him: k'hambani? (what's going on)

Me: Me and Lerato.. We not an item anymore.

Him: Kanjani manje? (how did that happen)

Me: Eyy that girl is a parasite, she... Let's just say she is not the type of girl you wanna fuck with.

Him: Hau! You and Lerato where tight since from high school, you guys come very far and been through a lot together.

Me: Ai Ntwana i Don't wanna talk about that girl, She brings out the worst in me.

Him: Ai no ku grand nja yami (it's okay my dog).

Me: don't you sell alcohol nyana in this spaza shop?

Him: we do but we ran out, but you know what let me finish sweeping then we can go to Kappa club and get a few beers.

He swept and called his sister Thando to work at the spaza for a few minutes.

When Thando saw me she came running all hugging me.

Her: Yooh Ntando im so happy to see you!

Me: I'm happy to see you too.

Thando was a yellow bone and had a cute smile with pink lips and her hair was long. she had a major crush on me always used to give Lerato a headache.

Sizwe: Thando I'm coming im going to Kappa lounge with Ntando, so you can work at the spaza just for some few minutes.

Thando: No problem.

Sizwe: Don't give your friends free sweets.

Thando: Hau angeke (i won't).

Sizwe and i went to Kappa club, i don't even know why they called it a club because there was no activity going on there, and it looked very ratchet. Had old chairs and tables then a pool table.

Sizwe: what you going to drink?

Me: Heineken.

I went to sit down and he came with 12 cans of Heineken.

Him: you owe me R110

Me: I'll pay you, I'm just still low on cash I'm sure you've seen the papers.

Him: Ya i saw, what happened?

Me: Long story bafaza, but just know that I'm in debt.

Him: Akuna stress bafu something will come up.

We sat there drinking, people were busy looking at me im sure they read the papers, it was humiliating but i just told myself that fuck it people will always talk. We chilled there till at night then at about 19:00 Thando walked in with her friends, she looked very hot. She was wearing a pink nike t-shirt, pink Nike sneakers and a short that exposed her yellow thighs. Sizwe called her.

Sizwe: Thando!

Thando came to us.

Thando: Hey guys.

Sizwe: What are you doing here?.

Thando: Just came to chill with my friends.

Sizwe: You know i don't want you here!

Thando: Stop treating me like a child! You not my boss.

She walked away. Sizwe was busy calling her name.

Me: Ya neh she has grown she even has attitude..

Sizwe: You don't know half of the stress she gives me, little Sisters will drive you crazy.

Me: glad i don't have one.

Sizwe and i kept on drinking, Thando was sitting opposite our Table busy winking at me and smiling. I always stop drinking when i feel like I'm getting too wasted. I asked Sizwe if we can go he said yes, we left. I got home and my mom was in her church uniform.

Her: Ntando ubuyaphi (where you coming from)

Me: i was chilling with Sizwe.

Her: and you decided to drink? Yazi u sizwe i don't like him at all his a bad influence!

Me: His my best friend mama.

Mama: Let me go to church before i sin. **Me:** you going to church at this time? You know the streets are not safe..

Her: It's 21:30 i have to attend this Night prayer I need to pray for you God will protect me.

Me: Okay tell God i said hi.

She took her Bible and went. I sat at the lounge watching tv, nothing interesting was playing i decided to go to bed. There was a knock at the door, i went to open. It was Thando.

Me: Thando what are you doing here?

Her: i came to see you.

I pulled her in.

Me: It's late shouldn't you be at home doing your college assignments or something?

Her: i don't have any assignments

Me: If my mom..

Her: don't worry about your mom, i waited for her to go before i got in.

Me: Wena you know your brother will kill you if he finds out that you walking in this streets alone.

Her: ahh u sizwe uzoba strong, so wenzani? (what are you doing)

Me: i was watching tv.

She locked the kitchen door.

Me: What are you doing?

Her: what does it look like I'm doing? I'm going to spend a night here.

Me: No ways, im taking you home woza(come).

Her: aii maan Ntando im not a child! I'm 25 so please treat me like an adult.

Me: I'm serious let me go wear my sneakers and walk you home..

I went to the lounge and wore my sneakers.

She came to me and kissed me, i pushed her away.

Me: what are you doing?

Her: Ntando you know that I've always had a crush on you, and don't act like you don't want this I saw how you were looking at me in the club, you want this piece of ass.

She kissed me again, I couldn't resist anymore the flesh was weak, plus she looked very sexy, or is it because she's a yellow bone. I kissed her and pushed her against the wall, I grabbed her thighs. She took off her t-shirt, she had on a pink and white bra she had small cute boobs.

Her: let's take it to your bedroom.

I smiled, we walked to the bedroom kissing and leaving a trail of our clothes along the way, when we got to my room we were already naked. She pushed me to the bed and came on top of me. It was hard getting inside of her because she was a bit tight and that caused her a lot of pain that I saw tears in her eyes.

Me: You want us to stop?

Her: No I've waited almost all my life for this moment. After a few seconds of trying to get it in, when I finally did get it in she just went up and down riding me. I was laying on my back while she was on top of me and I was holding her tiny waist, she was very thin. She went on for a few minutes, she was busy pulling her hair then sucking her fingers and screaming. I didn't know this girl was a freak. We had 3 rounds with me on top of her on the last round. I got off her all tired.

Her: That was great, let's go again.

Me: you crazy I'm tired.

Her: that's a damn shame.

She came and slept ontop of my chest.

Her: I don't want this moment to end, I love you Ntando.

Ehh this girl I wonder what she thought this is.

Her: I can live with you like this everyday.

Me: Yeah right sizwe will never allow, don't tell him about this.

Her: don't worry I won't.

We talked till we fell asleep.

We were woken up in the morning by my mom knocking at the door.

Her: Ntando open im with sizwe and Thando's mom, we from the night prayer she wanna pray for you before going home.

Shit! I forgot my mom and Thando's mom church together.

Thando got very scared.

Thando: Ntando w..

Me: Shhhh

I heard my mom saying "his not around i told you" then i heard footsteps.

Thando: shuuuu that was close!

Me: You have to go

Her: You crazy they probably still around.

My mom came back alone.

Mama: Ntando open i know Thando is there if you don't open i will tell her mom.

I got out of bed put on pants and opened. She entered with our clothes.

Mama: wena Thando dress up and go home.

She threw Thando's clothes on the bed, Thando got up and dressed.

Mama: Ntando you want to get arrested for statutory rape! Sleeping with kids

Me: No she's 25.

My mom looked at her, if Thando is 25,how old does that make Sizwe?

Me: Thando how old are you?

Thando: 18..

Mama: don't lie..

Thando: 16..

Me: What! Hai maan wena you came here saying you 25!

Mama: Hamba Thando (Go Thando) i don't wanna see you here anymore.

Thando left.

Mama: Ntando what are you planning to do with your life? Drink and sleep with little girls Aii sies waswabisa! (you are a disappointment)

She walked away. I went and bathe then fixed my bed, i told Myself I'm going to stay indoors especially after what happened. Sizwe called me to come. I couldn't come up with a good enough excuse, he was doing the garden at someone's house.

Sizwe: how's the hangover nja yami?

Me: Not too bad.

Him: Take the spade there and help me, I'll give you half.

I took the spade and helped. The owner of the house was Ma Zwane a noisy woman who went the whole hood gossiping i went to school with his son too, she came out and came to us.

Ma Zwane: this is Ntando moss, hau Ntando kunjani(how are you)

Me: I'm fine thanks mama

Ma zwane: what are you doing in my garden shouldn't you be in that fancy job of yours?

I seriously didn't know what to say to that woman.

Me: Uhm..

Her: Bongani come and see Ntando! (shouting)

Her son came out.

Ma zwane: Look at Ntando

Bongani: Sure Ntando

Me: Wola

Ma Zwane: Phela you have a good job Ntando why are you here?

Bongani: you haven't read the papers mama?

Ma zwane: No bathini? (No what are they saying)

Bongani: Ntando messed up the plan for the Mpumalanga mall, they said he didn't know what his doing now they suing him, lucky it collapsed at night when no one was there.

Ma Zwane: Hai wena Uthini? (what are you saying) Phela Ntando went to university.

Bongani: I'm telling you mama.

Sizwe: Aii Bongani you turning into a woman with all your gossiping!

Ma zwane: We telling the truth moss, akere Ntando your mom went bragging about you and your fancy job and saying my son is useless.

Me: i doubt. My mom is not like that.

Her: I understand you defending her because she's your mother..

Bongani: Ntando you got 5 distinctions in Matric and a university degree to just come and work here in my mother's garden.

Him and his mom started laughing.

Ma zwane: you lucky no one died at that mall, you'll be a loser now and a murderer.

I couldn't take this anymore, i put the spade on the ground and walked out.

Bongani: Don't leave here's R5 for the small space that you worked on.

I turned around went and punched him sizwe came and held me.

Sizwe: Aii Ntando leave Aunty Bongani it's an offence hitting women.

Ma Zwane: You should be ashamed of yourself you couldn't kill the people at that mall now you wanna kill my baby..

I went and walked home. My mom was cleaning the yard, she noticed i was angry.

Mama: Ntando what's wrong?

I walked inside and she followed me

Me: Nx! It's that Zwane and her son

Mama: Wenzani manje u Ma Zwane (what did Ma Zwane do now)

Me: they busy talking ill about me.

Mama: Ah don't pay attention to her, that's what she always does talk about people, don't let people like that get to you.

My phone rang, it was a number i didn't know.

Me: Hello

Thando: Hey Ntando it's Me Thando

Me: Where did you get my number?

Her: i stole it from my brother's phone, i need help with math and physics can you help?

Me: Why don't you ask sizwe

Her: His not around

Me: Ain't you supposed to be at school?

Her: i didn't go, tomorrow I'm writing so i have to study.

Me: I'll see if I'm not busy.

I hung up.

Mama: Was that Thando?

Me: Ya.

Mama: i told you to stop messing with that girl Maan!

Me: She wants me to help her with her studying

Mama: can't her brother help?

Me: i don't know, let me go to sleep Nyana.

I went to sleep, plus i was still a bit hungover. I was woken up by my phone ringing. It was Thando i didn't answer she kept calling, then sent a message saying I'll come to your house. I still ignored. After a while my mom came to my room and opened..

Mama: woza (come) there's people who wanna see you!

I went with her and it was Thando and her mother.

Ma Ntsele: Ntando please help Thando with studying sizwe is not around, she's writing tomorrow, ngicak'cela bandla (im begging you)

Me: Fine i will.

Ma Ntsele: Thank you a lot my son God bless you.

Thando: Let's go to your bedroom.

Mama: No sit here at the kitchen table.

My mom went out with Ma Ntsele.

Me: You see? This is the reason why i will never date you, you too much of a kid.

Her: i wanted to see you hau don't be like that.

I helped her with her studying , my mom came back and said she will be keeping an eye on us. She was still cleaning outside and came every 5 or 10min to check up on us. Thando came and sat on top of me..

Me: Ai Thando wenzani? (what are you doing)

Her: just 5min

Me:my mom will kill you this time around.

Her: She comes every 5min.

She already had her hand up in my pants.

Me: This is illegal you 16 wena.

Her: i won't tell if you don't tell.

She kissed me, we didn't take off our clothes just lifted her skirt and lowered my pants and quickly did it, she was trying not to scream but I could see that she was feeling pain especially because i had to pump fast and hard so we can get it over and done.

Her: It's painful Ntando..

Me: we'll be done soon..

We finished after 5min and happy that no one saw us,and went back to studying. My mom came in with bags, i was wondering what's going on. Then some guy sthembile who lived 5 Streets away from me came in holding Lethu. Lethu looked buttered, her face was swollen it was like she was punched 10times, her eyes were swollen i was surprised she can still see, her clothes were ripped off and they had blood, she

wasn't wearing shoes and her left foot looked swollen and it was bleeding, she had Cuts on her hands.

I stood up.

Me: Mama what is she doing here?

Mama: Stop asking a lot of questions Ntando she's hurt Bring me a bowl of warm water and a cloth.

Me: Mama i don't want this girl here.

Mama: Thank you Sthembile for bringing her here.

Sthembile: the condition i found her in Mama was just sad. She was laying by the dumpster, i thought she was dead at first.

Mama: We thank the Lord almighty that you found her in time.

I cannot believe My Mom right now!

Me: Mama are you serious ? I lost my house, my car because of this girl and her sister! I'm in debt that i cannot get out off because of her sister who took my money!

Sthembile: I think i should go.

Me: Wena Sthe you couldn't take her somewhere else?

Sthe: She mumbled your Name so i figured she knows you, that's why i brought her here.

Mama: You did good my son

Me: Ma! Are you hearing what I'm saying right now? This girl and her sister ruined my life and wena you busy Thanking God for saving her life? While we at it let's get a bottle of champagne and celebrate!

Mama: Ntando calm down!

Me: When i come back i want this thing gone!

I looked at Thando

Me: Let's go wena I'm taking you home!

Seeing how angry i was she didn't protest, she took her books and we went. No word was said while I was walking her home, i never knew i had soo much anger in me.

We got to her house Sizwe was standing at gate i stood with him.

Thando: Thank you Ntando for helping me with studying.

Me: Sharp.

She went inside the house.

Sizwe: here's your R70 nja yami.

Me: For what?

Him: i said I'll give you half of the garden money.

Me: I even forgot about that thanks nja yami

Sizwe: Ak'na stress (no stress)

Me: let's go to kappa club get a few beers.

Sizwe: sharp As'vaye (let's go)

We went to kappa club bought beers. Sizwe was smoking i asked him for a cigarette, he gave me.

Him: K'hambani nja yami (what's wrong dog)

Me: Nothing.

Him: Ntando you don't smoke.

Me: I'll start today.

Him: Talk to me dog.

Me: Lerato's little sister just showed up At my house out of the blue.

Him: Manje inkinga ikuphi? (so what's the problem)

Me: She forged my signature and handed my house to Lerato's sugar daddy.

Sizwe: Ini? (what) Lerato has a sugar daddy?

Me: That girl is dangerous, she cleaned me out of my money, she took my car and my house. I'm in debt of 80 000 i don't know where I'm gonna get that money from.

Him: Ai No nja yami that bitch killed you, and the sister has guts to come to your house.

Sizwe and i continued drinking and smoking, chilled at Kappa club until 22:00. We walked back home i didn't go to my house we just slept in Sizwe's room, he had a room outside. I woke up in the morning with a Terrible hangover, i went outside to get fresh air and washed my face at the outside tap. Thando came out of the house with her school bag.

Her: Hey you..

Me: hi.

Her: It's 7:45 what are you doing here so early?

Me: i slept here.

Her: Yho you look like crap where you guys drinking last night.

Me: Ya we had a few beers.

Her: Okay I'm going to school, ill see you

Me: bye

Her: Ntando before i go can i ask you something?

Me: Shoot

Her: That girl who showed up at your house yesterday, who is she?

Me: I don't wanna talk about that girl

Her: is she your girlfriend?

Me: No!

Her: good! Because i don't wanna share you.

She smiled and went. Sizwe woke up a few minutes later.

Him: That's the last time i drink on weekdays.

Me: Don't lie wena phela you are the ancestor of drinking.

He laughed.

Him: let's brush our teeth and have something to eat.

He gave me an extra toothbrush, we brushed our teeth and washed our faces with soap. He went inside the house made some bread with chakalaka and came with a 2litre coke, we sat outside eating. After eating i told him that i'll be back i just wanna go check how things are at home, he said okay. I walked home, it was hard for me moving back here again because of all the gossip and the mocking. I got home and Lethu was sitting on the couch with my mom, she looked better today though she was still in pain but at least she looked better than yesterday, there was even medicine on the table.

Me: she's still here?

Mama: Ntando please my son..

I went to her and grabbed her by her hand and started Dragging her to the kitchen door, my mom was trying to stop me all yelling.

Her: Ntando stop you hurting her!

Lethu was crying, i put her out and locked the door my mother was outside with her.

Mama: Ntando Open the door this is my house!

I went to my room and put on my headsets and listened to music laying in bed, i was even falling asleep. I felt someone giving me a hot clap across my face, i opened my eyes, it was my uncle David. I took off my headsets and stood up.

David: Who the hell do you think you are! Locking my sister out of her own house?

Mama: David i said talk to him don't hit him, violence has never solved anything!

David: Thula Vivian! (shut up Vivian) This boy doesn't respect you, he needs a strong male figure to teach him respect!

Me: You can't hit me you not my father!

He punched me in my stomach, my mom came and got in between us. Uncle David was a well respected man not because there was something good that he was doing but because he was a jail bird people were mostly scared of him, even if I tried fighting back it was because I was never gonna win, he was strong. I started walking out very angry i noticed the door handle was broken, he actually broke in, My mom yelling and following me "Ntando wait". i went to Sizwe but he wasn't around, so i just went and chilled at Kappa club the whole day. My phone was ringing it was my mom i didn't answer. Thando walked in alone.

Her: Hau Ntando why you sitting here alone.

Me: Are you stalking me now?

Her: No your mom has been looking for you so I figured you'll be hiding here and i was right.

I kept quiet.

Her: Are you alright?

Me: Ya I'm fine.

Her: i don't really like this place let's go chill at the park.

We walked to chill at the park the were benches.

Me: How was your test?

Her: Ahh was okay mara we'll just have to see when results come back.

Me: I'm sure you'll pass.

She smiled and laid her head on my shoulder.

Her: Ntando

Me: Ya?

Her: i love you.

Me: Me too.

Her: So does this make us official?

Me: official?

Her: a couple?

I don't know why girls are like this you sleep with them a few times they think yall are in a relationship.

Me: Ya we can be a couple.

Her: Please don't hurt me.

Me: i won't.

She smiled and kissed me. I know the age difference was scary im 30 she's 16, but if she wanna be on my dick why not. It was getting cold and dark, Thando was having goose bumps.

Me: Let's go to my house I'll get you a jacket. We went to my house, my mom was not around Lethu was sitting at the kitchen, i couldn't stand this girl. I went to get Thando a Jacket, while she stood at the kitchen, i came back with the jacket and gave it to her.

Me: let me walk you home.

Her: No my brother will see us, it will be awkward him seeing us together and me wearing your Jacket.

Me: okay bye.

I kissed her infront of lethu.

Her: i love you.

Me: love you too.

She walked out, i also walked to my bedroom.

Lethu: Ntando.

I stopped

Me: What do you want?

Her: I'm sorry about everything.

I was mad as hell, they took my everything and she thinks that sorry will solve what they did to me.

Me: I'm not happy about your existence right now! If i was death you'll be dead! Stay away from me, I don't want shit to do with you!

I started walking she came and grabbed my hand.

Her: Ntando pl..

I turned around and slapped her hard she had to hold on to the table to prevent herself from falling.

Me: I want you out of my house Lethu! Not tomorrow not next week, i want you out now!

My mom came in, lethu was crying sitting on the chair.

Mama: Kodwa Ntando why you abusing this poor girl? She has suffered enough.

Me: What about me ma? I have also suffered enough, this girl ruined my life!

Mama: You need to forgive, at least she came back she's showing remorse.

Me: She disgust me!

I went to my room. I got a call from Mr Bradey, i didn't know what he wanted because I told him that i don't have the money yet! He kept on calling i ended up answering.

Me: Mr bradey.

Him: I'm running out of patience, where is my money?

Me: i told you that i don't have it.

Him: then you leave me no choice but to..

I hung up the phone while he was still talking, i don't have time for his bullshit too. I went to the bathroom and bathe, i didn't feel like eating seeing Lethu at the kitchen would literally make me vomit. I got in my bed and called Thando.

Her: Miss me?

Me: You have no idea.

Her: What are you doing?

Me: I'm laying in bed.

Her: hmmm i can think of all the things we can do.

Me: Can you come?

Her: unfortunately i can't baby my parents are putting me on a tight leash.

Me: that's sad.

Her: You can fetch me from school tomorrow.

Someone knocked at my door.

Me: Babe I'll call you later someone is knocking.

Her: Okay i love you

Me: i love you too.

I opened the door and it was Lethu holding a tray with food and juice.

Me: You got to be kidding me!

Her: Your mom said i should bring you food.

I went to my bed she followed me, and put the tray on the chair.

Her: Ntando I'm sorry about the house situation, i was forced to sign the papers, i had no choice.

That pissed me off more.

Me: don't tell me about you didn't have a choice! We all have choices Lethu and you chose to Betray me! (shouting)

Her: I would never Betray you on...

Me: Get out of my room!

Her: Can you please listen..

I grabbed her and threw her out, she fell and hurt herself, she was screaming in pain, i took the tray of food and threw it at her.

Me: You disgust me Lethu! I don't want to see you, if you gonna continue living in this house, make yourself invisible, don't talk to me, don't even breath next to me!

I spat on her and left her crying there. I closed my door and locked I didn't want my mom to be on my throat. i heard my mom yelling, I put on my headsets and listened to music, put the volume too high. I fell asleep while listening to music. In the morning i woke up and went to Bath. Thando called me said she's at the door wants me to walk her to school. After bathing and clothing I went to the kitchen and opened the door, she got in and kissed me.

Me: ain't you late? It's 8:30

Her: don't worry about time, i missed you.

My mom walked in on us, she was holding Lethu, lethu was crying looked like she was in a lot of pain and walking slow.

Mama: Wena Thando what do you want here?

Thando: i..

Mama: i told you not to come here didn't i?

My mom was now angry.

Mama: Please Go,before you send me to jail!

Me: Aii Mama you can't kick Thando out she's..

My mom got hold of the Broom and chased her out with it, Thando ran out with my mom screaming "if i ever see you here again i will pour you with hot water"

Yooh! My mood changed, the way my mom chased my girl out that was disrespectful.

Me: was that necessary?

Mama: i said i don't want her here Ntando and i meant it!

Me: What did she do to you?

Her: she's young! she should be at school! Wena you supposed to be fixing your life and not Messing around with Young girls.

Me: how can i sort out my life when you busy allowing people like Lethu to come here and live with us! She's busy invading my space!

I took a bowl and threw it at Lethu.

Me: she's a constant reminder of what her and Lerato did to me!

I went out of the door all angry leaving my mom and Lethu. I went to Sizwe to borrow R200,he gave me and i went to kappa club to drink,i couldn't do without beer anymore. I chilled at Kappa club from 9:00 and now it was about to hit 12:00. i left when some girls started gossiping about me busy looking at me and laughing, the way Lethu and Lerato Turned me into a joke I will never forgive them. I walked home and found my mom sitting at the lounge crying, one thing i hate is to see my mom crying, I went to her.

Me: can you see Ma? Lo lethu wakho uyasixabanisa (this lethu of yours is making us Fight)

Her: i don't like how you treating her she's been through hell Ntando, she almost died in that house living with her sister and that old man..

Me: that's not our problem mama.

Her: let me finish!

I kept quiet.

Mama: do you know what she went through? That Majoro Devil had her rapped for 2days by 5 men while Lerato was watching and said nothing, she was beat up her ribs were broken,she had to play dead for them to stop! How she got here is also another story.

My mother couldn't hold back the tears while telling the story.

Her: She had nowhere to go that's why she came here, and Wena even here you abusing her! Do you know that when you pushed her, you caused her internal bleeding? She couldn't sleep the whole night she was crying, she was in a lot of pain, i took her to the doctor today. Ntando i know you are angry at what she did to you but Please forgive her she has suffered enough.

My mom went on her knees crying and begging me.

Her: if you can't do it for her, then do it for me please.

Me: Sorry mama i cannot forgive Lethu, I'm a joke in this neighbourhood because of he and her sister! I lost my job i am basically nothing i drink everyday to deal with my pain! She caused me a lot of pain. I'm sorry i can't.

I stood up and went out to Sizwe. I didn't come home for weeks, i stayed with Sizwe. It was good seeing Thando everyday even though we had to hide our relationship and have sex in private places, like the bathroom or when her brother was not around, it was better than being at home. Sizwe started complaining that he can't borrow me his clothes anymore so i had to go back home to get clean clothes, i asked Thando to accompany me.

Her: Yoh you want your mom to chase me with a broom?

Me: i won't let that happen, she has to accept you as my woman.

We went home she stopped at the door.

Her: Yoooh I'm scared.

I held her hand and we went inside. Lethu was at the kitchen washing dishes, looked like she was getting better if she can wash dishes.

When she saw me she stopped and smiled at me, this girl was unbelievable.

Lethu: hi.

I kept quiet and led Thando to the bedroom while still holding her hand.

Lethu: a letter came for you when you were not around.

Me: Are you talking to me?

She kept quiet.

Me: Nx let's go to my room Thando before i vomit!

Thando: go bath you'll find Me here i don't want your mom on my case when she finds me in your bedroom.

Me: Fine but if this Bitch right here gives you a problem call me, as a matter of fact go watch tv don't talk to her.

I walked to the bathroom to Bath. I bathe very quickly because I didn't trust Thando with lethu, when i was done bathing and clothing i rushed to the kitchen, and to my surprise they were sitting at the kitchen table drinking juice eating cookies and talking all laughing.

Thando: yoh baby Lethu is nice you know what..

Me: didn't i say don't talk to her?

Thando: but she's a sweet person.

Me: she's the most evil person you could find on earth don't be fooled by her smile!

I grabbed Thando by her arm.

Me: we leaving!

Thando: Ntando you hurting me!

Lethu came to rescue Thando from the fight grip. I don't know what happened but i saw myself pushing her hard she hit the cupboard and fell. Thando was now scared all crying. I grabbed Thando by her hair.

Me: i don't know why you never listen!

Where Lethu was concerned my anger was a lot she brought out the monster in me. When i opened the door i got the biggest shock ever, there were 3 cops standing, 2 cops were white and the other one was black.

Cop1: Good morning Sir we looking for Ntando Zulu.

I wondered what i did.

I stood there i had no words whatsoever.

Cop1: Sir are you Ntando Zulu?

Me: Yes i am.

Cop1: Ntando Zulu we are here to arrest you for the murder of Mr Blade Manala. Murder? I know my ears were deceiving me he did not say murder.

Me: okay Mr officer, you have the wrong person, i don't know what you talking about. I don't know anyone by that name.

Cop2: Sir do you drive a white 2015 Hyundai ix35?

Me: Yes but i don't own that car anymore.

Cop2: it's still registered in your name, and that car was found in the murder scene.

Me: Okay officer I can explain.

Cop3: Can you come down to the police station with us? You can explain yourself there, if you cooperate we won't have to cuff you.

I walked out to the van with them, Thando and Lethu were following me. The whole neighbourhood was out now watching me going into the police van, the humiliation some women were still in their nighties, some looked shocked with hands over their mouths. I went inside at the back and one police officer sat with me. I sat there thinking. The first thing that came to my mind was my mother, how is she going to react when she hears about this. We got to the police station they put me in an

interrogation room. After a few minutes a detective walked in carrying a file and what seemed to be a tape recorder. He put the tape recorder close to his lips.

Him: Case number 64, suspect is Ntando Zulu, age 30 fled the murder scene, this is detective Twala interrogation is starting, time 10:00am.

He put the tape recorder on the table and grabbed a chair.

Him: i am detective Twala, i will be interrogating you. We gonna start from the beginning do you know A gentleman by the name of Blade manala?

Me: No i don't know him.

Him: you cannot murder someone that you don't know.

Me: I didn't murder nobody.

Him: Your car was found at the murder scene!

Me: That's not my car anymore someone took it from me.

Him: who took it from you?

Me: my ex girlfriend's sugar daddy. He was with 2 cops they took it at gunpoint.

Him: why didn't you report it stolen?

I was speechless.

Him: you will have to tell me the truth Sir

Me: i am telling the truth.

Him: all the evidence points to you right now, and it does not look good.

I kept quiet.

Him: I'm gonna ask you again why did you murder Mr Blade Manala.

Me: i told you that I did not murder him!

He stood up and got two cops, who came to handcuf me.

Detective Twala: Ntando Zulu you are under arrest for the murder of Blade manala, you have the right to remain silent anything you say can and will be used against you in the court of law,you have the right to an attorney, if you cannot afford an attorney one will be appointed for you.

They handcuffed me and put me in the holding cells till my court date which was in 5days time. I didn't even get bail. I was in the holding cells with murderers and Your ordinary burglars and rapists. they didn't allow our families to bring us food. Food was the least of my worries right now, i cannot believe that I'm going to jail for something i didn't do, everyday i sat by the wall didn't engage in any conversation with anyone, i was thinking of how i got into this mess! If i hadn't met Lerato none of

this was gonna happen, i felt the hate building up. Since i couldn't get myself a lawyer and my mother couldn't get me one too they appointed one for me. On the day that im supposed to go to court the lawyer came 2hours earlier to talk to me.

Him: my name is Sello mtsweni i will be representing you today. Before we go to court i would like you to tell me the story.

I explained everything to him, about Lerato and Majoro.

Him: This is a complicated story, have you told me everything?

Me: Yes i told you everything.

Him: at least we have a witness that is willing to confirm your alibi that you were with her the night all of this happened.

Me: is it Thando?

Him: Yes.

Me: No you cannot put Thando through this.

Him: she's the only one who can help you get out of this mess, and remember the state lawyer will grill you but stick to your story.

It was time for me to go to court, we left i was in the police car, for the first time i was praying. We got to the court room they put me in that suspect stand, i looked at the back my mother was sitting there, she looked tired like she hasn't slept for a few days, lethu was there holding her hand. I looked over and i saw the deceased Family. I saw a woman crying wearing black clothes. The judge entered and the court stood on its feet then after the judge sat we all sat down too. He was white and looked old, he opened the file in front of him.

Judge: Mr Ntando Zulu you are charged with the murder of Blade Manala how do you plead?

Me: Not guilty your honor

I heard people saying "how can he say that, his a murderer" from the deceased side.

Judge: whose gonna be representing you?

My lawyer stood up.

Sello: I will be representing him your honor.

Judge: you can go ahead.

Sello: Your honor i have reason to believe that my client is innocent, he has no knowledge of the deceased he has never met him before, let alone kill him. Your

honor, i would like to call on the first witness Miss Lelethu she's gonna be testifying on my client's character.

I was shocked that Lethu was gonna testify on my behalf, she stood up and took the witness stand, they made her swear on the Bible, she looked very nervous.

Sello: Miss Lelethu please can you briefly tell us about your relationship with Mr Zulu.

Lethu: He... We.. I'm sorry I'm just a bit nervous.

Sello: relax mam, just tell us the truth.

Lethu: He is my brother in law, or was..He was dating my sister.

Sello: for how long?

Lethu: i believe 14years.

Sello: where they living together?

Her: Yes your honor.

Sello: can you tell us about Mr Zulu what kind of a person he is.

Lethu: his very kind, always there to help, he let me live with them when i needed a place to stay.

Sello: take us through the day Mr Zulu lost his car.

Lethu: He.. My sister was dating some thug and..

Sello: can you tell us the name of the thug..

Lethu was stuck, i knew she wasn't gonna betray Majoro.

Sello: i will repeat that again, can you please tell us the name of the thug.

Her: Oupa Moremi known as Majoro.

Sello: can you tell us how he took the accused's car?

Lethu: he came with 2cops they held Ntando at gunpoint and asked for the keys, Ntando gave them because he feared for his life.

Sello: did the cops specify why they were taking the car?

Lethu: No your honor.

Sello: how sure are you that they were cops?

Lethu: they were wearing the police uniform, and their guns had the police badge

Sello: Tell the court exactly what the cops said to the accused?

Lethu: They pulled out a gun and pointed it at him and said you don't wanna die today.

Sello: That would be all your honor.

Judge: can we please have the state lawyer.

The state lawyer stood up, it was a woman and she did not have a friendly face at all, i knew that i was in deep shit

State lawyer: Thank you your honor. Miss Lethu the cops that came to the house to take the car, did they look like genuine cops to you?

Lethu: No your honor

State lawyer: did they produce any Identification to prove that they are cops?

Lethu: no your honor.

State lawyer: did they at least have name tags?

Lethu: No your honor

State lawyer: are you saying they were dirty cops?

Lethu: yes your honor.

State lawyer: if you knew that they were dirty cops why didn't you go to the police station the following day to report the incident?

Lethu didn't know what to say she kept quiet.

State lawyer: i asked you a question.

Lethu: i don't know why i didn't report.

The court started laughing.

Judge: order!

State lawyer: moving along, Miss lethu can i ask you to explain your relationship with the accused.

Lethu: as i've said he is my brother in law.

State lawyer: brother in law only?

Lethu: Yes your honor.

State lawyer: are you sure that's all?

Her: Yes your honor.

State lawyer: What about the secret affair you had with the accused?

My eyes widened, how could she possibly know that?

Lethu: uhm.. We.. It..

State lawyer: please answer Yes or No to the following question. did you, or did you not have a secret affair with the accused?

Lethu: Yes your honor

State lawyer: Yes what?

Lethu: we had a S.. Secret affair.

State lawyer: And all of this was happening in the accused's house while he was still in a relationship with your sister?

Lethu let out a deep sigh.

Her: Yes your honor.

State lawyer: now tell us about your relationship with Mr Oupa Moremi (majori)

Lethu: He raised me from a young age.

State lawyer: will i be correct If i said he fathered you?

Lethu: yes your honor, he was like a father to me.

State lawyer : he provided everything for you? Including taking you to school?

Paying for your fees?

Lethu: Yes your honor.

State lawyer: would i be correct if i said your loyalty lies with him?

Lethu: No your honor, my loyalty doesn't lie with him.

State lawyer: Your loyalty does not lie with him but yet you forged the accused signature and gave his house away to your step father or legal guardian rather.

Sello stood up.

Sello: objection your honor! That statement is irrelevant to the case.

State lawyer: I'm just trying to show how untrustworthy our witnesses is your honor.

Can i be granted permission to do so?

Judge: permission granted.

State lawyer: Thank you your honor. Miss Lethu you have proven yourself to be untrustworthy, here you are defending the accused but at the same time you gave away his house to your step father, how do we know that what you telling us now is the truth?

Lethu was at the verge of crying.

Lethu: I am telling you the truth! Ntando did not murder anyone! He is not a murderer!

State lawyer: that will be all your honor.

Judge: court adjourned, we will commence after lunch.

The judge went out and people started going out too. Sello came to me.

Me: The state Lawyer seems to know what she's doing.

Sello: I shouldve known that they were gonna bring in puseletso!

Me: You know her?

Sello: yes, she's very good, graduated on top of her class.

Me: Is there a chance that I'm gonna win?

We were interrupted by my mother.

Sello: I will see you after lunch, we will bring in our only hope Thando.

Sello left. My mom hugged me tight for a few minutes.

Her: How are you holding up?

Me: It's hard Mama.

Her: I've been praying God will see us through.

Me: A lot has happened, I don't think God likes me right now.

Her: You have to keep your faith.

Me: My faith is not strong right now mama.

While we were talking the deceased's wife came to me, she looked at me, my heart started beating fast then she gave me a faint smile.

Her: I was sitting there and looking at you, you do not look like a murderer. You are not cold blooded, I can tell that you have a gentle soul. I know my husband was no angel he used to mingle with wrong people, it was only a matter of time until this happened, I have been long waiting for it.

I didn't know what to say, all along I was in that stand thinking that this woman hates me.

Her: I am a woman of Faith. I hope that The God you serve may He bring you out of this darkness and may the real killer be brought forward.

My mom started crying, the woman hugged her.

Mama: You don't know how much that means to us, my son is not a murderer he would never even harm a fly.

A man came to greet us and whispered in the woman's ear. The woman told us that she has to rush somewhere, she gave me a handshake and hugged my mom. My mom and I walked out, Lethu was sitting alone.

Mama: I'll go get us something to eat.

Me: Thank you.

I walked up to Lethu and sat next to her.

Me: Hi..

Her: Hi..

Me: Are you alright?

Her: No.. I feel like..

Tears started falling down her cheeks.

Her: i feel like I've disappointed you, i feel like i fed you to the lions.

Me: Nonsense! You did very good, I'm really proud of you.

Thando showed up all running, and hugged me.

Thando: Oh my God Ntando are you okay?

Me: I'm fine.

She was panicking.

Her: I'm soo worried about you.

Me: I'll be fine, you taking the stand at 14:00.

Her: Ya i know your lawyer contacted me.

Me: sorry for putting you through this, even you lethu.

Thando: don't apologise we wanna help you.

Lethu: watch out for the state lawyer thando she is a pit bull.

They both Laughed, my mom came back with food and we ate. When we were about to walk back to the court room, we got the biggest shock of our lives. Lerato showed up wearing a skinny jean, purple t-shirt and purple heels, with a matching purple bag, and shades.

Mama: What is she doing here?

Lerato: greetings to all of you..

Me: What are you doing here?

Lerato: I'm here to see how your trial is going.

Lethu: Since when do you care?

Lerato: i don't, i just wanna observe what's going on because tomorrow I'm taking the stand.

Mama: taking the stand?

Lerato: you didn't hear? I was asked by the state lawyer to testify against Ntando Tomorrow.

Lethu: You not even ashamed of yourself Lerato!

Lerato: you the one who should be ashamed betraying me and Majoro your only surviving family for Ntando!

Thando: i think we should go in, it's almost time.

Lerato: And whose this roach?

Thando: excuse Me?

Lerato: don't tell me you one of Ntando's bitches!

Thando: You don't know me sweety you better ask someone!

Lerato: word of advice his gonna fuck you then cheat or leave you for another skirt!

Thando lost it and slept Lerato across the face, when Lerato wanted to strike back someone held her from behind, and i held Thando back.

Thando: like i told you! you don't know me you better ask someone sweety! I will smack you back to the bitch camp that you come from!

Lerato: unlike you tramp! I don't practice bitchcraft! We shall meet again and I'll show you how we straighten a bitch were i come from.

After Thando has cooled down we all went in, and sat on our places. The lawyers got in, then the judge. Sello stood up.

Sello: if the court is ready, i would like to call in the second witness, Thando ntsele.

Ntando went to the witness stand and swore under oath to tell the truth.

Sello: Please address the caught about your relationship with the accused.

Thando: Ntando and i we are dating.

Sello: for how long have you been dating?

Thando: About a month or so.

Sello: how well do you know the accused?

Thando: I've known Ntando for quite a long time now, his also my brother's best friend.

Sello: do you know where the accused was, last week Tuesday at 21:00 the night when Mr Blade was murdered.

Thando: he was with me and my brother, we were sitting in my brother's room listening to music and drinking.

Sello: Was he with you the whole day or just at night?

Thando: he was with me the whole day your honor.

Sello: are you being truthful about that or you are just misleading the court and trying to protect your boyfriend?

Thando: I am being truthful your honor.

Sello: Can you pledge your life on that?

Thando: Yes your honor.

Sello: That will be all your honor.

Judge: can we have the state lawyer.

The state lawyer stood up busy pacing around the courtroom with her heels.

State lawyer: Miss Ntsele if i am ask, is it your first time lying? Or you are used to lying?

Thando: I'm not following.

State lawyer: You said you were with the accused the night that Mr Blade was murdered, but evidence points out that the accused and your brother were out on that night and only came back home at around 00:00.

Thando started stuttering.

Thando: I... Can i please have a glass of water.

Thando was given a glass of water, i saw the state lawyer putting on an evil smile, this woman was damn good at her job!

State lawyer: Miss Ntsele How old are you if i may ask?

Thando: i am 16..

State lawyer: What is a 16year old doing with a 30year old! Your honor that spells out statutory rape!

The whole court was amazed. And started talking.

Sello: Objection your honor! The witness is not on trial.

Judge: Advocate Nhlapho please stick to the relevant questions.

State lawyer: how does your family feel about your relationship with The accused?

Thando: They..Don't know.

State lawyer: why you never told them?

Thando: They wouldn't approve.

State lawyer: reason being?

Thando started getting irritated.

Thando: What the hell is all of this have to do with the trial?

State lawyer: im just trying to find out that if you cannot be honest with your family, how can we trust you to be honest with us?

Thando: You really getting on my nerves now

State lawyer: just answer the question mam! (shouting)

Thando: i don't have to answer shit! You know what I'm done here.

She started walking out, the court was getting noisy, people talking and clapping hands.

Judge: Order!

State lawyer: and that will be all your honor.

Judge: any more witnesses advocate mtsweni?

Sello: No your honor that was the last witness.

Judge: court adjourned, we will commence tomorrow at 10am, i am yet to review the testimonies that the witnesses presented today.

The judge left the court, sello came to me.

Sello: it does not look good at all.

The guards came to escort me out, i didn't even wanna turn and look at my mother and Lethu. When i got to the holding cell, i sat there thinking to myself that my life is over, i know a man is not supposed to cry but at that moment tears were burning my eyes i looked up, to prevent them from falling. At least i was alone in the holding cell, they have separated me from other prisoners because of the trial. I sat there on the floor the whole day thinking, at some point i felt like i was gonna go crazy, i asked myself what my mom would do in this situation, i just closed my eyes and prayed with tears falling, i didn't say no word i prayed through my heart, if there was really a God out there can he get me through this even if he doesn't do it for me can he do it for my mother whose been faithful to him. When night time came, i wrapped myself with that gray small blanket and tried to sleep, it was hard sleeping i must have slept for 2hours then woke up. Clean clothes were brought for me from my mother. i went to shower and changed, i prayed again before leaving for court. Today the state lawyer was bringing in her own witnesses. I got to court, i was very tired from the lack of sleep, my mother and Lethu were already in the courtroom. I looked over and the deceased's wife was also sitting there she just smiled at me. The judge came in, the court stood up And sat down after the judge has sat down.

Judge: Advocate Nhlapho you can present your first witness.

She stood up.

State lawyer: Thank you your honor, i would like to call on the first witness, Mr bradey.

I stood up all shocked. Mr Bradey was fetched from outside. And came to the witness stand.

State Lawyer: Your Honor we have another charge ontop of the murder charge for the accused.

The state Lawyer gave the judge some documents. After some few minutes of reading the judge looked at me.

Judge: Mr Ntando Zulu, you were sued by Mr Bradey For the mall that collapsed at Mpumalanga, you were supposed to show up in court two weeks ago and you never showed up. We shall review this case another time, now we can proceed with the current case.

State lawyer: Thank you your honor. Mr Bradey how do you know the accused?

Mr Bradey: i needed an architecture because of the mall that i was building at MP, i needed the best because of my previous encounters with bad architectures. Mr Zulu was recommended by a close friend of mine.

State lawyer: where you happy with the accused's work?

Mr Bradey: Yes i was at first, but Mr Zulu started showing incompetence

State lawyer: incompetence how?

Mr bradey: he would forget his work at home, and eventually he ended up neglecting his work on making this MP mall a success.

State Lawyer: You believe he did this on purpose?

Mr Bradey: Yes i believe so, i believe he wanted to murder a lot of people at the mall that's why he messed up the plan.

State lawyer: So the accused has always had thirst for murder, it didn't start with Mr Blade, he actually wanted to murder a multitude of people by purposely making the plan collapsed. If we can all look at the screen that is the plan for the mall that the accused worked on and sent to Mr Bradey.

The Plan didn't look nothing like the one i worked on, it looked like someone changed a few things.

I sat there thinking to myself that i am being fucked with here. Sello stood up to question the witness.

Sello: Mr bradey if i heard correctly you said that you were happy with Mr Zulu's work?

Mr bradey: Yes your honor

Sello: What changed that?

Mr bradey: when he started slacking.

Sello: if Mr Zulu's work was not up to standard then why did you approve his plan?

Mr bradey: it looked genuine when he showed me at first.

Sello: but it wasn't. Mr bradey if i may ask are you an architect? Or do you have a background about architectural work?

Mr bradey: No your honor

Sello: so why didn't you forward his plan to other architects to validate that the plan is correct and won't put other people in danger.

Mr bradey: i trusted him your honor.

Sello: in business you work professionally and not with trust, you ought to have gotten a second opinion. According to me right now, you the one who wanted to kill those people.

State lawyer: Objection your honor!

Sello: that will be all your honor.

Judge: call in another witness please.

State lawyer: I would like to call upon an eye witness that saw how Mr blade was murdered, i would like to call upon Mr Cira.

This mr Cira walked in, he looked like he was in his early 60s.

State Lawyer: please state your name and what you do

Mr Cira: I am Abram Cira and i am a security guard,at a company called Mond.

State lawyer: Take us through that horrifying night when you saw Mr Blade being murdered.

Mr Cira: i usually knock off at 22:00 pm but that night i knocked off early. I take the train to home. As i was walking through the bushes to get home i heard a man screaming terribly, I walked closer to the screams and i started shouting "who is that" no one answered the man continued screaming. I walked closer and what i saw traumatized me. I saw a man being repeatedly shot in the face and chest.

State lawyer: then what did you do?

Mr cira: i was holding my sjambok and i told myself that i will not let another human being die while im watching, i ran there like a mad man trying to help the man, and the man that was shooting pointed a gun at me but the was no bullets. The man that was shooting ran off to a big white car but the car couldn't start so he ran off on foot and dropped his cheque book.

State lawyer: do you have the cheque book with you right now?

Mr cira: yes your honor.

The state Lawyer took the cheque book and opened it.

State lawyer: it does belong to the accused your honor.

She handed it to the judge.

State lawyer: Mr Cira can you identify the person that was shooting?

Mr Cira: No your honor it was very dark, but i could tell he was wearing black all star sneakers.

State lawyer: What you did Mr cira was a selfless act, the world need people like you. That would be all your honor.

Sello stood up, smiled at me and nodded his head.

Sello: Mr Cira i take you as a very honest man, i don't expect old people to be dishonest.

Mr Cira: i am an honorable person and very admired by my community i cannot lie.

Sello: Mr Cira please tell the the court what you were doing in the a middle class neighbourhood of Pretoria while you live in Alexander? The night that Mr blade was murdered.

Mr Cira: i always take that route when i go home

Sello: i am from Witbank originally but i believe that Alexander and pretoria are not neighbours.

Mr Cira kept quiet.

Sello: can you identify the car that was in the murder scene, that you saw?

Mr cira: No your honor, i just saw that it was white.

Sello: do you have a family Mr Cira?

Mr Cira: Yes your honor, i have a wife and 2 daughters

Sello: You are a bread winner?

Mr Cira: Yes your honor.

Sello: do you love your wife and daughters?

Mr cira: with all my heart your Honor

Sello: i don't believe so.

Mr cira: i do your honor, that is my family i would do anything for them.

Sello: if you love your family as much as you say then why did you approach the shooter putting your life in danger like that, you could've died and left your family without a father and without and a bread winner.

Him: i did what i thought was best your honor.

Sello: best for who?

I saw Mr cira sweating he took off his jacket. I looked at the state lawyer she looked worried busy clicking her pen.

Sello: Mr Cira no one In their right mind would approach a shooter with a sjambok, i believe a gun is more lethal than a sjambok, you could've called the police.

Mr cira: i didn't have.. My phone.. I didn't have Airtime..

The court started laughing.

Judge: order!

Sello: 112 is a free emergency number. If i heard correctly you said it was dark?

Mr Cira: Yes your honor.

Sello: but you clearly saw that my client was wearing black all star shoes.

Mr Cira: yes your honor

Sello: how? when it was clearly dark?

Mr Cira didn't answer.

Sello: that would be all your honor.

Judge: court adjourned, we will commence after lunch.

Sello came to me.

Me: Wow you were very good.

Sello: there's hope now, I'll see you after lunch.

I looked over and saw The state lawyer talking to Mr Cira in a small corner away from people, it seemed like she was telling him unpleasant things because she looked pissed,and Mr Cira looked scared.

my mom and Lethu came to get me they were busy hugging me all happy, we walked out to have lunch.

Lethu: Your Lawyer was good

Me: i hope that will be enough to get me off the hook.

Mama: there's hope, whose taking the stand after lunch?

Me: i think it's Lerato.

Lethu: Aii that witch!

Me: can i be excused i wanna go to the toilet before we go to lunch.

When i was walking to the toilet Sello called me.

Sello: your trial is going good now,i will fight for your innocence.

Me: ya I'm starting to have faith now.

We walked to the toilet, when we opened the door we were welcomed by a horrifying scene, Mr Cira was hanging from the ceiling, looked like he hanged himself with his tie.

Sello and i went and waited outside, he called for help. Lethu came to see what's taking me so long.

Her: what's happening lunch time is about to finish

Me: something terrible happened, when Sello and i walked to the toilet that guy Mr cira we found him hanging from the ceiling.

Lethu: What! He hanged himself?

Ntando: we really don't know what happened.

Help came after a few minutes while we were standing there, now people were gathered there. The paramedics went in, after 5minutes some other people walked in looked like they were working at the morgue. They came out with his body in a body bag.

Sello: I wonder what happened, why would he kill himself..

I looked at The state Lawyer she was texting on her phone.

Me: i don't think he killed himself.

Sello: how do you know?

Me: it doesn't make sense, why would he kill himself. Like he said he has a wife and kids to support.

My mom came to tell us that we should go inside, we went In and everyone else got in too.

After a few minutes the judge came in.

Judge: We have received disturbing news that a witness hanged himself at the toilets, but nevertheless we shall proceed.

State Lawyer: Thank you your honor. I would like to call upon Lerato moremi. Lerato walked In the sound of her heels engulfed the whole room

State lawyer: Please introduce yourself and tell the court about your relationship with the accused.

Lerato: My name is Lerato Moremi and I've been dating the accused for 14years.

State lawyer: What kind of a person is he? And how was your relationship with him?

Lerato: Through the time that i was living with him he seemed very agitated and always angry. He always came home late drunk. He was very violent and would physically attack me. He would never sleep with me in bed every time when I woke up I would never find him by my side.

Bitch was lying i never laid my hand on her!

State lawyer: physically attack you, why you never left him?

Lerato: because I was scared he threatened to kill me,

State lawyer: at some point you did move out of the house am i correct?

Lerato: yes your honor

State lawyer: What was the reason?

Lerato: when I discovered that he had cheated on me with my sister, I was very heart broken and he seemed to have no remorse of what he did.

The way she was lying i clenched my teeth out of anger, i did apologize.

State lawyer: Judge please grant me permission to show the court pictures which might be sensitive to some people here on how brutal this man is.

Judge: permission granted.

The pictures were shown on the screen, with Lerato brutally attacked to a point where she was unrecognisable. The court was shocked busy saying things like "this man is evil, how can he beat a woman like this"

I looked down, because the only person who can talk about me hitting them is Lethu not Lerato!

State lawyer: the brutality of the attack your honor cannot be put in words, how can a man beat a woman like this!

People were looking at me like I'm some kind of monster.

State lawyer: Miss moremi can you please tell us your relationship with Mr oupa moremi (majoro)

?

Lerato: he is like a father to me, he raised me and my sister since we were very young.

State lawyer: is it true that he forcefully took the accused's car?

Lerato: no your honor that is a lie.

Lethu stood up all shouting!

Lethu: You lying Lerato you were there when they forcefully took his car.

Judge: Mam you are disrupting the court, if you cannot contain yourself i will have you removed from the court room!

Lethu: She is lying your honor!

Lerato: how can i lie when that never happened, nobody took his car forcefully!

Judge: guards can she be removed from the court room please.

Guards took lethu out. While she was still shouting.

Lethu: You will burn in hell Lerato!

Lerato: we'll burn together! I'm sure you know the directions to hell!

Judge: Miss moremi please contain yourself!

Lerato: sorry your honor.

Judge: You can continue Advocate Nhlapho.

State lawyer: Thank you your honor. I believe you mentioned on your affidavit that you saw Mr zulu driving his car not so long ago

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Lerato: Yes your honor I've seen him several times and he wouldn't take the car to his mom's house because he wanted it to appear as if like it was taken away from him by my father Oupa!

I swear that Bitch was testing my patience!

State lawyer: very interesting, can you tell us about why The accused killed Mr Blade?

Lerato: your Honor Mr Blade was a very wealthy man and the accused knew about it. I believe Ntando killed Mr blade for his money because Mr blade refused to borrow him money to pay Mr bradey for the costs of the mall that collapsed.

State lawyer: Wait Miss Moremi you telling us that Mr Blade and the accused knew each other?

Lerato: Yes your honor, Mr blade used to come with Ntando to our house, he never really told me about the nature of their relationship.

State lawyer: it is clear that the accused neglected his work, can you confirm that since you were living with him

Lerato: the accused always found interest in making apps and wanted to start his own company. This craziness went on and on until he neglected his work and started working on creating his own App. Your Honor Ntando would spend sleepless nights working on his App and never paid attention to his architecture work i even brought his laptop along to prove that he put much of his effort on the app.

The laptop was handed to the judge. I couldn't believe Lerato was doing this to me, i saw sello getting hot, he was sweating busy wiping his face with a tissue.

State lawyer: that will be all your honor.

The state lawyer sat down, giving sello an evil smile, sello stood up.

Sello: Miss Moremi you said that when you use to get abused you were very scared to leave the accused right?

Lerato: Yes your honor

Sello: what made you fearless to leave him while you knew he was very very dangerous and would kill you?

Lerato: your honor I left him while he was sleeping. I snuck out.

Sello: In my line of work i have handled a lot of murder cases miss moremi I put it to you if he was really dangerous and threaten to kill you, you wouldn't be standing here today.

Lerato: that's not true your honor

Sello: I put it to you he didn't even care to search for you when you left, or did he?

Lerato: he knew I was with my father and he was very scared of him.

Sello: obviously his going to be scared of him because he is a gangster! And I believe that's why you have all those bruises shown on those pictures

Lerato: that is not true your honor

Sello: I believe you hurt deep inside and trying to drag him down, is it revenge that you are seeking?

State lawyer: objection your honor! My..

Judge: let the witness answer the question, Advocate nhlapho!

Lerato: no your honor that is not true

Sello: it's very unlikely for two different sisters to support two different parties I put it to you, you are doing these things because you are hurt and you seeking for revenge.

Lerato was starting to panic

Lerato: That is not true! Im not.. I.. Ntando is a monster and everyone should see that! He murdered Mr Blade!

Sello: that would be all your honor

Judge: can we have the accused take the stand and tell us his side of the story.

I stood up and took the stand,Sello stood up to question me.

Sello:please state your name.

Me: Ntando Zulu your honor

Sello: please explain to the court what happened to your car

Me: lerato was all behind this she came to my house with her thugs and to took everything, my house, my car, and my money, she took everything.

Sello: What do you mean she took your money?

Sello: we had a joint account your honor, she went and withdrew all the money in the account.

Sello: what happened next Mr Zulu.

Me: I couldn't fight I feared for my life I didn't want to die for things I could replace, my mom came and we took the train to my mom's house to live there because my house and my car was taken from me and given to Majoro her supposedly father.

Sello: supposedly father?

Me: She had an affair with him.

Sello: how did you know?

Me: She told me, and told me she was with me only for money.

Sello: why do you think she would do such things?

Me: all the years dating her she has always accused me and blamed me for things that I didn't do, she's a very jealous person

your honor, and i think she was seeking revenge for me sleeping with her sister.

Sello: Mr Zulu I believe you have only one parent right?

Me: yes your honor

Sello: What happened to your father?

Me: I've never met him, my mother was raped and i was the result of that rape.

Sello: You graduated from the university of Johannesburg am i right?

Me: yes your honor

Sello: What were you studying?

Me: Architecture.

Sello: So you actually have a degree in architecture?

Me: Yes your honor.

Sello: and you took lerato and her sister in to provide them?

Me: yes your honor

Sello: that will be all

your honor.

State lawyer: Mr Zulu how often do you drink?

Me: not too often, but mostly when I'm bothered by something

State lawyer: have you perhaps seeked any professional help at any point for your drinking?

Me: no your honor i haven't.

State lawyer: did you know most drunk men are most likely to abuse their wives at home?

Me: yes your honor but I never laid my hand on her

State lawyer: could it be possible that your violent behaviour and your anger comes from the pain you buried inside of not knowing your father and conceived through rape?

Me: No your honor.

State: You said that Miss Moremi and Mr Moremi(majoro) had an affair?

Me: yes your honor

State lawyer: how could that be possible if she was leaving with you, when did she get time to see Mr moremi?

Me: i don't know your honor.

State lawyer: You wouldn't know because you assuming they had an affair but let's carry on. Mr zulu if your car was taken forcefully why didn't you report it?

Me: I already told the court that I was scared of Majoro and his hooligans

State lawyer: scared? I assure you Mr zulu in our country we have a very good protection order that would make sure your family and you are safe.

Me: I didn't know of that your honor

State lawyer: you are 30 years old and you don't know the protection order in our country

Me: I don't think its helpful I have bad experiences with police officers

State lawyer: Mr Zulu you are confusing me, you said at first that you don't know the protection order of this country but now you saying you had bad experiences with police officers which one is it

?

Me: no I don't know it and I have bad experiences

State lawyer: I put it to you that , your car was never taken from you if it was you would have went to the police station and have it reported

Me: it was taken!

State lawyer: no one took the car you knew the mall collapsed and you had to pay and the only way was to murder Mr Blade!

The bitch was pushing it, i stood up and hit the booth i was in.

Me: i did not murder Mr blade, i don't even know him to begin with!

Her: the only fingerprints that were found inside the car belonged to you!

Me: i was framed!

State lawyer: by who?

I sat down, i didn't know what to say.

State lawyer: do you have any evidence that your car was forcefully taken?

Me: no your honor I don't but it was

State lawyer: a police report would have proven that your car was taken but you didn't report because your car was never taken, you planned everything out!

Me: i did not!

State lawyer: Yes you did! Your honor i believe Mr Zulu had his car all along, which was proven that there were no reports of it being lost or stolen. The night of the murder of Mr blade, his car was found at the scene, we took the car to forensics, and they did confirm it was his fingerprints that were found.

She handed the lawyer a document.

State lawyer: the mechanic also proved that the car had a problem, with its ignition, which made it impossible to escape with it, and left it at the crime scene with his cheque book. That would be all your honor.

Judge: i shall review all the evidence and testimonies from the witnesses, we will meet again in 2 days time for the verdict, court adjourned.

I was taken back to my cell, i refused to eat or sleep i was praying that the judge could be fair. After 2 days i was taken back to court. My mom was there with Thando and lethu, I looked over at them my mom smiled at me, i looked on the other side Lerato was all seating there we gave each other a serious look. The judge came in the court stood up and sat after the judge.

Judge: i must say this was a rather complicated case to handle, but after spending so much time looking at everything that was presented to the court i have come to a verdict. The charges against you of the mall collapsing are dismissed. Mr Bradey it should have been your responsibility to send the plan to other architects for 2nd opinion, but you didn't, so the mall collapsing is due to your negligence and not Mr Zulu. However when it comes to the murder case there was a lot of concrete

evidence that was presented against you Mr Zulu which failed to prove that you murdered Mr Blade, but we cannot ignore the fact that your car was found in the crime scene. Mr Zulu you ought to have reported your car stolen, the car is registered in your name what happens to it is your responsibility, although I believe that you didn't murder Mr Blade and the evidence supports that but you could've been an accomplice. You and your lawyer could have brought your friend as a witness to confirm your alibi that you were with him on the night of the murder, now there's no evidence of your whereabouts on the night of the murder. With all that being said Mr Zulu I sentence you to 15 years imprisonment without the possibility of parole, for the fact that your car was found in the murder scene.

I looked at my family, Lethu was crying terribly my mom was hugging her trying to calm her down. I looked at Lerato, she looked down and walked out. My lawyer was torn, he sat at that table with his face buried in his hands. The state lawyer was happy all smiling bitch has won. I was taken out of the courtroom and transported to prison which was Modderbee Prison in Benoni. When I walked in there everything became real that this is where I'm gonna spend 15 years of my life. Mugshots were taken, fingerprints were taken, had to change into that orange prison uniform, after following the correct procedure and doing everything I was taken to my cell. As I was walking down the corridor with two prison warders beside me, other inmates were throwing words like "bring him to our cell" some were busy saying "if I could only get my hands on him" I got to my cell, cell number 26 I walked and the prison warden locked the door behind me. I didn't greet, didn't look at them, they were playing cards, I went and chose a bed, it was 8 beds but there was 5 cell mates excluding me. I laid on what was gonna be my bed for 15 years. It was at night, I laid there thinking about how I got myself in this mess, thinking about my mother and how she's taking this. While I was laying there I saw my cell mates quickly hiding the cards and standing up. The prison warden opened our cell barred door and some prisoner walked in, he looked very dangerous with a few scars on his face, had one eye, was wearing a hat, when he talked I noticed he didn't have his front teeth. He walked in and gave the cell mates a serious scary look.

Him: akusahlonishwa la e khaya? (there's no respect anymore in this house)

They all looked down mumbling things I couldn't really hear. He turned and looked at me, then looked at them.

Him: Yakuphi lempatha (where is this fool from) they all kept quiet, he came to me.

Him: I run this territory you don't just come in my territory and sleep without introducing yourself, asikwazi phela wena! (we don't know you)

I wasn't in the mood for bullshit so i just ignored, yeap i was on that sophisticated ignorance.

Him: i see you've never heard of me, i need to teach you some respect.

He looked at the cell mates and started shouting.

Him: Kukhala esakabani la? (who runs this house)

The cellmates all answered at once "kukhala esakho mangena bozza yama triple 666, u devil uqobolwakhe".. (you run this house, leader of the 666 the devil himself)

Him: Manje what are you waiting for? Yenzani izinto zenzakale (make things happen).

Now we were 7 in the cell, 3 of the cell mates came to drag me off the bed, i tried fighting back but they overpowered me. Two held me one started punching me repeatedly on the face, after a minute of punching i was thrown to the floor and kicked repeatedly I was in pain and screaming, one even kicked me on my face.

The prison warder heard the screams and was walking up and down as if like he wasn't seeing what was happening to me all he said was "Mangena keep it down you don't wanna alert the other prison warders" off which Mangena replied by saying "Uzofa lo makangangcondo Fader".. (If he doesn't have a brain he will die)

When they stopped i was in too much pain i was coughing up blood, at some point i thought that i was gonna cough up my vital organs. They all moved away from me, i thought they were done but clearly they weren't done, two of them got me up and made me kneel in front of this Mangena Leader of theirs. One brought him a sock and a bar of sunlight soap. He put the bar of soap inside the sock and started swinging it in the air then Hit me across the face, i immediately went down screaming and pleading for my life, they got me up and he was busy hitting me with that for a good 15min was spitting out blood and eventually i spat out my a few of my teeth, i was a mess i thought i was gonna die there, after that two of them dragged me to bed, i was powerless with blood all over. Mangena had the cell mates close up the view of my bed with blankets so that no one could see what was happening. He instructed them to sing loud, they started singing very Loud and clapping their hands.

Song lyrics: Imali zami kade ngizidla nawe, awu sfebe ngiyayifuna Imali yami (i spent all my money with you, bitch i want all my money back)

Mangena kept on screaming at them

Him: Yey ang'nizwa nina bomalaleveva! (i can't hear you).

They sang loud and clapped.

He got in under the blankets

Him: Uzofa mawungana ngcondo! (you will die if you don't have a brain).

He lowered his pants then got in that small bed and raped me, i was powerless i couldn't fight him or scream, i was praying that God please let me die. He also instructed other cell mates to rape me the whole night, i was weak from all the bleeding, i couldn't even open my eyes because of how swollen they were and my mouth too. That was my night of horror a nightmare ill probably never forget. when they were done they urinated on me and spat on me. I wanted to cry but tears didn't come, i laid there cold, shivering, smelling because i messed up on myself my bowels gave up on me, i was covered in blood, i wished death to come upon me, deep down i was angry at God, after all my mother's prayers he couldn't even hear one of them or answer one of her prayers, does he even exist? I prayed in my heart not for God to save me, but for him to accept my soul should i die, i just closed my eyes. I didn't know what followed after that because i tried opening my eyes and they couldn't open, the swelling was too much. I heard a woman's voice saying "we need to keep him here in hospital for a few days, can you see how he looks like, his been through hell and this happened in your prison under your nose!" a male replied by saying "i didn't see anything i was busy checking other cells, but i will get to the bottom of this and find the real culprit"

I recognised the voice sounded like the prison warder that was busy looking at me while i was violated and did nothing!

The doctor put me on ARVs immediately incase one of the inmates was hiv positive, for that time being that i was taking ARVs i stayed at the hospital. Days passed while i was still recovering, I was in an ordinary hospital the only fuckery was that i was still a prisoner because i had a chain tied from my ankle to the hospital bed. I seriously didn't wanna get better hospital was better than that hell i was in. After about 3 weeks i was taken back to the prison. I wasn't 100% healed still had bruises and a few broken ribs, but i was more thrilled that i was Hiv-.when i got to the cell Before i could even sit down i was told that i have a visitor, to my surprise it was sello my

Lawyer and Lethu. Lethu was happy to see me she ran to hug me but the guards told her no touching.

Me: i thought that i was never gonna see you again Sello.

Sello: my conscious doesn't allow me to just let this go, that's why im working hard to get you out of here.

Me: You have done enough this is beyond you,the judge made her decision there's nothing we can do.

Sello: there's something we can do, that sentence was not fair on you, you innocent and im yet to prove it again.

Me: sello let it go

Sello: just allow me to help you, look at you it shows that you've been through hell.

Me: it's just a few bruises.

Lethu: it doesn't look like a few bruises, were you attacked?

Me: I'm fine now Lethu.

Sello: i highly doubt. Lethu and i we have been coming here for almost a week now and they told us that you were at the hospital, we even went to the hospital but they didn't allow us to see you.

Lethu: Ntando what happened?

Me: It's just some stupid gang leader.

Sello: What exactly did they do to you?

Me: You can see what they did to me.

Sello: i need to know everything.

Me: they did the usual, beat me, and R..

I stopped and looked at Lethu, how can i say i was raped in front of her she's gonna lose respect for me, it's shameful and humiliating.

Sello: They raped you?

I looked away.

Sello: Ntando if you want me to help you, you'll have to tell me everything that happened.

Me: i was raped the whole night by 6 of my cell mates after beating me, there i told you, are you happy now? Nxa!

Sello: where was the guard when all this was happening?

Me: just watching, he did nothing.

Lethu stood up all angry.

Lethu: ohh hell no! Sello can they allow this to happen? Is it even legal?

Sello: it's highly illegal I'm going to write a report about this today!

Me: Lethu how is my mom, why hasn't she come to see me yet?

Lethu: she's been forever fasting and praying since you got arrested.

Me: Wow! So she would rather pray to this Non existing God that can't even save me right now than come to see me? Her only child?

Lethu: It's not like that Ntando, she's a woman of faith.

Me: Faith say fuck!

I stood up.

Lethu: were you going?

Me: to my cell!

I asked the guard to take me back. I was very heartbroken my mom is choosing this God of hers over me, i need her, i need to see her face, i need her to tell me that I'm gonna get through this. I know I'm a grown ass man but we all need our Mothers when we down. I got to my cell, laid on my bed starring at the wall, i couldn't sleep everytime that i closed my eyes i would remember the night when i was violated it was a nightmare that will never go away,i laid there thinking till nighttime came. It was time to go eat i didn't go i was too caught up in my emotions, luckily the guard didn't give me a hard time with that. When my cell mates were gone the tears started falling, call me a woman right now but what i went through a human being ain't suppose to go through such. The cell mates came back from cafeteria mangena was with them, as soon as he saw me he came to me.

Him: So you back!

I ignored him.

Him: Sizojaiva Moss (we gonna dance)

He instructed the mates to do the blankets again, they did and started singing, the prison guard came just in time,it was the same prison guard that watched me get Violated

Prison guard: Ey Mangena you can't touch that one again!

Mangena: his my bitch i can do anything i want.

Prison guard: unfortunately you cannot his lawyer pulled a few strings, he has full protection if you touch him you'll be in trouble.

Mangena: Ekse Fader since when do you follow the rules?

Prison guard: Since i almost lost my job, i have a family to feed i can't lose my job i need this job!

Mangena: You Fader? You doing this to me?

Prison guard: leave him alone if you don't you know where you gonna go, do you wanna go through that horror again?

Mangena kept quiet. The guard went.

I looked at him giving him that victory smile,he spat on me.

Him: angikacedi ngawe (I'm not done with you)

He turned around and looked at the other mates.

Him: superman you'll have to take his place.

Superman: Ahhh Mangena..

Superman was crouching on the floor with the other cell mates playing cards, mangena kicked him on the face and he fell backwards.

Mangena: voetsek wena! Since when do you backchat! Asiye(let's go) i don't have the whole night!

He took him and they did the deed, the screams were cutting deep reminding me of my night of terror, i put a pillow over my head. After some few minutes they were done,Mangena instructed the cell mates to clean Superman and fix the bed. Days went with Mangena not up on my throat he was staying far from me, the Superman guy it was sad for him because he was the substitute and he looked young like 21. I was recovering but the nightmares kept me up at night. I didn't engage in any conversation with my cellmates i was always Laying alone in bed thinking,it has been 2months now since I've been here, lethu was my regular visitor my mom still ain't visit me. We got one phone call a day and i called my mom. She answered.

Her: Hello.

I wanted to talk but my throat raised no words, hearing her voice was very emotional for me, I just cleared my throat.

Him: Ntando is it you?

I didn't say a word.

Her: please tell me how you doing, are you okay? Are they feeding you?

Typical mother worrying if I'm being fed or not.

Me: Why have you abandoned me?

Her: i have not. I'm fighting for your freedom, i pray every minute, every hour, i fast everyday, i told God i don't wanna visit you, i want you home with me, were you belong.

That pissed me off more i hung up.

We went to the cafeteria to eat. Superman came to sit next to me.

Him: Eita

Me: Ta

Him: I'm Fanie

Me: Ntando

It was hard for him to seat down.

Him: this is gonna be hell.

Me: i wish someone can do something about this Mangena.

Him: no one will do anything he runs the whole prison.

Me: That's a bitch then.

Him: but lucky you his off you.

Me: he put me through hell.

Him: I'm going to some prayer meeting later wanna tag along?

Me: Nah thanks I'm not religious.

We ate then went back to the cell, kept on chatting there, he was a cool kid, was In for armed robbery. Mangena got in while we were talking.

Mangena: Superman it's 14:00 i need my lunch!

Superman: Mangena please not today I'm in excruciating pain.

Mangena: Eyy ungangihlanyisi wena! (don't make me crazy)

Superman was crying, he stood up and walked slowly to the bed, i couldn't take this anymore. I called the prison guard he came.

Me: Mangena touched me.

Prison guard: that's it Mangena you going to share a cell with the 799 gang for a while.

Mangena: uyahlanya lo Fader i never touched him(his crazy i never touched him)

The prison guard came and took him out.

Mangena: Ngiyabuya wena mpatha (I'm coming back you fool) I'll show you that you don't mess with Mangena.

Superman came and knelt in front of me crying.

Him: Thank you for saving me, God bless you.

The other cell mates came to give me handshakes too, saying thank you for saving our last born. We all sat there playing cards talking and laughing. The guard came to get me saying i have a visitor. I went i thought it was lethu but it was Thando. She was sitting down looking like she had been crying.

Me: Hey

Her: hi.

Me: What are you doing here?

She didn't answer me she looked down with tears falling.

Me: Thando yini? (what's wrong)

Her: we in trouble.

Me: What are you talking about?

She stood up took off her jacket and i saw her tummy was a bit big.

Her: I'm pregnant

After she told me that it's like everything started moving in slow motion.

Me: You what?

Her: I'm 4months pregnant.

Me: How.. How did this happen?

Her: What do you mean how did this happen? We had sex! (shouting)

Me: calm down Thando im not fighting with you.

Her: sorry I'm just stressed

Me: does your family know?

Her: No I've been hiding it, im getting big i can't hide it anymore.

Me: this is one big mess, weren't you doing that prevention thing that you girls do?

Her: No Ntando! Wena why didn't you use a condom?

Me: Why didn't you remind me?

Her: what? Are you serious right now!

Me: blaming each other won't help, we need to figure out what we gonna do.

Her: do you want the baby? Because I've been thinking that..

Me: that?

Her: i can abort..

I looked at her with a straight face, did she really say that?

Me: You wanna kill my baby?

Her: given this circumstances what can we do? Im 16 Ntando and I'm in grade 10,you in jail. My family is gonna kill me when they find out I'm pregnant by a 30year old, and my brother his gonna murder you. What am I gonna tell the baby when they start asking about you? Ohhh Sorry nana your dad is in jail arrested for murder!

Me: so you think that abortion Is the best solution for my baby?

Her: i don't wanna do it but it's the best solution.

Me: then there's nothing to talk about.

I stood up, and walked back to the cell.

Thando: Ntando we not done talking!

I don't know if I'm being selfish right now or If she's selfish. I know that our situation is difficult I'm behind bars, and she's 16 she has dreams of her own like going to varsity one day but to kill my baby, this might be the only baby i might father and she wanna take that opportunity away from me of having my own child. I walked to the cell, the gents were chilling talking i sat there alone thinking about what Thando told me. Superman came to me.

Him: was the visit that bad?

Me: You have no idea.

Him: wanna talk about it?

Me: rather not.

Him: at 18:00 we going to the prayer meeting.

Me: Enjoy.

Him: i actually wanted you to come with us.

Me: i told you that I'm not a religious person.

Him: just come along with us, what you gonna do here all alone?

Me: i don't know just think.

Him: that's why i want you to come with us to stop thinking a lot.

He was probably right i need to keep my mind occupied, can't deal with all this stress. We chilled there waiting for 18:00.

Me: Is it gonna be inmates only?

Him: No we have this pastor that comes to visit us, preach, discuss the Bible and pray.

Me: You seem very confident in this religion crap!

Him: it's not crap, and the pastor is powerful he is a seer.

Me: That's how religion scam people with this fake seer pastors.

The clock hit 18:00 while we were arguing. I couldn't wait to go to this prayer meeting and see this fake pastor. We went to the hall it was full, i was shocked that other prisoners believe in this crap, we even arrived late it's like people got in at 17:00 the pastor was already talking. He was all up at the stage talking he was white and wearing a suit, he looked like he was in his late 40s or early 50s. We went and sat down in the middle while he was looking at us. He started preaching opened the Bible and read the book of exodus 14 v/s 13 which read "Don't be afraid! Stand your ground, and you will see what the Lord will do to save you today, you will never see this Egyptians again"

He was preaching there all serious and sweating telling us that God will save us from this pit of hell we are in, the other inmates were all clapping making noise, i was seating there all bored looking at the clock on the wall hoping that all this mockery may end. When it was 5min for the the service to finish the pastor looked straight in my direction and asked me to stay after the service. I was busy looking at the back just making sure that his talking to me and he pointed me straight and said "yes I'm talking to you, stop looking at the back".

I looked at superman all angry and leaned over to whisper to him.

Me: What the hell is going on!

Him: i don't know..

Me: i hope you didn't plan this with this pastor of yours,because I'm going to strangle you!

Him: i was with you the whole day, I know nothing about this.

The pastor prayed and the service ended, i stood up and started walking out hoping he won't see me, he just told someone to stop me. The person caught up with me and told me the pastor wants to see me, i was bored by this whole thing, i went back to sit down, when everyone was out he came and sat next to me.

Him: Good evening I'm pastor McCarthy

Me: What can i help you with?

He smiled a little.

Him: why are you so angry at God?

Me: I'm no angry at God, i just don't believe in him.

Him: is it because of you being here that you don't believe in him?

Me: No I've never believed in him.

Him: it's not that you don't believe in him, you are angry at him because you wanted him to get God then at your own time and when he didn't that's when this anger started.

Me: i don't know what you talking about.

I knew exactly what he was talking about. I was more angry at God because every time I wanted him to act he didn't.

Him: God wants to help you but you hardening your heart you don't wanna let him in.

Me: Look if you wanna tell me about getting saved and all that bullshit I'm fine with that.

I stood up and started walking.

Him: You getting out of here before the week ends.

Me: Excuse me?

Him: You getting out of here before the week end.

Me: Are you fucking with me right now?

Him: Im a vessel i deliver what God tells me to deliver. You didn't notice? The whole service was about you, the Bible verse was for you, God visited you today, he remembered you.

Me: look i don't know what you playing at but don't come here and fuck with me! I've been through enough bullshit!

Him: like i said Ntando I'm only a vessel.

I was shocked how does this man know my name!

Me: How do you know my name?

Him: I don't know you God knows you.

Me: Actually what else do you know about me?

Him: I know that your anger with God started the day your mom told you that you were conceived through rape, since from then you hated God with all your heart. I couldn't contain my anger anymore i went and grabbed him by his suit, i saw the guards coming close, he smiled and stopped them.

Me: who have you been talking too?

Him: God.

Me: Don't give me that crap again! If God wanted to talk to me why doesn't he come to me himself?

Him: if he did would you believe it's him? You are like Joseph right now, this whole experience will make you realize your dream, but mostly it will lead you to your dream.

Me: Go to hell! And tell your God to stop being a coward busy sending people like you to foretell my future!

I let go of him and started walking.

Him: remember Ntando use this as your testimony to help others who will go through what you going through. Sometimes we go through painful experiences to help others, Go well and remember the world is waiting for your testimony.

Me: I don't believe you, i don't believe in you! I know your type you those fake pastors!

Him: I don't want you to believe in me I'm just a mere human being like you, believe in God Beloved.

Me: i don't even believe in your God! Who is he? Is there even proof that he exists?

Him:.. He is who he is, and The one who is called I AM is the one that sent me to you. I just walked to my cell with the guard accompanying me, that pastor was bullshitting me. Days passed the cell was peaceful without Mangena, i kept thinking about what the pastor said. A week passed i was still in prison i knew he was bullshitting me, then when i was sitting in my cell, with Superman and the gents, Mangena came back he was accompanied by a prison guard that looked new. When he got in he looked angry he didn't say nothing he just punched me, then threw me against the wall and kicked me.

Him: Umangena akakhohlwa(mangena doesn't forget)

I couldn't believe I was going through this again! He took out a knife.

Him: say your last prayer!

I knew that this psycho was going to kill me,then to my surprise the guard came back.

Guard: Sorry Mangena we have to do this another time he has a visitor.

Mangena: can't you tell the visitor to come back again another time? I wanna kill this dog.

Guard: sorry No.

Mangena: i paid you! We have a deal

Guard: i know but my hands are tied.

Mangena gave me a final kick on my stomach, that made me cough. The guard helped me get up and we went to the visiting room. I saw Sello pacing through. When he saw me he smiled.

Sello: It's done, we did this time, you free! The charges against you were dropped yesterday, you going home today!

How the hell did all of this happen?

I looked at Sello hoping that he wasn't playing with me, I knew he wasn't when we went to sign my release forms, I was handed back my things. The guards walked me out when I saw the sun outside I became emotional, I stopped to look around I was free at last. I headed to Sello's car and we drove off. The excitement that I felt deep inside was unexplainable.

Me: Sello how did all of this happen?

Sello: the true culprits were found. Lerato confessed everything she even told the police were the murder weapon was.

Me: who are the culprits?

Him: the wife was the one who had her husband killed because she knew that his life insurance would pay her a lot of money should the husband die, and also since they don't have kids, Mr blade left her all the money and everything, all of this was greed. What an unbelievable story. So her coming to me being comforting was just an act, talking about God will save me she sure put a good act.

Sello: The State lawyer was also in on it.

This was really shocking.

Me: so whose arrested?

Him: State lawyer, wife, Lerato is getting 6months-1year because of revealing the culprits she wanted full amnesty in exchange for her telling the truth but the judge decided otherwise and said she has to spend at least 6months-1year behind bars because of lying at the courtroom while testifying. Majoro is on the run the cops are looking for him.

I was truly amazed.

Me: why would Lerato betray Majoro? Phela she knows that his dangerous and if he can find out about this he would have her killed.

Sello: someone persuaded Lerato to confess.

Me: who?

Him: Lethu

Me: Lethu persuaded Lerato to confess?

Sello: yes, you got a good one there, that girl went to great lengths in making sure that you get justice.

I wondered what Lethu said to Lerato that made Lerato confess, something just doesn't make sense.

We got home and went inside as soon as my mom saw me she dropped the bowl that she was holding and put her hands on her cheeks in amazement.

Her: Ntando is that really you?

Me: It's Me mama.

She came and put her hands on my cheeks then hugged me and cried busy thanking God.

Mama: God is good i knew that i was gonna see you again.

Me: I'm glad to be home.

My mom looked at Sello and thanked him.

Sello: the real hero here is Lethu.

Me: speaking of Lethu where is she? Thought she would come and greet me.

Mama: she's not here

Me: where is she? What happened to Lethu?

Sello: relax she's on witness protection, her life could be danger If Majoro finds out about what she's done she might have her killed.

Me: No he won't. Majoro doesn't know that Lethu is the one who persuaded Lerato to talk. As far as Majoro is concerned Lerato betrayed him, because news will come to him that Lerato snitched, and he won't like that.

Sello: that's a valid point you making.

Me: can you please fetch her, i want here with us, were she will be safe.

Him: fine but I'll have cops come and check up you guys every now and then just to make sure that you safe.

Me: no problem.

Sello went out and i went to bath. Was good bathing at home. I took a long hot bath i must've even fallen asleep in the bath, my mom came Knocking to make sure I'm still there.

Her: Ntando are you still alive?

Me: Ya mama I'm alive.

Her: that's a long bath you taking.

Me: i missed your bathtub.

She just laughed and went. I got out of the bathtub went to clothe in my room.

Wearing clean clothes again felt like a blessing, i looked myself in the mirror thinking to myself that ya i made it. When I was done with everything i went to the kitchen, lethu was cutting vegetables and she accidentally cut herself with the knife.

Me: You still have a thing with knives?

She stopped cutting.

Her: please tell me that it's really you.

Me: why don't you turn around and look.

She slowly turned around and looked at Me. I expected her to come running and give me a hug but she was standing there with tears falling.

Me: i thought you'd come running to me and give me a hug.

She couldn't control her tears.

Her: I'm just..

She couldn't talk from the way she was soo emotional.

Me: come here.

She came to me and i hugged her, she just went for it and cried on my shoulder. I didn't say anything i just waited for her to finish crying, after a minute or so she stopped.

Her: i thought that I'll never see you again.

Me: here i am and all thanks to you.

She just smiled through those tears.

Me: can you stop crying before you make me cry too.

She laughed a little.

Me: let's try to stop the bleeding from your finger.

Her: i even forgot about that, look i stained your t-shirt with my blood.

Me: it's nothing bleach can't fix.

I took a paper towel and pressed it on her finger while holding her hand.

I giggled.

Her: What's funny?

Me: remember back at my house when you cut your finger and i helped you the same way I'm helping you right now and we kissed, think it was the first time we kissed.

She giggled too.

Her: i remember the cutting and the bleeding and you helping me, but i forgot the kiss.

Me: Can i remind you?

She smiled and i kissed her. I immediately felt the connection between us, We've kissed before but this time around it was different. She pulled back.

Me: something wrong?

Her: Nothing is wrong.

Me: Are you sure?

She nodded her head.

Me: Mara why didn't i go for you instead of that crazy sister of yours?

She smiled.

Her: It's because I'm gold.

Me: You Gold?

Her: Yes like Beverly knight said:

I'm gold babe

Catch me in the slipstream

Passing by the fools who just don't know

Pure gold babe

You're looking at the real thing

If you knew my worth you wouldn't let go.

I laughed.

Me: You calling me a fool?

She walked away all teasing me with her sexy walk, and still singing.

Her: I guess you never held on to quality

Or you woulda recognised by now

Something so special so true

When it's standing right in front of you.

Me: lethu what are you trying to say?

She continued walking while singing. I just stood there all puzzled, wondering what she's talking about.

At 19:00 we all gathered at the table eating dinner, just me my mom and Lethu, I looked at them all smiling and admiring the moment.

Lethu: What?.

Me: nothing just didn't think that i would ever see the both of you for 15years

Mama: God made it possible for you to see us sooner and also thanks to my makoti.
(referring to lethu)

Lethu: Makoti?

Mama: Yebo.

We both looked at her.

Her: I'm old but not that old, i can see that both of you are inlove with each other but pride stand in your way of confessing your love to each other.

Lethu started coughing as if like she choked.

Mama: See what i mean, let me get you a glass of water.

My mom went to get her water.

Mama: i don't care even if you can fake being choked Lethu just know that by next year i want grandchildren.

Me: mom!

Mama: What? I'm prophesying.

Lethu: can i please be excused.

Lethu stood up and went to the guest room.

Me: see mom you made her uncomfortable.

Her: the truth always makes everyone uncomfortable.

I stood up to check up on Lethu, she was in the guest room, crying.

I went to her.

Me: What's wrong Lele?

Her: Nothing

Me: You wouldn't cry for nothing.

Her: just your mom..

Me: don't pay attention to her you know she likes talking.

Her: it's not that.. It's that..

Me: What?

Her: remember when i came here that time i was badly beaten?.

Me: yes i remember

Her: Majoro put me through hell.

Me: What happened?

Her: he..

Me: he what?

Her: can't even talk about it.

Me: mom told me you got raped

She just closed her eyes and tears fell.

Her: that's not all

Me: What else?

Her: he beat me almost the whole night but most of all he.. He ruined my womanhood

Me: womanhood how?

Her: he repeatedly kicked me on my womb..when your mom took me to the doctor, the doctor said i'll never have my kids of my own, my womb cannot hold a baby.

I was shocked, i felt the cloud of darkness overshadowing my heart.

Her: even if we can start a relationship or get married someday i'll be useless to you, i'll never give you kids of your own.

She was now crying. I just held her tight,all angry i mean yes i want a future with Lethu but most of all I want kids of my own a chance to be a better father than my father was to me. I wanted a chance to be a father and rectify the mistakes that my father did to me and my mother but God doesn't want to give me that chance. Life is unfair, you can never be fully happy!

After a few minutes of crying lethu went to bath. I went out and took a walk, as i was walking i saw Thando standing at the gate of her house,with her friends when she saw me she ran to me.

Thando: Oh my word Ntando i can't believe it's you.

She tried to kiss me and i pushed her back a little.

Her: whoa you scared that if my brother comes and catch us kissing he will kill you.

Me: I'm not scared of sizwe.

Her: Okay that's good because i Miss you.

Me: we need to talk, let's take a walk.

She signalled to her friends that she's coming back.

Her: let's talk.

Me: did you do the abortion?

Her: No, there's no need to do it anymore i mean you are here now we can raise the baby together.

I looked down and cleared my throat.

Her: Keng?

Me: that won't be possible.

Her: why wouldn't that be possible? I thought you wanted this baby

Me: i do but i don't wanna raise the baby with you, i want full custody of the baby

Her: Full custody? Ntando what are you talking about

Me: You young Thando I'm sure you don't wanna be tied down by a baby, there's still things you wanna achieve and a baby will hold you back.

Her: make your point please

Me: i want Lethu to raise the baby, she will mother the baby.

Thando: What do you mean mother the baby? Wait are you and Lethu? No ways you cannot be serious!

Me: Ai Thando don't make it as if like we were in a relationship it was just a silly fling.

Thando: a Fling Ntando? So now I'm a Fling? And then you have the audacity to tell me that your armpit is going to mother my baby.

Me: I'm sorry there's no easier way to say this but, i don't love you and never did, you knew clearly that i was not into you but you threw you self at me anyway.

She slapped me then ran back to her friends crying. I walked back home, i walked pass my moms room she was praying. Lethu was sleeping when i checked up on her. I looked at the time it was 22:00. I locked all the doors and went to sleep. I was woken up by my nightmare of what happened to me in jail it was around 00:30, i couldn't sleep anymore I just went to the lounge to watch tv. Lethu showed up after an hour looking scared like something or something scared her to death.

Her: i can't sleep.

Me: what's wrong?

Her: just nightmares

Me: come sit with me.

She came and sat next to me, when i touched her she was shaking.

Me: What scared you so much?

Her: just scared that majoro might show up and put me through hell again have people rape me and beat me.

Me: that will never happen. You safe with me.

We watched TV till we eventually fell asleep with her on top of me. In the morning i woke up and we had a blanket over us, i knew my mom put it over us. There was a knock at the door it was so loud that it woke lethu up.

Her: whose that?

Me: let me go check.

I walked to the door with her following me.

Me: i wonder whose that Knocking at this ungodly hour.

Lethu started laughing.

i opened and it was Thando she pushed me out of the way and got in.

Her: I'm glad i found both of you here Romeo and Juliet.

Me: What do you want?

She gave lethu a disgusted look.

Her: i need money to go to the doctor, for an ultrasonic scan we need to find out if it's a girl or boy.

Me: this is not the time..

Her: this is the time.

Lethu: what's going on Ntando?

Thando: You don't know dear? I'm pregnant with His baby.

Thando put her hand on her tummy. Lethu looked at me.

Lethu: is it true?

I didn't say anything.

Lethu: wow!

She started walking away, i held her

Lethu: don't touch me Ntando, you should be going to the doctor with your baby mama, yall are gonna be a family now won't you?

I looked at Thando all mad.

Me: You see what you did?

Thando: Hey Ntando! Your first priority should be your baby not her!

Me: please go.

Thando: What!

i slowly pushed her out and closed the door, i went to the guest room the door was locked, i knocked.

Me: Lele can you open i wanna talk to you.

She didn't open.

Me: fine I'm just gonna sit here until you ready to talk to me.

I sat there by the door waiting for her to open Seconds passed, then minutes, then hours, i gave up and stood up then the door opened, she stood by the door.

Me: can i come in so we can talk?

Her: I don't think that's necessary. I have made up my mind. your baby matters most to you right now..

Me: and you matter too.

Her: just listen Ntando!

Me: okay talk.

Her: You have to do right by your unborn baby and Thando. You'll have to marry her and give your baby a stable home with both parents. At least unlike me she can give you children I'm sure that's something every guy wants. I love you Ntando and i don't know why this hurts so much because you got her pregnant while you and i weren't an item and we still not an item. I've been waiting for you to love me as much as i love you and i realize now that maybe I'm reaching for the stars that won't happen. I wish you well with your new family and If you want me to leave i understand my clothes are already packed I'll be on my way.

She went inside and took her bags and started walking out,i stopped her.

Me: You talked and I listened, so now can i talk and you listen?

Her: Fair enough.

I took her by her hand and sat her on the bed.

Me: i know that I've brought you a lot of pain i even went as far as laying my hand on you, you know how much i hate myself for that? I don't have the right words to say to you, you know that im not a man of many words but what i know is that i want you in my life, no fuck that! i need you in my life. Lethu the honest truth is i want to be a part of my baby's life i don't want my baby growing up without a father, i grew up without a father and i know how difficult that is. What I'm trying to say is that i love you Lele and i want a future with you. I don't care if you can give me a baby or not but right now you the only woman who knows me who understands me and i don't

wanna lose you i don't want Thando or any other woman I want you Lele. I know i still have to prove myself to you and i will, so please help me to make us work, can't do it alone i need your help.

Her: i really don't know Ntando right now I'm confused.

Me: What do you feel Lele?

Her: i think that..

Me: i don't want you to tell me what you think, i want you to tell me what you feel.

Her: i love you Ntando probably more than i love myself I know that's stupid but i do. I wanna marry you one day i wanna live happily with you, I want to have a life with you, but at the same time I'm scared that you will get frustrated that i can't give you children and leave me.

Me: don't think for me just give me a chance to prove myself to you, i can be a better man Lele.

She stood up and went to stand at the door with her back facing me, i stood up and went to hug her from behind.

Me: there's no harm in trying.

She turned around and looked at me.

Her: How we gonna make this work, with the baby and Thando I'm not ready for all that baby mama drama.

Me: leave Thando and all that drama to me I'll fix this i promise you.

I just hugged her.

Me: does this mean you giving me a chance?

She nodded her head yes.

Me: Thank you and i promise that i won't hurt you anymore.

She smiled at me

Her: i trust you.

Me: so can you please unpack,before my mother kills me and say why am i kicking you out?

She giggled a little and slightly hit me on the chest.

Her: Fine I'll unpack.

She took out her clothes from her bag to the wardrobe.

Me: What are you doing?

Her: I'm unpacking, ain't this what you wanted?

Me: Yes but this is the wrong bedroom.

Her: I've always used this room ever since i moved in.

Me: this is not your bedroom anymore.

Her: And were is my bedroom now?

Me: You will be sharing a bedroom with Me.

Her: i don't think that's a good idea

Me: why not?

Her: we.. We can't get intimate, ever since i got raped it's..

I went up to her and held her hands, with our foreheads touching.

Me: We not gonna do anything that's gonna make you feel uncomfortable, i want you to get professional, let's fix you first before we can fix our relationship, i don't mind waiting, you worth the wait.

Her: What If i never heal from this? What if we can never be intimate ever again.

Me: that's not true. You one of the strongest women I've ever met in my life, you will get through this, it will pass just give it time.

Her: but what if I don't?

Me: but what if you do?

She smiled and looked down.

Me: if you don't then I'll have to be a male nun.

She laughed.

Me: I'm serious.

Her: You crazy wena.

Me: you right about that. I'm crazy about you.

She blushed, i started teasing her.

Me: Really? Is she blushing?

Her: Stop it hau! Let's move my clothes to the other bedroom.

We took her bags and moved them to my bedroom, then put her clothes in the wardrobe.

Me: Lele what happened to you going to school?

Her: i had to drop out. Majoro stopped paying for my fees.

Me: You a straight A student can't you apply for a Bursary?

Her: It's not that easy.

Me: it's okay I'll make a plan for you to go back to school. I'll make sure that you and my baby are well taken care of. She smiled at me.

Her: i know you will. Hai Ntando enough about this sad stories of our lives. how about we go out get ice creams or something i have R20

Me: What can R20 do mara lethu?

Her: can buy snacks.

She pulled me by my hand.

Her:come on let's go.

I went with her, we bought bunny chows and went to sit at the park and ate. We chilled at the park all talking and playing around, she climbed the wall fence that surrounded the park, ya i have one crazy woman.

Me: Uzowa (you'll fall) and when you do, don't cry.

Her: i know you won't let me fall.

We chilled there till 14:00 then decided to go home. we got in all laughing and talking, then we got to the lounge and found my mom with Thando's mom, sizwe and thando were there too and my uncle. I saw the anger flashing through sizwe's eyes he stood up and came to me my uncle stood up and held him.

Sizwe: I'm gonna kill you wena Ntando! All along you making yourself my friend kanti you sleeping with my little sister! She's just 16 Ntando just 16!

My uncle: calm down wena mfana, this is my sister's house you will respect!

Sizwe sat down.

Mama: Ntando sit down.

I held Lethu's hand and we sat down.

Thando's mom: there's no use fighting about this, what's done is done we just need a solution now and wena Sizwe kahle ngodlambe (stop with violence)

Sizwe: Mama this guy must Go to jail this is rape! Don't tell me you support what he did.

Thando's mom: I'm not supporting anything, yes I'm hurt, im angry but what good is that going to do? What's done is done and you know your sister is loose too she always had a thing for boys older than her.

Thando: and sizwe i didn't get ra..

Sizwe looked at her all angry.

Sizwe: Thula wena! (keep quiet) you have embarrassed us, you have shamed the family!. You know what neh, bantu abadala (elders) i can't sit here and tolerate this nonsense! Amanyala phela lawa ayenzwe u Ntando no thando (it's kak what Ntando and Thando did)

Sizwe stood up and walked out.

Thando's mom: manje where are you going? We not done here.

Sizwe: if i stay any longer here i will kill someone.

Thando's mom: his still angry kodwa he will calm down, thina singaqhubeka (we can carry on)

My mom: Ntando is the baby yours?

Me: Yes it's mine mama.

I saw lethu looking down when i said that as if like i just put hot coals in her heart.

My uncle: Sisi kuyomele sihlawule (sister we must pay for the damages)

Thando's mom: Yes you will have too. And uThando is still a baby i want her to finish school.

Mama: Wena Ntando what do you want?

Me: i want to raise my baby. After giving birth Thando can go back to school and go on about her life me and lethu we'll raise the baby.

Thando: Ngani Ntando? (with what) you an ex con you don't have a job and won't get hired anywhere with a criminal record like yours.

Me: I'll make a plan maan Thando!

My uncle: Yey nina! Don't fight in front of us we still Your elders we need respect!

Thando's mom: since both of you are failing to make a concrete decision about the future of your baby. Give us a moment to discuss and decide amongst ourselves what's good for the baby. You can go to the kitchen so long we'll call you when we've made a decision.

I took lethu and we went to the kitchen with Thando following us. There was some silence for a while.

Thando: i got you pictures of the ultrasound scan since you didn't come.

She took them out and gave them to me i didn't wanna hurt lethu i just put them on the kitchen counter. Lethu took them after a while and looked at them all quiet.

Thando: You don't know what's going do you?

Lethu smiled. She had the most beautiful smile ever, what i like most is that her smile is sincere.

Lethu: No not exactly.

Thando went to stand next to her..

Thando: this is the head, and this are her small hands.

Lethu: it's a girl?

Thando: yes

Lethu: wow I'm sure she's gonna be pretty like you.

Thando smiled.

Thando: really you think I'm pretty?

Lethu: yes you are.

Thando: You pretty too

Lethu: Thank you.

Thando: wanna see the maternity clothes my mom bought me?

Lethu: sure why not.

Thando: don't laugh neh they look like they from the 80s

Lethu laughed.

Thando: You laughing already

Lethu: im not.

They looked at each other and laughed. Thando took lethu by her hand.

Thando: let's go they in the car i have the car keys

Lethu: Wow you big, how far along are you?

Thando: i know hey I'm only 4months pregnant,my little bun is getting bigger everyday wanna touch?

Lethu: okay.

Lethu put her hand on Thando's stomach.

Lethu: wow! This feels awkward.

Thando: I'm also not used to it.

They went out all talking and laughing i stood there like "what the hell just happen

My uncle came to the kitchen to get us.

Him: where is Thando?

Me: she's outside.

Him: get her.

I went to get Thando and Lethu outside we all came back, and sat at the lounge. My mom: we have come to a decision and i will raise the baby.

I looked at her shocked.

Her: Yes I will raise the baby, and Thando I'm not saying that im taking the baby away from you or anything but it will be best that the baby stays with us,you can come visit anytime and the baby will visit your house too but the baby will stay here full time. We doing this so that you can focus on your studies and hopefully study further after high school and a qualification at the end without anything distracting you.

Thando: im not happy about the fact that my baby won't stay with me full time,but since it is my mother's wish for me to finish school then I'll just have to accept.

My uncle: and we will come to pay the damages.

Hai my uncle and damages!

Mama: David awume ngama damages! (David stop with the damages)

Thando's mom: Since we all agree on this decision then we shall be on our way, asambe Thando (let's go Thando).

They left with my mom walking them out, i was left with my uncle and Lethu, my uncle looked at Lethu.

My uncle: Lethu sis i didn't even greet you, how are you?

Lethu: I'm fine thanks Malume.

My family love lethu like she's their blood, they always preferred her over Lerato.

My uncle: Mara Ntando why didn't you at least get Lethu Pregnant, uhambe nje wayosihlazisa (you went and embarrassed us)

Me: Malume please don't start.

Him: I'm telling you the truth, your went and got yourself a 16 year old! Phela ke Takalami sesami.

My uncle always had something to say, he always irritated me but unfortunately there's nothing i can do about it because his like the head of the family. My mother came back and said we should come and eat she will dish up for everyone. We sat at the table and it was nice Eating Dinner with my family. For the next coming months things were going good there was peace, Lethu and Thando were very close you'd swear they sisters, sizwe still hated me i didn't see him ever forgiving me. Things between Lethu and i were good, one thing I hated was just sitting and not doing anything couldn't get a job because of my criminal record everywhere i

applied they declined my application because of the criminal record, which lethu always complained that I should be cleared of that criminal record because i didn't murder Mr Blade but it was hard because of my car found in the murder scene the judge still stood on her word that i shouldve reported the car. It was hard depending on my mom she had a lot of mouths to feed me, lethu, and my uncle who was living with us because his girlfriend sold their RDP, and Thando was giving birth in a months time and my mom will have to contribute for the baby too. It hurts a man's pride when he can't provide for his family. I stopped drinking not because i wanted too but because i was too broke to afford alcohol. My uncle came home from town one Saturday afternoon and found me washing my sneakers outside.

Him: that's all you know how to do, wash you sneakers or always wondering on the streets,you even finishing my sister's washing powder, what are we gonna use to wash clothes with,when you busy washing your useless sneakers.

Me: i can't wear dirty sneakers.

Him: Then buy your own washing powder.

Me: You can see that im not working.

Him: manje why don't you look for a job?

Me: I tried mara i can't get hired with my criminal record

Him: we didn't send you to jail so that you can come back and finish my sister's soap.

He took the soap and went inside, this guy was unbelievable his also not working and living off my mom mara the way he complains you'd swear his the one buying grocery and everything. I just rinsed my sneakers and put them ontop of the fence to dry, then i went inside lethu was in the lounge reading what seemed to a bible.

Me: You also follow this religion nonsense?

She closed the Bible.

Her: it's not nonsense and yes i follow it, you should too it will change your life.

Me: You saying i should be a Christian?

Her: Yes that's what I'm saying.

I looked at her and laughed.

Me: Nah Lele i don't have time for nonsense.

Her: Okay suit yourself I'm going to prepare myself, your mom and i we going to church.

Me: on a Saturday?

Her: Yes we have a special service today a very powerful man of God is coming to preach, and we don't wanna miss that. he preaches overseas too and has his own Tv channel where he preaches.

My mom came in while we were still talking.

Mama: Lethu we leaving within an hour make sure you ready i don't wanna be late because you know whose coming.

They both looked at each other smiling.

Lethu: i can't wait Mama the way that bishop preaches he blesses me i only see him on tv i can't believe that im gonna see him live.

Mama: You have no idea how happy i am, i can't wait Heee! Today is gonna be a very good service.

Lethu: You should come to Ntando.

Me: Me? I don't think so.

Mama: What do you have against church Ntando?

Me: i have nothing against church i just have a problem with this fake pastors playing with innocent people and robbing them through offerings. I also have a problem with hypocritical Christians who claim to be holy mara they have evil hearts,sometimes i wonder what they teach yall at church because it's like people who go to church are the most evil people on earth.

I saw my mother putting her hand on her chest as if like i hit it where it hurts the most.

Her: Ntando don't smear at God's people. I don't work i own a bridal shop. You should come and see in town how much competition i have but God makes it a point that i at least have 5 customers a day so that i can put food on the table for all of us. We never go to bed hungry it's because of God his jehova jairee the Lord our provider, unemployed as i am i raised you and you got a degree today because of him.

Lethu: Amen Mama

I swear it was like i just opened a congregation in the house.

Me: here we go.

Mama: don't give us that attitude when we talking about God.

My uncle came out of the guest room which was his room now all dressed up.

Him: hau sisi you not ready? Hai maan you and Lethu will make me late.

Wow even my uncle caught the church fever!

Me: Even you Uncle David you going to church?

Him: Yes Phela mina I'm not a heathen like you.

I laughed a little.

Him: that's why nothing of yours is going well it's because you always sitting on that couch, when people are going to get blessings at church.

Me: so you trying to tell me that nothing is going well in my life because i don't go to church?

Him: Yes!

Me: the fuckery i hear In this house!

Him: ukhuluma nobani kanjalo (who you talking to like that)

Me: I'm sorry Malume but i can't take this God of yours seriously

Mama: Ntando!

Me: What? Mama uncle David is the most heartless person i know he robs innocent people on a daily basis he lives a life of crime everyday. I mean doesn't this Bible of yours say something about stop robbing and earn an honest level?

I knew i have striked a nerve because my uncle came and slapped me across my face.

My mom went and stopped him.

Her: David what did i say about you hitting my baby?

Me: You see, while people like him still exist i will never go to church.

I walked to the bedroom.

Him: vivian you should let me beat this boy and teach him respect! You spoiled him that's why he is so disrespectful.

Lethu came to me after a few minutes, while i was laying in bed all angry.

Her: I'm sorry baby.

Me: It's not your fault, i just wish he can move out or be Hit by a truck and die.

Her: You don't mean that.

I gave her a serious face.

Her: maybe you do. Look i want you to come to church with us.

Me: Aii Lethu not you too.

Her: it's a night of miracles.

Me: so?

Her: you'll never know maybe this service can help you get a job.

Me: Lethu God let me go to jail knowing that I'll have a criminal record and not get a job wena you now sending me to him.

Her: Please.

She was busy begging me that it was irritating i ended up saying yes. I bathe very slow just so that they can get late and leave mara lethu and my mom waited for me. After bathing i clothed and went to meet them at the kitchen.

Uncle David: mara sisi you made us wait for this heathen look now we an hour late.

Mama: Hai nawe David you like complaining.

We went and got to my mom's old Toyota corolla, it was old that it made weird sounds while she was driving, she can only drive it from home to town and nowhere else. We drove to the town hall and i couldn't believe how full it was. I swear it was like people came to see Oprah or obama. Other cars didn't were to park.

Uncle David: You see how full it is, we'll have to find seats at the back when we get inside because of this demon.

Me: who you calling a demon?

Him: I'm calling you a demon! Preventing us to come to church early.

Mama: Hai maan aniyeke ukulwa (stop fighting).

My mom found a parking spot very far from hall then we walked with my uncle still complaining. The queue to get in was loong we got in after 20min. I was surprised to see the hall very full. We had to stand at the back because there was no chairs, but at least there were big flat screens all around for everyone to see. We were just in time for the "bishop". He was called to go and preach i just heard a voice saying "Good evening heirs of the Father" people started screaming and jumping, they were soo loud i had to close to my ears a bit. They settled down after a few minutes.

Pastor: I'm sure you all know me i am bishop..

Everyone answered with the words "bishop McCarthy" that surname sounded familiar were did i hear it before "McCarthey" and his voice sounded familiar too. I looked up at the screen and i couldn't believe what i saw it was the same pastor/bishop that came to preach at the prison, this cannot be a coincidence.

I couldn't believe this, if someone was playing a joke on me then it wasn't funny. I stood there while he was preaching about forgiveness, people were catching the holy spirit busy falling and jumping around i looked over, my mom and Lethu they were busy clapping hands making noise saying "Amen" Even my uncle was in the

moment, i couldn't tolerate the noise anymore i just went and sat outside waiting for the service to finish. The service took longer than i expected but the mic that the pastor was using was soo loud that i could hear him preaching from outside. When he finally finished preaching i went inside before he could dismiss the church because If people start walking out i would loose my mom and Lethu and looking for them would not be an option there was a lot of people. When i walked in the pastor was praying it got worse, people were falling, screaming and crying i stood there thinking to myself that ya this is madness all this people deserve to be in a mental institution. While the pastor was praying he spoke in a language that I did not understand i leaned over to Lethu and whispered in her ear.

Me: lele what is he saying?

Her: his praying in tongues.

Me: What are tongues?

Her: Ntando you disturbing Me, if you read the Bible you would know, what tongues are.

Me: so baby vele you gonna be raising your hands up high with your eyes closed and accepting what this guy is saying. He could be saying anything right now like calling death upon you.

I saw her getting angry.

Her: Mara Ntando wabhora! Wena you don't believe so please don't do what you doing right now.

Aii you can never touch a woman with God, i kept quiet. When the pastor was done praying he said anyone who needs to be prayed for can come to the front, like If you sick, need a job, going for an interview, all those kind of things. I looked at my mom and Lethu.

Me: Finally we can go home.

Mama: didn't you hear? The pastor said if you need a prayer go to the front.

Me: i don't need a prayer.

Lethu: Aii talking to you is like talking to a rock.

My uncle came to us.

Him: nimeleni asambeni (what are you waiting for let's go)

Mama: U Ntando needs to go to the front to be prayed for.

Him: For ini manje? (for what manje)

Mama: You know his struggling to get a so i Want the pastor to pray for him.

My uncle: You guys have time to play, Vivian give me the car keys you will find me in the car.

She gave him the car keys and he left.

Mama: Ntando please go my boy

Me: Mama..

Her: do it for mommy then.

No one can say no to emotional blackmail especially from their mother.

I went to the front my mom and Lethu sat at the chairs waiting for me. There was a lot of people at the front i actually had to wait for a sweet 2hours before getting to the pastor. Some of the people he was praying for where falling and crawling on the floor and screaming, people were rising from wheelchairs after he prayed for them, i believed none of that, he probably bought this people to put this much act. When i got to him, he gave me a shocked facial expression.

Him: You know as I was bathing this morning, i heard a name that has a letter "T" on my ears i didn't really pay attention to that i thought that it was old age getting to me because the letter "T" kept on ringing in my ears now i realise that the holy spirit was trying to tell me something.

Me: That's nice.

Him: doesn't your name have a "T" in it?

Me: it does my name is actually Ntando i wonder how the holy spirit could miss that.

Him: don't blame the holy spirit, blame me i failed to listen attentively when he spoke to me.

I didn't answer him. He was sweating from all that praying and preaching, some guy came with a mini towel and wiped the sweat from his face.

Him: I'm glad to see that God kept his promise you are free, have you prayed and thanked him for your freedom?

Me: Yaa I'm not here for that, im actually here to ask you to pray for me I've been looking for a job but no luck because of my criminal record.

He held my hand then looked at me.

Him: May God give you a job according to your faith Amen.

Then he called the next person.

Me: that's it?

Him: Yes.

Me: Are you kidding? I waited in the queue for 2 hours and all you say is 3 words and we done. I saw you praying for other people.

Him: You don't need me to put my hands on you, you just need your faith right now and your faith in God will send you your break through.

I laughed a little.

Me: What are you actually telling me?

Him: Hebrews 11 v/s 6 your answer lies there.

I couldn't believe this guy right now. I walked away all angry i got to my mom and Lethu.

Me: Let's go!

Lethu: What did he say?

Me: nothing! I told you that this person of yours is fake.

We walked into the car and got in.

My uncle: What did the bishop say?

Me: Nothing!

My uncle: so we wasted 2hours waiting for nothing?

Me: told you your pastor is fake!

Him: his not a pastor his a bishop.

Me: whatever maan!

Him: How do you expect the bishop to pray for you with that kind of attitude?

I didn't have time to entertain my uncle i was too angry.

We got home and i went straight to bed, lethu came after bathing.

Her: What made you angry?

Me: nothing Lele let's sleep.

Her: i don't like it when you like this.

I ignored her. Days passed without me getting a job, then weeks, then months that my baby was even born. Thando named the baby Angel saying she was an angel that God sent to us. She was very adorable took her mother's complexion and she was fat which was funny because i was of average size and Thando was slender. She was pretty like her mother but people protested and said she looked like me. I got nore and more frustrated everyday because she was gonna permanently move in with us when she is a month old and i still had no job to provide for her and my

mother's business was not doing so well. I didn't know what i was gonna do i promised that I'll take care of her and Lethu but i was failing. Sometimes i would just sit alone in the bedroom at night with the lights off and listen to music with tears wanting to escape my eyes, i couldn't believe that i was gonna fail my daughter. 2 Days before angel's arrival my mom bought the basics like Nappies, Milk formula and toiletries. My uncle was on my throat as usual. He was sitting at the kitchen eating bread with eggs and cheese and a jug of juice next to him.

I opened the bread tin and there was no bread.

Me: You finished the bread Malume?

Him: why do you ask if it's obvious.

Me: can't you think of other people, it's still early for us to run out of bread. mina no Lethu what are we gonna eat?

Him: kumele niyofuna imisebenzi (you guys have to go and look for jobs)

He said that while burping and rubbing his tummy you can clearly see that this dog is full. Lethu came to the kitchen, and opened the bread tin.

Lethu: Ahh no bread, what happened to all the bread that was here?

Me: Ask batman here, he went superhero on our bread.

Me: Watch your mouth wena! Lethu we love you but we can't hide the fact that we struggling here so you will have to go look for a job to help out i heard they looking for cleaners at the mall. Wena Ntando you can go do people's gardens so long because that's where your life is headed now you destined to be a garden boy. Yooh! I felt like stabbing this guy to death.

Me: and then wena malume what will you be doing when we go job hunting?

Him: i will be doing what I do best, eating and smoking my weed.

He stood up.

Him: Lethu make yourself useful and wash my dishes..

Lethu gathered his dishes.

Me: Yey Lethu leave them he has hands he will wash them.

Him: uLethu umakoti wethu! (lethu is our bride) we need to see that she's not lazy phela we don't want a lazy Makoti

Me: Eyy she's my woman not ours, if you want someone to clean after you get a maid or a woman!

He came to me as if like his gonna beat me then the door opened it was Thando and my mom with angel.

Mama: Look whose here

Lethu went to help them with the bags and Angel's things.

Thando: unfortunately i cannot stay long I have to go and attend my extra classes im behind with my school work.

Mama: No problem my love.

Thando: cela nimphathe kahle u Angel wami (please take good care of my angel)

Mama: don't worry we will take good care of her.

Thando: At least Lethu is here i know my baby will be taken care off.

Lethu smiled.

Thando kissed Angel and went.

My uncle: hmmm i feel sorry for this baby, uyokhula nzima (she will grow up hard)

Angel started crying.

Mama: Hai David uthusa umntwana (David you scaring the baby)

Him: Ai nami i would cry if i had a father like Ntando.

I felt irritated by this guy i just took my baby and went to sit outside at the stoep, it was a bit hot outside the sun was blazing hot and Angel was busy blinking her eyes a lot the sun was hitting her hard.

Me: shame yellow bone lami the sun will show you how we live in this world.

Lethu came outside.

Her: ingcondo ayikho Ntando (you don't have a brain Ntando) how can you sit with a baby in the sun.

We moved to the shade.

Me: uzohlakanipha (she will be clever)

Lethu laughed and took her from me, busy playing with her and talking that baby language Angel was smiling at her. My mom told us to get inside it's too hot for the baby we went in. They were busy playing with the baby, i went to the bedroom. I remembered what the pastor said i took lethu's Bible and searched for that scripture, i was even surprised that i still remember it. I found it after a few minutes of searching hard. And i read it loud.

Me: No one can please God without faith..

I didn't go further i closed the Bible and put it away this pastor or bishop thought he is smart. I sat there thinking then I thought what the heck let me just pray i have nothing to loose. I knelt down.

Me: God If you there and can hear me i need your help. See that cute sweetie pie that came today? That's my baby i need to provide for her and i need your help. If you want me to have faith in you then show me that you exist. Amen!

I didn't know If my prayer was tight but i didn't care at least i talked to him. I went to watch TV because my mother and Lethu gave Angel all their attention she was hardly put down, there way they were so happy to have her around no one cooked we had to eat bread that night. Bedtime came, my mom and Lethu fought about who should Angel sleep with, my mom won lethu went to bed all crying. I never knew she was this attached to her, I just held her tight and comforted her she eventually fell asleep, and i was laying there thinking. In the morning i was woken up by my mother who told me that i need to go buy nappies for Angel she bought the wrong size. Lethu was more than happy to babysit my uncle was not around he woke up at 5am and left i knew he was going to his criminal ways busy robbing people. My mom gave me a lift, she dropped me off at the mall and gave me cash then left and went to her shop. I went and bought the nappies at pick n pay, i walked to the taxi rank after. I got to the taxi rank but the taxi didn't wanna get full it was 9am i decided to go and hike. I passed by some construction site looked like they were building flats, some white man was standing at the gate he called me i went.

Him: kom hier (come here)

I went to him.

Him: I'm looking for construction workers are you interested?

I didn't know what to say.

Me: uhm ya i am...interested i guess.

He pat Me on my shoulder.

Him: goed (good) bring your ID tomorrow 8am sharp don't be late and if you know other people who are looking for a job come along with them, the more the merrier.

Then he went back inside. I stood there still trying to process what just happened.

I walked to the hiking spot not believing what just happened. I didn't stand that long i got a lift after 5min of my standing there. When I got home i found Lele bathing Angel.

Me: You won't believe what happened today?

Her: What?

Me: I got a job.

Her: Wow really? Where?

Me: some construction site I'm starting tomorrow.

Her: That's great news Lovy I knew God was gonna make a way.

Me: I just don't know how his going to react when he finds out that I have a criminal record.

Lethu: do you have to tell him that?

Me: Yes I have to be honest.

Her: did he ask you to for your CV?

Me: no just my ID

Her: don't tell him about the criminal record then.

She put Angel on the bed and dried her with a towel.

Me: You probably right. Didn't she give you a hard time?

Her: No she was an Angel indeed.

She started playing with Her.

Lethu: You were truly an Angel just like your name weren't you?

Angel was all smiling. I love the bond between Lethu and Angel.

Me: did I tell you that you are a good step mom?

She turned and looked at me.

Her: Really?

Me: Yes.

Her: Thank you that means a lot, especially coming from you.

I went to kneel next to her and helped her dress up Angel, while we were busy playing with her.

Lethu: now we have to go and make her something to eat.

I picked Angel up and we went to the kitchen. My uncle came in, with a Lady's Polo bag.

Me: You done mugging innocent people?

Him: At least unlike you I make some money to help Vivian.

Me: And unlike you I'd rather starve than to rob people. Awusho vele uhamba nini?
(tell me when are you going)

Him: You can't kick me out. Umuzi ka sisi lo (this is my sister's house)

Me: i don't want criminals around my little princess.

Him: is your little princess complaining about my lifestyle? Why don't we ask her. Eyy ngelosi (Angel) do you have a problem with Grandpa's unsavory lifestyle?

Angel said no word she was busy trying to fit her fist in her mouth.

Him: see she's minding her own business same way you should mind yours.

He walked to his room while i spoke in a low voice behind his back.

Me: then tomorrow you'll be going to church.

Lethu came to the kitchen.

Her: so are you ready for your first day Tomorrow?

Me: not exactly it's degrading

Her: How?

Me: Lele Im an architect I'm used to getting a big fat cheque of no lesser than R20 000 now I'm gonna get down and dirty for what? R2000 a month.

Lethu: Sometimes you start at the bottom to get to the top. Life is teaching you how to be humble.

Me: Let me guess you got that from church?

Her: The way you hate Christianity watch out you might be a pastor.

Me: Over my dead body.

She took Angel and walked to the lounge, busy talking.

Lethu: Hai Ntando we going to the lounge we don't wanna catch your demons.

Lethu and Angel watched Tv almost the whole day, they even passed out on the couch. It was now around 17:00 i decided to help her with the house chores and cook. I cooked a simple meal rice and mince.

Lethu came to the kitchen.

Lethu: You cooking?

Me: Yes phela unlike you I know how to cook.

She rolled her eyes.

Her: Ohhhh so it's like that now?

Me: It's the truth, you always cut yourself when you attempt to cook.

Her: It's fine one day I'll know how to cook.

I pulled her close to me and held on her waist.

Me: i know you will baby.

She smiled at me then we kissed. Felt good touching her again, lately our sex life has been bad because of the tragedy that she went through but i was willing to wait, even if it took forever.

My mom walked in while we were kissing.

Her: Ai nina maan! You blinding me.

We looked at each other and smiled.

Mama: it's good that you two are close because Angel needs a baby sister or a baby brother.

Lethu was getting uncomfortable she looked down.

Me: Mama not now.

Her: If not now then when?

Lethu: please excuse me.

She walked to the bedroom. I looked at my mom.

Her: What did i say?

Me: Mama please stop with your baby Talks they don't sit well with Lele

Her: Why? What's wrong?

Me: The doctor told her tragic news, remember that time she came here all beaten up and the following day you took her to the doctor?

Her: Yes i remember it was when she was raped and beaten by that Devil.

Me: the doctor ran some tests and her womb is damaged she can't have babies.

I thought my mom's jaw was literally gonna drop.

Her: Awu Nkosi yami(oh my Lord)

Me: So Please stop with the baby talks.

I went to the bedroom to check up on lethu. She was crying and holding Angel's teddy bear.

I sat next to her and she laid her head on my shoulder i held her hand and kissed her on the forehead.

Me: just know that i love you.

Her: This is difficult for me.

Me: You don't have to go through it alone I'm here for you.

She let the tears out.

Me: don't cry Lele please you breaking my heart.

Her: How can i not cry If my womanhood was taken for me.

Me: that doesn't make me love you any less.

Her: but i can't give you any kids.

Me: i know that but we have Angel and she's very fond of you.

Her: but she's not my child.

Me: You are more of a mother to her Than Thando will ever be.

Her: she's a blessing.

Me: now i need you to stop crying and enjoy every moment you spend with Angel.

She wiped her tears and smiled.

Me: let's go and eat.

We walked to the lounge my mom was preparing the table for dinner as soon as she saw Lethu she went up to her and gave her a hug.

Her: ohhh my child how are you holding up?

Lethu: I'm okay.

Mama: You don't have to act tough my baby, let it out.

Lethu gave her that "what are you talking about look"

Mama: Ntando told me, about the.... You know Lethu don't trust doctors you will have kids trust God.

Trust my mom to keep a secret!

Lethu: ohw that.

She put her hands on Lethu's cheeks.

Mama: i still love you, you are my only daughter. I'll pray for you the devil is a liar.

She hugged lethu very tight.

Mama: i love you

Lethu: i love you too mama.

Me: can we eat before you guys make me cry

We all sat at the table eating.

Mama: where is David?

Me: probably in his room smoking weed

Mama: let me go and call him.

Me: Ai mama don't ruin our dinner, dish up for him and put his plate in the microwave.

We ate Dinner peacefully without my uncle then when we were done we cleared the table and went to bed. I took Angel from our bed to my mom's bedroom she's been sleeping since from the afternoon.

I bathe then went straight to bed.

I was woken up in the morning by a kiss from Lethu.

Her: wake up sleepy head you'll be late for work.

Me: it's morning already

Her: Ya I've already prepared your bath.

I smiled.

Me: What can i do without you?

She smiled.

Her: go bath lazy.

I got out of bed and went to bath. Came back dressed and took my ID.

Lethu: You not gonna eat breakfast?

Me: I'm too nervous for that.

I kissed her.

Me: where is my other baby?

Her: she's sleeping.

Me: kiss her for me.

Lethu: i will and ohw here's R50 from your mother.

Me: i even forgot to tell her about the job.

Lethu: i told her this morning and she's happy for you.

I kissed her goodbye again and left. I walked to the taxi rank it was 7am i found the tax half full. At least it took 30min to get to town. after a few minutes it was full then it went. I got off on the highway and started walking to the construction site i got there at 7:50am, the white man was standing there talking to the workers when he saw me he signalled to me that i should come to him. I went to him.

Him: You are bright and early i like that.

This is our new Employee his name is..

Me: Ntando

Him: he will be working with us starting from today, Mduduzi you will show him around after I've had a few words with him.

Mdu: geen probleem mineer (no problem sir)

Him: gaan trug werk toe (you can go back to work)

We went to his office.

Him: i need you to fill up this form for Me, it's more like a cv, and give me your ID i wanna make copies.

I gave him my ID and sat down to fill the form. The form wanted my personal details as i went further i got to the criminal record part. I wanted to say no but it's best i be honest. I didn't even want to state that I have a degree on the educational background part i just wrote Matric. He took the form and read.

Him: You an ex con?

Me: Yes

Him: What were you in for?

I was sitting there thinking to myself that this is humiliating.

Me: Murder..

Him: where you convicted?

Me: sort of.

Him: sort of?

Me: it's a long story.

He saw i was getting uncomfortable he pulled out a few other forms and gave them to me.

Him: check the Criminal records.

I did that and i was shocked all his workers were ex cons.

Him: there's no need to be ashamed I'm not gonna judge you.

Me: You hire ex cons?

Him: i give them a 2nd chance to better their lives.

Wow this man was just unbelievable.

Him: You will earn 5000 a month tomorrow come with your banking details, and that's all we done, you can go to work.

Me: Thank you sir.

Him: call me Kobus, and i should tell you that's not a job for sissies you will work.

I went out and Mduduzi was waiting for me.

Him: let me show you what we do.

He showed me what to do and i should say it was hard, after a few minutes i was tired. I had to transport bricks with a wheelbarrow from the gate to the working site.

At 13:00 we went to lunch. Kobus bought us chips, Russians, bread and 2 litre cool drinks, we all gathered in one place and ate.

Mdu: How you finding your first day?

Me: it's a lot of work.

Him: you'll get used to it.

Me: i hope so.

Him: so what made you look for a job here?

Me: i have a degree in architecture but because of my Criminal record i can't get a job.

Him: What were you in for?

Me: murder, but i didn't do time because I was framed.

Him: i was framed for rape too, i did 10 years.

Me: that's a bitch i only did 2months

Him: lucky you.. Eyy let's get back to work.

Me: How we gonna work while we this full

He laughed. We went back to work i was starting to get very tired this job was hard we knocked off at 16:00 mr Kobus gave us a lift at the back of his van, there was 5 of us. He dropped me off at the corner of my street had to direct him, i was surprised that he was not scared of the hood. i said my goodbyes to them and walked home. People were looking at me with my dirty blue overall and boots, and that construction hat. They were gossiping and throwing insults like "eyy he went from having a fancy degree to being umadakeni" (he went from having a fancy degree to being a construction worker). I got home as soon as i opened the door lethu came running to get me her: come and see.

Me: what's wrong.

We got to the lounge.

Her: look!

Mr Bradey was on tv.

Me: increase the volume.

She did. He was on the news, he was getting arrested for fraud and falsifying documents. Apparently Mr Bradey fucked all his previous architects including me by tempering with our plans. He changed the plans so that the mall can keep on

collapsing and the insurance company will pay him for the the damage and he will make cash too from suing the architect.

I was shocked

Lethu: Sies his the devil himself! I pray he gets a lot of years.

Me: he seemed like a good person.

Lethu: they all look like that.

Me: Lele let me go bath.

Her: hau I thought you'll be happy about this

Me: i am but it doesn't change the fact that I'm still an ex con.

Lethu: that will work itself out. Things are looking good for us.

Me: i hope so. Anyway let me go bath I'm very tired and my body is aching.

Her: Ncooo you poor thing.

Me: i don't even know if im gonna go back tomorrow.

Lethu: Awu Ntando don't give up so easy. It's still the first day your body will get used to it as time goes on.

I left her there went to bath. My body was aching in such a way that i really didn't want to go back there.

I got In the bathtub and sat there for almost an hour,the water was starting to get cold i got out and put on my Pjs. Lethu came with Angel.

Lethu: Shame honey should i dish up for you?

I took Angel from her.

Me: No I'm not hungry. I just wanna sleep.

Her: Let me get a massage cream from vivian's room I'll massage you.

Me: that would be a blessing love.

She Walked out and i sat on the bed with Angel.

Me: i guess i can't quit my job huh? You basically becoming the reason why I'm gonna wake up and go there again.

Angel was a very joyful child. Always smiling and Playing, she was growing up too she was now 4months old. Lele came back with the cream, she took angel and laid her on the bed next to us. I was sitting on top of the bed and she came behind me to give me a back massage. When she started massaging me felt like heaven.

Me: Ahhh that feels good, go down a bit.

Her: You must be really in pain.

Me: right there, that's the spot.

Her: did he find out about the criminal record?

Me: Yes he did..

Her: and what did he say?

Me: apparently he hires ex convicts, he gives them a second chance.

Her: wow really?

Me: Yeap.

Her: he truly is a God sent.

Me: he is indeed. Lele I've been meaning to ask you something.

Her: What?

Me: What did you say to Lerato that persuaded her to confess?

She stopped massaging me.

Me: Lethu..

Her: let's just let it go Ntando.

Me: we not letting it go i wanna know.

Her: i don't wanna talk about it.

Me: we gonna talk about it.

Her: not now

Me: if not now when?

Her: some other time.

Me: I wanna know now Lethu, we gonna talk about it now.

Her: then you gonna talk alone.

She got off bed and went out.

Me: Lethu!

She ignored me, i wonder why she was acting like this. I turned and looked at Angel.

Me: You see your mom is full of shit.

I stood up and put on my pj t-shirt and took Angel to my mom. She was eating with lethu and watching.

Mama: ohh sana lwam (ohh my child) you look very tired.

Me: You have no idea.

Her: i guess we'll talk Tomorrow.

Me: Ya, can you hold Angel i wanna sleep.

Mama: No problem.

She stood up and took Angel from me. I looked at Lethu.

Me: Vele we not gonna talk about this?

Her: No we not.

Me: Why?

Her: eish Ntando I'm watching Isibaya you disturbing me.

Mama: if yall are gonna fight don't do it in front of Angel.

Lethu: There's not gonna be a fight mama.

I walked to the bedroom and got In bed, in a few minutes time i was gone from all that tiredness. I woke up the following day at 7:30 i was late, I'm supposed to be at work by 8am. I was angry That Lethu didn't wake me up i mean i can't be late on my second day. I bathe very fast took a 5min bath i quickly dressed up, took my overall and boots put them in a bag and went to the kitchen. Lethu was feeding Angel.

Me: Lethu why didn't you wake me up?

Her: You didn't ask me.

Me: So now i have to ask you?

Her: Yes..

Me: Entlek is this about last night?

Her: why would it be?

Me: You full of shit do you know that?

Her: so I've been told. I suggest you rush to the taxi rank you don't wanna be more late than you already are.

Can't believe this girl right now!

Her: here is your taxi fare cash.

I took the cash from her and rushed to the taxi rank. The taxi had two seats left i got in and someone else got in after me. The taxi went and it was so slow that the passengers were starting to complain. The taxi driver just got angry.

Taxi driver: Stop Complaining! If i drive fast you complain! If i drive slow you also complain! Kanti nifunani?(what do you want)

The passengers still complained. The argument went on and on till we got to town, i got off at the highway as always and rushed to the site. I arrived at 9:30 Kobus was on his phone busy yelling he seemed to be in a very bad mood. I waited for him to finish. He hung up after some time before i could even say anything he pointed at his office and started walking i followed. Deep down i told myself that im not gonna

explain i already accepted that i lost my job plus you know how Afrikaaners are. I went to his office he sat down and took off his hat.

Him: there's nothing more i hate than people who are not punctual, people who are unprofessional and people who put my business in jeopardy.

Me: there's no excuse for..

Him: let me finish...do you know why I'm building this flats?

Me: No sir.

Him: because I'm a business man. I'm in the real estate business i have flats in 3 different places. Pretoria, Cape Town, and Free state. I sign contracts with universities and colleges to provide accommodation for their students, can you imagine how much money I'm making?

Me: No sir.

Him: estimate

Me: a million.

Him: Not even close.

Why he was flashing his riches for me i don't know.

Him: I came to build flats here because i signed a contract with the University of Johannesburg that i will provide accommodation for their students. This flats we building must accommodate at least 1000-1500 first year students do you understand what I'm trying to say?

Me: I understand.

Him: we have built close to 50 rooms now we still have more to go and guess what? We have nothing to go on with because the stupid architect that k hired to draw me up a plan decided to drop me! Do you know how much money i stand to lose?

Me: No Sir.

Him: Millions! Do you know how much it cost me to buy this stand that we working on?

Me: How much?

Him: 2 flipping million!

I still didn't know how all of this has to do with me.

Him: That's were you come in, Mduduzi told me that you have a degree in architecture i desperately need your help! I need you to finish off the plan you can

even start afresh i don't care as long as there's gonna be flats at the end i'll be satisfied.

I couldn't believe what i was hearing I looked at him all astonished

Him: the honest truth is i need you more than you need me right now.

I thought of Mr bradey at that moment, even though he was proven to be corrupt mara i don't wanna find myself in that scandal again!

Me: Uhm Sir i understand your problem but i don't think i'm the right person for the job.

Him: i am desperate i cannot lose this contract.

Me: Er..

Him: please i'm begging you.

This man was in need i saw the desperation in his eyes this meant a lot to him. I can imagine if i was in his shoes. I sat there for a couple of minutes thinking.

Me: this is huge sir.

Him: I understand and i promise you will get every help that you need.

I thought to myself that fuck it what do i stand to lose?

Me: i.. i'll try to help you but it's gonna take time this stand is biig and it's a lot of flats you wanna build.

He took off his spectacles and wiped his eyes with a small cloth.

Him: You don't know what you've just did for me, excuse me.

He went outside i didn't know if he was crying or what but he was there for like hours i was even getting tired of waiting. He got in with a man who was wearing a suit and had a suitcase. Mr Kobus just said i should come along. We got in his van i was wondering where we going. To my surprise he drove to the police station.

I was scared a bit we got in and we headed to the interrogation room. There was 4 cops 3 were black and one was an afrikaaner, i sat down.

Cop1: do you understand afrikaans?

Me: a little

Him: then we shall speak English.

Me: why am i here? Am i in trouble of some sort?

Him: did you do something that might end you up in here?

Me: No sir

Him: Then relax.

Kobus handed him some papers then they talked which i didn't understand what they were saying I wasn't good in afrikaans. After a few minutes of talking the cop looked at me.

Him: i am detective Van de ryn here is my batch and credentials i looked at them and they looked legit.

Him: Meneer Herman (kobus) wants to do business with you and he came here with his lawyer so that you can sign this contract under oath so that none of you can scam the other because he just explained to me that his previous Architect scammed him then dropped him. You can read the contract so long and sign, if you would like to have your lawyer present before signing you can call him.

Kobus: and I'm gonna need you to bring me your Full detailed Cv with your qualifications tomorrow.

I read the contract and what i read truly shocked me.

Me: i think there's a mistake.

Kobus: where?

Me: The contract states that you making me your business partner and i will own 40% shares of the flats that we are currently building and I'm gonna get a R500 000 cheque after drafting the plan and then get a salary of R70 000 a month.

Kobus: You're about to save me and my business i even feel like this is not enough,i basically owe you my life

This man is getting ahead of himself i haven't even started working on the plan yet. I sat there looking at the contract should i sign or not.

This is big i can't just make a decision based on desperation.

Me: can i call my Lawyer?

Detective: Go ahead use the land line phone that's in my office, Officer Nkosi would you please accompany him,here are the keys

Officer Nkosi took the keys and we went. I didn't have a phone anymore so i called lethu, she answered.

Her: Hello

Me: Lele it's me.

Her: ohw

Me: do you still have Sello's number?

Her: Yes

Me: can i please have it?

Her: Why? Are you in some sort of trouble?

Me: i can't explain now.

Her: Ntando if you in trouble..

Me: I'm not in trouble Lethu I'll explain when i get home, just give me the numbers please.

Her: Okay hang up and call after 2minutes.

I hunged up then called after 5minutes,she gave me the numbers. I called sello and explained everything to him and asked if I'm making the right decision. He told me that i shouldn't worry as long as the is a contract and it's signed under oath and I should make sure that i have my own copy of the contract too. I thanked him and hung up. We went back to the room i signed the contract Kobus was happy he gave me a handshake then gave me a copy of the contract and we went back to the construction site,we went to his office to talk.

Him: You don't know how much you've saved my life i don't know how to thank you.

Me: it's nothing big.

Him: Nothing big? Are you serious, if it wasn't for you i would be calling the University right now and terminating the contract.

Me: I'm glad i saved the day.

Him: so any ideas of how you gonna handle this contract?

Me: i will start working on the plan when i get home. What I need you to do right now is to temporary close the site until i am done working on the plan. And if we wanna finish on time we need more workers. Right now we can just brainstorm some ideas tell me exactly what you want.

He looked at me all smiling.

Him: You really know your job don't you?

Me: Yes sir I've done business with a lot of big companies before.

Him: please call me kobus, we partners now.

Partners, i really liked the sound of that.

Me: i need a pencil and an A4 blank paper.

He got me the pencil and paper we brainstormed for an hour i put his ideas in drawing and in writing i even brought a few of my own and he liked them. Kobus

and i we just clicked, even though he was old looked 60 but we were throwing in good ideas.

Him: I think you should be in charge of this project.

Me: Me? Be in charge?

Him: Yes you have good ideas about what should be done, plus i need a holiday my wife has been nagging me that i need a vacation i work a lot.

Me: Are you sure?

Him: Yes you impressing me right now. You very intelligent i give you that, i know that I can trust you.

This man is playing with fire, how can he trust me with millions.

Him: let's go talk to the team.

We went outside and he called the employees,they came.

Him: I know that this morning I told you bad news that we have to close this project and do away with it because of the inexperienced architect we had who scammed us and dropped us, i know some of you were worried about how you gonna feed your families because this is the only company that afforded you an opportunity to better your lives. Especially since you guys couldn't get jobs anywhere else because of your pasts. I'm here to tell you that God heard your cries and prayers. You see this man standing next to me he has agreed to save our company and make sure that all of you still keep your jobs. He studied architecture and his officially my business partner. I'm putting him in charge of this project. I would like him to be given the same respect that you guys give me.

Yoooh they all started thanking me some looked like they wanted to cry telling me that i saved them and their families some guy even came to give me a handshake crying telling me that because of me he is still gonna provide for his family as he is the only one that is working. Some of their stories touched me i found myself tearing up too a little,this were men who were trying to put bread on the table everyday for their families,and i made it possible for them to keep on providing for their families. This was is a big responsibility every decision i make can either make or break them.

Me: I'm very happy that i can help all of you and i hope that we will work together peacefully. We are a team and we need to make this happen,but I'm gonna need this site to be closed for a while just until I'm done drafting the plan then we will continue working.

They all agreed to that and went. Kobus and i we went back to his office he gave me the plans that the previous architect worked on and they didn't look good at all, it's like he didn't know what he was doing that's why this project was taking long.

Me: I'll have to start from scratch. Unfortunately we will have to terminate the flats that have already been built, they are not structured well they will collapse in the long run.

Him: do what you have to do man.

Me: I'll start working on this plan when i get home.

Him: before you go please give me your banking details.

Me: i need to go get them at home

Him: What are we waiting for boet? let's go get them.

We drove home in his VW Amarok double cab 4x4, it was charcoal In colour we got to my house and Lethu was the only one that was around.

Me: Where is Angel?

Her: Mama took her to the doctor she has a fever.

She looked at Kobus.

Me: ohw sorry Kobus this is my wife to be and Lele this is my bos.. I mean this is my business partner Mr Kobus herman.

Lethu looked at me.

Lethu: business partner?

Me: I'll explain later. Kobus let me get the get my banking details for you.

Him: I'll wait here.

I went to get the document of my banking details i came back and already him and Lethu were getting to know each other. I gave Kobus the document he read through.

Him: seems to be in order,I will transfer the 500 000 when i get home.

Me: there's no rush.

Him: it's in the contract i have to abide by the contract. come with Me i need to give you the office keys Partner I'm seriously taking the holiday you on your own.

We went to his car and took the documents. eyy the noisy neighbours were out gossiping already i don't know why this women never mind their own business.

Kobus: what's going on am i not welcomed in this neighbourhood?

Me: What do you mean?

Him: why are people looking at us like this?

Me: they journalists they work for some news paper called daily sun so they gonna write a story about this.

He laughed and gave me the keys to the office..

Him: anything else that you need ask Mduduzi he will help you. And let me give you my number anything you need you will call me take out your phone..

Me: i don't have one.

Him: okay here's my business card my number is there. One more thing do you have a driver's license?

Me: Yes i do.

Him: i will call VW and have them deliver an Amarok for you as soon as possible..

Me: I'm sure that's not necessary

Him: it is, you need a car you rolling with the big guns now..

We didn't say much he gave me a handshake and left..

I went back inside the house.

Lethu: Ntando what's going on?

I sat her down and explained everything to her she couldn't believe it too.

Her: Oh my Word Ntando what are you saying to me?

Me: I'm saying we rich Lele

Her: If this is a joke it's not funny..

Me: You saw Kobus, this is not a game we ain't playing hide and seek.

Her: we need to pray this is big.

I didn't wanna protest because i knew she was gonna force. We went to pray then when we were done, Lethu's phone rang and she answered, then she gave me the phone. It was Kobus since i didn't have a phone i put Lethu's numbers on the employment form.

Kobus: Please when you get the money first thing you should do is buy a phone.

I laughed at that comment.

Me: i sure will

Him: I transferred the money to your account.. It will take 24 hours

Me: that was fast

Him: i am a man of my word. I'm calling you because I want you to go to the bank I think they will freeze your account i saw here on the document you not supposed to have over 50 000 deposited in your account.

Me: can they really freeze it? I mean they need to send me a notice first, they can't freeze my 500 000.

Him: i didn't transfer 500 000

Me: How much did you transfer?

He said the amount and i just dropped the phone, I swear i felt like I was getting a heart attack or a stroke this was just too much.

Lethu: what's wrong Ntando?

Me: I'm a..

She came to me and sat me down.

Her: You scaring me

Me: I'm a millionaire

Her: What?

Me: Kobus transferred a million in my account.

Her: Oh my lord this is big..

We sat there for hours still shocked at what happened that my mom came back with Angel.

Mama: Hau I've been busy calling you both kanti you hiding here.

She noticed that we were a bit off.

Her: hai maan are you guys okay? Lethu what's wrong?

Lethu: Mama sit down this is big.

Mama: niyangithusa (you scaring me)

Lethu: i think it's best you sit down.

Mama: hai I'm not sitting down just talk.

I stood up and took Angel from her.

Lethu: Ntando is...

Mama: wenzeni u Ntando (what did Ntando do)

Lethu told explained everything to her, my mom couldn't believe too she had to hold on to the dressing table to prevent herself from falling. Her breathing was starting to be abnormal. Lethu came and took Angel away from me. I sat my mom down.

Me: Mama are you okay?

Her: Please Ntando don't play like that you will cause me a serious heart attack.

Me: I'm not playing, as a matter of fact we should go to the bank.

Mama: let me catch my breath first.

Me: should i bring you water?

Her: No I'll be okay.

After my mom cooled down we all got into her car and drove to Fnb bank. We waited at the queue till it was our turn.

Teller: afternoon sir how can i help you?

Me: i..

I didn't know how to tell her that i have a million in my account.

Me: i have a certain amount of money in my bank account so i wanna know if the bank won't freeze my account.

She took my ID and checked, i saw her eyes widening then she looked at me.

Her: can you please excuse me.

She went and came back with a white woman. They talked first both of them far from me , then came to me.

White woman: Sir please come with us.

They took me to a private room.

White woman: I'm a branch manager and we have noticed that you have 1mill in your bank account. Before we can carry on we need to confirm were the money comes from, we not saying you a criminal it's just standard procedure.

Me: i understand.

Her: who deposited this money in your account?

Me: my business partner, Is the money already in my account?

Her: Yes

Me: doesn't it take 24hours

Her: it was an immediate transfer, took only an hour.

I gave her Kobus details, Luckily i came with the contract.

She took the documents and went out. After a few minutes the teller came in with a lady that brought me Tea and cookies.

Teller: You can help yourself to some tea and cookies while we still waiting for the bank manager.

Me: Thank you.

I thought to myself that Ya this is the life.

After some few hours the branch manager came back.

Her: everything has been confirmed Sir we spoke to your business partner and he did tell us about the transfer. Unfortunately your account cannot hold a million so what we gonna do Is we gonna upgrade it to a Gold cheque account.

Me: Can you please make sure that im the only one who can access this account because i used to share it with someone.

Her: No problem sir.

The account was changed and my Pin changed too so that Lerato cannot gain access into my account they even deactivated the old card so the was no way that she could gain access to my account. We got out of the bank and drove home, my mom was still in shock.

Mama: God works in mysterious ways my son, God finally heard our prayers he saw the pain you experienced and now his restoring all that you lost in a way that his multiplying it 5times.

Me: It is amazing.

Im still sceptical about Religion and God i mean i do acknowledge that there is a God somewhere but i don't see myself serving him. I decided to take the whole family out my uncle was not around, was just me, lethu and my mom we went to spur. It was truly a blessing to me to see them this happy we left spur at 21:00 drove home. My uncle was around and sitting at the kitchen.

Him: Nibuyaphi? (where you coming from)

Mama: Ntando took us out.

Him: Ntando took you out? Ngayiphi imali? (with what money)

Lethu: Can't you see we even Brought leftovers for you?

Him: i wonder which bank you robbed.

Me: I'm not you Phela.

I went to my bedroom and got everything that ima need to work on the plan. I sat at the dinner table in the lounge and started working. I had to make this work people's lives depend on this. I don't wanna disappoint my employees they depend on their jobs to put food on the table but mostly i didn't wanna disappoint Kobus. I worked on the plan day and night that my mom and Lethu started getting worried, it took a month for Me to finish working on it, Kobus would call me every now and then to check up on me and how I'm copying. Yes i had a phone now, i only spent my money on groceries just helping around the house I didn't make big transactions yet. My Amarok finally came Kobus had it delivered at home for me, Lethu and my

mom were truly happy for me. The time came for us to start building the flats the construction site was opened again my employees were happy to be back at work again, Mduduzi was my right hand man. I went to the site just to supervise and more men were hired we had 15 workers now who were all hard workers. Kobus came in the office while i was busy sorting out some paperwork.

Him: Feels good to be a boss doesn't it?

Me: Kobus!

I just stood up and gave him a hug.

Me: why didn't you call that you coming back today?

Him: i wanted to see if people really work when I'm not around.

I laughed at his comment.

Him: let's take a walk so you could show me how far you guys are.

I took the plan and we walked around the site i showed him all the work that was being done and i showed him the plan.

Him: i am very happy with your work. I don't think i have to be here to babysit you, you actually handling all of this better than i thought.

Me: You give me too much credit.

Him: I'm telling the truth, I'll just focus on my other businesses while you handle this one.

Me: i sure won't disappoint you.

Him: i know you won't son.

Okay that sounded awkward.

Me: Son?

Him: i take you as my son now, old as i am unfortunately i don't have kids of my own.

Me: why not?

Her: You should see my wife, as a matter of fact come to my house tonight for dinner come with that pretty lady of yours my wife wants to meet you.

Me: Thank you for the invite but..

Him: no buts, you should know i don't take no for an answer, I'll sms you the details. Let me go home and rest I'm tired from my trip.

Me: How was Thai Land?

Him: it was lekker, you should take your lady there one day.

Me: i sure will, and ohh thank you for the money but It was extra with 500 000

Him: I still feel like it's not enough, what you did for me is big.

Me: i should thank you for affording me this opportunity, you changed my life

Him: then we both helped each other.

I walked him to his car, he didn't come with an Amarok he came with a Bentley Continental, this man was richer than i thought. He gave me a hug again and left. I went back to the office and mduduzi came.

Him: bozza i hope i'm not disturbing you.

Me: Not at all what can i do for you?

Him: i just came to thank you again for saving our jobs,you really don't know what you did for me.

Me: No thank you for recommending me.

Him: i should thank you, yazi bozza i live with my mom and sisters my mom is sick, when meener Kobus told us that his closing the site i didn't know what i was gonna do with all the mouths that i have to feed and paying for my mother's medication, but because of you i'm still able to pay and support my siblings, I pray God bless you more and more bozza.

Me: Eyy Mduduzi you gonna make me tear up, you know how awkward it will be for the other employees if they can see Me cry.

He laughed and Apologized. He went back to work and i sat there thinking that i really did do good for other people, now it's time i do good for my family i called my mom.

Her: Hello.

Me: Mom it's me

Her: Ntando yini kune nkinga? (is there a problem)

Me: No there's no problem. I've just seen how that Toyota of yours is old and giving you problems.

Her: Hai wena leave my Toyota alone I've heard it for a long time it's still running.

Me: It's Time for change, how about the new Toyota corolla.

She paused didn't say anything.

Me: Mama you still there?

I heard her crying.

Her: awu Nkosi yami(ohh my Lord)

It was my first time doing something for my mom, since I've been with Lerato I've never done none for my mom.

Me: we will go to Toyota when I'm not busy.

Her: God will bless you my son, you have no idea what you've just done.

Me: I'm glad you happy mama, i have to call someone else I'll see you at home.

Her: bye have a good day

Me: You too.

I hung and called Lethu.

Her: don't you think it's early for you to be missing me?

Me: uyaphapha (you forward) who said i miss you?

Her: really you don't miss me?

Me: Not even a little

Her: serious?

Me: i don't even think of you..

Her: that's sad then.

Me: I'm pulling your leg, you have no idea how much i miss you..

She laughed a little.

Her: whatever Ntando.

Me: can the varsity still allow you to register?

Her: No have to register next year.

Me: that's a bummer

Her: why you ask?

Me: Wanted you to go back to school but that's next year then, so how about you get yourself a nice car then?

Her: A car?

Me: Yes a car that costs no more than 200 000.

Her: are you serious? You not playing with me right?

Me: No I'm not playing, you and mom can go car shopping Saturday.

She started screaming i even had to move the phone away from my ear.

I waited for her to calm down.

Me: Ya you loud!

Her: sorry I'm just excited.

For a change it was good to hear screaming because of excitement, she's been through a lot and experienced a lot of pain.

Me: before i forget you should get ready I'll come pick you up at 18:00

Her: where we going?

Me: You'll see

Her: tell me.

Me: It will ruin the surprise

Her: hmmm i wonder where we going.

Me: You'll see, i have to go back to work see you at 18:00

Her: okay i love you

Me: i love you more.

I hung up and went to check how the guys were coming along. They were all working hard although it's gonna take a long time for them to finish but they were coming along fine. We knocked off at 16:00 i gave them a lift after dropping them off at the bus stop I drove home. There were a few girls standing by my house, i parked my car and went in, they all greeted me with smiles that showed even their last molar teeth, i greeted back and went in. Lethu was in the bedroom already dressed up, she was now dressing up Angel.

Me: i didn't say dress to kill.

Her: You didn't tell me where we going so it's all your fault.

I went up to her and hugged her from the back.

Her: Hai Ntando maan I'm busy dressing up Angel.

Me: where is she going?

Her: she's coming with us

Me: Can't mama babysit?

Her: she went to church.

Me: why don't you call Thando?

Her: when last have you seen Thando coming to visit Angel?

Me: thinking of it its been a while

Her: It's like she forgot about her

Me: Can she forget about her?

Her: she's 16

Me: You have a point.

Her: I'm all done, now we can go

Me: I still need to bath

Her: It's almost 18:00

Me: Eish fine let's go.

I picked Angel up and she took her bag we went to the car. She sat at the back with Angel.

Me: I should get her a car seat.

Lethu: Please do

Me: take my phone there's an address there, just read it for me I don't know where we going so I'm going to use the GPS. We drove for 1 hour 30 min till we got into this classy neighbourhood which only had like 20 houses and a mall nearby. The houses were big and very beautiful even Lethu was amazed. It looked like a new neighbourhood though, there were other houses that were still being built. We searched for the house until we found it, was a beautiful big house, 3 garages, a pool and a jacuzzi. The gate opened and I drove in, we got out of the car and made our way to the door. We rang the bell and a beautiful woman opened. She was black, tall, slender with a huge cleavage and a long weave.

Her: hi can I help you?

Me: I'm Ntando and..

She smiled and hugged me.

Her: So you are Ntando?

Me: Yes.

Her: Please come in, Kobus told me about you.

We went inside, she looked at Lethu and Angel.

Her: and who are these two beautiful ladies?

Me: this is my girlfriend Lethu and this is my Daughter Angel.

Her: Wow your daughter has the same name as me.

Lethu: that's sweet.

She stretched her hands to Lethu, she had long nails.

Her: can I please?

Lethu: Yes you can.

Lethu gave her Angel.

Her: oh my word she's so cute.

Kobus came to the kitchen.

Him: Son! I'm glad that you've made it.

He hugged me, then he looked at Lethu

Me: I'm sure you still remember my girlfriend Lethu.

Him: Lethu! Yes I remember her, how are you dear?

Lethu: I'm fine thanks.

She hugged Lethu.

Kobus: and whose this pretty little missy (referring to Angel)

Me: that's my daughter Angel.

Him: so this is my granddaughter.

She took Angel.

Him: Hello Engel (Angel)

The lady cleared her throat.

Kobus: ohh sorry this is my pumpkin Veronica, she's my universe, my soul mate and my everything we've been engaged for a year now.

Ehh this Veronica girl looked young enough to be his daughter

Veronica: Daddy I told you that I don't like that name call me Angel.

Him: ek is jamer Angel (I'm sorry Angel) but I'm calling you that because I don't want to get you confused with the baby.

Her: It's fine then, but it's gonna cost you calling me that.

Him: I know.

Im sure that Veronica was cleaning cleaning Kobus of his money. She looked expensive from head to toe. She was wearing a White dress, with a Gold belt and Gold & white heels.

Veronica: let's not waste any Time, we can go sit at the table.

She led us outside to a beautiful garden where we were gonna have dinner at and there was a table and chairs the table was decorated in Gold and white, I bet that's her favourite colour. We all sat and she called the chef, the chef came with two waitresses who served us. The food we ate was just too expensive for my liking I'm a black man who grew up in the hood I eat Pap and meat half of the food that I was served I didn't enjoy. They first started us with appetisers which was lettuce, diced carrots, cottage cheese and some sauce. Then for the main course we were served Risotto that's rice mixed with other things, meat was a duck, and salads. I didn't

even finish my dish then came dessert was an ice cream sandwich with ultramel. There was all kinds of wines on the table, white wine, red wine, sweet rose, dry wine, i didn't feel like drinking for the first time i just asked for water. After eating Veronica and Kobus decided to give us a tour of the house. It was a very beautiful house there was too much Gold in it, bathroom was gold and white, marble walls, the house even had a small cinema.

Kobus: So what do you think of this house?

Me: It's beautiful

Him: do you like it?

Me: Yes.

Him: And Lethu do you also like it?

Lethu: Are you kidding me? Did you see that big fish tank at the passage that leads to the cinema, i mean who wouldn't like that.

There was a small passage from the lounge to the cinema, but instead of it having walls on the sides it had fish tanks, Angel was fascinated by all those fishes that moved around, it was like we were walking to aquamarine.

Veronica looked at Kobus and smiled, then looked at us.

Veronica: that's good because Daddy bought this house for you guys.

What did she just say!

Lethu: this house is ours?

Kobus: Yes dear it is for you and Ntando only if you want it

Me: Wow Kobus this is a bit too..

Lethu: of course we want it, thank you very much.

Lethu was starting to tear up, Veronica hugged her.

Veronica: Ncoooo sweetly don't cry.

Me: i don't know why you would do this for us i mean we just strangers.

Kobus: You pass that, i take you as my son.

Veronica: and there's one last surprise come with us. She took Angel from Lethu..

Veronica: i don't want you fainting then drop the baby.

We walked out to the drive Way and there were two cars BMW M3s one was black and the other was white.

Veronica: for his and hers

My heart was already skipping a beat, lethu was already on the ground crying.

I seriously didn't know why this man was doing so much for me. Took us about 30 min to come back to earth because what just happened made us loose touch with reality for a while. They just gave us the car keys, house keys and the documents to sign. We signed then they left.

Veronica: see you around Neighbor thank you for dinner.

Lethu: Neighbor?

Veronica: we live next door.

Me: so you guys bought us a house next door to yours.

Kobus: Yes the people who lived here sold it they were going broke, i bought it for 3million

Me: i seriously don't know how to thank you.

Him: No i don't know how to thank you.

Veronica: Kobus told me what you did we will forever be thankful to you for saving our business.

They hugged us and Left.

Lethu and i sat there still in disbelief, after an hour we drove back home no word was said in the car just couldn't believe all of this. When we got home we explained everything that happened to my mother and she was jumping around like she caught the holy spirit her and Lethu started clapping hands and praying thanking God i swear you could hear them from outside. lethu and i moved in to our house on Saturday after buying my mom the car. Angel was moving in with us because my mom's house was getting crowded my uncle brought his 4kids to live with them. I was thankful to be out wasn't going to tolerate the crowd. The Saturday of us moving in before we could start unpacking Veronica and Kobus came and suggested we go out and just have this day to ourselves as a family. We went to a game reserve spent the whole day there took a lot of pictures, was very fun then after we went to a 5star hotel and ate then drove home. We hugged each other and said our goodbyes with Veronica saying she will see us tomorrow. We didn't do nothing we just went to bed all 3 of us slept together on that expensive bed in our own big bedroom that even bill Gates got nothing on. In the morning lethu said we must Go to church i didn't deny we bathe and went to Bishop McCarthy's church because he was the only bishop i could trust now. His church was in jhb which was not as full as the hall. For the first time i enjoyed his service was preaching about God's love, when church

was finished i decided to go up to him and thank him, he was happy to see me, lethu and Angel sat not too far from us waiting for me.

Him: The last time i saw you, you were angry at God didn't even wanna smile but look at you all smiling Praise the Lord!

Me: Well alot has changed Bishop and all thanks to you.

Him: You thanking the wrong person you should be thanking God im just a vessel.

Me: I'm still in the process of acknowledging his existence.

Him: God is patient he will wait for you. Just know that all you've got now you deserve so enjoy it to the fullest it's God's blessings. Our God is a restoring God what you've lost he is restoring, and he has prepared a banquet for you in front of all your enemies to see.

Me: i should say this is too much i didn't expect it.

Him: that's the thing about God when he blesses you its like his showing off.

Me: I just wanna thank you and please Thank God for Me too.

He just smiled at me,i started walking and he called me, i went back to him.

Him: i have something to tell you

Me: What is it?

Him: i see some Pastoral calling connected to you..

Me: excuse me you see what?

Him: It's still vague, i wasn't shown in full detail but what I'm telling you now is what you need to know for now all shall be revealed at the right time.

Me: why is it that everytime we meet there's always got to be something you need to tell me.

Him: Maybe that's how God is trying to communicate with you through me.

Me: uhm with all due respect bishop please tell God i am not gonna be a pastor i don't even believe in Religion..

Him: unfortunately it's not a choice.

Me: I will never ever come to your church because of this, you always got some shit to say!

I started walking.

Him: if this calling is not taken seriously i forsee tragedy around you.

Me: I don't believe in this things Bishop, please tell God that i am not accepting this Pastoral calling nonsense!

Him: don't challenge God in that way Son he is Alfa and Omega only his will be done and not yours,only his word is final, what he says no Angel, no demon and no man shall deny.

I stood there thinking the fuckery I'm hearing though.

Me: bishop i don't think you understood me clearly I'm not gonna be a pastor not now not ever!

I walked to Angel and Lethu.

Me: Lele let's go.

Lethu: is everything okay?

Me: everything is fine.

We got to the car and drove home. We got home and i went to the bedroom thinking about what the bishop said. Lethu came to me after a while.

Lethu: You hiding here.

Me: just needed time to think

Her: think about what?

Me: just work.

She came and sat on top of me.

Her: okay

Me: Are you happy?

Her: Yes I'm happy

Me: Then if you happy I'm happy.

She smiled and kissed me.

Her: I love you Ntando

Me: i love you too Lele

We kissed again, and she put her hands under my t-shirt

Me: are you sure about this?

Her: Yes im sure

Me: i don't want you to feel pressured it's fine I can wait

Her: we've waited long enough.

We kissed again in my mind thinking that i hope this won't let her relive the rape terror.

Her: just make love to me.

We continued kissing for a while then i took off her dress and she took off my shirt, i took off her bra and caressed her whole upper body while she was moaning and biting her lower lip in pleasure. I laid her in bed and my hand made its way to her bumshort and i found her very wet, i rubbed her while kissing her at the same time, she couldn't wait anymore she took of my pants and boxers. When i put it in she gasped.

Me: Are you okay?

Her: I'm fine just been a while.

I started off slow then increased the pace and pumped her hard she was screaming and sinking her nails deep on my back i went on and on till we both came. She was breathing fast and so was i.

Her: That was great

Me: was epic except for you sinking your claws in me.

Her: I'm sorry love let me see

I turned my back to her.

Her: uhm ya it looks bad.

I got off bed and went to check myself in the mirror it was serious scratches.

Me: you'd swear I was having sex with a Vampire.

She laughed.

Her: ohh so now I'm a vampire?

Me: Yes but you my vampire, let's go take a shower.

I went and picked her up.

Me: do vampires touch water?

Her: let's go and see.

We took a shower and decided to have one last round in the shower of which we ended up falling because it was slippery we just looked at each other and laughed.

We got out of the shower after some few minutes.

Her: that's the last time I'm having sex in the shower, that fall was painful.

Me: i tell you its your vampire tendencies.

She took a pillow and hit me.

Her: I am not a vampire!

Me: okay you wanna pillow fight.

I went and took a pillow too and started swinging it at her. We continued pillow fighting then she stopped.

Me: what's wrong?

Her: think I'm hearing Angel crying.

Angel! Damn i forgot all about her.

We went to get her from the other room.

Lethu: Sorry my Angel.

Me: i forgot all about her.

Lethu: You a bad parent i tell you.

We went back to our bedroom and put on our Pjs it was 18:00 and went to the kitchen to eat.

Lethu: so what do you wanna eat for dinner?

Me: uhm you cooking?

Her: Yeap

Me: surprise me.

I took Angel and we went to sit at the lounge watching tv. After 2hours she came to us.

Me: that took loong

Her: had to make sure that everything is cooked perfectly.

She cooked chicken which looked burnt, rice and a few salads.

I dished up.

Me: It looks good.

I ate one spoon and it was horrible the rice was under cooked, the potato salad was worse the potatoes were crunchy but she spent 2hours on this food,swallowing was hard,i saw that she was also having difficulties Eating.

Her: okay maybe we should skip dinner.

Me: i should teach you how to cook , but I'm not sure if vampires..

She gave me a serious look.

Me: Sorry you not a vampire, I'll make us some sandwiches.

She fed Angel her baby food while I made us some sandwiches. We ate then went to bed.

Me: we should change one of the rooms into a nursery for Angel she can't keep on sleeping with us.

Her: that's what i was thinking.

We fell asleep with Angel playing. I woke up in the morning they were still sleeping i bathe and went to work.

I found the guys working this men were dedicated to their work. I sat in the office sorting out some paperwork. At 11am i went and got mduduzi.

Me: mduduzi come and accompany me somewhere.

Him: no problem bozza.

We drove to the mall and looked for American Swiss we couldn't find it but there was Sterns jewellery. We went inside and found some woman.

Her: Good morning sir can i help you?

Me: Yes can i see your most expensive diamond ring.

She went at the back and came back with a diamond ring.

Her: this is the only expensive diamond ring that we currently have in the shop, we do have one that's more expensive than this one but it's not here because we don't have a market for it.

Me: What do you think Mduduzi?

Him: i grand bozza..

Me: fine I'll take it.

The ring was R30 000. After getting it we went to a flower shop.

Me: can i place an order for 500 bouquet of red roses.

Woman: okay sir when will you need them?

Me: this afternoon i want them delivered at my house..

Her: sorry sir that cannot be possible we have other orders that we have to attend too.

Me: 100?

Her: still not possible

Me: How many can you do?

Her: 20

Me: okay and please put this ring in one of the bouquets and the cards write "would you marry me" and please don't lose my ring it's 30k

Her: we won't..

Me: and the person whose gonna deliver them tell him to tell my girlfriend to find a ring in one of the bouquets.

Her: no problem sir..

I gave her the ring and paid. Went back to the office and continued with work. Lethu called me at around 15:00 screaming

Her: i found the ring!

Me: I'm glad, do you like it?

Her: i love it and the answer is yes I'll marry you.

Me: sorry i couldn't be there to ask you on one knee

Her: no this is the best proposal ever! But there's one problem

Me: what's wrong?

Her: the ring don't fit it's big

Me: It's fine we'll have it resized.

We continued talking on the phone busy proclaiming our love for each other. I knocked off at 17:00 and went home as soon as i opened the door she came running to me all hugging me.

Me: easy tiger.

Her: we need to go out and celebrate.

We asked Veronica to babysit she was happy to babysit and we went out to some restaurant and had sea food then came back home very late we didn't fetch Angel decided to have this night to ourselves. Days passed and Lethu started getting sick, always feeling nauseated vomiting and always tired i thought it was probably the sea food we ate but that was long, on one occasion i even found her on the kitchen floor she had collapsed it went on for too long that i decided to take her to the doctor.. After explaining the symptoms to the doctor he looked at us and asked us a very impossible question.

Doctor: did you do a pregnancy test?

We looked at each other.

Lethu: no..

Doctor: You might be pregnant.

Me: that's impossible doctor she can't have kids,there's something wrong with her womb

The doctor insisted and Lethu did the test which came back positive she was 3weeks pregnant.

I couldn't believe what the doctor just told us.

Lethu: doctor are you sure?

Doctor: The test says so.

We walked out of the surgery still shocked we got into the car and sat for a while still shocked.

Her: could this be for real?

Me: i don't know

Her: i mean that doctor told me clearly that i won't be able to have kids of my own.

Me: we should have got a second opinion.

Her: God does exist for real.

We drove home still in amazement. Lethu went next door to fetch Angel and i went to the bedroom to process this situation. It's right there that i started having some little belief that indeed God does Exist. As time went on Lethu's pregnancy progressed without any problems she was now a month and a couple of days pregnant we were very happy living peacefully. I Made sure that she goes to the doctor regularly and eats healthy. One Saturday we decided to go visit my mother and tell her the Good news. We got home and my uncle was also there with his kids.

My uncle: haaaa! Vivian look who remembered us.

My mom smiled when she saw us then came to us and gave us hugs.

Her: awu Mara i missed you guys, look at how Grown Angel is how old is she now?

Lethu: 8months old.

Mama: she has grown. Before we know it she will be starting school.

My uncle: So rich people what brings you here? In the land of the less fortunate.

Mama: David don't start, the kids are welcomed here they can come anytime they want.

My uncle: Cha vivian! (no vivian) the last time we saw them was a long time ago.

Me: It's only been a month.

Him: a month is too Long, you don't send money you don't think of us anymore mara i'm not surprised k'dala ngikubona ukuthi ukhohlakele (I've long seen that you cruel)

Me: i do send money i send my mother 5000 a month.

He turned and looked at my mom.

Him: hau sisi, my kids starve in this house and i'm sitting here thinking that you struggling kanti u rich!

Mama: David don't lie your kids are well fed here. I buy groceries every month and bread everyday to make sure that they eat.

My uncle: Ya sengisho ezinye izinto (I'm talking about other things) like my eldest daughter she's going to her matric dance soon she needs things.

Mama: things like what?

Him: dress and everything that's needed, I'm not gonna bother myself then you'll buy for her

Me: uyahlanya (you crazy) that's not my mother's responsibility!

Him: u rich manje (his rich now) look at how his talking to us forgetting that i raised him, i fathered you!

Me: I'm not here for you, I'm here to visit my mother.

Mama: let's go sit at the lounge before you guys kill each other.

We walked to the lounge and sat down.

Mama: i can see things are going well look at how happy you guys are, lethu you even glowing.

Lethu smiled and looked down.

Lethu: God has be blessing us a lot lately

Mama: it shows

Me: We here to tell you something.

Her: What is it?

Me: Lethu is 1month pregnant.

Her mouth opened.

Mama: awu Nkosi! (ohh lord) at last my prayers have been answered. Yooh Lethu give me a hug I'm happy for you.

Lethu hugged my mom.

Mama: we thank the Lord, nothing is impossible with him!

Lethu: that's true Mama.

Mama: awu God is great yazi

Lethu: too much mama

We chilled at my mom's house the whole day just bonding with the family my mom cooked a nice meal. Pap and beef stew with veges.

Me: Mama mara where is Thando? She hasn't called to ask about Angel.

Mama: hai Ntando indaba ka Thando inzima (Thando's story is hard)

Lethu: why? What's the problem kanti.

**Mom: she's dating Nigerians she's doing drugs sleeping around with them. She's at
hiltown as we talking her mom is always crying and stressing about her.**

Lethu: That's shocking! Who would've thought that Thando can do this things.

**Mama: we just grateful for you Lethu taking care of Angel and loving her as if like
she's your own child, you truly have a good heart that's why God blessed you with a
child of yours.**

**Thando's story was shocking i should say. We left my mom's house at around 18:00
and went home. We got home and found Veronica and Kobus waiting for us at the
gate. We all went in.**

Veronica: where are you guys coming from?

Me: we went to visit my mother.

Lethu: Veronica the t-shirt you wearing is it From the New..

Veronica: New international church of Christ.

Lethu: bishop McCarthy's church?

Veronica: Yes i church there.

Lethu: Wow what a coincidence! We church there too.

Me: we? You and who?

Lethu: You and me.

Me: i don't church there i visit.

Veronica: Oho you are like Kobus you guys are missing out.

Lethu: come let me show you the DVDs i bought yoooh that man can preach.

They went to the lounge.

Me: women and church.

Kobus: You cannot touch them with God.

Me: want something to drink?

Him: What do you have?

Me: anything except for alcohol.

Him: then I'll pass. I'm going to play golf tomorrow don't you wanna come?

Me: Ya I'll come plus the women are going to church.

Him: You don't like going to church?

Me: to be exact i don't like church.

He just laughed at what I said. Kobus and Veronica left after a few minutes, we walked them out to the gate then went back inside the house.

Lethu: You coming to church with us tomorrow?

Me: Nah Kobus and i we going to play golf.

Her: Okay let me go and bath Angel then put her to bed.

Me: I'll do it

Her: It's fine baby i got it.

Me: No you pregnant, I don't want you doing any chores. You have to take it easy.

Lethu: No love i..

Me: don't fight with me on this cause you won't win.

Her: You so sweet (smiling)

I kissed her on her forehead.

Me: Go take a long hot bath and go to bed I'll be there in a few minutes.

Her: Okay, make sure the water is not too hot and not too cold put a thermometer..

Me: I'll be okay baby just go and rest.

She kissed Angel goodnight and went. I took Angel, bathe her and put her to bed.

Her nursery wasn't complete yet but we decided to let her have the room anyway.

After she fell asleep i turn on the baby monitor and went to bed. Lethu was already asleep i didn't wake her..... I woke up in the morning and there was no sign of lethu and Angel in the house, i found a note on the fridge saying "went to church" i bathe ate breakfast and waited for kobus. He called me and told me his at the gate i walked to the gate and he was parked there with his Mercedes-Benz, i opened the door and went in.

Him: You not dressed up for the occasion.

Me: i tried.

I was wearing a Jean with a polo t-shirt and sneakers.

We drove to the golf course wasn't too far from where we lived. We got there and we had a caddy that carried our Golf bag for us we even had a golf cart, Kobus tipped the caddy R1000 which i thought was a lot. I wasn't that good with golf, actually i didn't know golf at all but after a few attempts i was getting the hang of it. I felt myself liking it was a peaceful sport. After 3 hours of playing we went to get drinks at some bar, i was drinking coca cola and Kobus had a glass of whiskey.

Me: i think i like Golf

Him: It's a good sport.

Me: You play every Sunday?

Him: yeap that's how i relax.

His phone rang.

Him: It's Veronica, is church out so early.

He answered the phone then passed it to me.

Him: she wants to talk to you.

I took the phone.

Me: Hi Veronica.

She sounded soo scared, and panicking.

Her: Ntando oh my gosh! It's Lethu you have to come to the hospital..

Me: calm down Veronica i can't make sense of what you saying, what about Lethu?

She took a deep breath.

Her: Lethu is in hospital.

Me: What happened?

Her: I'll explain when you get here

Me: which hospital?

Her: parkland

Me: on my way

Her: Please hurry.

I stood up.

Me: we have to go to the hospital

Him: What's wrong?

Me: Veronica told me that lethu is in hospital we need to go there ASAP.

Him: say no more

We drove to the hospital, Veronica waited for us at the reception she was holding Angel.

Her: Thank God you here.

Me: What happened to my Lethu?

Her: we were at church and she started complaining about cramps, at first I thought it was period pains so i got her some Panado but they got worse then i drove her home and she started bleeding alot then i..

The doctor came while Veronica was explaining.

Veronica: How is she doctor?

Doctor: can i speak to her family please?

Me: she's my fiancé

Doctor: can i talk to you in private

Me: You can talk in front of them they family.

Doctor: Miss Lethu Moremi had a miscarriage..

Veronica sent out a small cry "oh my God"

Me: How did that happen?

Doctor: her womb was not strong enough to hold the baby. As the baby grew her womb became weaker and weaker. We very lucky that we saved her on time because the bleeding was too much..

Veronica: oh my God, No this is not happening, Ntando why you never told us that she was pregnant..

Me: we was still gonna tell you, doctor can i see her?

Doctor: she's just from theatre we performed a small surgery on her, i think she's still tired.

Me: Please doctor i need to see her.

Him: okay but only for 30 minutes..

Veronica and Kobus left with Angel and the doctor walked me to Lethu's ward. She was laying there with her eyes open staring at the wall. I went up to her..

Me: How are you feeling?

She didn't say anything. I held her hand.

Me: I'm sorry love, i can only imagine the pain you going through right now.

Her: i lost our baby Ntando.

Me: It's not your fault.

She started crying.

Her: why didn't God take me instead..

Me: don't talk like that

Her: i don't think I'll be able to live with this pain, it's too much

I just held her tight and she cried in my arms, really killed me inside seeing her crying like that. It was time for me to go but the doctor said i can come fetch her tomorrow. I got home and i was shattered, was this what bishop McCarthy was talking about? Has the tragedy started already? I sat there with tears in my eyes

thinking of how much this is Killing lethu. I fetched Lethu from the hospital the following day she was still emotional didn't say nothing in the car and when we got home she just laid in bed crying, that went on for a couple of days she wasn't eating wasn't talking she was even de-attaching herself from Angel, it was like she was a walking Zombie i didn't know what to do anymore i even had to miss work a couple of times because there was no one to look after Angel, that's when i decided to call my mom to come live with us for a couple of days she didn't hesitate to come but even her she couldn't get through to Lethu. I had ran out of plans then I thought of Bishop McCarthy i mean he is a powerful man of God he can pray for us to have a baby, he was my only option right now. I decided to go and see him on Monday morning i took lethu with me. When we got to his church we spoke to his assistant who took us to his office and he welcomed us in.

Me: bishop we need your help. This is my fiancé Lethu and we have recently Lost our baby, the thing is she can't have babies of her own because of her womb that's damaged we came here because you are our last hope you can pray for us to have a baby i mean God hears you, please bishop I'll do anything I'll even accept the pastoral calling.

Lethu looked at me.

Her: You have a Pastoral calling?

Me: Yes

Her: And you never told me?

Me: i was gonna tell you but...

Her: So we in this situation because of you? Gosh Ntando for once couldn't you think of someone else other than yourself? You don't take a pastoral calling lightly

We started arguing.

Bishop: okay can i speak?

We Kept quiet and looked at him.

Him: unfortunately i cannot help you

Lethu: what do you mean? I see you pray for people on a daily basis you even pray for couples to conceive but you can't Pray for us.

Him: What I'm saying is i Cannot go against God's will

Me: i don't understand

Him: God closed your fiancé's womb for a reason

That didn't make sense, why would God do something this cold.

Me: What reason is that Bishop? To just put us through pain? Look at my wife she's drained!

Him: God always do things for a reason never forget that

Me: What reason is that bishop?

Bishop: because God wants to use her

Lethu: use me for what?

Bishop: this may come as a shock to you child but it all became clear to me 2days ago. You are the one with the pastoral calling.

Whaaaaaaaaaaaaat!

Me: No bishop you making a mistake you said the pastoral calling was connected to me..

im confused right now

Bishop: i saw it connected to you but it wasn't clear who it was with the calling, until 2 days ago when God showed it to me very clear. It's not you with the calling, but it's your Fiancé, she has been called by God to be a pastor, she is the chosen one.

Lethu stood up and started walking backwards.

Bishop: i know this is very overwhelming for you but that's how God made it to be.

Lethu: this cannot be true.

Bishop: don't deny your calling.

Lethu: but why me?

Bishop: because of your Gentle heart. You've endured alot of Pain, storms came and went but you still standing they never swept you away, so much happened that you could've easily turned away from God but you didn't the courage you have is beyond exceptional, not only do you have a heart that endures but you quick to forgive too.

Lethu: No, no, no, no why me God im not strong enough.

Bishop: You stronger than you actually think. You posses the same strength and courage as Hannah.

Me: Okay time out. Bishop are you sure about this? I mean isn't God making a mistake?

Bishop: God never makes a mistake.

Lethu was looking all dizzy and struggling to breath, she collapsed i got up and went to her.

Me: Lethu are you okay?

The bishop came.

Me: Please bishop stay away, everytime we meet up shit happens.

Him: This is something that doesn't have to be toyed with she has to answer to this calling..

I was busy waking Lethu up, she opened her eyes after like 5minutes.

Me: Are you alright?

I helped her up and sat her down on the chair.

Her: What happened?

Me: You collapsed.

Bishop: i know how overwhelming this is, i was overwhelmed too when i found first found out about my calling.

Me: but why me though?

Bishop: the question you should be asking yourself is why not you.

Me: Okay we done here Lele let's go home..

ive heard enough bullshit

I stood up.

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Bishop: don't deny your calling.

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Bishop: because of your Gentle heart. You've endured alot of Pain, storms came and went but you still standing they never swept you away, so much happened that you could've easily turned away from God but you didn't the courage you have is beyond exceptional, not only do you have a heart that endures but you quick to forgive too.

Lethu: No, no, no, no why me God im not strong enough.

Bishop: You stronger than you actually think. You posses the same strength and courage as Hannah.

Me: Okay time out. Bishop are you sure about this? I mean isn't God making a mistake?

Bishop: God never makes a mistake.

Lethu was looking all dizzy and struggling to breath, she collapsed i got up and went to her.

Me: Lethu are you okay?

The bishop came.

Me: Please bishop stay away, everytime we meet up shit happens.

Him: This is something that doesn't have to be toyed with she has to answer to this calling..

I was busy waking Lethu up, she opened her eyes after like 5minutes.

Me: Are you alright?

I helped her up and sat her down on the chair.

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Her: If you could listen i can expla..

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Me: Ma you knew about this?

Mama: she contacted me a few weeks ago saying she wants to talk to you.

Me: and you gave her my address?

Mama: i didn't think she was really gonna come.

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Lerato: Ntando please I'm begging you.

Me: begging Me for shit! There is no way I'm letting you in my house.

Veronica and Kobus came to the kitchen.

Veronica: what's going on.

Me: Lerato please leave, I'm asking you nicely.

At that moment she threw herself at my feet and started crying..

Her: I'm at your mercy right now please forgive me.

Me: Really? You gonna start this drama?

Mama: Lerato you don't listen i told you not to come here before i talk to Ntando.

Kobus: who is this?

Me: this is nobody!

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Veronica: What! And then she has a nerve to show her face here, Ela sisi we! rise up and Go don't make me throw you out!

Lerato held on to my leg..

Veronica came to drag her out.

Kobus: Veronica stop it! This has nothing to do with you!

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Lethu: but he didn't, by God's grace and favour I'm still here.

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Her: she needs our help Ntando.

Me: let's understand each other on something Lethu. You might be a pastor but this is my house i am the head of this house what i say goes!

Lethu: what did you expect me to do Ntando? Throw her out when she had nowhere to go?

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She looked down.

Me: You have guts Lerato to come here in my house after what you've done..

Her: I'm probably never gonna be forgiven for what i did to you but i tried to make it right, i went and told the truth Ntando for you to be free do you know how much I've risked? If Majoro ever finds out he will have Me slaughtered.

Me: and you want a trophy for that?

Her: I'm not gonna stay here forever,it's temporary just until I figure out where I'm gonna go.

Me: i only give you a week.

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Her: Good night

Me: yeah whatever.

I woke up in the morning it was a holiday, i thought to myself that I'm gonna spend this day with my Angel. I bathe and went downstairs. Angel was on the floor crawling and Lerato was making breakfast.

Lerato: Good morning you are just In time for breakfast..

Me: no I'm fine thanks..

I picked Angel up.

Me: Hello my little princess, today we gonna spend the whole day together.

Lerato: Alot has happened while I was not around, you have a baby now and she's very adorable..

Me: where is Lethu?

Lerato: she went to some bible study something like that she said at Rhema.

Me: Okay.

I went to bath Angel, then took her bag and went.

Lerato: where you going?

Me: out!

Her: do you have her bottle with you? And nappies

Me: Agh i forgot

She laughed..

Her: I'll get it for you.

She fetched her nappies, then made her bottle.

Her: can i come along?

Me: no its just me and my daughter.

Her: Please i wanna spend time with Angel she's cute..

I knew she wasn't gonna stop.

Me: fine.

She was happy she took Angel and we went. We took her to the zoo was her first time going to the zoo then after went to McDonalds i really enjoyed spending time with my daughter. We came back home at around 13:00,Lerato was carrying Angel.

Lerato: that was fun did you see how she was scared of the snake?

Me: Ya that was funny.

Lethu came to the kitchen..

Lethu: You guys look like you had a lot of fun

Lerato: oh yes we did, Ntando and i took Angel to the zoo then McDonalds..

Lethu: that's sweet let me put Angel down for her nap

Lerato: no its fine i got it.

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Me: What? You wanted her to stay.

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Me: smells good

Her: i cooked your favourite

Me: i can see.

She took a fork and fed me..

Her: How does it taste?

Me: just the way i like it

She smiled. Lethu cleared her throat.

Lerato: dinner is ready dig in.

Lethu: no I'm fine thanks i just need water.

She took a glass of water and went back upstairs. We sat at the table i was starting to get worried about my Lethu, am i being unfair to her? I decided to go upstairs and check up on her so we can fix things, i found her on the floor crying and praying busy saying. "God i don't wanna leave him i love him too much to leave him, but if it's your will then i shall obey" i went back downstairs i was very confused.

Lerato: you look disturbed

Me: no I'm fine

Her: You hardly touched your food.

Me: I'm not hungry Lerato

Her: come on Ntando you h..

Me: Lerato didn't you hear me? I said I'm fine!

(shouting)

Lerato: Ok no need to shout.

Me: remember you only have a week

Her: why do you hate me soo much?

Me: You disgust me Lerato! Everywhere you go you cause trouble.

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Her: tell me if this doesn't remind you of the old times.

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Me: and then wena where are you going?

Her: I'm leaving

Me: leaving to where?

Lethu: I'll be staying at your mom's for a while.

Me: why?

Her: You confused Ntando you need time alone to think about what you want.

Me: What do you mean what i want?

Her: You cannot love 2 sisters at the same time

Him: i don't love Lerato, i love you.

She zipped her bag and walked.

Me: You walking out on me and Angel?

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Her: when the time is right, God will show you your heart.

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Her: i have to go Mama is waiting for me at the kitchen.

She walked out..

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Lerato: I gave her everything i don't know what to do anymore.

I just took Angel from her.

Me: Only Lethu knows how to handle her when she's like this..

Lerato: Speaking of Lethu were is she? Is she still sleeping?

Me: No she's gone.

Lerato: Gone where?

Me: Gone asnt like left me.

Her: what? Why did she leave?

Me: i don't know she just took her clothes last night and left with my mom.

Lerato: Shut the front door! I think i know why she left

Me: why?

Her: It's because of me. She felt threatened by me that i might take you away from her.

Me: i doubt

Her: I'm telling you she felt threatened

Me: Lerato this may be hard for you to hear but you not Miss universe, i doubt Lethu left because of you.

The door bell rang. I went to open, Angel was calming down. It was Kobus at the door.

Me: Morning Kobus

Him: there's nothing good about it. The guys called me this morning that you didn't show up at the site and they can't work because they still waiting for your go ahead..

Me: i know and I'm sorry.

Him: i thought you had this under control

Me: i do just that i overslept

Him: This is soo unlike you, I'm disappointed you've always taken your work seriously.

Me: i know Kobus but today i have been dealing with a lot of fuckery, lethu left me.

Kobus: What are you talking about that Lethu left you?

Me: She up and left packed her things and went

Kobus: why? Did you guys have a fight?

Me: No we didn't, i still don't know why she left Me. Now i have Angel to take care off and work, it's just gonna be too much for me.

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Lerato: Good morning sir

Kobus: Morning.

Lerato: why don't i take Angel so that you guys can talk

When she tried to take Angel from me, Angel just cried and pulled me by my t-shirt.

Kobus: i don't think she likes you.

Lerato: Which is weird because not so long ago we were fine.

She looked at Angel.

Lerato: Angel why don't you like me anymore? And she's been crying alot this morning i don't know why

Kobus: i think she misses Lethu they very close.

Lerato's mood changed.

Lerato: I'll just be upstairs if you need me.

She walked away.

Kobus: When is Miss thing going?

Me: She only has 3 days left to go.

Kobus: just take all the days you need, go get your woman fix your family I'll stand in for you.

Me: thanks Kobus.

Kobus: no problem

Kobus went and i closed the door. I looked at Angel.

Me: what's wrong with you today?

Do you miss Lele?

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Her: she's still crying?

Me: You can see

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Her: Ntando

Me: Can you stop this madness and come home?

Her: i can't come home

Me: why?

Her: You know why

Me: No i don't know why! Lethu i don't even know why you left In the first place! This house is not the same without you!

Her: Ntando please

Me: No Lethu what you did affects Angel too, today she's been crying if you can't come home for me at least do it for Angel she needs you, I'm sure you can hear her because she's crying very loud.

Lethu: I'm sorry Ntando but i can't.

Me: Lethu listen to me..

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Me: Lethu!.. Fuck she hung up on me!

Lerato: she doesn't love you

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Lerato: Which woman can walk out on her husband and her baby. I wouldn't do that

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Lerato: and how did we get to that?

Me: You know Lerato i have a lot of things to do right now than to be fuckin with you!

I took Angel and went to fetch her toys in her bedroom then went to the study with her. I put her on the floor with her toys.

Me: Look princess Daddy has some work stuff to do be a good girl and play with your toys when I'm done we'll go out. I kissed her on her forehead and went to sit down at my desk and opened my laptop. There were a few documents that i had to email Kobus since he was standing in for me. Angel stopped crying and she was crawling around the study that was good for me because it made me concentrate... After some few minutes i heard something falling and Angel started crying, when i went to check a few of some text books had fallen on her foot, i picked her up.

Me: What were you doing? Those text books would've hurt you they thick and heavy.

I sat her on my lap while i was working but she didn't stop crying.

Me: i don't know what you want anymore Angel.

I took her to the kitchen, gave her something to eat but she didn't want. I thought that maybe if we go out she will forget about Lethu. I went upstairs to change her outfit, and when i tried to put on her shoes i noticed that her ankle was red and swollen. When i touched her there she cried and moved her leg, i realised then that it must've been the text books. I went to get my car keys was taking her to the doctor. We drove to a private clinic and they got us a Paediatrician who checked Angel's ankle.

Paedio: The good news is she will be fine no severe damage was done, but i should Ask what happened?

Me: She was playing in my study and some textbooks fell on her

Paedio: who was watching her?

Me: i was but i was on my laptop, I just took my eyes off her for a minute.

Paedio: i should say sir that this spells out negligence, if child services could find out about this, they gonna take her away from you..

Me: I'll make sure that it never happens again doctor

Paedio: don't you have anyone to look after her?
especially when you working

Me: her mom left us yesterday, she got no one else to look after her but me..

Paedio: I'm sorry to hear that but i cannot just ignore what happened. What if more than a text book fell on her.

Me: I'll make a plan

Paedio: Please do because next time you won't be this lucky.

Me: Thank you doctor.

She gave us her meds and bandaged her ankle then we went. I felt myself having a lot of Anger for Lethu how can she be this selfish. When we got home i fed her then gave her medication and she slept. I sat there thinking that the doctor is right i need to keep Angel in a safe place, i thought of my mother. I packed her clothes and other things i didn't even wait for her to wake up i just took her then drove to my mom's house. When we got to my street i decided to stop at Thando's house sizwe was at the spaza, i didn't know how he was gonna react to me, i took Angel and we went to him.

Me: Eita

Him: Ta

Me: Uva u Thando? (where is Thando)

He looked down.

Me: She hasn't come to visit Angel or even called to find out how she's doing.

Sizwe: what's happening to my sister is very unfortunate. You know i think to myself that it would've been better If i just let her date you, at least she would have a future, but Eyy.

Me: What's happening to her?

Him: her friends got her into Nigerians and drugs use jozi e hilibrow

I can see sizwe was in pain because of this.

Me: don't worry Ntwana we'll go to jozi sizomlanda(we'll fetch her) Angel needs to know her mom.

Him: Ya eish dankie boi. Angel has grown up and ufana no Thando straight (she looks like Thando)

Me: asishaye ijika lapha ekhaya (let's go to my house) I want to drop off Angel then we can go to Kappa club and catch up.

I saw him smiling.

Him: like the good all days.

Me: uyazi

(you know)

He took Angel and we went. It was around 17:30 when we got home luckily my mom was around. She was happy to see Angel.

Mama: my beautiful granddaughter come to koko.

She took her from sizwe.

Me: can she stay with you for a while, I have no1 to look after her since Lethu left, as you can see there was an accident with her ankle.

Mama: no problem she can stay here.

Lethu came in with some guy all laughing and talking her laugh seized when she saw me.

Lethu: brother Lunga thank you for the lift i will see you again tomorrow.

Lunga: no problem sister Lethu don't forget to read the scripture that the bishop told us to read, and i will see you tomorrow..

Lunga: stay blessed.

Lunga said goodbye to us and Left.

Lethu: Sanibonani (good evening)

Mama: How was your class?

Lethu: it was Good Mama

Angel started stretching out her hands to lethu, lethu acted like she don't see her and walked away. I felt the anger build up inside.

Me: So that's what you left me for?

Mama: Ntando not in front of the baby.

Me: Mama u Lethu comes to my house with another guy that's disrespectful to me and you!

Mama: It's her bible study partner he always gives her a lift.

Lethu: and his married

Me: so wena you want to be his Mistress?

Mama: Aii Ntando!

Me: No mama Ung'jwayela kabi u Lethu (she's fuckin with me)

Lethu: Ntando i don't wanna fight with you.

She continued walking, i followed her sizwe grabbed my hand.

Him: phola Boy (relax)

Me: Eyy sizwe let go of me, i want to deal with this bitch!

Sizwe: Ngiyakhuza njalo Ntando awufuni ukuphindela ejele (im warning you Ntando I'm sure you don't wanna go back to jail)

I pushed sizwe and he fell i went to my room and Lethu was there, i locked the door and i saw her getting scared.

Me: I'm going to teach you a lesson for your bitchiness!

Lethu: okay fine let's talk about this

Me: I don't wanna talk anymore!

I went close to her and she held my arms.

Her: I know you angry right now but it's not what you think it is.

Me: let go of me

Her: Ntando you promised that you'll never lay your hand on me again.

Me: some promises are meant to be broken.

I broke free from her grip and i pushed her she fell, i went up to her and started kicking her she was screaming, sizwe was trying to break my door so he could get in. I beat her senselessly, while she was crying and screaming for me to stop.

I stopped when sizwe actually broke down the door and held me, i was looking at Lethu and she was laying there crying in pain. My mom came in and put Angel on the bed and went to Lethu. Angel was crying from what was happening.

Mama: Ntando what have you done!

Me: Mama your problem is that you always defending Lethu! Why can't you for once defend me your own son!

Mama: defend you for what Ntando? Defend you for hitting a woman? I did not raise you like that!

Me: but you encouraging her behaviour!

Mama: Ntando just go you've done enough damage already!

Me: What the hack? So you kicking Me out of your house?

Mama: Yes now leave! Before i call the cops on you!

My own mother was doing this to me! I left all angry with Sizwe following me. We went to Kappa club , and bought a few beers.

Sizwe: boi ang'kwazi unje (boy i don't know like this)

Me: lo mntwana wuye ongenza so (this girl is the one that made me like this)

Sizwe: what's the story with this girl?

Me: i don't know ntwana eish yazi Lethu is not like them other girls that I've dated and cheated with she's different, she's smart, loving, patient, there's no word that can describe her. When I'm with her i feel different i actually know what love is, the way she loves my Daughter makes me love love her more and more.

Sizwe: Ya we've been friends for too long and I've never seen you this crazy about a girl..from a player to being fully committed.

Me: i do love her, and seeing her with another guy that just gets me fired up i feel like killing someone.

Sizwe: Ya what you did back there was fucked up, i won't be surprised if she reports you.

Me: She won't, she's not like that. She's a peaceful soul.

Sizwe: but you have to stop treating her like that dog.

Me: i just want her to come home.

Sizwe: give her time if she truly loves you like you say, she will come back.

Me: i hope so.

Sizwe and drank, i didn't wanna get too drunk because i was driving. At 22:00 i drove home, i just got there and slept...life without Lethu was hard it was a full week since she left the bed was empty without her sometimes I'd just sleep on the couch.

Everything i did reminded me of her, i took a leave from work hoping that maybe being at home will help. Lerato was still around i didn't entertain her at all. My days were spent with me waking up bathing eating then watch TV or play xbox to try and forget about Lethu, but who was i kidding everyday that passed i missed her more

and more, missed how we made love her body against mine or how she screams my name ya life was not fair and God was not fair too just when I thought we were happy then shit like this pop up. I even went back to drinking. One Friday morning i woke up missing her alot that I even picked my phone up and called her. I was surprised that she answered especially after what happened between us.

Her: hello

Me: Lele

Her: What do you want Ntando?

Me: You know what i want Lele i want you to come home. I miss you and Angel alot i want my family with me.

She let out a sigh.

Her: i can't come back Ntando especially after what happened.

Me: You provoked me.

Her: I am not your punching bag.

Me: and i cannot just sit by and watch you act like a bitch!

Her: Wow Ntando If this is your way of trying to get me back i promise you its working.

Me: Are you being sarcastic? Lethu you leave and you don't even tell me what I've done

Lethu: Ntando there's things that you have to realise on your own.

Me: things like what.

I heard a voice of a guy at the background saying "sister Lethu are you ready, the service is starting" of which Lethu replied "okay brother Lunga I'm coming give me 5min"

Me: is that who i think it is?

Lethu: Ntando i have to go

Me: You have to go to him, your bible study boyfriend?

Lethu: i don't know why you so jealous brother Lunga is just my bible study partner and gives me a lift home.

Me: why is this guy busy giving you lifts, kanti what's wrong with your car?

Lethu: i have to go Ntando bye.

She hung. I felt like throwing my phone against the wall. I don't know what's gotten into Lethu. Lerato came down stairs and i looked at her, if Lethu wants to play this hurting game then i'll play with her and unfortunately for her i'm very good at it.

Me: Lolo

Her: ya?

Me: let's get married.

She looked at me all shocked.

Her: let's get what?

Me: Married.

Her: Wow Ntando uhm are you sure?

Me: i wouldn't be asking you if i wasn't sure

Her: i thought you loved Lethu

Me: i did love her but that's past tense, i want us to try again plus you and i come very far.

She came and sat on top of me.

Her: i knew that you were gonna come back to your senses.

I smiled at her. I didn't really love Lerato all those feelings were gone, all of this was just to hurt Lethu.

Her: You don't know how much you've made me happy right now.

She kissed me.

Her: i know that we probably never gonna forget the fact that I put you in jail.

Me: forget about that, at the end you got me out didn't you?

Her: Yes i did

Me: that's all that matters.

Her: ohh baby we must go get a ring

Me: now?

Her: Yes now love Ganti when do you want the wedding to be?

Me: as soon as possible, in 2 weeks time.

Her: soo soon?

Me: Yeap

Her: then i must start planning now. There's people i need to call.

She got off Me and went. I know a lot of people will say i'm stupid now but a man with a broken heart can do anything right now!

She came back after a while.

Her: baby we must call that white man and his wife for dinner they look like they important to you.

Me: they are his like a father to me

Her: Good because i like his wife she has class the clothes that she wears can't wait to go shopping with her. Please call them now and invite them for dinner tonight. I took out my phone and called Kobus and invited him for dinner he agreed. Lerato spent all day cooking wanting to impress Kobus and Veronica. They came at 18:00 Kobus brought wine. I opened the door and welcomed them in, Lerato was setting up the table.

Me: Thank you guys for coming.

Kobus: Thank you for inviting us.

Veronica: who cooked? Is Lethu back..

Before i could even answer Lerato came..

Lerato: Thank you guys for coming.

He hugged them.

Lerato: I'm sure you still remember me I'm Lerato, you guys even Brought wine that is soo sweet. She passed it to me.

Lerato: baby put it on ice. You guys can come to the dining room and girl i love your dress, you have good taste i can see that you and i we gonna be good friends.

Lerato went Kobus followed and when i was about to follow Veronica stopped me.

Veronica: Ntando where is Lethu?

Me: She left Me you know.

Veronica: so since she left that gave you the right to jump into bed with a slut and a gold digger?

Me: Veronica we not gonna fight about this

Her: vele we not because you gonna go and fetch Lethu

Me: like i to...

Her: Ntando ng'cela ungangihlanyisi (don't drive me crazy)

She went to the dinning room and i followed. We sat down.

Lerato: baby i hope you told them the good news.

Kobus: What good news?

Me: me and Lerato we getting married in two weeks time.

Veronica dropped her fork.

Veronica: nazo ke! (here we go)

Lerato: and girl can you please help me with the wedding yazi i like you and i like your style you very classy.

Veronica: yazi uyang'jwayela shame awungazi noku ngazi (you don't even know me but you getting use to me) Ntando when are you fetching Lethu?

Me: Veronica we've been through this.

Veronica: when i come back to this house i want to find Lethu.

Veronica stood up..

Veronica: honey we leaving

Kobus stood up.

Kobus: thanks for the dinner.

Lerato: yazi for a woman of class your attitude is ghetto.

Veronica: hei wena do you even know me? Ngizoku trapa (i will beat you)

Lerato stood up too.

Lerato: Bring it on.

Veronica took off her earrings and necklace.

Veronica: You don't know me I'll show you what I'm made off.

Kobus: pumpkin don't sell yourself that low.

Me: Lerato just sit down

Lerato: no Ntando If she wanna be ghetto I'll be ghetto too.

Kobus just pulled Veronica to the kitchen.

Lerato: we shall meet again!

Veronica: looking forward to it bitch.

I felt bored by Lerato's behaviour I just went to bed, she came after a while was busy touching me.

Me: I'm trying to sleep..

Her: i thought that we could..

Me: You thought wrong I'm tired, maybe some other time.

I just slept... I woke up in the morning with her kissing me.

Her: Morning

Me: Hey

Her: i thought we should go to your house and tell your mother the good news...

Me: that's actually a good idea..

I got out of bed showered and clothed we didn't even eat breakfast we just drove home, i couldn't wait to see Lethu's face when I tell her this. I was happy to find everyone at the kitchen eating breakfast was my mom, lethu, and uncle. Lerato greeted no one answered.

Mama: nifunani?

(what do you want)

Me: so I'm not welcomed here?

Mama: if you gonna fight no you not..

Me: vele I'm not here to stay just here to tell you something

Everyone looked at me, i put my arm around Lerato's waist.

Me: me and my beautiful woman here we getting married in two weeks time.

Everyone kept quiet..

Lerato: can someone say something.

Mama: What do you want us to say Lerato, congratulations?

Lerato kept quiet.

Lethu: can i be excused?

Mama: is it time already?

Lethu: Yes mama brother Lunga will be here to fetch me

I don't know what it was with that Lunga guy that made me so maaad.

Me: You still at it nale bhari yakho? (you still at it with that fool of yours)

She took her bag and started walking i grabbed her by her arm.

Me: Awuyi ndawo Lethu! (you not going anywhere)

She was getting scared i actually felt her body starting to shake..

Lethu: Ntando ngiyekele uyangilimaza (Ntando let go of me you hurting me)

My mom came and got between us then Lethu just stood behind my mom holding her tight from behind.

Mama: lethu just tell him the truth you see his losing it

Lethu: Bishop McCarthy said he must realize this on his own, he cannot be forced it has to come from his heart..

I know she didn't say bishop McCarthy

Me: so it's him who told you to leave me? Kanti which God is this man praying too? Because everytime he comes into our lives bad things happen. I'm starting to think that his a devil worshiper

Mama: don't talk like that about the man of God..

Me: You should see what I'm gonna do to this man of God!

I started walking out..

Mama: where are you going Ntando?

Me: I'm tired of him Mama

I drove straight to the bishop's church and unfortunately i didn't find him there, that was good for him cause i would've fucked him up. I drove back home my phone started ringing i answered.

Me: hello

Lerato: Manje if you leave me at your house how you expect me to come back?

I totally forgot about Lerato. I went to pick her up but i didn't go inside she was standing at the gate, she got in the car and we went.

Lerato: What was that all about?

Me: What are you talking about?

Her: You still love Lethu right?

Me: No

Her: Ntando please don't lie to me. I'm not stupid ever since you and i dated you've never fought for me like this you just used to cause me a lot of pain by cheating on me, have you ever cheated on her?

Me: i don't know what you want because I'm marrying you, i chose you over her.

Her: do you love me?

That was a difficult question to answer..

Me: Yes and that's why I'm marrying you..

She smiled at me. We got home i didn't feel like doing anything anymore just sleep the whole afternoon, Lerato was busy planning the wedding and the date was approaching, i didn't know If i was doing the right thing or not, but i didn't care.

Lerato came to me.

Her: baby we have to go get rings.

Me: ohh ya rings i even forgot let's go..

We went to get rings, hers was costly was 24 000 mine was just 5000,after that we went to a bridal shop for her to get a dress, then cake testing. When we went back at home i was already tired..

Her: we still have a lot to do

Me: Can't you get a wedding planner?

Her: I'll consider that,let me start with dinner it's 19:00

Me: Okay I'll be upstairs if you need me.

I went to the bedroom. I wasn't gonna let this thing go tomorrow i was gonna go see the bishop again. I laid in bed and Lerato came to fetch me dinner was ready. I went and ate, Lerato was a good cook. After dinner i went to take a shower then got in bed and slept. The following day i woke up and bathe then made my way to the bishop,this time around i found him there.

Him: You almost didn't find me I was about to leave going to the Rhema school. You should know that Lethu is making good progress.

Me: I'm not here for that!

Him: You seem a bit Angry

Me: No I'm not angry I'm calm you should've seen me yesterday.

Him: What can i do for you?

Me: How can you be so cruel? Telling my fiancé to leave me for another man. What kind of God promotes that?

Him: Please sit down

I sat down.

Him: you've got all this wrong. I'm gonna explain everything to you, you were supposed to figure that on your own but i don't see that happening with all this anger you have.

Me: What is it that i need to figure out? Because everyone is talking about it.

Him: Lethu didn't leave you for another man, i don't promote that i can never separate what God has joined together. You and Lethu were brought together by God and no one has the right to separate what God has brought together.

Me: If that is soo true then why did she leave me?

Him: although God made you and her soul mates there was one thing you were doing and that is take advantage of the love that lethu has for you. Lethu has always been the one who comes to you, who sacrifices for you, she's the one who has been

showing you how much she loves you and you have been taking her for Granted. The reason why she left you was for you to realize your Love for her. This time around you were the one who was supposed to go to her. God was showing you that if you continue takin her for granted and mistreating her she can actually leave. All this you were supposed to figure out on your own.

Me: but i do love her and l've been trying to get her to come home.

Him: not the way that God wants. You forcefully trying to take her. She told me about you hitting her and acting like a beast. You should know that Lethu is the chosen one and when you busy mistreating her hitting her and all that you actually poking God's eye. Your anger has stopped you from realising your true love for her.

Me: so since i can't get her back you and your church thought it's best to give her to someone else because this Lunga guy is always with her.

Bishop: brother Lunga is Lethu's mentor and his married with kids, the church doesn't encourage infidelity and so does God. What Lethu and Lunga have is strictly God related.

Me: bullshit!

Him: As long as you still allowing this anger to take over then you will never find your way to your heart. God has to show you the way but you consumed with too much anger that he can't even talk to you, let go of all this Anger because if you don't you will never find a way to your heart.

Me: ohh well thanks for nothing.

I stood up and left thinking to myself that was a lot of bullshit talk....the next coming days Lerato and i we were preparing for our wedding we was gonna have it at our garden, invites were out was not gonna be a big wedding just 30 guests. The day of the wedding came, i walked around the garden were the wedding was to be held i was thinking of what the bishop said and also thinking that Lerato is gonna be my wife we gonna be tied together till death. Sizwe came to the garden with my mom and Angel, sizwe was my best man.

Sizwe: Ahh boi you not ready? We only have an hour.

Me: that's still a lot of time.

Mama: sizwe can you please give me and my son a moment to talk.

Sizwe: okay mama but make it quick this guy has to get ready.

Sizwe took Angel and walked out.

My mama looked at me and smiled..

Mama: Ntando i don't wanna fight with you, today is a big day for you. You know it's every parent's dream to see their child successful In life and also getting married. I might not be happy about your choice of a wife but if she makes you happy then that's all that matters, because your happiness matters to me.

Me: i don't know if I'm even doing the right thing mama, honestly I don't love Lerato all of this was just to hurt Lethu the same way she hurt me,i spoke to the Bishop a week ago and he said alot of things that were true that i have been taking Lethu's love for granted but how I'm supposed to get her back i still don't know.

Mama: God has to show you the way..

Me: i have been waiting on God to give me an answer but he hasn't

Mama: God does things at his own time.

Me: Mama i don't have time, Lerato and i we getting married in a few minutes.

Mama: You can call off the wedding.

Me: i can't mama it will hurt her I'm tired of hurting people.

My mom hugged me.

Her: If this is what you want then i support you, i love you son you my everything..

Me: i love you too.

Kobus and Veronica walked in,my mom greeted them and walked out.

Kobus: So how are you groom? Aren't you getting cold feet?

Me: Not yet, and Veronica you look beautiful actually both of you look great.

Veronica: Mxm i don't even know why I'm here...

Kobus: we here to support our son remember? So whatever issues you have with the bride put them aside for today.

Veronica: I'm going to need alcohol to get through this where the champagne at?

She walked out. Sizwe came to get me that i need to dress. We went upstairs me sizwe and Kobus. I bathe and dressed my phone rang and it was Lethu.

Me: can you guys give me a few minutes?

They both went out. I answered.

Me: Lethu

Lethu: Hey i... I just wanted to wish you luck on your big day..

Me: Thank you

Her: okay bye..

Me: wait..

Her: What?

Me: i spoke to the Bishop and what he said was true i have been taking your love for granted, i haven't been treating you well, I always hurt you both physically and emotionally i put you threw soo much pain and if God doesn't want me to have you i understand.

Lethu: i forgive you.

Me: I love you Lethu always have and always will, and i shouldve treated you differently and now I'll never get a chance to show you how much i appreciate you and treat you right.

She started crying

Lethu: i love you too and maybe it was not meant to be.

Me: ya maybe. I just wish that God can give you a man whose gonna love you and treat you better than i did, a man whose gonna love and respect you.

Her: Whoa! This is getting too much, i don't wanna cry more, i just hope that Lerato will make you happy. Bye

Me: bye

I hung up closed my eyes and prayed.

Me: God as you know I'm not a man of too many words all I'm asking you is that can Lethu find her true happiness with a guy that's gonna love her and treat her better than i did. Can you also forgive me for how i abused her and played with her love. Amen.

Sizwe came to fetch me and we went to the garden. Everyone was seated the garden was decorated In a very beautiful way. We stood by the Pastor that i didn't know where Lerato got him. I looked at my mom she smiled at me. Lerato came, she walked down the aisle everyone stood up, she was wearing a gold and white dress she looked beautiful. She came up to me and everyone sat down..

Pastor: we are gathered here to..

Lerato: Pastor before we start i have a few words to say to Ntando infront of everyone.

Pastor: i will give you Time to say your vows

Lerato: i prefer to say this now pastor please.

Pastor: go ahead.

She held my hands and smiled.

Her: Ntando just know that i love you.. This is overwhelming I'm going to cry. I just want to say that you and i started dating when we were teens still in high school we come a very long way and our relationship always had hiccups but through it all God always made sure that we find a way to each other's hearts. I'm your heart and you my heart that's why we can't live without each other, I'm your Gold..

Right then that's when God showed me the way..

Me: God will help you find a way to your heart..

Lerato: What?

Me: God will help me find a way to my heart.

Lerato: God has helped you find a way to your heart that's why I'm standing here.

Me: i finally understand what that means..

I started walking away

Lerato: Ntando were you going?

Me: I'm going to find my heart.

Lerato: No Ntando don't do this to me not on our wedding day.

Me: like you said you Gold and i don't do Gold i do diamond.

I ran out with her screaming, everyone was shocked i got to my bedroom took my car keys and drove home, God has a weird way of doing things. I got home and ran in calling Lethu's name.

She came from the bedroom.

Her: Ntando what are you doing here shouldn't you be..

Me: i finally know what it means, God finally showed me a way to my heart. It's you Lethu you are my heart.

She looked lost.

Me: Lethu now i realise how much you mean to me and how i have been taking you for granted but all that's about to change. God has given me another chance to make things right with you.

She was starting to tear up.

Me: I'm here to tell you that i believe in your God, lethu your Gentle heart and your peaceful soul has shown me God, i see God in you, how you are has shown me how gentle and forgiving your God is, but most of all it has shown me how good and selfless he is because despite all that i did to you he still wasn't selfish with you, he gave me you. And i say this to you right now that since God gave me you i will never

let you go to church alone, i will never let you pray alone, I'm not religious but because of you Lele I'm willing to walk this Christian Road, i also wanna serve the God that you serving the God of possibilities, and i will be angry if i ever were to find out that you love me more than you love him, i want you to love him first then love me.

Lethu was already crying.

Me: all I'm trying to say is i love you and i need my heart to continue living, no one can live without a heart, same way j cannot live without you.

I pulled her close to me and kissed her.

Me: ohh and you wrong you not Gold you a diamond

Her: huh?

Me: You once told me that you Gold but pure gold is soft other things have to be added to make it hard. You a diamond, a diamond doesn't need anything to be added to it, it is strong on its own no matter how much you can try to break it you can't, and that is you, you not broken easily. Marry me Lele let's get married today.

Her: today?

Me: Yes everything has been prepared you just need a dress I'll call mom to tell everyone not to leave there is gonna be a wedding today.

Her: then what are you waiting for? Call her.

I took out my phone, and looked at her.

Me: i love you maZulu

She smiled

Her: i love you too.

His Pain: Ntando's story

The Ending

Lethu and i got married that day, my mom was beyond happy. It was the best wedding ever to me because God blessed me with a beautiful soul. I never knew what bishop McCarthy meant when he said the world is waiting for my testimony until i found myself being a motivational speaker going around telling my story helping other people. Bishop McCarthy even asked me to speak in his church and tell my story. One of the biggest crowds i did was in my town it was 500 people who gathered to hear me, amongst them was my beautiful wife, my mother, Kobus, Veronica, Angel who was a year old now, and bishop McCarthy. After talking people came to give me handshakes and hugs my story made people to believe

that God does exist and he can get you through anything if you believe. Bishop McCarthy decided that we take a walk just to talk a little while my family waited for me in the the car.

Bishop: now you should consider writing a book how you spoke there was beautiful.

Me: Thank you bishop. I just never imagined that one day i will speak and people would be motivated by my story.

Bishop: Now i even think you should become a pastor.

We both laughed.

Me: my wife has taken that tittle..

While bishop McCarthy and i were walking i saw someone that look liked Lerato, but she looked rather not pleasant. Was very dirty, wearing sacks, going through a rubbish bin. I went up to her and looked at her.

Me: Lerato?

When she looked up she couldn't believe it's me.

Her: Ntando

I didn't know what to say i was so speechless.

Her: You look Good.

Me: What happened Lerato?

She looked down all embarrassed.

Her: life happened.

I took out my wallet and took out R400 from it and handed it to her.

Her: Don't do that. Don't treat me like that.

Some girl called her while we were talking saying "Lerato aii come on, those fools will take our sleeping spot today and you know they won't move until we give them glue and I'm not sharing my glue with anyone" Lerato responded by saying "coming"

Lerato: if only i didn't look like this I'd give you a hug, but was great seeing you.

She walked up to her friend. Bishop McCarthy came to me.

Bishop: when God revenges your enemies.

Me: i never thought it would be this sad.

Bishop: it is truly sad. I will see you tomorrow at church. God bless you my son.

He gave me a handshake and went..Lethu came to me while i was still standing there looking at Lerato.

Lethu: honey are you ready? We waiting for you.

Me: Yes I'm ready.

Her: whose that girl that you looking at?

Me: no one love, let's go.

Lethu couldn't even recogbize her own sister.

Lethu and i decided to adopt a baby whose parents died from Aids. Life for us was a bliss, she was still training to be a pastor and i was in a process of writing a book.

Thando unfortunately died due to cocaine overdose, Majoro i heard he skipped the country the police are still looking for him.

What this whole experience has taught me is that you can lose it all in life but never lose your faith in God. Your journey and my journey might not be the same but the pain is the same and God is the God of restoration. He might be quiet now but he hasn't forgotten. Joy and success will never taste good without pain. When it comes to love i was seeking love so far away while love was starring me right in the eye.

I am Ntando Zulu, and this was my story.