



# **NDABEZITHA**

## **Mabutho's Legacy**

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**\*PROLOGUE\***

**\*Imani\***

**Imani**



My tears are burning my  
cheeks , dropping to my chest

I don't understand why I have  
hot tears that are this hot , to  
the extent that I feel being  
burnt

I have no strength , this crying  
on its own drains me

I look around , and all I see is a  
small old worn hut

It looks abandoned , like there  
hasn't been anyone living there  
for decades

And slowly , I feel my body  
failing me . In the sense that I  
can't even explain it , I don't  
even know how to put it into  
words

But the crazy and scary part  
about this , is seeing myself  
slowly rotting

Not your usual way of flesh  
rotting , but in the sense that  
I'm just a log

My body is just flying away ,  
with the slight wind . I can't  
scream , I can't run . I'm just  
stuck here , and it seems like  
this is how I loose myself

And the last thing I see , is the  
black lion. And it's just staring  
at me as always

I'm brought up to , by the  
rough shaking of my body

I open my eyes meeting Dlozi ,  
and just her sight bores me

It's everything she's been  
saying to me as of late

Dlozi : we have to go

Me : Dlozi , please stop

Dlozi : we have to go

Me : just stop

I get up from the floor

Dlozi : we have....



Me : stop saying that , honestly you sound like a broken record. And you should be glad I'm not a gossip monger , because I would go around the village telling people this .

Dlozi : I don't care , this is about your destiny

She's starting with her talks

Dlozi : we have to go to  
Ngonyama

Me : a place that doesn't even  
exist !

Dlozi : but you always see it

Me : it's just a dream , and  
people have dreams all the  
time

Dlozi : people dream of black lions as well ?

I just look at her and walk away

Dlozi : you cannot run away from this Imani

This !

What she's talking about doesn't even make sense

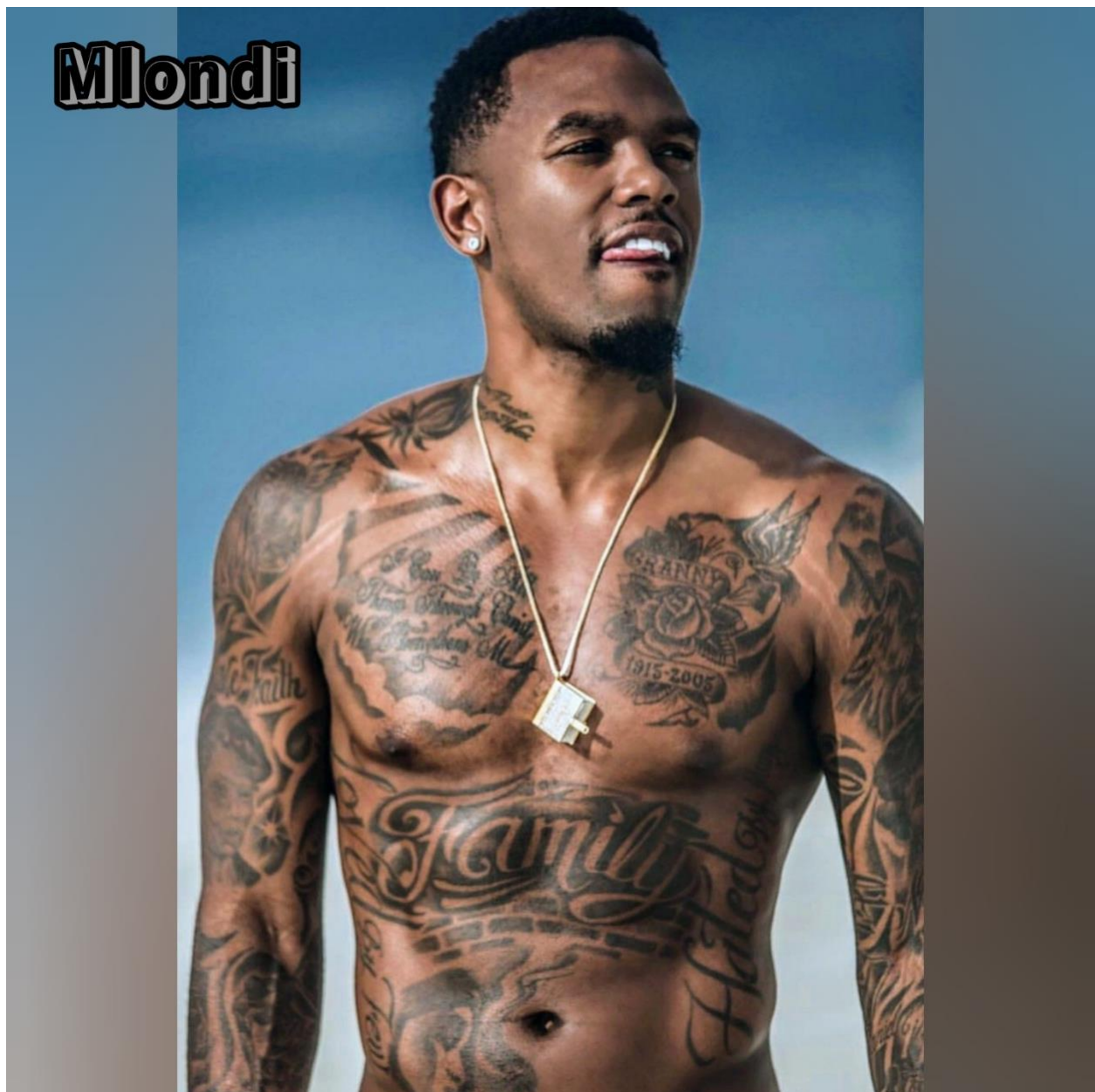
I'm just some orphan , from the  
land of Tanzania

I don't even recall of how I  
came to be in South Africa

How I ended up with Dlozi ,  
that's to be told another day

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\*Mlondi\*



She walks over to me , placing  
her hands on my shoulders

And slowly massaging them ,  
she leans down and plants a  
soft kiss on my neck

Me : babe not now

Londiwe : you're seeming to be  
very tense

Me : well wouldn't you be , if  
you were in my shoes ?

She smiles

Me : please give me a minute  
to think

Londiwe : why do you always  
let your brother rile you up like  
this ?

I sigh

Me : Mpande was fine where  
he was

Londiwe : he's your brother and  
...

Me : stop saying that ! He's my  
brother and not yours , so I  
damn know



I get up

Londiwe : this is his home as  
well

She's of no use being here , if  
she'll be forcing Mpande down  
my throat

Me : we don't have a home

Londiwe : you know I always think that story of yours is a legend , because no one besides you knows it

Me : was anyone there as me ?

Londiwe : okay fine , but just be happy . And lose the drama when Mpande gets here

She clicks her heels walking out

I head to the window looking  
outside , just watching over the  
sea

Whatever is bringing my  
brother back home, I have a  
feeling I won't like it

Whenever Mpande is around ,  
I'm always overshadowed

Voice : this is what killed your father's , and your hate for your brother is exactly what will kill this lineage .

I turn and look around , but I don't see anyone

And the door is still closed

Me : what the hell ?

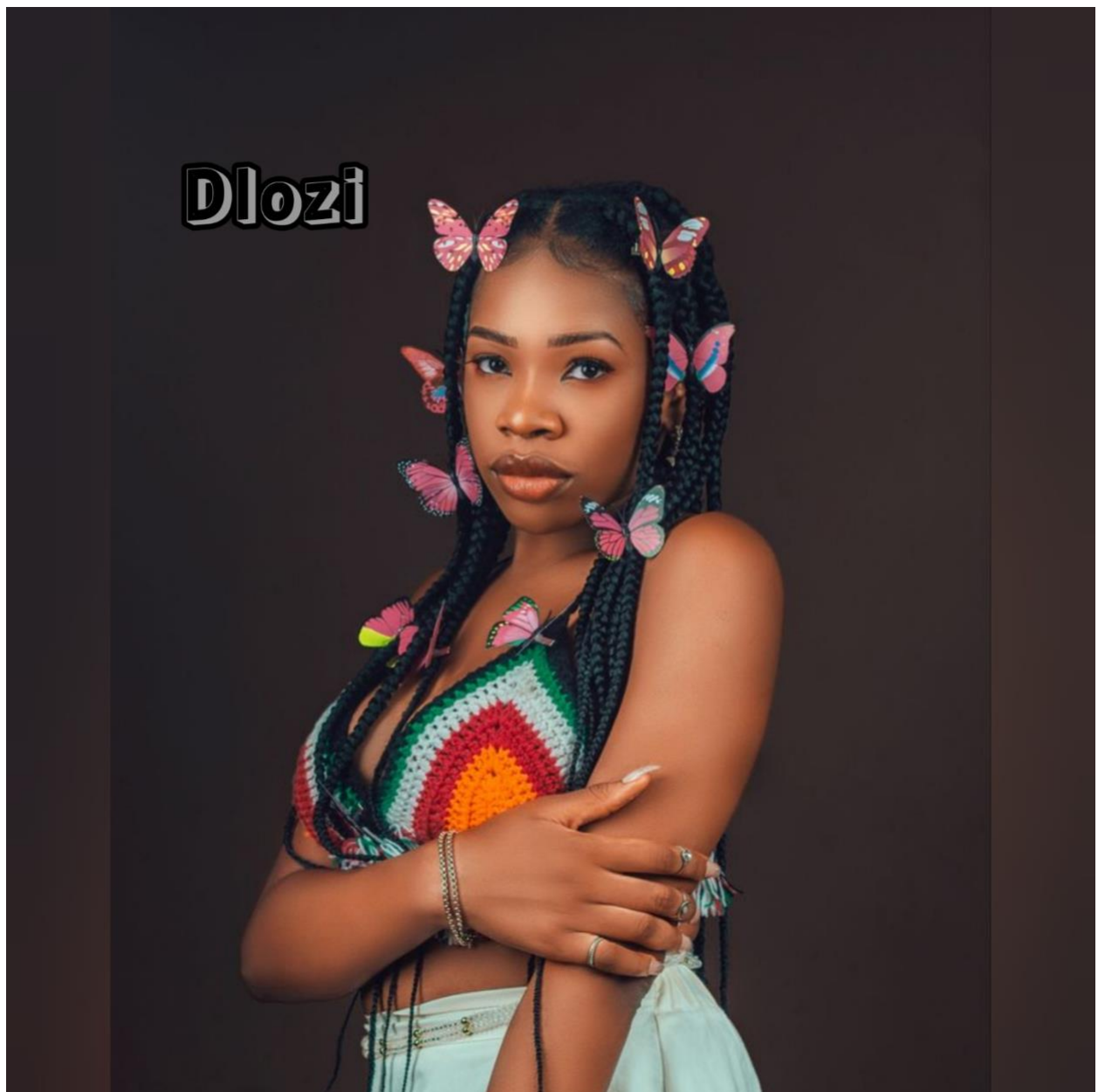
I'm startled when a cold wave  
of air just passes through me

And I feel crazy chills , a thing  
I've never felt before

And I'm still alone in this room ,  
there's no one and no sign of  
anything out of place

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**\*Dlozi\***



We've been walking around for  
the most of the day

The sun did a number on our  
skin , worse her's more than  
me

I've been trying to get her some  
water , but she's reluctant to  
drink nature water

Imani : I'm tired

Me : we need to get to  
Ngonyama land

She sighs

I've literally just been like a  
crazy person to her

Yet she's the sick one , she's  
the one who needs that land  
and not me



Imani : not this again , Dlozi  
isn't it enough I've been  
wandering all day long?

I look down

Me : Ndlunkulu , I'm just here  
to.....(my queen)

Imani : stop calling me that

Me : you don't understand , I  
cannot just.....

Imani : enough , does this place  
even exist ?

Me : in the outskirts of KwaZulu  
Natal yes it does

Imani : what you're saying  
doesn't make sense

Me : I would never lie to you ,  
for what reason would I do that  
for ?

Imani : let's say , I agree that  
we go there . Do you even  
know how we get there ?

Me : you will lead us there

She lazily laughs

Imani : I'm not doing this with you , I'm not leaving this village for a village that's abounded like that one . It's not even a village to be honest , it just looks like an abounded land

Me : yet there's a place there for us

Imani : an old worn out hut ?  
You call that a place

What is it going to take for her  
to go there ?

Imani : look at our lives , we're  
suffering as it is . And there's  
no better life there for us , trust  
me . We're better off here

She keeps walking , and I slowly  
follow behind her slowly

A better life ?

My thoughts run wild

Won't I be in the wrong if  
maybe I can tempt her with a  
better life ?

Something that will draw her  
closer to where she's meant to  
be ?

May the Gods forgive me , for  
even thinking such !

But what does one do when things are like this ?

She's making my one simple job very hard right now

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**\*Londiwe\***





Mlondi's actions are pretty  
much annoying

Just the way he's been for the  
past well

All this because his brother is  
said to be coming back

And no one even knew Mpande  
for years

Until a few years ago , and he  
just resurfaced

But he does look like them ,  
and you can't deny that he's  
one of their own

Mpho : so how's everything  
going ?

It's been a while since I've been  
to our place, we rent out a  
place together

But recently I've been with  
Mlondi at their place in Sea  
Park

Me : good , I really can't  
complain

Mpho : no wonder you never  
come back, are they marrying  
you there ?

I laugh

Me : they'll marry me , that's  
not even a question

Mpho : so I'm guessing Mloni  
has just been the best

Me : yeah

Mpho : that's not convincing  
enough

I sigh

Me : you know his brother ?

Mpho : which one ? I mean  
there's tons of them

Me : Mpande , the one with  
dreadlocks

She seems to be thinking a bit ,  
I don't know if she still  
remembers the guy

Like it's been quite a few years ,  
since she last saw him

Mpho : oh yeah , I remember  
him

Me : exactly , so he's coming back . And he gives Mlondi some nerves , that I don't understand one bit

She laughs

Mpho : why would he have nerves ? Unless he doesn't like his brother

Me : I think it's way more than that , and he's scared

Mpho : your man is just dramatic , he should just be happy

Me : I for one can't wait for Mpande to arrive

I say that with a smile



She gives me a funny look . We  
end up laughing

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**\*Mlondi\***

I hate doing this , but I just have  
to know

Because I've been so unsettled

And it's crazy how I'm just  
expected to be okay and happy

Like why would I be happy ?

For what reason , because I  
don't have any

Me : so ?

He looks at me

Him : why did you come here ?

Me : I've already asked you ,  
why is he coming back ?

Him : you just want to brew war and over what ? Be glad he's coming back , because he will rectify the wrongs of the past . And claim what belongs to you back , just look at yourself now . I'm sure you've even forgotten , that you're not just a mere human . But you're a whole Prince , at least he hasn't forgotten who he is

Mxm !

Him : get out of my house

I know he's not kidding with me

Him : and stop looking for  
trouble where there isn't one ,  
because you'll get what you're  
looking for

I get up heading out of his  
house

I don't know the man , but he's one of the people who lived in the village during my father's reign

He can communicate with the ancestors

And since Mpande is the ancestors child, I thought he might tell me something about his return

I guess I just wanted my time ,  
but he's right . We're now living  
in the midst of commoners ,  
and we've even forgotten who  
we are

I haven't been to the village in  
years , well no one has been

Now what that man said gets to  
me

Could it be that Mpande is coming back for the kingdom ?

But how when Ngonyama is no longer there?

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**\*Imani\***



I'm at the river , I come here  
once in a while

It's the river Dlozi found me at

From time to time I have to  
come here

I don't know why , but I just get  
the urge to come and I do

I never do much , just bath with  
the water . And I sit around this  
rock

Sometimes I would see the lion  
on the far side , and it will just  
be staring at me as always

It's been almost 6 months now,  
I've been experiencing this

And I don't know why , or  
rather should I say I don't know  
why me

And I'm scared , I'm scared to  
go where Dlozi says we need to  
go

I've seen that land in my  
dreams so many times and  
there's no life there

There's no one , there's  
absolutely nothing . Except an  
old worn out hut

A hut that probably hasn't had  
anyone living in it for decade's

But.....

Where is this thought coming  
from now?

What if there's something in  
that hut ?

But what could I be , and why  
would I be the one shown it ?

Dlozi believes it's some destiny  
for me to go there

She believes some kind of a  
keeper of mine, and that's why  
she'll follow

She's never lied , and she's  
never led me astray

I slowly get up , taking my  
clothes off . And I'm left naked  
I walks towards the wanted ,  
and I walk in . I never go  
deeper, the water just ends on  
my breasts

I start bathing with it , and it  
always makes me feel better

Voice : Ndabezitha

It's a thud of a voice

I close my eyes , as scary as it sounds . Looking around will disturb me

Voice : Ndabezitha

I inhale a so not familiar scent , and it's masculine . But it's

accompanied by a heavy  
presence

I've never encountered this ,  
there aren't too many men in  
this village

And those who are , are  
married or have kids . There's  
barely any who are available



I slowly open my eyes , and  
looking on the far side . The  
black lion is no longer there

I get out of the water , and  
Dlozi comes as I'm putting my  
clothes on

Me : I didn't drown

She laughs

Dlozi : you had a good bath ?

Me : yes I did

My ears start itching , to a point they start getting painful

I won't scratch them in front of her , before she tells me I'm missing messages I'm not listening and what not

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**\*Dlozi\***

Like I said , may the Gods  
forgive me

But I'll do what I need to do ,  
and only hope it bares fruits

Me : you know I have been  
thinking

Imani : about what ?

We take our walk back to the  
village , the river is a bit far

Me : you talked about a better life

Imani : yes I did

Me : and you know there are places we can go to , and we would get that

Imani : your deserted land can't be one of those

We laugh

Me : I know that

Imani : but you don't believe it

Me : must you ?

She shakes her head slowly

Me : there's a place , called  
Durban we can go there

Imani : oh ? Is there anyone we know there who will shelter us?

It really wouldn't be Imani , if she wasn't asking such

Me : it's a city , a very big city .  
We won't have troubles of having a place there

May the Gods forgive me for lying

Me : think about it , I know we  
can definitely have a great life  
there . A better one

She says nothing , and her  
expression is blank

I don't know if she heard me to  
consider, or she just heard me

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**\*Imani\***

I'm not the sharpest in the case  
I know that

I lack education , my brains  
literally function on everyday  
life

There's nothing much to it , but  
I'm not ignorant

And I could see what Dlozi was doing , when she came to the river the other day

And I guess what I appreciate is her heart , because she means no harm

So whatever happens , I can't blame her whatsoever

Me : you know you didn't have  
to bring up this city talk to get  
me to leave

She lifts her head

Me : I know this is your way of  
getting me to leave

Dlozi : I...

Me : Dlozi it's okay , we'll go to this place. And we don't even have to go through this Durban of yours

She laughs getting up and jumping

Dlozi : Ndlunkulu (my queen)

That's when she gathers herself

And she calms down . She gets  
on her knees bowing her head

Me : now it's the crazy gestures  
I'll never understand

I turn to walk away

Dlozi : we're still going through  
Durban , I think you need to see  
the city even for just a day

She's following after me now ,  
right behind me on my tracks

I sigh

Me : if I'll be so isolated from  
civilization, maybe it's a good  
thing

She laughs

She's happy , and I've never  
seen her this happy before

I so hope and pray that for her  
sake , things go according to  
plan

Because she's the one who's  
very adamant about this

And now she's getting it

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**\*Dlozi\***

It's the scary thought , we're  
leaving our village

And heading for a place we  
don't even know

We have no idea what awaits  
us there

I'm scared , and anxious

But I have to hide and keep all  
this from Imani

If she even as so much get a  
reaction from me

Then we're not going anywhere

And I need this for her . I just  
have to trust our guides , and  
the Gods not to lead us astray

And if things go sour , then I'll  
be the one to blame

Imani and I have each other ,  
she winded up on the shores in  
the river one morning

And she had no idea how she  
got there , or what happened

And she didn't have her  
memory for a few days

I took her in , because after my brother passed on I was on my own

We lost our parents very young, our hut was burnt down

We were accused of witchcraft, and we had to flee for our lives

Now it's just me and Imani

I might be wrong , but I doubt  
she has anyone

We've never been able to  
connect to her life before she  
got here

So this better work out , but I  
know those dreams are not just  
dreams

Imani : how are we getting there ?

We don't even have many things , just a few days clothes and my cloths

It's like we're just leaving for a few days , and I don't even know how long we'll be gone

But my heart is telling me ,  
there's no coming back

Me : I asked Wame to give us a  
lift , he will be here soon . He's  
going to Durban

Imani : well aren't we just lucky

See how she's just sacrificing  
going there, just because I can't  
let the issue go



I've always asked God what am  
I living for , when I have no one  
and I'm all alone

I don't think meeting Imani ,  
was a coincidence

So maybe this is why I'm still  
alive to this day . A knock  
comes at the door , and she  
opens

Imani : hi

That's a very cold hi , but not in a bad way . It's just cold in the sense like Wame is a stranger

And he's not , she knows him well

Wame : hey , are you girls ready ?

He's slightly older than us , and  
he works in Durban

But his parents live here in the  
village

Me : yes , we're ready

Wame : okay let's go

We take our backpacks , and  
we leave

Walking out the gate , it's like  
this is goodbye . And I'm not  
feeling it all

I hold her hand , she looks at  
me

Me : it's going to be okay

She nods

And it better be okay

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\*Mlondi\*

Mpiyakhe walks in , and I keep  
looking behind him

I'm expecting to see Mpande  
walk in , but there's no one

He laughs , I shift my attention  
to him

Me : did he get cold feet and  
decided he's not coming

He chuckles

Mpiyakhe : says who ?

Me : I'm asking

Mpiyakhe : it's been a long one,  
I'm here what's good to do in  
Durban ?

Me : not even a second in

Mpiyakhe : well , if you have  
the slightest idea what brings  
me here . You'll understand  
that I need this

Me : I won't even bother asking, because you won't tell me

He nods

Me : well , it's Durban . There's tons to do around here

Mpiyakhe : let me shower , and we'll have supper out



Me : so you won't tell me  
where he is ?

He shrugs walking out

Mpiyakhe is much more closer  
to Mpande

But he's neutral , he gets along  
with me as well . Besides  
everything else I have going on  
with my brother

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**\*Imani\***

These things are scary

Tall buildings everywhere ,  
there's cars and people

It's just too busy , and this can't  
be healthy at all

How do people even connect  
with one self and being in such  
a place ?

I can never survive in such a  
place

Inner peace is a very valuable need in life and such a busy life is just a distraction

Wame : where am I leaving you?

I look at Dlozi , and one thing I know is that she doesn't know this place . And she's never even been here

I don't need to ask her to know  
that , like I can just read it

Dlozi : anywhere is fine

She's not even clever with her  
answer , you just figure that out  
by how Wame is looking at us  
now

Wame : do you know where  
you're going?

Me : what do you take us for ?

Of course we don't know

Wame : then where are you  
going ?

Me : look , we're passing  
through

Wame : passing through ?

Me : yes , we're going far ahead. We just needed to get to Durban , so we can continue with our journey

Even the Durban Dlozi is shocked now

But I didn't lie , I just didn't admit we don't know where we are going

This is not a big deal !

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\*Dlozi\*

Wame wasn't hearing us at all  
But at least he bought Imani's  
story , which shocked me

Like when did she even think  
about that?

Thee Imani I know can't even  
lie to save her life

She's too blunt with the truth ,  
so I saw and heard something  
else different

Wame offered us to spend the  
night at his place

Because it was really late  
yesterday , he said we'll leave  
in the morning it's much better

Leaving then yesterday , was  
just a risk to ourselves

And we're all ready to leave  
this morning

From where we are , I don't  
even know which way to go

Wame : here , you'll get  
breakfast and have something  
for the journey

He hands Imani a few notes ,  
she hands them to me

Me : thank you

Imani : you have been kind

Wame : take care of yourselves

Me : we will thank you

Wame : let's go together ....I'll  
drop you at the restaurant .  
Then you'll leave after eating

Imani : must you drop us there?

He chuckles

Wame : Breakfast is said to be  
the most important meal of the

day , so you need it . And I need  
to make sure you ate

It's no use arguing with this guy

We leave with him , and he's  
just getting us deep in this  
crowded place

How will we even know how to  
get out ?

The guides better come  
through for us here

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**\*Mlondi\***

I have a pounding headache

We got drunk last night , more  
like wasted

And now it's sinking in , and the  
results are just shit



But what did I expect going out with Mpiyakhe ?

This guy makes sure , what he does he does through and through

And the way I'm feeling right now , it's evident that we followed his rule

Mpiyakhe : you look like shit

Me : can you just stop !

He laughs , he's even worse  
than Londiwe when I'm having  
hangover

Mpiyakhe : you need meat ,  
lots and lots of meat . And  
you'll be fine

Me : I won't be able to stomach  
any good

Mpiyakhe : well I am hungry ,  
where are your helpers ?

Me : this is not your father's  
house

He laughs

Mpiyakhe : are you people that  
poor ? That you cannot afford a  
helper ?

Me : Mpiyakhe get out !

Mpiyakhe : no we're going out ,  
and you have 45 minutes to get  
ready

I pull the sheet over covering  
my head

Sleep is what I need , not going  
out there and facing people

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**\*Imani\***

At least the restaurant is not  
packed

But we have crazy stares in  
here

Me : we're not aliens from  
space

She laughs

Dlozi : don't pay attention to  
these people , we have to leave  
as soon as we're done here

I'm just having a cup of black  
coffee , and she's the one  
eating

Dlozi loves food

I suddenly feel so unsettled ,  
and it's just heaviness

Then the scent comes in , I have  
no idea where it's coming from

But I know it's the same  
familiar scent , I got from the  
river

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\*Londiwe\*



Mlondi has been quite all of  
yesterday

And I can't have him going  
AWOL on me

I need the communication  
between us

He didn't tell exactly when  
Mpande is to arrive

So I don't know what's  
happening , if he has arrived or  
not

If he's acting up because his  
brother is here or what . But I  
need to see him , so I'll rock up  
there at their house if I have to

But it's morning now , so a call  
will do

I take my phone and call him , it  
rings and he doesn't answer

I call again , as it rings for a  
while . One always feel when  
they're being deliberately  
ignored . And that's how I feel  
right now, like he's ignoring me

But he answers

Me : what's with the childish  
behaviour ?

He sighs

Mlondi : I have a crazy  
hangover , what can I do for  
you ?

Me : please for my sanity tell me you don't have a sank in your bed right now !

He has tendencies okay , and he sometimes goes out of the way and cheats

Just one night stands , but what woman becomes content with that ?

Definitely not me , I once  
caught him with a girl and I  
slashed his car tires

Mlondi : after 14:00 I'll call you

And he drops the call on me , I  
call him back and he doesn't  
answer

Mlondi clearly doesn't know  
me at all , he won't get away

with cheating on me like I  
deprive him of sex

I'm definitely going to turn up  
there right now

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\*Mlondi\*

We walk in , and I'm already  
bored



Knowing that when I get back ,  
I'll find Londiwe home

That woman feels so entitled to  
me

And she's just crazy , because  
I'm not even hers

Mpiyakhe : why don't you just  
dump her?

Me : dump her for what ? She's  
my free pussy , I hardly spend  
shit on that woman

He laughs as we sit down

Mpiyakhe : you degrade  
women

Me : mhm.....keep your morals  
to yourself , I'm really not  
interested

He calls a waitress over , I turn  
only go find this awkward girl  
looking at me

Me : what the ?

He looks at me

Mpiyakhe : fuck !

Me : disgusting , just minutes  
ago you were a spokesperson

for women's rights. Now you're  
lusting over her

He laughs

Mpiyakhe : it's just her beauty ,  
her dark skin is just flawless

Me : yeah

And it's only now she looks  
away

Me : she's not African

Mpiyakhe : now you're crazy

Me : look at her hair

Mpiyakhe : it's fake obviously

I chuckle

Me : but what's with the  
butterflies on the other girls  
hair ?

He laughs

Honestly Mpiyakhe is annoying,  
he laughs a lot

Like I'm not making a joke right  
now , nor am I making fun of  
the girl

She's cute alright , too cute if  
you ask me. Could even be my  
type . I won't compare ,  
because the dark dindy just  
takes the cup

So let me leave it there

Me : it's strange

Mpiyakhe : now where are you  
going ?.

I'm up on my feet

Mpiyakhe : don't harass  
women in a public space

Me : have some faith

I walk over to their table , and  
butterflies can eat . But as I  
stand next to her friend, she  
stops and looks at me



Me : h.....

The dark dindy gets on her feet,  
it's like something about me  
just threw her off

Her : are you still eating ?

She says to butterflies , who  
doesn't waste time getting up  
as well

Me : it's rude to walk out on people , especially when they're trying to talk to you

And they ignore me paying their bill and walking out

I chuckle going back to our table

Mpiyakhe : harassment !

Me : did you see they walked out on me?

Mpiyakhe : yeah , you probably annoyed them

Me : we should follow them

Mpiyakhe : for what ?

Me : I didn't even get their names , and Durban is damn

huge okay . What are the chances that I'll see them again?

Mpiyakhe : you speak like they're to be your polygamy wives

Me : Mabutho was a polygamist so ?

He laughs , I sit down

Mpiyakhe : if there's anyone to follow in his footsteps , it can never be you

Of course Mabutho already has a duplicate and it's not me

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\*Londiwe\*

I arrive , and security lets me in  
because they know me

I drive through , and park near  
where the cars are parked

I knock , and no one opens  
there's no one answering

I open and the door is not  
locked , I walk in . And it's like  
there's no one here

I walk upstairs to his room ,  
what do you know ? It's locked  
! I use my key , and it's empty .  
So he's not around

And nothing screams that  
another woman was here

Me : am I going crazy ?

I look around , and there's not  
even a single give away

It's fine , I'll wait for him to  
come back

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**\*Imani\***

I guess we're not lost after all

And this coming to Durban  
worked in our favour

He's been there , and now his  
scent is stuck with me

I just find my feet just following  
it

Even though it's tough ,  
because at some point it fades

And I have to try and find it  
again

But so far so good , we're  
almost outside of this crazy  
busy place

I say so because I can feel , that  
ahead there are no more talk  
buildings and all

Dlozi : I shouldn't have eaten  
that much

Me : we should sit down , and  
you rest

Dlozi : it's funny how now  
you're more eager than me

Me : because we still stand a  
chance right now , and I don't  
know how long it'll last

Dlozi : then we keep going

I smile holding her hand

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**\*Mpande\***



Dlangamandla : how long have they been bothering you ?

Me : for a while now

Dlangamandla : can you focus your left eye

It's twitching and almost shutting

Me : it's hard

He nods

Dlangamandla : you're home now , what's the plan ?

Me : Ngonyama has been coming frequently lately , maybe I should go touch ground

Dlangamandla : I'll give you this for the headache



He hands me some crushed herbs

Dlangamandla : smoke , but tiny bits . You'll sneeze a lot , but it'll help a lot . Just try and listen to what he wants

Me : I have to be isolated , he never reaches me when I'm in a noisy place

Dlangamandla : do you know  
what this means ?

Me : well tell me

Dlangamandla : go touch  
ground , call him then

Me : as I figured

Dlangamandla : Ndabezitha (my  
king) , one thing you need to

know is that your birth was a redemption to him and his legacy . The only way to redeem Ngonyama is through you , and that means accepting everything that comes with it . I know there's a lot you're not telling me , but you're not being led astray . Trust that

I nod

Me : I'll see you

Dlangamandla : be careful not  
to lose sight

I nod getting up

Dlangamandla : don't be your  
brothers killer

He means well I know , and it's  
a reminder for me not to follow  
in their footsteps

Me : can't you give me something , to make him ignore me ?

He laughs

If only he knows , if he had it for real I would definitely take it

Dlangamandla : does he know you have arrived ?

Me : I don't know , but he's  
seen Mpiyakhe . I told him to  
go home , because I wanted to  
come and see you for a bit

Dlangamandla : remember he's  
not an opponent

Me : he's the one fighting me ,  
forgetting we're not the same

Dlangamandla : he's ignorant ,  
and only looks at you with his  
naked eye

I sigh

Me : maybe going there is the  
best thing right now

Dlangamandla : don't just leave  
yet , go home and see your  
brother . You're the better

man , and he just refuses to listen. He's been warned , he came to see me . I didn't give him much , because he's just consumed

Me : let me leave , before this headache finishes me here

Dlangamandla : Ndabezitha (my king)



He bows a bit , I nod heading to  
my car

I'm not in the mood to see  
Mloni , if only there was a way  
really to avoid him

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\*Londiwe\*

I didn't leave yesterday , and he didn't even dare mention it or complain

I spent the night , but the way he was so chilled . Sometimes it's like I just bore him

I knew he didn't fuck some  
whore , and that gave me some  
peace

Me : are you hungry ?

He just shakes his head

I won't even bother asking him  
what's wrong

Or what has his mind occupied ,  
because if it's me he'll just have  
to swallow it up

What foolish woman would I  
be? If I were to let him go

Me : okay then , I'm going to  
eat

We're in his room , and he's  
hooked on his laptop

Mlondi : bring me some coffee  
when you come back

Me : okay

I get up putting on my sleepers,  
and I walk downstairs

Even though it's after 10:00Am,  
it's still early for me on a  
weekend

I'm stuck on my feet , waking in the kitchen and I'm welcomed by him

There's no one like Mpande Ngonyama

It's just the presence he carries with himself , that when he enters a room you know he has entered

He turns around and finds me  
staring at him , my palms are  
sweating

My armpits are itchy , that's  
just how crazy he has me

He walks out , without even  
saying anything . Mpande lives  
on the outside flat , he doesn't  
live in the house with everyone  
else

It's after a few minutes he's gone and I gather myself

I couldn't even greet him ! Like what the hell ?

Me : I'm such an idiot !

Voice : this is how madness starts

I'm startled and he just passes



Me : I'm ...I'm not going mad

Mpiyakhe : I didn't ask you

He goes out

Me : okay , that just went  
south!

I make myself a cup of coffee

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**\*Mloni\***

I don't even know what a  
woman like Londiwe is called

But I'll just let her do what she  
wants to do

And act all crazy it's fine , she  
shouldn't dare say men are  
trash

When she wakes up one day  
finding an invite to my wedding

She's still around , and I won't  
even tell her to leave

I heard Mpande has arrived ,  
and even the weather has  
slightly changed

The way the waves are playing ,  
I've been standing by the  
window watching outside

And it shows Ngonyama has  
arrived . It's crazy how the  
deaths of my uncle's and my  
father changed us

We uprooted our lives , and we  
never looked back

Honestly we forgot about who  
we are

And his presence and just being  
here , it's a great reminder

Honestly the city life , we go  
through everyday not even

thinking about the fact that  
we're of blue blood

That we're not like everyone  
else

But that legacy long died , and  
we went on with our lives

I doubt people even still  
remember us

We're literally just a memory of  
the past

But who can we blame ?

Because even we've never  
thought of doing anything  
about that

I don't even remember when  
last I went to Ngonyama

I doubt there's even anyone  
there now

It's amazing how Dlangamandla  
can bash me for that

But I'm sure he'll never say the  
same to Mpande

Yet he knows we're not the  
same



Mpande is an ancestral child ,  
he's not even of blood

But I can actually be compared  
to him

That's just nonsense , no  
matter how it's viewed

That's why I'm always happy  
when he's far away , and no

one even has an idea of where  
he is

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\*Mpande\*

My headache is better today

Even though I didn't take that herb from Dlangamandla

The whole sneezing thing just put me off

So I stayed away from it

Mpiyakhe : is there anything I can do ?

I look at him

Me : why don't you just ask  
what you want to ask ?

He chuckles

Mpiyakhe : how do I even put it  
in words?

Me : you're always talking , so  
you can figure something out

Mpiyakhe : your visit this time  
feels different

I nod

Mpiyakhe : are you back for  
good ? Like what's going on ?

Me : there's a lot you don't  
know , and maybe it's better I  
keep it like that . Until I know  
that I'm not loosing my mind

Mpiyakhe : should we be  
worried ?

I shake my head slowly

I don't ever dream , but I do  
have crazy visions

But when you're shown such  
things , you need some kind of  
a validation

Just so you know that you're  
still in your sane minds

Mpiyakhe : I hear you , but just  
know I'm supporting you with  
everything you do

I nod

And then Mloni walks in , I  
haven't seen him since he  
arrived yesterday



I didn't even want to see him

Mpiyakhe : why would you just walk in ?

Mlondi : what big deal is it ?

Mpiyakhe : I hope you washed your mouth

He laughs

Mlondi : already the worst  
expected

He sits down on the couch

Me : who invited you to sit  
down ? you didn't even knock

He looks at me

Me : go back , knock and wait  
until you're invited to come in .

And wait until a chair is offered  
to you

Mlondi : what ?

I keep a stare at him saying  
nothing

Mlondi : but this is just drama

Mpiyakhe : just go....and if not  
don't come back again

He doesn't take his eyes off  
from me , he sure must be  
thinking I'm joking with him .  
And I'm not

Mlondi : wow !

He gets up , and goes out he  
knocks Mpiyakhe opens the  
door for him

Mlondi : hello

I just nod , some greeting of an  
old grown ass man

Mpiyakhe : sit there , and not  
there

He takes the chair and sits  
down

Me : respect my presence , and  
don't just walk in on me

Mlondi : understood , it's good  
to see you

Me : don't lie either , nor  
pretend . Be as raw as you can  
be

I face him and crazy thing , I  
inhale that scent off of him

I'm not loosing my mind am I ?

But it's fading , it's not that strong

Me : where were you ?

Mlondi : when ?

Me : today maybe , before coming in here ?

Mlondi : I didn't go anywhere today , I've been in my room the whole time

Me : mhm

Mlondi : why ?

Me : just asking

Then where did he pick her scent from ?



I know this scent , I can't be  
mistaken . Like it graces me  
every single night

Could it be she's here ?

And if she is how do I find her ?

Now that's a scary thought ,  
because I could be the only  
crazy one

I could be the only one in this ,  
and she doesn't even have the  
slightest idea

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\*Dlozi\*

It's no child's play walking  
around all day long and half the  
night

We didn't even have anything  
to cover up

We just slept under a tree , all  
curled up and hoped morning  
comes

Before dawn we were up , and  
on our journey again

At some point we had to run ,  
to try and keep warm

Because when the morning  
dawns , that's the most cold  
part in the weather

As tired as we are , and the sun  
is out now . And it's burning

Me : we should sit down

Imani : no

Me : the sun is taking a toll on  
you

Imani : I could use some water

Me : I know , but I have no idea  
where we can get enough  
water for you here

Imani : it's okay , we're there

I don't know how far we still  
have to walk before we're  
really there

Imani : this place is forsaken

I look at her , she has her eyes  
forward . And if I could scream ,  
I would

There's dry grass everywhere ,  
it's like it hasn't rained in  
decades

And there's no life whatsoever ,  
there's absolutely nothing but  
just dry grass

Me : wow , you did it . Like we  
made it , and we're here

I'm excited , I don't want to lie

We were being led here ,  
because finally we arrived

Imani : the sun will go down  
soon , we have to find that hut.  
Which direction do we even  
take ? This land is huge , and it  
just seems unending

Me : can you remember  
anything from the dreams  
being here ?



Imani : let's walk further in ,  
maybe I'll spot something that  
will trigger something

Me : okay

We continue to walk forward ,  
at least now the walk is  
motivated

We're finally gets , even after  
two days of walking it's fine

This is done for a purpose

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**\*Mpande\***

I can't seem to be still

My mind is all over , but I can't  
channel anything

It's hard even placing my  
thoughts on the narrow

They didn't even make sense  
right now , and I have many  
scenarios going on

It's middle of the night

I'm on my feet , because I can't  
even fall asleep

It's hard to even close my eyes

There's a knock at the door , I  
attend to it and it's Mpiyakhe

There's crazy winds , and they  
have a drizzle of rain

Mpiyakhe : are you okay ?

Me : yeah

Mpiyakhe : with what's  
happening outside ?

I look at him

Mpiyakhe : what I mean  
is.....are you not the one  
affecting the weather ?

I want to answer him , but I don't know .

We're so close to the beach , anything is possible

Me : I don't know

Mpiyakhe : maybe you should tell me what's going on , maybe I can help

Me : I took a scent from Mlonde earlier on when he was here

Mpiyakhe : what scent ?

Me : it belongs to someone , I doubt you would know . I'm just wondering if she's anywhere near , or maybe if he knows her

Mpiyakhe : oh so it's a woman?

Me : don't make a big deal out of it

He chuckles

Mpiyakhe : but you know your brother , a few days ago he just approached some girls he doesn't even know . So maybe he knows who you're talking about , and maybe he can help



Me : I don't.....it's fine , say  
nothing to him and don't ask  
him

Mpiyakhe : okay

I go stand by the window , and  
the waves are awakened

Out of nowhere , I see the  
waterfall appearing .

And there's a shadow there , by  
the long black silk hair I keep  
seeing

I know it's her

But I know this waterfall as  
well, I've seen it way too many  
times not to know it

But why is she appearing  
there? Could it be ?

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**\*A FEW DAYS LATER\***

**\*Imani\***

May the Gods forgive me

Right now I have so much  
regret , I so wish I had means to  
get back to our village

We've been here for a few  
days, and it took us a day to  
find this hut

We found it but it's empty ,  
there's absolutely nothing

And the walls are falling , it's  
even cracked and peeling

The grass on top is hardly  
covering , there's just holes all  
over

This is no living conditions for  
any human being

There's nothing to eat , there's nothing to drink . The last three bottles of water we have , I just want them kept for Dlozi

And without water I'm draining myself , I don't know how long can my body hold on before giving in

Since yesterday I've been walking around , going a bit further from the hut

All in hopes that can I find some  
source of water

But the way it's so dry here , I  
doubt there's any water here

I swear I brought myself to my  
own death

And there's no one now  
coming, they're not showing  
me anything



There's no dreams , and there's  
no visions

Unlike Dlozi , I don't call upon  
anyone or anything

They just happen , so as they're  
this quite . I don't even know  
how to call them

After bringing me here , and I  
have no idea why

Maybe they didn't even want me here , maybe our curiosity got the better of us

I don't want to bother Dlozi , she can think on her down to do something if she so wishes to

Me : you know , I think I saw something yesterday

Dlozi : where ?

Me : just down the hill , I could  
have gone there . But it was  
almost getting dark , and it  
seemed far

Dlozi : water ?

Me : I think the palace

Dlozi : what ?

Me : yeah , but I could be  
wrong

Dlozi : but what if you're right ?  
I know it's been abounded for  
years and years , but I'm sure  
there's something better there  
than here

She could be right

Dlozi : I knew the guides would never lead us astray

At least one of us has faith still

Me : I will have to go there

Dlozi : on your own ?

Me : yes , please save your strength

I'm the one who needs their  
strength saved , but she came  
here because of me

She believed we had to do this  
for me

The least I can do , is keep her  
alive

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**\*Mlondi\***

I'm staying out of his way ,  
because I know how he is

And I don't want to poke him ,  
Mpande has crazy anger

I don't even want to feel a tiny  
bit of that

He's hardly been out of his flat  
as well

And I'm occupying myself with  
work , because I took over my  
father's company



And the crazy Londiwe of  
course

Right now we're having  
breakfast , of which she asked  
for

A man has to eat right ? So here  
I am , it's her money paying  
after all

She has that crazy , spend on a  
man mentality

So let her

Londiwe : how are things at  
home ?

Me : good

She smiles

Londiwe : meaning you and  
Mpande are good ?

Me : we're just us

Londiwe : babe what's that  
even supposed to mean ?

Me : it means exactly what it  
means

She frowns

Londiwe : you're really not saying anything right now

Me : well , what do you care ?

Londiwe : he's your brother , isn't it nice that y'all get well ?

Me : hey ! Never mind us , our relationship is ours and it has nothing to do with you . My

mother is dead , stop trying to  
act like one

She gaps

Me : I'm not kidding with you ,  
if you want to fuck Mpande  
then ....

And the nerve to slap me

Londiwe : how dare you think  
of that about me ?

Who is she fooling

Me : think about it

I get up leaving her there , I  
know she'll come running back  
after she's done acting up

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**\*Dlozi\***

I feel her emotions , she's  
worried and concerned

She thinks we're going to die here , but who wouldn't ?

I mean no one sane enough would have even begun doing what we did coming here

After so many days , it's sinking in now that we have actual means to survive

Me : the sun is scrotching hot , how far will you make it ?



Imani : I don't know

Me : maybe tomorrow it'll be better

Imani : I feel like I have to go there

Me : I'm not disputing , but today

I shake my head

Imani : delays !

I smile

I'm only thinking about her  
here , because she wants to go  
alone

She's already gone days  
without water , and it's a need  
to her

We need a saving grace right  
now

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**\*Mpande\***

I'm feeling slightly weak today

It's like my body is giving up on me , and I don't have the strength

But it's not too attached , so I don't think it's me

Because she's been in my mind  
a lot today

I can't seem to be distracted  
from it

I'm standing by the ocean  
shore, and watching the waves

Out of nowhere she appears  
again , there in the waterfall in  
Ngonyama

And I don't know if that  
waterfall still lives even today  
or what

Me : Ndlunkulu (my queen)

I close my eyes for a brief  
moment

Me : if you're in Ngonyama ,  
how are you surviving ?

A tear drops , as soon as sit  
touches the same waves wake

I look up , and the sky is clear .

I hope I don't cause any harm ,  
because this is an ocean

And there's too much water , it  
can go out of control

I just want water to grace  
Ngonyama

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\*Dlozi\*

We're woken up by my rumbling  
of thunder

I'm just thankful there's no  
lightening

Imani : he's here

Me : who ?

She looks at me and says  
nothing

Me : uhm.....is everything okay?

Imani : yes , I need to go out there

It's late at night , we're in the middle of nowhere

Surely there's no physical harm here , but is it safe for her ?

Me : maybe wait until dawn

Imani : the rain won't last long

I can't dispute that , because  
she's one with water

And she probably knows

Imani : this is just a favour for  
me , I need water so I can't let  
it pass

She's out the door , I get off the  
floor . And follow her

She's a bit further from the  
cracked wooden door

In her human form , with no  
single thread on her

She's out there letting the rain  
pour on her , and I swear it  
feels like she's getting herself  
back

I smile , just looking at her .  
She's happy

I remember how she always  
went to the river from time to  
time

And she'll just get there and  
bath

Imani : he's stingy

She says walking back inside  
the house , and the second  
she's in it stops raining

Me : who are we talking about?

She smiles and takes a towel  
wrapping it on her , I'll have to  
cover her enough tonight . Just  
so she doesn't catch a flu

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**\*Mpande\***

Mpiyakhe walks in , and takes a  
seat



Mpiyakhe : Ndabezitha (my king)

I nod

Mpiyakhe : where are you headed so early in the morning?

Me : to Ngonyama

He pops his eyes tilting his head

Mpiyakhe : what brought this up ?

Me : I just need to get there

He nods

Mpiyakhe : what time are we leaving ?

Me : I'm going alone

Mpiyakhe : but....

Me : let's not go back and forth about it , and don't follow me

Mpiyakhe : okay , understood

Me : what brings you by this early ?

Mpiyakhe : the rains we're heavy , they've even restricted

people from the beach this  
morning

Me : I tried not to over do it

Mpiyakhe : figured you had  
something to do with it

Me : and it was for a good  
cause , I wouldn't just mess  
with mother nature for nothing

Mpiyakhe : I hear you , well  
have a fruitful one

I sure hope it will be , after the  
rain I felt way much better

I can only hope if she's really  
there , she got the water and  
her strength back

We walk out together , as I  
head to my car

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**\*Londiwe\***

**Mpho : here**

She hands me the cup , and it's  
tea

Me : I said I don't want  
anything

Mpho : you're going to starve ,  
all because of what Mloni  
said?

Me : don't you get that he  
disrespected me ?

Mpho : it's not that big of a deal

Me : not that big of a deal ?  
What exactly are not understanding here ?

Mpho : all I'm saying is that maybe the guy feels somewhat threatened by his brother

Me : to even accuse me ?



Mpho : from the way you told me this , I don't see any accusation there

Me : how will Mloni even think of marrying me now , if he thinks I want his brother ?

Mpho : well

She shrugs

Me : and that's basically saying nothing

Mpho : from what I see you're just acting out , so what if he said what he said ? Just prove to your man that you're for him, you as the woman don't give him doubt

Me : Mpande is his for heaves sake !

Mpho : his handsome brother

Well who can take his  
handsomeness away from him?

Me : so you also think I have  
feelings for Mpande ?

She raises her hands up in  
surrender and walks out

Me : take your tea with you

Does ?

Well I might as well be talking  
to a wall

As for Mlondi he hasn't even  
called or texted , not even once

He better not be busy there  
replacing me

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**\*Imani\***

I saw myself in some forest of  
some kind

But it wasn't scary , it actually  
looked beautiful

With a beautiful waterfall , that  
had sparkling water in it  
running down a river

I don't know of such a place ,  
but last night I had a dream of  
myself there

This morning , it's the walk to  
the place I think might be the  
palace

I don't even know if it exists or  
what

Dlozi : are you going to be  
okay?

Me : yes , you don't have to  
worry , I'll be back

Dlozi : and if 13:00 hits and  
you're not back , I'm coming

We don't even have a time ,  
but we've taught ourselves to  
read the time by looking at the  
sun

Me : I will be back

I walk out , and she stands at  
the door watching me leave



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\*Mlondi\*

This woman

I knew she was going to come again , it's just a thing with her

She sits down , and she's wearing a LBD she knows I like it

Some temptation she's bringing

Me : you came for a fight ?

She sighs

Me : you're looking dangerous

Londiwe : am I replaced ?

Me : women and insecurities ,  
what are you talking about ?

Londiwe : you.....you have been  
quite

She tears up , I smile

What did she think I was going to do ?

Run after her maybe , or beg her . Maybe apologize , but like all this for what ?

I get up and walk to her side , I push her chair back and sit on the desk in front of her

Me : you slapped me

She looks down , I lift her chin

Me : you slapped me

Londiwe : I'm sorry

Me : of course you are , but you slapped me

Londiwe : it'll never happen again , I was angry and hurt . I felt degraded

She's not the cleanest

Me : did I lie ?

Londiwe : of course you lied

I chuckle

Londiwe : I will never look at  
your brother like that

And that's exactly how she looks at him , it's a pity Mpande will never fuck her

Me : put your hands on me again , and I'll fuck you up so bad . Read about me , I don't shy away from beating the shit out of a woman

She moves on her chair , slightly scared of course



Me : decide

Londiwe : babe I love you

Me : we're talking about you  
and putting your hands on me

Londiwe : I said I'm sorry , and  
it won't happen again

Me : good , next time I won't  
walk away

Londiwe : I know

I take her hand and kiss it

Londiwe : I missed you

Me : that's your way of telling  
me you want to invade my  
home ?

She laughs

Londiwe : Mpiyakhe and your brother are there , I think I should keep my distance

Me : Mpande is not around

I know he's the only one who'd make her say that , because she just can't handle herself with him around

Londiwe : okay I'll be there

Me : now let me work , as  
lovely as it is seeing you

She smiles getting up

Londiwe : I'll see you

Me : give me a kiss

She leans over and we kiss

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**\*Imani\***

I know Dlozi is worried and  
concerned

But I haven't even made it far , I  
still look back . And so far she  
hasn't come to view , so she's  
not following

I'm feeling somewhat right  
now, the more I keep going  
forward

The more this feeling just  
intensifies , and I don't know  
why I'm getting excited

Surely it can't be because I'm  
going there to that place

Because I don't even think  
there's anything I'll find there

Probably just an old abandoned  
building , with nothing  
interesting to it

But my feet keep pulling me ,  
and I keep smiling to myself

This is an emotional feeling ,  
like I'm happy emotionally

And I don't even know when I  
last felt like this , it's just crazy

But it's just great feeling it

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\*Mpande\*



It feels like just yesterday

The memory lives with me on a  
daily basis . I'm on the same  
spot , right where he lost his  
life and I gained mine

But in a way , we both got a  
rebirth

I walk around the veld a bit ,  
and I can feel the spirits of the  
fallen

Ngonyama might be forgotten ,  
and long gone to others

But the spirits of the fallen still  
lives in this land

Everyone might have left , but  
they haven't

And I hope I'll be able to take  
up this task , and just live up to  
it

I head back to my car , but as I  
reach closer to it

I start feeling funny , in a way  
I've never felt before

And I don't even know what's  
this feeling

I feel my heart bumping very  
hard , but it's not in a bad way

I just can't pin point it , what's  
this feeling ?

It's when I feel Ngonyama  
wanting to come out

Could it be he's happy to be  
back home or what ?

Her scent graces me , and now I  
think I understand why

It's because she's really here ,  
but how in the hell am I so  
deep in love with this girl I  
don't even know ?

It's like we've been together  
even in the past life

And I fear , I fear that if I'm the  
only one feeling this . I'll be  
hurt when we meet

I look around , but I see  
nothing. It's when I feel  
footsteps from right where I  
come from

And even before I can take a  
look at her , she screams and  
Ngonyama comes out

Blood fool of a lion !

And she's scared , just still  
where she is

How I wish I can turn back and  
just tell her not to be scared !

Like why would he do this ?

He's happy I get that , he's like a little kid right now and it's annoying

I don't understand why he's acting like this

If he could jump around , I swear he would



She trails her eyes to my left ,  
and I side eye I see my gun

Great ! Just great !

It must have fallen when I  
changed

Now I even regret bringing the  
damn thing here , but it's just a  
norm to always carry it

I jump first , and she screams  
but not moving nor running  
away

I kick it to her , in hopes that  
she sees I don't mean no harm  
to her

But what do you know ?

As soon as she picks it up , she  
aims and shoots

The damn lion leaves me to get  
a bullet in my human form

Just great !

As if I'm the one who was crazy  
like a child seconds ago

She drops that gun as I fall , and  
she runs now .

Yes kill me and run , leave me  
for dead

What a way to meet

Even after I came with food ,  
because I couldn't just come  
with hopes she's here

And not bring anything to eat !

But she's shot me , and I'm  
bleeding on the ground all  
alone in a dry veld

What a woman !

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**\*Dlozi\***

I'm thinking she's far by now

But I'm shocked as she just  
buckles in

And she looks like she's been  
running like crazy

I met her up , holding her so  
she doesn't fall

Me : what's wrong ?

Now I'm scared

Like are we in some kind of danger or what ?

Imani : oh .....I shot him !

What ?

She cries screaming , like I've never seen this Imani



Me : wait ....you shot who ?

Imani : him

Who's him ?

Imani : I left him there ....oh my  
God !

She puts her arms on her head ,  
and she's crying

Me : you have to calm down ,  
so you can make sense

Imani : he changed okay....like  
he changed . And he looked  
so....so scary ! I panicked

I have never been so confused  
in my life

Imani : I held the gun , I held  
the gun and I shot him

She screams again

Okay ! This is an episode of  
crazy , and I want to laugh

Imani : why ? Oh ....how did I  
know how to aim and fire a  
gun? I'm a killer !

The scream again

I can't help but laugh looking  
down

Imani : oh Dlozi

She holds my shoulders

Imani : you have to help me

Me : help you cover up a  
murder ?

Imani : what murder ?

Me : you just said you shot man

She wipes her tears

Imani : yeah , but I didn't kill  
him

It's the expression she's making

Me : you said you're a killer

Imani : I left him there....

And she starts again , like no  
this is big normal at all

Imani : we have to go and get  
him

Me : we ?

Imani : do you not see we  
here?

Me : well....

Imani : let's go , let's go save him now . He can't die on me , and I'll be the one who killed him

Where was she going again ?  
She should have just stayed here

We wouldn't be having this  
crazy conversation right now

Imani : he's here....

And she runs behind me

Me : can you .....

He pops through the door , and  
he leans against it



I'm down on the floor in  
seconds

Me : Ndabezitha (my king)

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\*Mpande\*

I had to walk here , it's a good thing it wasn't that far from where she ran away from me

I just followed her scent , and I found her

Now that wasn't so hard at all

I'm feeling a bit sleepy , I know  
my body wants to fight against  
the bullet

I can't go out on them , I know  
they'll freak out

Me : you can stand up

She slowly stands up , and my  
eyes are caught by the  
butterflies

She looks funny with these  
things

Me : who are you ?

Her : Dlozi Nyosi

Now it explains the butterflies

Me : it's a great pleasure to  
meet you

She smiles

I guess she knows somewhere  
somehow , we are to know  
each other

I look at this one who shot me ,  
and she's biting her nails

Me : Ndlunkulu (my queen)

My voice is slowly getting  
cracked a bit

Her : my name is Imani

Not to me she knows that , well  
I'm hoping that she knows.

Because it will be hard work ,  
trying to get her while she's not  
aware

Me : I could have died you  
know

She looks at me

Me : you shot me really ?

Imani : Dlozi let's help him , he  
can't die okay

Dlozi : but...he won't die

Imani : come on

She shot me , and left me there  
now she's being dramatic

She places a blank on the floor ,  
and it's so worn . I wonder she  
got it

She comes over and holds me ,  
it's crazy she doesn't even have



the strength for me to balance  
with her

But hey , what can I do ? I'm  
pretending as if I'm holding on

We get there , and I sit down  
leaning on the wall

Imani : Ohhhh.....you're  
bleeding

Me : that's...what happens  
when you shoot people . They  
bleed

Imani : right !

She looks around , and she  
seems to be thinking

Me : I wasn't....going to hurt  
you

Imani : why did you have a gun?

Me : it ...was a mistake ...to bring it here . It's just a norm to carry it

Imani : that's dangerous

Me : well I'm the one who's bleeding....so I know

She crouches down

Me : why ...are you here ?

She frowns

Me : I mean in this hut , when  
there's ...the old palace  
building?

Imani : oh I was going there ,  
before you scared me

My eyes are failing me , as  
much as I would like to  
continue this meaningless talk  
with her

Me : give me...a thread and a  
needle

Imani : thread.....thread and  
a....wait ! You're going to sew  
yourself ?

Me : yes , I need to take this  
bullet out and close the wound

Imani : and you'll do that  
yourself ?

Me : who's....who's going to do  
it ? You ?

She pops her eyes smiling

Me : I thought so

Dlozi : Ndlunkulu (my queen)

He looks at her , and takes the things from her

Imani : please stay still

She shocks me as she unbuttons my shirt , she only shot my shoulder

It's not that bad , and it's no harm at all . But she can shoot , an amateur would have gazed me only

She even patches me up herself, and now even my breathing is not normal

I know I just need to rest my body , and I'll be fine . This is not a big deal



Imani : now you can rest

Me : tell....tell me something

She looks at me , with a smile

And it's just as perfect as I  
always see it when she comes  
in visions

Me : tell me you...know what I  
know .

She places her hand on my  
cheek

Imani : get some rest  
Ndabezitha (my king)

The smile she gives me it sure  
gives me hope , I'm not insane

Me : there's food in the car

I close my eyes , and I feel her  
helping me lay down

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**\*Imani\***

Dlozi went to the car and got  
the food

I stayed with him , until she  
came back

It's not like I was going to go  
anywhere

I know he's going to be okay , I mean he has to be

Surely a bullet on the shoulder doesn't kill anyone right ?

But what do I know ?

Dlozi : you haven't ate

I did eat a bit , but after going so many days without food

It's just hard to down anything

Me : will he be okay ?

She smiles

Dlozi : he's going to be okay

I nod

Me : he has to be

My heart is so ahead of me , I  
don't even have control over it

Dlozi : why did you shoot him ?

Me : he was all human , but as  
soon as he looked at me he  
changed into the black lion

Dlozi : but you do know the lion

Me : in dreams and visions ,  
that thing was scary in real life .  
And it was huge

She slightly laughs

Dlozi : you never cease to  
amaze me

I look at him , and he's so  
perfect



I can just tell , I'll be able to  
even overlook his flaws

I just hope he can be able to  
overlook mine as well

And I'm glad , it's like we're on  
the same page . We know who  
we are to each other . Is it even  
normal to love a person you've  
never even met ?

And when you meet them it  
just fulfils every missing part  
you ever felt ?

That's how I feel right now

Me : I think I'll have something  
to eat

She smiles

Dlozi : good , because that was just a bite . And you do need to eat

She brings me the take away , with juice and I start eating

I hope he doesn't get an infection , that's my only worry right now

We treated a wound in this hut,  
and with not specified  
equipment

But he's a lion , hopefully his  
body can fight against that

I'm just holding on faith right  
now

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**\*Imani\***

It's cold , like it's really cold and  
I'm shivering

And I can only wonder how  
cold Dlozi must be

And Ndabezitha is my main  
worry right now

Sleeping on the floor , I'm sure  
it didn't help either

I hope he doesn't catch  
anything from this

Already he's hurt , his condition  
might just worsen

And I'll be to blamed , because  
at the end of the day I'm the  
one who shot him

It's still crazy how I was able to  
handle a gun , and shot  
someone

When I've never even held one  
before in my life

That was crazy

I hardly slept , I just couldn't



I'm just leaning against the wall, I haven't moved away from him

The good thing is seeing that he's still alive

Dlozi slowly moves , and I know she's awake . She finally sits up. And the realisation of this situation in this room , makes her uncomfortable

She can't hide from me

Dlozi : Ndlunkulu (my queen)

Me : Dlozi what's with the  
bowing so early in the  
morning?

She smiles

Dlozi : get used to it , because I  
can never not address you with  
respect in the king's presence

She gets up

Me : it's cold

Dlozi : I feel it

Me : we should keep warm  
today

Dlozi : I....I'll be back

She gets up

Me : where are you going ?

Dlozi : just outside

Me : Dlozi please don't go  
wandering off

She slightly laughs

Dlozi : I won't

I nod and she walks out

For a while I'm just in my  
thoughts , until he holds my  
hand

And I look at him , he still has  
his eyes closed . I say nothing

And he slowly opens his eyes  
looking at me

Him : Ndlunkulu (my queen)

I don't know , call me crazy or  
whatever . But there's just a  
way he calls me

And it just hits different to how  
Dlozi says , hers is down and

accompanied by humbleness  
and respect

His is just totally different , I  
don't know how to explain it

His presence is dominate ,  
that's how I'm able to tell it's  
him

I don't smell him , I just feel his  
presence

Me : Ndabezitha (my king)

Him : my name is Mpande  
Ngonyama

Ah !.

He's shooting shots at me ,  
because of what I said to him  
last night

Me : don't be this person



He chuckles , sitting up and he doesn't even groan to show he's in pain or anything like that

Me : are you okay ?

I ask with real worry and concern

Mpande : I'm okay

Me : no pains , like nothing to worry about ?

Mpande : no , the aim really wasn't to kill me . I mean who would have married you if you killed me ?

See me blushing looking down  
After a while I look at him , and he hasn't taken his stare away from me

Mpande : you didn't tell me  
your surname

Me : I...don't have it

On the real , like I don't  
remember having a surname

So if I were to say one , it would  
be a lie

Mpande : that's fine , because  
you'll take mine

I chuckle

Mpande : we have a lot to talk  
about

Me : I know

Mpande : where is Dlozi ?

Me : out

Mpande : she just couldn't bare  
to wake up in the same hut as  
me

I slowly nod , because I know  
that's true . There's no other  
reason why she went out so  
early

Mpande : first I'll take you to the palace

Me : I don't even know why I was going there

Mpande : I'll take you still , but after that we're leaving

Me : leaving ?

Mpande : there's no way that I'm leaving you here

Me : but....

Mpande : I know why you're here , we both know that . And we'll talk , figure out a plan of what to do . And then decide , then we can come back and rebuild this together .

Me : where are we going ?

Mpande : to Durban

Ah !

The crazy noisy place

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\*Dlozi\*

I wanted to give them space

It wasn't so ideal for me ,  
spending a night with them in  
one room

Even though I know they've just  
met

But these are two people , who  
are very much in love with each  
other

I'm just glad the night is over ,  
and that the awkward situation  
won't happen again

We're on our way to the palace  
now

And as worn out as it is , this  
place is still beautiful

It's like you're just looking at  
some historical building

Imani : I hope nothing pops out  
of this building

That's the first thing she says as  
we get out of the car

Me : if I were you , I wouldn't  
even be saying that

Imani : I've had a traumatic  
experience

I laugh

Me : you know you're exaggerating right ? Ndabezitha and the lion are one . And he's much better than the past lions, who were white

Imani : he's black , where have you ever seen a black lion ?

Me : he's still marked with the  
white

And he comes over we keep  
quite

Mpande : is the water in this  
place still alive ?.

I look at Imani , she's the one  
who can know

Imani : alive ?

Mpande : it's been decades ,  
and water does run dry

Imani : isn't the Ngonyama  
river sacred ?

Mpande : to outsiders

Imani : can you lead us ?

Mpande : I'm sure you know  
where it is

Imani : what if something pops  
out ?

Mpande : just shoot it

She frowns , I laugh

Imani : I'll never hear the end  
of this



She walks , and I follow her

Imani : he's the lion , he should  
just turn and guard us

I slightly turn back and he's  
coming , but of course she  
doesn't see him

He loves her way too much , to  
let her walk blindly

Me : we're going to be fine

Imani : he wants to take us to the crazy place Dlozi , will we survive there ?

I hold her hand

Me : it's only logical , there's no way he'll leave you here . He's the reason we're here in the first place , he's found out . And

now you'll be together in  
planning how to bring  
Ngonyama back , and take your  
throne

She smiles

Me : and I think we'll be fine

Imani : good , I'm glad you're  
here with me . We must never  
lose each other

For as long as I'm needed , and  
the ancestors see it fit . I'll  
never leave her side

We go through the passage ,  
and the trees are all worn out

But the leaves are just green  
dry , it shows this is just not  
some mere place

Mother nature has been taking care of it's own

Imani : wow !

The water is still running , not as much as you would expect on a waterfall or river

But it's not dead , and it's definitely not dry

Imani : so this is where I saw  
myself

She walks further , I let her be

Imani : this is beautiful

She crouches down near the  
river , putting her hand inside

It's the giggles and the smile

I swear Imani finds happiness in  
the water that she doesn't find  
anywhere

She takes her clothes off , and  
I'm not even surprised

She just has to grace the  
Ngonyama river , without even  
needing to know if she can or  
can't

Imani : I'm going to the  
waterfall

I just nod smiling

She heads there , and I'm taken  
by the plant's . I can just  
imagine how they look in their  
purest form

Imani : such little water , but  
it'll have to do



Me : I swear it feels like you  
have a grudge against mother  
nature

I hear a chuckle , I guess he's  
not far

And he's really not far , as the  
water from the waterfall  
increases

What a provider !

Imani is there laughing now

This is just beautiful to witness

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\*Mpande\*

She really is a descendant of  
Nyoni

The great healer to have ever  
walked the earth in her times

Nyoni was a healer in  
Ngonyama , the royal seer

In the times of the golden  
goddess Ngonyama herself

And we know them by the  
butterflies

For Dlangamandla to come , it was because it was believed after Nyoni was gone

There was no one left from her lineage to take over

I guess there really was no one at that time , because she's young

She's even younger than me

But I guess we're back to our roots now , Ngonyama is her home as much as it is ours

Nyoni served this Kingdom until her last days

Her connection with nature is just amazing

Just the way she's looking at the plants , you can see she

longs to have communications  
of some way with them

The butterflies , are what  
connects them to their roots  
with plants

When they come to live , they  
even become one . I leave  
them, as I see my queen is just  
happy to be up there in the  
waterfall and nothing else

If I could rise the waters , surely  
I could water the plants and  
they'll come to live

Unfortunately now I can't do it ,  
the water will have to overflow  
from the river and touch  
ground in land

I can't risk their lives , I'll have  
to do it before we leave



We're to be back here , and we  
can start by giving Ngonyama  
it's life back by nature

The grass needs the get it's life  
back as well

I walk around a bit , before  
heading to the throne room

And he's here

I get down on one knee

Ngonyama : it's good to see  
you back home

I chuckle , getting up

And the great white lion just  
jumps through what used to be  
a window

Ngonyama : you're proving to  
be a better man than I was

Me : you're never failing as an  
ancestor

He circles the throne chair

Ngonyama : I made some great  
mistakes , and I don't want you  
to even walk in my footsteps .  
Make your own mistakes , but

let them be better than mine . I  
have been waiting for this day ,  
and it is finally here .

Ngonyama may have died , but  
his legacy will live through . Our  
people are scattered all over ,  
they have forsaken their  
forefathers land . I lived for my  
ancestors , I did what they  
wanted . But in the end even  
they deserted me , and only  
remembered me in death .

Ancestor or no ancestor , don't

make the same mistake . Live for Ndabezitha , don't being a third person in your union . Required or not , who wants more than one wife let him or her marry their own . The ancestors polygamy ruined my chances at love , I missed you up too I cannot deny . But their actions sealed everything for me , and look how it turned out !

There's just pain in his voice

Ngonyama : you have  
uNdlunkulu (the queen ) the  
great Nyoni descendant , that's  
power . I had a universal queen  
in my possession , consumed  
ancestors dealt me . And in the  
end I lost it all , including their  
kingdom . No one wanted  
Ngonyama when it was  
doomed , be ready to fight for  
it now . Because they will not

sit and watch it blossom again ,  
and they let be . I'm at your  
disposal when you need me ,  
seek wisdom to me . Because  
now I know better , a lesson  
from my own mistakes . Don't  
want validation from me , that  
was my first mistake . Let the  
dead be

I chuckle

If only the dead could let the  
living be

He jumps off and walks closer  
to me

Ngonyama : take heart and do  
well

Me : Ngonyama



He places his paw on my left chest , and brings out the loudest raw ever

Can he just not scare them ?

I can't deal with another bullet

And we should address this matter right now

Me : next time you see her ,  
can you please control  
yourself? I mean I already got a  
bullet , and well we're going to  
live with this person forever .  
Stop acting like a 5 year old  
when you see her , that kind of  
happiness can't be healthy

He moves back

Me : you heard me

He leans to the side , and jumps  
out again

Mxm !

But he still heard me

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\*Imani\*

No water has ever felt like that

Not even the water at the river  
back in the village

That was just amazing , I can't  
even explain it

I take some in my hands  
brought together

And I pour on the grass , it  
doesn't even take time turning  
green

Me : wow !

I walk out of the river , taking  
some water

Me : bring a plant or  
something, even a leaf

Dlozi : why ?

Me : I want to see something

She comes over , with what  
looks like was a flower

I draw water again with my  
hands , and pour on the flower  
in her hand

And what do you know ? It  
comes to life

She laughs

Me : beautiful isn't it ?

She looks at me

Dlozi : is this some magical river or what ?

Me : I don't know , but the water sparkles . I mean the river is sacred , and I think the water can give life again

Dlozi : I wouldn't have thought of that



Me : but who will be taking the  
water out of the river and  
watering this whole kingdom ?

She laughs , I get up reaching  
for my clothes

It's crazy how I lose my senses  
when I see water

I just got naked , I forgot all  
about Mpande

Me : where is he ?

Voice : I'm right here

He walks in , and I'm like did he  
just see me naked ?

He walks closer to me

Me : I can take your lion man  
seeing me naked , but not you  
in your human form

He smiles , and I don't know  
why I smile back

Mpande : I did not see you  
naked ! But it's going to happen  
anyways

I frown

Mpande : we have to go

Me : can you use your power's ,  
and give the garden ish place  
life again ?

Mpande : I don't know how far  
it'll get , the whole village is just  
dry

Me : well make it rain, some of  
the water will mix and it'll go  
throughout

Mpande : okay , what a little  
genius you are

I'm not so little

Mpande : but we have to go ,  
because I'll have to rise the  
water . We shouldn't be  
anywhere near here , when  
that happens

The noisy place

I'm not so thrilled about going there , I'm a village girl

I like silence and peace , and that place is too busy . It just lacks that

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\*Mloni\*

I'm in my study , Mpiyakhe  
walks in

I'm surprised he's here while  
his everyday guy isn't

Me : where is your friend ?

Mpiyakhe : I'm not.....oh that was going to be a lie . I am his keeper

He laughs sitting down

Me : so will you tell me ?

Mpiyakhe : no



He says shaking his head

Me : it's not like I want to put a hit on him

Mpiyakhe : he would rip you to pieces

Me : on a serious note where is he ?

Mpiyakhe : out , you'll see him  
when he gets back

Me : out for two days ?

Mpiyakhe : you're even keeping  
count ?

Me : well , I haven't seen him

Mpiyakhe : you never see him ,  
so stop . You're being awkward

Me : can you leave me to work?

Mpiyakhe : don't mind me , I  
won't bother you . I don't like  
this girl you have here

I chuckle

Me : don't you perhaps see a  
future wife when you see her ?

Mpiyakhe : even a dick is better  
than you

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\*Londiwe\*

I'm so glad Mpande is not here

Even though I would have loved  
to see him yes

But then after what happened ,  
I think I'm just better off clear  
off him

Mlondi needs to believe that  
I'm all for him

I can't afford not being married  
by him

Especially because I'm always  
bragging on the socials about  
us

And Mpho knows our daily  
bread when I'm at our place

The shame , and  
embarrassment

I cannot deal with that , so this  
better work . And I'll make sure  
it works

I'll use this time to convince  
him , while his brother is not  
here

So he can get those crazy  
thoughts of accusations he  
threw at me off his mind

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\*Mpande\*

I had to come see  
Dlangamandla , before going  
home

He knew at some point I was going to go to Ngonyama , even though I didn't tell him when

But now that I've gone , I should tell him how I went

Dlangamandla : you have the spirits of oNgonyama all around you

I chuckle

It's just us in his house , I left  
the two ladies in the car

Me : well it's clear they haven't  
left their land

Dlangamandla : they will never

Me : and I got an interaction  
with Ngonyama

He smiles

Me : a lot happened , but I think you'll be glad to know I've met the future queen and our royal seer . A descendant of Nyoni

He pops his eyes

Dlangamandla : what a great pleasure

Me : indeed , I'm certain now  
that together we will bring  
Ngonyama back to its former  
glory. And we will protect it  
with all our being

Dlangamandla : I have no doubt

I nod

Dlangamandla : and I know the  
gods and ancestors will walk  
this road with you all

Me : that's all we ask for ,  
because we do need them

Dlangamandla : take heart  
Ndabezitha (my king)

I get up

Me : I have never been more hopeful than I am right now

Dlangamandla : your reign is truly blessed , never overlook that

Me : I'll always remember you , you've always been of great help to me . And had it not been you , I probably would have lost my way as well

Dlangamandla : Ngonyama  
knows it's own

Me : until I see you again

Dlangamandla : in the next life ,  
I have lived to see my duty .  
And here I thank the gods

Is he telling me that he's dying?



Dlangamandla : don't overthink it , everyone who lived in my time is long gone . I was spared just for this reason , but now you have a descendant of Nyoni . The founder seers of Ngonyama , I have done my job

This old man !

I didn't come here to hear all this , but I'm glad now I know

And I'll be sure to lay his bones  
in Ngonyama

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**\*Dlozi\***

I'm trying so hard to be like I'm  
fine

And I don't want Imani catching  
on this

But the way she's been looking  
at me

I know she can tell I'm not okay

But I don't want to worry her

She's found her place , her  
happily ever after

And she's belonging here

But what about me ?

I think I've done my part , I've  
gotten her here

Well she mostly did so all by herself , all I did was just persuade her

I'm taken out of my thoughts , when we enter this estate

And people live large , like it's so beautiful . It's definitely nothing compared to the houses we saw when we were at Wame's place

Imani : you stay here ?

I smile , it's just the way she's asking the question

I swear when we have to part ways , I'm so going to miss her

I don't even know what's life without Imani for me anymore

Mpande : yes

Imani : this is your house ?

Mpande : my house is the palace , this is just a family home

Imani : meaning everyone who's family stays here ?

Mpande : yes

Imani : so who is here ?

Mpande : my brother , and probably his annoying girlfriend. And Mpiyakhe , he's my brother

Imani : protector

She whispers that , but of course we heard her

Mpande : what ?



Imani : mhm ?

He chuckles getting out of the car

She turns and looks at me.

Imani : what's wrong ?

I shake my head

Imani : I don't appreciate you lying to me , as soon as we get a chance to talk you're going to tell me what's wrong

She's not kidding , she gets out of the car and I follow

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\*Imani\*

Mpande left us in the flat

After saying we're sleeping in  
here

He's the one using it , he  
doesn't want to go in the house

So he doesn't want us in there ,  
he said we're better off where  
he is

Me : what's wrong ?

She looks at me and heaves a  
sigh

Me : is this about coming here?

Dlozi : no

Me : are you comfortable ?

Dlozi : I guess a room next to yours , is better than being in the same room

She says with a smile , and I'm not talking about that

Me : we should be sharing a room

Dlozi : that's not happening

If only I could roll my eyes , but  
oh I can't

Me : then what is it , you're  
worrying me

Dlozi : I'm happy for you , this  
is..... everything you were  
meant to have . And what you  
were born to have

Me : Dlozi !

She sighs

Dlozi : I'm just thinking that....

Talk about bad timing

Mpande : did I interrupt  
something ?

Dlozi begs me with her eyes ,  
and I don't want to lie

Me : yes , but it's not that deep

Mpande : I can give you space

Me : no it's fine

She heaves a sigh of relief



But this is not over at all , I  
want to know why she's not  
okay

I hope I'm not the one who  
made her feel that way , but if I  
am I'll make things right

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\*Mpande\*

When a woman has never slept  
with a man on the same bed  
you can just tell

As free as she is , she's still a bit  
reluctant

Her body language is  
communicating

She's already in bed , and I'm  
just sitting at the edge

Me : are you okay ?

She nods smiling , I chuckle

Me : I can always sleep on the  
couch

Imani : I'll rather sleep on the floor

Me : why would you sleep on the floor ?

Imani : why would you sleep on a couch ? That can't be comfortable

I shake my head slightly

Me : let me get in bed , and see  
if you'll be able to sleep

She moves a bit , I get up and  
get in bed

Me : goodnight

She giggles and slides down ,  
turning her back on me

For a few minutes it's just quite, until her body keeps shivering

Me : are you cold ?

Imani : no

It's the waves , they're making her unsettled

Me : come on , let me cuddle  
you . You'll be able to sleep

Imani : what's that ?

Me : what ?

She turns and faces me

Imani : cuddle ?

I smile

Imani : is that like a hug ?

Me : even better

I chuckle

Me : get closer

She snuggles closer , I hold her  
against me cuddling . Placing  
my one hand on her back



Imani : this feels nice

Me : you like it ?

She nods her head against my chest

Me : well , can I get a kiss for cuddling you ?

She laughs

Imani : I have never kissed  
anyone

Me : of course you haven't

I lean my head down , and find  
her looking at me

Me : I promise , I won't do  
anything you don't want . We  
won't sleep together until  
we're married

Imani : but we're sleeping together

Me : and we're going to continue , I mean sleeping together as in like have sex

She gaps

Imani : why are you telling me traumatic things ?

Me : what.... Traumatic things ?  
Wait until my di.....

Imani : don't

She laughs

Me : okay , my kiss then

I plant kisses all over her face ,  
that has her spitting out sweet  
giggles

Imani : is this how it's done ?

Me : yes

Imani : I don't think that's how people do it

Me : how do they do it ?

Imani : with lips

I chuckle

Me : then you do it

Imani : I don't know

We laugh

Me : then you keep quite ,  
because that's how it's done

She shakes her head

Imani : I think we'll teach each other as time goes on

Me : okay , since we're both clueless

Like I've found this woman , so why wait to share a bed with her ? . On everything else I can sure damn hold off , but not sharing each other's spaces

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**\*Mpande\***



There's just something  
different this morning

Waking up with this woman in  
my hands , next to me

I've never been this fulfilled ,  
and it feels damn amazing

Like there's nothing I feel short of , I'm very much content right now

This is definitely one thing to thank the Gods and ancestors for

Bringing her my way , and everything just falls into place like this

Me : good morning

She lifts her eyes and smile ,  
she's even beautiful just waking  
up

I've long been awake , just  
watching her asleep . And it  
was such a damn sight

I lean over brushing my lips  
over hers

She gapes , I capture her lips into mine and kiss her

She doesn't kiss me back right away , until she gets the hang of it and she kisses me back

I trail my hand to her lower back , as she relaxes and gets into the kiss

She lets out slight moans , I  
have no control whatsoever to  
how my dick reacts to that

Imani : I feel funny

She says pulling out , I chuckle

Me : you're getting horny

She bites her lower lip

Imani : don't let it get worse

Is that even possible ?

But okay , what the hell !

Me : okay I won't , I'm going to  
wake up after kissing you again

She giggles

Me : you and Dlozi will find me  
in the house , come through  
the door facing the flat

Imani : okay

Me : let me kiss you again

She blushes , slowly closing her  
eyes and I mean over kissing  
her

And this time she welcomes me  
back with the same pace

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**\*Dlozi\***



This morning , I wish I can run  
away from Imani

I know her , and I know how  
she is

I know she hasn't let go of that  
issue from yesterday

And I don't want to tell her  
those feelings

I don't want her feeling maybe  
I'm jealous now that she's  
found a place for herself

Because I am happy for her ,  
and she deserves this

It's just sad not seeing my need  
and place anymore

And the possibility of now  
ending up alone

Imani : people around here say  
good morning when they wake  
up

She says with a smile I laugh ,  
she finds me already  
downstairs

Me : and don't tell me what else

Imani : let's go eat , do you think it's okay if I go to the beach ?

Me : no

She sighs

Imani : the waves were  
unsettling me last night

Me : as they should , you  
belong in a river

Imani : okay fine , let's go eat

Me : behave

Imani : I don't even know these  
people , except.....

She frowns

Me : what ?

Imani : that ill-mannered  
Ngonyama guy

Who is that ?

I think I'm supposed to know  
who she's talking about

But I'm just not good with  
keeping up , that's just me

Me : so are we still going ?

Imani : yes , but about  
yesterday

Me : it was nothing to worry  
about really , I'm okay now

Imani : I feel like you're hiding something

Me : okay , I'll tell you

Imani : really ?

Me : I promise , let's not be late so they say we're rude or something . Then after breakfast we'll talk



Imani : okay

I'll rather find better words to explain to her , because the one thing I don't want is her being hurt

We walk out and go into the main house

And this house is beautiful okay

I'm looking around , unlike like  
Imani who's just walking

She clearly doesn't care , but  
then I know her

She's really not a materialistic  
person , so really this beauty  
doesn't faze her

Voice : what the.....

We look to our side , and it's  
that restaurant guy

Him : Butterflies and Dark  
dindy, what are you doing  
here?

What did he just call us ?

Him : are you two stalking me ?

Imani : don't flatter yourself

He laughs

Him : what are you doing in my house ?

Voice : the Ngonyama family home

It's some guy walking in with the king , I'm guessing he's Mpiyakhe

He does have that aura of a protector

Mpande : we shall not address this matter of you lacking manners

The presence in the room just changes when he pecks Imani's cheek

This one lacking manners , pops  
his eyes

I look down laughing

Him : you and her ?

Mpiyakhe : her ?

Him : shut up , I don't know her  
name . I mean how do you  
know dark dindy ?

Can he just stop calling us that

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**\*Mlondi\***

I am shocked okay

I never thought I'll ever see  
these two again

And what do you know ?

Here they are in my house ,  
sitting on my table and eating  
my food



Like what the fuck !

And shit Mpande has dark  
dindy

It's some love thing going on ,  
okay !

And we all can see and feel it ,  
it's rubbing off on us

I'm like when did this shit  
happen ?

How long have they been  
together ? I mean they look to  
be in so love , like it's a years  
thing

I mean dark dindy and  
Mpande?

This doesn't make sense , the  
cold Mpande has a girlfriend  
and he seems to be in love

No scratch that

He's in love

Me : what's your names ?

I ask dark dindy and butterflies

Me : I've already asked two questions and no one answered me

And they just look at me

Me : guys !

Mpiyakhe : we're eating

Me : yeah but.... Answers

Mpande : what ?

Me : like you and dark dindy ?

Mpande : her name is Imani ,  
Ndlunkulu to you (queen)

Can I be more shocked than  
this ?

Me : what ?

Mpande : you got your answer

Me : wait.....wait queen ? Like  
how....guys !

Mpande : you're not making  
sense right now

Mpiyakhe : calm down and talk

I take a deep breath

Okay !

She's dating Mpande , of course he's king if ever he were to get Ngonyama back

Which I don't see happening , but I'm me so what the fuck do I know ?

Me : what....about butterflies ?

She gives me an evil eye

Me : you're cute

I say with a smile

Mpiyakhe : you're such a  
manwhore

Me : shut up , so Imani thee  
Ndlunkulu (queen) . And wena  
butterflies ? (You)



Mpande : she's Dlozi to you

Me : Dlozi ?

I ask so confused , and no one is paying attention to me

Me : wait .....she's Dlozi as in an ancestor ?

Mpiyakhe : it's her name you idiot

I sigh

What in Ngonyama's world is  
this ?

Me : where did you find these  
two people ?

And the fool is me

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**\*Imani\***

This guy should be some distant family member

But what can we do or say ?  
He's the brother , and that's just that

Mlondi has a mouth , and he lacks filter

Like breakfast was just something else , and he didn't even eat

Like he ended up just leaving , because he kept asking insane questions after questions . We really were not paying attention to him at all

And he annoyed me calling us  
dark dindy and butterflies

I didn't even feel like uttering a  
single word to him

We didn't get to see the  
girlfriend , so I don't know if  
she's here or what

I mean Mpande made it sound  
like she stays around a lot

So I thought we would see her ,  
but we didn't

Me : can we talk now ?

She wasn't expecting me , but  
I'm not letting whatever this is  
go

I just want to know what's  
bothering her , like she's my  
family

Blood or not , Dlozi has always had me and even now

It's the least I can do , to make sure she's okay and safe

Especially when I can be able to help with that

Right now , I don't know what's wrong . And I feel useless



So best I know what's going on,  
so I can be able to help if  
needed

Dlozi : I just can't avoid you ,  
can I ?

Me : no , talk to me

Dlozi : I'm so happy for you

I frown

Because I don't like her tone ,  
and the way she's starting the  
conversation

Dlozi : I love you , and you  
know that.....

Me : you can't be saying  
goodbye to me Dlozi , where  
are you going ?

Dlozi : couldn't you just let me finish ?

Me : I don't want to hear your speech , just straight come out say it. Why are you doing this ?

Dlozi : I was with you to help you find and reach your destiny, and I have done that

Me : now who said you must leave ?

Dlozi : you have found Ndabezitha , you know your duty now . And soon you will be queen to Ngonyama land

Me : Dlozi !

Dlozi : in this life of yours now , where do I fit in ?

Me : Dlozi where in your sane mind , does what you're saying make sense ?

Dlozi : I just feel I've done my part

Me : you want to leave me ?

I get up , and the tears are already streaming down

Dlozi : I ...this is what I didn't want

Me : you don't hurt me by wanting to leave me and say you didn't want this

Dlozi : I'm sorry , I just feel like you've found your place now and you don't need me

Me : did I make you feel like that ?

Dlozi : no

Me : if I knew that all of this was going to make you want to leave me , I wouldn't have done it

Dlozi : please don't....

Mpande walks in , and he's  
fuming

Dlozi : Ndabezitha (my king)

She bows her head , and I'm  
just on my feet crying

Mpande : Dlozi excuse us

Dlozi : ngiyaxolisa Ndlunkulu  
(I'm sorry my queen)



She walks out

I'm not shocked by what she  
said , but I'm hurt . She wants  
to leave me

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\*Mpande\*

I was with Mpiyakhe , I wanted  
to talk to him about  
Dlangamandla

And about the situation of  
going back to the village

When I got the immersive pain ,  
and I knew she wasn't okay

And to be welcomed by her  
crying , not something I want  
to see ever again

We're seated on the couch ,  
and she's been crying for quite  
a few minutes now

I have her head on my chest

Me : tell me what happened ?

Imani : Dlozi..... wants to leave

Me : and go where ?

She shakes her head , so I'm  
guessing she doesn't know

Me : why does she want to  
leave ?

She pulls back and looks at me ,  
and I'm feeling her pain as I  
look into her eyes

Imani : she said ....she's done  
her part , I found you and I'm  
happy . Where does she fit in ?

Listening to her , this sounds  
bad

But understanding her , you get  
the notion in witch Dlozi was  
saying and addressing this

Me : Dlozi is not leaving you

Imani : she wants to leave

I cup her face wiping her tears  
off

Me : she won't , what's a kingdom without a royal seer ?  
That's where she comes in , her great grandmother Nyoni was the royal seer of Ngonyama .  
They've brought the two of you back home , and no one is going anywhere

Imani : she won't leave ?

I shake my head no

And she just hugs me , I'm  
slowly calming down

Because I almost lost myself  
when I felt that pain

Imani : don't let her leave

Me : I won't , we'll talk to her  
okay ?

She nods



Dlozi must never stress me like  
this ever again

I was in no mood to ask  
questions , I only went down I  
saw that it was just the two of  
them in here

If it was anyone else who made  
her cry , we would be talking a  
different thing right now

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\*Dlozi\*

Now I feel bad , like I feel bad  
for real

I didn't want her to cry , and I  
don't know what Ndabezitha  
will say

The way he walked in , he was  
ready to kill

Maybe I should have found  
better words to address this  
matter

Voice : butterflies , hi

I sigh leaning back on the couch

Mlondi : don't be so bored

Me : can you just use my name  
please ?

Mlondi : you have a very  
strange name , and I don't  
understand how we're  
supposed to make it sound  
normal

Me : it's my name just use it ,  
you're not supposed to make it  
sound anyhow

Mlondi : okay , well....I'm sorry  
don't get all feisty

Can he just leave me alone ?

Perks of being in his home , I  
can't even ask him that

Voice : babe where is  
the.....ohh uhm hi

Me : hi

I get up

Mlondi : where are you going ?

I say nothing just heading out

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\*Londiwe\*

What the hell did I just walk  
into ?

I know the cousins of this  
family

And there's no one like that  
girl, who just walked out

Me : babe who was that ?

He chuckles

Mlondi : Dlozi



Me : is....who is Dlozi to you ?

Mlondi : since when do you question people you find in this house ?

Me : I'm just asking , I mean I don't know her

Mlondi : don't ask questions about people you don't know

Me : Mlondi you didn't bring  
some girl you're fucking here ,  
knowing very well after my  
doctor's appointment I was  
coming back

Voice : not everyone is a skank

I sit down

Me : I didn't...uhm

Mpiyakhe : you two should take  
your drama away from the rest  
of us . It's seriously annoying  
now

He just walks past us

Me : please don't hurt me like  
that

And him being this quite , I  
don't know what it means

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**\*Mpande\***

It's a lot of work calming this woman down

But hey , I did it

And she's much better now ,  
with the crying that is

Me : are you okay ?

She shakes her head

We're in bed cuddling , these  
cuddles will have to work a lot

Me : we will talk with Dlozi  
tomorrow , and make her  
understand that she also has a  
duty in Ngonyama . And so she  
can't leave

Imani : maybe I made her feel  
that way

Me : no , I'm sure you didn't . It was just her own feelings and emotions , looking at the situation

Imani : she's the only family that I have

Me : which is why I'll make sure she doesn't leave , and after talking to her you two will go shopping

Imani : shopping ?

I nod

Imani : and what are we shopping for ?

Me : anything that you want

Imani : oh , we don't have money for such



Me : your money from me will  
pay

She frowns , I smile

Me : my money is your money ,  
so that makes sense

Imani : no lies city people are  
strange

Me : that's fine

We laugh

Me : and you'll buy a phone

Imani : I don't even know how to use one , for what ?

Me : for me so I can call you

Imani : but I always know when you're near

Me : touché , you'll just have it  
because you can afford it

She laughs

Me : you'll learn how to use it ,  
don't worry

Imani : okay , as should in the  
morning then . Because I really  
hate how crowded this place is

Me : don't worry , I'll make sure  
it's not crowded and you're not  
bothered

Imani : thank you

She smiles , I chuckle

Me : give me a kiss

She pecks my lips

Me : don't make me talk too  
much , you worked your lips  
this morning

Imani : and I felt funny

Me : and we'll make sure it  
doesn't get worse

She giggles leaning over , and  
our lips grace each other

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**\*Dlozi\***

Being asked to come down by  
the king this morning , I don't  
know

I feel somewhat

But there's no running away  
from this

Me : Ndabezitha (my king)

Mpande : you can sit Dlozi

I lift my head and sit down ,  
we're still in the flat

Me : ndlunkulu (my queen)

She nods , and I see how much I  
hurt her



Me : I'm very sorry , it wasn't my intention to hurt you

Imani : Dlozi , was I too happy and made you feel side-lined ?

I don't even want to lie

Me : no , you didn't make me feel any how

Imani : you don't just speak of  
leaving just like that , and  
there's no reason

At least one thing is better ,  
she's calm now . And not crying  
like yesterday

I feel like today , she'll  
understand me better

Me : just looking at everything ,  
I just didn't see where I fit in

Imani : do you even need to ?  
You're my sister , and meant  
and supposed to be where I  
am. Purpose or not , family just  
doesn't leave the other  
because they just feel like  
they're not part of the puzzle

This is tricky , and now that I  
get her point . I do understand  
things from her hurt

Mpande : Dlozi

I bow my head a bit

Me : Ndabezitha (my king)

Mpande : You're well aware that Nyoni , was the Ngonyama royal seer right ?

Me : I am aware

Mpande : and the only reason why Ngonyama had other seers after her , it's because it was believed there's no one from her lineage to succeed her

Could it be ?

Mpande : you're here now ,  
and it is the greatest honour of  
my reign . To be able to have a  
descendant of Nyoni , as my  
royal seer in my time

Lord !

No ways , like when you show  
off you really show off

I'm on my knees with tears  
streaming down , like not even I  
saw this

I only knew for Imani to go to  
Ngonyama , that it was about  
her and not me

Mpande : I believe this matter  
is settled , no one is going  
anywhere . Because we're  
going back to our roots , and  
Ngonyama is home to us all

He gets up

Mpande : Dlozi don't ever make  
my wife cry like that again

He walks out , she laughs  
crouching down she hugs me

And I laugh through my tears

Me : I'm really sorry I made you  
sad , I didn't know



Imani : don't ever do it again ,  
Mpande really doesn't like it  
when I cry

Me : oh stop it !

We both burst out laughing

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\*Londiwe\*

I'm not missing breakfast today

I want to see exactly what  
happened yesterday here

I'm the first one down , I left  
Mlondi taking a shower

I take my phone and call Mpho

Mpho : friend

Me : I think Mloni is cheating

Mpho : why would you think that ?

Me : yesterday I found him with some girl in the house.....

Mpho : fucking ?

Me : no , they were in the lounge

Mpho : oh well , but that doesn't say anything

Me : it's how he didn't have anything clear today say about her

Mpho : what did he say ?

Me : nothing that made sense  
to me , but I found them

Mpho : is the girl there ?

Me : I think so , no one has  
come in for breakfast this  
morning

Mpho : don't cause drama , just  
find out what's going on first

I sigh

Me : yeah I ....

And what do you know ?

The butterflies girl walks in with  
another one

Me : we'll talk later

I drop the call , as Mpande  
walks in behind them

Me : uhm ...hi

I'm on my feet greeting them ,  
with my best smile

Me : I'm Londiwe , I believe we  
didn't introduce each other  
yesterday

Dlozi : Dlozi

Ah ! So she's Dlozi , like Mlonzi  
said . I guess that's her real  
name

Me : and....



Mpande : where is Mlondi ?

Did he have to interrupt me as I was about to ask this other one

Me : upstairs

Mpande : don't eat , we're leaving now

He walks up , and they sit down.

The other one takes an apple

Dlozi : that doesn't count as eating ?

Her : no it doesn't

Me : hello , hi ....you're being rude you know. You don't know ignore people like you don't see them

Her : you're talking to me ?

Me : exactly , I mean I asked  
your names and you ignored  
me

She gives me one cold stare

Dlozi : you're not ignored , now  
sit down

What the hell ?

Who are these two girls ?

I sit down

Dlozi : next time , please don't  
just address her like you're  
talking to me

Me : I ....I didn't mean to sound  
rude

Dlozi : right

Me : are you...uhm Mpiyakhe's girlfriend ?

They look at each other and back at me

Me : well , I'm just asking because he's the single one here

Her : how close are you with these men , that you know their relationship statuses ?

What ?

Me : well I know them , we practically live together

Her : mhm okay

Me : so ?

Her : my name is Imani , and  
I'm the wife to Mpande . Wife  
not girlfriend

I choke on the water ,  
splattering some on the table

Dlozi : take it easy there , you  
can't die on the breakfast table

I'm coughing like hell and she's  
making jokes

Mxm !

Mloni : what.....what  
happened ?

Dlozi : she chocked

He just stands with Mpande ,  
and doesn't even bother doing  
anything



Mlondi : I'm heading out , with  
Mpande I'll be back soon

What the hell !

They all walk out , leaving me . I  
pour myself some water and  
drink

After a few minutes I get better

Me : what.....wife ?

Where does Mpande get a wife?

How come I don't know this ?

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**\*Imani\***

You can never just be bitter and  
be like you don't like someone

Like for no reason whatsoever ,  
especially people you don't  
know and you've just met

Unless of course something is off , or your aura warns you

I just didn't feel that Londiwe woman , and the choking

She wants my man !

What reason did she have chocking hearing me say I'm his wife ?

Unless she wants him ?

I mean she already said , he's not single in so not many ways

So if she knew the woman in his life , surely she would have just slapped me with that in my face

But she chocked !

She wants him and that's that

Mpande : you get whatever you want , and don't hold back on spending okay ?

I nod

Mpande : I just need to talk to Mloni , and then I'll be back .  
The place is reserved for you ,  
until you're done

Me : no one will bother us ?

He smiles

Mpande : no , it'll be just the  
two of you

Me : okay

Mpande : I'll see you soon  
okay?

I nod

He tilts my chin , and leans  
down we kiss

A man with such soft yet firm  
lips , I swear every kiss just gets  
better than our first

He slowly pulls back after a few  
minutes , I give him a hug and  
he chuckles



Mpande : I'm not running away  
from you , I'll be back

I move back and look at him

Mpande : fine , I'll call Mloni  
in . And you ladies do your  
thing , we'll just sit down . Is  
that fine ?

I nod

He laughs

Mpande : okay , lets go get him

I turn and look for Slot , she's  
nowhere in sight

He takes my hand and we walk  
outside to the car

Mpande : come on inside

Mlondi : what's this ? Some shopping spree

Mpande : not for you no , let's go

He gets out of the car , and we all walk back inside

Mpande : we'll just be sitting here

I nod with a smile as they sit  
down , and I get lost away from  
them

I walk through the clothes isles,  
looking for Dlozi

I find her looking at jeans

Me : those are beautiful

Dlozi : they are

Me : you should get a few ,  
they'll look good on you . And  
we're alone in here

She smiles

Me : this is a shopping spree ,  
Mpande is paying with his  
money which is also mine  
apparently . Because according  
to him , his money is also my  
money

She laughs

Dlozi : that's some marriage  
vibes , it affirms the  
introduction to Londiwe

Me : it's the way she just  
concluded that she knows  
these men , and yet she doesn't  
even know who we are

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**\*Mpande\***

Mlondi : will you tell me what's going on ?

Me : I wanted us to talk but ....I have a clingy woman . She



wasn't up for me leaving her  
here

Mlondi : come on , where did  
you find them ? Cause I saw  
them a while back

Me : in Ngonyama , that's  
where I was when I left

Mlondi : what were they doing  
there ?

Me : it's a long story , but the  
end game was for us to meet .  
And we did

Mlondi : and you're really  
together with Imani ?

Me : yes , I want to marry her  
as soon as possible

He laughs

Mlondi : I never thought the day will come

Me : yeah enough , we're to pick Ngonyama up . And soon we'll move back to the kingdom

He nods

Mlondi : there are no people there , we're starting afresh. Dlangamandla will no longer be

with us , Dlozi is no the new  
royal seer

Mlondi : Ohhhh...now it makes  
sense , but the butterflies

He shakes his head

Me : she's Nyoni's descendant

He pops his eyes

Mlondi : Nyoni....like thee

Nyoni ?

I nod

Mlondi : wow okay ! Respect  
has to be given where it's due

Me : now , I don't know where  
you stand with this . But a war  
with you is the last thing I want,  
I just want to be able to count

on your support . Ngonyama is home to you as much as it is to me

Mlondi : you're really serious about this ?

Me : it's been long overdue , and now it's pillars are here . The kingdom can stand again , I have no doubt about that . But we know the troubles

Ngonyama had , with a male figure as a leader

Mlondi : no one will dare come at us , that much I can assure you . Brother I'm nothing like you , and well I won't even pretend to be . Despite everything , when the time comes you can rely on me . I'll never be the dagger behind you

I nod

It's good knowing , I wanted to  
get this out of the way first

I may not know his inner deep  
feelings , but that doesn't mean  
I have to be ignorant

Mlondi : when are we sending  
negotiations to dark dindy .....

Me : Ndlunkulu (my queen)



He chuckles

Mlondi : yeah yeah ....it'll take  
some getting used to .

Me : and there's no  
negotiations dealings here , this  
is one different situation . The  
wedding will take place in  
Ngonyama , so she's  
acknowledged . And well  
there's still lots of work to do

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**\*Londiwe\***

I've been locked in this room , I  
even feel like going to my place

Like they all left , and no one  
has come back

I'm on call with Mpho , I'm just  
with shock and hurt at the  
same time

Me : like why didn't he tell me ?  
You should have heard how

that girls , proudly said she's  
the wife and not girlfriend

Mpho : what do you care ?

Me : I care because.....

I take a deep breath

Mpho : you care because you  
want Mpande , Londiwe over

yourself and don't cause  
yourself unnecessary drama

Me : why are they not back  
now ? I might even have reason  
to believe , it was some couple  
outing

Mpho : you're really going to  
drive yourself insane , and I just  
think you're overreacting . I  
have to get back to work bye

She drops the call

You know when someone is annoyed by you , and they make it a point you hear

That's just what she gave me right now

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**\*Dlozi\***

**My mind is so at ease now**

And I am no longer worried ,  
about my place whatsoever

I'm tired this morning , because  
of the shopping yesterday

We didn't even move the  
clothes to the flat

They're in the lounge



And as I walk in the main house, I'm welcomed by Londiwe

Busy going through the bags , like it's so early in the morning

Me : good morning

Londiwe : oh.... Hi...good morning

She jumps off of course ,  
startled by me

Me : what are you doing ?

Londiwe : are these yours ?

I nod

Londiwe : oh my bad , I just  
couldn't help myself seeing  
shopping bags

Voice : you need to stay away  
from things that are not yours

This guy !

He sits down on the couch

Mlondi : good morning Dlozi

Me : good morning Mlondi

He smiles

Londiwe : wow , this is some  
insane expensive labels

Mlondi : Mpande had his black  
card out

Londiwe : wow

Girl is really impressed

Londiwe : I would die to be  
spoiled like this

Mlondi : if that's your cause of death , best believe it's not going to happen

I find myself laughing , they look at me

Me : I'm....sorry , can I have those bags back ?

Mlondi chuckles , I shake my head with a smile

She moves away , I take the  
bags not being able to take  
them all I walk out

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**\*Mpande\***

I'm glad Mlonzi and had the talk , hopefully we understand each other enough

To know that at the end of the day , we're brother's and we need each other

Now that's out of the way

I can shift my attention to other matters

Like marrying this woman ,  
because cohabiting doesn't sit well with me

She doesn't deserve that at all ,  
I've already placed an order for a ring in Italy



Obviously to have it shipped  
sooner , means just coughing  
money

But money is just paper that  
makes the world go around

So whatever I have to do , I'll  
do it

I walk in the bedroom , and  
she's in bed reading a book

It's these damn tight , short  
things she bought on her  
shopping

I can't help but just have crazy  
thoughts

I have no issue with her clothes  
whatsoever

Me : hey

I get on the bed , she puts her book away . Leaning her face down , and we kiss

Me : feeling better ?

Imani : yes

She woke up a bit down today

Me : you're cold

Imani : it's a bit chilly

Me : let's put some heat for  
you

I get up putting the wall heating

I get back in bed , cuddling her  
and we kiss

I trail my hand down her thigh ,  
brushing over it

Her breathing increases , she  
lets out moans

I trail my hand to her coochie ,  
rubbing it over her shorts

Me : open up for me

She slowly parts her legs . I trail  
down , pulling her shorts off .

My dick is twitching like hell

But he'll just have to suffer , I  
also feel for him

Me : I won't do anything I  
promise

She giggles I rub my thumb on  
her bare clit , she shivers on the  
first touch . I move up , taking  
her lips into mine . We kiss for a  
few minutes

I lift her shirt up , sucking and nibbling on her nipples

She has her hands on my head , trailing to my back

I trail down , planting kisses all over her body reaching her coochie . With just the first kiss, she closes her thighs . I look at her laughing

Me : what ?

She shakes her head

Me : I won't do anything

Imani : what's that ?.

Me : what ?

Imani : going down on me like  
that



I chuckle , she laughs

Me : can I ?

She giggles

Me : if you don't like it , I'll  
never do it again

Imani : what are you doing ?

Me : I just want to devour you

Getting lost in that , I part her  
legs and getting down in  
between her thighs

My lips grace her coochie , I  
nibble on her clit

She runs her hands through my  
head , and her moans tell me  
this will be her favourite now

To release those funny feeling  
from her lip kisses

She grabs on her sheets , lifting  
her lower body

Me : it's okay

I suck on her clit harder , she  
cums letting out a slight scream  
pressing her thighs together

I lift my head and just watch  
her

She finally calms down , and  
looks at me she shy's away

Me : hi

She laughs , I move up giving  
her a kiss . She kisses me back  
with the same pace

Me : I love you so much

I deepen the kiss

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**\*A WEEK LATER\***

**\*Imani\***

Something is just off this  
morning

My spirit is not lying to me

And as I walk in the bedroom ,  
seeing him looking outside the  
window

He's deep in thought , and he's  
bothered

I walk towards him , and hug  
him from behind

I place a kiss on his shoulder  
blades

Mpande : hey

Me : what's wrong ?



My head is laid on his back , I  
have my eyes closed

Mpande : Dlangamandla is no  
more

I don't know him

But clearly , he meant  
something big to Mpande for  
him to feel this way

Me : I'm sorry

He takes a deep breath

Mpande : I have to go to  
Ngonyama , it would have been  
nice if there was change there

Me : get builders , have the  
palace fixed . Even just a mere  
clean up is better , there's been

rain for days now . And I'm  
sure, there's slight change

Mpande : let me turn

I stand back a bit , and he turns  
facing me

She pulls me closer , placing his  
hands on my waist he leans  
down and we kiss

Mpande : thank you

Me : you're going to be fine

Mpande : mhm

He picks me up in his arms ,  
walking to the bed

And he places me down , near  
the edge . He crouches down

Lifting my dress up , pulling my  
panty off

I lift my head a bit looking at  
him , and he locks his eyes with  
mine

He winks before he buries his  
face down between my thighs

Doing what he does best ,  
making me lose all senses

I swear , this man really does  
devour me when he goes down  
there

The crazy thing , is that when  
he's done I always long for  
more

Honestly , I don't know how  
long of this I can take

Because I feel half fulfilled , like  
there's more than should  
happen

I can't lie though , releasing  
does take off some tensions

And he makes sure , he does it  
thoroughly

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**\*Mpande\***

**Mlondi : how do you know  
this?**



Mpiyakhe : really ?

Mlondi : I mean , we haven't  
heard anything

Mpiyakhe : and me and you are  
of course waiting to be told , by  
people like him

Me : stop it you two

I've just told them about  
Dlangamandla

Mlondi : I didn't make a  
mistake by asking

Me : I know that , and I just felt  
him . So I know , he's no longer  
human but spirit

He nods

Mlondi : What now ?

Me : I will go to Ngonyama ,  
I've found people to go and  
clean

Imani came in handy on that  
idea , and I didn't waste time  
sleeping on it

Me : and have the palace fixed ,  
but the whole fixing will take

quite a long time , just as long  
as it's clean

Mlondi : you're holding a whole  
funeral ? Will his family agree  
to that ?

Me : Dlangamandla has no  
family

Mlondi : what ?

Mpiyakhe : yeah

Mlondi : how's that even possible ?

Me : well it's very much possible , just leave it there .  
I'm going over to his house now

Mlondi : can we come with ?

Mpiyakhe : I didn't say I want  
to go there?

Mlondi : you're a very bitter  
man

They laugh

Me : let's go

We get up , leaving Mpiyakhe  
behind

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**\*Dlozi\***

She walks in , and looks tired

She sits down on the couch ,  
taking off her sleepers

She lays down

Me : for someone who was  
sleeping , you sure look tired

She laughs

As disturbing as it is , one thing  
I've noticed about Ndabezitha



is that he's too affectionate  
towards her

These two share a room , I  
swear at first intimate strike  
she will catch

That man is carrying royal  
seeds, there's no way they  
won't plant

Especially with her

I'm ashamed of myself for even thinking this right now

But I haven't noticed something, I guess other things tire her out and she hasn't caught anything

Imani : are they back yet ?

Me : I haven't seen anyone

Imani : I'm just excited of going to Ngonyama again , I just can't wait to be in the water again

Me : yeah , I hope there's some better progress since the last time we were there . It's been two weeks

Imani : I hope so too

A knock comes at the door ,  
and I get it

Me : hi

I stand at the door , blocking  
her from getting inside

Londiwe : hi

Me : yeah hi

She just stares at me

Me : can I help ?

She giggles

Londiwe : well it's so lonely in  
the house you know , I'm all  
alone .

Isn't she always all alone ?

Londiwe : thought maybe I can  
just join you guys

Hell no !

Me : uhm..... we'll come

Londiwe : but I'm already here

Me : and I'm saying we'll come

Londiwe : you guys come in and go as you please in the house , why can't I come in here ?.

Me : this is Ndabezitha's flat , not everyone can just Waltz in here . You're lonely , and you want some company . Okay , we're coming

She sighs

Londiwe : wow , this is really unnecessary .

She turns walking away

Londiwe : don't bother coming if you don't want to

Me : okay we won't

She turns and looks at me , I close the door



Imani : you two seem like sister  
wives

She laughs , I sit down

Me : you know that's not  
possible right ?

Imani : like ever yeah I know ,  
pity she doesn't know that . Girl  
sees you as a threat

What ?.

Me : that Mloni can never be  
my type not even in a million  
years

We burst out laughing

Imani : I swear you'd think he's  
the last born , and not the first

Me : the guy is just living his life

She laughs

Imani : he sure is

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\*Londiwe\*

It's about damn time I go back  
to my place

I've just been around here  
because of those two

But I haven't seen anything , to  
make me believe one is  
cheating with Mloni

I mean women are crazy , they  
can shit straight out date your  
man knowing very well he's  
yours

But it's no use being here , it's  
not like there's anything I'm  
getting out of it

And they're always together ,  
today just proved they think  
they're the shit

Just because the guys have  
been going to Dlangamandla's  
place since yesterday

I do feel lonely here . I pack my  
things , when Mlondi gets back  
from wherever he won't find  
me here

I was using the main bathroom  
this morning , because we  
didn't have hot water in this  
house

I notice my toothbrush is  
missing , I must have left it in  
there

I walk in there , and good  
gracious lord

His back is facing the door , he's just standing underneath the water

It's running through down his toned body , and my eyes trail to his firm ass

Gosh ! He can just pin me against the wall , and have me



He turns and catches me  
staring at him , he doesn't even  
shy away

He doesn't even hide his dick ,  
and it's popping veins

The length is quite admirable as  
well , I stare at it as it twitches

And my clit hurts at just the  
sight

Is this temptation or what ?

He trails his hand to his dick ,  
and slowly strokes it

I swallow hard , feeling the pain  
on my clit

I lift my eyes and look at him ,  
he's looking at me . And guilt  
just strikes me

I run out to the bedroom , and I lock the door leaning against it

Me : what am I doing ?

I slide down , not taking what just happened in there in my mind

I close my eyes as my ass hits the floor , but all I can see is his black veins popping dick

Me : oh God !

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\*Londiwe\*

I need to get the hell out of  
here , before anyone catches  
me

Stuff the toothbrush , what's a  
R15

I get up and take my bag , if I'm  
leaving some of my things  
Mlondi will bring them back

Or his next girlfriend can have  
them , as for me I am gone

I will never be able to look at  
him in the same eye anymore

I head out the door , and  
almost scream as I bump into  
Mlondi

Mlondi : hey....what's going on?

Me : you almost scared me

So much for trying to escape  
before he comes back

Mlondi : sorry , but what's with the bag ?

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

Mlondi : leaving ?

He pushes me back in the room lightly

Mlondi : what happened when was I gone ?



Guilt is doing the most to me  
right now

Me : I....why ?

Mlondi : because there were no  
talks of you leaving when I left

I swallow

Me : uhm.....I should just leave

Mlondi : what ?

Me : I've been here for too long, I'm just going to my place

Mlondi : you'll go tomorrow

Me : Mlondi.....

Mlondi : babe wait.... Mpiyakhe is braaing meat outside , we're going to join everyone

Me : what...no !

Mlondi : hey , what's wrong  
with you ?

Shit !

Me : nothing

Mlondi : then let's go

I guess there's no winning this

Mlondi : we're leaving for  
Ngonyama tomorrow

Me : everyone ?

Mlondi : yeah ,and you

Me : why me ?

He looks at me , like he's  
reading me . I try and compose  
myself

Me : I mean....I don't ...I didn't  
know the man , so it's not really  
...

I have no right words , and I  
just want an excuse

Mlondi : people attend funerals  
of people they don't know

Me : I know that

Mlondi : okay , I'm not forcing you . But let's go join everyone now , and tomorrow you'll leave

I need some crazy strength for this

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\*Dlozi\*

It's the first time ever , since we  
got here two weeks ago

That I see everyone this relaxed  
and free . With Mlondi  
obviously talking , like nonstop

But we all know him by all , and we'll probably be bored if he was quite

Surprisingly , the girlfriend is very much quite

Way too much quite if you ask me . And she can't keep her eyes focussed , I noticed how she dodges to look at Mpiyakhe



I don't want to make a  
mountain out of a mount hill

But there's definitely  
something there , and I know  
Imani

The way she keeps trailing her  
eyes between them , she has  
caught on it too

Mlondi : finally some food , we almost died

Mpiyakhe : you must be a starving man

They laugh

And Londiwe is so uncomfortable , she's just making it hard for us not to notice

Imani : whoever said people  
must eat braai outside

I chuckle

Mpande : I told you , you  
should have let me bring that  
throw

She flaps her eyelids , and the  
man gets up going in the house

Some women are cherished out  
like no lies

See her blushing , when he  
comes back with the throw and  
covers

Imani : thank you

She leans over to his shoulder

Mpande : your stubbornness  
just never works

He pushes a small black box in  
front of her

Mpande : that should ease up  
on the frowning

And she smiles opening it

It's one hella beautiful and  
stunning bracelet

See the uncomfortable Londiwe  
popping her eyes , jaw on the  
floor

Imani : thank you

She giggles , and Mpande just  
nods . In an you're happy , and  
that's all that matters

Londiwe : wow , that's stunning

We look at her

Londiwe : another girl would  
have jumped up getting that

Imani : jump for what ?

She asks shaking her head, like  
that's the most craziest thing  
she's ever heard

Mlondi : women do crazy things, like the same way they cry when a guy proposes

Imani : I must never be categorised in that

Londiwe : well , appreciation is shown through emotions

Imani : no with thanks , or rather actions



Londiwe rolls her eyes

Imani : see what you just did

She pops those eyes , I guess  
she thought no one saw her

Imani : rolling your eyes , that's  
annoyance to what I said . And  
you showed it through actions ,  
not emotions . See how deep  
actions are ?

Mlondi laughs , and I'm like  
dude that's your woman being  
told . And he's laughing , okay !

Londiwe : point taken

Now I'm the one looking down  
laughing

Voice : is anyone here ?

Says a female voice , coming  
from inside the house

Mlondi is on his feet first

He walks towards the door ,  
and meets some lady there

I look at Londiwe and she's so  
angry

As if someone said they should  
just fuel her , the two hug there  
at the door

She gets up banging the door ,  
and girl is gone

Passing them like some wind ,  
in a rush and high speed

Mlondi just shakes his head ,  
coming back with the lady

Shit !

I've never seen such beauty ,  
and I don't know what he says  
to her but she smiles

The dimples finish me off , and  
her short hair suit her perfectly

Her eyes are slight too dark ,  
they compliment her skin tone

Mpande is on his feet hugging her , and so is Mpiyakhe

There's laughter , and I'm just here out of my senses

Like is she a replacement to Londiwe ? Since Mloni just let her leave like that

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**\*Imani\***

With so many hugs going  
around , and laughter

Should I be crazy like Londiwe  
right now and walk out ?

I mean she was even left alone ,  
Mloni paid this woman  
attention and let her be

Will I also be ignored like her ?

Mloni : why didn't you say  
you're coming ?



Her : last minute thing

Mlondi : it's so damn good to  
see you again

Her : I missed you all so much ,  
it feels like forever

Mpiyakhe : you should have  
called , and we would have  
come to pick you up

She laughs , and don't they all  
follow suit

I'm on my feet , it's like we  
don't even exist right now

As for Dlozi she's long gone in  
thoughts , like she's not here  
she's far

They can pay attention to her ,  
and come back to us when  
they're done

She could be their sister for all  
we know

And now I realise just how  
much I know nothing about  
these people

I push the chair back , and  
Mpande holds me

Me : Ini ? (What)

He smiles , and I don't know  
what he's smiling about

And now everyone is looking at  
us , Dlozi finally snaps out as  
the noise dies down

She gets up

Mpande : this is our cousin ,  
Qhawekazi . Her grandmother ,  
was the queen of Ngonyama  
before my grandmother

Oh wow !

See what I meant ?

All this much information , and  
I'm so clueless

I can do better to be honest

Mpande : Kazi , this is your  
sister in-law . And Dlozi , the to  
be royal seer of Ngonyama

Kazi : such a pleasure , I'm glad  
this day has finally come . You

have grown Ndabezitha , and  
we're proud

Mlondi : include us , in all that  
we're proud

They laugh

Kazi : I'm really pleased to meet  
the both of you , Ndlunkulu (my  
queen)

Me : likewise

Mpiyakhe : see how easy it is ,  
to just acknowledge

Mlondi : yeah , I get it

They laugh

I look at Dlozi , and she's staring  
okay



I need to get my sister out of here as in now

Me : Uhm...please do excuse us, I hope you'll still be here in the morning

Such a bad choice of words , but she gets me

Kazi : of course , apologies for my late arrival . But I heard

about Dlangamandla , and he was family to you guys . Well you're family to me , I thought let me come offer my support

Wow , that's really sweet of her

I get away from Mpande , I want to be alone with Dlozi

Me : well , we'll see you in the morning

Kazi : of course

I take Dlozi's hand and we walk  
away

Me : are you okay ?

She nods

Me : Jesus's

I turn back , only to find  
Mpande following us

Me : we're going to bed

Dlozi : yeah sure wait for him ,  
before he asks crazy questions

I laugh letting go of her , and  
she goes to the flat

Me : I'm sorry if we came across rude to your cousin

Mpande : you weren't , what's wrong with Dlozi ?

Me : right now I don't know , I'll talk to her in the morning

Mpande : I hope it's nothing , caused by Kazi's presence . Her father was a healer , and the

kingdom she hails from had one  
great healer Mageba

Me : you carry some much  
information , and it's confusing.  
I just realise how little I know

He chuckles

Mpande : don't worry yourself  
about these things , your only  
need to know is Ngonyama

I nod , but still I make it a  
mental note to know these  
things

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\*Imani\*

I put on my slippers



It's the morning we're leaving  
for Ngonyama

Mpande : where are you going?

Me : I'm going to see Dlozi

Mpande : what for ?

Me : we need to talk

Mpande : yeah but ...do you know the time ?

Me : it's early in the morning  
yes

He smiles

Mpande : leave Dlozi , I'm sure she's not even up yet

Me : she's up

Mpande : okay , but I'm sure  
she's still yawning

I laugh

Me : fine , I'll yawn with her

He chuckles

Mpande : this is abuse , just let  
her be

Me : uhhhh....no , this can't  
wait

He sighs , I head towards the  
door

Mpande : Nana come (baby)

I turn back and walk towards  
the bed

Mpande : come closer

Me : why ?

Mpande : give me a kiss

I smile leaning down , and he  
pulls me down on top of him

Me : stop

He chuckles

Mpande : Dlozi will think our bed is cold , why would you want to leave and bother her so early ?

Me : we need to talk before we leave

Mpande : wait an hour

Me : you should be getting up , and getting ready

Mpande : oh me ? My wife will  
take care of me

I laugh

He trails his hand under my t-  
shirt , cupping my boobs

I peck his lips

Mpande : your nipples are cold

Me : yeah , it's the chilly  
weather

Mpande : they're hard , are you  
sure you're not horny ?

I laugh

Me : no

Mpande : give me a kiss



He pulls his hands out , trailing them to my lower back

I lean down and we kiss , after a few minutes he pulls out

Me : I'll be back

He chuckles , I get off him walking out to the other room

I knock and walk in , Dlozi is still  
in bed

Me : hi

I know she's awake

She laughs

Dlozi : what's the fight about ?

Me : Qhawekazi

She sighs sitting up

Dlozi : I made a fool of myself  
yhoh !

Me : you were so much better ,  
than Londiwe and Mpiyakhe

She laughs

Dlozi : I knew you saw that

She rubs her eyes

Dlozi : do you think something is happening ?

Me : you heard how he said  
Mlondi must be a hungry man ?  
I'm telling you , he threw shade  
there . Definitely he was  
referring to other things

We laugh

Dlozi : those guys !

Me : yeah , are you okay ? For going to Ngonyama knowing she'll be there ?

She sighs

Dlozi : can we just not be left in each other's spaces

I laugh

Me : don't be a coward !

Dlozi : I'm not , but she  
intimidates me

Me : don't be crazy , just as  
long as you promise me that  
you'll be fine there

She nods

Dlozi : yeah , I'll be fine . I'll get  
a hold of myself , don't worry

Me : alright , let me go

Dlozi : you lack peace

We laugh , I get up heading out  
back to the bedroom . And  
Mpande is still in bed

I feel like I have a child

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**\*Mlondi\***



Mpande and his people haven't  
come in yet

We're already done and ready ,  
just having breakfast

Well I am , and Kazi is having  
coffee

Kazi : where are the others ?

I sigh

Me : all over , and we really don't even have much relationship

Kazi : things still that bad ?

I nod

Me : after my mother's death, things just got worse . We were young when dad died you know, but my mother tried her

best to bring us together . After she was gone , no one just saw it fit to even try harder . Like they all just went on their way

Kazi : it's a sad thing

Me : I know , but I've learnt to just let me

Kazi : yeah , be glad to still have Ndabezitha . Because at the

end of the way , he's your  
blood

Now I actually see how crazy  
this is

We're just a scattered breed of  
Mabutho

But it doesn't matter how many  
years it takes , that I don't see  
Mpande

When there's a chance to see  
him , I'm the only one he comes  
to

Others have much more time ,  
since the last time they saw  
him

Maybe at my mother's funeral ,  
and that was it

Me : you're right

She smiles

Kazi : tell me something

Me : yeah

Kazi : the lady from last night ?

Me : his or the other one ?

Kazi : the other one... Dlozi is  
her name I believe ?

Me : yes it is

Kazi : like ...is she usually a quite person or what ?

I laugh

Me : she has quite a sharp mouth

She chuckles

Kazi : I don't know man , she hardly said any word last night

Me : yeah , but I'm sure it's nothing . Those two are anything but quite

We laugh

Kazi : so they live around ?

Me : here yes



Kazi : okay , it wouldn't be trespassing now if I crash for a few days

Me : of course not , there's no rush back to Isilo

Kazi : alright , hopefully the guys won't mind

Me : you're family , and our home is your home

Kazi : sure

She gets up walking to the  
kitchen

I call Londiwe , and it goes to  
voicemail . I put my phone  
away , and continue eating

I didn't bother myself with her  
last night , because I figured

she was acting out nothing  
much

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\*Londiwe\*

I left my gym track pants , like  
my favourite

And now I'll be forced to go  
back there again

I can't leave those there , and  
there's no buying another pair

Mpho : you came in late

Me : yeah , drama !

She laughs

Mpho : you and Mlondi should just leave each other , this is not healthy

Me : you're telling me ? Last night during some braai , some albino lady arrives and you should have seen Mlondi . I don't even remember the last time he hugged me , but he was chocking that lady with a

hug last night . And in front of everyone , I just left . He didn't call , he didn't follow me . Like nothing

Mpho : wow !

Me : I'm sure that was his way of getting rid of me , and guess what ? It worked , I'm done .

I'm just going over today to get my things , I left there . I didn't mind them , but now there's

another woman so yeah . She  
might even bewitch me , If only  
Mloni didn't arrive when he  
did , because I was already  
leaving

Mpho : leaving why ?

She sits down with her bowl of  
cereal

Me : don't judge

Mpho : okay

Me : I walked in the main bathroom to get my toothbrush, and Mpiyakhe was in the shower

She pops her eyes

Me : like I stood there and watched him , eventually he turned and



I cover my eyes with my hand

Mpho : don't tell me you two  
fucked !

She laughs

Me : no....no we didn't , but the  
thoughts I had . And Mpiyakhe  
has what we call a black man's  
cock , it's long medium size  
popping veins and dark

Mpho : disgusting !

She's still laughing

And the picture from last night  
just plays , especially when he  
was busy stroking it

Me : I need a saving grace

Mpho : you need more than  
that

I sigh

Me : I ran out of the bathroom ,  
and I was leaving because I  
couldn't bare to face Mpiyakhe  
after that . But Mloni caught  
me , and made me join them  
for the braai

Mpho : tensions ?

Me : I doubt no one saw , but I avoided looking at Mpiyakhe . He was all fine there , like nothing happened . But everyone else was busy admiring Romeo and Juliet

Mpho : and who's that ?

Me : Mpande and his so called wife ? Can you believe he bought her a bracelet , not just a mere bracelet . But one that

costs thousands and thousands,  
and all she could say was  
“thank you” with a mere smile .  
And he was okay with that

Mpho : just thank you ?

Me : just a thank you , she  
didn't display any other  
emotion . And I'm telling you  
that girl is spoiled to the core ,  
it's a pity she's just ungrateful .

And Mpande doesn't seem to  
mind her

Mpho : you people have drama  
for days

Me : good thing I'll walk in  
today , knowing they're not  
there . I'll take my things , leave  
their keys and they'll never see  
me again

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**\*Imani\***

Mpande : is Dlozi okay ?

I nod

And it's like I'm nodding lies , if  
there's even such a thing



Dlozi doesn't look fine at all

And I don't blame Mpande for asking

Like I'm sure anyone can look at her and see she's not okay

Mpande : is that what she told you , when you ambushed her this morning ?

Me : I didn't ambush her

Mpande : yeah , whatever it is  
that you did

Me : she's fine

Mpande : she doesn't look fine

I sigh

Mpande : I need to rely on you  
when it comes to her

He holds my and

Mpande : you know her better ,  
and have been with her . I  
know nothing about her as a  
person , so that part falls on  
you. Ngonyama is not only  
mine

Me : okay , I....don't mind her

He doesn't take anything I'm saying right now

Kazi : good morning

She greets with a smile , and we're standing besides the cars

Dlozi is a bit further from us , and she's lost and out of mine

Me : good morning

Kazi : cuz , can I ride with you  
all ?

No

Mpande : is that okay ?

Yes put me on the spot , so  
your cousin can think I have

something against her if I dare  
say no

Me : it's okay

Kazi : alright thanks , let me see  
Mlondi quick

She walks away right after  
looking at Dlozi and smiling

Me : really ?

He exhales

Mpande : what ?

Me : I'm sitting with Dlozi

He scoffs and I walk to her

Me : we have to go

Dlozi : let me guess , she's  
coming with ?

Me : I'll sit in the back with you  
okay , and she can be with her  
cousin

Dlozi : it's going to be a long  
drive

Me : I'm sorry , she asked and  
Mpande put me on the spot

Dlozi : it's okay



Kazi comes back , and she goes to Mpande . The two seem to having an intense talk of some kind

And we give them space for a bit , we'll go to the car once they seem okay

I wonder what's that about

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**\*Mpande\***

I don't get this strange  
behaviour from Dlozi

And she was fine all along , it  
started when she saw Kazi last  
night

The way she was so quite , and  
didn't even say a single word to  
Kazi

And now this

Even just the way Imani walked  
her out last night

And going to corner her this morning

But she's still strange still , I look at Imani and even she doesn't believe her own words that Dlozi is fine

Kazi : is everything okay ?

Me : I don't know , you tell me

She sighs

Me : you don't know her , but she's acting strange since you got here

Kazi : I saw that , but I can assure you . You have nothing to worry about

Me : are you sure ?

Kazi : hundreds

I chuckle

Kazi : can we go now ?

Me : take the back with her

Kazi : oh .....but .....

Me : front seats are for first ladies , and you're not that to me

She laughs

Me : they're coming , so get on with it

Kazi : what love does to people

Me : and you would know right

She laughs getting in the back ,  
and the two look at each other

I caught on what Imani was  
saying , and I'm not for that

Dlozi will just have to bare , or  
she can ride with Mloni and  
Mpiyakhe



She doesn't give a reaction ,  
just getting in the back

Imani : for a man you're really  
dramatic !

She passes me going to the  
other side

Me : after all she's right , right ?

Imani : you're a dramatic man

I chuckle and she gets in the car, I also get in

And it's tense in here , you have a grumpy Imani at me

A very patched Dlozi in the back, and well Kazi who is focused on her phone

What a ride it's going to be

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**\*Londiwe\***

I know that by now , they're all  
gone

I'll be quick , just in and out.  
Take my things and leave

I think I've had my fair share ,  
and I don't want to experience  
more

I drive in , it helped making it a  
point that I have my own set of  
keys . I park my car and get out,  
I head inside . Using my key of  
course

And I walk in , it's so quite .

Such a relief

I head upstairs , and get into  
the bedroom . Thank God ! He  
didn't lock

Because he has that habit . I get  
in and look for all my things ,  
more especially my panties

I start packing in my small bag ,  
and I'm glad everything just fits  
inside

Voice : can this be considered  
as trespassing ?

Oh shit !

I drop the bag down on the  
floor , now I'm even scared to  
turn and face him

Mpiyakhe : what are you doing here ?

I feel his footsteps walking towards me

Mpiyakhe : I mean , you know they're no one . Yet here you are

Me : I thought everyone went to the funeral

Mpiyakhe : oh ! I'm allergic to those , I don't attend funerals you should have asked

Me : I just came for my things

Mpiyakhe : why are you like a thief ?

He stands behind me , way too close for comfort



Me : I....didn't steal anything , I  
promise

Mpiyakhe : unfortunately , we  
don't know what everyone else  
will think or say once they hear  
about this

He whispers against my ear ,  
my breath is so abnormal right  
now

I turn

Scared of the words he just said  
right now

I open my mouth to beg him to  
be quite , and not say anything  
to them

But what do you know ? He  
smashes his lips against mine

For a few seconds I get lost  
kissing him , before I pull out

And he holds my hands behind  
me

Mpiyakhe : this is not the  
movies

Me : I'm.....I'm your brother's  
girlfriend , have you no shame

Mpiyakhe : you were too happy to watch me in the shower , so here I am . You don't have to fantasize anymore

Now those thoughts come back, and I can't help but imagine that black cock inside of me

I find myself letting out a slight moan

Mpiyakhe : stop torturing  
yourself

He lets go of my hands

And I'm like what the hell ? Like  
what do I have to loose ?

I trail my hands to his neck ,  
and take his lips into mine

He doesn't waste time pulling my dress off , and taking my bra off

Leaving just my panty , and he walks out with me in his arms

We get to his room , and he lays me down on the bed

He takes my panty off , taking his own pants and t-shirt off

He leans to his night stand , and  
he takes out a condom

He hands it to me , while he  
gets back to kissing me.

He parts my legs and rubs his  
fingers on my cookie , before  
sliding two inside

And he finger fucks me , I tear  
the condom wrap

I just can't wait for him to be  
inside of me

He moves up a bit as I fiddle to  
have his dick in my hands

And he's awake alright

I slowly slide the condom on his  
cock , I slowly slide it down on  
my cookie



He removes his hand , I rub it  
on my open before sliding it in

And I scream in pain , like he's  
huge okay !

He's really huge

And he just pounds in , moving  
back to his knees

He's not kidding with me , like  
he's really reaming inside of me

This is a fuck , and in all my  
years of knowing men I've  
never felt anything like this

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\*Londiwe\*

It's middle of the night , the  
darkness says so

The way my cookie is burning , I  
swear Mpiyakhe didn't tease  
me

He fucked me , and he made  
sure

I feel like some whore right  
now to be honest

I slowly get off his bed ,  
flinching in pain like crazy

Mpiyakhe : is this your thing ?  
Sneaking in and out

Me : I shouldn't be here , we  
shouldn't have done this

He laughs , like I'm the biggest  
joke ever

Me : we should be ashamed of  
ourselves , Mlondi is your  
brother

Mpiyakhe : until it suits you ,  
how to tell me I'm not a  
Ngonyama by blood ? You're  
his fucking woman , I owe no  
one my loyalty . So you should  
fucking be ashamed of yourself

Shit !

Me : this will never happen  
again

Mpiyakhe : you'll swallow your words , the next time I'm buried...

Me : enough !

He laughs

I just rush out of his room , heading to Mloni's room

Thank God !

It's still the same way I left it

I get in , picking my dress from  
the floor . I go take a shower

Don't the water works just do  
what they're best known for in  
the shower ?

How can I be so stupid ?



Sleeping with Mpiyakhe was  
just so low of me

Like how will I ever look at him  
now ?

How will I face Mlondi ?.

What have I done ?

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**\*Imani\***

We came back right at dawn

After burying Dlangamandla ,  
we took a slight tour around  
the village

The plan wasn't to sleep there  
of course

The builders and cleaners are  
still busy there

The place looks so much better

The grass is slightly green now ,  
thanks to the rain provided on  
a daily basis by our very own  
Ndabezitha (king)

Soon this place will pick up to  
its offer glory , and it's King will  
take his throne

I'm tired right now , I don't  
even want to open my eyes

Mpande leans over , and lays  
on top of me . I don't even have  
the strength to push him off

That's just how tired I am

Mpande : thank you

I smile , my eyes still closed

Me : for what ?

Mpande : what you did  
yesterday

I slowly open my eyes , he  
pecks my lips

Me : yesterday ? Did I do  
something ?

Mpande : you don't know ?

I shake my head confused

Mpande : well , just know that  
I'm thankful okay ?

I nod , yet still confused

Me : okay

He chuckles

Mpande : we should go eat

Me : is anyone even up ? Like everyone was just tired

We arrived at dawn

Mpande : I'll make you food

I still value my life

Mpande : what's the frown for?

Me : Nothing



Mpande : let's go

Me : can I just showed first

Mpande : mhm , I'll make the  
bed

The way I hate making the bed ,  
I just wish he knew this

And that I have less days to do  
the bed , and he takes most

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**\*Mlondi\***

And I just had to be welcome  
by Londiwe in my bed

Because I was tired , I didn't  
wake her up

I didn't even say anything , I  
just got in bed and slept

I wonder why she came back

But I caught a glimpse of her bag , so I guess she came for her things she left behind

But now , why did she end up sleeping ?

I wasn't going to go back and ask her what's wrong or what happened

She chose to leave , and I was  
expected to run after her

I wasn't going to do that shit

Because like the insecure  
woman she is , she just chose  
to make her own assumptions  
seeing Kazi

She turns and gasps as she  
faces me

I just stare at her

Londiwe : when....when did you  
get back ?

Me : few hours ago

Londiwe : oh okay

We stay in silence for a while , I  
get up and go take a shower

I won't even ask her anything

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**\*Dlozi\***

It's not a very good morning for me

I don't even feel like going to eat

But I'll go anyways , because I hardly ate anything yesterday



And well , the stomach doesn't  
owe anyone anything

I think I'm the first one to leave  
the flat , since it's still locked

I go to the main house

Finding Kazi and Mpiyakhe  
already eating

Not a very good combination to  
bump into

Especially today of all days , like  
I'm on my periods

And I am never in my feels on  
these days

Me : good morning

Kazi : good morning

Mpiyakhe just nods he can't  
even look me in the eye

And already I'm hating what I'm  
picking up from him

When I'm on my periods , my  
senses are just too crazy

I prefer to be alone , because  
they pick up anything that they  
can

Right now I so wish I didn't  
come in here

I pour myself a cup of strong  
black coffee sitting down

Kazi : how's fatigue ?

I shake my head slightly , taking  
a sip of my coffee

This is just awkward

Thank God !

Mlondi comes down with his  
woman

I'm not surprised she's here ,  
like this girl really doesn't know  
when to stop

She left , and only to come back  
running

Honestly , if this is how women  
get hung up on men I'll rather  
be left out

Like seriously !

You don't keep running where  
you are not wanted

They greet and sit down , and  
there's that tension again with  
Mpiyakhe

He looks at her , but she can't even keep her eyes still

At this point I'm annoyed !

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\*Londiwe\*

Had it not been Mloni  
dragging me down here I would  
have come



Knowing I'll see Mpiyakhe , and  
after everything that happened  
last night

I messed up big time there

And I don't even know why he  
keeps throwing stares my way

He's just making this much  
more worse

It would be fine , if we could  
just ignore each other

I'm just glad Mloni didn't want  
any sex

I don't know , how that was  
going to go down . With the  
way Mpiyakhe drilled me

Mpande and Imani walk in

They greet sitting down , and  
we greet back

Imani : are you okay ?

She asks Dlozi who's close to us  
both

Dlozi : yeah

I doubt she is

I mean she doesn't sound nor  
look okay

And clearly her friend can tell

Mlondi : you know I thought ,  
you'll take yesterday and just  
rest

He says to Mpiyakhe

Mpiyakhe : what are you  
talking about ?

Mlondi : don't even deny it , I  
know you hate funerals . We  
don't even hold that against  
you

Mpiyakhe : but ?

He asks amused

Mlondi : you had to wait , until  
we left all to bring a girl around

I drop my spoon to the floor

I get clumsy when I'm nervous  
okay

Me : sorry

I pick it up

Mlondi : don't even deny it , I  
saw a black panty on your floor  
this morning

What the hell ?

Who leaves their bedroom  
door opened , while they're  
sleeping ?

I shake , like my whole body  
goes cold

Mpiyakhe : how do you not know it was your girls panty , assuming I brought a girl home

I am frozen , and there's a lump on my throat

This is seriously another choking moment for me coming

It goes all quite , for a while until Mlondi laughs



Dlozi : excuse me

She gets up abruptly and walks out

Mpiyakhe : shit !

He rushes out following her ,  
and Imani has this nasty look at  
me

I'm here like today , I'm dead !

There's no way ,I'm walking out  
of here

Not after what Mpiyakhe just  
said

Now it's clear he was just using  
me

How dare he just exposes what  
happened between us , in front  
of everyone like this ?

And then he goes out rushing  
after Dlozi

Like what's going on ?

What am I missing here ?

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\*Dlozi\*

I don't know why he's following  
me

I try picking up my pace , but  
it's just useless

I'm in pain , because of these  
damn period pains

He runs catching up to me , as I  
walk out the gate

I don't even know where I was  
going , but anywhere was  
better

Than being in the same house  
as him and Londiwe

He just hugs me , I feel like he's  
going to break my bones

But nonetheless , I just cry  
against his chest . Like it damn  
hurts , and he knows it

Me : I hate you

I mumble through my tears

As if I said hug me even more  
tighter , like he wants to  
conjoin us together

Mpiyakhe : no you don't , I  
fucked up and I'm sorry .

I wish he could just shut up ,  
and let me be

Cause this is all his fault

Mpiyakhe : just do anything ,  
but don't leave . Not before I've  
been even given a chance

Me : let me go

He's just annoying me right  
now

Because he still slept with  
Londiwe , even knowing



Mpiyakhe : don't leave

He begs

Me : don't make me scream

Mpiyakhe : I don't care , if I let  
go just don't leave

I muffle my cries , but the tears  
are still doing the most

After what feels like forever ,  
he finally pulls out slowly

My eyes are burning , and so  
damn painful

Mpiyakhe : I'm....

I land one mean slap on his  
cheek , and he's not even fazed

And that just hurts even more

He could have at least pretended to be hurt by the slap , even a little bit

Mpiyakhe : can we just go talk

Me : I don't want to talk to your filthy self

Mpiyakhe : well I want to talk , so I'll talk and you'll listen

Me : I don't remember saying , I  
want to listen to you either

Mpiyakhe : do you know that  
you can't end what you're  
starting , I'll follow you  
everywhere . Until you listen at  
least , and I mean everywhere  
you are I'll be there

Me : we shall see

I walk away from him heading  
back inside , and he's following  
me

But I'm sure this is the best  
follow he can pull off

Now I don't even want to go  
back in there

After what just happened ,  
everyone will be gawking at me

oMlondi might just burst ,  
asking why did I run out and  
had Mpiyakhe following me

I don't want to be a spectacle ,  
they're fine with their  
assumptions

I bump into Imani , going to the  
flat

Imani : you reek of him

Me : must you ?

She laughs

Imani : what did he say ?

And he stands next to me , she looks at me awkwardly

Me : what can he say ? When he knows what he did , and even admitted to it

She looks at me and him , and you can tell she wants to ask that what's going on now . But here he is next to me , and he's not saying anything

Imani : I should give you space ... Find me when you can

She walks away to the main house , still looking at us awkwardly



I walk to the flat and he's still following me , getting to my room

I try pushing the door , but his strength is no match for me

Me : can you just leave me alone ?

Mpiyakhe : can we talk ?

Me : I told you , I don't want to

Mpiyakhe : and I told you , I'll  
follow you everywhere

Me : this is harassment

Mpiyakhe : then report me

I walk away from the door ,  
taking my shame of failure

He locks the door , keeping the key in his pants pocket

I take my shoes off getting in bed , and he follows suit

Me : I don't know what you're hoping to achieve , but right now you're just annoying me even more . Making me hate you way more than I hate you already

He ignores me , and lays down  
hugging me from behind

I sigh with a couple of tears  
streaming down my face

As if he can tell I'm crying , he  
kisses my lower back neck

Mpiyakhe : I am really sorry

He presses his body so tight  
against mine

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\*Imani\*

We were left at the table

And you could tell they had so  
many questions going through  
their minds

As much as Mlondi just laughed  
off what Mpiyakhe said

I know my friend is hurt

I don't care about the three of  
them

They seem to be players who  
know how to play the game

Dlozi knows nothing about this  
life of theirs

And now they want to entangle  
her in it

Me : you know I have no  
problem with any of you

They all look at me , they're  
sitting in the lounge now



Me : and I don't care what happens between the three of you ...

Mlondi : I'm not involved in any of that

Me : your brother just admitted to sleeping with your girlfriend

Londiwe moves , the shame she needs

Me : she's your girlfriend isn't she ?

Mlondi : well , she can sleep with whoever she wants . And right now I don't give a fuck about her no more , this is another whoering level

Londiwe : I'm so....

Mlondi : shut up , you should  
take your shit and leave . Surely  
you don't think I still fucking  
want you !

She burst into a cry running  
upstairs

Mlondi : finally I'll be done with  
her

He sounds so relieved

I can see he's happy that this happened , and he's not bothered

But I don't care about Mloni , I only care about Dlozi

And she's the one person who's hurt in this whole thing

Mloni : honestly , there's no hard feelings here . It's not like

Mpiyakhe wants her , I mean  
he could have lied as well . He's  
very much capable

Me : you look at me and see an  
idiot ?

Mlondi : no , of course not

Me : you three are just  
despicable beings , you couldn't  
be man enough to dump

Londiwe . She also stuck around, choosing to be ignorant to the fact that you don't love her . No woman can be that stupid , and in the end you're just happy you are rid of her . At the expense of your brother , who was an idiot enough to prove a stupid point to you . That you have a loose woman , it's best to cut ties . This is just pathetic

I turn to walk away , and find  
Londiwe on the stairs looking  
down

Me : great , you heard me too .  
I was worried you missed out

I walk out , and Mpande is  
following me

Mpande : when did Mpiyakhe  
and Dlozi happen ?

Me : they didn't

Mpande : you don't just run after a woman that means nothing to you , after she storms off . Upon hearing you banged your brothers girlfriend

I laugh

Mpande : what ?



Me : banged ? Really ?

He chuckles

Mpande : one thing is for sure ,  
Mpiyakhe fucked that girl it  
wasn't love

I sigh

Me : still he hurt my friend ,  
there's no way that he didn't

see that Dlozi was for him .  
From the first time they saw  
each other , it was just there . I  
didn't ask Dlozi , and she didn't  
say anything either . But I  
caught on , whenever they  
were in the same room

Mpande : was I that oblivious ?

Me : you mind your business

He chuckles

Mpande : but Dlozi will be fine

Me : we don't know that she's hurt , and women are not like men . I'm sure she feels betrayed by your brother . It doesn't matter they never made things official , to a woman as long as feelings are mutual then it's a done deal

Mpande : do we have a done deal ?

I smile , he takes both my hands into his

Me : this was sealed before I winded up on a river shore

Mpande : what ?

Me : Never mind

Mpande : we don't lie to each other , don't keep things

Me and my loud mouth

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\*Mloni\*

Kazi : that was some shit drama

Me : yeah tell me about it

Kazi : why would Mpiyakhe fuck  
your whore , while he has a  
woman like that ?

I laugh

Because the whole Dlozi thing ,  
came as a shock to me

Me : I didn't even know they  
were a thing

Kazi : for real ?

Me : yeah

Kazi : wow , that was some shit

Me : I'm just glad , now I  
fucking got a reason to ditch  
Londiwe

Kazi : at the expense of your  
brother though

That makes me feel a bad a bit

Bug Mpiyakhe is not a kid okay



Probably they'll work things out

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\*Londiwe\*

I have been crying the whole  
day

I feel so used and so cheap

Like very much degraded

Both by Mlondi and Mpiyakhe

I feel like this was a set up , and  
I fell into it

In the end I'm the fool , the one  
that got dumped

I can't believe I fell for that  
nonsense

It just shows what kind of an  
idiot and a fool I am

The way Imani dragged me ,  
she made sure

And I'm sure everyone heard  
her loud and clear as I did

A knock comes at the door , I  
know it's Mpho

Me : yes

She comes in , with a cup of  
coffee

Mpho : hey

I sit up

Mpho : you've been cooped up  
in here , and I'm worried

Me : well

I shrug

Mpho : what happened ?

Me : I slept with Mpiyakhe  
yesterday , spent half the night  
with him

She gaps

Me : I know I messed up okay

I sigh

Me : please don't rub it on my face

Mpho : but .....is this about what happened in the shower ?

Me : I don't know , maybe . Or maybe I'm just a plain whore

Mpho : don't say that

Me : why not ? It's the truth ,  
and the way he just exposed  
me on the breakfast table with  
everyone there

Mpho : what ?

Me : only to follow after Dlozi ,  
when she stormed off . And I  
was left judged and crucified  
alone , and yeah Mloni  
dumped me



She goes quite

I guess my deeds have her  
speechless now

And I don't blame her , this  
time I've done it

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\*Dlozi\*

I turn around , and there's a heavy hand on my lower stomach

Before I freak out , he turns and looks at me

Me : great ! You're still here

I remove his hand , and he  
place it right back

Mpiyakhe : there's nowhere I'll  
rather be

Me : you clearly didn't miss the  
sarcasm

I can't believe I cried myself to  
sleep over a man

The gods better help me , I  
can't be another Londiwe never  
!

Me : please leave , I'm asking  
you now

Mpiyakhe : I'm sorry , I know I  
hurt you

I laugh so painfully

Me : what do I care anyways ?  
It's not like you were mine

Mpiyakhe : don't do that to me,  
not when we both know that  
we're for each other

Me : if you knew , you wouldn't  
have slept with her and  
bragged like that

Mpiyakhe : I'm sorry

Me : you're sounding like a broken record right now

Mpiyakhe : it's fine ,I'll apologize until I'm forgiven

Me : you're annoying me , and just making me angry . Leave !

Mpiyakhe : I brought food

Wow ! This is beyond a test  
from the devil

I get off the bed

Mpiyakhe : did you hear what I  
said ?

And I see the tray on the night  
stand

Mpiyakhe : MaNyoni !

Men !

Me : I'm not hungry , get off my bed and get out

He chuckles

Mpiyakhe : you must have thought I was kidding

He takes his phone



And fiddles with it . That's just  
how comfortable he is right  
now

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**\*Dlozi\***

This is some crazy situation  
And I don't know why I have to  
keep up with it

I'm in the kitchen making  
coffee , and here he is

I don't know what to do or say  
now , just to remove this guy  
away from me

It would have been nice , if he  
did all this before sleeping with  
his brother's girlfriend

Now I know it's because he  
wants my forgiveness

Of which I don't understand ,  
what happens after I forgive  
him

I take my cup , and he gets up .  
Qhawekazi walks in

Kazi : hi

Me : hi

Kazi : can we talk ?

Strange

Me : uhm....yeah

She looks at Mpiyakhe , and he  
doesn't move an inch

Kazi : right

She chuckles looking back at  
me

Kazi : that was some craziness  
yesterday

I sigh

Me : I know

Kazi : and are you okay ?

Me : yes

She's being awkward right now

Kazi : and we're okay right ?

Me : we ?

I mean we don't know each other

Me : yes

Kazi : great ! Cause I realised how tensed up you always are when I'm around

Me : I'm not homophobic

She laughs



Kazi : I know that , it's not  
physical it's just spiritual

Finally !

At least we both know and get  
it

Me : I'll stop being weird

She laughs

Kazi : good , that's good

She walks past me

Kazi : and don't forgive him yet

Me : I don't plan to

I walk out the door

Mpiyakhe : what the.....

She laughs , and he rushes after  
me . Honestly I feel like I have a  
tail

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\*Mpande\*

Mpiyakhe is annoying , I don't  
want to lie

Like I know I would di whatever  
shit I can to fix things with my  
wife if I dare fuck up

But damn !

He fucking takes the cup

He's not giving this poor child ,  
a chance to breathe

He's all over her , and she's out  
of things to do

We went out , had dinner and  
now we're to drive back home

He's answering a call , I'm heading to the car with them

Dlozi : I should open a protection order against him

What the hell ?

Imani : yes you should

I turn with the speed of lighting

Me : no !

They both stop walking , and  
look at me

Imani : no what ?

Me : a protection order for  
what ?

This is getting out of control ,  
and Imani will support  
whatever crazy thing Dlozi says

Imani : he's harassing her

Like really ?

Me : there's no harassment  
here , the man messed up . And  
now he wants to fix things with  
his woman



Imani : he shouldn't have  
messed up to begin with

I sigh

She's really not helping the  
situation

And Dlozi just needs to calm  
down , and hear the poor guy  
out

Me : we're men , we mess up .  
It's who we are

She chuckles , and it's scary

Imani : mess up , just mess up  
and see what I'll do to you

Me : is that a threat ?

Imani : oh no ! It's a promise

And they keep walking

Me : and who actually needs a protection order , between you and Mpiyakhe ?

I shake my head walking to the car

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\*Mlondi\*

He walks in , I'm in my study

And he looks so drained

Me : you poor thing

I pour him a glass of scotch , he  
doesn't waste time downing it

Me : ah ! Rough day ?.

Mpiyakhe : what do women  
love ?

Me : attention , money and anything that has to do with money . Get expensive gifts and presents , propose trios or romantic dinners . And of course don't stop apologizing , but an apology doesn't walk alone

He sighs

Me : why did you fuck up like this ? I'm thankful though

He shakes his head

Mpiyakhe : I loved MaNyoni the first time I laid eyes on her

This man is serious

Mpiyakhe : it wasn't planned or anything , it didn't happen over time . And she just met the very same spark , eyes never lie .

Every time she would look at

me , even for a glimpse  
moment I knew she was mine  
to have . And she knew I was  
hers

He exhales loudly

Mpiyakhe : and I fucked that all  
up

Me : man I'm sorry



He shakes his head , and now I  
fucking feel bad

Me : no , if I wasn't so hung up  
of Londiwe . Kept on bringing  
her over and over , none of this  
would have happened

Mpiyakhe : it's done , and I  
could give shit about that  
whore of yours .

Me : she's not mine anymore ,  
all thanks to you

It's crazy , how all it took was  
them sleeping together

And I don't even feel shit for  
Londiwe

Me : if I knew fucking her ,  
would get her out of the door .  
I would have long suggested it ,

I even feel bad I didn't suggest  
it at all

He pours himself another glass  
of scotch

Mpiyakhe : I just want MaNyoni  
to forgive me

Me : I'll help you

Mpiyakhe : you'll make things worse , so fucking stay away

I sigh

Me : okay , but you look like shit

Mpiyakhe : I am shit

Love messes up with people

Me : you weren't like this in the  
restaurant

Mpiyakhe : I overlooked her ,  
the same way she overlooked  
me

This is strange

I never went pictured the two

And I thought Kazi was  
interested in Dlozi , I never  
even suspected Mpiyakhe one  
bit

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**\*Mpande\***

I'm cooped up in a hotel room ,  
at Umhlanga rocks with my  
woman

I took her away for the  
weekend

Running away from Mpiyakhe  
and Dlozi issues

My brother is trying , but she's  
not hearing any of it



And I don't want to interfere

Only because Imani is busy  
whispering things to Dlozi

And there's nothing that these  
two don't agree on

My boy has a slight chance , but  
if he's anything like me

He will get his woman

Overall this has been a great weekend for us , just being away from everything happening in that house

Me : you okay ?

She nods with a smile

I peck her lips going down , parting her legs further

She welcomes me , as I bury my  
face deep between her thighs

My dreadlocks are loose , she  
grabs on them pushing me  
down further in

She clings her legs on my upper  
back , just inches away from my  
neck

As she reaches her pleasure ,  
she brings her thighs together  
grabbing on my dreadlocks  
even more tight

Letting out a slight scream ,  
accompanied by sweet moans  
of pleasure

She loosens up as she calms  
down , I suck her cum off  
trailing up

Giving her a kiss , she gladly  
accepts and returns

I'm positioned right in between  
her thighs , she locks her legs  
behind me

Wrapping her arms on my back

I slowly pull out of the kiss and  
we lock eyes , I slowly dry  
hump on her

It's the only way to get myself  
off

Her moans raise feelings that  
are just buried deep within

Imani : I want you

She says lowering my briefs

I try to get off , she locks me in  
tightly with her legs

Imani : I need more

I side smile

Imani : I want you , and I know  
you want me too . So please  
have me

She pulls my briefs more down  
with her foot , eventually I help  
her kicking them off

This is the bareness that my  
dick has ever been to her naked  
self

Imani : please look at me

She slowly smoothly whispers

I look at her , she stares into my  
eyes for a minute



Imani : please , I can't take this anymore

I know , I've always known she'll eventually get frustrated and want the real thing

And I guess that day is today

Me : I want us to be married

Imani : that's taking forever

Me : let's make a deal

Imani : what ?

Me : we get married in court ,  
plan a white wedding in the  
mean time after that . And then  
when we move to Ngonyama ,  
we'll have the traditional  
wedding as king and queen

Imani : done

I chuckle

Me : Nana (baby)

Imani : it's a deal yes

Me : okay

Is it crazy I say this , and the  
ring finally arrived today

So I have it with me , but it  
wasn't even intentions to  
propose

I rub my dick on her coochie

Me : it's going to hurt

She nods , and I don't think she  
knows what she's signing up for

She's wet , because she's damn  
horny ! But loosing virginity is  
something else

And that first scream that  
welcomes me , and my tip isn't  
even inside

Just validates what I said

Me : we don't....

She brings my face down ,  
capturing my lips into hers

Deep kissing me , and her tears  
grace my cheeks . But she's not  
letting go

With a few struggles of pushes ,  
I finally penetrate

And I feel her pain , and she's  
seriously crying

Me : you need to relax your ,  
otherwise this will just be  
painful for you

I cup her face

Me : Nana look at me (baby)

She slowly opens her teary eyes

Me : it's just me , and I love you  
so much

Imani : I ...love you

She pecks my lips

I thrust in as slow as I can , just  
so she accommodates me

But it doesn't help , that her  
warmth is driving me insane.  
And I want to take that pace ,  
but I know I'll just be hurting  
her



As she starts feeling pleasure ,  
her moans attest to that

She brings my face down and  
we passionately kiss

In just a few thrusts in the  
moment , I cum

I contain my body , to stay in  
that momentum and pace

While I just continue thrusting  
in , to give her pleasure

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\*Imani\*

I'll never beg a man for his  
privates ever again

That's the first thing I wake up  
with

Feeling the pain in between my  
thighs

Like my coochie is on fire

I don't know what I was doing ,  
and I regret it

Because the pain I'm in right  
now , tells me that whatever I  
did last night wasn't for me

And Mpande made sure that I  
pay my dues

The man is a freaking sex God !

Makes me wonder how he  
survived all this while

When he couldn't contain  
himself last night

At one point , I thought I was  
sleeping . And next thing I  
knew, he was inside of me and  
that's how I was woken up

From a very much needed sleep

I'm never like ever again !

He'll stick to his tongue , it still  
made me feel good

There's really no need for this  
other things

I can't even turn , that's how in  
pain I am

I just look up , and the way it's  
cold on the bed I'm alone

I turn my head , and yeah I'm  
alone

I rub my eyes , only something  
catches my eye on my ring  
finger

It's a ring

A single diamond silver ring ,  
it's so tiny but it's the most  
beautiful piece of jewellery I've  
ever seen

Me : what ?

Where did I get a ring ?

I don't even remember  
Mpande giving me one



And the last night conversation,  
that got me a dick comes up

We agreed to get married in  
court , have a white wedding

Seal it with a traditional one  
back in the home land

But there was no ring there

We just spoke and that was it

Now this doesn't make sense

Voice : hey

He's looking fresh coming from  
the shower

Mpande : how's the pain ?

Me : it's bad

Mpande : I'm sorry , it'll get better

Me : we're never doing that again , please go back to the tongue

He laughs

Mpande : after last night , I'm addicted to your coochie . And it's my daily bread now

Me : please no

Mpande : the more we're  
intimate , you'll get used to it .  
And you won't have pain  
anymore

Me : I'm not taking chances ,  
please explain this

I raise the left hand

Mpande : do you love it ?

Me : when did this happen ?

Mpande : when you we're sleeping this morning , I planned to do it over something special . But things changed last night , I figured we're getting married soon . So you might as well have your ring now

Who puts a ring on someone in their sleep ?

Well Mpande Ndabezitha Ngonyama does

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\*Imani\*

I feel like hell

And I wish I didn't move an inch  
today

But we had to come back home

And here we are

Mpande ran me a bath , and  
I'm still in pain though it's much  
better

But I'm never having sex again



Mpande : you comfortable ?

I nod

He's just tucked me in bed

Mpande : a bottle of water ?

Me : please

Mpande : okay

He kisses my forehead and  
walks out

I wish to see Dlozi , but no !

I'm not straining myself ,  
walking to her room

I reach for my phone and call  
her

Dlozi : Ndlunkulu (my queen)

I laugh

Me : where is your ....

Dlozi : don't , he's here

She sounds really annoyed

But Mpiyakhe is not hearing  
her one bit

I feel for Dlozi

Mpande is always with me day  
in and day out

But at least he doesn't annoy  
me , like Mpiyakhe does Dlozi

Though if we're honest , she's  
annoyed because she loves him

Me : okay , I'm back . I'll see  
you tomorrow

Dlozi : alright

I drop the call , laying back  
down

Mpande walks in , and he has  
my pink water bottle

I take it , placing it on my lower  
stomach

Me : thank you

Mpande : let me cuddle you

I smile

He gets in bed

Me : Ndabezitha (my king)

Mpande : whatever you want ,  
you got it

Me : tell Mpiyakhe to leave  
Dlozi alone , she loves him so  
she'll forgive him when she's  
okay

He shakes his head

Me : you said whatever I want

He sighs

Me : please

Mpande : I don't want to get involved in this

My eyes can beg , even better than I can

Mpande : fine !

Me : thank you

He trails his hand to my ass



Me : I don't want to jump off  
this bed

He laughs

Mpande : why would you ?

Me : I'm never giving you the  
coochie again

Mpande : uyahlanya (you're  
crazy)

Me : I'm not kidding

Mpande : when did you come  
to this conclusion ?

He pecks my lips

Me : since yesterday night

He laughs

Mpande : we have to have sex a few times , just so you can adjust to me . From there on , you'll just enjoy

Me : there's nothing to enjoy it's painful

Mpande : so you felt no pleasure ?

Why lie ?

Me : I did

Mpande : then you can have  
more of that

Me : but the pain

Mpande : after a few times  
there won't be no pains

Me : okay fine

The smile on his pervert face

Me : not now though, after we  
get married

He deep chuckles

Mpande : good , because I got a  
date in two days . We're getting  
married

The home affairs thing !

Me : who did you bribe ?

Mpande : what do you know  
about bribes ?

Me : those things take a long  
time

He chuckles , laying down

I guess it's done

Where will I even find a dress in two days ? Well more like just a day !

Dlozi needs to hear about this , she's my witness no doubt

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\*Mpande\*

The things I just got myself  
involved into

I can't believe I have to talk to  
Mpiyakhe about his love life



Like he's son teenager , that's  
love struck

Me : I'm getting married  
tomorrow

He sighs

And it's because of that Dlozi  
situation of his

Me : you're depressing

Mpiyakhe : how do you just get married tomorrow ?

Me : I am , and you're the witness

Mpiyakhe : I won't even ask , your things never make sense

Me : mhm !

Here goes nothing

Me : stay away from Dlozi

Mpiyakhe : what ?

Me : I'm not asking you , I'm  
telling you

Mpiyakhe : wh.....wait it's your  
wife isn't it ?

I nod

Mpiyakhe : how do I stay away from her , when I need her forgiveness ?

Me : give her space so she can breathe

Mpiyakhe : she can breathe with me , right next to her

Me : don't annoy me , if Imani ever utters another word about

this to me again we'll have a  
problem . Seduce Dlozi , knock  
her up if you must . But she  
must never ever complain  
about you to my wife

This is just crazy

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\*Dlozi\*

It feels strange being without  
Mpiyakhe hovering over me

I can't even utter rubbish to  
him

I hate the way he's making me  
feel

I'd hate to be another Londiwe  
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Being weak , and crumbling in  
the hands of a man

That must never be me

Imani : it's weird seeing you ,  
without your puppy following  
you around

I laugh

We're in the flat , I don't know  
where Mpiyakhe is and I don't  
care

He's not breathing down my  
face , that's fine



Me : I don't blame you , he's  
cute like a puppy

Imani : men with beard are just  
everything

Me : listen to you

Imani : I have news's

Me : what ?

Imani : no details , I have  
Mpande a crazy deal . And so  
tomorrow we're getting  
married

Me : what ?

Imani : yeah

Me : like tomorrow ?

Imani : in home affairs

Me : doing it legally ?

I'm shocked

She laughs

Imani : still yet to plan a white wedding , and traditional one will follow once we're back in Ngonyama

Me : ah ! The right way

Imani : yes , we need witnesses there . Please be mine

Me : of course

Imani : we'll have to go and find cute dresses today

Me : say no more , Mpiyakhe won't be there right ?

Imani : we'll ask for a driver if he's there

I hope he's not , because Ndabezitha won't agree to his wife travelling without him

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**\*Dlozi\***

Mpande is against me

Like in all four corners of the  
world

Why couldn't he choose Mlonzi  
as his witness ?

As much as the thought crossed  
my mind

I figured , he's a good man .

And he can feel for me

But no !

But for my girl , I am doing this

I'll stand Mpiyakhe , for those  
few minutes and it'll be done

He didn't bother me last night ,  
well that was after he knocked



And I had locked the door , I  
ignored him

He apologized , and said he's  
leaving food

After I heard him leave , of  
course I got up and got the  
food

But it wasn't food alone

There was a white rose , a  
jewellery set box . Earrings , a  
bracelet and a watch as well as  
a necklace

They're beautiful , I just  
couldn't help myself . I love  
them

And I've put them on today ,  
they suit me perfectly . They  
enhance the beauty of this  
dress

And of course , the top tier was  
the hand written letter

I was so smitten and crying  
when I read it

Like in this day and age , what  
man still writes letters ?

Well apparently Mpiyakhe  
Vilakazi does

But it was beautiful , every  
word was suited perfectly

And it wasn't just words put  
down , but they were thoughts

I smiled and blushed like crazy

But he wasn't there , and he  
didn't see me

So he might as well think it  
made no difference

Me : you're stunning

She smiles

We look at each other in the  
mirror

Imani : you think ?

Me : staring right back at you

She giggles

Me : no one deserves this , as  
much as you do

Imani : don't make me cry , we  
still have two more weddings to  
go through

Some men put it all out there  
for the women they love

And that's exactly what  
Mpande is doing for my friend

She's getting everything she  
deserves , and it's beautiful just  
to witness it

Me : let's go get you married

She's in one stunning mermaid  
tight body hugging dress

And it fits her like a glove

Mpande will be blown away  
when he sees her

Me : if he's not blown away ,  
we're turning back

She laughs



Imani : he won't dare marry me

The most insane things we'll  
always agree on together

It just never makes sense

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\*Mpande\*

When the Gods deliver and  
they deliver right in the hands  
of your palm

That you don't go out there in  
the world seeking

Because you're just handed  
what you need

This woman right here is that  
for me

She's beautiful , she doesn't  
look beautiful but she's  
beautiful

Mpiyakhe : look at you all  
flushed

Me : fuck off !

He laughs

I just can't keep my eyes off her

They came with a driver ,  
because I drove with Mpiyakhe

I got myself in a situation , so  
I'll have to fucking comply with  
it

The least I can do on my end ,  
even after talking to him

Is keeping him away from Dlozi  
whenever I can

But not on this one okay !

If not Mpiyakhe being my  
witness then who ?

I'm so not there with Mloni

Me : Ndlunkulu (my queen)

Her smile graces me , and Dlozi  
gives us space moving back to  
where Mpiyakhe is

But he moves away from her ,  
and that catches her by  
surprise

And a little hurt if I may even  
say

But that's not my concern , this  
is what she wanted

My focus is on this woman ,  
right in front of me

Imani : I'm so nervous

Me : about as soon as we walk  
out of there ?

She laughs

Imani : I feel robbed , if I knew I wouldn't have said after we're married

Me : too bad , I just can't wait to rip this dress of

Imani : this dress costs thousands , be a gentleman

I chuckle



Imani : no second thoughts ?

Me : never

She smiles , I peck her lips

In just a few minutes she will be  
a Mrs Mpande Ngonyama

Has a nice ring to it

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**\*Londiwe\***

I didn't even know this

I'm just shocked , as I'm on my  
Instagram

And I see Mlondi posted  
pictures of Mpande and Imani

With a caption of Mr and Mrs  
Ngonyama , it's official

These people will confuse you  
with their lives

I thought they were already married , I mean that's how they portrayed it

Even though they both had no rings , one wouldn't mind such things

I mean , a lot of married people don't always choose to wear the ring

So it's just by choice

The pictures are beautiful ,  
seems like it was a celebration  
as well

Right at their home , and it  
looks stunning

Being the out cast , I sure feel  
just how I'll never be a part of  
such like ever

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**\*Imani\***

Mlondi sure acted like a  
brother today

Doing the celebratory lunch for  
us

And I loved every single  
moment of it

And to top it off , it was just  
beautiful like no lies

Everyone had tons and tons of fun

This felt like my mini big day

Because I plan to go all out for my white wedding

I will pull out all stops , and have the most memorable day ever

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**\*Dlozi\***

Am I crazy ?

I wanted Mpiyakhe off my back

And now he's acting up , I don't know how I actually feel

It started at home affairs when he moved away from me

Right after I greeted him , and he greeted back

I ignored what he did , and just minded my business

But ever since we came back , he's been talking to the guys

Not once has he even looked my way

I don't know if he's ignoring me, or he's done or what

But something is definitely  
going on

Maybe he's finally tired , and  
he's just moving on with his life

All these thoughts are just  
driving me insane

Maybe I should just go sleep ,  
but I want to be here for Imani

I mean this is all about her , it's  
her day

I'll look somewhat if I actually  
leave

I just have to endure I guess

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**\*A MONTH LATER\***

\*Imani\*

Things have changed

Marriage is good , I feel like I've  
been married for years and  
years

And it's only been a month

I don't know about honeymoon  
phases

But I know one thing , that this  
now is my marriage forever

There'll never be a point in  
time where I'll utter words such  
as a certain phase



And Mpande better be in this  
with me

We're happy , and I'm loving  
every second of it

Except my relationship with  
Dlozi

She's no longer the same , it's  
been two weeks now Mpiyakhe  
hasn't been around

He's in Ngonyama overseeing  
the builders there , and  
everything is coming well right

I walk in the lounge , and he  
seems occupied with what he's  
doing on the laptop

Mpande : come

I walk closer and sit next to her

Mpande : what's wrong ?

I sigh

Me : have you noticed that something is off about Dlozi

Mpande : yes , because Mpiyakhe is no longer giving her the attention she wanted

Me : what ?

He looks at me

Mpande : you can't tell me you  
didn't see that your friend  
loved the annoying attention  
from Mpiyakhe

Me : but

Wow !

I don't know how I feel , I don't know what to say

But I'm like why did she lie ?  
And pretended as if she doesn't like it

I mean if she was upfront I wouldn't have told Mpande to get Mpiyakhe off her

Honestly I just feel like Dlozi used me here , and it backfired

Now she probably blames me for it

Mpande : honestly this thing is starting to annoy me , Dlozi is not a child . She knows what she wants and doesn't , all this playing around is unnecessary . We get she's hurt , she could have just sat Mpiyakhe down

and talked with him . Told him I'm hurt , I want to be with you but give me space to get over what you did . Not play around like she did , and now act out because she got what she kept claiming she wanted . The stupid protection order , you don't say such nonsense unless you mean what you spit out . The two are adults and not kids, they need to decide if they want to be with each other or

not . And if she chooses  
Mpiyakhe , she better grow up .  
And not throw the whole  
Londiwe at his face every time  
there's a chance , because  
she'll seriously kiss his back ass.  
Her actions are just immature

Me : Ndabezitha !

I plead just hearing where he's  
going



Mpande : no in all honesty , if she can't make a simple damn decision about a man . Then how the hell do I trust her to make informed decisions about Ngonyama

Me : this is all my fault , and I'll stop interfering . From now on I'll keep quite

I wipe my tears off

Mpande : no , I won't have you blaming yourself over two adults who are acting childish . Dlozi lied to you , because she couldn't be honest with herself. And because you care , you acted upon it

Well no more

Like all this Drama for what ?

It really was just so  
unnecessary

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**\*Dlozi\***

Those were some crazy harsh words from Ndabezitha

I didn't mean to ears drop or anything like that

I was going into the longer , when I overheard my name I was just stuck there

He was gossiping , he wasn't  
whispering . He was talking

And even if I walked in , one  
thing is certain he was still  
going to keep talking

And I felt those words  
I thought Imani would have  
come and said something

But she's been quite

I so badly wish to know what's  
in her mind

Maybe she's just caught up  
between my words

And the words of her husband ,  
that meet my actions

I walk in the flat , she's sitting  
on the couch watching TV

I sit down

Me : hi

Imani : hi

She doesn't even look at me

Me : I think I owe you an  
apology

Imani : no it's fine

Me : I was wrong to....

Imani : it's fine Dlozi , I thought I was helping . While it was just deceit , and it was unnecessary. You could have told me the truth , how you deal with Mpiyakhe is your business . And now I know , I just wish you didn't act out and when I do something about it you went sour on me .



She gets up

Imani : from now on , we'll  
never discuss men we're with .  
I'm sorry

She walks out

Yeah ! I messed up . As much as  
I was hurt , I still loved  
Mpiyakhe and that's why I  
couldn't tell him off

That's why I kept crying to  
Imani

But as soon as he stopped , I  
started feeling and missing his  
presence

That's where things went sour

And it's been worse now , since  
he's been in Ngonyama

I so wish he can just come back

I can't lose Imani over this ,  
because I was wrong and I  
know

If tables were turned , I would  
have done something for her as  
well

Only I went about this the bad  
way

Now I've possibly ruined us  
Mpande's words are just stuck  
in my head

He spit some hard truths , now  
he's not even sure about me  
anymore

There's no greater power that's  
not questionable . And he's  
within his right to question the  
Gods and ancestors

Being a descendant of Nyoni ,  
doesn't mean I'm entitled to  
Ngonyama

He can get any healer if he  
thinks I'm not fit

I feel like I've shot myself on  
the foot with this one

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**\*Mlondi\***

Things are happening in  
Ngonyama

The press is all over the developments happening there

It's sinking in , even to the likes of me.

That Mpande actually did it , he actually resurrected Ngonyama

After Mabutho's legacy will live through his reincarnated son

At one point , I thought he was  
crazy rebuilding that place

Who the hell was going to go  
live there ?

I thought he'll have a kingdom ,  
with no one to bow down to  
him

But boy was I wrong ?



Just a week the story broke ,  
and there's already people  
leaving heading there . Insane if  
you ask me

When you think logically ,  
people shouldn't even be  
thinking about going there

Ngonyama speaks for itself ,  
how it died and failed it's  
people

But I guess that's not how  
people see it

It's a second chance at  
redemption , and they're  
willing to back Mpande

A few people who moved  
there, we spoken to . And it  
turned out , that some are kids  
and grandkids to Ngonyama  
villagers of the past

And they feel obliged now , to  
walk in their parents and  
grandparents footsteps

I just admit , this legacy has  
risen and it has already started

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**\*Mpande\***

I couldn't give a fuck about who  
fucks who

Same goes for Dlozi and  
Mpiyakhe

But if their nonsense start  
getting to Imani , I'll definitely  
give a fuck

I've been watching her fold  
clothes

And she's not herself

My wife can't keep quite for a full minute with me in her presence

It's been over minutes now . I take my phone and call Mpiyakhe

Mpiyakhe : Ndabezitha (my king)

Me : you will get here , deal  
with your shit with Dlozi .  
Decide if you want her or not ,  
take her to be with you in  
Ngonyama for all I care .  
Because clearly you're chasing  
a woman who can't make up  
her mind , and now my wife is  
blaming herself for shit

I drop the call

And she's looking at me like  
she's just seen a ghost

Me : I.....

Imani : you didn't have to do  
that , because I'll probably be  
blamed for it again . That I cried  
to you

Me : are you supposed to cry to  
a wall maybe ?



She sighs

Imani : I spoke to Dlozi , and I asked for forgiveness . Maybe she'll forgive me and we'll be fine

This is the shit I'm talking about

She apologized to Dlozi , the same Dlozi who just couldn't be

forth coming to avoid this  
unnecessary drama !

Me : right now , I'm seemingly  
just not a fan of this nonsense .  
Come here and tell me about  
your wedding

She laughs . I'm being kept out  
of this wedding , because I got  
my home affairs wedding

So she's getting her white  
wedding

And we'll have our traditional  
wedding

Imani : Mpiyakhe chested on  
Imani not me , she loves him I  
don't . You can let this go , I  
promise I'm fine now

Me : I'm not making any  
promises to you

She walks towards me

Imani : okay , my wedding it is  
then

I pat my thigh , she sits down  
placing her arms around my  
neck

I love these wedding talks , I'm  
spending so much money

Like I'm over half a million right  
now , and I'm still paying some  
more

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\*Mlondi\*

I'm in my study , Dlozi knocks in

And I'm shocked !

There's no bad blood yes , but  
she's never come into my space

Me : hi , come in

She walks in

Dlozi : sorry to disturb

Me : no , it's fine sit down

She pulls a chair and sits down

Me : is everything okay ?

Dlozi : sorry to bother , I need  
your help

Me : with what ?

She looks down

Me : I'm listening

Dlozi : I need Mpiyakhe's  
number



What do you know ?

She's been down , a formed shadow of herself since the beard man left

Me : you want his number from me ?

Dlozi : I'm asking

Now that's nice

And I can't even be rude

Me : okay

I take a piece of paper and  
write them down

I hand her the paper

Dlozi : thank you

I nod

Me : no problem

She gets up and walks towards  
the door

Me : Dlozi ?

She turns and looks at me

Me : Mpiyakhe loves you , but  
get your head in the game .

He's a man and not a boy , he's

long passed teenage dating  
stages . Men want peace ,  
that's all they want . So  
immaturity that's annoying  
makes a man walk away

She frowns , waking out

I said what I said

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\*Dlozi\*

That was so aimed at me

As much as I don't care about  
Mloni , or what he thinks of  
me

Mpande said the same thing ,  
that I'm childish

This can only mean this is how  
Mpiyakhe sees me . And I could  
lose him , over my stupid  
actions . He's already ignored  
me enough right now

I get to my room in the flat ,  
and I call him . The phone rings  
unanswered but I try again

And this time around the phone  
is answered by a female voice

Me : mxm !

I drop the call and place my  
phone on the bed

Right now I'm sad

Like is he for real ? Maybe he's completely done with me

He calls back and I ignore the call , few minutes passes by and there's no call coming

I take mine and call him

Mpiyakhe : hello ?



Me : so the best you can do is  
call once and that's it ?

He sighs chuckling , I know he's  
shaking his head where he is .  
Closed his eyes for a brief  
moment . That's his thing

Mpiyakhe : baby calm down , I  
was on a call . My phone was in  
the office

Me : mhm yet another woman answered it , after being ignored

Mpiyakhe : first calls are always ignored if I'm not around , because I'll attend to it when I can . But more than one , whoever is around will just have to answer . The woman is the site manager

Me : oh okay

He laughs

Me : Imani is angry with me

Mpiyakhe : there's no such  
thing

Me : well you're not here and  
you don't see

Mpiyakhe : I don't see but I  
know

I don't think he understands

Me : when are you coming back?

Mpiyakhe : I'll be in here for a while , but I'll be back for the wedding

Me : oh okay

I'm a bit sad , the wedding is in a week

Mpiyakhe : why don't I come get you , we'll go down for the wedding together . And still come back together after that if needs be

Things are not rosy right now , so maybe I should just go

Me : okay

Mpiyakhe : don't stress too much about the matter with Ndlunkulu (the queen)

I can't help myself

Mpiyakhe : one thing I know is that , Mpande loves his wife . And he'll always take her side no matter what. Wrong of

right , he'll defend her. And correct her in private not in front of people , he won't shy away uttering his truth where she's concerned . And to avoid hearing words that are sharp from him , let's refrain from hurting his wife . Especially very much aware

I really made a mess of things

And even Mpiyakhe gets I was  
wrong , to string Imani along

Mpiyakhe : I'll arrive later on

Me : okay

Mpiyakhe : I love you , bye

He drops the call



And I'm still stuck on "I love  
you"

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\*Imani\*

There's nothing I'm not happy  
about

Like absolutely nothing

Everything is just perfect , just  
as I wanted it to be

And I couldn't have asked for  
more

Now I can't wait for the day to  
arrive

Mpande : now I see it was all worth it

I laugh , snuggling closer to him

Me : you're not broke now are you ?

He chuckles , caressing my arm

Mpande : I have to find another mine to dig diamonds from

I get on my toes pecking his  
cheek

Me : perks of marrying a man  
who owns a whole diamond  
mine , feels like I'm really  
digging the Gold

He laughs

Mpande : Nana , that's just  
wrong (baby)

I laugh

Me : thank you for this , and for everything else

Mpande : there's nothing I wouldn't do for you , absolutely nothing . I'd give my life for you, if ever it comes to it

Me : I hope it doesn't , because  
I wouldn't want to have a life  
without you

He leans down giving me a full  
blown kiss

Mpande : I feel like these are  
wedding vows

He did not !

I lay my head on his chest ,  
placing my phone on the side

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\*Dlozi\*



Mpiyakhe called that he's left  
Ngonyama and on his way here

I've already packed , just a  
small bag

I think this time will do us good,  
and it's not like I don't know  
how I feel about him

Best we talk things out , and  
stop this misery we're in

Me : can we talk ?

Imani : about ?

She's doing dishes

Me : I'm really sorry you know

Imani : don't go there

I nod

Me : uhm.....I'll be going to  
Ngonyama for a few days .  
Mpiyakhe is on his way to get  
me

She nods

Me : not even an okay at least ?  
It doesn't count as saying  
anything about that

Imani : I might say okay , and I'll be blamed that I sounded somehow . I was serious Dlozi , let's refrain about the men in our lives talk . Because I don't want to lose you as sister in my life

At least , she still sees me as a sister . And I guess that means there's still hope

Me : I love you

She smiles

Imani : I love you more sweets

I laugh

Me : I'll be back for your  
wedding

Imani : you're the maid of  
honour , I don't expect

anything else . Other than you  
to be there

I guess we'll be okay after all

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\*Londiwe\*

I'm picking up pieces of my life

Right after Mpiyakhe ruined me  
like that

And then he just went on with  
his life , like nothing happened

My job is the only thing keeping  
me sane right now

I suppose it'll be a while before  
I'm with a man again

I just want to find myself ,  
figure out who Londiwe is

Without running after Mloni

Chasing the Ngonyama name



Because it's so clear now , that  
I've lost that train

And I'll never catch it again

Unless by some miracle Mlonzi  
feels he come in where  
Mpiyakhe has been

Which I highly doubt

Mpho : it's the royal wedding  
all over and nothing else

She sits down with her cup of  
coffee , she's on her tablet

Now the talk is the wedding ,  
and the rebuild of Ngonyama

Those people are just all over  
the papers , and news

Like there's no one who's not  
talking about them

I feel for my pathetic self right  
now , I'm missing all the actions

There'll be no taste of how a  
royal wedding feels like

I mean one can't even turn up  
there , unless invited

Of which I'm not

Me : yeah

Mpho : we're missing out on  
things

She laughs

Me : you know at some point , I  
thought that maybe I'll score

Mpande . If ever things went south between me and Mloni

We both laugh

Me : damn I used to dream

Mpho : there's nothing wrong with dreaming , I'm just glad it didn't turn into obsession

Me : yeah , imagine that now .  
But as soon as I saw Mpande  
and Imani together , I just knew  
that I would never stand a  
chance with him . I was fine  
with Mloni , until of course I  
let Mpiyakhe's black cock do  
wonders to me and I lost it all

I should have known better

Mpiyakhe has never looked at me anyhow , so that should have been suspicious

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\*Mpande\*

Where are the wedding nerves  
and jitters ?



Because this wife of mine , is  
just going on with her day like  
nothing is happening

She's even singing here and  
there , with no worries

Like you cannot miss the  
happiness

Mlondi : do we have a bachelor  
party ?

Me : do you want her to bury  
you ?

He laughs

Mlondi : she's capable ?

Me : very much so , I fear my  
wife so respect her

Mlondi : you were long  
doomed and there's no

redemption for you , fine !  
We'll just get you married just  
like that

Me : that's fine

He pats my shoulder

Mlondi : at least you made  
Mabutho proud , through and  
through . And you regained his  
legacy back , that's to be

applauded . Because you did  
shit I could have never done  
nor dreamt of doing like ever ,  
even through marriage may his  
legacy continue through your  
and your lineage

Wow !

I'm stunned and damn  
speechless

Like in all my life knowing  
Mloni , we've never had any  
heart to heart like this

Honestly now , any doubt I ever  
had about him is gone

My brother will stand up , and  
he will come through for  
Ngonyama in times of need and  
when needed

He leaves , and I'm just left  
admiring my wife . And just  
appreciating every single word  
I've just heard from him

I'll never do those party things ,  
because next thing I'll be  
fucking some whore

And have some fucked up  
justification for that

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**\*Dlozi\***

It's been all nice being here

And the place is amazing now  
to be honest

It's way much better than it  
was the first time we came  
here

During the funeral we saw  
progress , and it was coming  
along very well



But now , now you can see this  
is a whole Kingdom

There's few huts around , and  
some people are really building  
brick houses

The palace ! Oh don't get me  
started on the palace

Like this place just screams  
Imani and her humbleness

But there's also that power of  
Ngonyama , that cannot be  
ignored

This whole palace is like an  
anchor , it's just immaculate

I've grown so fond , there's no  
doubt this place is home now

And I just can't wait for us to  
move here permanently

Me : can we talk ?

Mpiyakhe : should I be  
worried?

He's just doing final inspections

Me : I've been here for days  
now , and we're leaving for  
Durban tomorrow . And we still  
haven't talked

Mpiyakhe : I know

Me : I'm sorry

He sighs

Mpiyakhe : I'm sorry too , I should have known and done better . There's no excuse , and no explanation that will make you feel better . I fucked up ,

I'm sorry . I'll never do that shit  
again

Me : you promise ?

He takes my hands into his

Mpiyakhe : I assure you

I smile

Me : do you forgive me for  
acting up ?

Mpiyakhe : you were angry and  
hurt , I'm the one who needs  
your forgiveness because I was  
responsible for your hurt

Me : I forgive you

He brings me closer , leaning  
down and he takes my lips into  
his

I don't know what the future  
holds

But for now , this is where I  
belong for as long as he has me

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**\*Mlondi\***

Many looked to my father as a failure



Ngonyama crumbled under him

But a kingdom surely isn't that  
of a king alone

Surely it's that of everyone.  
Including the ancestors that  
once graced the land

But that man was all alone , he  
had no one . Not the village nor  
the council

And worse not even the  
ancestors , because in the end  
they were the ones who failed  
him

And they excelled by turning  
their backs on him , right when  
he needed them the most

Mpande seems to have it all  
figured out

He has his queen , his protector  
and his royal seer

And I hope he has Ngonyama ,  
one thing he must never ever  
do is fail Mpande the same way  
they failed him

This was never mine , I could  
have never taken upon myself  
such a huge task

And now I understand

And me understanding ,  
doesn't mean I'm deemed  
useless

Every man has his road , and  
mine is not that lead to the  
throne

And so what ? It's not the end  
for me

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\*Dlozi\*

It's the day of the big day

And Imani looks stunning , like  
the queen that she is

And shocking , today all the  
Ngonyama siblings are here

The cousins from the Bangani's  
and the Xaluva's

It's really a wedding , and  
everything has just come  
together

Me : you're so beautiful

She smiles

Her dress fits her so perfectly ,  
it was made for her

And one would swear , it was  
tailored on her

Imani : this feels like I'm getting  
married for the second time



I laugh

Me : oh , but you are

Imani : every time should feel  
like the first

Me : the third time you'll feel  
like the third ,because you're  
Imani Ngonyama and not  
anyone else . You can't have  
feels as they do

She turns and looks at me

Imani : thank you , thank you  
for everything . If it wasn't for  
you , none of this would be  
happening . If it wasn't for you ,  
and I didn't listen to you we  
wouldn't be here . So thank you

I nod

Me : in a way , this was for both of us . I have found love , and I have found a place to belong

Imani : this is definitely not the end , but it's only the beginning

Me : definitely

And whatever the future holds for us , I know we were all chosen for a purpose

And so far , it looks like this  
legacy has been fulfilled . And it  
lives on

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\*Mlondi\*

I'm telling you weddings will  
make you feel like this is the life

But damn no !

It cannot be me , I don't even  
begin to imagine myself with a  
wife

Never mind kids , a whole  
family that's just mine or  
dependant on me

Is not even on my mind

But this shit is beautiful

And seeing my brother all  
emotional , just from when his  
wife walked down the isle

And from when he was saying  
his vows

Like the poor woman couldn't  
even say anything

Because she was a crying mess ,  
the man poured his heart out  
there

Mpiyakhe : look at you all  
flushed

Me : Fuck off , I don't fall into temptations . Like you

He laughs

Mpiyakhe : when something is beautiful , you should just commend and acknowledge it . There's no harm

I'm not admitting how smitten I am by witnessing a wedding



I turn facing away from him ,  
and I'm just stunned by the  
lady taking pictures

I'm like , a man is allowed to  
change his mind right ?

Mpiyakhe : where....

Me : go find Dlozi and leave me  
the hell alone

I walk towards her

Me : uhm hi.....

I clear my throat

Her : hi

She says flashing me her  
dashing smile

Me : Mlondi Ngonyama

Her : Mpho Mabote

Oh shit !

Is it just me , or indeed the  
Gods have gifted me right here

Me : it's a pleasure to meet you  
Mpho

She slightly giggles

Mpho : likewise

Me : can I get you a drink , and maybe steal you for an hour or two for a talk ?

Mpho : I am working , unfortunately

Me : and see the queen is my sister in law , I'll take her wrath on your behalf

She laughs

Mpho : I won't get into  
trouble?

Me : I assure you

Mpho : I hope I don't regret  
this

Me : oh but you won't , see  
your name just affirms that my

ancestors have come through  
and gifted me

I take her hand and she doesn't  
shy away

Mpho : don't try and charm me

Me : oh no ! I am going to wife  
you

Her laughter just runs straight to  
my heart

I take my words back ,  
everything I said before this  
moment here was a lie

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\*Mpande\*

It's been one hell of a day

But the most happiest , just  
seeing my wife at her happiest



I ask for strength and wisdom ,  
from the gods and Ngonyama

Because I think right at this  
moment , I'm getting and  
understanding what it means to  
be a husband

It goes beyond the ring and  
marriage certificate

Beyond the ceremonies , the  
glitz and glamour

It goes way much more beyond  
the wedding day

The marriage starts when  
everyone is not here anymore

When there are no hundred  
eyes watching , everyone  
keeping up with our  
movements

It starts when it's just us behind  
closed doors , and there's no  
one in sight

And all we have is each other

I would fail and fail miserably if  
I were to be a husband on my  
own , and with my own  
strengths

I walk closer to them , she's  
with Dlozi . And I'm glad to see  
they're okay again

Loving and laughing as sisters ,  
but no relationship is ever  
perfect

But they still have each other.  
Because disagreements , not  
seeing eye to eye it doesn't  
mean everything is broken

Dlozi sees me as I stand next to them

Dlozi : Ndabezitha (my king)

She bows down a bit

Me : as you were Dlozi

She lifts her head

I look at my wife , she's not  
even paying me attention

Me : Ndlunkulu (my queen)

Imani : Mpande

This woman !

She has Dlozi holding in a laugh

She faces me with a smile

Me : Dlozi , please excuse us

She nods and walks past me  
walking away

I hold my hand out , and she  
gets takes it getting up

Me : how are my girls doing ?

She laughs , I crouch down to  
her tummy placing a kiss

She places her hands on my  
shoulders , I lift my head and  
we lock eyes

Imani : you have redeem your  
father and rebuilt his legacy

Me : because of you ,  
Ngonyama has been birthed a  
queen



There's no way I wouldn't know  
she's with child

And now I know very well , we  
are just tools for the real queen  
who will rule Ngonyama in her  
time

It's not about us

And the legacy is not about us  
either

Everything that has been done ,  
is not about us

Ngonyama will live and see the  
next decades , because of this  
new life that's coming

Now that is Mabutho's legacy

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