



LETHUXOLO

His Desire

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PROLOGUE

Lethuxolo

And you would think that when you grow up

Move out of home , get a house and a car

Be independent , have some monthly income

Just something that makes you be independent

To stand on your own , and not rely on
anyone or anything

That all of that , would be some kind of
freedom for you

Maybe for others out there , just not me

I didn't move to away for no reason , being
away from home

But it's the break I need , from the constant
checks

The nagging , it just sometimes all gets too
much for me

But this weekend , my father made sure .
He damn made sure I'm home

I just can't wait for tomorrow , when I'm on
the first flight out of here

We're in his home office right now

And I know he can't call us for no reason

Dad : how are you holding up ?

Me : okay

Dad : and the business ?

Me : it's fine

Dad : have you thought about what I said ?

Me : yes

They both look at me , maybe expecting
some kind of further information

Luzuko : and ?

Me : I'm fine as I am

Dad : you're dangerous and reckless

Am I supposed to say something after that ?

And say what ?

Maybe agree that yes I am , or perhaps defend myself

Dad : we've all been here , your mother and I . And your brother

Luzuko : but we've always had something on the side , something to throw people off

Dad : you can't lead the most dominant cartel in the world , and have nothing legal backing that up

One thing about me , is that I am very much true to self

I know who I am , I know what I am . And I don't hide behind anything

Dad : take the company , stop being stubborn for no reason

Me : I won't hide who I am

Luzuko : it's not about that

I get up

This whole talk is giving me a headache
right now

It doesn't matter what they say , because at
the end of the day

My word is the final word

Me : that's how you did things , this is how I
do them

I head towards the door

Luzuko : he's a waste of a law degree

Oh he doesn't need to tell me , I'm the one who studied for it

My phone rings , I take a look and sigh

Me : yes

Aneliswa : are you around ?

Me : no

She sighs

Aneliswa : well for how long ?

It takes everything in me to be calm right now

Me : what do you want ?

Aneliswa : you're ignoring me really ?

I keep quite

I have no business telling her about my whereabouts

Aneliswa : I'm sorry , Jordan is just not well .
I'm a bit stressed

Me : I'll be there in the morning

I drop the call

I could leave right now , but then I know her

She has a tendency to sometimes
exaggerate things

Really motherhood doesn't come with a
manual

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Renata

I'm sure this time around , I'm fired

I've had one too many chances , and I just
keep blowing them off

My palms are sweating , I'm really scared
right now

And as much as I mess up , I do need this job . This is the only thing j have , the one thing that keeps me going

I knock and walk in , he has his head bowed down

He seems very much caught up on his laptop

Me : you....you called

Athenkosi : Sit down

I don't need to be told twice

I pull the chair and I sit down , with my mouth shut

After a few minutes , he finally closes his laptop and looks at me

Athenkosi : are you okay ?

Okay ! This is new

Me : yes

He sighs

Now I feel like those bad news are coming , I really am fired

Athenkosi : the problems we just keep
having with you at the bar

He sounds so defeated , he's even shaking
his head

Athenkosi : I'm afraid we gonna have to
remove you

Remove ?

That's not the same as being fired right ?

Athenkosi : from now on , you're on the
rooms

Me : the rooms ?

He nods

Athenkosi : you heard me

My heart sinks , sure I didn't lose my job completely

Me : I've been demoted from being a bar lady , to being a maid ?

Athenkosi : I'm really sorry

No he's not , we both know that he could care less

Me : thank you for not firing me

Athenkosi : I would never fire you , we're family we take care of each other

He gets up from his chair , and opens one of the drawers

He hands me the uniform , I guess he long made up his mind

Athenkosi : please , respect the guests enough . We don't want the same problems we had at the bar , we really might be accused of nepotism if we keep excusing you

I didn't know respect went with tolerating
perverts of drunkards

Athenkosi : go change , your shift starts in a
few minutes

I get up , and walk out . I head to the toilets
first , I just need a me breakdown moment

Before facing and embracing , not to forget
accepting my new reality

You would ask yourself , how come a step
son is running my father's hotel

While me the biological daughter , I'm
nothing but just a mere employee

Is it stupidity or what ?

I just really don't get it , my father was very
much happy

To take a son that's not his , name him and
even give him his surname

How does one even name a 25 year old
man ?

One who already had a name to begin with?

Yes the white boy is Athenkosi Xulu now ,
legally that is

And he prides himself in that

I was better off left in Spain , on my own as
it was it was fine

South Africa hasn't been anything for me to
rave about

At 22 I do feel that life has dealt me

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Aneliswa

Aneliswa



Jordan is much better this morning ,
although he's still a bit restless

I'm thinking of just taking him to the doctor

But know Lethu is coming , he might just
not be happy

So I'll rather wait for him , and he tells me
what to do

Actually the relationship between us is not
so bad

Sure there are times where we don't get
along so well

But we always overcome whatever that is

The one thing we're both good and best at ,
that's being great amazing parents for
Jordan

Even I cannot dispute that , where our son
is concerned we go all out

Including putting differences aside , just for
his well being

It was never a relationship to begin with

I was working for him , as an escort girl .
Not the best classy job in the world I know

But I lacked education , I lacked support and means to survive

And one night , I don't know what was going on with him

We had a night of great and amazing sex , that led to Jordan

Even though it never happened again

We slept once , I felt pregnant . And all he wanted as a DNA test

And I gladly provided , I didn't even feel anyhow . Because I knew our situation

So it was only right , that he wanted proof

He's been a present father , since from day one

Jordan is 3 years old now , and Lethu has never dropped the ball

We're just co-parenting , and it's working well for us

I must say , I did hope for more when I found out I'm pregnant

And he told me that I'm not aborting , he's not ready for a child yes

But it has happened , and so he will take full responsibility

I thought maybe the pregnancy would bring us closer together

Like we would end up being more than just co-parenting parents

But one thing he stated very well , was that he wants no relationship whatsoever beside being parents to our child

And he wasn't kidding , that never changed and he never looked at me somehow

It was hard , and hurtful yes . Because I wanted more

But I accepted , and made peace with his terms

For the sake of our child , I didn't want to compromise his well being

By being a crazy mother , wanting his father by force

I doubt there's been any stable relationships

He's never introduced Jordan to any woman, nor has he ever communicated something of that sort to me

I'm just grateful for the parenting relationship we have

And he also gave me a second chance at life

After falling pregnant , I stopped being an escort . He took care of me , and made sure I changed my life around and for the better

He afforded me education , and made sure I'm something in life as well

More than just being his baby mama

And he took care of living arrangements ,
got me my own place . And well , everything
turned out well

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Ziyanda

Ziyanda



My brother woke me up this morning

I hate being bothered , especially in the morning

But because it's Lethu , I can't tell him anything at all

Me : coffee ?

He just stares at me.

He's a man of few words , so I'm not bothered by his silence at all

Me : what brings you by ?

I actually followed him to this side of Joburg, I don't even know why

Because it's not like we're best buddies or something close to that

Worse he's just weird , even Luzuko is much better than him

Lethu : what is this I'm hearing about you running deals

That happened yesterday , yesterday and today he already knows

Nothing can pass him , and it's annoying

Me : this is a family business , I've been saying I want in

Lethu : and I said no , Ziya don't annoy me

Me : just give me a chance please

Lethu : a chance for what ? To get killed

Me : I am skilled , and I'm not an idiot

Lethu : continue doing this , and it won't end well for you

Me : you're not being fair

Lethu : life is not fair , take that phrase seriously

Me : Zuko was never like this with you

Lethu : and I'm not him

He walks away , I'm guessing he's leaving

It won't even matter to talk to my father , because he's not in charge anymore

Everything is in the powers of Lethu , and his no is no . It just fucking sucks

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Lethuxolo



My son doesn't look okay at all

As much as Neliswa says he's better , he doesn't look better to me

Neliswa : don't look so worried

Me : I'm taking him with

Neliswa : you don't think I've neglected him now do you ?

Me : you're a lot of things , but definitely not a bad mother

She sighs

Me : he'll be back tomorrow

Neliswa : okay fine

I get up

Me : have you been okay ?

She smiles

Neliswa : yes , I can't complain

Me : good , we'll see you tomorrow . I'll
video call you before he sleeps , so you can
talk

Neliswa : that will be nice , thank you

Me : sure

I look at him , and he's crazy quite . He took after me , that I can't deny

But right now , he's just too much

Me : say bye to mommy

Jordan : leaving ?

Me : yes , you're coming with daddy

Jordan : where ?

Me : to daddy's house

Jordan : bye mommy

Neliswa : bye baby , mommy loves you

Jordan : Jordan loves you

She slightly laughs , giving him a kiss on the cheek

Me : bye

Neliswa : be safe

She walks us to the car , it's a good thing I didn't leave his car seat behind

Even though taking him wasn't the plan

But I'll rather be home with him , and hopefully he'll be better tomorrow

I'm taking him to a doctor , I don't take chances with him at all

We leave , and I do take him to the doctor .
He says it's just fever , it'll pass

He gives him an injection , and some meds

Me : you okay champ ?

Jordan : daddy I'm hungry

I chuckle

Me : okay , lets go eat . Where do you want to go ?

He shrugs and I'm stunned

But I'm glad he's not grumpy , especially because he cried when he was getting the injection

INSERT 02

Renata

Renata



It would be a lie if I say , I'm loving this new
tittle

I hate it to the core , it's annoying to care
for other people

And hotel guests are annoying , they're
merciful and think they're entitled

They leave a mess , and it's just frustrating

It's been only a day , and I don't want to be
here anymore

I don't want to do this , but I damn need
this job

I wanted to go home last night , and ask my father why he did this

I know he's the one who told Athe to just do what he thinks it's best

Which is removing me from the bar , to now being a maid

I know for a fact , he always reports back everything that happens

I ended up not going , I just went to my room and left drama be

I am done now , and I just want to get drunk. Even if it's not drunk to a black out

I just need this , just for tonight . And tomorrow , I can go back to being a maid

I've changed into my clothes , and I head to the bar

I order three shots , and just down them at one go

Crazy ! This is making me feel like I can just cry instead of helping

I order one last shot , I pay and head out as soon as I'm done with it

It cannot be me , crying at a bar . I'll rather go to my room and cry there , all by myself

Walking into the parking lot , I bump into this guy

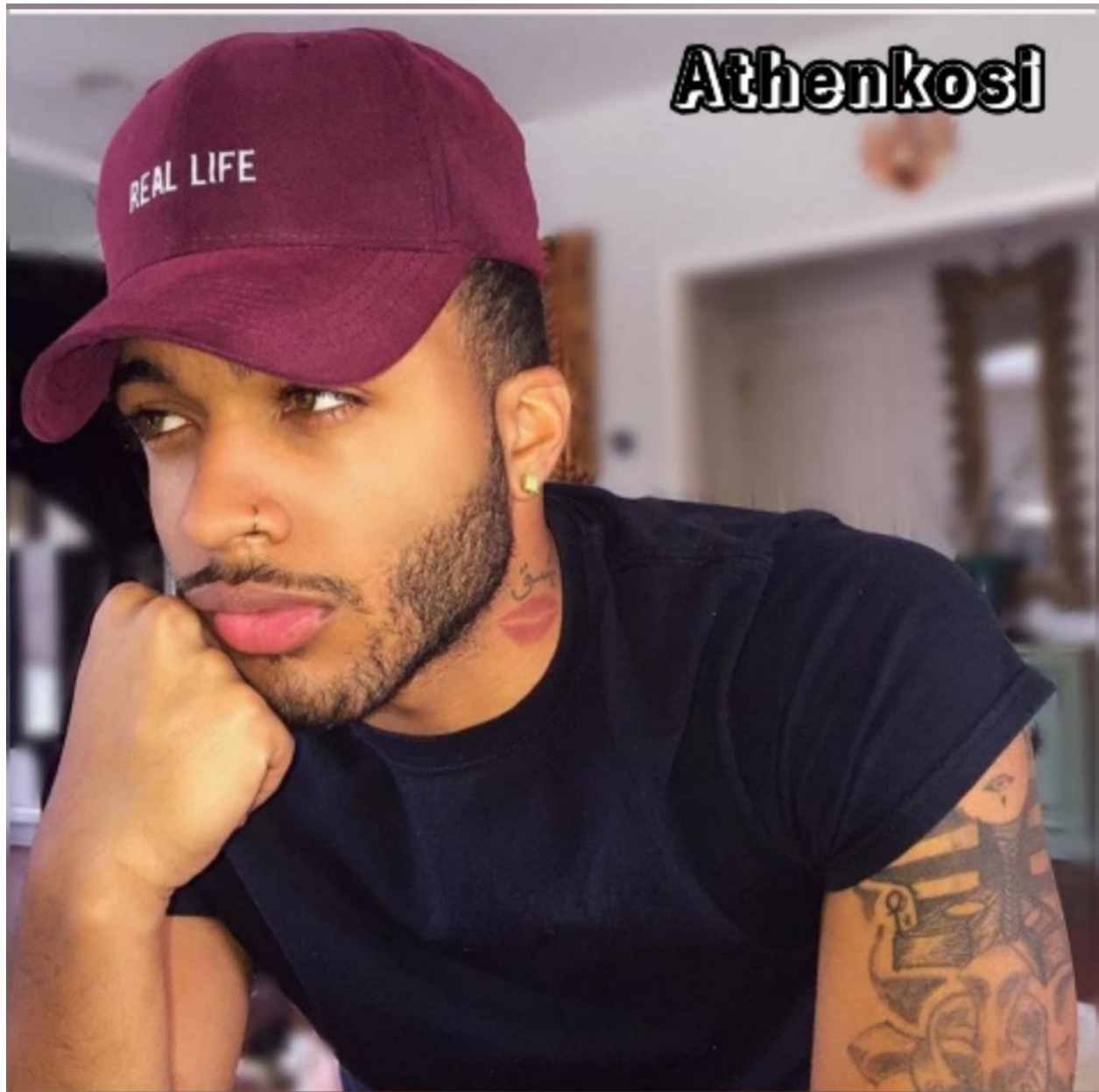
And he's holding a baby into his arms

Me : sorry

I don't bother waiting to hear more or anything else for that matter . I just walk off

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Athenkosi



She walks in , and she's looking stunning . I
can't take that away from her

But she's a child , a fucking child

And it beats me , how she's involved in such
a business

Me : please take a seat

She smiles pulling the chair , and sits down

Me : Ms Dube...what can I do for you ?

Her : Ziyanda will do just fine

Me : right Ziyanda , I've already asked

Ziya : there's no need for you to be rude ,
I'm here on business .

Me : and then get to it

Ziya : I'm sure your father already told you ,
and that's why we're here meeting

Me : okay

Ziya : Mr Xulu....

Me : Athenkosi

She smiles

Ziya : Athenkosi ! I'm here on business that I'd like to have some escort's in your hotel , or should I say your father's hotel

Me : you want to run a brothel here ?

Ziya : that's how you see it , I don't

Me : why would a beautiful lady like yourself , be happy to pimp other women ?

She laughs

Ziya : this is the real world , and money rules . Don't even try and give me some woman power what bit , I don't care . All I care about is making me money

This doesn't even suit her , like it doesn't at all

But the fact that she talked with my father , I have to grant her this

Even though I don't like it , and I'm not all for it

After all , everything I do is to please that man

So if this will please him , and keep him pleased

Then why not ?

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Ziyanda

I look at him , I can see he doesn't like this

But he's not the man in power , so he has no choice at all

He will just follow through with this

Me : so ?

I exhale

Me : do we have a deal ?

Athe : how many girls , and how many nights ?

Me : mostly on weekends , but of course it'll have to be on VIP . Our girls are classy , and big on taste . They're just not whores you can pick beside the road

He sighs

Athe : let's work out on money

I smile

There's that fear behind me , I know Lethu is going to kill me for this

Especially because he warned me , and told me to say away

But I don't care to work or do anything , I want to be in this business

Of which I regard to be a family business

I mean I was 15 when I learnt what my family does

My father , my mother and both my brother's

Even though Zuko was on his way , to being the committed family man

Leaving mostly of this aside , but obviously that's who they are and that who I am as well

I mean , it only makes sense to me

What can I possibly do ? I'll rather join in , I have no interest in doing anything else at all

I'll keep pushing myself in , until Lethu finally gets it and let me be

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Renata

I wasn't in my moods waking up , having to
come here and relive my yesterday again

And then the pounding head , just told me I
should have stayed clear off those shots

But one drink wouldn't hurt right now , just
to get me through this day

By the way , I'm not an alcoholic . I just do a
glass of wine , once in a day

Yeah !

One bad crazy days , shots do . It's just to
get drunk , nothing much to it

Life is very much depressing , you can't deal
with it sober

And worse today , I just have to see him
first thing at work

Athe : why....

Me : please , I haven't seen nor met any guests . I didn't exchange anything with anyone , there's no way I was rude to anyone

Athe : I didn't say you were rude to anyone

Me : the only time you call me to your office , is to just bash me

Athe : not today , but we do need you in line

Me : what's new ?

I lean back on the chair

Athe : lose the attitude , and whatever else you see in those rooms . Let it stay there

Me : what are you talking about ?

Athe : just that

Me : that's not even anything

Athe : just ignore everything , okay ! For all our sakes

Right now I feel like I'm being told , illegal things happen in those rooms

And if I happen to see them , I should just act ignorant

Me : what do I care anyways?

This hotel doesn't benefit me with anything

I get up heading out , I got the message in between the lines loud and clear

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INSERT 03

Lethuxolo

It's been a quite morning , but my young champ is himself

He's okay , I guess the injection and the meds helped

I'm just checking my emails , and has having his breakfast

If there's one thing he always appreciates , it's just food and snacks

Give him that , and he'll never bother you . Don't make him miss any time of the day , that he needs to have food

I can work in peace , he doesn't even want attention that much

He's like a big man , he hates being babied .
My mother says he took that from me

He's a baby yes , but he can hold his own .
That's why I was worried yesterday

But I'm glad to see him okay this morning

My son is my everything , he comes before
second place

Like there's no human being , that can ever
take his place in my life

I don't care about anything , just him

As much as he wasn't conceived out of love,
or from a relationship

He is my everything , and I love him . And
there's absolutely nothing I would change

I don't regret him , and I never will . I wasn't
sceptical telling Neliswa that she's keeping
my child

I don't regret giving her a chance at a new
life , leaving what she was doing

Some people may think I'm crazy or whatever

But in my eyes she's not some former escort , she's the mother of my son

And that means , I take care of her . And make sure she gives my son , a better environment to grow up in

That's why her past doesn't even bother me, and it never will

Voice : daddy

I lift my eyes

Me : champ

Jordan : Jordan is done

I chuckle

Me : I see that

I get up , and take his dish . We go to the sink , and I clean him up

Me : now we have to go

Jordan : we go ?

Me : yeah , we're going to see mommy

Jordan : with daddy ?

Me : yes champ , but daddy won't stay . I'll see you on weekend

Jordan : weekend tomorrow ?

I chuckle

Me : no champ , weekend is not tomorrow . It's in a few days

Jordan : days ?

Me : yes , but don't worry it's soon

He nods , I wipe him clean on the cheeks

My mother wasn't so all for this kid
speaking English like this

But he's just strange , he gets it quicker
than he does Xhosa and Zulu

But he can say basic words like dad , mom .
Grandfather and Grandmother

Even hello , in Zulu and Xhosa . Even thanks
he can

But others they're just difficult for him I
guess , I just don't know

But English , he speaks in a way you can
understand him very well

Even though at some point , he doesn't
make too much sense

But you'll still understand what he's saying

We leave , and I drive over to Neliswa's
place

I didn't even tell her I'm coming , as much
as she knows I'm bringing him back

We just have the decency , call before you
come let me know

And she's home , it's still way too early .
And she usually goes to work by 09:30

Jordan : mommy

It's the first thing he says as she opens the
door for us

She picks him up

Neliswa : look at you , someone is much
better .

She kisses his cheek

Neliswa : I guess you just wanted to spend time with daddy

I sigh , me and my deeds

Me : I took him to the doctor

She pops her eyes

Me : sorry for not telling you

Neliswa : when did that happen ?

Me : when I left with him , I already had intentions to take him

Neliswa : and you just left ?

Me : come on ! I didn't want you worried , as much as you said he looked better . He didn't look better to me

Neliswa : you should have told me

Me : yeah I know , here are his meds

Neliswa : what was wrong ?

She takes the small paper bag from me

Me : just a fever

Neliswa : okay , I'll keep an eye on him and I'll alert the nanny

My phone beeps , it's a reminder of a meeting I have later on

There's a time and place , I better go on with my day . So I get my things done

Me : okay , I'll call later

Neliswa : alright

Me : bye champ

Jordan : bye daddy

We fist bump

Me : I love you

Jordan : love you

Neliswa : where is the I ?

We laugh

Jordan : I love you

Me : that's my good man

I bid them goodbye and leave

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Athenkosi

My father walks in , and he didn't even say
that he was coming

And this is strange , he really doesn't come around that much

As much as I report to him and all , but he lets me handle things

Without being on my back , or checking everything that I do

Me : this is a surprise

Dad : I have a meeting

Me : oh I see , I thought you were here about the Dube's

Dad : what about them ?

Me : I agreed to their proposal , so I thought maybe that's why you came

Dad : there was no other way around that

I sigh

Dad : son , sometimes in business you have to bend the rules a bit . You need to take heart , that's why you're the manager here and not Renata . She thinks with her heart , and not her mind . She thinks the world is a perfect place , and that's just nonsense .

Okay ! I won't listen to him rumble about his daughter

And their estranged relationship , it has nothing to do with me . And I could care less

I have power in this hotel , and she doesn't . I'm the heir and she's not

Me : I understand , it's that we've always held this hotel with high standards

Dad : look at this deal this way , the Dube's are very powerful people . And their first son , is married to the ministers daughter .

With these people on our side , we stand to grow and go places

I nod , well when he puts it that way it makes perfect sense

Dad : ah he's here , I'm meeting with Lethuxolo Dube

I shiver a bit , just at the mention of that man

Like who doesn't know him ? And well unlike the family we know , he's just something else

It's even hard to believe , one can be accused of everything this man has been

And yet he never gets arrested , well he does okay . He does get arrested

But the longest he's ever been in jail , was an hour . All the other times it's just been less than that

You talk drugs , illegal mining and weapons . Black diamonds , black market of human organs

Kidnapping , sex trade and prostitution . Countless murders

He's so there , like all in . But no jail time

That man is scary , okay ! I don't care who says what

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Lethuxolo

He's so unsettled you can just see it

He's not even trying so hard to hide it

Me : relax

He clears his throat

Me : you're moving too much , that's
causing us eyes

Xulu : sorry

Me : get your act together

Xulu : it's just very scary being next to you

Me : don't tell me shit , so I eat human beings ?.

He goes quite , I guess in his stupid mind he thinks I do

Me : if cops walk in that door , I'll definitely have you alive

He looks around

Me : these people are not idiots , and they can see you look terrified of me right now .

They can call cops , in beliefs they're saving you

He calls a waiter over and orders whiskey .
He just downs the glass

I shake my head

Xulu : I'm sorry , nerves got the best of me

Me : where do you get off doing deals with my sister behind my back ?

Xulu : I....she approached me , and I thought everyone was on board

Me : do you see me hiding the fact that I'm a fucking criminal ?.

He swallows

Xulu : uhm.....no

Me : I come straight at you , because I don't give shit about nothing . I don't need anything or anyone to divert anything

He nods

Me : what the hell are you nodding for ?

In seconds he's just still

My eyes just go side ways , and I catch a glimpse of that girl from yesterday at the parking lot

No doubt , and no mistake she's in the hotels maids uniform

I could tell she was slightly tipsy yesterday when she bumped into her

She finally gets out of sight

I look at Xulu , like I didn't dare move my attention away from him

Me : continue to piss me off Xulu , and it won't end well for you

Xulu : I understand , and it won't happen again

Me : you're damn right it won't

Ziyanda is busy and determined , she really wants to do this

Just because she's my sister it doesn't mean she gets what she wants

Or that I spoon-feed her , she will work hard and prove to me she can handle this life

INSERT 04

Renata

I don't know why I still bother myself with
this man

Because I know very well he doesn't care
about me

Maybe he doesn't even love me , he just
tolerates me because I'm his blood

Maybe he even curses the day I was born ,
and he regrets it terribly

I wish I was just hard , and closed off . That I
didn't let this get to me

But I'm weak , so yeah !

There are days where it does , like today
maybe

He came here and he couldn't even say a
simple hi

Or ask me how I'm doing or whatever

He saw his precious son , did whatever he
was doing and he left

I don't know what a father's love is , and I
damn long for it

My mother , was a jewel . Like that woman
was very much special

It's just so unfortunate that she's the one I
lost , and now I was forced to acknowledge
a parent I didn't know

And it's not even working out at all

Because after a year of getting me back
from Spain , he got married

My parents were never together , all
throughout my childhood

They raised me separately , my father
contributed with money mostly

We visited South Africa , whenever we can

And that was fine really , it really just was
fine .

Until my mother passed on and I longed for
the love of a parent

Unfortunately ! I'm left with one parent
who doesn't care

He didn't waste time loving Athenkosi like his son

He did everything for him and even beyond, without even trying much

And the most hurtful thing , was just him getting to manage the hotel just like that

I don't live in their huge house , I have no car no credit cards or even a trust fund

I'm basically just on my own , and I'm seriously surviving on the peanuts they pay me here

I'm not much of an extrovert , so I even lack friends

Because when I'm not here , I'm in my room or I'm at varsity

It's even hard to cope , because sometimes it gets too much

But at the end of the day , I do want to bag that law degree

And thank God for the bursary , I'm not bothering anyone with my fees

And I'm not using my father's surname ,
he's nowhere appearing that he's a father
to me

That's why I was able to get a bursary , and I
wasn't kicked out

I'm done feeling sorry for myself , that he
came and just ignored me like I'm not even
his daughter

I'm headed out , I've already changed . And
today I'm craving some pizza on the real

Not me bumping into this person , as I'm
reaching inside my bag

Me : I'm

I lift my eyes and something must really be wrong with me

Me : I....I wasn't looking

And I really wasn't , I wanted my phone out so I can place an order for pizza . And I just pass by there to collect

Me : I am really sorry

Him : once yeah , but twice

He shouldn't make this a big deal , I apologized . And even the first time I still apologized

Me : I'm sorry once again

I walk past him at the door and I leave

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Aneliswa

I'm tired , a massage would really do

With a glass of wine , some cheese and
snacks of course

But with Jordan around , I barely go out
more often

Because I didn't even like making the nanny
work , during late hours

Unless it's something important , something that I can't ignore

But this is not , so I guess I can pass on it

Which is why I called my friend Blue over , we've been friends for two years now

And we get along just fine , we're the same age just a few months ago gap

She's married ! To some millionaire that's like 15 years older than her

I don't judge , knowing where I was picked from

Whether it's love , or she's just seeing an opportunity . It's not my business

She's a mother of two , a girl and a boy .
Both from the old white man

Yes he's white .

Blue : how have you been ?

Me : well I can't complain

Blue : and love , the love department

We laugh

Me : dry.... Dry as the Kalahari desert I tell you

She takes a sip of her wine

Blue : but I don't understand you at all , you're beautiful no one can deny that . And you have one fucking handsome baby daddy , whom you can shag anytime

I burst out laughing

Me : do you know who Lethuxolo Dube is ?
Girl ! That would be just dreams I tell you

Blue : he's a man , they're all the same .
Seduce him , there's no man that can resist
temptation

Me : girl ! We have a good thing going on ,
and I don't want to ruin it . For the sake of
our son

Blue : you know kids need siblings right ?

Me : I know that

Blue : so are you going to go have more kids
with another man , and he has more kids
with another woman ?

I never even thought about that , but I've always had the thing that I wanted my kids to share the same parents

Blue : do you see how Jordan being your only child together this will affect him ?

Me : well....what can I do ? Even if I do want more kids with him , I don't have his sperms

She laughs

Blue : you have nothing of his , you need to work harder and up your game

She's saying all this because she has no clue whatsoever who Lethu is

That man is not easily convinced , and he doesn't change his mind

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Ziyanda

I had to gather some strengths and make amends right now

Especially after Xulu called me , and said he met with my brother yesterday

And went on all about , why I didn't tell him it's just me making the approach

The guy must have been creeped out by Lethu

And I don't blame him

My brother has a reputation , and well it speaks for itself

Scares most people

He opens the door , I get in . And I could have just called

But I wanted to see him in person

Lethu : what do you want ?

Me : well good morning to you too big brother

Lethu : don't go in further , and don't even think about sitting down

I have never met such a person my entire life

Me : I know , you know what I did

He just stares

Me : I'm sorry

Lethu : no you're not , don't ever come to my house without calling first . You can leave now

Does everyone else have such a sibling or it's just us the cursed Dube family ?

Me : I love you

I turn around and leave

I wish he can just loosen up and let me be

Sure maybe I'll mess up , but how will we know what I have got ? If I'm not given a chance to prove myself

If only it was Zuko , Lethu is just something else

And he doesn't listen to anyone , so to even talk to them to convince him it'll be useless

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Renata

I'm seriously making this a norm , and it doesn't even suit me

But life is dealing with me , and this time around . I'm just having trouble with just accepting , it's not being sane at all

I'm at the bar , just staring at this glass of vodka

I'm in a conflict with my mind and thoughts, what the heck am I even doing ?

Drinking everyday after my shift , doesn't change anything and it doesn't make anything okay at all

I sigh pushing the glass away

A familiar scent graces my nostrils , but I can't make it out . I slowly turn as I feel this heavy presence behind me

And it's him , the guy I bumped into twice .
We lock eyes for a minute or so

I finally lower my stare , he sits next to me
unbuttoning his suit jacket

Him : I'd hate to think this is why you're
always bumping into me

His eyes trail to the glass before coming
back to me

And I don't know , there's just something
about his stare . He's really giving me sexual
tensions right now

And girl hasn't been in a relationship in two years

Him : so ?

He brings me back to my thoughts

Me : maybe the first time yes , just not the second time

He nods , and motions for the bar man

Him : need a change ?

I just stare at him

Him : two glasses of scotch , double on the rocks

He nods and walks away

Me : if you think you're going to get me into bed , by getting me drunk . You're very wrong

He turns perfectly and faces me , and I just can't help but read this gorgeous man

He's just perfection , and he doesn't even shy away from that

He places his hand on my thigh , that alone causes me to shiver a bit

Him : I want to fuck you , but not drunk .
Because I want you sane enough , and not to forget me the next day

My clit throbs , I find myself pressing my thighs together

He moves his hand slowly

Me : I'm not a whore

Him : of course you're not

The barman places the glasses in front of us

Him : don't drink it , if we're going to have sex

Are we ?

Maybe we should , maybe releasing some of the sexual tension will make me lay off on the alcohol

But what does this say about my morals ?

I slowly push the glass away , he takes his .
Mind you we're locking eyes

He downs the whole glass , and reaches for the one that was meant for me

And he downs it , as well as the vodka . In my mind I'm like what the hell ?

Am I really going to open my thighs for him?
After downing all this much alcohol ?

He will fuck me , and rip my pussy apart . He gets up and takes my hand , I slowly get up

Him : if you're not sure , let's not even bother going up there . Because I won't ask again

My heart is pounding , my blood is all kinds
of boiling right now

I'm scared but excited at the same time ,
this is not me . This is not what I do

Me : I'm sure

He says nothing more , we walk hand in
hand . And to the presidential suite

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Lethuxolo

We walk inside the suite , my lips find hers
she welcomes me

Her lips are so soft and warm

I slowly pull her dress off her shoulders ,
and she's still

I feel like I'm going to love this

The more I undress her , she doesn't even bother helping

She's just perfect , and the thoughts she's just giving me right now

They cannot be put into words , she's can be a whole lot more than just a one night stand

That's if my suspicions are correct

I pick her up into my hands not breaking the kiss . She's left with her boy leg panty now , she didn't have any bra on

I lay her on the bed , trailing down to her
boobs sucking on her nipples

While I take off my clothes , leaving just my
briefs

I trail up to her neck , just taking in her
sweet vanilla scent

A woman is not an object , you have to be
very delicate

I slowly pull her panty off , and her coochie
lips are glistening with moist . I let the
groan escape my mouth , I lift my eyes to
hers . And she's also looking at me

I pull her up slowly to me , and she sits up straight

I take my briefs off , and stroke my dick while leaning down and giving her kiss

She gladly returns , I deep the kiss . And get hold of her one hand

I place it on my dick , she gasps I slowly pull out of the kiss

My eyes trail to hers , and she's staring on my dick . I move her hand that's on my dick slowly , stroking it

And her tiny hands are just perfect , it
doesn't even fit in

I can't hold myself off , she parts her lips a
bit . And my dick just finds its way in there

Me : open up

She lifts her eyes , and I slowly thrusts in as
our eyes meet

She grabs on my thighs , I be sure not to
hurt her

The warmth in her mouth , just causes my
dick to tighten

And she's slightly in pain , by the size her
moans attest to that

And my suspicions just keep getting more
assurance

I slowly pull out , and her spit is all over my
dick

She slightly coughs , I lean down and kiss
her . Pushing her down , I get in between
her thighs

I slowly slide my dick inside , she moves
back in a scream

I pull her down by her shoulders

Her : you.... You won't fit

Like hell I won't , I know she'll be in pain
and I'll struggle at first

The beads have made my tip slightly bigger

Me : relax

I whisper , I move back a bit . Now I could
kiss her

But her screams , and those tears I want to
see and hear all that

I slide again , and she tears up . I'm just heated up now

I move in again , and she feels it when I settle inside of her

She moves her lower body up , and I hold her waist

I thrust in slowly , just for a few minutes . I'm not making love to anyone

I don't do that , not even with her and her sweet tight pussy . So she's not a virgin , but she's still damn clueless . And that works fine for me

As her screams increases , I wipe those thoughts off from my mind

Pleasure starts to kick in , she grabs the bed sheets

I slide out , and turn her over . I place her in a doggy position

Placing a pillow underneath her , I probably shouldn't be doing this position

But she'll just have to handle it , if she can't I'll stop . I insert my dick inside of her , she moans in pain and pleasure

Muffling her screams with the pillow , I grab her ass

And she's fucking gifted alright , a whole perfect ass

The more I thrust in , the more her moans increase

She is quick to just lay down flat , I take my dick out and I lay next to her

I turn her face and we kiss , but I'm quick to pull out of the kiss

I lay facing up , and I bring her on top of me

I position her right , so she doesn't hurt herself it even get cramps

I grab on her ass cheeks , lifting her up a bit and I bring her down as my dick spring's up

I pull her down my length slowly , holding on her waist

She moans out in pleasure , I bring her upper body down to my upper body

I capture her lips and we kiss , as I thrust in underneath her . She screams and cries out in pleasure , I get off the bed with her still in my hands

I pin her against the wall , my dick comes out I slide it back in

And continue thrusting in deep inside of her, my face buried on her neck

Her hands behind my back , and she's clinging on to me for dear life

She can't hold on , her legs are shaking .
And her body is taking a toll being tired

The more deeper I go in , and she cries out burying her face on my neck . Some of her tears fall on my back , she locks her legs on my waist

Just her reaching her intense pleasure ,
causes me to cum

I slide my dick out , and cum just drips down
to the floor

What a waste !

But I wasn't gonna worry her like that , and
cum inside of her

Women are crazy when it comes to
pregnancy

Me : look at me

She slowly brings her head back , we lock eyes for a good minute in silence

Me : hold tight , don't let go

She's still weak , so I don't want her falling

I move my hands from her ass , I wipe her tears off

And we kiss

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Renata

I fall flat on my stomach , drained panting
like nobody's business

My eyes are closing on their own , just
failing to open up

I'm so sweaty , really the toxic sexual
frustrations have been taken out

But I don't care who says what okay

This doggy position is nice and all , but
damn . My stomach is still burning

It felt like this man was inside of my stomach , that was so hot shit happening

Him : are you okay ?

For a second there I channelled him out , I slowly turn my head and I look at him

He's stroking his beaded dick , I have never seen such a dick before

The things man do , like why would you dare inserts beads in your dick ?

But damn ! As painful as it was , it's so very much appealing

Me : yes

He looks at his watch , and it's at right now I
feel like I've been used

He had me the whole night , and now it's
morning he's leaving

Probably going back to his wife and family

But what did I expect ? I don't even know
him

Just because there's no ring , or a ring line it
doesn't mean he's not married

Or that he doesn't have anyone in his life ,
these creatures are phythological liars

Me : what time should I check out ?

I hear him sigh , I've taken my eyes off him

Him : are you in a hurry ?

Me : I need some sleep before my shift

Him : and what time is that ?

Me : three four hours

He sits down on the bed , placing his hand on my ass

Him : then why are you asking about leaving this early ?

Should I or should I not ?

Me : you were looking at your time so

I do sometimes have an unfiltered mouth

Him : let's get breakfast , we have to talk

What now ?

He gets up and calls room service

And when a man like him walks around
parading what his parents gave him

You just can't help but stare okay

He has a firm ass , and those abs . Don't get
me started on his V line

And well the tattoos just make everything
more sexier

The beaded dick , just lures you in . As scary
as it looks

He comes back , and sit on the position he was in

Him : are you in any pain ?

Me : I'm sure you would be very disappointed if I wasn't

He chuckles , and it's enticing . There's just a dark aura around this man

Him : what's your name ?

Me : Renata

Him : mhm , you're Spanish ?

I do have the slight accent

Me : mom is , dad is Zulu . I'm just the mix

Him : I'm Lethuxolo Dube

Dube ? That sounds so familiar , but I just can't pin it

But I'm in no position to be asking questions

Lethu : last night was amazing , and this morning as well . Just top notch

I smile , it's funny in a way cause he's just looking into my eyes and in looking into his

Lethu : and I wouldn't mind a repeat of that, more than once . That's if you can hear my proposal

Proposal ?

Me : I don't do married men , if you are this was a mistake and it won't ever happen again

Lethu : I'm not married

That's a relief , but he could he lying

Lethu : do you have a boyfriend ?

Me : no , my life is a bit of a mess for that

Lethu : what's the mess ?

Me : daddy issues , and just fucked up stability

He nods

Lethu : I see

Me : your proposal ?

A knock comes at the door , he takes his briefs and puts them on

He goes to open and comes back with the food

The way I'm so tired , I'm still in the same position he left me

He sits down

Lethu : I don't do love , I don't do relationships . But I want to keep you in my life , like I said last night was great . And I want more of that , I don't know how much more are you willing to take though

If he doesn't do love nor relationships , then what does he want ? Just sex , but how ?

Me : meaning ?

Lethu : let's just say , I have some crazy sex desires . That not any woman can take , but you sucked my beaded dick more than once. And that , not any woman can do

Because this thing of his is scary , not to mention he's already thick . And he has an amazing size

Lethu : I could be wrong , but I think you can fulfil any of those desires . Depending on your pain intake

What the hell ?

Me : wait....are you saying you're into extreme sex ?

I wouldn't be surprised , because he did fuck me . But I thought , I'm just a stranger so he doesn't care

Lethu : in your simple words yes

Me : just how far ?

Lethu : into no limits , but I wouldn't go too extreme to hurt you that you bleed

This is too much , and no one anticipates they'll ever wake up to such news

Okay I'm not waking up but okay

I slowly try to sit up , and he helps me so gentle

But I'm on fire , I even regret sitting up . But I want to hear this well

Me : so...what's this proposal ?

Lethu : we get into an agreement , that I fulfil my desires with you . Of course with you agreeing , to what I will suggest . And if you don't , as can always put some things aside . We're not some sex buddies , this is an exclusive agreement . And whatever we agree on , you don't get to hold me off on .

Of course , there'll always be that exception on that there's an safe word . And that's how I stop , not by screams or cries

He's just going in deeper and deeper , and I'm like this is movies things

Me : and what exactly do I get out of this ?

I mean , he gets his crazy sexual desires and hurting me of course . I'll just call it what it is

Lethu : I'll buy you a car , a house and you get a monthly allowance . Unfortunately I cannot give you a card , but I'll take care of you financially . Without even holding back ,

the allowance doesn't mean you can't ask me for money if you're short before it comes . And when I give you money that's not associated with the allowance , it doesn't mean I'll deduct it from your allowance . And if there's anything you want to add on that , well I'm open to that . Like maybe school fees , if you're still in school

Wow ! My jaw is on the floor , like what the hell ?

Me : all this for sex ?

Lethu : Not just any sex Rena

Lord ! Can he call me like that again , okay
scratch it

Me : yeah....yeah I get that

Lethu : but of course there's rules in this

Me : what kind of rules ?

Lethu : I'll always avail myself when needed,
but you cannot call me . I'm the only one
who's allowed to call you

Me : you said you're not married

He's being suspicious right now

Lethu : there's just a lot of danger around me , and priority would be keeping you safe. Might not make sense now , but let's just agree on that

Maybe he sees that I'm confused

Me : and what are other rules ?

Lethu : most important one , we can't see other people . Remember though this is not a relationship , and it'll never be . It's just an agreement , but we'll be having sex . Health comes first , so no other people involved . You can't have a boyfriend , you can't sleep with anyone besides me . And every three months we get tested

This is crazy , like just pure crazy

Lethu : you're allowed to come to my house whenever you want , because you can't call me . So if there's something you need , you go to my house . I don't mind being seen in public with you , but there's a deal breaker . Don't fall in love with me

What the hell ? All this much sex , and everything else going on . And I'm not supposed to fall for him ?

Like can I pull that one off ? There's no man I'm allowed to be with just him

Me : lets say I agree and I fall in love with you , then what ?

Lethu : we terminate the contract and go our separate ways

Wow ! Is he a normal human being ?

Me : so even after terminating the contract, I don't stand a chance

What the hell am I asking him ?

Lethu : no you don't

Wow !

Lethu : I've said a lot , take a week think about this . And after a week , I'll come back and hear your answer . Then we can talk better then

Me : have you ever done this before ?

Lethu : no , I've fucked around sure . But never got into an agreement with anyone

I nod slowly

Lethu : how old are you ?

Me : 22

Lethu : I'm 28 , so I'm not your blesser or whatever . This is an agreement , between two consenting adults

Well he's not that old to be called a blesser , I get him there

Lethu : think about it , and no pressure .
Again it's not a must

He brushes my cheek with his thumb

Lethu : men who are into art , have what they call a muse

Me : and me ?

Lethu : my desire

We lock eyes and I can see he wasn't kidding , they communicate everything he just said

Lethu : I have to get going now , do have something to eat

Me : my throat hurts , I doubt I'll be able to down anything

Lethu : there's plain yoghurt have that

He moves back , picking his clothes and gets dressed

Lethu : a week remember

I nod

He takes out a gold card , and places it next to me . Writing something on a piece of paper

He leans down , just a few inches away from my face

Lethu : spoil yourself , and I'll be back for my card when I come to hear your decision . This is not an influence , it's just to thank you for the time spent together . If you agree and you're not really sure , trust me I'll know and I'll ditch this whole thing

This man !

Me : and what if I spend your money , buy myself that house and car . And take a lump sum of money , and I say no to the agreement when you come back ?

He chuckles and leans down taking my lips into his and we kiss

He pulls out after a few minutes , taking his suit jacket

Lethu : I'll see you

And he leaves , I'm just left stunned

And that last chuckle and a kiss , were they
a threat ? Or maybe a dare to test him

This man seems dangerous , I don't know .
Maybe I'm just being crazy

I better get up and leave as well , he still
didn't tell me about checking out

I don't want to be dragged out of here

And what a struggle it is to get up , not to
mention walking . I'm like a penguin right
now

I respect the man of the beaded dick

Lethuxolo

I went to my house first , showered and changed

And I just had to see my son , I called him way much earlier yesterday

Than our usual time , because I know I'll be late from the hotel

I didn't anticipate what happened , but damn ! No regrets whatsoever

It'll be a pity if she says no , but then like I said it's not a must

Just that it'll be one hell of an experience , she's clueless

And I'll have absolute power to be dominate over her

That'll fucking fulfil my desires

But the week will be enough for her to think this through

I'm at Aneliswa's place right now

Neliswa : so early ?

Me : there's no time limit

She laughs , I take Jordan from me

Me : good morning champ

Jordan : good morning daddy

I kiss his forehead

Me : how about breakfast out ?

Neliswa : because I'm going to work , you guys never include me in your guy things

Me : as you say it's guy things

Neliswa : it wouldn't hurt to just include me

Me : noted mommy

Jordan : notes

She laughs

Me : exactly champ , we made notes of that

Neliswa : your eyes are too red , crazy
night?

Me : I was caught up in something , that's
why I called that early

She blushes and I don't even know why

Neliswa : there's someone ?

I chuckle

Me : what are you fishing for ? If there's anything to tell you , I'll tell you

She raises her hands up laughing

Neliswa : right , well I'm leaving . Are you taking him ?

Me : no , I'll bring him after breakfast

Neliswa : okay

She gives him a kiss and leaves , we go to his room so I can bath him

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Renata

I'm way much better today , there's just mild pain

And I haven't even thought about he said , that proposal of his

Just that slight pain , it made me throw that thinking out of my mind

Like how will I handle him ? Like it being a regular thing

And with the extreme sex thing

I doubt I'll be able to handle that , I just don't see how I can

And having to spend all that much time with him

Yet also restrict my feelings , I won't deny he's handsome and all

And so I can't say it's impossible that I'll somehow be attached to him

Just a thought , he's opening up his personal space for me

Like saying I'll be welcomed to just come to his house whenever

That means I have access , and it's not restricted

Some guy would be like just a hotel will do , even the suite we used

But no , he's saying his house . I can't help but think , this will be conflicted along the way

And that's the deal breaker for him , meaning the agreement will be over

He's very strange to be honest , and for him to say this is the first time he wants something like this

Like how sure and accurate is he , that he won't be the one falling for me ?

Or maybe I'm just not his type , I'm just enough for sex and that's it

Honestly no sane human being can agree to this

Yes the benefits are great , the house the car and that allowance

And to say I can ask for money , even during the month when I'm short and he'll just provide

But can I handle the whole agreement ?.

Not seeing other people , so literally I'll be tying myself to someone

Who can wake up tomorrow , and say the deal is not working for him anymore and we're done

He moves on and what about me ?

This is crazy , and just thinking about it .
Makes my head want to burst

And at 28 how can he be affording all this ?
Unless he's in some cult

Like this is the real world , people do crazy
things for riches and money

Or maybe he makes sacrifices ? What if I fall
prey to that ?

This is one crazy agreement

And something just has to be off about this
man and his riches

Lethuxolo

It's been two days , and I thought by now I'll have crazy notifications

But nothing , she hasn't used the card .

And that puts me in a corner somehow ,
maybe she won't even use it

Because she plans to turn me down , and
she doesn't want me to say she used my
money and all that

But I don't want to think hard about that ,
I'll give her the time and space

And whatever decision she takes , I'll
respect it

You don't just go around picking any
random girl , for something specific as this

And she just fitted for me , the mere fact
that she's clueless and I can dominate her

That's the kind of pleasure I need sexually

Sure a woman can be herself , and explore
if she wants to

But I'm not all for that.

And someone that's not rammed , just
wouldn't get that at all

She's just the first to even get me
interested in this

Others were just good for fucks and that was just it

But I'll just wait and see what happens when I go see her

Today I decided to take Aneliswa and Jordan out , but it's mostly for her

Since she feels that we're neglecting her , when we always go out and all

We're just at the park , nothing serious nor fancy

Just a family outing , and the weather is very much perfect

Neliswa : you know I wasn't complaining

I look at her and chuckle

Me : I know , you were communicating and I just listened

Neliswa : this is beautiful , so thank you

Me : sure

Neliswa : I was talking to Blue a few days ago

Me : mhm

Neliswa : and we spoke about being with different partners , and of course that possibility of having other kids with other people

Me : right

She goes quite , I look at her

Neliswa : this is probably the worst time to bring this up

Me : listen , I'm listening . I just can't take my eyes off him

Jordan is a few feet away from us , he's playing running around and being a kid

Neliswa : okay , and that reminded me that I've always thought I'll have kids of the same father

Me : you even considered having kids ?

She laughs

Neliswa : crazy at that time , but yes I did

Me : I see

It's not awkward at all talking about her past

Neliswa : now we only have one

Me : and he's the only child I want

I say that side eyeing her

Neliswa : what if I still want more ?

Me : that's fine , you can have them just not with me.

Neliswa : Lethu !

Me : what ? I'm not even thinking about kids right now , so you want more it's fine . Go out there date , and plan a family . And when was the last time you dated ?

She's taken aback by that

Neliswa : but don't you think this will somehow affect him

Him being Jordan

Me : how ?

Neliswa : his siblings will have the same father and mother , and he'll be the only

one with a different father or mother to them

Me : he'll be fine , trust me

She sighs

Me : what do you suggest be done because you want more kids ? Get my sperm , and have those kids on your own ? Or you'll seriously be expecting me to step up and be a father to them as well ?

Neliswa : they'll be yours , and why your sperm ?

Me : they won't be mine , I didn't agree to any kids . And my sperm because there's no way we'll sleep together

She seems a bit hurt by that , but I don't sugar coat the truth for anyone

Not even the mother of my son

I have no romantic feelings for her whatsoever , and I don't even look at her otherwise

Neliswa : wow

Me : seriously , Jordan is three now . You stopped breastfeeding when he was one , I really don't mind you dating . You do deserve to be loved and all , because that kind of love and family I can never give you . You and me we'll always be connected , because of our son . And I'll always take care of you , nothing will change . Just bring in someone who will be good to my son , and I'll have no problems . I'm not saying find him a father , because he doesn't lack one . Just a good guy for you , and who'll be good to him too

Neliswa : I understand

She gets up and walks to him

I don't know what nonsense Blue filled her head with , but she better lose it soon

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Renata

This morning it's cold , well more like chilly

And I'm only going to be working night shift

So I'm still in bed , but I got up and made
some coffee

I so needed the cup , and it's warming me
up a bit

Curiosity sure killed a cat , and I can see
why

I'm here with my laptop , busy on Google .
And honestly this is disgusting

And it certainly doesn't look like his dick ,
sure these pictures have beads in them

But they look like they have some kind of
sickness in a way

His was appetising I don't want to lie , it was
just luring me in

As much as it hurt and all that , in all my life
I've never felt such pleasure

Like the beads are at the top , there's like
three lines that's

They're not like what I'm seeing here , with beads all over the dicks . Well more like halfway through it

And it's like sickness indeed

I move away from there , and I look at this extreme sex thing

Me : gosh I can't believe I'm watching porn

I don't even masturbate , because I'm very scared of inserting my finger inside of me

I once tried it , a year ago and it didn't even reach half way inside

I'll rather rub my clit , just to release the tension . Than do anything more than that

I click on some short clip , and just play it .
And honestly this seems like some fantasy

It's the way the women is tied on the bed ,
and moving her body in pain and pleasure

You can't miss how she's longing to hold
him and all , but she's restricted

Me : okay !

I close it

Wouldn't it be nice to experience it myself ,
than watching porn ?

And having those thoughts of expectations ,
and only to find out that's not how extreme
he is

Lord !

I think I need prayers , because right now
I'm just all over the place

My phone rings and I'm just annoyed seeing
it's Athenkosi

Me : hello

Athe : don't be so grumpy , I'm not calling about work

Me : then what ?

Athe : family lunch

Great ! I don't even know why they bother inviting me on these things

Because it's like they're just to torture me , and they just love it

Athe : 13:30 at waterfront , don't even think about not making it . Because I told you

And he drops the call, now I wish I hadn't answered it

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Aneliswa

I know Lethu is brutal with the truth yes

But I didn't expect him to be that blunt , like
he didn't hold anything back

Straight out he just told me he'll never sleep with me

No matter what , that has to bruise a woman . Like is there something wrong with me ?

There's no changing his mind , that's pretty much clear right now

And I guess maybe he's right , I should start dating maybe I'll find someone

As much as his words killed every single hope I had , it's no use

And it actually made me wonder , if there's
anyone he's seeing

He's never said anything , nor has he
Even suggested that I date

I can't just help wondering , and thinking
hard about this

But he said if there's anything to tell , he
will tell me

So even if there's someone , it's probably
nothing serious

He's just passing through , I don't even know if Lethu even knows how to be committed when it comes to love

The first big question is , does he even know how to love ?

Besides his son and two nieces , I've never seen him display love to anyone like ever . Beside the three of the kids

I'm sure he loves his family yes , but when it comes to women . I highly doubt that

So it's the dating game for me now , because if I'm honest I am lonely

So it won't hurt to just try it out , and see what happens

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Ziyanda

A long tiring day at school

I just want to relax , have a glass of wine
and just unwind

And I'm happy to find my girlfriend home

We haven't seen each other for a week ,
she's been busy with work

Varsity has been keeping me busy as well

I'm studying IT , and I must just say I'm very
good at it

Like I have the best mentor in the world ,
my sister in-law

There's absolutely nothing that screams
technology , and Zuri doesn't know about

Luzuko sure scored himself a wife there ,
and that's why I'm studying the same thing

She just made me fall in love with it , and
she always comes through when I need help

Me : hi babe

Siya : baby

I lean over and peck her lips , only she pulls me closer

And aims for a full blown deep kiss , her hands on my waist

We kiss for a few minutes and we pull out

Me : someone missed me

She slowly laughs

Siya : it's been a minute

Siya is mixed raced , so her name is not really said in Zulu or Xhosa or any African language

It's literally said in English , well in some way .

And she's actually from America , moved here because of a job , her own company that she owns

She's into wine

We've been together for 6 months , and she's the longest I've been with

Like me and relationships , we don't get along and I never last

This is the longest I've been with someone for 6 months even

Siya : and you're tense too tense

Should I even tell her ? But I do need to offload a bit

Me : it's Lethu

Siya : you're still at that with your brother ?

Me : but babe , I haven't even said anything and already it sounds like you're on his side

Siya : there are no sides here , you know how I feel and where I stand about this .
Honestly I just feel like you're just being too much , you're annoying the guy to be honest

I gasps and do you think she'll stop ? No

Siya : you're forcing your way into what you see as a family business , but in all honesty it's not . Luzuko is busy with his business and so is his wife , your parents have retired. There's the company , now that's the family business . Not your brother's

criminal activities , Lethu is the one that's a criminal right now . That's his business , it's not a family thing . Stop trying to push for it so hard , like it's one okay . It really doesn't suit you babe , and Lethu doesn't want you there . Just let him be , because you'll end up resenting your own brother . And for what ? Right now you're just acting like a spoiled brat , feeling entitled to being a criminal . You're way in above your head , it doesn't matter how capable do you think you are . This is not for you , period !!

With tears streaming down my face , I just get off her grip and run upstairs to our bedroom

I lock the door , and just cry

I never thought that's what she thinks of
me, or like that's how she sees me

What's so wrong about wanting to do this ,
just a small chance so I can prove myself

And I'm just being condemned for that right
now

By my own girlfriend

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Athenkosi

Dad is pissed , and mom is very much liking this

Just for Renata , to keep pissing him off and that definitely keeps pushing them apart

Dad : we might as well eat , and leave

Mom : just give her a few minutes

This woman can pretend no lies

Dad : some of us have things to do

He doesn't waste time he calls over a
waitress and orders

So we all might just as well order

And then she arrives , as we receive our
order of drinks

Mom : darling you're finally here

Dad is fuming

Renata : sorry I'm late , it was hard to get a taxi

Dad : a taxi ? Why couldn't you Uber ?

For a second she gives him that , do you have any idea how much that cost ?

Dad : you're just ill-mannered

Renata : I apologized

Dad : if you didn't want to be here you shouldn't have come

Renata : well if I knew I wouldn't be grilled for it , then I wouldn't have come

Mom : you two please , Renata some respect for your father

She bows her head down

Dad : I won't take any nonsense from her , we're trying to accommodate her . And this is what she does

It's when her tears fall drop on her arm , I realise she's crying

Renata : then I'll stop being an
inconvenience in your perfect life with your
family

And she runs out crying like that

Does he even look bothered ? No

Mom : won't you go after her ?

Dad : for what ?

I get up without even excusing myself , and
he calls after me but I'm out the door

This is just drama that even our business
doesn't need

We're in a public space , we really should
behave ourselves

I look around for a bit , until I spot her on an
elevator . See me running to reach her in
time

And I do , just as she's about to walk out the
exit

Me : hey !

I grab her arm , not too hard she turns and faces me

Me : I'm sorry

Renata : no you're not , this sure is making you happy . You're the perfect son he's always wanted , and he'll always choose you over me . You now what I'm done , so go back to your family and leave me the outcast alone . I'm done forcing myself on any of you , I know you don't need me and you don't want me . You seriously don't have to throw that at my face every chance you get , be it at work or anywhere .

I have never seen her cry like this , and it's painful to be honest

It's really piercing , and there's nothing nice about this much hurt

Me : let me take you home

An apology won't do right now , even trying to talk to her

Renata : leave me alone Athenkosi , before I scream

She pulls off my grip and walks out , another part of me wants to follow her

Another is like this is Renata she's capable
of screaming

So I let her be , and my heart doesn't allow
me to go back inside

I just head to my car and leave

How do I go back to enjoy lunch after what
just happened ?

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Renata

Athenkosi has been blowing up my phone
with calls and texts

And my father hasn't even bothered , not
even a single text

But it's fine , I'm really done trying to fit
into their family

I'm clearly not wanted , and so I'm making
peace with that

At work I avoid him the best I can , I don't
want to talk to him

The sooner I get away from them , the better

And that means ditching this job of theirs , we're better off in our separate ways

I'm so unsettled today , like I just can't keep still . And worse in working in a room of this rude guy

Who keeps sending me around , like I'm an errand girl

But I'm avoiding drama , so I am running around for him

But at the back of my head , I have
Lethuxolo Dube lingering there

It's been 5 days , and for some people that's
a week

For others it's 7 days yes , but people are
just not the same

I don't know if he's going to come today , or
I still have to wait for more two days or
what

I'm at the bar getting that rude man a drink,
I'm seriously getting away from him after
this

I shiver at the nicotine breath that hits the back of my neck , and the side of my face

I slightly turn my head , and his face is just inches away from mine

He holds my waist , and damn ! Every feeling in me right now it's just sexual

He hands me a key card , and I see it's for the presidential suite

I take it , and he just walks away . I release the breath I've been holding in

The barman hands me the drink , I take it
and go back to the rooms

And he's busy on call , I just place the drink
there and I walk out

If he still wants to send me around , too bad
for him

I find myself right at the door in the
presidential suite , I open and get in

I lean against the counter , closing my eyes
and taking deep breaths

I do feel his presence , as he approaches
and I haven't opened by eyes

He holds me from behind , and places kisses
on my neck

I slightly tilt my head , and he presses his
body closer to mine

I feel his beaded dick against my ass , just
slightly above it . And I just can't help but
have those images in my mind

Lethu : I've been thinking about you all
week

A week is 5 days to him , okay fine !

It takes everything in me to say nothing ,
but my mouth just fails me

Me : me too

He slowly takes me around , I open my eyes
we lock eyes

He leans down and we kiss , this one is very
much capable of ripping my uniform off

And just fuck me on this counter , it's the
way he's just handling my body

I'm panting like crazy , he slowly pulls out

Lethu : I shouldn't even be kissing you ,
before knowing your decision

He doesn't move back an inch

Me : uhm.....there's some questions I have .
Is there room to meet , and just address
those ?

Lethu : of course

Me : okay

Lethu : but do you have my answer ?

His eyes are just full of lust , and the way I'm feeling right now . I have no doubt that I match the same lust as him

Me : yes , I'll do it

He just takes my lips into his , and he's hungry for more

He's just vulnerable and displaying that with the kiss

We pull out to catch our breaths , and I'm in pleasure pain right now . My abdomen is slightly painful

Nothing much to it , I am horny and I just need sex

Lethu : come over tonight

His house already ?

But what the hell I've already agreed

Me : okay

How do I forget myself that I'm at work ? I need to leave

Lethu : you didn't use the card

I shake my head

Lethu : it wasn't an offence now , was it ?

Me : no , it wasn't

He chuckles

Lethu : well let me have my card back

He pecks my lips

Me : I'll bring it with

Lethu : why ? You want to go and spend on it now ?

Me : maybe

I say laughing , getting past him

He just shakes his head as I walk out

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Lethuxolo

Fuck ! That was some relief

I honestly didn't see her agreeing ,
especially when days went by and there
was no use on the card

I was like there was no way in hell she was
going to agree

But I'm in my feels that she did , and I can't wait to see her tonight

I'll have to see Jordan today , and with Rena coming we'll have to be on the phone earlier

I've texted Aneliswa , and told her . And I'm guessing that's why she's calling me now

Me : yeah

Neliswa : I'm working late , I won't be home around 18:00

Me : well I'll be busy tonight , I can't call late

Neliswa : should I even be asking what's going on ?

Me : no , for what ? And what made you possibly think you can ask ?

Neliswa : no need to be rude

Me : look , just give me the nanny's number. I'll call her and talk to Jordan

She laughs , and it's a mock

Neliswa : you're kidding !

Me : I want to talk to my son Neliswa , don't wear me off

She sighs

Neliswa : fine

I drop the call

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Renata

His house is one of a kind , and it's not just any huge house

But this is at a private estate , with a drive way that's just so long

I'm welcomed by some white guy , and he's old okay

He introduces himself as John

John : Mr Dube is still caught up , please do wait for him . And he'll be here shortly

Me : okay

He walks away , only to come back with wine and snacks

Me : thank you

And he walks away , now I'm just left alone .
If only I was forward , I would tour around
this house

But let me just put still until he comes

And it's just clear he lives alone here , it's
too clean

There are no kids here , otherwise the place
wouldn't be this spotless

Unless it's because he knows I'm coming ,
but I highly doubt . Something should be
giving away

And doesn't he sneak up on me again , he's right next to me when I realise

Lethu : sorry , I was on a business call

I look at him and he pecks my lips

Me : it's okay

Lethu : you look stunning

Me : thanks

Can't believe I used my money to get an outfit , and a change of hair

Lethu : you're keen on spending the night ?

Me : I don't even know why I'm here

He chuckles

Lethu : dinner

Me ; in that case , I'll spend the night

Lethu : mhm let's go talk then

We go into the sitting room , I love just how his house is an open plan

We sit down next to each other , and he makes sure to face me

Lethu : I'm willing to listen to your questions

Me : is this a verbal agreement ?

Lethu : no , there's a contract . One that's binding and all , and I'm a lawyer you can't say otherwise

I laugh

Me : well I'm studying law so

He smiles

Lethu : perfect

Me : I understood what you said , and from my view this means you'll be dominating me

Lethu : yes

Me : am I offered the same privilege ?

Lethu : no

What a stereotypical man !

Lethu : but like I said , you'll still get pleasure out of our sexual encounters as well

I just nod

Me : and your deal breaker , does it also applies to you ?

Lethu : my answer to you is this statement , I'll never fall in love with you

He's so sure of himself it's actually scary

Me : miraculously let's say you do , does the same deal breaker still apply ?

He chuckles

Lethu : yes

That's just twisted

Me : and if I become interested in someone else , does the contract release me ?

He didn't expect that , he's good at hiding things . But his eyes , they just expose everything

Lethu : yes

Me : okay

Lethu : all your questions answered ?

Me : yes thank you

Lethu : alright , let's get to our agreement .
You have to be on contraceptives , because
I won't be using a condom with you . But if
you want , we can use it

Me : won't it hurt more ?

Lethu : I don't know , but we can try it and
see if you'll be comfortable

Me : okay , but I think contraceptives will
work

Lethu : they'll have to , I can't use a condom every time . I just don't like it

Me : I understand

Lethu : I'll give you the contract in the morning , you can sign it after you've read it. I've already signed

Me : alright

He pulls me closer as he leans closer as well and we kiss

Lethu : we're having sex tonight , and not part of our agreement . And we can try the condom then , I've been longing for you

This man ! He's just blunt like that I guess

Lethu : you'll have to find a house and a car, then our agreement can start . I have to keep my end of the deal first

He's brave

Me : I'll get on with it

Lethu : give me back my card , you still didn't use it

I will use this card , one way or the other . I wasn't just interested right now

Lethu : if ever we reach a point where our agreement is broken , you keep everything you got all this time . And I pay you monthly allowance for a whole year , after that we're completely done

Wow !

Exactly who is this man ?

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Lethuxolo

It's been a long week , I missed holding her
like this into my arms

Our lips moving in sync , and her naked
body pressed against mine

I place her on the mirror desk , and get in
between her legs

Me : put it on

I tear the wrap for her , she slowly takes it .
And slides it on my dick

These beads just entice her , it's just all over
her face

She lets go and hold on my back , I rub my
finger on her coochie and she's wet enough

I slide it in , and it doesn't go in immediately

She's closed up , and doesn't feel like I've
had her a week ago

I really am going to enjoy her , without a
doubt

I thrust in , the deeper and faster I go in the
more her moans increase

She lets go of me , as I go in harder . She
holds on the desk

Throwing her head back , I lean down
sucking on her neck

Her coochie walls cling on me , I quickly pull
out as she cums

With just sweet moans , I pull her towards
me and we kiss

She's still in her pleasure , I pull out slowly
and just look at her

Until she calms down , I slowly slide the
condom off my dick

Me : and ...how do you feel ?

She's still panting high

Renata : mhm....I felt the taste of it

I guess she doesn't like feeling the plastic
inside of her

Me : okay , we ditch it

I capture her lips , she kisses me back . I
pick her up heading to the bed

I lay her down slowly , on the side . I lift her
legs , placing them on my shoulders

I crouch down burying my head deep
between her thighs , feasting on her clit

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Aneliswa

I would be crazy not to think that Lethu is seeing someone

Like what normal baby daddy , tells his baby mama that she should date

But it's fine , we were never a couple anyways . And there's never been love involved

Blue came over , and we're just having breakfast together

Jordan is still sleeping , he sometimes tends to sleep in much longer

I guess this is one of those days

Blue : so ?

Me : what ?

Blue : what's been happening with you

I probably shouldn't tell her this , but what the hell ?

She's the only one I can talk to

Me : so the other day , Lethu took us to the park

She smiles

Blue : some family thing

Me : in a way yes , and I gladly appreciated

Blue : see ! You can have this man if you really want

I laugh

Me : you're going to far , and in a hurry . So I spoke to him about what we spoke about

Blue : oh ! And ?

Me : he straight out told me that he doesn't want me , and he will never sleep with me .
And that I'll never have his kids again

Blue : you lie !

Me : I'm telling you , and that's not all

Blue : what ?

Me : he ...he said I should start dating

Her jaw drops

Blue : what ?

Me : yeah , so I'm officially just back on the dating game

She laughs

Me : don't laugh , this whole thing is just crazy

Blue : well maybe not

Me : what ?

Blue : find someone , don't be serious or too invested . But just test Lethu , and see

how he'll react when he sees you with another man

And why didn't I think of that ?

I mean it's a long shot , but maybe it can work out

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Ziyanda

Things haven't been okay , and Siya left

I've been on my own , but yes we've been communicating

And today she decided to come back , I'm not even worried about where she was

I know she probably was at her condo , getting away from me

Me : hey

Siya : Babe

I sit down

Siya : you're good ?

I nod

Siya : you're still angry even now ?

I shake my head

Siya : and I can't communicate with a mute ,
use words . We're not kids Ziya

I sigh

Me : I'm hurt and not angry Siya

She chuckles annoyed

Siya : I love you , and I won't damn comfort
you with lies . If you can't take the truth
from me , how do you think you can take it
from hard-core criminals ?

I just sulk

Siya : you're being childish right now , but
fuck ! Do you , and when Lethu fucks you
up. Don't expect me to come running to
your rescue

She gets up and walks to our room

Oh ! This is just so frustrating

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Athenkosi

Dad called me that day , and he wasn't
much pleased

Mom was just happy , and both their
reactions made me happy that I didn't go
back there

I get a feeling Renata is avoiding me , she
doesn't want to see me at all

She's not taking my calls , and not answering my messages

As much as I keep calling her , I don't even know what I will say

But anything is better than this silence

She's probably finding me , and my actions very awkward right now

But it's not like I can just blatantly say it out loud

I'm just being awkward right now , and I need to get a grip on myself

Before she fucking catches on me

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Renata

I'm a bit better than the last time

But I swear the pain and this tiredness , is something that'll take me a while to get used to

I so overslept , and he just let me be . And said I'll find him down

And I think that was an hour ago , because after he walked out I fell asleep again

This is just crazy

I get up and make the bed , am I just not forward

But what the hell ! Who am I expecting to come and do it ?

I head to the shower , I took a good look at him moving around when he woke up

I use his lotion , and I'm left smelling like him . At least I'm going straight to my room when I leave here

I put on my dress , the one I wore yesterday of course

And I just walk barefoot , sneakers on my feet this early won't do me good

I walk down , and it's so quite and empty .
To be honest it even feels scary

I walk in the kitchen , and this much white .
It just says something true to my suspicions

There are no kids here , otherwise this
room would be a mess

Unless the kids are old enough , but how
old would they be

A brown envelope catches my eye on the
kitchen counter

I walk closer , and it has on my name on it
“Rena”

I mean that’s what he calls me , so I guess
it’s mine

And next to it it’s a piece of paper , I read it

Me : breakfast in the warmer , I’m in my
study . You can find me if you like

What the hell ?

I find myself laughing shaking my head

I get the food from the warmer , and one piece just wants me to stay around and eat here

But another is telling me to find him

But where will I even begin ?

I sit my ass down and eat , opening the envelope . And it's the agreement contract

I go through it , I see everything is here .
Even his deal breaker , I guess that's not a joke

And halfway through it , he graces me with his presence

He places a kiss on my cheek , and comes around

Lethu : I see someone is lazy

I slightly laugh as he sits down

Me : you live in a ghost house

Lethu : mhm , you slept well ?

I nod

Lethu : okay , are we still agreeing there ?

Me : let me finish

I go back to reading , and he's kept his end of the bargain okay

Even on his side , it's all stated on the contract

I'm shocked at the monthly allowance though

Me : this is real ?

Lethu : what ?

Me : this money , like it's real ?

Lethu : yeslisten if it's too small we can always increase it . I'm willing to end at 250

Me : thousands ?

Lethu : yes

Wow ! I am really shocked

All this much money just for sex really ?
Including the house and the car

Like how bad is this guy going to hurt me
with his BDSM fantasy

I mean I called it extreme sex , and he said that's my simple words

Here it is on the contract as it is BDSM

Lethu : so ?

Me : it's....I didn't think it'll be this much

Lethu : well it's worth it , your body will take strain . And this will change you , you might get hooked to this . And you'll never enjoy another man , who's into normal sex

Now this is crazy ! Like more crazy

Me : so basically if the deal ends , I'll die
from sexual hunger

He laughs

Lethu : don't break it , and you'll never have
to die

Me : how can this be a forever thing so to
speak ?

Lethu : it can , because the more sex is done
with the same person . The more it just gets
nasty , and trust me you can't get bored by
that

Me : so basically it's just a life of sex , no love and no feelings . No family , like nothing of that ?.

He keeps quite , and well that's a first

I take the pen and sign , and his expression changes

I guess for a second there he thought I'll change my mind

Me : there

Lethu : thank you , you'll get to keep your copy and I'll get to keep mind

I nod

Lethu : we can do dates , outing and trips .
It's not like I'm just using you for sex , I told
you I won't be ashamed to be seen with you
in public . So when you want lunch , tell me
and I'll be there

With all this , I don't know if my heart needs
to be locked or what

But this ! I'll just have to see just how long I
can pull this off

Lethu : you'll let me know when you've
found a house , and the car . I'll buy them ,
and of course the deed will be in your

name. Like I said , I'll pay everything fully in cash . You'll have no debts in your name

Shouldn't I be asking this guy about his finances ?

Lethu : I'll have the doctor come see us , privately here . And we get tested , then you get on contraceptives

Me : okay

And shouldn't we have tested first before we signed the contract ?

But I guess he knows what he's doing

Lethu : John is here day and night , so don't mind him when you come around . Just be you , I have your access card you'll have it when you leave

He really has everything in order

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A WEEK LATER

Lethuxolo

I haven't seen Rena , I've been out of the country

I only got back this morning , and there was no communication at all

Being away for a whole week , first thing I had to do arriving was to see Jordan

But Rena knew I wouldn't be around , and I told her there's no way we could have communicated

Neliswa : are you leaving with him ?

Me : yeah

Neliswa : okay , for the weekend or ?

Me : if you have plans just say

I chuckle

Neliswa : I do actually have a date

Me : no problem , he'll come back on
Monday morning

Neliswa : okay

That's not really an okay , was she expecting that I'll ask questions ?

Well wrong

Me : put on your jacket champ , we're leaving

Jordan : going daddy's house ?

Me : no , you're visiting Poochie

On the speed of lighting he's off the floor I laugh

Me : calm down

Jordan : Lala is there ?

Me : yes

Jordan : okay

He takes his jacket , and his mother helps him puts it on

Me : are you excited to see Lala ?

Jordan : yes , but uncle says Lala is baby

Me : she is a baby champ

Jordan : but we talk

What the hell ? How do you talk with a one year old ?

Me : champ , you don't even understand a single word she says . So she's a baby

Jordan : oh okay

Okay ! That's also like he's agreeing because I'm saying

But I'm actual fact he's not agreeing at all

Me : let's go

He runs out , and we're left stunned . And
he comes back again

Jordan : sorry mommy , bye

No proper hug , just a hug on the legs . And
he's gone

Me : I better get going

Neliswa : your child has no hold once his
cousins are mentioned

I chuckle

Me : I'll see you

Neliswa : bye

Me : you take care , and remember what I said . So I hope he's a good guy

She nods with a smile and I walk out

I wanted to spend time with Jordan , but his cousin want him

So I'll just have to make do next week with our time together

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Neliswa

There's no date , there's no guy

I just wanted to see his reaction , and I wish
I didn't

As soon as he left I called Blue , I needed to offload

Blue : like not even a bit ?

I shake my head , we're on FaceTime

Blue : what kind of a guy is this ?

Me : that's Lethuxolo Dube

I sigh

Blue : bring a real guy

I shake my head

Me : maybe this won't work , and I should just forget

Blue : hell no ! You're way too beautiful , to do this to yourself

Me : well what can I do ?

Blue : a dating profile

Me : what ?

Blue : how do you think I got my husband ?
Online dating

Me : hell no ! Dating apps are not for me , I am not that desperate

Blue : hey !

Me : sorry....but yeah !

That husband of hers is old , is that the kind of man that's supposed to make Lethu drool over me ?

Then it won't fucking work

Blue : I'm telling you this will work , I'm coming over tomorrow . And we can take pictures , and start putting you out there

I already regret this , before it's even done

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Ziyanda

Siya's words stuck to me okay

And I know my girlfriend , she just calls a
spade a spade

She doesn't spare my feelings , in any way .
No matter what

And so in a way , I do get her and
understand where she was coming from

I'm not angry like I said , but I'm hurt . Like
they don't see any potential in me

Meaning that I probably don't have what it
takes for real

My phone rings and it's Athenkosi , I sigh
before I answer

Me : hello

Athe : have you forgotten that we have a
deal ?

If only he can see just bored I am right now
by his question

Me : no but.....

Athe : no excuses just deliver

Me : how about you just watch your tone with me ?

Athe : this is business , and you're being unprofessional right now

What the fuck is wrong with this guy ?

Me : this is prostitution in simple words , don't make it such a big deal

Athe : just have your girls here

Me : well talk to my brother

Athe : what.....

I drop the call on him , he calls again I just switch the damn phone off

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Athenkosi

I had to call dad , and tell him about this

This is his person , he's the one who wanted them and this

Which I totally think it's just a degrade and shame

To this hotel restaurant bar , like we're highly established . A whole 5 star hotel

And we want to involve ourselves in prostitution

As much as that will bring in more money ,
it's that like we're lacking

Me : I still don't even see the need for this

Dad : you really can't run a business on
morals Athenkosi

Well I actually think you can

Me : well your girl is failing to deliver now ,
and she told me to speak to her brother

He clears his throat

Dad : Lethuxolo ?

Me : I think so

Dad : well....we need this association so you might as well

He's out of his mind

Me : I'm just a manager here , and I don't see the need for this . So you talk to him yourself

Dad : Athenkosi !

Me : I have to get back to work dad

I drop the call

He's crazy , I'm not going to meet Lethuxolo

I lift my head , and I see Renata passing and looks like she's leaving

I get up and call after her , but she doesn't even bother stopping nor looking back

I don't even know if she can hear me or what !

I sigh going back into my office

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Renata

I used this week to house hunt , I've see
three houses now

And I only liked one out of those three , but
I'm not very much convinced

So today I'm seeing the forth one

And besides it being a crazy insanely huge mansion

That I can never afford in my life

Well before I mean , now I'll be getting a R150 000 every month

I'll seriously not even know what to do with that money

But as I was saying , I might be clueless as well . But security is impressive

And I think that's one thing Lethu and I can agree on

I'm loving this house , like for real I am all for it

And the master bedroom , damn ! Waking up here I'll feel like some madam

And the downstairs is an open space , which I love and love

I'm not even that much obsessed with guests rooms , it's not like I'll ever have guests

But I can finally say I've found a house that I love

Linda : so what do you think ?

Me : I love this one , I really do

She smiles and it's fake

Linda : so it'll be through the bank or ?.

Me : cash

Her belittling me is annoying okay , ever since I came to stay with my father

That's all I know , being looked down on

Linda : cash ?

She thinks I'm crazy , like for real . Maybe she thinks I'm just some mixed race crazy girl

Linda : the house is 3.2 million

Me : I know that

See me ! I don't even know his net worth , and I want him to buy me an insanely millionaire house

From a back room , to all of this . Yeah I'm
crazy I know , but don't look at me like that

My phone rings , and it's a strange number
like very strange it looks international

Me : hello ?

Voice : can you let me in

What the....! I look at the phone again , and
this is his damn phone

Me : let you in ?

Lethu : mhm

This is strange , the number doesn't make sense

And him saying I should let him in , doesn't make sense either

I mean he said he'll come back yes , but there wouldn't be communication

Which there wasn't for a week , and now why would the number be international if he's back

Linda : oh there's someone at the gate do you...

Me : open up

And he's dropped the call , now I do feel like I'm in a world I have no idea whatsoever about

In a minute he walks in , and is it so wrong to see somehow sexual when I see him

Lethu : hey

I smile very creepy , how did he know where I am . And how did he get my number

Like lord ! In your name what's this ?

He pecks my lips , and graces me with a frown . Because surely he can see my reaction

Through my eyes , because my face and mouth are lying

Lethu : is this the house ?

I smile genuinely now

Me : I think so

He chuckles

Lethu : mhm take me around

He takes my hand and I walk him around
the house now

I even forgot about that Linda woman

Lethu : you like it ?

Me : I love it , but of course it's too big for
me alone .

Lethu : it doesn't matter

We walk back down

Lethu : how much is this one

And there's that

Me : 3.2

Lethu : okay

I don't sense anything from his voice , he still sounds like himself

Me : I saw three others , and there was one I liked . It wasn't as expensive as this one

Lethu : you're taking the one you love

Wow !

I can't help but be suspicious of his
finance's , but can I even ask

Me : I'm taking the house

I say to Linda who's now leaning against the
kitchen counter

Linda : oh

Me : when can I sign and get the seed

Cat caught her tougher , this is priceless

Because just minutes ago , she was looking
down on me

Linda : will it be a joint deed ?

Me : no it's mine

The shock on her is really amazing no lies

Linda : okay , I can fix that for you right now. Please give me a minute

She goes out

Lethu turns me to face him , he leans down and we kiss

I missed his touch , his lip and just having his body against mine

Lethu : I behaved

I smile pulling out slowly , we lock eyes .
And he's damn horny , I'm slowly meeting
him there

Me : that's good

Lethu : don't I deserve a treat just for that

Me : well....

I shrug

Lethu : dinner tonight

I get on my toes

Me : that can be done

My clit is doing this , and my nipples are getting harder

And he can see this , he's very much amused

We kiss , and are only disturbed by Linda clearing her throat

We pull out slowly like she's not even here

Linda : I'm sorry

Me : it's fine

Linda : I have...my laptop with me , I can fix the contract and the deed for you

Me : bank details ?

She gives them , and Lethu hands me his phone to make the transaction myself

I'm seeing this man's bank balance , but I don't even know how much it is

Crazy huge long numbers , and those zeros

This is a lot of money , don't look at me like that for not knowing how much it is

And thank God I know 3.2 million in numbers , otherwise I would make a mess here

In a few minutes the payment is confirmed , and this is in Linda's face for undermining me like that

Let me gloat , I'm a millionaire mansion owner in Sandton yes !

And I'm tearing up now , doesn't this man engulf me in a hug

It's just tears of joy , I'm happy I don't want to lie

As much as this came with terms and conditions and all that

But this is me now , I'll make the best of it

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Lethuxolo

She locks her legs behind my back

Clinging tight on my arms , she leans her
head down

I move back a bit , just leaving the tip inside.
And I take hard strokes

I slide my hands inside her dress , and
unclip her bra

It loosens , I bring my hands to her boobs . I
cup them , rubbing on her nipples

They're so hard , I'm dying to just suck on
them

She pulls me closer , I go in deeper . Her moans intensify as she graces my dick with her cum

I slowly pull out , my dick throbs on her stomach leaving my cum there

I bring her head back , kissing her and she welcomes me

Me : this is how we bless your home

She smiles , I peck her lips

Me : why would you buy a house that's empty ?

Renata : your house is too white , and it's creepy . It's like one just have to be still , and confined . Keep it clean like that , so there's no dirt

I chuckle

Renata : I want mine to have a feel of home

Me : so furniture shopping ?

Renata : I'll get to it

Me : then let me invited

Renata : won't that bore you ?

Me : no , not with you around

Renata : then you're so invited

Me : we're meeting the doctor tomorrow

Renata : okay

Me : I think you should spend this weekend
at my place

I remove her bra , while she still has her
dress on

Me : we can just talk , arrangement or not .
We still need to know each other

Renata : no boundaries , any personal questions goes ?

Me : any question goes , no boundaries there

Renata : okay

I slowly lower her dress , exposing her boobs

I lean over in between them , trailing to the other sucking on her nipple

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Renata

It's some morning for me , I'm not in my
feels I'm just not sane

Lethu insisted to drive me to my place
yesterday

So I can get a weekend bag , and I didn't want him doing that

But he wasn't having any it that , so yeah he took me there

And the shame I got , I'm sure he even saw that

Sure it's clean and everything , but it's just a one room

Bedroom and kitchen in the same space

And having a guy like Lethu see that , I don't know it just put me off

He might even regret everything , and see this as he took me out of poverty

Of which he did yes , but it's just heart wrecking to even think someone will have those thoughts about yourself

Like I'm not shameful about my life

But right now , that whatever people think about you doesn't matter phrase . It's just not working

We're in the lounge , and the doctor has just arrived

And we haven't spoken about my shame thoughts

And right now he doesn't look well , he's nervous

And he's not good at hiding it

It takes everything in me to just shut up

And I just fail miserably , as I open my mouth

Me : are you okay ?

He nods

Me : you look nervous

He shakes his head

Lethu : are you not ?.

Me : no

Lethu : well

This is funny

Me : you don't trust yourself that much ?

He sighs

Lethu : I've been a busy man , safe yes but one can never be too sure

Me : don't you think we should tested first , before signing the contract ?

Lethu : what....why ?

Me : what if one of us is not clean , then what ? Do we tear the contract off , and go our separate ways ?

Lethu : don't say such things

A grown ass man is scared of testing , just a small pinch of a needle

And just hearing if he's safe or not

Me : it's logical to think about it

Lethu : you think way you many logical things

Me : what ?

He chuckles shaking his head

The doctor starts with me , and then him .
It's all kinds of STI's and STD's

And pregnancy on my side , just to be sure
I'm safe there

Three times now , we've been intimate
without any protection

Doc : your results are ready , should I tell
you or just give you and you'll check them
on your own

Lethu looks at me

Me : we will look at them

Lethu : you're that brave

I frown , this is not the same Lethu I met
two weeks ago

I hold his hand , I feel like he needs it

Doc : alright , I'll leave you two then

Lethu : what if we have some questions ?

Honestly this man doesn't trust that he's clean

Me : may I ?

He nods

I take his results and look at them , without any fear whatsoever

Me : there you go , you're clean

It's the intense stare he gives me , he leans over and kiss my cheek

I really do want to laugh , this is just too funny

I look at mine , and it's not like I expected anything else

I hand them over to him , he smiles

Doc : you can leave now ?

Lethu : thought you left already

I slightly laugh along with the doctor , he gives me the contraceptives pills

And he leaves

Me : you okay now ?

It's the kiss he gives me , that tells me he's okay now

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Renata

Me : can we talk now

Lethu : okay

Me : about yesterday

His stare is blank now

Me : I'm....I'm just out here fending for myself . With no one chipping in , in any way I'm just on my own . Hence I'm stuck working a maid job , at age 22

I tie my hair back , now I'm about to expose myself and messed up life to this man

Me : my parents were never together , and my mother raised me . Death took her , and

I had to move here with my father . But soon after , he got married . The woman came with son , and let's just say that completed the family . I just became an outcast , and I moved out . I wasn't happy there , I was treated very bad . And I saw that I wasn't needed , it was just enough . That's how I got to end up , living on my own renting a one room . Working as a bar woman , to a maid . Just to make ends meet, and also having to juggle school

He turns my red face and makes me look at him , as we lock eyes my tears just fall

And he kiss them off , that just causes me to laugh through my tears

Lethu : and now you own a 3.2 million mansion in Sandton

He pecks my lips

Lethu : and that's where we are

He keeps pecking my lips in between

Lethu : this is just me , and I don't even have anything bad to say about your place . I applaud a woman who can stand up , and hold her own

So this was me , ashamed and embarrassed for nothing

Lethuxolo

She's sleeping so peacefully , and we've
only slept a few hours ago

She's laying on my chest , I don't want to
wake her up

And I'm loving cuddling her like this

But I want to call Luzuko , so I can talk to Jordan

Last night the champ was so busy , he didn't want to entertain me

I just lean over slowly reaching for my phone , and I dial him

Luzuko : don't you feel like getting married?

Me : what...why ?

He sighs

Luzuko : why would you call me this early
Lethu ?

Me : I want to talk to my son

Luzuko : he's eating call after an hour

Me : can't do , I'm really busy

Luzuko : with what....wait why are you
talking so down ? Who the hell are you
fucking ?

Me : you're seriously not asking me that

Luzuko : I amwho the hell is she ?

Me : can you just give Jordan the phone

Luzuko : this is not over , here give J the phone

Voice : it's Uncle ?

Luzuko : yeah

Poochie : hi uncle

Me : hi Poochie

Poochie : are you coming to take him ?

Me : uhm....

Poochie : please don't , because we're still having fun . And we're going to see grandfather today , you know how much he spoils us with the government money and...

Luzuko : just give J the phone

She sighs

Poochie : uncle just don't come , here you go champ

Luzuko sure damn saved me there , she's only 11 but she just talks none stop

Perks of calling a baby Poochie , and her real name is Thandolwethu

But everyone calls her Poochie and I mean everyone

Me : hey champ

Jordan : hi Daddy

Me : are you good ?

Jordan : yes

Me : okay , what are you doing ?

Jordan : Lala and I we eat

Me : okay enjoy , daddy will call you later
okay ?

Jordan : later is soon ?

Me : yes in just a few hours

Jordan : okay

Me : I love you champ

Jordan : Jordan loves daddy

Not Lala making noise in the background

Luzuko : give me back my expensive phone ,
before it meets up with creasy breakfast

They laugh at him , and I drop the call .
Because I don't want to talk to him

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Aneliswa

Blue is here , and she's just taking this whole thing way too serious

Me : is this for a dating app , or some professional profile ?

I'm tired , and bored out of my mind by this nonsense

Blue : do you want this to work or not ?

Me : of course I do

Blue : then work with me here

I sigh

Me : you're taking this too far

Blue : I'm giving you a day , and you'll have men flooding your DM

Me : I think this is just a waste of my time really

Blue : get your act together , I'm actually helping you get and I don't even have to

Me : well

Blue : enough.....okay ! Enough let's just continue . We need some up close pictures now

Yes , my lounge has been turned into some photoshoot studio

It's just crazy if you ask me

And I feel like this won't work , like at all

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Ziyanda

I hate doing this , but I have to

The tension between me and Siya , just
doesn't sit well with me

And the most crazy thing , is that deep
down I know she's right

I just have to swallow this pride , and make
right

Starting with Lethu

And again , I'm at his house and I didn't call
again

I knock , and John opens for me . I hope he
doesn't kick me out again

John : Ms Dube , how are you ?

Me : I'm hold John ,and yourself ?

John : very well , can I get you anything ?

I wonder where Lethu found this man , he's so down to earth it's just amazing

Me : is my brother around ?

It's only like 10:00 , but with Lethu you can never be sure of anything

John : yes , I'm sure he'll be down soon

Me : then tea will do

I sit down , and after a few minutes he comes back with tea and some cookies

Me : thank you

He nods with a smile and leaves

I have my tea , until my brother comes done with this fine chick

I'm on my feet , and he has that expressionless stare of his

Me : dear brother

I say with a smile , lord ! I'm praying he
doesn't kick me out again

I wonder where did my parents get this son
of theirs

Lethu : what do you want ?

Me : good morning to you , and this fine
lady here . Hi I'm Ziyanda his sister , they
just call me Ziya

She side smiles , I'm just making things
awkward for these two people

Lethu : what do you want in my house so early , drinking my tea and cookies ?

Okay ! My smile won't work

Me : I just want to talk to you please , I should have called I know and I'm sorry

He just stares at me

Her : I should go

Lethu : I'll call you

He walks her out , and I sit my ass down .

He comes back

Me : please don't kick me out again , it's about the deal with the Xulu

Lethu : your deal with them

Me : I don't want that anymore , I just want out because I was never even in

Lethu : what the hell are you talking about ?

Me : I don't want anything to do with that

Lethu : who invited you to even begin with?

Me : no one.... Absolutely no one

Lethu : then what do you want ?

Me : please handle them

Lethu : who ?

Me : Xulu and his son

Lethu : they're your people , you handle them . Now get out

Me : Bhuti(brother)

Lethu : hamba Ziyanda , I'm done talking to you (leave)

And he walks upstairs

I know that's his final answer , there's no
changing his mind

If those two don't get in touch with him ,
then they can forget that deal

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Renata

I managed to move my small things
yesterday to the house

I did that on my own , I didn't want to
bother Lethu

And I'm glad that's done , cause I'll need
those few things for these few days

I'm still yet to get some furniture , I don't
even know where to start

I'm at work right now , and Athenkosi just
called me into his office

I'm already annoyed walking in , and he's on call

But he drops it , as soon as I sit down

Athe : hi

Since when does he care to greet me ? He's just being weird right now

Athe : are you okay ?

Me : why am I here ?

He just gives me a strange look

Me : honestly I haven't done anything

Athe : you didn't clock in for the weekend

Me : so now you're going to fire me for missing two days at work ?

Athe : this is a work place , I'm....

Me : can I just help you and quit ?

I get up

Athe : what ?

Me : I'll just do you that favour , and save you the happiness of having to fire me . I quit

Athe : Renata come on ! Don't blow this out of proportion , there's no need for this . I wasn't even going to fire you

Me : and I believe you

He gets up and walks to my side

Athe : for real , I just mentioned that you missed work . Because I just wanted to hear, if you are okay

What's with this act now ? First it was him running after me at the lunch

And now this ?

Athe : I'm sorry if I came across anyhow

Me : what ?

He sighs

Athe : I didn't mean anything bad by my question

Me : What exactly are you playing at ?

Athe : nothingwhy would you think , I'm playing at something ?

Me : Athenkosi you hate me , and you'd use any chance you get to get rid of me

Athe : hate is such a strong word

Me : it doesn't matter right now , I'm out of here

I turn and stops in front of me

Me : what ?

Athe : you can't leave , Renata we both know you need this job

Me : and yet I'm treated like shit , and for nothing

Athe : I....

Me : please get out of my way

And he doesn't move

Me : do you want to do something ?

Athe : uhm no

He moves and I get out

I wonder what's with him and the weirdness

I mean they should be happy , right now he should be calling his father

And telling him the outcast is gone , so they can rejoice

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Lethuxolo

I park my car , I was supposed to come here early

But Renata only left this morning and after 10:00

And then Ziyanda just popped into my house like crazy

That delayed me a bit , but it's okay
because Neliswa is at work

And it's not like I was going to take Jordan
to her now

He'll go later on , because I want to spend
the day with him

I get out on the car making a call , I cannot
even risk anyone having my number

My family is fine , and so is Neliswa . Just
like my associates , because they
understand and know why I don't have a
normal number

I'm sure Renata is still yet to ask me about it, because it's so clear she has no idea who I am

I'm so tempted to check her out , especially after what she told me yesterday

But I'll rather I hear everything from her , I don't know why

But it just feels right to be done that way

Renata : hello ?

Me : hey...you good ?

Renata : yeah

Me : why are you lying ?.

Renata : I quit my job

Me : wanna tell me all about it ?

Renata : I'll get over it

Me : can I ask ?

Renata : of course

Me : with our agreement , and the kind of money you will have . Wasn't it a plan to quit ?

Renata : not now , not yet

Me : well I'm very reliable , and I don't think you messed up by leaving

She laughs , I chuckle

Me : I was gone for a week , and you found a house . You're not working now , use this time and find a car

Renata : okay

Me : we'll talk

Renata : alright

Me : and sorry about this morning , I hope you didn't mind

Renata : that was awkward , I didn't expect that I'll bump into anyone in your house except John

Me : my family comes to my house , and well Ziyanda is just the worst

Renata : okay

Me : but you don't have to worry about them

Renata : if you say so , then it's fine

Me : alright then

I drop the call , and walk inside . The door is slightly opened , so I just walk in

Thandiwe is all alone , with a bowl of snacks in front of her

Me : hey

She looks at me and laughs , getting up touching the couch for balance

She takes her funny walk to me , and I pick her up

Me : you really didn't have to touch me , now I have cheese all over my pants

Lala : Xolo

Oh no ! She's not apologizing , she's just calling me out

Me : I'm your uncle , have some respect

Voice : you did not come to my house , to
bash my child leave her alone

Me : where is Zuri I'm here to see her

Luzuko : not in my house no

I chuckle

Luzuko : tell me before everyone gets here ,
who is that woman ?

Me : what woman ?

Luzuko : the one you called me with
yesterday

I just shake my head , acting confused as fuck

Luzuko : you were speaking very low and down , like you didn't want to disturb someone from sleep

Me : you're crazy

Voice : uncle

Luzuko : we're talking go back

Poochie : oh but Lala is here , and J saw his father . There's no going back Mr

Luzuko : stop calling me that

Poochie : but you called Papa that

Luzuko : called , that's past tense

These two , it never ends with them

Me : hey champ

Jordan : hi dad

Poochie : I must say , I'm sad that you're leaving J . Maybe he can come stay with us every weekend

Me : you're out of your mind

Poochie : oh uncle , it doesn't hurt to just try

Someone has to do something about this child

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Ziyanda

My phone is now ringing for the 5th time
since I got home

And I'm annoyed by it honestly

I just need to block this man , or he won't
stop pestering me

And I don't understand what's his deal , I
told his son to deal with Lethu

Like how hard can that be ?

Siya : can you just answer that babe , it's annoying

We're laying on the couch , watching a movie

I take my phone annoyed

Me : Mr Xulu

Mr Xulu : Ms Dube , you're showing to be very unreliable

Me : please....I told your son to talk to my brother

Mr Xulu : you're the one who approached us , so why must we now deal with your brother ? Whom you went behind his back , running for this deal

Me : I wasn't running for anything , please stop bothering me . If you still want this , then he's the man to talk to

I drop the call blocking him , Siya laughs

Me : Babe !

Siya : mhm I told you

Me : I know , I was an idiot I know

She pecks my lips , I laugh

Me : please , tie me down to the bed if you must . Next time I want to be crazy again

Siya : you're a handful

Me : I know , but this time I must have been possessed

She laughs

Siya : no you weren't , and don't even lie .

Me : uhhhhh....Lethu is going to kill me

Siya : talk to Zuko , ask him to interfere

Me : right ? He can speak to Lethu on my behalf

Siya : make sure , they understand each other and this doesn't blow out

Me : oh thank you babe , you're just the best

I turn getting on top of her , giving her a full blown deep kiss

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Aneliswa

Jordan is happy to be home , but the way he's been talking about his time with his cousins

It's clear that he had fun there , and I'm glad he got to be with other kids

Surely he gets bored being home all alone
with no one to play with

Lutho : sorry I brought him late , I wanted to
spend the day with him

Me : no problem

Lethu : alright

He looks at his wrist watch

Lethu : I have to get going , I'll pop in during
the week to see him

Me : okay

He walks out , and just like that he's gone

No questions about my so called date , like nothing

Lethu really doesn't care , and I'm letting this whole nonsense go

There's a few men interested in that app , and I could probably hang out with

But I'll rather not , I'll find a man the natural way

I'm deleting the stupid app , clearly this is just nonsense

And Lethu won't even know I'm on some dating app

Surely he doesn't care about such things as well

So how will he even know or see me ?
Never mind catching me with a guy

It's not like I'll bring the guy here

And chances of us bumping into each other out there , are just zero

I'm getting on with my life , and leaving this nonsense

Blue won't like it , but this is my life . I shouldn't have even given her so much power

To even think she put me up to this nonsense

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Lethuxolo

I look at her , we've been staring at this car
for over ten minutes now

And she hasn't stopped smiling , she's
happy to be honest

And it's just a beautiful sight to see

She keeps biting her lips , and you can tell
she wants to jump or burst out laughing and
crying

She just wants to do something crazy , just to show how happy she is

Me : so

She looks at me

Me : this is it ?.

She nods , like a 5 year old seeing some candy

Me : you know this is way above a million rand ?

Renata : a whole R 1 449 900

Shit !

Me : amazing you even know it on top of your head

She places her hand over her mouth

Me : a whole 2022 Audi RS Q3 Sportback Quattro

She squeals

Renata : amazing you know it

I chuckle , bringing her closer . I give her a kiss on the side of her head

Me : okay , this is your car

The look she gives me , but then she just runs to her car like crazy

Causing us some crazy stares , but girl doesn't care

I guess all that much money is worth it , because she's happy

And well , so it doesn't matter . Money is just money , and it damn grows on trees

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Renata

I don't know what to do , like I don't know

Should I get down on my knees and praise
God right now

Should I just light candles and acknowledge
the higher power or what

I just don't know

But I'm so happy , like no words can even
explain how I'm feeling right now

I know this is not all glitz and glamour , that
it's not blessings or whatever

My body will be used for this in a way

But I'm not letting how I got everything that
is happening for me right now

Stop me from being happy , no ways

I'm in my new house , my car is out there
chilling

I have furniture being plugged in , brand
new from the shop and bought in cash

Please let me flex

I'll sure be crying for days on end , once
Lethu comes knocking to collect

We did that after getting the car

And he kept teasing me for saying his house is creepy , because it's just all white

Which makes me think he's in some kind of a cult

Lethu : I should get going , you'll be fine right ?

He came with , just to see on the guys with the furniture

Me : I'll be fine

Lethu : walk me out

He takes my hand and we walk out heading to his car

He takes his phone , and fiddles with it . My own phone beeps

I look at him , he puts his phone away . I check mine

And this is R150 000

Lord ! He has kept to his word , now I know it's about to go down . And loud on loud speaker

Lethu : that's my end of the bargain

It's about to happen

Lethu : let's do dinner tomorrow night , and finally have that talk . We'll just finish it however we finish it

Me : oh

He pulls me closer , and perks my lips

Lethu : take it as a way for you saying goodbye to your old life , in all aspects

Me : well okay

Lethu : and don't worry about an outfit

He's a man with a taste , so I'm not even worried that he might get me something ugly

Looking forward to this dinner , I'll get to ask him all these insane questions I have

And I'll stop going crazy , thinking he's into some cult

He called me , and I didn't give him my number

He came to where I was , and I didn't tell him

He just sent me money , and I didn't give him my account number

That's just creepy

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Renata

This man doesn't disappoint okay

Coming back from campus today , I was
welcomed by a parcel

He sent a cute little black strap dress , with
some cute white and black sneakers

I don't know , he must have just noticed
that short dresses or skirts with sneakers
are my thing

And my body is banging in these okay

Crazy , there's an infinity necklace . That he
welcomed me with

But let me not braai my brains , I'm just
letting this slide

Me : this is beautiful , thank you

Lethu : anything beautiful for a beautiful
stunning lady

I just smile , I'm like are we even ought to
dish out compliments here

Rooftop right in Sandton , the view is just
stunning

But of course not more than him

He's in black slim fit pants , and a black
shirt. He's just a sight okay

But hey !

I can't think nor focus too much on that ,
there's a deal breaker after all

We just start conversing , enjoying our food.
And this is some crazy , romantic set up

There's black and red roses , red candles .
Like just the works

Lethu : you already told me what you told
me about yourself , but is there something
else you think I should know about ?

Me : not really , I'm just an open book . And
I have nothing to hide , and basically I have
no life to talk about . Like I said , my father
loves his step son more than he'll ever love

me . And it's crazy but at age 25 , he managed to give some white boy a Zulu name and gave him his surname . I don't even use the Xulu surname , yet I'm his blood . But it's whatever now , I'm done with his hotel and the whole lot . And that's just basically me , with no one

I said a lot

Lethu : you said Xulu ?

Me : yes , the hotel I worked at my father owns it . And the step son is the one in charge , or I should just literally call him his son

Lethu : Athenkosi

He says so low like it's a whisper , but of course I heard

Me : you know him ?

Lethu : I've seen him , but I do know your father

Me : what....?

Lethu : mhm , they wanted to do some deal with my sister which of course failed . So I met that fool

That fool ? That's Xulu right

I find myself laughing , like he's seriously just going to call him out like that

Me : can I ask ?

Lethu : of course

Me : don't avoid my questions please

He chuckles

Lethu : I won't

Me : okay , you said you're a lawyer . And not that I doubt you or anything like that , unless I do feel like you were lying . Then I would question it , but not in this case

Lethu : okay

Me : but I do have a question regarding your profession , and mostly it has to do with your finances

He raises his brow

Me : I have no right I know , but I think any sane person would ask . You have literally spent close to 5 million on me , on a mansion and a car and the allowance . Yes I

know lawyers earn , but definitely not that kind of money . Some people are not even worth half a million rand on net-worth , and you had no problem spending it

He smiles , I might as well say this

Me : I have crazy thoughts , and we always hear stories . So are you not into some cult?

He chuckles

Lethu : I don't know if being into crime , is also considered being into a cult

Me : Crime ?

Lethu : I realised , that you didn't know who I am . And you had absolutely no idea , meaning everything that's just surrounding me . You have never heard nor seen

Me : I feel like you're loosing me

Lethu : don't be , there's tons of things out there about me . Even just a simple Google search , brings them all up .

This must be a movie , he's surely acting

Me : are they true ?

Lethu : yes

I'm scared , and I don't even know what are those things

Now I want my phone , so I can check out all of this

Me : then....have you ever been arrested ?

Lethu : I'm a lawyer , the best this country has ever seen since Lubanzi Xaluva

Who the hell is that now ?

Lethu : there's no way in hell , I'll let myself go to jail . Sure I'm no God , but I'm definitely above the law . The best they've

ever done , was have me in an interrogation room for an hour

I don't know , but this was not what I was expecting to hear at all

Like he doesn't look a criminal , okay scratch that !

But I mean , Lethu looks like the lawyer he says he is

Now hearing he's a criminal , and well if you ask me he's very proud of that

Lethu : should I tell you , what I do in detail .
Or you'll just read what I'm accused of , and
I'll just confirm whatever for you ?

Do I even want to know ? Like let's just start
there

Obviously this man has killed before , lord !
What have I gotten myself into

Lethu : remember what I said , agreement
or not we need to know each other . It's
better you know the devil you have in your
bed , than find out later . You shared
yourself to me , and I'm just doing the
same. I won't even lie

Me : I.....not now

I say shaking my head a bit

Lethu : now I need to know that we are still on the same page , this could change things for you . Let me go have a smoke , take my phone or yours . Find out about me , I'll be back

He gets up , and still kisses my cheek before he walks away

I'm left taking a deep breath

Like should I or should I not ? I mean , what if this changes things for us

Then what ?

But I find myself on Google with my phone , even though he left his on the table

And this is just some shocking stuff , and he wasn't lying .

This man is accused of murder , human trafficking , sex trade and prostitution .

There's illegal guns and black diamonds , like human organs in the black market

I put the damn phone down , because that's just a lot . And I can't read more

And he's only been in an interrogation room, that's as far as he went where cops are involved

I cannot believe this

He wasn't lying , he's the first person to admit his crimes and criminal life

And yet with so many accusations , there's not even a single arrest

And I mean an arrest where he spent years
or even months at least

Lord ! I really can't believe this

I lift my head as the nicotine scent hits my
nostrils

We're in silence for about 5 minutes or so if
not more

I don't know what to say , I don't know if I
still want to sit here and ask him questions

Because he said these accusations are not
lies , so meaning everything there is true

And now I have answers about the strange number

The money and knowing my location , even having my number

This man has me in the palm of his hand

Lethu : I'm not proud , but I'm not ashamed either . I am who I am and that's that , and I won't shy away or hide from that

I slowly nod , and why am I nodding ? I don't know

Lethu : this may change how you view or look at me , the fact that I'm not some upright citizen . But that's me , that's Lethuxolo Dube . And I'll never change , not for nothing or anyone . I'll die a criminal , and that's that . Look at me

He takes my hands into his , I slowly turn and face him

We lock eyes , and for a while again we're just quite

Lethu : I told you before , that you can't call me . And I've called you with an international number , yet I'm right here . I can't take risks with your life , by being

associated with me . Like I said , I don't mind being seen with you . But calls are crazy , anything we say to each other through them can be deadly . That's why I chose what I chose , because I do want you safe . But this is your decision , if you can't take what you've just been told or seen . Then you can break out of this , because you're not forced . And you'll still keep the benefits , as well as that one year allowance. I want you with me on your own accord , not because of feeling trapped

I nod again

Lethu : what do you say ? Are we done , or you're willing to risk with me ?

After everything he's said , he still doesn't change anything on his agreement

Would I be stupid and a fool to say let's part ways ?

But can I handle all of this ? Because at the end of the day he's a criminal

His life is unpredictable , and we could wake up tomorrow and something has happened

What do I do ?

Can I trust my life to him , that he will keep me safe when it really comes to it ?

He really doesn't owe me anything , which makes him slightly unreliable to me

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Renata

We actually moved from the table

To sit down on this cosy little couch here

And he has me in his arms , I haven't
uttered a word

Lethu : whatever you say , makes or breaks
us

The biggest question that's lingering behind
the back of my head

Is that won't I have any regrets ?

Like leaving him , there's the house and the
car and money for a year

But won't I regret walking away ?

And that scares me a bit , because it feels
like if I ever do . I'll never be content

Me : do you have any kids ?

Don't ask me , but I'm asking him yes

I move my head , and we look into each other . The smile he has on his face

It's just priceless and definitely just genuine

Lethu : I do , I have a son . His name is Jordan and the little champ is 3

He sure must love his son because his face lights up , just as he mentions him

Me : and the mother ?

I have to ask , because he's not a man that comes alone

But he comes with a child as well , as much as I probably won't even meet the child

But you never know , one day the baby mama might catch me at his house

And that just might be dramatic

Lethu : she's around , we do have a good parenting relationship . But that's as far as it goes , there's never been love . Since that one first encounter , that resulted in Jordan

This man really must not be doing relationships at all

If he couldn't even court the mother of his child

Lethu : do you want kids ?

I chuckle

Me : I've always wanted a girl , obviously not now . I'm still a student , getting my life together . And kids needs stability

Lethu : true , and I think you'll make a good mother

I slightly laugh

I can't take anything from him , seems like he's a great father

Lethu : and marriage ?

I'm about to be his BDSM slave , and he's asking me about marriage

Me : I don't know , I didn't grow up in that. So I have little belief in that , and I haven't thought about it for me. And well with our kind of agreement now , I don't think when all of that is done. I'll go out there , and let another man have me . Probably occasional sex will do

Lethu : you won't be any damaged goods , and if you just stick with me , I'll always be glad to have you . But just to assure you , pussy is soft on its own . And it needs one to be gentle and delicate with it , so if you're too rough it bleeds . Sure it can look used and all , but this is a dick okay. If a whole human being can come out of a woman , and she'll still close up . What can stop her to close up after a rough dick ? Men are not all that , anyways even after me any man who finds you will still be lucky .

Wow ! I'm stunned okay , and in a good way

Because I was basically saying I will be used after him and I are done

And it wouldn't be fair to have another man, marry all of that

Lethu : Well that's if that will happen

He brings me out of my thoughts

Me : what ?

Lethu : I'm saying if it'll happen that you end up with another man

What ?

And he just chuckles , am I not reading too much into what he just said

Lethu : we're still together right ?

In agreement , I think that's what he wants to ask

Me : yes we're still together in agreement

Lord ! I emphasize on that , and he laughs at me

I'm the idiot here

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Lethuxolo

I place her gently on the couch

Renata : really though ?

I chuckle

Me : I won't make it up there

She laughs

I take her dress off , followed by her sneakers and panty

She unbuttons my shirt , I unbuckle my pants

She pulls them down , I take my shirt off

Renata : John might walk in

Me : that's his business

Renata : gosh that's....ahhh

She gasps as I slide my dick inside of her

I get on my knees placing her thighs against me

Just taking deep hard thrusts inside of her ,
and she's gotten better into
accommodating me

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Ziyanda

I had to drag myself , and come to see
Luzuko

I need Lethu to help me , and this man is
not giving up

He now has his son busy calling me

I had to block him as well , because they're just annoying

Luzuko : I know you didn't just come to see me

Me : I need your help with your steel brother

He laughs

Luzuko : what did you do ?

Me : I....I messed up

Luzuko : obviously , and just get to it

Me : I tried to get myself involved in his business

Luzuko : what business ? Cause all he does is just crime

Me : exactly that

Luzuko : Ziya what is wrong with you ?

Me : please....Siya already gave me a lecture. Brother I just need your help

Luzuko : talk

Me : so I tried to do a deal with Xulu , about pimping guys at his hotel . Okay now , I'm backing out . I told them to deal with Lethu , but they're still pestering me . I tried talking to your brother , and he shut me down

Luzuko : obviously , uyaphapha (you're too forward)

Me : I know

Luzuko : dad will be so disappointed in you , if he were to hear this nonsense . Just because we do crime , it doesn't mean we're saying do it as well . Can't you build yourself a career out of this ?

Me : I figured this is what we do ?

Luzuko : then why the hell are you in school studying ? What's the use of that degree if what we do is crime ?

Even he's not hearing me out , I messed up I know

Luzuko : you're our little sister , do you think we want to see you doing such ?

Me : no

Luzuko : stop this nonsense

Me : I am done , I just need you to speak to your brother for me . So he can deal with Xulu and get him off my back

Luzuko : it's funny how you think Lethu will listen to me

Me : please , you're better than me

It's a long shot , because I know Lethu doesn't listen to anyone

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Renata

He walks in on me eating some cookies , I'm just in his white shirt

He hugs me from behind , placing kisses on my neck

Lethu : what's this?

Me : cookies

He chuckles , taking the one from my hand
and he eats it

Me : you know there's tons of cookies in
your pantry ? You don't have to take mine

Lethu : I have a pantry ?

I laugh

Lethu : but I can take any cookie that's from
you

Me : euww

He chuckles

Lethu : last night was amazing , and you finished me off this morning . I do enjoy intimacy with you , I won't lie . I just can't wait to have all of you , and explore all this

There's no backing out now

Lethu : I'll be quite busy for the coming few days , settle in . And I'll see you as soon as I'm free

I'm so gonna stay locked in my house , and just pamper myself . Until the day comes

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A FEW DAYS LATER

Lethuxolo

Seeing Luzuko as I just arrive at my place

Is so not the sight I want to welcome me

Me : what do you want ? Make it quick , I have things to do

Luzuko : like the woman you had in your bed ?

Me : what ?

Luzuko : is she one of the things you have to do ?

Me : Zuko what do you want ?

Luzuko : you're very creepy with not wanting people in your house , it makes you look like you run some cult . Or you have some small boys

I sigh , I just can't deal with him too

Especially after Rena asked me if in in a cult

And saying my house is creepy , just because there's too much white

Luzuko : fine , so Ziya told me what happened . Just get this Xulu away from her, because he's still bothering her . She fucked up yes , and she knows that . She has

learnt , I think your ignorance is enough now . So just help her out

Me : don't get any ideas , I just have a bone to pick with that fool . And it's not for your sister believe me , but I'll get him off her

Luzuko : you're fucked up

He gets up

Luzuko : I'll see you around

And with that , he's gone.

He came prepared , that he won't beg me
and he'll get what he wants

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Ziyanda

I was so relieved when Zuko said Lethu agreed

Of course he didn't forget , just how much he didn't do it for me

But right now , that doesn't even matter at all

I'm just happy , Xulu and his son will leave me alone

Mom : how's your brother ?

I'm home to see them , and Dad has just disappeared somewhere with Siya

My family know about my sexuality , I was just 15 when Dad pointed it out

And then I had only started dating

But they all just didn't make a big deal if it , like that was just normal

So they know Siya , and they have no problem with her

She does come around home with me , and it's never awkward or anything like that

Me : he's fine , but you won't believe this

Mom : what ?

Me : I think he has a girlfriend

Mom : what ?.

Ms : yeah , I was just as shocked . But I saw it with my own two eyes

Mom : Lethu had a girl at his house ?

Me : yeah

Mom : could have been one of his fucks

I choke on my drink

Me : mom !

Mom : what ? This is your brother we're talking about . If he were to be with someone it would have been with Neliswa , but it's been three years

Me : well you weren't there , and I was . And you could see the love in their eyes , when they looked at each other

Mom : Shaka

She shouts on top of her lungs , I'm like
what is this woman doing ?

The Shaka man runs in with Siya

Shaka : what's going on ?

Me : you came in here running , just
because she called you ?

Dad : shut up , mama are you okay ?
(Mommy)

These two are cute and old for these things

Mom : Ziya says your son has a girlfriend

He frowns before he laughs

Dad : she's lying

Me : I'm not , I saw her

Dad : where ?

Me : at his house

Dad : she could have been a fuck

Me : dad !

What kind of parents do I have

Mom : exactly what I told her

Me : but I saw them , and those two people are in love

Siya : in love ?

What the hell

Me : babe yes

Dad : we're talking about Lethuxolo here

Me : and he's human why can't he fall in love ?

The looks I get , before they all burst out laughing

Now I feel like an idiot

Me : okay , that doesn't sound good now that I've said it

Mom : exactly he's our son

Me : are you sure ? Maybe there was a swap

Dad : he's just both of us and Luzuko

Me : yeah well you ruined him as a person

Dad : don't be crazy , so when do we go to his house ?

Mom : as soon as possible

Me : no....

Dad : we might even get to see this girl

Me : no....no don't go to his house

Mom : you can't tell us that , if you can go to his house . I'm sure we can , and I know you weren't even invited

Me : guys !

Dad : was she black ?

Me : does it matter ?

Dad : I doubt he would fall for anyone black

Me : what are you trying to say ?

Mom : he's not attached

That doesn't even make sense

Me : she didn't look black , maybe she's Italian or Spanish

They laugh

Mom : oh he's in love , we have to meet
this girl

Dad : we're going there

Oh what have I done ?

Me and my big loud gossip mouth

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Renata

He found me looking ugly , in just my sweatpants and a baggy t-shirt and socks

But he's made himself so comfortable , and he doesn't even mind my ugly self right now

Lethu : do you have food ? I'm hungry

Me : there's spaghetti and mince

Lethu : please dish up for me

I get up , and he takes my glass of wine
helping himself to it

I dish up for him , but crazy me as soon as I
take the food out of the warmer

I put two forks in the plate , and some extra
cheese

I walk back in the lounge , he has my laptop
on his lap

Isn't he just too comfortable right now ?

I sit down next to him , and he's so focused on the laptop

Me : here food , I don't have any strong alcohol

Lethu : wine will do

I guess we're sharing this one

Lethu : you're going to be one cut throat liar of a lawyer

Me : a liar ?

He looks at me and puts the laptop away

Lethu : yes

Me : but....

Lethu : lawyers lie , and the defence in this assignment of yours is lying . He/she knows very well , that the accused is guilty . But do you see how you're portraying this , he will get away scot free . Or with just a mild sentence , that will definitely be suspended

Wow !

Lethu : look at the conniving smile you have right now

I laugh

Lethu : if I win , you're going on a business trip with me to Botswana in a week

He takes the plate and starts eating

Me : and if I win ?

Lethu : you'll tell me what you want

What will I even want ?

Lethu : I'm requesting your presence at my house tonight

Wow ! Is this the night ? But he did say when he gets back we're so into it

I say nothing but lean over and start eating

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Renata

My body and thoughts are so not in sync
right now

Because in my head , I'm scared and all

But my body is just reacting differently to all
this

I haven't been here long enough , to know
his private space that deep

This room looks creepy , because the door
is not even white

It's just a colour of red with a shade of
black, it's actually just alluring

Lethu : take a deep breath and just relax

He comes and stands behind me , placing
his hands on my shoulders

Lethu : shall we ?

He deep whispers against my ear , just
sending shivers down my spine

I nod slowly , he opens the door . And I
slowly walk in , he gets in behind me

This room is crazy okay , it's like I've just
entered into some mirror dimension of
some sort

There's the bed in the middle , with all kinds of whips and chains juts crazy

And the chair , lord !

Can I even survive my legs being parted that much ?

He places a cold kiss on my neck

This room is just surrounded by glass , and at every angle we can see ourselves

Meaning we'll literally see ourselves having sex in here

Because in each direction you look at , you just see yourself

He takes my hand , and we walk a bit further in . We're just in front of this glass

We lock eyes , and his eyes are just full of lust . You just can't miss it

Lethu : I'm going to strip you naked

He presses his body against mine , we're still locking eyes in this glass

Lethu : and I'm going to study this body to perfection

I don't know , but I'm intrigued by just hearing that

He takes my clothes slowly , taking his damn time

Like he's doing something very precious .

He's delicate , every part of my body he touches he does it so smoothly

As his hands trail , from my head to my toes

He leaves kisses all over my body , nibbling on my nipples as he cups my boobs

I'm slowly losing myself , I don't even know if this meant to be sexual or what

But I'm feeling things , and I just can't help the feeling down there

And the moans escaping my mouth , and those deep groans from him they're just not making it any better

He comes behind me , trails his hands from my waist to my boobs

Lethu : look at me

His voice has gotten much more hoarse , I slowly open my eyes and look at him

His eyes are bloodshot red

Lethu : don't take your eyes off me

He plants kisses on my back , going down to my ass cheeks

He slides his hand between my legs , trailing his finger to my clit

I'm panting and just whimpering like crazy , I don't know what kind of dominance is this

But this feels like torture , because I'm so damn longing for him

How he slides underneath me , that one beats me.

How he's even balancing , that's even much crazier

Lethu : hold firm to my head , stay in balance that you don't fall . Eyes on the mirror , don't take them off

His cold lips grace my coochie lips , I shiver leaning my hands down grabbing on his head

This is just crazy , why is watching all this making me go so insane

I'm not even focused much on what he's doing , but it's all about seeing this

And he's literally denying me pleasure , the more I feel like he's there he just pulls back

It's even painful now , tears are just burning my eyes

Doesn't he get off , getting on his feet and kissing me

I kiss him back , as I place my hands on his back he restricts me

Now I just want to scream , it's sexual frustration

Lethu : let's go

Whatno !

And he's not kidding , he picks my clothes and starts putting on my t-shirt

The way I'm so annoyed , I even take my shorts putting them as soon as he's done with my panty

This is just nonsense !

It takes everything in me , just to not storm out of here

How the hell does he think I'm feeling right now ?

He's been all over my body , he sucked me like crazy

Of course , I'm horny like hell ! And he's just going to dismiss me

We walk out , and I want to burst out crying

Lethu : hey....hey

He holds me , and makes me face him

Lethu : what's wrong ?.

Me : nothing

Lethu : now where are you going ?

Me : my house

Lethu : but you're sleeping here

He's insane

Me : your contract didn't say anything about sleeping over

Lethu : Rena don't piss me off , I'll fucking tear that contract . If it means you'll throw it in my face

What the hell ?

Lethu : why are you angry ?

He's even asking me , like for real he's asking me

Lethu : talk , I don't read minds

Me : you denied me an orgasm

He chuckles , and I'm busy sulking

He says nothing but just kisses me , and he pins me against the wall

I feel his dick against my stomach , just above my waist

And he's hard okay !

Me : please

I mumble through the kiss

Lethu : what ?

Lethu is the devil okay !

He picks me up and dry humps against me ,
I cling my hands on his neck

Me : I just need you inside of me

Lethu : the sex you want outside of the
contract , has nothing to do with me

Screw his damn contract , I don't even care
to know what he's playing at right now

My hands are on his pants lowering them , I unbutton my shirt

Freeing my one leg from him , and I slide the short off

He slides my panty to the side , I position his dick at my entrance

He slides it in , I gasp loosing myself in pleasure

These damn tears , I let them fall off .

Locking my legs behind him , as he rams and pounds in fucking the shit out of me

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Renata

The girl spent the night okay !

After being pinned like that on the wall ,
and dragged to the bedroom

I was sexed very good , I don't want to lie .
And there was no leaving after that

He kisses my forehead , now I'm all shy to
even look at him

I can't believe I was crying for his dick last
night , but I was and I can't deny that

Lethu : you still angry ?

I shake my head

Me : I wasn't angry

Lethu : you were crying , and you wanted to walk out on me

Me : does this mean I broke the agreement?

He keeps quite

Me : you changed on me last night

Lethu : how ?

Me : you contract didn't say , you'll torture me sexually . Just as long you're okay , then it's fine to hell with me

Lethu : because that's not how it is

Me : then what do you call that ?

Lethu : I was just exploring your body , to know what ticks you off and what doesn't .
Rena you're just a horny person , and sweetheart you can't blame me on that

Wow !

Me : I'm not horny

He laughs , leaning over and giving me a kiss

Me : what happens when I'm sexually frustrated after you've done your things ?

Lethu : like I said , the sex you want outside of the contract has nothing to do with me .

Me : so I can have sex with you , just normal sex without your desires ?

Lethu : you proved that last night

I smile

Me : but what does it mean ?

Lethu : it's your sex

He's avoiding me , but it's fine . What do I care ?

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Ziyanda

Luzuko has no timing

What sane person calls people this early in the morning ?

Siya : babe !

She groans

There's nothing Siya hates more than a ringing phone

Me : sorry

I answer

Me : it's way too early

Luzuko : you told your parents your brother has an Italian girlfriend , but you couldn't tell me that

It's too early for this , like no ! This is just crazy

Luzuko : what kind of a sister are you ?.

Me : brother please give me an hour to gather myself

Luzuko : just know I'm very disappointed in you

Me : yeah well..... wait are you driving ?

Luzuko : yeah , we're having breakfast at his place . I've told you my piece bye

Me : guys.....

And he's dropped the call on me

Me : damnit !

Siya : what ?

Me : mom and dad , they dragged Luzuko to Lethu's house

She laughs

Siya : Lethu is going to kill you

Me : oh please !

I call him , and he doesn't answer

Me : I'm screwed

Siya : send him a text , just warn the poor guy. And take the blame right now , before they even get there or tell him

She's right ! He might just go easy on me

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Lethuxolo

I don't know if the problem is Ziyanda's
mouth

Or just her herself , no excuses and
absolutely nothing

As we're walking down , halfway through
the stairs

I get her text , telling me my parents are on
their way here

I curse under my breath

Renata : what's wrong ?

Me : it's my sister , she says she told my parents about you . And now they're on their way here , and I have a feeling she's too late they're here

She stops walking

Me : what ?

Renata : I met your sister a while back , did you tell her I'm here ?

Me : no

Renata : then how did she know ?

Me : she probably just told them now

Renata : Lethu !

Me : I don't even call her to wish her a happy birthday , why would I tell her about you ?

She sighs

Me : let's go , it's even rude to turn back now

Renata : what am I....who am I to your parents ?

Me : let's go

I take her hand , and as we walk into my kitchen . We're welcomed by them

And they're even helping themselves to my food

Mom : oh it's true !

This woman ! She can't even pretend , I swear age didn't do well with my parents mentally

As much as it did good with them , with looks . They're just ages gracefully

Dad : we're sorry to have invaded your house

Me : no you're not

Luzuko laughs

Me : now your that your eyes have feasted you can go

Doesn't she hold tight on my hand

Me : you want to crush my bones ?

She gives me one nasty stare

Mom : oh I like her

She laughs

Mom : Dube men are just being dealt , left
right and centre . And they think they're it ,
and they're so far from it

Dad : hey !

Mom : including you

She gets up

Mom : my son is rude and arrogant , and we're just a very ill mannered family .
Talking like we don't have a guest

Me : she's no one's guest , if anything the three of you are guests

Dad : the man of the house as spoken ,
mama apologize . You don't want to offend the kids (mommy)

Mom : my apologies , we're his parents .
Since he's being rude and not introducing us . And this is Luzuko his big brother

This is another Ziya's situation again , just this time it's worse

Dad : what's your name ?

Renata : Renata DiCaprio

My parents smile , and I don't like it . I feel like they're just going to embarrass me

And have so much fun doing that

I hope Renata can handle this , because this is way out of line

And it's so not part of our agreement , meeting families and all

And right now I know , they think this is love. At one point , they'll just blurt it out

This is too much , I have to talk to Renata before she leaves

So that I can hear what she says , after I've been embarrassed in the few coming minutes

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Lethuxolo

And few minutes sitting down with them ,
the questions go around

Right now at this moment , I just want them out of my house

Mom : Renata , I know this seems awkward for you . But if you really love my son , then it's better you know his family now . It doesn't matter if it's too early or what , maybe he wanted to wait a bit . But we're here now , and what's done is done . Best you just know us for who we are , and know that this is who we are with him . It doesn't matter who he is with you

Why would she dare give speeches , and talk about love ?

Me : must you really ?

Mom : well do you two love each other ? Is this a boyfriend girlfriend situation or what?

Renata clears her throat

Renata : please excuse me , I really have to go

Her car keys are not far from the counter , and she gets up grabbing them

Renata : it was really nice to meet you all

Mom : sorry we ruined your morning

She just smiles and walks out

Me : thanks a lot

I get up following her , and she's already in her car

I go to her side , and hold her hand

Me : I'm sorry get out of the car

Renata : what why....?

Me : go to the other seat

She looks at me and sighs , she moves to the passenger seat

I get in and drive out

Renata : you're really leaving your family there ?

Me : I didn't ask them to come

The whole ride , she's just quite until we get to her house

Renata : I'll make something quick to eat

She says heading to the kitchen , I follow behind her and hug her from behind

Me : I said I'm sorry

I kiss her neck

Renata : I know you didn't plan that , so
yeah

Me : it was awkward , and I do feel like
things are getting out of control

She just nods

Me : this is between us , and there's
nowhere where it states that you have to
play girlfriend to my family . I'll restrict
them if I have to , because I don't want you
to dread coming to my house

Renata : they're your family , and maybe we should work out a schedule

Me : that won't work , I said come to my house anytime . I'll fix this okay

She brushes my hand over hers

Renata : can I cook now ?

Me : yeah

I turn her , we face each other and kiss .
Before I let her go and cook

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Lethuxolo

An hour later , I'm back home and these people are still here

I sit down , they're now in the lounge

Me : lets stop this coming to my house thing , especially because you heard gossip

Luzuko : it wasn't gossip , we found her

Mom : and she's beautiful too, she really does suit you

Me : stop right there

Dad : she's a fuck ?

This man ! I side eye him

Mom : she better not be , Lethuxolo Dube listen to me . Just hear me out , I'm your mother . And I'm telling you right now , if you don't dare want to die alone . You'll bag that girl , because she loves you . So if

you're playing , let her go and let other men have her . Men who know what they want , and who know what they see when they look at her . Not sexual toy to be used , son you can build a home with that girl . Trust me , I'm never wrong . And one thing is that she loves you

Luzuko : your son is definitely not an idiot that he doesn't see that

Mom : we're sorry that we just ambushed you two , but we just couldn't help ourselves . We just wanted to meet her , and I'm glad we did . Even though , we didn't present ourselves well . But you can always bring her home for dinner , and we'll redeem ourselves

Dad : she is good for you , you better let me be proud that my son has grown

Mom : you're 28 , I need some more grandkids from you and your wife . I love Jordan you know that , I want some more . Your brother made me a grandmother , when he was just 24 . You gave me your baby older than him , and you're old enough to settle right now . Jordan also needs stability , and believe me when I say you and Neliswa are not that . A child can't keep living jumping around , one family home stability is what he needs . And I have no doubt , he will have that with you and Renata . Of course , we'll never take Neliswa's kid from her . But if she's sane enough , she'll see the good in this

Luzuko : that girl loves you , don't toy with her

Mom : we wouldn't lead you astray

Me : can you just let me be , you've been with a man for 35 years and you're not married

I get up leaving them there

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Aneliswa

Something is just very strange in Lethu
today

He's always strange yes , but it's like he's
just off today

But I'm even scared to ask him what's
wrong

Because he might just tell me to get off ,
one can never know with this one

Lethu : can I have him for a few days when I
get back to Botswana ?

Me : few days ?

Lethu : yeah

Me : on your own will you manage ?

Lethu : Neliswa I'll manage , why wouldn't I
be able to

Me : I'm sorry , I was just asking

He says nothing , he's just looking at Jordan.
And I can't comprehend this look of his

Me : when are you leaving ?

Lethu : Friday

That's in two days

Me : okay

He kiss Jordan's cheek , and walk out of his
room

I just follow him

Me : Lethu are you okay ?

Lethu : I'm fine , I'll call him later

Me : oh...don't you....

He's out the door , that he even shuts it .
And I'm not running out after him

He's a grown man , he can deal with his
bothers

I'm also trying to get my life in order right
now

Because I deleted that stupid dating app ,
and I'm just going at this the normal nature
way

Hopefully it works for me

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I swear this is her , even though she looks like she has changed so much

But I know Renata , and this is her

I run after her , we're in the mall . And she's heading towards the exit

It's so damn hard , to even catch up to her

People are just all over , I just have to excuse myself half the time

As I know bumping into others , because even my focus is not here with me

But it's with her , I make it a point that I don't lose her

No one has asked about her , for mom and dad it's just everyday life

I finally catch up to her , but all the way leading to the parking lot

Me : Renata

She turns and looks at me , and it's her okay

She looks good I won't lie

Renata : what do you want ?

Me : I want to talk to you

Renata : I told you and your family to leave me alone , don't make me file for harassment

Me : harassment ?

Renata : for the last time , leave me alone

I'm left stunned seeing her get in a car , and she's driving it herself

The plates are personalized to “Rena”

So the car is hers , but how ?

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Renata

We're laying on the floor in my lounge ,
covered with a throw

Our naked bodies pressed against each
other underneath

Lethu : what's the assignment verdict ?

I'm not going anywhere with this man

Especially not after his family unmasked me
like that the other day

I couldn't even look at them nor him , as his
mother talked about love

Won't going away with him , just make matters worse ?

Lethu : I won didn't I ?

I nod reluctantly

Lethu : we both knew I was going to

Me : yeah , let's leave it at your win

He chuckles

Lethu : we're leaving tomorrow

Me : I can't

Lethu : you missed anything , where what I said stated it's a statement

Me : my passport is not up to date

Lethu : you're lying

He chuckles

Lethu : and if that's the case , you'll make a temporary one

Me : but.....

He just fiddles with my coochie lips , with his beaded dick sliding it inside of me

And capturing my lips into his , and that has me gasping for some breath

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Renata

We're leaving in a few hours , all packed
and ready

I had to expose my passport , because it's
still very much valid

This happened right after he saw the results
of the verdict

We're at his place now , he left and went to
see his son . And came back

We're in this room of his , and today
everything is dimmed

It's the same shade of black and red , it's so
intoxicating

We're both naked , this is the rule in here .
As soon as we enter , clothes go off

There's candles on the bed , light up . And
this is just scary

Lethu : go lay on the bed

He's out of his mind , and he wants these
desires of his before we leave

Me : with those candles lit like that ?

Lethu : don't move , and you won't burn
yourself

Me : or have this whole room go up in
flames

He chuckles

Lethu : be still

This is insane to be honest

I walk towards the bed

Lethu : take your time

I sit down laying down slowly , I'm so scared. A slight mistake and these damn candles are going to burn me

Lethu : that's good

I'm still , but it's because I'm scared

Lethu : I'm going to blindfold you

Me : wh....at ?

Lethu : relax

He walks closer , and puts on this blindfold
on me

Now I can't even see these crazy candles
surrounding my sides

Lethu : remember , don't move . I'm going
to restrain you

I don't even know what the hell is that , but
as I feel my hands being tied

I know shit is about to happen right now ,
and my feet follows

Lethu : remember your screams or cries ,
won't stop me . Say the safe word , and I'll
stop

I nod slowly

Lethu : don't freak out

Just then I feel him running a metal blade
on my thigh down my thigh

I want to scream like what the fuck are you doing with a blade so close to my coochie ?

Oh but ! Then he runs it directly on my coochie , teasing my clit with it

I shiver like crazy whimpering , doing my level best not to move too much

The candles are still in my mind , I'm tied on this bed

If a fire erupts , I'm definitely burning . This is just crazy

I don't know what kind of crazy desires are this

But this is the same man who put beads inside his dick

Wait.....wait is he fucking pouring the candle....

Me : Ohhh Shit.....

I can't even explain the feeling right now , I just can't help shivering

And it's just torture not being able to move, or do anything

There's nowhere he's not pouring this shit
on me

From my thighs to my stomach , and my
boobs

He slowly rubs his beaded dick on my open ,
and I let out a scream as he pours that
candle shit on my coochie

Me : ohh....oh....mhm....

He slowly slides his dick inside of me , and
thrusts in slowly . I feel his lips against mine,
he teases before he actually kisses me

I move my hands slowly , and this damn tie
is too tight

He thrusts in deeper , I have no control
whatsoever

My toes twirl as pleasure takes over , I try
moving him off my face

But he deepens the kiss , my tears fall
making up for the scream I couldn't let out

He doesn't stop thrusting in , it's even hard
to get a hold of myself and calm down

Because pleasure just keeps on building ,
and it's straining my body . It's just taking
its own damn toll on me

He moves back , and I feel that metal Blade
against my skin again

He's removing the candle drops , with a
fucking blade on my skin

Oh shit !

This is some crazy desires on steroids , like
dude what the fuck ! His dick still doing
things inside of me , it's when he moves
back

And just the tip is in , and that's where the beads are at

I can't hold off on what's coming , I'm scared to move because of the candles

It's the sounds of the splash for me , as I squirt and his beaded tip is still inside of me

I feel like my coochie will burst , I don't understand why he doesn't pull out

As the last drops comes out , he slowly pulls out and his cum lands on my lower stomach

He frees my feet , coming up taking the
blindfold off .

My eyes hurt , I'm sure they're bloodshot
red . He pecks my cheeks

Untying my hands , as he moves back
switching off his candles

I bring my hands to my face , and these
damn tears just fall

I think he's removed his candles , as I feel
him leaning over

He takes me into his arms , walking out
heading to his bedroom

In just silence , and we land on the bed . He
just cuddles me up

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Lethuxolo

Her eyes are tired , and slightly red now

We're driving to the airport , and she's been quite

Me : you good ?

She nods , I take her hand into mine

My phone rings , and it's my mother . She's been too busy

And you'll think after I said to her , she's been with a man for 35 years and not married she would have taken offence right?

But not my mother , they actually laughed that day . As soon as I was out of sight , I heard them laughing

Me : MaCele

Mom : you cannot avoid me forever

Me : I'm not avoiding you

Mom : did you invite her for dinner ?

Me : mom please

Mom : you better do it , because you don't want her thinking your family is crazy

Me : mhm bye

I drop the call , they shouldn't have embarrassed me and acted crazy

There wouldn't be no need for this invite of hers , and it's not happening

I look at Rena , and she's really worn out . I could have gone easier on her

But I thought I did , I guess I went
overboard a bit

But she'll get to rest once we're in the plane

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Lethuxolo

She turns and faces me , and she looks
better today

In actual fact , she's her usual self . I guess it
was just being strained yesterday

Renata : good morning

I lean over and give her a kiss

Me : sleep did you good

Renata : I needed it

Me : mhm , even the ointment did your skin good . The bruises are not there

She lifts her arm , and takes a look at it

Renata : thank God ! But it doesn't matter , it's just a good thing there are no beaches here

Me : oh ?

Renata : there was no way I would flaunt
this banging body , in a bikini with bruises

Me : it's a good thing then , because you
want to flaunt

She laughs

Me : for other men to see all this ?

I grab her ass cheek

Renata : window shopping

Me : and that always ends up in lay byes or
shit like that

Someone is very much amused this morning
I see

Renata : be glad there isn't one

Me : there are pools

Renata : I'm a beach girl

I chuckle

Me : okay beach girl , what do you want to
do ? My meeting is only later on

Renata : what can I possibly do ?

Me : there's tons of things to do in Gabs

Renata : do they include shopping ?

Women !

Me : yeah

Renata : great then

I peck her lips

Me : you're coming with later on , so you might as well get a dress

Renata : oh ?

Me : you won't be bored , don't worry

Renata : okay

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Renata

The city is beautiful yes , but I'm so not
much a big fan of travels

I'm just literally not taken by new places I
see

Maybe it's because my mother and I used
to travel a lot when I was young

So it just became a norm , and not something to be fascinated by

But I appreciate this , as much as it was said to be some business trip

I don't even understand this kind of a business trip , when he's just a criminal

And I thought that's what he'll be doing , not asking me to roam around Gaborone

So this gesture is very much appreciated

I've done some great shopping , and I'm happy like crazy

Me : can I have your card

We're about to pay now

Lethu : my card ?

It's the look he's giving me , and I just dash
him my smile

Me : yes

He chuckles shaking his head , but reaching
out for his card . And it's the black one

Me : not this one

Lethu : then which one ?

Me : the gold one

He raises his brow

Me : I know you have it

Lethu : what's wrong with this one ?

Me : nothing , I just want that one

He sighs taking it out

Me : thank you

Lethu : you really don't thank what you demanded

Oh well !

I did say one way or the other , I will use this card

And here we are , isn't it's just lovely . I got myself some LV sneakers , 4 pairs

Really out of this whole shopping , I'm really proud of myself for those

And the fact that this gold card is paying for them , that's just a cherry on top

Aneliswa

It's middle of the night , or at least I think

I slept early , because Luzuko came and
took Jordan

So I was just lonely being alone , and TV was boring as well

I'm woken up by a call , and I'm annoyed .
Who would call me at this time , and for what ?

Me : hello

I answer looking at my phone , and it's Blue

Me : why.....

Blue : don't even complain

Me : did you see the time ?

Of course she did , because there's even noise where she is

Don't people sleep ?

Blue : while you're busy that's snoring , your baby daddy is here roaming the streets of Gabs ?

I know Lethu is away , even though he didn't say where

Me : I know he's not in South Africa

Blue : so you also now , he has a young thing on his arm that's young enough to be his sister ?

Me : what ?

I sit up

Blue : I'm telling you

Me : no ways

I chuckle shaking my head

Blue : I'm looking at them right now , and you can see these two are not a fuck pick

me up . They're dating , at every chance he gets he's giving her a kiss . Be it on her cheeks , forehead . Or her lips even the side of her head , they're a couple

Me : Blue !

Blue : this is why he told you that shit , because he knew he's found love . And you don't stand a chance

Me : are you sure it's him ?

My heart is sinking right now , and I can't stop my tears

Blue : there's pictures everywhere , this is some business thing of tycoons . I'm even shocked , because I know him to be a lawyer . And not a business man

I don't even care about that right now , because I'm sure there's no business tycoon thing

He's busy with crime there , with just criminals in suits

Blue : let me send you a picture

She doesn't drop the call , in a minute the picture comes through

And this is Lethu , and damn the girl is beautiful okay

Blue is right , she's young probably the same age as Ziyanda if not a year apart

Blue : are you okay ?

What does she think ?

I drop the call , and I can't take my eyes off the picture

She calls back , I switch my phone off . And I just burst into a loud wail

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Renata

He long woke up today , it's like he didn't
just only go to bed hours ago

That business something , went on and on .
And he was right , I wasn't bored one bit

That didn't even look like a business function at all

Except the people who were there , and made the whole thing look like it's a legit thing

I wondered what kind of a business trip is this to be honest

Lethu : you're finally awake

Me : unlike you , I do actually need my sleep

He chuckles , I rub my eyes sitting up straight . He has on his laptop in front of him

Me : can I ask you something ?

Lethu : yeah

He's not even looking at me okay

Me : have you been busy around here ?

Lethu : meaning ?

Me : had any sexual adventures ?

Lethu : you mean with girls around here ?

He asks with a smile , getting off the chair walking to the bed . And he sits down

Me : yes

Lethu : no

He better not be lying

Me : there was some lady last night , I think she was with some old white man . Because at one point I saw them together

Lethu : what about her ?

Me : she was busy giving me nasty stares

Lethu : that could only be Blue

Me : ah ! So you know her ?

Lethu : she's friends with Jordan's mother ,
and that old white man is her husband

Me : you said you two never had anything
solid , it was just a one night

Lethu : it was

Me : then why would your baby mama's
friend , look at me like that ?

Lethu : because she think I'll somehow be with her friend , she planted some crazy shitty ideas into her a while back . Talking about how being with different partners will affect Jordan , with siblings not from the same parents

This is beyond me , and it means Whatever these two have or had its just unfinished to the one

Me : I don't want drama Lethu

And he better not bring me some , because I'm dealing with my own drama

Hiding whatever feels I have , just to keep
this whole thing going on

So he better not be bringing me some baby
mama drama

Me : we're not in love with each other ,
your issues better not come into my life

He frowns ,I get off the bed walking to the
bathroom

I get in the shower , and as soon as the
water hits my body streaming down

I let these damn tears fall as well

I don't know what I was doing agreeing to this nonsense

I'm just failing , and I'm failing miserably.
And I hate myself for this

He's no idiot , he will catch on and see this
and he will ditch me

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Lethuxolo

I sigh getting up , I walk to the bathroom

The shower door is slightly opened , and she's facing the wall

Her back is turned against the door

I open and just walk in , I hold her from behind and slowly turn her to face me

There's no way in hell she can mask her tears with water and fool me

Me : I don't know why we're fighting

I peck her lips

Me : shout , scream or slap me . Do anything , just don't cry please

I cup her face , and she chuckles

Renata : I'm...not crying

Me : mhm...don't

She looks down , I tilt her chin and we lock eyes

And they're selling her off , even if I didn't know that she's crying

They would have blatantly said so

Renata : why would you get in the shower
with clothes on ?

Me : it's just clothes

She smiles , but you can't everything else
that she's feeling

And right now she's just trying to mask it all,
but it's not working with me

And I hate that I'm the cause of why she's
crying

This one is just totally off , and it should
never happen again

Unless it's with good reason , and one that's making her happy

Because right now she's not happy

And things are as they are , and so she won't even tell me why she's crying

Although I know why

And all that we're not in love with each other don't bring me drama thing she said

That alone on its own said a whole lot of shit , and I didn't miss it okay

I heard her loud and clear , now I don't know if it's me she's trying to fool

Or she's trying to convince herself or what

But that's definitely not flying with me at all, not even a tiny bit

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Aneliswa

I couldn't sleep a wink , like I tossed and turned the whole night

I just couldn't bring myself to sleep , like I tried but it was just so hard

Every time I tried to close my eyes , all I could see was Lethu and that girl

At one point , I was up going through my laptop thinking that I'll find something

But nothing popped up , until this morning .
Details of the business function are on news
papers , and online news

And there's like two of three pictures of
them , not aimed at them exactly

But just like everyone who's picture just
popped to be posted

But of course , it's Lethuxolo Dube . And
he's with a girl , that alone just had to be
news

One some pieces they're asking who she is
and all that

And it's their speculations also somehow
just say they're together as a couple

I've even put my laptop away and my phone

It's just honestly hard swallowing this , I
never even imagined it

I didn't think I'll feel this much pain and cry
over Lethu

Cry over the fact that he's moved on , and
he seems to have found love this time
around

That it doesn't look like he's just fucking
and passing

It's a bitter pill to swallow to be honest

I haven't spoken to Blue , I have messages
and missed calls from her

On some she's saying I shouldn't kill myself

Sure this hurts , but I won't take it that far .
I have a son who needs me

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Ziyanda

The news this morning , it's literally just my brother and his woman

I know I'm not crazy , I saw the love between these two

Like it's so undeniable , only a fool can choose to be ignorant to it

Siya : they suit each other

She's online , and there's absolutely even nothing tangible to read there

Honestly Lethu just made news because he's Lethuxolo Dube and nothing else

He's just a criminal that's out there , so obviously being seen in any function whatsoever

His name will even be mentioned just for the sake of uttering it

Me : I think she's too sweet for him , but there's a side to her

Siya : don't be jealous

I laugh

Me : I'm not

I have a sip of my coffee

Me : on the real I do agree with you , that they compliment each other

Siya : but ?

Me : there isn't

Siya : I don't believe you

Me : I believe she's for him , like she strikes me as his balance . I don't know , I could be spitting nonsense

Which I doubt I am

I hope he keeps this one , he doesn't even mind being seen with her by the whole world

Or everyone who cares to read , about what was happening in Gabs this weekend

I really do hope he keeps her

Not any typical girl can be with Lethu , but she seems to be in it all in

And knowing the man and person he is , now that just doesn't take anyone to handle

My brother is one of a kind man , and he's not for all women

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Athenkosi

I keep trying to call her , and it doesn't go through

She really must be out of the country

I mean these pictures say that , but it's just hard believing

A part of me wants to call dad , I don't know if he's already seen them or what

She's with Lethu , that alone on its own it's just hard to believe

But at the same time , it would explain why she's not down and out

It explains why she was good when I saw her , and the car

Could it be that he's the one who bought her that car ?

Honestly thinking about this , it's just making me angry more than anything

How can she be this stupid ? Associating herself with a well known criminal

I know she can't be that desperate for love

I wonder what dad is going to say about this one

The man is scared of Lethu , so I already know there's no chance he'll confront him

He probably won't even care , this is just messed up

And I believe we're the ones to blame ,
we're the ones who pushed her into his
arms by deserting her

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Renata

We arrived late , and therefore spent the night at his place

With what happened in that shower , I just want to be away from Lethu right now

I'm embarrassed , that he literally got to see me crying

After I somehow confronted him about another woman

This man is no fool , and I'm sure by now he knows I've gone above way above the agreement

I need to get away from , while he decides when he's letting go of me

I was all fine agreeing to a contract face to face , but being let go

He better not even think of doing that to my face

I slowly get off the bed , picking up my clothes and putting them on

My bag is in my car , that's where I was headed last night

But he wasn't having any of that

So right now , I just need myself out of here and that's just that

Lethu : you're seriously sneaking out on me?

Must he ?

Does he even sleep , like nothing ever passes this man

Lethu : why are you sneaking out ?

He looks at me

Me : I'm not

Lethu : Rena don't lie to me.

Me : you....you were asleep ,.I didn't want to wake you

Lethu : I think you know that's a lie

I look down

Lethu : what's going on ?.

I don't understand why he wants to toy
with me

Like a woman's gut feeling is never wrong , I
know I'm not being insane

He knows ! I literally sold myself crying like
that in the shower

It doesn't matter that he comforted me , I still messed up on my side

Lethu : I think you're being unnecessary right now with what you're doing

Me : I just.... Want to go to my house

It's the look he's giving me , and I can't even describe how I feel right now

Lethu : it's fine leave

He goes back to lay down , and now I feel like I've just been kicked out

Isn't it crazy ? Because I'm the one who
wanted to leave

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Lethuxolo

I so wish Luzuko didn't bring Jordan back

But he did , and now I have to go get the
champ from Aneliswa

I know for a fact now , she's seen those
pictures

And of course her nosy friend told her all
about it

The woman who said she doesn't want
drama from me

Is giving me drama , and her drama is the
only drama I can take right now

I don't even need Aneliswa even giving me the slightest of it

But I want my son , so I have to go there

Just there's something I need to get done with first

I walk in the office , and his back is facing the door

Athe : call me back , you can't ignore me forever

He sighs

Athe : Renata we need to talk

I fucking just boil at the mention of her name

I kick the fucking desk , and it pushes him to the wall turning his chair

He pops his eyes as he locks eyes with me

Athe : what the hell ?

Me : wasn't it enough that you kept busy following her around ? The fuck do you want from her ?

Athe : I.....I don't want trouble with you

Me : then fucking stay away from her , and forget that stupid escort deal it's not happening

I've never seen a man this scared , it's just pathetic

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Aneliswa

The way I just need my space away from
Lethu

I don't even want to keep seeing him , when
he comes around

He's fine , he's well . Like you can see he's
not bothered by anything

Me : you didn't tell me you've found someone

He looks at me

Me : I mean you don't owe me anything , that much I know

I take a deep breath , I can keep quite . But what's the use of being quite ?

Might as well just ask , and say my bit . It's up to him how he takes it

Me : but as the mother of your child , I think it's only fair I'm told about such things

Lethu : oh

So does he not have anything better to say?
Like maybe yes I'm right

Me : this person will be a part of my son's
life , don't you think it's only fair I'm told ?

Lethu : I really don't understand the logic of
this right now , from your side . If I were to
bring someone into my life , knowing very
well that they'll be in Jordan's life . Then I
would talk to you

Does this mean there's nothing between
them ?

Lethu : you know what my problem is with you right now ?

I say nothing

Lethu : the fact that you come at me , with things you saw and heard out there . You want me to communicate with you by force, even though I'm not there yet .

Me : I'm no.....

Lethu : I'm talking !

Me : I'm sorry

Lethu : right now you want me to confirm ,
or deny what you heard and saw . That's
why you're saying all this

Me : does it hurt that I just want to know ?

Lethu : what's it to you ?

Wow !

Me : so you don't care to tell me ?

Lethu : I'm not obliged to , you're starting to
sound like we have more than just a co-
parenting relation . And that's exactly what
we have , nothing else .

I've just been put off

Lethu : you're worrying yourself about someone who doesn't even think about you, yet she knows you exist . But you're not her business , you better do the same thing

Now I even regret asking him , because all I'm just getting is shade

And I feel like an insecure woman right now to be honest

Me : please take Jordan with you , you can bring him back after a week or two

I say getting up

Lethu : two weeks you know that's not possible

Me : you'll make a plan , I want to find myself again . I did my part , so you can do yours as well

He chuckles

Lethu : you won't be spiteful and use my son , because I'll fucking take him away

Me : is that a threat ?

Lethu : take it however you want , and leave him . Even after two weeks , don't fucking bother me .I'll bring him myself if I want to

He walks away to Jordan's room

Me : what have I done ?

I sink back down on the couch crying

I know he's not kidding , Lethu has help . If he needs to leave

His parents are that's , even his brother and his wife . They'll take care of Jordan

So taking him is actually not a bother nor a problem to him

But right now he thinks I'm using him , and he's not kidding

He might just take him , and I'll never get my son back

Voice : wipe your tears , go say goodbye

His voice startles me

Me : Lethu please I didn't.....

Lethu : you have 5 minutes , I want to go

He says walking out , and I'm left with no choice

I get up walking to his room ,and he's picking up a few on his toys

Me : baby

He laughs

Jordan : mommy

Me : come give me a hug

He drops the toys and comes to me , I crouch down to his level

Me : you're going with daddy

Jordan : yes

Me : you behave and be mommy's good boy okay ? I'll call you every night and morning

Jordan : okay , I behave

I smile

Me : mommy loves you

Jordan : Jordan loves you

Me : gives me a hug

We hug , and I can't help but tear up

I hope Lethu is not taking my son away from me forever

And he's back taking him , I walk them out .
After he straps him in his seat

Me : I didn'tI wasn't saying take him forever

Lethu : you've done your part , I'm doing mine right

Now that he repeats the words back , I realise just how bad I sounded

Lethu : we've had a good thing , now you want to start being dramatic . I don't have the energy for that , and my son is the last person to use wanting to get to me . Find yourself indeed , maybe you'll remember you're a mother before you're a man chaser. Have some dignity , when a man says no he says no . You really just want us to have drama right now , and I won't stand for that .

He gets in his seat and drives out , I'm just left tearing up . His words have cut deep

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Renata

Athenkosi is seriously looking like a stalker
right now

I'm leaving campus , and here he is

He looks fucked up , okay he looks very bad

He's beaten , and his lip is swollen

He even has a black eye , and one of the
eyes is almost closed

Me : what do you want ?

Athe : I don't know what you're doing with Lethuxolo Dube , but seriously even you can do better than that

Me : what ?

Athe : how can you be with someone , who's a well known criminal . And just be okay , to be all over papers and the internet with him ?

Me : I owe you no explanation about my life

Athe : do you see how I am ?

Me : and how's that any of my business ?

Athe : because he's the one who did this to me

Oh shit !

But why would Lethu beat Athenkosi up ?

Athe : he did this , because I told him to stay away from you . I told him , your association is a danger to you . And this is what he did to me , for trying to protect you

Me : I didn't ask you to protect me

I say getting in my car , but shame he looks bad

And I don't know if I can put this behind
Lethu

How will I even dare ask him about this ?
Sure Athe was so ahead of himself

But the beating , that's just taking it too far .
And we haven't spoken since I left his place

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Athenkosi

These damn fools , they took this too far

Yes I paid some junkies to beat me up , and
they fucking didn't hold back

I look like shit , and my face hurts like crazy

The swelling is not even going down , as
soon as I expected it would

Me : bloody fools !

But I hope this works anyhow , that Renata bought it

And that she leaves that Lethuxolo Dube

The man doesn't even deserve her , he's just a scumbag

Mom : what happened to you ?

I didn't even want to come home , yesterday I slept out

But today I couldn't stay out anymore

Me : I got mugged

Mom : what ? By who ?

Me : just some junkies , it's not a big deal.
Please don't make it out to be

Mom : you should have this reported

Me : this happened yesterday , mom just
leave it okay

I walk away as she keeps calling after me

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Aneliswa

I spoke to Jordan this morning again , and he was okay and happy

Not that I was scared or worried that he wouldn't be okay

He loves being with his father , and
spending time at his place

I know he'll be well taken care of , Lethu is
an amazing father

That's so something I can never take away
from him

But this drastic decision of his , of just
taking Jordan just like that

I might have pushed him to far with my
words yes

But that didn't mean he should take him

Jordan lives with me , he's used to know .
He knows to visit daddy

This is just disruption to his life

I hope Lethu will calm down , and let me
have my son back

Just then he calls , and I haven't even been
able to focus at work

Me : hello

Lethu : Jordan was asking for his tiger

Me : oh uhm.....I saw it at home

Lethu : do you think you can bring it ?

Me : during lunch time

Lethu : alright

Me : Lethu.....

I sigh

Me : please rethink this

Lethu : I'm not having this conversation with you , you're becoming a petty woman and it's so not like you

He drops the call

I take a deep breath , leaning back on my chair

I ruined a good thing we had on going , just being best co-parenting parents to our son

Having an understanding and all , and all for what ?

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Lethuxolo

He looks at me , like he didn't just believe
what I've said

And I'm not kidding , we will do this my way
and not the other way around

She's keeping her distance , one I didn't
even ask for

And I'll be a fool to let this happen

But I don't want to come hard at her , as crazy as this is . It'll just have to work

Doc : you want to change the pills with fertility ones ?

Me : ones that look exactly like those ones you gave her

Doc : I don't understand

Me : I don't pay you to understand anything

Doc : is...

Me : just give me the damn pills , and you stop asking me questions

He sighs

Me : get on with it

He gets up , and walks out . After a few minutes he comes back with the pills

Doc : she will take them , as she has been taking the contraceptives pills . You just have to swap those with these

Me : this wasn't so hard

I get up taking the pills , and I leave

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Renata

Maybe I'm being stupid right now

I should leave Lethu alone , until he calls
and says he wants me

Because right now , I'm just in my feels that
he wants to dump me

Why hasn't he called in days ? I'm sure
we're done for and that hurts

But here I am , on his driveway . And I think
I shouldn't even be here

I get off my car , and walk to the door . I
knock , and John opens the door

John : Ms DiCaprio

Me : hi John

John : please come in

Me : thank you

John : you know your way around , but can I get you anything ?

Me : uhm no....is he here ?

John : no , he went out . But he'll be back shortly

Me : John how long is shortly ?

He smiles

John : an hour the least

Can I wait around her for an hour ?

Or I can ask that he tells him to call me ,
when he gets back

Me : well I ...

I'm stopped by the doorbell , and he goes to
get it

John : Ms Aneliswa

What now ?

I turn back , and this beautiful lady walks in with a smile .

Who the hell now is Aneliswa ? Has he found a replacement for me so soon ?

Lethu wants me dead I swear , or one of us dead . This woman looks at me , and I stare right back at her

John looks so conflicted , like he's probably asking himself what kind of shit has Lethu made him get caught up in

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Aneliswa

Wow !

She's even more beautiful in person

More beautiful than she looked on those pictures

Seems like she's just arrived , as much as I would want to say she's very comfortable being around

She has access to his house , and he's not here

I wonder if she knows about Jordan , or even me

If I wouldn't be overstepping the mark by introductions

Me : hi , I'm Aneliswa

Her : hi

This is awkward

Me : uhm....I'm sorry to just drop by . But Lethu told me Jordan wants his toy , so I brought it

I take the tiger toy out of my bag , and she gladly takes it

Me : I'll take my leave

This is really awkward no lies

Me : uhm , I didn't get your name

Her : Renata

Me : okay , please be good to my child .
Now that he'll be living with his father , you two will be in each other's space a lot . A man with a child comes with responsibilities, I hope I can be at ease .

Knowing that he's safe here even with you around

Renata : what are you insinuating ?

Me : nothing in a bad way

I think I lost it there

Me : just be good to him that's all I'm asking, I don't want to be dramatic baby mama . Lethu has found love , and he seems happy with you . I'm respecting that , and I won't cause any drama or even try to come between you two . And I really mean that , I respect you as the woman in his life. Which is why I'm asking that you be good to

my son , I won't cause you any problems .
Please tell Lethu I dropped the toy off

I hold my handbag tightly walking out

I hope she didn't misunderstand me , and
blow this whole thing out of portion

Lethu has already put me in my place , I
understood enough

I could use some dignity to redeem myself

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Renata

That was damn awkward , and why would she utter all that ?

She's just met me , and she already thinks I'm somewhat taking some role in her son's life

No marn ! Some women are just too forward

And I'm not even waiting anymore , I'm leaving

I didn't know the boy is now living with his father

I'll stop coming here , we're not there with each other

It's crazy that I've met his family , and yet we're nothing according to that stupid contract of his

As I open the door I find him , about to enter . He doesn't even look shocked to see me here

Me : hi

He says nothing , and honestly this expressionless stare of his is rubbing me off

Me : can I pass ?

Lethu : pass ?

I nod

Lethu : where are you going ?

Me : my house

He chuckles

Lethu : you're in my house , go back inside

He says already pushing me back inside

As soon as he closes the door , he crushes his lips on mine

Stupid me I kiss him back , because these past few days without seeing him

They've literally felt like shit to be honest , and I missed him so bad

He trails his hand to my coochie , sliding his hand inside and I pull out

He's so amused , and I'm wondering if he's not crazy

Me : are you out of your mind ?

Lethu : am I not allowed to touch you now ?

Me : I heard you have a child here , what if he walks in on us ?

Lethu : he's with my brother , I was busy today

Me : oh

Lethu : so you met her ?

Me : her ?

Lethu : let's sit down

Me : I didn't come here for that , and it was just awkward meeting your baby mama like that

Lethu : her name is Aneliswa call her that

I laugh

Me : why are you uncomfortable with her being called your baby mama ?

Lethu : I said let's sit down , or do you want to go to my room ?

Me : no , I don't .

He shakes his head

Me : did you beat Athenkosi ?

Lethu : if you mean pressing him on the wall with a desk , is beating someone then yes

Me : I mean completely battered

Lethu : what ?

Me : he's swollen , black eye and busted lip.
He just looks bad , and he said you did that .
Because he told you to stay away from me

Lethu : I don't go around beating people , if
I wanted to touch him he would be dead by
now . I kill , I don't beat

I shiver , I have a feeling he's not kidding

Lethu : he probably found some junkies to
beat him up

Me : what sane person would do that ?

Lethu : he's not sane , what sane person loves their own step sister ?

What the hell ?

Lethu : blood related or not , that boy is not even supposed to look at you anyhow . He's just fucking twisted

Me : he....he what ?.

Lethu : come on ! Don't tell me you don't see that , why the hell would he go to such lengths to break us . If he doesn't love you ?

Am I that blind ?

Lethuxolo

I hold her , placing my hands on her waist

She looks up , and we lock eyes

I've missed her

And I knew she was here obviously , that's why I decided to come back

And then I see that Aneliswa just rocked up

I'm glad there was no cat fight in my house

And hopefully , Aneliswa gets it now . And stays out of my hair

Me : didn't you miss me ?

I peck her lips

Me : mhm ?

Renata : I did

Me : then do I get on my knees , to take you upstairs . Or do I just have you here ?

She laughs

Me : it's been a few days of draught

Renata : John is here , so please

I take her hand and we walk to my bedroom

Clothes go off , I just want to be buried
deep inside of her right now

Like nothing else matters

Renata : mhm...mhm a condom

Me : what ?

I pull out of the kiss , rubbing my dick on her coochie . I'm just dying to be inside of her

Renata : please use a condom

Me : a condom hurts you , why are we using it ?

Renata : I'm off the pill

Great !

Me : what....why , when did that happen ?

Renata : I haven't been taking them the past few days

Me : you stopped seeing me , and you stopped taking them ? Are you ditching me now ?

I slowly slide my dick inside , she moves her lower body . Letting out a slight moan

I missed being inside of this woman , the warmth that she just has

Me : are you ?

Renata : no....no , I thought.....oh my god !

She whispers I take slow deep thrusts , she parts her legs further

Me : you thought what ?

I peck her lips , she clings her hands on my neck . And we lock eyes

Renata : that....you're ditching...me

We shall see about that

I'm not getting involved in her thoughts ,
those are hers . They're in her mind after all

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Renata

Lethu loves taking chances , a whole night
of sex without protection

And I'm off the pill , like that's just danger

And he didn't want to entertain the condom
talk

I won't blame him , because I didn't refuse
enough that he gets it

And he told me , he doesn't keep condoms
in his house because we don't use them

I'm so weak , I gave up the cookie without
protection

The beaded dick is irresistible , and I've gone days without it

Loosing my mind yes ! And don't judge me okay

The thought that I might never get it again , was just the worst

Me : I need a morning after pill

Lethu : for what ?

Me : I was unsafe with you

Lethu : get back on the pill

Me : yeah , but after the morning pill

Lethu : I didn't even cum inside of you

Did he not ?

Lethu : what ?

Me : did you not ?

Lethu : I didn't , I always pulled out

I wasn't drunk , sure he pulled out . But how strong is his pull-out game ?

And what if I lost myself in pleasure , and missed one pull out that didn't happen ?

Lethu : come on , I would never do that

Me : what happens when I pop up pregnant?

Lethu : then you'll pop up the baby

He says laughing

Me : Lethu !

Lethu : what ? What do you think you'll do to it ?

I can't even utter the words out of my mind

Lethu : exactly

Me : our situation doesn't allow us to be giving each other babies

Lethu : our situation has allowed us not to have only BDSM sex

Why is he fighting with stones ? And I know that's aimed at me

Lethu : take one now

Me : I don't have them

Lethu : did you get rid of the pills too ?

Shameful yes I did

I nod , like a 5 year old

Lethu : relax , I have the contraceptives pills for you . You'll take one now , and continue taking them . When they're finished you'll get some more

Me : why do you have those pills ?

Lethu : you spend nights at my place , it might happen you forget yours . We can't take chances now right , we have to be

careful and always be prepared . Just like
right now , you didn't have them

Me : because I didn't come here to have sex
with you

Lethu : but we had sex

He hands me the pill , and I pop it in my
mouth

Lethu : don't forget them when you leave

Me : okay

They'll have to go into my bag

Me : now that your son lives with you ,
what does that say about my access here ?

Lethu : nothing changes

Me : I've met your family , and the baby
mama . And now chances are I'll bump into
your son

Lethu : but you already did that , the first
time you bumped into me

This man ! Why is he missing the point of
what I'm saying ?

Me : this has just gone way beyond what the contract was saying

He laughs

Me : we should take a step back

Lethu : and leave the sex that has nothing to do with BDSM as well ?

He's crazy !

Lethu : I didn't think so

Me : but this is just crazy , you wine and dine me . The so called business trip , that

somehow accommodated me . And now all of this ? Does this still seem like some kind of a contract to you ?

He shrugs his shoulders

I guess I'm the crazy one , because I've long fallen for him . And he's just choosing to ignore that , and I don't even know why

Lethu : my mother invited you for dinner

Listen to that ! Like what kind of a sexual agreement is this , from his point of view ?
One that attends family dinner

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Athenkosi

I'm frustrated , I don't want to lie

Like Renata ghosted me , I thought by now she would be doing something

I guess she didn't even go to confront him

Otherwise she wouldn't be this quite , if she had

Mom : did you see this ?

We're having breakfast , and she just has her tablet

She'll rather be busy on gossip news than anything else

Or busy doing expensive online shopping

That's the only thing she's good at , marrying this man was a jackpot for her

And she's making a point to use it , to the extent

Dad : what ?

Mom : your daughter is all over the internet

Dad : I'm sure she has shamed me to the core now , it's a good thing no one knows she's my daughter

Ouch !

Me : the opposite actually

Mom : did you know about this ?

I shrug my shoulders

Dad : let me see that

He takes the tablet from her , and his eyes are shocked beyond the word shocked

Dad : is this real ?

Mom : well it is

Dad : wow !

Mom : what is she doing with a known criminal ?

Me : my question exactly , but what can she do ? Where can she go when she has no one

The eyes they give me

Dad : don't make a big deal out of it , you should actually be capitalising on this

Yes money and opportunity , that's the only thing he's seeing right now

Mom : what do you mean ?

Dad : this one knows exactly what I mean , get in touch with Lethu and use this get us that deal

Me : it won't happen he said no

Dad : what ?

Mom : what deal are you two talking about?

Dad : wait a minute

She gasps , not believing she's been put off

Dad : what do you he said no ?

Me : exactly that

Dad : and when was this ?

Me : does it matter ? And don't think this will change anything , because he said that after he came there

He bangs the table , and I've never seen him this angry . He even got mom to scream

This is not my doing , so he can stay here with his wife and unleash his frustration

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Aneliswa

Lethu didn't call breathing down my neck

Even when he called , for Jordan . He didn't even say anything to me

Except just being civil and asking if I'm okay, and that was it

I guess his woman didn't bash me to him

Because I'm sure if she did , all hell would
have broken loose

She's decent , I give her that

And now I know my place , I'm just Jordan's
mother and nothing else

Sometimes it's best to just accost reality ,
and move on

Because reality actually hits harder than
dreams

Jordan clearly is happy there , every time
we talk he's always laughing

And he hasn't even said he misses me that he wants to come back home

I'm not complaining , as much as I miss him and I'm lonely

That's also his home , and the only thing that matters is that he's happy

Blue : so you're over him ?

She thinks I'm crazy , saying I'm letting Lethu be . Because I'll rather settle for a cooperative relationship , over us being at each other's throats

Me : I'm just accepting

She laughs

Blue : you're accepting defeat ?

Me : it wasn't a battle

Blue : well it was , and she has won

Me : okay enough ! Lethu was never mine , and he was never going to be . As much as I wished and hoped , that maybe he could be. He straight out told me , and you know what it wasn't nice . He told me to have some dignity , and that was heart

wrenching okay . He took his son , and I might never get him back . I know he's not spiteful and will never use Jordan , but he thought this was the way . All because I acted like some crazy baby mama with drama , all because he's dating someone . I'm done , and if you still want this friendship , help me leave Lethu out of your mouth

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Lethuxolo

I've never been so annoyed

Did he have to lie ? Like couldn't he just straight out tell her how he feels ?

And let the woman decide who she wants on her damn own

Just because I'm a criminal , he thought why not get myself beaten up and just blame him up for it ?

He's a fool , and a fucking coward

I don't go down for no shit , there's just no
going down for me

I don't do that shit , and he's about to know

I don't even care that she might just link me
to him

I don't give a fuck , she can go ahead and
stay away from me

With my seed inside of her , we'll just see
how long she'll keep that up

There's no way in hell I shot blanks , the whole fucking night . No ways

Otherwise I would be needing some herbs

He gets in , and I'm sitting on the desk facing the door

Athe : what....

I throw the knife at him , and as he tries to shield his face it goes through his hand

He screams like a fucking little girl

Trying the door knob to open , in seconds
I'm dragging him back

Athe : please....don't hurt me

Why do they always beg , when they know
exactly it's going to happen

I lock the door , and turn to face him

Athe : please.....

Me : I don't beat people , that's just a waste
of energy . You really didn't need to lie to a
woman about me , that was very low .
You're a pathetic man

Athe : it was....it was a ...mistake

Me : I don't do nor make mistakes , you're just useless . But don't worry , we're going to rectify that okay . I'm just going to carve you , take your organs and sell them off . At least I will make some money off of you , so that's something . At least in your end , you weren't totally useless . You served some purpose

He's backed in a corner , crying his eyes out all because of some knife stuck on his hand

I take out my carving knife , and walk towards him

Me : stop with the screams , they annoy me

Athe : don't....

Me : don't make me go insane on you ,
because I'm actually a normal human being.
I'll take what I want , and leave you here .
That way your family will find you , and
they'll get to bury what's left of you . Unless
you want me to feed you to wolfs , that can
also be arranged . Either way , I'll still get
your organs

Athe : please...man

Me : okay , I guess we take the better
option

I crouch down , I draw the knife off his hand
before it gives him any stupid ideas

Me : I don't care for you to live

I pull the ice cooler closer , it'll keep the
organs useful

This is not done in a sterilized place , and
there's no medical procedure

I put on my gloves , I just want the heart the
liver and the kidneys . Nothing else

As I cut him open , he screams his lungs out.
It's a good thing , this office is isolated from
the rooms and the bar

I take what I want , and when I get to his
heart of course he's lost it

But the fact that there's still slight life , it's
useful to me

I place then in sterilized plastics , putting
them inside the ice cooler

I take the gloves off , picking up what I used.
Taking my box and putting on my jacket

My shirt has slight blood stains , once that's covered

I walk out , hopefully they'll find him . If he has anyone who cares enough about him

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Renata

Had a long night studying

And the plan was just to wake up just an hour before my 14:00 class

But my father just has to bother me , I don't even know why he's calling me

I have a good mind to just ignore his call , but curiosity is telling me otherwise

Me : hello

Dad : where is your brother ?

Mxm ! I should have known

I drop the call and block his number ,
there's no sane reason why he would call
me

I'm up now , I might as well shower or bath.
And have something to eat

I make the bed , and my phone beeps as I'm
walking to the bathroom

I sigh , reaching for it . And it's the mother ,
she's sent me a text

She's asking if I've seen the golden boy ,
apparently he hasn't been home for two
days

And the staff at the hotel haven't seen it

I delete the message and block her as well ,
I want nothing to do with these people

I go take my shower , I'm lazy and still
sleepy for a bath

I almost drop dead as I come out of the
bathroom

And this man is sitting on my bed , and he doesn't even look fazed that I just almost died

Me : this is trespassing

I haven't seen him for quite a few days now, I've been focused on school

And he calls every morning , reminding me of the pill

Which is crazy , because I've even set a reminder on my phone

Lethu : what's trespassing , when one gets to walk in on such sights

He gets up and walks to me , I can't miss the boner that he has

And as he kisses me , I get the feel he's feelings

Me : no.....stop

He pulls back

Me : I've just showered , I'm not doing this with you

Lethu : we'll shower together

Me : no , I'm saving water

Lethu : that's why we'll shower together ,
you'll come for your afternoon shower at
my house

Me : don't bore me , I have to get to
campus

Lethu : I'll be quick , just one round

Does he even know what one round is ?

Lethu : have you taken your pill ?

See

Me : I'm going to , it's not yet 09:00

Lethu : oh well

Doesn't he unbuckle his pants , loosing them to the floor along with his briefs and shoes

Me : you came here with a boner ?

Lethu : I miss you

Me : I'm not your booty call

He chuckles , taking his t-shirt off

Lethu : you're more

Me : what's more ?

Lethu : do you want a list ?

Ask me why I'm smiling , because he's just going to utter nonsense

Lethu : do you ?

Me : I.....

And he shuts me up with a kiss , of which I return back.

He picks me up into his hands , walking to the bed . He sits down , taking my towel off

His beaded dick is just positioned perfectly , I stroke it before putting the tip at my entrance

Lethu : don't hurt yourself , just take it slow

Like some tamed girl , I listen going down on his beaded dick slowly

His hands are on my waist , mine are on his neck

I settle in just fine , not missing the slight pain . But feeling the beads on his tip , makes everything worth it

I move my waist in circular motion , he thrusts underneath me

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Renata

Honestly , I feel like these people are just starting to annoy me right now

Because this feels like some kind of harassment to be honest

It was Athenkosi coming at me , right at
campus

All for him to spit me lies and what not

That didn't work , and I didn't bother myself
with him

Because I figured , Lethu has no reason
whatsoever to lie to me

So meaning Athenkosi was lying , and Lethu
didn't beat him

That was just some psycho behaviour , and
it scared me

Especially because of what Lethu said as well

That he loves me

That was just crazy , but safety first . I might be associating myself with a criminal

But he's a criminal that's known , if ever shit goes down

No one will even have to guess or wonder

But as for Athenkosi , that was scaring . And I feared for myself

Who knows what he could have done to me?

And no one was going to believe me , especially his parents

I kept my distance , but they just can't seem to keep their distance away from me

Here they are , both of them and I don't even know what they want

Because I for one want nothing to do with them

Dad : can you just stop we came to talk to you

I'm scared and intimidated by this man , I won't lie and say I'm not

But right now , I want to hear nothing from his mouth

This probably might sound wrong , but Lethu is everything I've ever needed from a male figure

He's not that old to consider a father figure of some sort yes

But everything else , he just does to the T .
And I have no longing now

Basically me Renata DiCaprio , I do not need
Sbusiso Xulu

Dad : Renata !

He shouts , just causing me stares . And I
don't get why they're still following me

I finally get to the parking of my car

His wife doesn't look good at all , and she's
dressed strange to say the least

Dad : what you're doing is nonsense , we need to talk to you about your brother . And you're acting out here , making us chase behind you

He says grabbing my arm , and it's painful okay !

Me : I want nothing from you and your family , and I don't want you hear anything you have to say . Please I'm begging you just leave me alone

I pull back , and my arm is really paining where he was holding it

Dad : you're acting like a spoilt brat right now , this is not even about you

Me : I don't have a brother , unless you miraculously have a child out there I don't know or my dead mother does

The wife breaks into a sob

Dad : see what you're doing , have some shame

Me : taste it first

I open my car door and get in , I don't have time for this nonsense

Lethuxolo

Renata hasn't said anything to me about
Athenkosi

She hasn't asked me anything , nor even
hinted

Which means she doesn't know , which is strange

Because this whole thing is on the news today

On television , radio stations and news papers

It's just tragic , apparently he was found by one of the cleaners

And dude had this crazy thing , that no one goes into his office unless ordered to

Hence he wasn't seen nor found for day ,
because they know he doesn't want them in
there

It was the day , the cleaners are allowed to
go in and clean

And that doesn't happen everyday , that's
just some sick thing

Considering that you're running a hotel ,
but keeping it like it's your personal space

But he's found , I guess that's fine

Now I'm awaiting some questions , and
maybe some accusations

Cause only she can throw those at me , and
that'll be because of what I said to her

That I don't beat people I kill , that will have
her breathing down my neck

She also knows about the organ trade black
market

And she'll know he was harvested

Now that's something I'm so not looking
forward to

Maybe I should just introduce her to Jordan, stupid yes ! But that might work for me

She still refuses the dinner , and I don't want to push it

One way or the other I'll get her mind off Athenkosi , I just have to for my sake

I've been longing for her , in my room . But right now , the aim is just to get her pregnant

So we've just been having sex her way , I so hope that she's pregnant

Now I'm not stupid , I know you can't say
you're trapping someone with a baby

She can still leave me , pregnant with my
baby . And nothing will stop her

I can only hope that the love she holds for
me will be enough

I'm dreading to go see her , but I know I
have to

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Ziyanda

I don't know , like I really don't know

And I actually hate myself for this creepy
thought I have

Like this has Lethu written all over it

He was supposed to do business with these people

And I don't know how that went , or how it ended

I don't even know if they even managed to get together and talk

But the whole thing about Athenkosi's death , it smells

And when it smells it fucking stinks

Me : people are heartless

Siya : he was not saint , he was busy
bothering you

Me : babe !

She laughs

Me : he was no Saint , but is any of us ?

She just shrugs , I guess she didn't care

Not that I do either , but no one deserves
this much pain

Imagine being harvested your organs ? And this probably was done while he was wide awake

That's some great torture , he sure must have felt pain and suffering before he died

Me : his family must be going through hell

Siya : I'm sure Xulu is just angry over loosing money , since the hotel is closed right now and not operating

Me : do you think he's that cold ?

Siya : the man just seems obsessed

Me : well , it's really a shame

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Renata

Was it ignorance or what ? I don't know

But I had to find out a few days after the
parents tried to corner me

Like I've been so occupied with school , that
I've ignored everything else

Like I haven't even been paying attention to news's or anything informative

I literally got to know that Athenkosi is dead by chance

And I was so shocked , I didn't even know how to react or what to make of the news's

I'm no fool now , I haven't seen Lethu for the past few days

But he killed Athenkosi , I don't know what point he was trying to prove . But he did

When I found out this , his words just kept ringing in my head

And there are no such coincidences , like Athe was killed a day after Lethu said what he said

Tell me I'm crazy

It's the funeral today , and it's just crazy hella expensive

I swear my father or his mother , one must have taken a funeral policy

As much as they have money , there's no way they can afford such crazy things

I've paid my respects , all is done and now I'm leaving

I didn't even say anything to them

As I get in my car , my father knocks on my window

I roll it down so bored

Dad : you were going to leave without even greeting ?

Who exactly am I greeting , and for what ?

Me : I just came here for the funeral

Dad : we're family Renata , and blood is thicker than water

Me : no it isn't

He gives me a disapproving look , and I don't even know for what

Me : you showed me that blood is not thicker than water , when you chose your wife and step son over me

Dad : get over yourself , even on your brothers funeral you want to turn everything and make it about you ?.

Wow

I just find myself , reversing and driving out

It's no use wasting my breath on this man

Now he thinks I'm just crying out , because I want to make everything about me

Even in his death , Athenkosi is still the child my father holds dear

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Lethuxolo

Those fertility pills are very much effective ,
and there's no way in hell I haven't made a
child by now

I refuse not to believe that I haven't , now I
just need her to know

I don't think I can bare months and months,
but if it comes to that I can take it

Because I don't want any possibility of an
abortion here

And she couldn't even utter it out of her
mouth , that gave me some hope

That she won't do that , we're having this
baby and that's that

She hasn't been herself after Athenkosi's
funeral

But I doubt it's because she's mourning the idiot

Something else must be bothering her , and I don't like that

Stress is not good for the baby , even when you're trying to get pregnant stress is not needed

I don't know what will cheer her up , but something just has to give in

Jordan : daddy this is a mess

Me : can you just give your father credit ?

Jordan : what credit ?.

I chuckle

Me : okay , let me do this . I'm sure the woman will appreciate this

The two haven't met , we got here late last night

He was already asleep , and this morning Renata is still sleeping

Jordan : hold the flower

Me : Is this necessary ?

Jordan : John said.....

He looks around , clearly trying to put the words together

And they're just not coming together

Me : okay , let me go give her this . And I'll be back

Jordan : she loves it

I chuckle , not clearly understanding if he wants to say hope she loves it or she'll love it

It's just whatever

I head upstairs , and walk in . She's still in bed

I place the tray on the night stand , sitting down on the bed

I pull the sheets over her head , she looks at me and she has bloodshot red eyes

Me : why are you crying ?

Now I'm worried

Renata : how possible can it be , that your own father hates you to the core . He cannot even hide it , yet he'll choose another over you ?

That pathetic fool

Me : what did he do ?

Renata : at the funeral , he came to me as I was leaving . He said some blood is thicker than water , and when I disputed that . And said he showed me that's not true , when he chose another man's child over his own . He basically just said , I'm making that about me and it isn't . And that wasn't the first time he says that

Me : come here

I pull her up giving her a hug

Me : what should I do to your father ?

She pulls back

Renata : Please don't kill him like you killed Athenkosi

Me : I.....

Renata : don't even deny it , I wasn't asking I was saying . I know you killed him , and that's crazy . You killed a man because he

said you beat him up ? Well , it's even more
much crazier that after knowing that I'm
still in your bed

Me : where would you rather be ?

She keeps quite and stares at me

Me : even in your bed you'd rather be with
me

She frowns , I take the tray to hand her .
And with the speed of lighting she gets off
the bed running to the bathroom

Ancestors are thanked and God is praised
when things fall into plan like this

She pulled the juice on me , but what do I
care

I follow her to the bathroom

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Renata

This wasn't a good morning for me at all

And then Lethu tells me it's his son's
birthday today

I'm shocked , like what the hell am I doing
here ?

It's a family affair , and I'm sure the baby
mama will rock up soon

With the parents and all , and well that means Renata must be out of the house

I would say he's lying , but after the miserably failed breakfast in bed

Because of my vomiting situation , we came down

And looking outside , it was just crazy planning going on there

And the champ is said to be in his room , because daddy doesn't want him to see what's happening

This boy doesn't even know it's his birthday today , like he doesn't know

Me : I should go , everyone should be here soon . I'll get Jordan a present and you can give it to him

Lethu : but I want you here

Me : you didn't even tell me it's his birthday, I wouldn't even be here

Lethu : maybe that's why I didn't even tell you

Me : that's.....

Voice : daddy she loves it ?

Lethu : tell him you loved the breakfast ,
because we put effort . And you just threw
up

Lethu loves throwing shade , like what the
hell

Lethu : hey champ

He comes to us , and he's just the cutest
little person I've ever seen

Lethu : come greet aunty Renata

Am I not too young to be called aunty ? Like child please

Jordan : hello

No man ! Lethu ruined this child , his persona it's just his father through and through

Isn't he too young for this ?

Me : hi, how are you ?

I crouch down to his level

Jordan : I'm good

Me : I'm good too , and I'm pleased to meet you

Jordan : you like the food too ?

Aha !

Me : yes , yes I like the food too

He smiles , I guess someone small is very much happy

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Ziyanda

I'm shocked seeing Renata here

Like it's Jordan's birthday , and obviously
the mother will be here

Doesn't just this smell drama , and cat
fights. Like Lethu is brave

Me : this can't be good

Mom : what now ?

I look at Jordan and he's with Renata ,
sitting on her lap

While all the other kids are outside , this is
his birthday

He should be out there with the others , but
boy seems to be clingy right now

Makes me wonder how long have they
been seeing each other ?

I mean her and Lethu

To such an extent that his son is close to her
like that

Me : don't you see that ?

Mom : exactly what ?

Me : how will Aneliswa feel when she walks in here , and find them like that ? Her reaction scares me

Mom : exactly how a baby mama is supposed to react , she better not cause drama . This is about Jordan and not her

Luzuko : who are we gossiping about ?

He comes with Zuri

Zuri : can you just stop

He laughs

Mom : your sister thinks Aneliswa will blow a gasket , when she walks in to that sight of Renata and Jordan like that

Luzuko : she better not start with us

Me : who's us ?

Luzuko : use your loud brain

He walks away

Me : how do you deal with him ?

They laugh

Zuri : it's love babes

And she walks away heading to where
Renata and Jordan are

Me : can someone pay me if Aneliswa
causes drama ?

Voice : tell us if you're broke , just ask nicely
. Don't be a witch

Ouch !

Me : I....

Lethu : uyongiphumela nalo Aneliswa
wakho , this is my house (you'll leave with
that yours)

Me : ma ! (Mom)

Mom : leave me alone

I guess I'm crazy alone , and everyone is just
chilled

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Renata

There isn't too many people , just friends
and family

And literally , there's not even more than 5
friends

These people are strange , they just seem to keep their circle very small

But I don't blame them , because it's not like I have a huge circle either

It's literally just me and me alone

Jordan : I'm going to see Lala

Me : okay

We've been sitting together for a few minutes , and he's barely said 20 words

Lethu ruined this child ! He does seem closed off but he's not

He's just a little man with less words , he speaks but not that much

Jordan : you will eat cake ?

I smile , as he slides off me

Me : yes I will

Jordan : take a big piece

Isn't he the one supposed to have a big piece ?

Me : okay champ

Jordan : don't leave now

Okay !

Me : I won't

He smiles walking away , I'm left just smiling

He's a great child , he hasn't left my side
since our first encounter in the morning

He leaves but 5 minutes he's back again

And I'm like , why is such a small baby speaking English ?

Doesn't Lethu know his home language ?

But he's fun to be around , and he just makes it so much easy to love him

Luzuko : Makoti you've met my wife right ?
(Daughter in-law)

Must he ?

This lady just came here and sat down , we exchanged greetings and that was it

Me : uhm.....not really

He sits down next to her

Luzuko : her name is Zuri , we have two beautiful daughters Poochie and Lala

Me : Poochie and Lala ?

Zuri laughs

Zuri : Thandolwethu and Thandiwe , I so hate those names . That's why this Poochie gave the baby a name like Jordan , it doesn't even make sense

We laugh , I wondered why he has an English name . But then he speaks English too

Luzuko : fine , sthandwa sam this is Renata . She's Lethu's heart (my love)

What now ?

Zuri : she suits him , and she deserves to be called his heart

Wow ! I am done with these people , are they even normal ?

Me : I'll just go find something to do , this is beyond me

Zuri : I'm coming with you

We get up , and just head outside

Zuri : you and the champ seem to be getting well

I smile just watching him , looking at the other babies playing

Me : he's a good child

Zuri : that he is , and it's good to see Lethu loves you so much to trust you with his son. He just doesn't let anyone into his life

I sigh

Zuri : did I offend you ?

Me : Lethu and I , we're not a couple

Zuri : what ?

I nod slowly

Zuri : but....

She heaves a sigh with me

Me : it's so crazy complicated

Zuri : I don't understand , the love is just all over your eyes

I wish I saw what they see from him , because I don't think it's there

Zuri : you and I need a girls session over wine , this man can't loose a woman like yourself . Everyone here likes you

This is a clap once

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Lethuxolo

I'm with my uncle's , and it's just chilled

We're in the lounge , and have the perfect
view to the kitchen

That's where Renata is with Zuri , they're busy doing snacks in there

Thulani : she's not back, we can't say she bewitched you

I chuckle

Me : and why ?

Thulani : boy ! This woman is so done with you , and you can't even hide it

Njabulo : he can't even deny it

Me : but she'll make a great Dube wife
right?

They laugh

Thulani : she already fits in

Njabulo : we should just seal it for you

Thulani : why is he even taking his time to
begin with ?

Me : I'm playing safe

Njabulo : what did you do ?

Me : I approached her creepy okay , now I just need a hold

Njabulo : boy you're wicked !

Me : I think she's pregnant

Njabulo : and that's how you plan to keep her ?

Thulani : she's already kept , she won't run away from this boy

These two are crazy !

But I can literally hold any conversation with my uncle's , as old as they are

Thulani : your father took your mother from some idiot , just take her . What's stopping you ?

Me : my damn approach

Njabulo : you know we'll pay double everything , because of this pregnant matter ?

Thulani : you better sell more organs

Me : Dube what the hell ?

They laugh , and that laugh dies down as
Aneliswa walks in

Thulani : do you have your house in order ?

They both look at me amused

She better not cause me drama , not today
of all days

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Aneliswa

The way some eyes are just turning my way

I already just can't deal with all this , like
why are the staring at me ?

Maybe I'm not welcomed , or Lethu said I'm
not coming

Like I'm late I know that , but I know my son
will be very happy to see me nonetheless

I greet Lethu and his uncle's , and they greet
back

As I trail my eyes to the kitchen , that's
when I get why I'm being stared like this

I walk to Zuri and Renata , I greet and they greet back

Zuri : you're late

Me : got held up in traffic

It's a slightly awkward , I really don't know what to say

But then again , I don't want things to be awkward between us

It's clear where these two are , and his family knows her

Who am I to cause havoc over their relationship ?

I'll stick to what Lethu and I are , which is just being parents to our kid

Me : is Jordan out there ?

Zuri : yes

I walk outside and it's beautiful , there's even all kinds of kiddies games

I look around and find him , he's not even playing that much . Running around with all the other kids

Me : baby

Jordan : mommy you here ?

Me : yes , it's your birthday . And I wouldn't want to miss it

Jordan : okay , you have present ?

I laugh

Me : yes I have presents

Jordan : let me see

Me : they're in the car , let's go get them

We might as well , because he's not even playing around

Jordan : you see aunty Renata ?

I stop on my tracks and look and at him

Jordan : she gave me a bath

Wow !

Me : aunty Renata , she's daddy's friend right ?

He shrugs his shoulders and continues walking

Jordan : we made her food with daddy , she loves it

I guess they already get along fine , and that's one thing I don't need to worry myself about

The well-being of my son

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Lethuxolo

It's been a long day , but it was good for the
champ

He had fun , and enjoyed himself . In his
way yes

And he was happy , that's all that matters

And Aneliswa was a mother , didn't make a big deal about Renata

Who seemed to mind her own business , than what everyone else would think of her

I watch her as she puts Jordan to bed , he's worn out

And fell asleep on Aneliswa , Renata offered to put him to bed

She tucks him in , and kisses his forehead

She's shocked seeing me as she turns around

Me : hey

Renata : hey

She walks to me , I hold her hand

Me : thank you

She nods

Renata : now I could use the bed like him

Me : Luzuko and Ziya are still here with Zuri and Siya , was hoping we could all have a drink before we retire

Renata : I don't feel like drinking

Me : juice is fine for you

Renata : okay

We leave the door slightly opened , and we walk outside to the braai area

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Renata

Last night was chilled with the siblings , it really was

And crazy we looked like some couples something's

I laughed at that in my head , because that's just how they saw us

Even though we know the truth , it was just insane

But great as well , I got to know them a bit better than our first awkward encounters

It wasn't a good morning though , I've threw up twice

And I feel like my stomach is turning , I'm not myself

Zuri : you don't look well

We exchanged numbers last night , and agreed to meet for breakfast

But now we're doing brunch , because I was so late . And I look ugly

Me : I'm not okay , I'veit was a crazy morning

Zuri : don't you wanna go see a doctor ?

Me : Lethu pestered me with that , and I bit his head off this morning

Zuri : what why ? Wait....are you pregnant ?

I laugh

Me : hell no , I'm not . I'm on the pill

Zuri : what's it with you two ?

Me : uhm....please don't tell your husband

We laugh

Zuri : Luzuko is a gossip monger , I can respect that

I take a deep breath

Me : I love Lethu , so much that it hurts .
But I can't do nothing about it , because our meeting wasn't usual . And we have an agreement of BDSM....

She gaps

Me : give me a second

Zuri : for real ?

I nod

Zuri : what kind of a film is this ?

Me : I agreed okay , and it's crazy yes . But I kind of enjoy the whole thing

She laughs

Zuri : this is being kinky on another level

Me : well , don't judge a girl okay

Zuri : okay , so why don't you just be together normal ? Yet still have your BD...what not

I laugh

Me : he has this crazy deal breaker , I fall for him and we're done

Zuri : but that's nonsense

The witness brings our food , and not the smell of these damn wings making me want to throw up my insides

Zuri : are you.....

I get up hurrying to the bathroom , and I throw up .

Right now I'm really annoyed

Zuri : you're pregnant

I rinse my mouth

Me : can you stop with that , I'm on the pill

Zuri : I've had morning sickness with Thandolwethu , it was crazy it even happened during the day

Me : I'm not pregnant

Zuri : I'm taking you to the doctor , prove me wrong and I'll leave you alone

I sigh

Me : fine

We head out , paying the bill and we don't even bother eating anymore

We get to the doctor , and we wait a bit because we don't have an appointment

Crazy private doctors

After 45 minutes , we finally get in . And he takes my urine first

Doesn't it come back positive , I want to scream my lungs out

Zuri : I should call Lethu , I think he should be here when you get a scan

Me : no

Zuri : what do you mean no ?

Me : I don't need Lethu here , so please don't tell him

She nods , but you can see she doesn't agree to this

We get the scan , am I just not surprised of just how far along I am . And don't get me started on everything else

The eye Zuri is giving me , but she's the least of my worries right now

Doc : everything is well as you can see , but you need check ups every two weeks . And no stress , nor working hard . Anything that strains you , stay away from it . We need you to reach 7 months , to be able to deliver safely

Zuri : oh ...I'll make sure of it

I just tear up

Zuri : shhhhh it's going to be okay

She embraces me

Me : please don't tell him

Zuri : Doc please excuse us

I just hear footsteps walking out

Me : I'm scared , how am I going to tell him this ?

Zuri : Lethu will be happy I'm sure he ...

Me : what part of the agreement we have did you miss ?

She sighs

Me : I don't.....what am I going to do ?

That thought alone brings me more tears

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A WEEK LATER

Lethuxolo

I've been ignored for a week now

I call she doesn't answer , I ask to see her
and she refuses

I go see her and she snaps at me , it's like I
repulse her

I had to bring back up today , I really can't
take this shade from her it's too much

Jordan : daddy where we going ?

Me : we're going to see aunty Renata
champ

Jordan : oh

I look at him through the mirror

Me : you're not happy ?

Jordan : she don't visit us anymore

Someone is sulking

Me : I know , she's been busy

Jordan : she will see us ?

Sometimes I don't understand this champ

Me : yeah she'll see us now

He just nods looking outside the window

Me : are you okay champ ?

He nods

Me : do you miss mommy ?

Jordan : I talk to mommy

Okay I guess we don't miss her

Me : you don't look happy

Jordan : we need a baby

What ?

Me : a baby ?

Jordan : for me to play with ?

So he wants a doll ? Do I have a gay son ?

I look at him , only to find him looking at me. And he has my stare , like what the hell?

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Renata

I've been crying myself to sleep , and this morning sickness doesn't help at all

I've gotten some meds , but they're not helping me at all

I'm just on my own , I do feel like I'm on my own

Zuri comes to check on me everyday , and she's just been amazing to be honest

Considering that we've known each other for such a short space of time

At least I can rely on her

I don't want to see Lethu , I don't know how long I can keep this away from him

Because who the hell can hide a pregnancy?
Unless it's hidden itself

And I doubt this one will do that , and I'm wondering why I haven't shown after so long

I can only eat corn , and it's crazy . Because I hate the damn thing

I just substitute with corn flakes some days , and at least I can stomach them

I'm startled by footsteps in the lounge , and I know it's not Zuri

She always calls before coming in , and she said she's probably 30 minutes away

He walks in , and just the sight of him
annoys me

Lethu : please don't bite my head off again

Me : tear that damn contract and leave me
alone !

And I bite his head off again , as usual every
time I see him now

Lethu : but.....

Me : it's done , I can't do it anymore . So
please leave me alone , we're done . Get
out !

Lethu : I brought a guest

I sigh annoyed , he turns back and I follow
him to lock my door

But the sight on Jordan in my lounge , melts
me

Lord ! I missed him and I wasn't even aware

Me : hey champ

I sit down next to him , picking him up to
my lap

Me : oh you're so heavy , you've grown into being 4 really

He smiles

Jordan : you don't like us no more ?

I look at Lethu , and he's puzzled

Me : no , why would you ask that ?

Jordan : you don't visit us no more

I embrace him , and plant a kiss on the top of his head

Me : I'm so sorry , I haven't been feeling well

Jordan : daddy said you're busy

I nod annoyed because of the lies he's telling the child

Me : a bit

Jordan : will you visit now ?

Me : yes , I will visit

He giggles

Jordan : it's lonely with daddy and Tiger alone

Poor thing n

Lethu : he wants a doll

Jordan : I said a baby

Lethu : one you can play with

Jordan : like Lala

Whoa !

Lethu : you want a real baby like Lala ?

Jordan : yes

Is the universe trying to tell me something ?

Lethu : babies are very expensive champ

Me : then people shouldn't make babies if they can't afford them

Jordan : can we make one ?

Oh hell no !

What's wrong with me ?

Lethu : we can't make babies champ , we buy them

Jordan : you buy me toys , you can buy one

Lethu : daddy will just have to work hard , and buy you one

My phone rings , and it's Zuri I answer

Me : hello

Zuri : I'm here

Me : come through

She drops the call , and Lethu is giving me
nasty stares

He knows me to be my myself , and now I
have someone coming through

She walks in , and his face relaxes as he
looks at her . Such drama

Zuri : hey....uhm hi . I didn't know you have
company

Me : my little person missed me , said I
don't visit anymore . So he came around

Zuri : Argh this is cute , he should visit you more . I'll stop coming around everyday

I laugh

Me : you being gifts , you two can share my space

Lethu walks away , to Lord knows where . In my house

Zuri : and then ?

Me : he's grumpy , and I'm not entertaining you

Zuri : hormones are playing with you

She laughs

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Lethuxolo

Why is everyone welcomed and not me ?

Like she was happy to see Jordan , and she even acknowledged him as the only guest

But I'm even more amazed , Zuri now comes here . And Daily ?

He finally answers his phone

Me : about damn time

Luzuko : what do you want ?

Me : why is your wife visiting my woman , and you didn't even tell me ?

Luzuko : your woman ?

Me : come on , you know exactly what I'm talking about

Luzuko : yeah well , isn't she going some phase ? Zuri is playing some therapist or whatever

Me : so you don't know what's up ?

Luzuko : unfortunately I don't

Me : what a waste

Luzuko : she is being stingy with the truth

I drop the call , taking my sneakers off . And
I lay down on the bed

She's probably going to kill me , when she
walks in here

But she doesn't like me much as of late so

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Renata

Lethu's presence is really annoying me

And he's in my bed , he doesn't want to go

I've been telling him to leave , but he's not hearing me

We're having lunch with Jordan , it's just good being around each other

Me : is that good ?

He nods , taking a sip of his juice

I'm literally chowing corn flakes , and he's having some spaghetti and meatballs

I'm not even craving it one bit

Me : can I have a serious conversation with you ?

He frowns , I get a feeling he didn't understand me

Me : can I ask you to do something ?

He nods

I don't know if he understands now , or what

But let me ask anyways

Me : can you give this to daddy and ask him if we can buy a baby ?

I place the scan on the table , he looks at it

Jordan : I ask daddy for the baby ?.

Me : yes champ

Jordan : okay

Me : and you give him this

Jordan : now ?

Me : no , when you get home

Jordan : daddy's house ?

Me : yes

Jordan : okay

He continues eating

I wonder if he heard me or what , if he'll still remember this when he gets home

Will he even know what to say to him ?

I feel so wicked using him , but he wants the baby

And well here we are , and he also gets what he wants

So let's hear what his father will say , after he hears all this . Or rather when he sees this

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Lethuxolo

It's not nice being me right now

I don't even think I like my idea anymore

Yes fall pregnant , but I didn't say hate me

I can't believe she kicked me out

Like she wasn't kidding , and look at me I
left

She's going all crazy on me , and loosing all
emotions right now

Jordan : daddy

Me : mhm

He goes quite , but I still feel him . I lift my
head and look at him

He's grumpy

Me : I'm sorry

He hates not being paid attention to

When he speaks , look at him to show that you're listening

Me : what's going on ?

Jordan : can we make the baby ?

Renata ruined my child

Me : champ , I said we don't make babies we buy them

Jordan : can we buy the baby ?

I sigh

The woman with the baby doesn't even like me right now

But at least she likes him , so he's a better man

Jordan : this for you

He hands me a small paper , one that's so shrewd

Me : what's this ?

He shrugs

Me : where did you get it ?

Jordan : from aunty Renata

I unfold the paper , and I'm no fool

As much as it's a mess right now , but I can see very well what it

Me : she gave you this ?.

Jordan : are we buying the baby ?.

Really ?

Me : champ

Jordan : daddy the baby

How can a child be so obsessed with having a baby ?

Me : okay , okay we'll buy the baby

Jordan : I'm going to tell aunty Renata , we're buying the baby

Nonsense !

He walks away

Me : John

He comes in

Me : can you please watch him for like an hour or so I'll be back ?

John : not a problem sir

I head out , getting into my car driving out

Man ! When you're good you're good , like damn !

But then I'm surrounded by schemers

Like what's Jordan doing , pulling such things on me

He didn't even hint in the car , he's a little liar

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Renata

I'm shaking like hell , I can't sit still

I know my baby won't let me down

Argh !

He's only 4 , I'm sure by now he doesn't
even remember anything

I'm screwed okay !

Because there's no way in hell I'm telling
Lethu this myself

So he can baby mama zone me like he did
Aneliswa ?

Hell no !

I don't know about the woman okay

But I know about myself , and I damn love
that man

I don't need nor want a fucking baby daddy,
I want a man

So he better step up on that

I can't be dished what that woman was
dished , like hell no

Not with this many kids , I'll die

He better not deal me , like he just can't

I don't need him at his house and me at
mine , no !

I want us together , in the same house with
the babies

It's his deal that first sexual encounter he
got me pregnant

And with triplets , well that's his doing and
not mine

And he said he pulled out then , and I don't
get how that stupid doctor of his missed
this out on the test

Because I was already pregnant then

I keep looking at my phone , hoping that it'll
ring or something

Just anything from him , just so I can put my mind at ease

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Lethuxolo

I feel like she told me this way because of her fears

But now I'm here , and she looks like she wants to beat the shit out of me

Me : mommy

She just stares at me , for a few minutes
before she tears up

I just laugh hugging her , and she's really
crying no kidding

But I'm happy , so I'm not there with her
and her tears

Me : we're buying babies ?

She nods

Me : three of them ?

She nods again against my chest , still crying

Me : damn ! I'm so in love

I peck her lips

Me : I got your news

She slowly lifts her head , and we lock eye's

Me : why didn't you tell me ?

Renata : I was scared , you and your stupid rules just made everything worse

Me : I know , I know I'm a horrible person .

Renata : and you said babies are expensive

I chuckle , I knew that would rub her off .
And her response said it all

Me : you don't like me lately , and now
Jordan thinks babies are made and not
bought

She smiles wiping her tears

Renata : what's this now ? What are we
doing?

Me : we love each other , and we've always loved each other . And now we've made three babies

She giggles

Renata : do you have any idea how hard it has been for me ?

Me : you've been loving me and showing off

Renata : trying to hide it , because of that stupid contract of yours

I chuckle

Me : you've been bad hiding it , if everyone could see it . My family is not crazy you know

Renata : well you hid it well , and they saw it

Me : I didn't even try to hide it

Renata : I wouldn't have been going crazy that I broke your rules , and now I'll be loosing you

Me : you just didn't see because you were focused on you , and not me

Renata : but waitare you for real ?

Me : yes

Renata : on what ?

Women !

Me : being in love with you , being happy that we bought babies . And well that I'm making a wife out of you

The shock on her face , she doesn't believe me at all

Renata : wife ?

Me : not my woman having babies out of wedlock

Renata : you lie !

I laugh

Me : I really don't lie very well

Renata : but....why didn't you say all this sooner ?

Me : I just wanted you to fall to a point of no return

Shit !

She's doing these small eyes thing she does

Renata : you got me pregnant first time , so
I really can't say you did it on purpose

The universe really is for me right ?

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Ziyanda

What a way to a morning !

We wake up to a Lethu that's going to be a father , and is now engaged !

That's crazy

Siya : what's your deal ?

Me : they.....babe at one point he said they're not dating

Siya : to Luzuko , and not you

Me : yes

Siya : and indirectly so

I laugh

Me : doesn't matter

Siya : exactly , you're going to be an aunt

Me : again

Siya : yes again

Me : well mom is happy , I've never heard the woman sound so happy like hearing such news

Lethu had us all on some conference call this morning

And he just broke the news like it was nothing

Renata is pregnant , I made the most shitty proposal and we're engaged

And that was it , like those were his exact words

Talk about crazy !

One would wonder what's a shitty proposal, well no dinning and all . That's a shitty proposal

He better go hard on the wedding , and make up for this

But who knew my brother had it in him , like really ?

I'm glad , he's found a good one for himself and he's ready to settle

This time around he didn't even think twice,
he just went straight for it

And he deserves this much of what Renata
gives him

Despite everything and all , at the end of
the day he's a good person

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Aneliswa

I don't think it's woman intuition or anything like that

But just a thing human beings have , or rather just possess

That when you're about to hear something life changing or so

You just feel it

And that's exactly how I'm feeling right now

Staring at this man , he's chilled as ever as
always

Me : is Jordan okay ?

Lethu : he's fine

Me : okay , and are you fine ?

Lethu : couldn't be better , I'm about to be
a dad

My ears are not lying to me are they ?

Me : excuse me ?

Lethu : you're excused

Me : Lethu !

Lethu : what ?

Me : did you just say you're going to be a dad ?

Lethu : Renata is pregnant , and not only that . But we're engaged

Bury me now !

I take a few minutes in silence , he would never come all the way here to lie

Me : wow ! I....I don't know what to say , she was that enough of a woman she got you

Lethu : it was never about who does , I love her . Simple as that

I don't need to hear more

Me : okay , thank you....for telling me . It means a lot , I didn't hear from the streets

Lethu : it's in the best interest of Jordan that we all three get along , irrespective of who he stays with .

Me : expect no drama from me , he has two mothers now . As long as they're good with each other , I'll have no issues with Renata

Lethu : thank you

I nod with a smile

Me : I'm really happy for you , at least let things work for one of us

He chuckles

But who even thought that , one day Lethu would fall in love and get married ?

Renata sure is one hell of a woman , to be loved by this man

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Renata

It's not even relief okay , I'm happy like I'm crazy happy

And I feel like such an idiot , for not seeing all this

I would have long told him , because I didn't care about the contract

I cared about him , so it was just best to play along just to keep him close

But had I know how he feels , I would have just told him to screw his deal breaker

Knowing very well he wasn't going to leave me

But it doesn't matter now , here we are .
And I'm very happy

Although one would say , for the romantic guy he has been all along

He dropped the ball , when it actually mattered and he was proposing

Dude just pulled the ring from his car , and just like that I was an engaged woman

It was funny , I laughed I don't even want to lie

Zuri : it's hard seeing the two of you now together

I laugh

Me : can you just not tell your husband that

Zuri : I'm quite so far , I mean one look at you two and I'm just like it's the BDSM people

I burst out laughing , why did I tell her all of that again ?

Zuri : people do strange things , I cannot
imagine being tied and ...

Me : you can hold it right there , yes it's fine
there

She laughs

Zuri : it'll take me a while , I doubt I'll even
not think about that when I see you two

May the good Lord have mercy on me

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FIVE MONTHS LATER

Lethuxolo

It feels like just yesterday

When everything was just all about
Lethuxolo and nothing else

Then one night changed everything else

Jordan came , and well he became centre stage

He was all that I lived for , it wasn't all about me anymore

But that was nothing , absolutely nothing to what everything is right now

A mere simple desire changed my whole life

And I just can't help but be thankful and grateful

Look at me now , I think I have got it all

A wife , two sons and two daughters

A damn family that's very much supportive

I don't know how much more would I ever
want

Jordan : daddy

Me : yes champ

Jordan : the babies are too much

Don't we all just frown

Poochie : uncle I think he means there's too many of them

There's laughter

The person who wanted to buy a baby , is now saying they're too much

And my boy seems to be thinking too much about this

Me : it's your brother and sisters

Jordan : they're too many

Mom : poor child you're traumatized

Me : really !

She looks away

Neliswa : you're going to be the best big brother ever

Dad : I do get where you're coming from boy , this many babies is a full time job on you as a brother

Me : you're depressing my son

Jordan : I like the babies

Renata : of course you do champ , come here

He goes to her , and you can tell she's still in pain

It was just last night , right exactly at 7 months

We had to come to the hospital , because some people were in a hurry to come

And she gave birth through a C section , they're premature

I expected them to be so small , but they're fully developed human beings

With just one boy , having slight breathing problems

But the doctors are confident that he'll be fine

My family has been here with us since morning

Renata has long kept her distance from her father

So anything that he knows about us , he just hears from outside there or papers

I so badly wanted to deal with him , but he's let her be

And so far hasn't done or said anything to hurt her or make her cry

I just let that be , especially because she told me not to kill him

I needed a sane enough reason to kill him , and he so badly denied me that

Ziyanda : is anyone hungry ?

And this is just the crazy people we're surrounded by

Mom : we all should go eat , welly being Lethu and Rena something

They all leave , except Aneliswa . There's no bad blood

And the two get along fine , Jordan is back with his mother

But he spends at least a week with us a month , and on weekends he's also with us

I will never be spiteful enough , to take my son away from his mother

Jordan : I want to grow with the babies

The confusion on our faces

I think it's about time this boy learns to speak Zulu and Xhosa

Me : but you're the big brother , how will you grow with them ?

Jordan : but daddy I want to

Someone balance me , how does he want to grow with people who are so much younger than him ?

Renata : you want to live with the babies ?

Jordan : yes

Wow !

This one we all didn't see coming

Neliswa : of course living with them , is the only way you'll grow with them

Me : how come I didn't get that ?

Renata laughs

Renata : think to his level , and not yours

He should just speak Zulu , we won't have to try and interpret his words

Me : can this not be awkward

Neliswa : we're all his parents , and we can talk about this . But I don't mind , just as long as I can still get him on some days . But your wife just gave birth , will you guys be able to handle a toddler too ?

Renata : we'll make it work , those babies are his and he wants to grow up with them

Even he laughs with us all

And that's just how we end this conversation , with laughter

I'm only starting my journey with my desire, that will never die .

It the desire that brought us together , and it'll keep us together

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