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A SHORT STORY BY:

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NOMVULA

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A FEW YEARS AGO

Before we begin, I will give you a short description of my life. I am the last born out of 3 girls. My big sister, The first born is 27. Second born is 20 and I was the last girl to seal my mother's womb..

We were all born from the same womb, Fed the same breast but never the same sperm duct. See, The first born Nomngqibelo, And the second born Nomakhosi both have the same Dad. From what I hear, Their father was a perfectly financial stable somebody who provided very well for his family. Circumstances surrounding his death, Are never spoken about other than the fact that one time

when he was driving from work to home, He pulled over. Laid his head on the wheel and it was death 'clock for him. His death certificate was written "Heart attack". Although he had family, A mother, Father, Siblings they inherited nothing. Not even a cent, My Mother got it all. All the money, His car, And the house.

I was a product of an affair that was never meant to happen with a married Man, Who somehow convinced my Mother that he was having problems with his wife and was set to leave her for my Mother but never did. He made a run for it as soon as he found out that my Mother was pregnant with me. By then my step father had found out about the affair, My father was his best friend, and after the affair he was ready to divorce my Mother that's when he passed on. A healthy man waking up one day and having a heart attack later on.. My Mother was still pregnant with me when he passed on..

It was said that to be raining when I was born, A heavy rain with dark clouds. That's why I was named "Nomvula"..

Gqibelo is an account by the way and married, Khosi just finished her matric after supplementing twice! she's keen on going to varsity next year..

I was declined that chance of even finishing matric when I fell pregnant halfway through grade 11 at 17. I did pass grade 11, Exactly when I was excited about matric. My mom had me drop out, In July 2021 I gave birth. By then I long home. I had no one to help me with the baby, My Mother wasn't having it so I had no choice but to totally leave school with no hopes of going back.

The hardest part about my life is taking care of a 6 months old baby and being a house maid at the same time, just because I'm not working. Our house is a 6 roomed house, I even clean Khosi and Mom's

bedroom..

I named my Son Langa, In full "Langa Elihle". It was a sunny day when he was born, And for the fact that I was born when it was raining. He is my everyday sunshine in a stormy weather, That ray of hope, The only reason why I haven't considered ending my life..

It was a cold Monday morning. Usually on cold days like this, I wake up and prepare soft porridge for my mother and Khosi before they leave. Khosi is on a 12 months learnership, Mom is working as a cook at a hospital. All the money she inherited long finished like papers that it was. She even had to downgrade from a BMW to a corolla..

It was still dark outside, I looked at the time. It was 5am. I kept on yawning, Langa didn't sleep last night. He had a terrible fever, He is teething and not himself. He also has diarrhea, I took him to the

clinic yesterday and I hope the medication will help..

Khosi walked in..

Me: Good morning, I'm just about to start cooking the soft porridge

She was in her winter gown, Socks and flops..

Khosi: Weeh Vula awusho, Lengane yakho ekhala right through at night.. Kanti awuyisanga ngani eClinic? (Vula tell me, This child of yours that cries every night.. Why haven't you taken him to the clinic)

Me: Ngimisile izolo, Basinike medication (I took him yesterday, They gave us meds)

Khosi: Manje? Phela umuntu akalalanga (So? I

didn't sleep)

Me: I'm making him rooibos now

Khosi: Milk?

Me: His milk finished

Khosi: Isn't he getting sassa money or something?
Didn't you guys get it last week or something? We
on the third week of J anuary 2022 and already you
broke?

Me: Yaa but I stalked up on nappies, His instant
porridge and he needed new clothes. The other
ones no longer fit him. Milk is expensive and I no
longer produce much milk anymore due to
starvation

She laughed and clapped her hands..

Me: I'll try to get a job this year

Khosi: A job needs a matric certificate Vula, You don't have one. You dropped out last year remember?

Me: I had no choice, Mom made me drop out

Khosi: Don't put this on mom. You were doing matric, Had a whole future ahead of you and you decided to fall pregnant! Manje why are you making this our fault? You were afforded the same opportunity as me and Gqibi

Me: You two went to a private school, I went to a public school

Khosi: Ihaba! R650 school fees every month is now a private school?

Me: Either way

We heard the toilet flushing. Khosi proceeded to make herself coffee. My mother showed up in the kitchen also wearing her warm winter gown..

Mom: Nkulunkulu wam, How will I get to work with a running stomach?

Khosi: Mine was bloated, I kept on farting all night

Mom: Weeh Nomvula, One day you going to kill us. I told you stay away from my spices that you don't know, When you cooking for us. These spices are expensive and are for highly educated people. People who finished their matric. People who can

read not people who chose a man over books

Khosi laughed...

Mom: Khosi don't laugh this is serious, sizoshona one day

Khosi: Death by spices

Mom: Stick to bo 6 gun, Rajah medium, mines trone soup please

Khosi: Let me go and try to get some sleep, We didn't sleep last night phela

Mom: Eyy naleveza ndlebe Nkosi yam elikhala mlibe (This bastard child that cries all the time)

Khosi: Haibo Ma.. Children are a blessing

Mom: Not a bastard. The Bible states that a child born out of wedlock is a bastard

Khosi: Bandla uLittle bastard

Mom: Awufune ubaba wengane uyise le ngane kubo yenzelwe isiko, ubikwe(Find your baby daddy, Take the baby to him so they can do traditional things for him)

Khosi: kuphi.. Angithi he promised her the world, Then went and married someone else. This one had to find out on Facebook and WhatsApp status messages

They both laughed..

Mom: Azonigila Amadoda. They will use you and then go and marry someone else

Khosi: Whuu awukahle Ma, Some of us are smart enough to have known what contraception is

I was by the stove turning it on. I couldn't see if I was going on high or medium because tears were already burning my eyes..

Khosi: Athi solala thina abantu abasebenza nzima, Abazimisele nge mpilo (Let me go and sleep, People like me who work hard and are passionate in life)

Mom: Cha let me visit the toilet before bathing

They walked out of the kitchen all laughing..

Khosi: Bastard uyakhala ngale Vuloo (Bastard is crying)

They giggled..

Khosi: Ngiyadlala (I'm playing)

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NOMVULA

It baffles me how Parents think us, as girls we would wake up one day and think to ourselves "How can I fuck up my life? Ohh I know, let me have a baby!". Why would we wake up one day and choose

a long term sentence, Chains that cannot be broken by purposely binding ourselves to having babies. Then choosing to keep the baby.

Abortion is not as easy as some people make it out to be. She forgets, Khosi fell pregnant twice whilst on the pill and aborted. Just because she chose to not keep hers, She's somehow more smarter than me. My Mom will overlook Khosi's mistakes, Let me make one mistake. Even the slightest, She will be on my throat..

If she's so perfectly made, I'm a bastard child myself why didn't she abort me? Please let's not say because she chose not too. It was because she thought she could trap my father with a baby because her marriage by then was failing. She thought she could move from my step father, Trap his best friend with a baby and he will leave his wife. That didn't happen, And I ended up being her biggest mistake..

Despite the painful words I endure from this house,
Everyday I overshadow the curses said upon my
Son with prayer and blessing him by my mouth.
They have purposed his future, That he will either
be a thug, turn to drugs or wash cars for a living.
Like having a car wash is a big fail to them..

At least I get those few hours of peace when they
gone, When it's just me and my Son around the
house..

I was naive when I met Langa's father. I was a 17
year old and he was older. He was working, He
promised me the world, The moon, And the stars
only to play me. I believed him, He had told me that
he was going to marry me after matric and send me
to varsity, Foolish young me believed every word he
said.. When I fell pregnant, He still promised me the
world. When he saw that my tummy was getting big,
He started being distant. It was more like I was now

forcing the relationship with him, Forcing myself to him. Forcing him to love me, Even sexually satisfying him so he doesn't leave. It took only a few months for me to see pictures of his wedding day. Never said anything, Never explained anything. Blocked me, then after and physically attacked me at one point when I showed up at his workplace whilst I was pregnant, Said a lot of hurtful things and that was when I left him. Let him be...

I fed Langa the soft porridge, We were sitting on the couch. I looked at him, Innocent as he was that I had brought him into this cruel world and I don't even know how to protect him.. His eyes showed that he wasn't well, He was weak and refuses to eat. He gagged as I forced through the spoon of porridge in his mouth, I quickly turned him incase he wanted to vomit. He just took out the porridge, That's when I decided to breast feed him so I could give him his medication..

KHOSI

I am not really on a learnership, I just lied at home so I don't have to contribute much money every month. My mom is money minded, She loves money with her all..

The honest truth is that I work at some company as a tea girl, A cleaning lady. I just wear a lot of hats in one. The company pays R2800 every month. At home I only contribute R500. I travel with a bus, It's much cheaper that way..

A learnership sounds more advanced than my actual job title, We live in the hood and competition is high. I wouldn't want no one knowing what I actually do, It's an embarrassment. Not when at home, They think we the it well of course except for Nomvula. There's always that one black sheep..

I changed into my uniform to start with my duties, Lizza is at the front desk. J ohn is the big boss, Has his own office..

It's a white owned private company and I wouldn't mind sleeping with the boss for extra cash. I heard he's into black woman mostly, The last girl told me who was a tea lady here. She got fired for stealing..

I pushed the trolley tray that had tea and biscuits, Liz was on the phone. I don't like her much she feels herself too much, And a little bit racist..

She gave me that quick smirk just to get me out of the way..

I knocked in J ohn's office..

J ohn: Come in

He was signing a few documents..

Me: Good morning

He looked at me..

John: Morning kho

He doesn't know how to pronounce my name fully..

Me: I brought you your tea and biscuits

John: Ohw Dankie my skat

I looked at his platinum wedding band, It was chilly in his office..

Me: Aircorn in this weather?

John: Just a bit of fresh air

I placed the cup on the table followed by the biscuits..

He looked at my thighs, My cleaning uniform is short on purpose..

He moved his head picking through the door, Liz's desk is facing the front. Her back faces John..

He ran his hand up my dress whilst biting his lip..

Me: Stop it (whispering)

I signaled with my head that Liz is sitting at her desk.

John is a pervert, You can just tell. A pervert with money, So long I financially benefit from him. I'm good

NOMVULA

I received a call from Gqibi, Our big sister.

Gqibi is two faced. She can be nice in your face, When you turn around she talks shit about you. At least Khosi doesn't hide her evil nature, Gqibi on the other hand she's very two faced..

Me: Gqibelo

Gqibi: Vula.. Unjani sisi? (How are you)

Me: Hayi I'm not okay, Langa is teething

Gqibi: Aww bandla askies

Me: The meds from the clinic are not working at all

Gqibi: Eish they are like that when they teething

Me: I hate to do this with you, May you please borrow me R200 at least to take him to the Dr

Gqibi: Eish askies Sisi, You know how marriage life is. Ngapha two kids, Just a lot of responsibilities. The house, Cars

Her husband is a Surgeon by the way, And Gqibi is

an accountant. Met back in varsity, They earn.. They have a beautiful house and drive nice cars

Gqibi: Ngapha you know I'm advancing my studies, I wanna be a CA so we have a lot of responsibilities

Me: It's okay.. I understand, Thank you

Gqibi: Ask uMa or Khosi

Me: Aii asiyeke (let's leave it)

Gqibi: Kuzolunga Sisi, By the way please send the meter number for electricity I wanna buy for R500

She couldn't buy for R300 and borrowed me the R200?

Me: Okay I'll inbox you on Facebook, I don't have data.

Gqibi: You have data for Facebook?

Me: Free mode

Gqibi: Okay ke sisi, I'll wait for your inbox

Me: Let me check it

Gqibi: Thank you

She hung up...

KHOSI

I was at the kitchen washing mugs when Gqibi called. I wiped my hands and answered..

Me: Mntaka Ma

Gqibi: Hope I didn't disturb you

Me: No.. I was washing dis.. I was rinsing my mug
I'm on tea break

Gqibi: I called Vula, The baby is sick. I'm thinking of taking money from the yegemaster you wanted to drink on Saturday and send her

Me: For what? For ini? For uBastard nyana?

Gqibi: Kahle Khosi, Vula umntaka Ma. There's enough alcohol for you no Ma

Me: Half sister.. You and I, We are blood sisters.. Same mother and father. Why doesn't she go to her father or the baby daddy. Bo Vula bayahlupha, If she aborted she wouldn't be in this situation! Don't dare bring her on Saturday. She doesn't even have nice clothes, Uyalenga nje, Tshirts constantly having marks of breast milk yazini yeses!

Gqibi: Kodwa yena.. Ya she put herself in this situation

Me: We must work our assess off. Cold, Raining and hot. We wake up go to work, J ust to take our money and give someone who sits at home the whole day and do nothing. Eat and watch TV! How fair is that? Vula is lazy she's just using the baby as an excuse to be more lazy

Gqibi: Yazini thinking of it now, It makes sense. She is

lazy, Having a baby doesn't mean your life ends there. I had my first when I was doing second year, You didn't see me dropping out. I pushed through

Me: Angisho thina we bad people when we abort, Hai tuu let her samaritan self be. She's old! She could've just went to the clinic and got jabbed in her ass to avoid a baby haisuka!

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NOMVULA

Langa was getting worse, I needed to hustle money to take him to a Doctor. The clinic medication wasn't working to it's fullest. Maybe there's another

reason for his sudden sickness, I think a Doctor will make a more advanced and thorough diagnosis.

I went to the only Person that I could think of.
Charmaine, She's runs a tavern on the next street.
She's my Mother's dear friend, And has always been very fond of me..

I hate doing this to her, I've bothered her a lot in my life..

She runs the sheeben from the comfort of her home,
People who drink chill in the outside rooms where there's entertainment.

She was busy scolding another customer..

Charm: Angisho Ngiyak'tshela, Swiping is more expensive on my side. I must somar deduct R50

extra, You bought 6 pack which is R120, With the R50 extra your debt is R170

Customer: Whooa kodwa Sis Charm, Udlala ngathi (You robbing us)

Charm: Kuka Charm-Charm la, Mowungafuni uit!! (This is my tavern, If you don't like it then leave)

She took out her capitec card and swiped. Charm brought her the 6 pack of strongbow..

She looked at me laughing..

Me: Kodwa sis charm

Charm: Mowungahlakaniphanga ngeke wenze inyuku (If you not smart, You won't make money)

Me: Hai cha

Charm: And then wena? Ubekwa yini eTavern nengane? (What brings you here with a baby)

I sat down on the crate of beers..

Me: Langa is sick, Took him to the clinic but there's no chance

Charm: Aww bandla

Me: I don't know what to do, Who to turn too. Sis Charm all I'm asking for is at least R150, I'll see where I get the rest. Ned to take him to the Dr

I wiped my tears. She's the only woman that I can

actually feel comfortable crying in front of. She never mocks my pain. Yes she's your typical shebeen queen, Loud mouth but she doesn't restrict her helping hand.

Me: I can even come and work it out to pay you back

Charm: Aww kahle Vulo. You know I don't want you here working here with a baby. This is not a good place for the baby. Drunk people are wild

Me: I know but I'm desperate

Charm: Kids will always disappoint us in certain ways, But what uThembi is doing to you. It's cruel!

Thembi being my Mother..

Charm: We cooked Mogodu today, You know..
Mogodu Mondays with pap or samp. Sit there by
the coal stove where it's much warmer, I'll make you
something to eat before you leave

She unzipped her money bag that she puts around
her waist and took out a few R100s. She counted
them..

Charm: Bamba so.. 7 clippa (Here.. R700)

Me: Sis Charm, It's a lot

Charm: No maan.. You'll buy other things too, Wipes
or something.. Bamba kanje yeke ukubhayiza (Take
the money and stop complaining)

I took it..

Me: Thank you so much

Charm: Mfana ka Gogo, Ithi simbone Nkosi yam (Let me see Langa)

She took her from my back and started playing with him...

THEMBI (NOMVULA'S MOM)

Me: Letta pass me the tupperwear

She did..

I dished up the cooked vegetables. Pumpkin, Mashed potatoes, And mashed carrots..

Letta: One day they will fire you with all that stealing

Me: What stealing? We are the cooks here, It's not stealing. It's called taking food home

Letta: Yaa J anuary is a tough month

Me: You have no idea. Exhausted all my money on December. My last born has a baby remember?

Letta: I remember

Me: She's a bigger responsibility. My Grands on is sick, Had to give up my last R300 so he could be taken to the Dr

Letta: I'm sorry

Me: What can I say? My daughter doesn't wanna go

back to school and finish off her matric. She's oddly comfortable with just sitting at home and minding the baby, I told her I'd get her a babysitter

Letta: Don't give up on her, You know how kids are. She's lucky to have you

Me: I hope she knows

NOMVULA

Charm put Langa on her back and continued selling as I ate. I don't know the last time I sat down and had someone else cook and dish up for me..

Afro walked in..

Afro is a guy in our hood, Lives in the same street

as sis Charm. He was a nerd back in high school and very smart. We actually went to the same high school. He passed his matric with flying colours, 5 distinctions. The other 2 subjects he obtained 70s..

I heard he's studying at University of Pretoria, Studying something called Actuarial Science.. It's his second year and he's the same age as me..

We nicknamed him Afro because he had this short and neat afro, Even now. Light skinned, Wears glasses and has braces..

You can imagine the embarrassment on my face when he walked in, Most of the people I went school with are actually doing well for themselves. Either at tertiary or working, It's only a few of us that didn't make it..

He looked at me and fixed his glasses..

Afro: Rain?

Me: Hey

I had a doek covering my head, Wearing black leggings, A long sleeve top and socks with my old sleepers that I can't even wash anymore. Scared if I wash them they will just tear more beyond being worn..

He came to me with his beautiful smile..

I stood up and he hugged me..

Afro: It's been a while

Me: Indeed

He was smelling nice too and neatly dressed up..

Afro: J ust here to buy my father brandy

He's from a good home, And a good financial background. Dad is a Sergeant, Mom works at post office. Big Brother is a pilot..

Me: I see

Afro: How have you been?

He fixed his glasses..

Me: I've been good

They gifted him a Hyundai sport, When he passed his matric. Not bought cash, His Parents pay in installments. He got himself a good bursary from the company he's going to work for after graduating. He's set..

Me: You look good, How is school?

Afro: A bit tough but I'm getting there

Me: You've always been smart

Afro: Varsity is a whole different place, You meet people more smarter than you

Sis Charm walked in..

Charm: Ekse, Nayi le bhari!. Yaa jou 4 eyes!

Afro: Sis Charm

Charm: Here to buy your Dad his usual?

Afro: Yes

Afro handed her the money..

Charm: Tell me something, Are you even dating or you still scared of girls?

Afro: I'm actually in a relationship with a white girl, I met her in varsity

Charm: A colonizer?

Afro: That was a long time ago

Charm: Mxm ses eyibhari even today (You still a fool even today)

She went to him the brandy..

There was a moment of silence between us..

Afro: So where is your Son? I'm sure he's all grown up now

Me: 6 months old, The one on Sis Charm's back

He nodded fixing his glasses again..

He got his phone out of his pocket..

Afro: Excuse me, I have to take this..

He walked out..

Sis charm came back..

Charm: Where is that fool?

Me: Outside answering his phone

She leaned over on the freezer with the bottle of brandy..

Charm: Kodwa why ungazibambeli le bhari? (Why don't you get yourself this fool)

Me: He's an educated fool, From a good educated family with a white girlfriend. I'm nomvula with a 6 months old baby, high school drop out, And I don't wanna repeat the same mistake again

Charm: No-

Afro walked back in..

Afro: Sorry about that, I have to go

He took the bottle from Sis Charm..

Afro: It was nice seeing you

Me: It was nice seeing you too

He walked out..

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NOMVULA

Seeing Afro today made me conflicted deep inside. A part of me was disappointed in myself, That I probably should've fought through pass the circumstances and actually worked hard to attain my matric. Maybe if I did, My mother would've overlooked the fact that I fell pregnant. She'd be proud that at least I did achieve something, Something better than teenage pregnancy.. At 19, I still strive to make my Mother proud to at least hear her say she's proud of me or see her happy for me just like she is with my Sisters. A mother's love is important, And her validation might fix our broken

relationship.. She had texted me that I should only cook Pap and meat, She's bringing vegetables..

I was busy cooking and singing..

"Mawungangedluli J esu

Izwa amazwi ami

Lapho ubabiza abanye, Mawungizwe Nam"

I had put a blanket on the floor for Langa and a pillow, I laid him down there as I cooked..

I did take him to the doctor, He was given better medication. With the change, I was able to buy myself some toiletries..

He seemed a bit better with the medication from the doctor, He was able to play now and eat. That made

me happy, At least something good happened..

Another part of me was happy seeing Afro, Seeing him accomplishing his dreams like that. He's an example that you can achieve your dreams, No matter how impossible they seem..

I looked at Langa..

Me: At least someone with a good heart was able to help us today. I promise you, One day I'm going to make you proud. I'm going to be a mother that you'll be able to proudly tell your friends about.. I promise

I had sent Afro a friend request on Facebook. He's smart, Maybe he can help me with a few business ideas. Even something small just so I can get a few cents for me and my Son..

KHOSI

I was on the bus from work to home. I wanted to quickly get home and freshen up, John asked to take me out tonight. I was excited..

I received a call from my Sister Gqibi..

Me: Saturday

Gqibi: Hey.. I was thinking. This Saturday Vula has to come

Me: Ahh why??

Gqibi: You know you and Mom are lazy and just drink when there's a get together. I need someone to help me cook, Clean and wash the dishes. My

maid doesn't come on weekends and I don't want to be stuck with a lot of dishes and a dirty house

Me: Ai okay then, She can come

This Saturday we will be going to Gqibi's house..

Me: Hai Gqibi Nomvula will be there with her baby busy crying "Ngwe Ngwe", She'll be constantly taking out her breast to breastfeed then touch the food. Hayi sies maan!

Gqibi: Kanti isn't the baby on formula and breast milk?

Me: Formula is expensive for people like Nomvula. Ngathi even people who work complain, Who is Nomvula? The most thing she can afford is rooibos teabags. That's why bastard nyana is always sick,

He's not getting good nutrition

Gqibi: I'll watch her closely

Me: Buda is bringing his friends over, Important people. Doctors and lawyers, Nomvula will be there breastfeeding Then milk running on her t-shirt, And the soft porridge on her clothes. Breast milk smells horrible when the clothing gets dry

She laughed..

Me: Struu.. You can't take her anywhere

Buda is Gqibi's husband..

Gqibi: I'll keep an eye on her, Don't worry

Me: Please!!!

THEMBI

Before heading home, I stopped by kwa Charmaine for Hunter's gold..

Charm: Yaa Thembi

Me: Mjoint

Charm: Mjoint.. Zithini? (How are you)

Me: Nex maan ukukhathala (J ust tired)

She took out 3 cans of Hunter's gold 400ml from the freezer..

Charm: Bamba mi.. Thatha Rhaaa (singing)

I laughed..

Me: You'll never change

I took them and sat down..

Charm: Awusho.. How is it going at home? How are the kids?

Me: Khosi is fine, Still doing her learnership. Saving money for school next year. Gqibi is also doing well, She's hosting us this Saturday at her house.

Together with her husband

Charm: Nomvula??

Me: She's fine

Charm: Kodwa Awusho Mjoint, What did Vula do to you?

Me: Don't start with me

Charm: Mjoint

Me: I don't wanna be seen as a bad Person, Like I'm abusing my child but she was afforded the same opportunities as the other two. What did she do? She decided to have a baby and be a burden to me. She's no longer a child, She's a grown ass woman. Children don't open their legs, Children don't fall pregnant they concentrate on their books. I'm telling you the way she's so stupid she will bring another child again, You keep quiet and watch. Yabona when they say you cursed, Basho mina. I'm cursed

with Nomvula, That girl won't do fokolo for me.
She's not going anywhere in life, She's useless and
will forever be

A customer walked in..

Charm: Hayi let me serve my customers Mjoint

AFRO

I was in my bedroom playing call of duty, When I
died I took a breather. Took my phone and noticed I
had a Facebook notification. A bit surprised that
Nomvula sent me a friend request, I accepted. I'm
not too much on Facebook or social media, I only
have social media especially Twitter to keep up on
what's happening in the world.

Nomvula was beautiful back in high school. I

wouldn't say she was a wild girl but she had a bubbly personality. We weren't in the same class she was doing business studies and I was doing science, Her class was next door mine..

She was that type of girl who hung out with other beautiful girls, Her and her friends were smoking hot. I didn't like her friends much they were too forward, Except for her she was kind and friendly..

We were only classmates from grade 8-10,
Separated by different streams..

She had beautiful long relaxed hair, used to wear a short skirt and looked lovely..

I literally had a crush on her until senior phase then one time she stopped coming to school all together, I found out she was pregnant. I was so disappointed, But she wouldn't have went for a nerd

like me. She seemed to be approached by those guys with confidence, The guys who weren't scared to pull jokes and cell cigarettes and weed at school. So she remained my crush until time went and I was never able to see her again..

At school she wasn't stupid, She wasn't slow, But she wasn't bright either. She was in just average that type of cheek to play around 50s..

I checked her photos, She still had that beauty in her but life. You know when you are struggling, The struggles have overshadowed her beauty but still would revive it. Not that I was solely taken by her beauty only but her beauty was the first thing that you would notice about her..

I inboxed her:

"Stranger"

Then put my phone away to continue playing..

NOMVULA

Khosi walked in, My mood changed. At least I was done cooking, I had just finished cooking..

Khosi: Sanibonani

Me: Hey

She put her bag on the table and went to Langa. She put her hand on his chest and shook him violently..

Khosi: uthini bastard nyana?? Bastard nyana

Langa actually freaked out and started crying..

Khosi: Rhaa nayo iyatefa lento yakho (he's too much of a cry baby)

I went to get him, Then sat down to breastfeed him. I was mad, But fighting with her she will tell my Mom and my mom will be on my case..

Khosi: Shame

Me: That was violent Khosi

Khosi: I was only playing with him kanti yini?? This is how they grow up

Me: Aii it was wrong

Khosi: Don't ask me to hold him then even when you busy

Me: Just because I told you that you play rough with him? Langa is sick

Khosi: Whoaaa safa! Ngathi kugula umntwana we President (You'd swear that a President's child is sick)

I kept quiet..

Khosi: Anyway let me go prepare myself I have a date

I chuckled..

Khosi: What?

Me: Is this what? The 4th one?

Khosi: Well at least Men notice me, Wena ke? I'm sure the only Men who notice you are the ones from kwa Charm. Look at yourself nje, You look older than your age like a grandmother. Smelling breast milk all day, Dirty clothes with porridge. A doek! The baby has made you a granny, Uyaguga!

Me: Whatever Khosi

Khosi: I'm even older but I look younger than you, Look at yourself. At least I have a life outside this house, You have nothing! All you have is bastard nyana

Me: Siyakubongisa (We are happy for you)

Khosi: Bongisa ini?? Wena ngikunyanya kabi angazi bakudophaphi, My only sister is Gqibi. Same Mother and father, Wena awusi nex, You are nothing! And you don't belong here. You could do us a favour and leave noba ufe!! Die!!

Me: Awungiyeke!!!! Yooh(leave me alone)

Khosi: Voetsek Gogo ndini! (granny)

Me: Nondindwa!! (whore)

She came and grabbed my hair, I couldn't fight back because I was holding Langa. She grabbed me until I fell off the chair, Falling forward. Langa cried, I sat up straight and held Langa protecting him as she stood behind me slapping me on my head and kicking me on my back..

Khosi: Ngizokutrapa uyezwa? (I'll beat you up)

Hearing my Son crying like that I also started crying,
I held him tight closer to my chest..

Me: Kanti Nkosi mina ngenzeni?? (God what did I do)

She kicked me and continued slapping me also
busy pulling my hair..

Khosi: Rubbish Ndini!!

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[05/23, 19:33] : NOMVULA

NOMGQIBELO

Marrying a Surgeon is not child's play. The lengthy working hours, The part time cheating with Nurses and hardly being around. My marriage is on the rocks. Sbuda and I met back when I was in varsity, He wasn't a student he was a professor. Teaching medicine and also studying..

I thought maybe because he was older, He would be mature enough not to be tempted by cheating. I guess when a man is determined, He is determined..

I'm 27, He's 47. He was blessed to still have both his Parents alive though they are old now. Both of them love me, I now believe in the concept that when his family loves you there's a high chance that he won't love you that much. I love my husband, But for a few years now our marriage has been suffering.

He is cheating, Manipulative, Controlling and a Narcissist. The reason why I haven't filed for divorce is because I'm walking away with nothing but the kids. He earns more than me, He also has 2 practices. He wants to retire at 50 and be a full time professor in the world of medicine...

I am sort of an old school makoti. I don't normally wear short things, So the Nurses he cheats with are more younger. They make him feel alive, Bring him life. He has told me that I am now boring him, I'm dull and I'm a routine. There's no longer a spark between us. He's so much of a narcissist that he blames me for not giving him boys only, He's not too happy about our girls..

I'm financial stable yes, But I will never go back home a divorced woman with two kids. I have invested so much into this marriage, I'm not going to let side chicks put me out of my marriage. I

refuse..

Mbali put her father's dish by his chair..

Mbali is the youngest, Ntokozo is the oldest..

Ntonto: You shouldn't, He's not going to join us for dinner

Mbali: Maybe today he will, Days are not the same

Ntonto: I greeted him on whatsapp this morning, He blue ticked me

Sbuda does provide for his girls that I won't lie, But he's not emotionally involved with them..

My phone vibrated, It was a message from. Speak

of the devil..

"Hey.. I won't be home for dinner, I'm spending a night with Mandisa. The pregnancy is hard on her, She's not feeling well"

Did I forget to mention that he got his mistress pregnant? He bodily told me like it was nothing. Apparently she's carrying a boy, My biggest fear is her taking everything that I own..

I put my phone down..

Me: He's not coming, He has an all night surgery

Ntonto: Told you!

Me: I'm also going to lie down a little, Please put my

food in the microwave Ntonto

Ntonto: Okay

NOMVULA

I was laying in bed with my Son. He had hiccups from all that crying..

I had introspected him, At least he was not hurt..

My heart was broken, It was shredded into pieces. Khosi was getting ready for her date, Mom was back and I heard them talking. I'm sure Khosi told her..

Mom busted into my bedroom, She was followed by Khosi who was in her jumpsuit.

She had her hair bonnet and halfway through her makeup..

Mom: Weee Khosi kanti yini? (What's wrong)

I kept quiet..

Mom: I'm talking to you! Khosi was telling me that she was playing with bastard nyana and wena you lashed out on her

Me: I'm the one with bruises, I'm the one who busy getting kicked like a dog whilst protecting my Son from getting hurt

Mom: Yebo phela angithi you attacked her first

Me: I did not, I'm not a physical person

Mom: If you don't want us playing no bastard nyana just say so! Rather than attacking my child! Yazi if you don't wanna live here anymore just say so! Then pack your rubbish and then leave my house uyezwa?? Futhi you no longer a child. You are a grown ass woman. You know a dick now, You know the labour ward! Ungumfazi wena Njandini! I feed you and your bastard child and this is how you thank me?? Haibo

They walked out.. She banged the door still yelling..

AFRO

We were sitting at the dinner table, Rain hasn't answered my inbox..

Mom: Papi

I looked at her..

Mom: No phones at the table

Me: I'm sorry

My Parents are the best. They have been married for years. They have the best marriage, Yes they have challenges but they always make it work. I can only wish to have such a marriage. Them being old school, Doesn't make my Dad to be hard on my Mom. When she cooks, He washes the dishes. When he cooks she washes the dishes, They sometimes even clean together. They think for each other, And this is the exact marriage that I'm praying for..

Dad: Haike I'm the one who cooked tonight, I hope you will enjoy

Mom: Kona it smells good babakhe

Dad: I hope it tastes good too

My Dad is not a good cook, He tries his best though. He tried. It was chicken breasts, Mashed potatoes, Gravy with corn..

Dad: Yabona boy boy, If you want a good marriage you must put down your masculine energy, Being a sexist and know that your wife is not your maid nor your slave but your partner. Don't even go buy you earn a lot so she must do everything just because you contribute more. She has a more stressful job, Dealing with all the stress at work from different personalities. Especially when it's Sassa cash days, Everyone is stressed and want their money then

they put more pressure on her. She shouldn't hate her workplace, And also hate coming home. She should know that home is her safe heaven. A happy wife, Makes a happy home. When you treat her good she becomes submissive without you enforcing it. It's easier to make their day, Just love them, Respect them and spoil them. If you ever think of cheating, Weigh the options. Is my mistress worth losing my marriage for? And never get married if you unsure

Mom: When you treat your woman well, She will respect you in return. Communication and trust are very important. Look at Dad, He's a sergeant. Feared at work, You'd expect him to pull his weight around the house, But he knows how to exercise his power well. Work is work, Home is home. It would be a shame to witness your Parent's marriage and how beautiful it is then go out to do something else. You were raised in a loving home, You should make yours loving too

I nodded..

Mom: Let's all pray before we eat

We held our hands and then prayed..

NOMVULA

Khosi was gone, Mom was sleeping..

I looked at Langa, And as much as I want to end my life right now. I can't leave him in this cruel world, Leave him to be mistreated by the same family that I hate. The same family that mistreat me..

I took the pillow, With my eyes full of tears. I slowly brought it closer to his face. He was peacefully sleeping..

The plan is to kill him and then kill myself after..

I won't leave him alone, He will go with me..

Me: Forgive me Langa

Tears streamed down, I brought it much closer to him.. At that moment my phone rang..

I put the pillow away, It was Gqibi..

Me: Hi

I cleared my throat..

Gqibi: Hey I wanna send you R500, Gimme your

capitec details again

Me: It's the same number I'm using

Gqibi: Okay ke sisi, Sorry about Langa. How is he holding up?

Me: He's still hanging in there

Gqibi: I'll make it R3 000

Me: Huh?

Gqibi: Get him milk, Nappies, A nice outfit get yourself one too. Also take him to the Dr, Do your hair because Saturday you coming over. I am asking you to help me with cooking, So a bottle for Langa will be more convenient so that you can be

free and not breastfeed every second. Get him a nice bag too so you can put his things inside

Me: Wow.. Uhm.. Thank you Gqibi, May God bless you

Gqibi: Thank you, You two will come and sleep over on Friday I'll fetch you

Me: Okay no problem

Gqibi: I'm sending it now

Me: Thank you

I hung up and held the phone close to my chest..

Me: Wow

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[05/23, 19:33] : NOMVULA

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NOMVULA

The next morning became busy for me. Gqibi had sent the 3k as promised and I was able to buy things that I needed for me and my baby. It's not unusual for her to do this, But it's been a while since she's done it..

I was at the spaza shop buying bread, As I was waiting. I heard a familiar voice behind me... It was Afro..

Afro: Rain

Me: Hey

Afro: How are you?

Me: I'm good and you?

Afro: I'm good

He was buying bread too, We decided to walk together..

Afro: You look beautiful

I had gone and had my hair braided..

Me: Thank you

Afro: I saw you sent me a friend request

Me: Yaa I saw your inbox, Sorry I couldn't reply I was very busy

Afro: Maybe we can whatsapp plus I'm hardly on social media

Me: Okay, I'll have to buy data. I forgot

Afro: Don't worry I'll buy you

He handed me the phone to put my number..

I took it..

That moment, That moment when I gave him my number. I didn't realise that it was going to create a big shift in my life..

NOMGQIBELO

I decided not to go to work today, I wasn't feeling well. This ongoing stress with my husband has done nothing but affect my health..

He walked into the bedroom as I was drinking my pills..

Buda: Good morning

Me: Good morning

Buda: J ust came to freshen up so I could go back to work

Me: How is Mandisa and your unborn baby

Buda: Don't do that, It's just going to make me think that you are a witch

Me: Sorry?

Buda: Asking such questions concerning my unborn child and Mandisa, Don't do that it's going to create the theory to me that you want my child dead

Me: Why would I?

Buda: Because it doesn't make sense why you would ask about my mistress and my baby that was conceived out of my marriage

Me: You've already made her a part of our lives, Our family.. How do I not ask?

Buda: Tell me something, You can clearly see that we are no longer working. It's no longer working between us so why the hell are you still here for?

I exhaled..

Me: I'm not giving up on our marriage I've told you

Buda: There's nothing to work on anymore, I no longer want you Gqibi. You have a job you can start over, The girls. I'll support them financially so you won't be financially burdened with them

Me: You are just going through a phase, Your mom said so too. You will come around

Buda: My mom is old school and old fashioned. She was the type that uyabekezela emshadweni no matter how difficult it seems, We not that.. It's Morden times now Gqibi

Me: It's a phase you going through, There's no way we could be married for so long and you wake up one day, Then decide you no longer want me

Buda: I'm going to shower and go to work, You are delusional!

NOMAKHOSI

We had a nice dinner last night, Then we booked a hotel. I opened my eyes to J ohn getting dressed....

Me: Good morning

He turned and looked at me..

J ohn: Morning.. I have to rush home, Prepare myself for work. You can take the day off. I'm sure Liz and I will manage a full day without you

I was still naked and in bed..

I got out of bed and walked up to him. I stood behind him and ran my hands on his half naked body. He was only wearing his jeans, I ran them down and forced my hand straight inside his jeans..

John: Come on Bokkie, I need to get to work

Me: Not even a quick one

John: I'm already late

Me: Maybe later?

John: I'll see

He walked up to the chair, Took his wallet. He took out R200 from it..

John: I'm sure this will be enough for taxi fare

R200? Just R200? Is he serious??..

NOMVULA

Afro bought me R350 airtime. Like he just decided to buy me so much airtime..

I was washing dishes in the kitchen and on a call with him, He was on loudspeaker. Langa was busy crawling on the floor. I'm glad he's doing well..

Afro: Don't tell me you never noticed

Me: I promise you, I didn't. You were always that weird guy in class, Always studying even on free periods

Afro: A clever girl like you didn't notice that I had a mad crush on her?

I laughed..

Me: Exactly what made you have a crush on me?

Afro: You were the first girl to ever come to me than me going to her, You were damn beautiful not that it has changed. Bubbly, Full of life. Kind, Always smiling and friendly

Me: That's sweet.. I always thought you were full of yourself, But later on came to realise that no actually you were just a nerd

He laughed..

Me: Well it's true, And you always killed all the subjects. We were only serious during exam time, You were serious during everything. Class tests, Even grade 10 when we were in different classes you still remained killing it. Top student, But look at you now. It has worked for you well

Afro: Yeah it did.. Can I ask you something a bit personal?

Me: Okay

Afro: Why did you drop out? I mean we've seen pregnant girls at school

I thought about it, Thought about telling him the truth but I didn't want to..

Me: I just lost all hope, That's all

Afro: Ohw

Me: Yaa

Afro: Sorry to hear that

Me: It's okay, Don't stress it

Afro: The call lasted 30min, I should let you get back to what you doing

Me: Thank you for keeping me company

Afro: You welcome

He hung up..

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That was yesterday's bonus, We unlocked it late

[05/23, 19:34] : NOMVULA

07

NOMVULA

The week went by, Langa and I seemed to have been able to catch a break this entire week. Though Mom and Khosi were still at it but I tried my hardest to not focus on their negativity. For the sake of my peace and sanity, Last time I concentrated on them I almost killed myself and my Son..

It was a Friday, Just after 12:00 in the afternoon..

Langa and I had made a stop at Langa's House. I can safely say we are on a friendship level. He calls me a lot, We text a lot. I'm glad I have a friend that at least cares, Lately I don't know what that is in my life. I haven't had someone care for me in a very long time..

I have always known his Parents from afar, Never entirely had a conversation with them. I mean his father is a sergeant, Whilst his Mother has always had that serious look and usually stays in her house. I thought they were serious people and full of themselves, But actually meeting his mom today from a close range changed my perception of her. She is one sweet lady.

She was busy playing with Langa, She actually was fascinated by him from when we walked in and Afro introduced me as his friend. She greeted me and

asked to hold Langa then played with him. Langa couldn't hold back on his laughter..

Afro: I'm sorry about my Mother, She always has a baby fever when there's a baby around

Me: It's okay, I don't mind

Patricia: He is so adorable

Afro: That he is

Patricia: How old now?

Me: 6 months

Patricia: Enjoy this time with them, Soon he'll be all grown up and stressing you

Me: I will

Afro: This way.. We will be in the lounge

Patricia: Okay.. He's not scared of people right when you out of sight?

Me: He isn't

We walked to the lounge and I sat down on the couch. His house is beautiful..

Afro: Can I get you anything?

Me: No I'm fine.. Thank you

Afro: Okay

He took his laptop..

Afro: So I was searching last night a good business that you can venture in, And there's two that stand out and seem to be a bit adjustable and promising. The others are just gonna stress you and require a lot

Me: Okay

Afro: The first one and the most promising one is the tobacco industry. Currently

BAT South Africa is the only large-scale tobacco manufacturer producing locally in South Africa. Checking the stats of people who smoke, And the fact that nicotine is highly addictive. You will make a lot of money. Sad I know that you'll be putting a lot of people's health in danger but hey.. Smokeless

tobacco has more nicotine than a cigarette, If you could get those two in the market and slightly adjust a few things on your side you could actually take the tobacco industry by storm

Me: That sounds very complicated and hard, I'm just looking for something small first that I can do to generate money for now. This is a long-term goal, This goal is for people who actually have money and won't mind pursuing it for years. I don't have anything for now to do this

Afro: I'm not saying go big now, I'm saying you start small but also have a long term goal for your business

Me: Selling cigarettes, Almost every spaza shop sells that. What's special about me selling that?

Pat: Sweetie Rome wasn't built in one day, People

who are rich now business wise had to start somewhere too. Some had nothing at all, But they went for it anyway. Some lost money, Loads of it but never gave up. You haven't even started to give up

Afro: Mom

Pat: Sorry I just wanted the baby's bottle and decided to eavesdrop

Afro: She's right though, If you up for it I'll buy you your first stock sell and see. If you actually make it work and like it then we will continue working towards the long term goal

Me: Uhm.. Okay we can try it

Afro: Perfect

Me: It'll have to be after I come back from my sister's place this weekend

Afro: No problem

NOMAKHOSI

I kept on throwing the plates and cups as I washed them..

Liz: Hey! What's wrong with you?

Me: Nothing

John and I have been sleeping together, Prior to that night. Sometimes his car, I've been giving this man endless blow jobs, For him to bring his

girlfriend to work and actually close his office..

I know we are not in a relationship but this is upsetting..

Liz: We all go through stress Bokkie, Don't take it out on our plates

Me: Sorry

Liz: What's eating you up?

Me: Nothing

She looked around and got closer..

Liz: I know you have been sleeping with John

I looked at her. She looked at me from head to toe...

Liz: I can't wait for you to lose this job, Clearly even my husband is not safe from you when he comes here. You actually thought you ate with John?

Honey we are not your skin colour. You'll always be a vagina to him, He will never marry you let alone date you. John would never disrespect our father's surname like that nor even our ancestors by bringing a kaffir to Pa's House

Yes they Brother and sister..

Liz: You disgust Me, You make sick. We only hired you because our kind would never take such a lousy job like this one. Your kind will, You were slaves once upon a time too, So why not slave through your whole life. Your kind will always work for my kind and it'll forever be like that.. Slave,

Master

She kept on pointing at me..

Liz: Slave.. Master.. Slave.. Master

By now tears were at the verge of falling..

NOMVULA

Langa was on Pat's back, Peacefully sleeping. Afro had gone out to get a few things, I was helping his Mother with cooking..

I looked at her with Langa and I wished that my own Mother was this supportive towards me. That my own Mother loved my child like this..

Pat: You don't have to dice them perfectly Rain, This is not master chef

I laughed..

Pat: You here perfecting everything, Ntombo it's going to take you forever to finish

She's also very funny..

Me: I just want them to b-

Pat: No one will look at the size, People will wanna eat only.. We not cooking for chefs

Me: That's just so wrong

The door opened, His father walked in. In his

uniform, I got a bit scared. He looked at us with a serious face. My heart sank..

Pat: Ohw honey

Him: Who is this in our house? I go to work and come back for lunch already there's a baby and a girl chopping vegetables

He looked at me..

Him: Are you a fugitive?

Me: No

Him: Criminal record?

Me: No sir

Him: Sold or took drugs?

Me: Never

Him: Every suspect says the same, Honey frisk her for any stash

Pat: Really?

Him: There's a girl in my kitchen, Frisk the baby too

This was awkward. He laughed..

Him: I'm just joking with you, Sometimes one needs a good laugh

Pat: Rain, This is my husband Dubazana. He is kind of crazy

Him: Nice to meet you

Pat: Rain is Afro's friend

Him: Boys and girls can be friends?

Pat: Stop it.. This is her adorable Son Langa

He walked closer to look at Langa..

Him: Attention! Azivuke Izoboshwa! Sergeant!

Pat: Stop it, You gonna wake him up

Him: This baby might be the next sergeant,
Superintendent, FBI.. Stop dimming his shine I'm
training him. Higher rank office in the military

This was the first person who has ever said
something positive about Langa's future..

Him: Look at him, He's sleeping with his hand up his
head.. Salute soldier!

I laughed..

Pat: J ust go to the lounge and leave the baby alone

He marched to the lounge..

I continued laughing..

Pat: Don't mind him, Sometimes I ask myself how they take him seriously at work being the crazy that he is

Me: I was about to ask

NOMGQIBELO

I was at the supermarket getting groceries for tomorrow. I had this sharp pain in my chest. I unzipped my bag and took out my pills. I took the bottle of still water from the trolley and drank to drink. My phone rang, It was Ntonto's teacher..

Me: Good day

Teacher: Good day Mrs Shabalala

Me: Is everything okay?

Teacher: Not at all, Ntokozo was found in the girl's toilets along with her friends. They were vaping

Me: What?

Teacher: The principal has signed off on her suspension, She'll be suspended for 3 weeks

I exhaled..

Me: Thank you for letting me know, I'll be there to fetch her

Teacher: Very well

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[05/23, 19:34] : NOMVULA

08

NOMVULA

I had the lovely courtesy of being asked to join the family for their dinner which was exactly at 18:30. The food that we cooked, Tasted delicious. Afro's family is polite, Kind, And welcoming. I was surrounded by people who knew the importance of family, People who were more than the word "Kind"..

My sister had texted me that she was on her way, She had just left her house. She resides in Sandton, It'll take her at least 1hr15min to get here. All depends on how she drives and the traffick..

I decided to help Pat with the dishes, As afro sat in

the living with his father and Langa..

Pat: How did you and Afro become friends again?

Me: We went to school together, High school

She nodded..

Pat: Are you seeing someone?

Me: No

Pat: Why?

Me: There's some bad blood between Langa's father and I. He fooled me, I allowed to be fooled. Got me pregnant then went to marry someone else

Pat: I'm so sorry to hear that

Me: From thereon, I decided to play far from relationships. Plus, It's not easy for Men to love you and accept your child. I don't want history repeating itself

Pat: I understand where you coming from and it's okay to be on your guard, But at the same time. Life goes on, Clamping your heart because of what happened, Will eventually chase away someone who might show you a different side to love. Look at me for instance. Afro's big brother, Fezile. His Father and I separated when he was 3. Dubazana came along, He became the father who stepped up. Fezile is half of the man that he is today, Because another man stepped up and was a father to him. I'm not saying get into a relationship if you not ready, But don't completely close your heart to love

Me: You are so well spoken. I wasn't expecting to be welcomed here, I know Afro and I we friends but..
Most mothers aren't so welcoming

Pat: I've been through where you are. Single mother,
No job. It was hard trust me, But life changes. It gets better

Me: I pray it does

We continued washing dishes..

NOMAKHOSI

Moaning for John during the deed, Is my doing him a favour. He's not truly gifted down there and sex with him, Is even below average..

His fascination with my body, Is why we in this situation. Having a sexual relationship if it goes far. I wouldn't mind..

I mean, He is successful. I've heard white Men have love, True love..

We were in his car, Parked by a block of flats were it was greatly dark..

He had a condom on, And had adjusted his chair. I was ontop of him, He had buried his face on my breasts and his hands around my waist..

Me: Ohh baby..

John: Fuck yes!

I rolled my eyes, His breathing intensified. I felt his body trembling, He held me more tighter and stopped me from moving as he came. He then moved me up and down a little for a few seconds then stopped me.

He laid back and I had my hands on his hairy chest. He caught his breath..

I got off him and sat on the passenger's sit as he carefully took rolled out the condom. I switched on the light then searched for my underwear. I found it and got dressed. After rolling out the condom, He tied it and put it inside a tissue. He pulled up his pants. Buttoned his chest and took the pack of cigarettes..

Me: That was good

He nodded repeatedly as he lit the cigarette..

John: Are taxis still available?

Me: They finish at 20:00

John: I'll drop you off at the taxi rank

He took out his wallet and gave me R400. I looked at it, John is stingy. I expected more from him..

Me: Thank you

NOMGQIBELO

I was driving home, Mbali and Ntonto were at the backseat..

Ntonto was busy on his phone..

Me: Ntonto do you wanna discuss what happened?

Ntonto: No

Me: You know I have to tell Dad right?

Ntonto: I don't care, It's not like he cares

Me: He cares

Ntonto: Why are we going to Grandmother's place again?

Me: To fetch your Aunt.. Nomvula

Mbali: I like her, She's nice

Ntonto: She's poor.. She has no choice but to be nice

Me: Hey!.. I don't wanna hear you say such

Ntonto: You and Khosi say it all the time on the phone

Me: You eavesdropping on my calls?

Ntonto: I just happen to hear

Me: Okay guys.. I don't wanna hear any rude comments when we get to Grandma's place

Ntonto: Yeah.. Sure

I shook my head..

NOMVULA

Afro walked us to my house. He was holding Langa and I was holding Langa's bag..

Me: Thank you for inviting us over

Afro: The food was delicious, You know your way around the kitchen

Me: It was nothing.. Your Mother helped

Afro: I know my mother's cooking, She's good too but today's meal tasted differently

Me: I love cooking so..

Afro: I see

He took off his glasses. Langa was trying to pull them off..

Me: Can you see without them?

He wiped his eyes..

Afro: I'm not blind Rain, J ust short sighted

He put them back on again, And held Langa's little hand..

People were looking at us, Those who know us greeted..

Me: Your Mom didn't know that we went to the same school

Me: I've never brought a girl home before, She only knows the boys I went to school with

I stopped..

Me: Wait.. I'm the first girl you've brought home?

Afro: Yes

Me: What about what's her name?

Afro: my girlfriend?

Me: Yes

Afro: Haven't brought her home yet, My parents don't even know we share the same flat

Me: Wow!

Afro: What about you?

Me: After Langa's father, Never dated

He stopped..

Afro: Wow.. Really?

I hit him on the shoulder..

Me: Stop

Afro: You were surprised I never brought a girl home, I'm surprised you never dated after Langa's father

We got to the corner of my street. I stopped

Afro: What's wrong?

Me: I think we'll be fine here.. My mom is not really a welcoming person

Afro: I understand

I took Langa from him..

Afro: I'm going to miss this little guy

Me: Never knew you loved kids

Afro: Well I do, They can grow on you. Wishing to have one when I graduate and start working

Me: Trust me, You'd wanna enjoy life first. Babies are adorable and all, But a lot of responsibility. Especially when you don't have anyone helping you

Afro: Since schools are closed, I can babysit for you as you sell your cigarettes

Me: You?

Afro: What's wrong with me babysitting?

Me: Can you even change a nappy?

Afro: How hard can it be, Show me once and I won't forget I have an eidetic memory

Me: I'm sorry ideal what?

He chuckled..

Afro: Never mind

Me: We should go

Afro: You'll text me when you get to your sister's house

Me: I will

He kissed Langa on his cheek..

Afro: Bye

Me: Say bye

Afro: Bye

Me: Bye

NOMAKHOSI

The taxi was only short two people, As soon as it got full.. We drove off..

At the town station, I'll have to take a local one..

I looked at the R400.. What is R400? Airtime?

I rolled my eyes.. J ohn cannot be serious..

NOMVULA

I got home happy. I had a great day, I got in singing.
My mother was in the kitchen cooking..

She was wearing tights, And a crop top. She has a
weird clothing style, For someone her age. She
doesn't wanna get old. Still does her nails, Wears
wigs. She had on a hair bonnet too..

Mom: Heeeeee!! Mara Nomvula niphila ka mnandi
emhlabeni (You live nice in this world)

Me: Ma

Mom: Where have you been?

Me: At a friend's

Mom: Until this time?

Me: Yes

Mom: Who did you think was going to cook?

She didn't even go to work. I looked at the counter,
The was a bottle of flying fish..

Mom: If you don't wanna live here no more say so.
You contribute shit! You eat here, Live here.. Some
of us work and provide, But we must cook for
ourselves then what is your purpose?

Me: I'm sorry

Mom: I hope it's not a boy, Because second child.
That's a second strike, You out! That means you not
serious with life

He picked up one of her spices. Poured it in her
palm for taste..

Me: It won't happen again

Mom: I hope so.. Go pack up, Gqibi is on her way

Me: Okay

I walked to my bedroom..

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AFRO

When I got home, My Brother was around.
Sometimes he just surprises us..

Fezi: There he is, Heard you were accompanying
your girlfriend

Me: She's not my girlfriend, She's a friend of mine

Fezi: Yeah.. Whatever Man

Me: We didn't know you were coming

Fezi: I didn't know I was coming too

We shook hands and shoulder bumped..

Fezi: How is it going? How's school?

Me: School's good a bit tough but I'm hanging in there

Fezi: It's expected, You chose a difficult course

Me: But I'll be fine

Fezi: How's the girlfriend?

Me: She's fine

Fezi: J ust one question

Me: Here we go

Fezi: Out of all the black girls, Why a white one?

Fezi had his share of pain with regards to white people when he was still in training. He experienced cruel racism..

Me: Fezi don't start

Fezi: I just don't get it, Why not date your friend

Me: No

Fezi: You not going to marry this girl are you?

Me: I don't know

Fezi: Bummer!!

Mom: Fezi don't start with all that racism

Fezi: I'm not, Don't tell me you also happy with this

Mom: Doesn't matter, What matters is that Afro is happy

Fezi: Pshhhh, There's no love from those people just tolerance

Mom: That's not nice

Me: I'm going to my room to call the girlfriend

Mom: Okay baby

NOMVULA

Gqibi ended up arriving with her disrespectful kid..
Ntonto looks at us as if like we are the biggest
mistake in her life. That child has attitude for the
whole world, Always mad and talking shit..

Mbali is better, She's far better like they not siblings..

Mbali: He has grown from the last time I saw him

Me: He has right?

Mbali: Ntonto don't you wanna hold him?

Ntonto: Why?

Mbali: Never mind

Nomakhosi made her way in..

Khosi: Girls

They greeted her..

Khosi: It's good to see you guys again

Ntonto went and hugged her, They get along pretty well..

Ntonto: I'm so glad to see you, At least someone I've been looking forward to seeing

Khosi: Good to see you too Ntombo

Mom and Gqibi walked in, Gqibi was holding my things..

Gqibi: Sister

Khosi: Sister

Gqibi: Thina sahamba (we are leaving)

Khosi: I'll see you guys tomorrow morning then

I watched them bidding each other farewell then we left...

AFRO

I was on a video call with my girlfriend..

Her: I miss you

Me: I miss you more

Her: Maybe you can drive down to my house tomorrow for dinner

Her family knows we staying together, Mine don't. I'm black, Certain things have to be done traditionally. Cohabitation is something my Parents won't take well. What Fezi said was true, My

girlfriend's family is not too happy with our relationship. I've met them once, Her Grandmother said if we ever have kids. It'll be a waste of genes. She loves me more than I love her, And determined to make this work. Determined for a future..

I don't think I am as invested as she is..

Me: My Brother is around, We are going to spend the day tomorrow

Her: Ohw that's nice

Me: It is

Her: Maybe some other time

Me: Yaa I have to go, Was checking up on you..

Her: I love you

Me: I love you too

I hung up and called Vula..

NOMVULA

I was sitting at the back with Mbali when Afro called..

Me: Hey

Afro: Someone said she will text me

Me: I'm sorry.. It's been crazy, On my way to my

Sister's

Afro: I see.. I miss you guys already

Me: We do miss you too, We'll see you soon

Afro: Safe drive, You'll tell me when you guys arrive

Me: Okay

Afro: Send my love to the little man

Me: I don't will

I hung up..

Gqibi: Boyfriend?

Me: A friend

Gqibi: Who is he?

Me: Bongani but his nick name is Afro, Went to the same high school. He's studying in University of Pretoria. Doing something something called Actual science

Gqibi: Wow actuarial science, He's pretty smart

Me: He is

Ntonto: Really? You know someone who is that advanced?

Me: Why wouldn't I know him?

Ntonto: Because you are you, He probably wants sex

Gqibi: Ntonto!

Ntonto: What?? You think a guy like that would actually settle for someone like her? Uneducated, Unemployed with a child

Gqibi: Why wouldn't he? They friends already.. You should invite him for tomorrow

Me: With how embarrassing our family is, I hardly think so

Ntonto: You are the embarrassment nje. Gogo is working, Khosi learnership, Mom working. You the weakest link

Mbali: I think that's rude

Ntonto: You shouldn't even be talking, What is Vula gonna teach you other than having a baby?

Gqibi: Okay that's enough Missy!

Me: Wow!

AFRO

We were watching TV, All together. Eating ice cream..

I cleared my throat...

Me: I.. I would like Keri to visit, Meet everyone

Mom: When?

Me: Maybe next weekend

Dad: The white girl?

Me: Yes.. We actually living together

Mom: What??

Dad: How do you forfeit your culture like that for her?

Me: It's Morden times

Mom: Morden times my left foot! You forced this

girl into our throats, Then bring another one. Don't you see anything wrong with this? Clearly you and Nomvula seemingly like each other, Will it end well for the two girls?

Dad: Honey calm down

Mom: You never dated, The time you do this is what you slap us on the face with? We are going to stop paying your rent

Dad: Okay that's overreacting

Mom: He will go live at Res and his bursary will pay up

Fezi: I agree

Me: For fucks sake

I got up..

Mom: What did you say?

I walked to my bedroom..

Mom: Bongani!!

Dad: Let him cool down

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(BONUS)

NOMVULA

Gqibi and I woke up very early, But started cooking at around 10:00am. Mbali was babysitting Langa for me, Ntonto left to her best friend's place for a sleepover..

Gqibi: Ntonto is 16 don't mind her

Me: Are you scared of reprimanding her because you not her real Mother?

Gqibi: Ntonto has been through hell, Her mom's death wasn't easy on her at all. I came into her life not so long, She's had a difficult time accepting me. Now that she has, I don't wanna ruin it. She finally considers me her mother

Me: So you let her do this because you seeking mother validation from her?

Gqibi: She's going to outgrow her attitude

Me: Why doesn't Buda talk to his daughter and tell her to respect you

Gqibi: Buda has a lot on his plate already. He works hard and also has a firm hand in discipline, I don't want Ntonto to hate me

I shook my head..

Gqibi: Did you invite your guy friend?

Me: I don't think I wanna bring him here so he could see how I'm being treated, It's embarrassing

Gqibi: Yaa I understand. Mom is not the best, But if someone truly loves you. They'll love you with all your baggage, Family is family after all no matter how messed up they're

Me: Family is just a name and blood relation only, We are just family by name. Afro comes from a very good family, I don't wanna embarrass him with mine. Not when his treated me well

Gqibi: Buda still married me

Me: You not the black sheep of the family remember? Mom has always hated me

Gqibi: Hate is a strong word

Me: And true

AFRO

I was eating cereal, Fezi sat next to me..

Fezi: Good morning

Me: Morning

Fezi: Let's talk then. It's not that we hate this girl but it's new to us. We have never been hit with an interracial relationship, It's two different cultures and both would wanna be respected especially when you two get married

Me: We won't

Fezi: Huh?

Me: I love the idea of being in a relationship with Keri, I do love her but seeing a future with her? I don't see it

Fezi: Hmmmm.. Did you communicate that with her? So you don't give her false hope?

Me: I haven't, We haven't had that conversation

Fezi: You should, Won't be fair to her especially if she's given you your heart

Me: I will

Fezi: Do you really feel like that or this Nomvula chick made you feel like that?

Me: Nomvula is.. I enjoy spending time with her, I've had a crush on her since high school. Despite her current state of living, But years later I'm living my dream. Actually with my crush

Fezi: Sounds wow, There's more life to you when you talk about her than when you do about Keri

Me: I guess so

He hit me on the shoulder..

Fezi: Follow your heart

Me: Any special woman in yours?

Fezi: I'm still looking

Me: Some things never change

NOMAKHOSI

We were loading our bags in the car, I was wearing a blue denim jumpsuit. It was short. I love jumpsuits..

I was wearing white sandals and a white hat. My mother was wearing a skinny jean, Shirt and heels. She had her wig on..

Me: One would swear that you looking for a man

Mom: Incase Buda's friends are there

Me: Mom

Mom: What? He's 5 years younger than me so I'm sure he has friends or colleagues that are my age. Wouldn't hurt landing myself another rich someone

Me: I understand you

Mom: Good, Even you.. You need to seek stability. A man who is financial stable if you don't wanna end up like your sister

Me: Whooooaa never!!

NOMVULA

Mbali gave him back to me when he needed a nappy change. Mbali is 7, She was a quick pregnancy. Second year of my sister in varsity. She dated Buda when she was in her first year, She was doing accounting he was a professor in the health

department.

She's very smart for her age and very talkative.

Me: I think that he needs to sleep, He did wake up at 6am

Mbali: That means I'll play with him when he wakes up

Me: Yes baby

I put him on my back and we went to the kitchen..

Before I entered. I overheard her conversation..

Gqibi: At 13:00 we supposed to be eating or something. Your parents were supposed to have

arrived.. What do you mean?.. Please don't
embarrass me today

She turned back and saw us..

Gqibi: I have to go.. Bye

She hung up..

Gqibi: We having some problems, Couple problems

Me: Ohw I see

Gqibi: Let's set up the grill

Me: Okay

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NOMVULA

Everything was coming together, Where we thought we won't finish. We did. My sister was down after that phone call between her and her husband, I hope they do fix things..

My Mom and Khosi arrived, Apart from the kids it was the 4 of us Adults..

They did nothing, But drink and dance to the music that was playing. The music wasn't too loud as to

not disturb the neighbours. Gqibi and I, We were now setting up the table...

Mom: It's 13:00 now, Kanti his Parents and friends aren't coming?

Gqibi: Buda is working Mom, He probably couldn't fetch his Parents

Mom: They couldn't come on their own? His father drives

Gqibi: They are old Mom

Mom: But his father drives

Khosi: I'm glad they not coming, Gqibi was not gonna be free. She wasn't going to be able to drink

her Amarula in peace

Mom: Agh they old leza zinto! They won't even notice

Gqibi: I guess it's just going to be the 4 of us

Mom: Kodwa Gqibi izinto zenu, Anizihleli. You don't plan your things beforehand, Buka manje no company

Gqibi: We are a strong working couple, We can't plan such beforehand

Khosi: It doesn't matter, We'll have our own fun

AFRO

My mother was back from work. She was at the kitchen as I walked in. Remembering what happened last night, My response to her. It's only acceptable I apologise..

Me: Good day

She looked at me and continued with what she was doing..

Me: I'm sorry for my tone and disrespect

Mom: There's nothing with wrong with getting your point across, But do it respectfully. I am not your friend

Me: I know.. I'm sorry, It won't happen again. I promise

Mom: You know Afr-

We heard a knock at the door..

Me: I'll get it

I went to open, It was Dad's colleague and friend..

Him: Good day Afro

Me: Sergeant

Him: May I?

Me: Yes

He walked in.. He took off his hat..

Sergeant: Pat

Mom: Sergeant

He exhaled loudly..

Mom: What are you doing here? Aren't you supposed to be at work with Dubazana

Sergeant: Yes but.. Uhm

Mom: Uhm what?

Sergeant: There was a shootout at the station,
Between cops and some local gang

Mom: Okay?

Sergeant: Dubazana was shot in his chest and head

Me: What?

Sergeant: He's no more.. He died before paramedics even got him

Me: What?

Sergeant: I'm sorry, Wanted you guys to hear it from me

I heard a loud bang, Only to find it was my Mother. She collapsed along with the pot she was holding..

NOMVULA

Mom: I saw that your curtains in the living room,
You press a button and they slowly move to close

Gqibi: Yes we changed the other ones. These ones
are more convenient

Khosi: Hmmmm, I can't wait to live this life

Mom: You will mntanam' you and Gqibi have made
me proud, And still continue to make me proud.
This year you doing your learnership, Next year
you'll be going back to school. Gqibi is well
established, Married a very financial stable Man. I'm
proud of you my babies, Having a Mother say that,
It's more blessings unto your lives

Khosi: Thank you Ma

Gqibi: Thank you

Mom: We lost your father but he gave me two beautiful, Strong and passionate girls. He's proud of you guys wherever he is, I know

Khosi: I am sure he is

Mom: Can't say the same about Nomvula, But what can we do. Which trash bin are we going to put her in?

Gqibi: Mom

Mom: She came home with a baby, Instead of a qualification or a matric certificate

Me: Maybe let's talk about my father

Mom: What about him? He is as useless as you are. Except he's a rich useless, He never wanted you. He chose his wife and his other kids, Gave me R500 for abortion. Hear that? Your life was worth R500 to him

Gqibi: Mom

Mom: What?

Khosi: She thought she ate with that "Let's talk about my father" comment trying to embarrass Mom, Imagine if there were people

Mom: She has no leg to stand on considering her baby is fatherless too! So she's not high and mighty

I kept quiet, This wasn't going to end well..

AFRO

When Mom was able to wake up, We sat her on the chair and gave her a glass of water.

Mom: I don't understand. He left this morning, To go to work as always. Now you telling me that my husband is coming back home in a coffin?

Me: What really happened?

Sergeant: There's this local group of kids, Calling themselves wrong turns. Terrorising the hood

Me: Laba base extension 16?

Sergeant: Yes. They burned down a house, Then we

captured 5. Not knowing it's a lot of them and they have older ones in a group. They were still in the holding cells, The other ones came. There was an exchange of words, Then Dubazana was trying to calm the situation. The unthinkable happened, One pulled out their gun and shot him. I pulled out mine and shot the one who shot Dubazana to stable him, But in actual fact I was indeed gunning to kill him

Mom: My husband was killed by kids? Is that what you saying?

I rubbed my hand on her back..

NOMVULA

We continued eating, Now they were talking about general things..

Halfway through the lunch, Buda walked in. He wasn't alone, Had a female companion who was pregnant..

Buda: Good afternoon family

He opened the chair for the pregnant lady who was smiling. She sat down, He sat down..

Buda: Sorry I'm late

There was an awkward silence.. I looked at Gqibi, She kept her eyes on the woman..

Mom: Hi Buda, Nice of you to join us with your colleague

Buda: Ohw she's not a colleague.. She's my

girlfriend and baby Mama

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NOMVULA

This was bigger than a bomb. Bigger than anything I could've imagined in my life..

One thing about Gqibi is that she runs away from problems, And hers in particular. She got up from her chair and walked out, Leaving everyone else to deal with the mess..

Buda was not shaken, And his cool persona proved

to me that he just doesn't care. Nigga was cool, Calm and collected. Eating his food but her Girlfriend/ Baby Mama, I could see from how she was playing with her fork around the potato salad that naa sis wasn't happy with what just went down.

Khosi: I'm sorry.. I'm confused, What's happening?

Mom: Yaa Buda what's happening exactly?? You cheat on my Daughter then have the audicity to do this? My own Daughter? Who is very educated, Who gave you her whole life??

Khosi: Yaa but Buda this is embarrassing hey? Is this why you didn't wanna bring your family into today so they don't see how shitty you are??

Buda: The only embarrassing thing on the table right now is your Sister. Gqibi knows I no longer love her, She's been forcing. So what? I must stay

with a woman I no longer love? I thought self made and independent women can move on from any relationship? She's lucky I didn't bring my family and friends to be more embarrassed!

Me: Wow

As if the situation couldn't get any more embarrassing, Gqibi showed up with a golf stick. She hit it, In the middle of the table. Breaking a few casseroles, Grabbing down the table cloth and everything in it. Down to the floor, Screaming her lungs out..

Gqibi: Son of a bitch!! After everything, I gave you my complete life. My heart, My soul and everything! I am a good wife to you, No matter how shitty you were to me. I even loved your Daughter who is not my blood like my own!! This is how you thank me? Bringing her to my house? So she could take over?? Are you insane? Are you mad??

She continued hitting the table, Then pointed the golf stick at the lady whom Buda introduced as "Mandisa" to us..

Gqibi: You!! You don't know what I've been through with this man, For you to come and take him?

Mandisa was holding to that chair for dear life, Buda moved to protect Mandisa..

Mom: Gqibi

Gqibi: Don't.. Don't Gqibi me! Maybe if you were a good Mother I wouldn't be here today

Me: Gqi..

Mbali went to her and hugged her tight around her waist. Burying her face on her Mother's tummy..

Mbali: Mommy (Crying)

I saw tears from Gqibi's defeated eyes..

Gqibi: Everyone get out of my house.. Get out!! All of you!! Get out.. Now!!!

She dropped the golf stick and picked up Mbali..

Gqibi: Get out!!! Leave my house all of you!! Before I set it on fire!!

AFRO

My father's news already made it to social media. I

had to delete Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Tik tok, and only left with WhatsApp. I was ready to block anyone who posted the story or his picture on their status messages..

It was real, It felt real when people were going in and out in preparation for the mourning stage before the funeral. My mother being prepared by her sisters for the mourning. Dressing her up respectfully, I've never seen my Mother this weak..

I've locked myself up in the bedroom, My brother has done been knocking, A few of my friends been calling but I was laying down on my bed listening to music and drinking his whiskey. Tears running down on the sides of my face..

"How many brothers fell victim to the streets?

Rest in peace young, there's a Heaven for a G

Be a lie if I told you that I never thought of death

My, we the last ones left, but life goes on"

I closed my eyes..

NOMGQIBELO

I got into the bedroom, Locked up. I went to the bathroom cabinet, Took 4 Sleeping pills.

My mom knocked..

Mom: Gqibi open! I didn't raise no weakling, This situation can be fixed. Don't be a weakling!

I told Mbali not to open for anyone..

She kept knocking..

Mom: You think how I got your father? Think I didn't pass this stage? Did you see me giving it all up for a mistress?

I went to stand by the door and started shouting..

Me: Leave!!! I said go!! Don't you have your own house??!!

Mom: Gqibi!!

Me: If I come out, I'm going to stab you and throw you down the stairs!!

Mbali was crying and trembling sitting on the bed..

Mbali: Mommy you scaring me (Crying)

I walked up to her..

Me: Mbali shut up!! Keep quiet and stop quiet!!

I poked her on her forehead..

Me: Shut it!!

She placed both her hands over her mouth having hiccups..

I went to my drawers..

Me: Ungrateful Son of a bitch!!

I searched through and found some twizzers. I went

and sat by the door waiting for more knocks..

NOMVULA

Buda was hugging Mandisa who was shaken..

Buda: Didn't I tell ya'll? Didn't I tell ya'll? Uyahlanya lomuntu!

My Mom came down rushing from the stairs..

Mom: Buda uyinja mara!

I excused myself to the kitchen. As I read on social media already about Afro's Father..

I tried calling and texting, He wasn't picking up.. I sent him a WhatsApp VN..

Me: J ust talk to me please, Even if we talk about any random thing. J ust wanna know if you okay that's all. I'm worried and scared

I sent the vn...

Khosi: Kumnandi neh? Sis is going through a lot and you don't care.. You must be happy aren't you??

I pulled Langa up so he doesn't fall..

Me: Please Khosi what's exciting about this situation? What woman hasn't been driven crazy by a man?

Khosi: You happy aren't you??

Me: About what exactly? Someone's misfortune?
That's the difference between you and I. I don't
rejoice over people's misfortunes. Gqibi didn't call
this upon herself, It can happen to anyone what's
there to be happy about? Yooh Khosi not everyone
is a witch internally like you.. Rhaa maan!!

I walked out to stand by my Mother's car incase we
leave soon

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NOMVULA

Tonight in particular as we rode home, Their sly
comments didn't get to me. I was more worried

about Afro than the everyday dialogue founded on my name between my Mother and Khosi. He wasn't answering back, He kept on going in and out of whatsapp..

I can only hypothesize on his pain, I don't know the pain of losing a father that was actually father. I saw how much of a close knitted family they were, And this must be hard to deal with...

I must've sent him about 20 texts, All blue ticked. He actually reads and chooses not to answer, And it's okay but at least just tell you wanna talk than just blue ticking. It worries, Makes one imagine a lot of unhealthy scenarios...

Mom: You know what I don't understand? It's that girl herself. How the hell does she come to another woman's house and be comfortable like that? I don't buy any shit she will pull on "I didn't know he was married". That excuse no longer bites, It's been

used quite a lot!

Khosi: Did you see Buda protecting her?

I actually hung my head in shame hearing that. In my own mist of pain, I came to realise that yes.. They'll be women who will get with your man knowing very well he's with you, But whether the woman knows about you, Whether she knows you too or doesn't it's not her fault. The other woman owes you no loyalty, But your man. They are concentrating their energy on the wrong person!!

Mom: This girl doesn't know, I'll teach her a lesson she'll never forget in her whole entire life. If this is what she's used too, Not on my child!!

NOMGQIBELO

I only opened when Buda came knocking. The pills I drank, They made me drowsy yes but I just couldn't fall asleep. Each time I laid down, Each time I closed my eyes I'd suffocate. I had to have Mbali next to me, Holding her as we tried to sleep just so I don't completely lose my sanity..

The safest thing in all this, Was him taking Mbali to her bedroom. She felt more safer with him than she did with me, I understand. I am currently the bad guy in this situation. There's no greater pain, Like being in pain whilst having a child. When you close to the urge of insanity and your child witnesses your temporary mental breakdown..

Buda: What the hell is wrong with you? Did you see how much you embarrassed yourself out there today? Imagine if I had my parents here. My friends, So they could witness something so shallow?

Me: The only embarrassing thing is what you did,

Bringing her into our marital home? In the presence of my family? So she could flaunt the disgust?

Buda: Gqibi I don't love you anymore!! I have tried by all means to communicate that with you, You never took me seriously. In your own crazy head, You are fixated on the idea that you and I we will fix things. There's nothing to fix! It's over!.. I have fallen out of love with you

Me: Okay.. I think we both high on emotions right now, We not thinking rationally

Buda: I am thinking rationally, You not!!

He sighed whilst rubbing his eyes..

Buda: I brought her today on hopes that somehow the love you still have for me, Will makes you hate

me! That you will hate me and it'll be easier for you to just leave and not turn back. I can't keep on doing this to Mandisa, I can't hurt her

Me: What about me?? What about me huh? What about my hurt? What you putting me through??

I swallowed as my throat clogged up, My voice breaking and tears falling down..

Me: What about me? The fact that I love you madly? That I'll possibly lose my sanity when you walk out of here?

Buda: What do you want from me?

Me: I want you to love me!!

I walked up to him and touched him..

Me: I want you to love me

I tried to kiss him..

Buda: Stop..

Me: I want my husband back

He threw me on the floor..

Buda: I said stop it!! Why are you doing this to yourself??

He clicked his tongue and walked to the door, I crawled to him and held on to his leg..

Me: Don't do this to me!!

He kicked me off, Continued walking out..

Me: Don't leave me, especially not for her! (crying)

NOMVULA

When we got home, The first thing I did was to leave those two and go to Afro's place..

His elders accepted me in after a lengthy explanation..

His mom was sitting on the mattress, Her eyes glued down. As soon as she saw Langa, Her face lit up..

She held him, I saw a smile through that eyes full of pain..

I felt to go to Afro's room. I noticed a plate of food by his door. I picked it up and knocked..

Me: It's me

I got no reply...

Me: I'm just going to sit here until you open, Don't worry I have time

NOMAKHOSI

I have never seen my Mom this mad..

Me: Calm, Zoze ube ne high high

She fixed her bra..

Mom: Gqibi is weak! I expect this behaviour from people like Nomvula. She embarrassed me, Disappointed me! She should actually apologise for even being a part of this family. Hlulwe Indonda!

Me: I hope you not going to say that to her

Mom: Gqibi is not coming back here as a divorced woman, She sure is not leaving her house for that girl to take over. She must toughen up maan haisuka!! Busy breaking tables instead of bones!!

She hit her womb..

Mom: It's like she was never here, Inside.. La!!

NOMVULA

He finally opened, Stood there and looked at me. I got up with the plate..

Afro: What are you doing here?

Me: You weren't replying to my Whats App texts

Afro: I know

Me: Why?

Afro: Maybe I just don't wanna talk

I walked in..

Afro: Dammit (Softly)

He closed the door..

Afro: I'm really not in a good space

Me: You don't have to talk about it, We can just lie down in total silence

Afro: Whatever Rain

I put the plate away and laid down on the bed.. He came to lie down next to me. We both stared at the ceiling..

Me: You know when my father le-

Afro: Don't

Me: Okay sorry

A few seconds passed..

Afro: It doesn't make sense

I turned to his side..

Me: Nothing about life makes sense

He turned too..

Afro: At least this makes sense

We looked at each other, He leaned over for a kiss
but quickly broke the connection..

Afro: I'm sorry.. I just..

Me: It's okay

I still kept my look on him, The moment defeated us.
We kissed again..

NOMAKHOSI

Khosi: Batho ba Modimo!!

Mom: Don't tell me Gqibi committed suicide

Me: No.. Bab Dubazana passed on

Mom: What?

Me: Gunned down at the police station earlier this morning

Mom: Chaa.. We need to go there, I'll only believe it when we get there. The Dubazana family is a well respected family in this community. Let me change siye, Sokhalisa!

Me: I'll change too

Mom: Kanti Nomvula uphi? (Where is Nomvula)

Me: I don't know

Mom: Yazi kushoniwe yena busy!

NOMVULA

We moved in sync to go lock the door, Then moved to his dresser. He picked me up and sat me ontop parting my legs to get in between them.. We continued kissing whilst taking off our clothes, Until we were both left with what we had underneath..

I don't know what we were doing but I presume we both going through something deep that we can find comfort with each other..

He opened the drawer underneath my legs and pulled out a pack of condoms..

I haven't had sex since Langa's father got me pregnant..

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NOMVULA

I forgot the pleasure that sex brings. Forgot how it felt like, To be touched and have a man want you. Crave you, Handle you well, Be at the mercy of what is buried in between your thighs..

The whole scene took place on his dresser, And the core of it all. Was to make sure that sounds aren't heard from the ones outside of this room..

One thing that existed between us right now, Was the moment and no one else..

My legs were wide open, Apart from each other and on the dresser. His hard shaft was going in and out of my hole, Wrapped by a condom..

For a nerd, I didn't think he was going to pull this off. He went his thumb again to gently rub and play with my clit as we continued. I didn't take off my bra, I didn't want any breast milk getting in the way of what was happening. My breasts were full today, I wasn't able to breast feed...

I had my hand on his tummy, Just running it up and down as we continued. It felt good, Felt really good with him rubbing my clit..

He was the one who took off my bra, To admire my full breasts and as I had predicted. I started leaking, He continued rubbing my clit and fucking me....

NOMAKHOSI

Upon arriving at Afro's House. I was shocked to see his Brother, Fezile holding Langa. They were at the kitchen and he was giving Langa juice, Langa's eyes proved that he had been crying..

Mom: Haibo.. Sawubona

Fezile looked at us..

Mom: That's my Grandchild

Fezile: Ohw

Mom: Where is Nomvula?

Fezile: She went out with Afro

Me: Went out?

Fezile: Afro is not well for obvious reasons,
Nomvula came to check up on him. Took him out
for fresh air, Decided to look after this little fella

Mom: Since when is Nomvula dating Afro?

Fezile: They not.. They good friends, Didn't they go
to school together?

Me: They did, But Afro was in my class from grade
10-12. I didn't know they were that tight

Fezile: Yaa

Mom: Anyway.. I'm so sorry for your loss

Fezile: Thank you.. You can proceed to the bedroom,
They'll make you tea

We went to the bedroom..

NOMVULA

When he came, He pulled out. By then I hadn't had
an orgasm. So he rolled up the condom with his
sperm. Tied it and put it away..

He knelt down and put my legs over his shoulders.
He sucked my clit with his finger deep inside of me..

I grabbed and held his afro tight as he continued,
He muffed me and when I was about to orgasm. My
body vibrated, I put my other hand over my mouth
to not moan loud..

He stopped after I came. Came up and kissed me.
Kissed me for a while..

This would be a normal situation, If the environment was normal too. We couldn't cuddle, Pillow talk and everything. We had to dress up and hope no one heard or suspected..

When we were all dressed up, He slowly opened the door and peeped through..

Afro: Come

I walked out and he closed the door.. His brother showed up holding Langa. He looked at us, My heart sank..

Fezile: Follow me outside.. Now!

We followed him outside through the back door..

NOMGQIBELO

That part of the ceiling in the bathroom fell. I got down from my dressing chair, Staggering around. I took the handful of sleeping pills, Accompanied by the bottle of sweet rosè wine. I looked at them..

Me: God please.. I just want the pain to go away

Without thinking more about it, I drank the pills.
Kept on drinking until none was clogged up in my throat..

I took the rope, Threw it over the supporting wood from the ceiling. I got to the dressing chair and tied the rope around my neck tight. I closed my eyes and

said a little prayer, Then kicked off the chair. I was surprised the rope and the wood took my weight..

NOMVULA

I stood from a distance as they spoke, I was holding Langa. Couldn't make out what they were saying, But it was intense..

After they spoke, Afro came here..

Afro: I'm getting my keys and purse, Your Mother and Sister are here. We'll go eat at the pub then come back

My heart started beating fast..

Afro: I'm coming, Wait here

Me: Ohh shit!!

His brother looked at me with his hands buried deep in his pockets, Then he followed Afro..

NOMAKHOSI

Mom: Moya wam ubuhlungu ngo Dubazana maan

My mom and faking emotions, She was forcing hard to cry..

Mrs Dubazana was holding her mini blanket all the way up to her mouth and looking down. She didn't say a word. It's no surprise, This woman feels herself too much, Doesn't interact with no one in this hood. Always been about her, Her Husband, And kids. Akajwayeleki, You can't get used to her..

They brought tea and scones..

Mom: Hayi maan.. What happened?

The other woman sitting next to Mrs Dubazana who introduced herself as Mr Dubazana's sister. The first born, Was the one who was busy telling us what happened..

NOMVULA

I got into the car and started breastfeeding Langa..

Me: My mom is going to kill me

Afro: Why?

Me: I didn't tell her I was coming here

Afro: So?

Me: It's complicated

Afro: Let's go and eat, We'll deal with the repercussions later when we get back

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NOMVULA

He bought himself a red meat plate, Pap and salad.

I took the chicken one. We bought fizzy drinks, Sat and ate...

Me: Afro

He looked at me..

Me: I think we need to talk about what happened

Afro: Of course

Me: What happened earlier on I d-

Afro: I don't regret it. To me it was not a mistake, I don't consider it a mistake. I am not even going to deny it nor act like it didn't happen, I won't even deny it if someone asked

Deep down I was relieved. To know that we won't be acting like this didn't happen..

Afro: Unless you think otherwise

Me: No.. I.. I don't greet it too

He had Langa on his lap, Feeding him small pieces of meat..

I continued eating with a smile on my face.

Afro: I will end it with Keri

That was unexpected but I'm not complaining..

Afro: It's the right thing to do, Especially after what happened. A relationship founded and supported by

lies won't work

Me: That's true

We continued eating....

BUDA

Mbali had called me saying her Mother was hanging from the ceiling. She called me using her mother's phone. I had to rush home, In the bathroom was Mbali hugging her Mother's legs very tight. Crying, And shaking her to wake up..

Mandisa walked in, She had her hand in her tummy. She screamed at the sight of Gqibi hanging from the ceiling..

Me: What have you done?? What have you done??

There was a bottle of wine on the floor and a bottle of sleeping pills..

I took out my phone to call the Ambulance and the Police..

This was a mess..

NOMAKHOSI

We walked out and drove home with my Mother busy rambling about Nomvula..

Me: I don't think they dating Ma, They friends. Afro was a Nerd at school, He passed his matric well. Very well. He's in varsity, His family is a stable

family. Abahlanyi, Do you think that they would allow Nomvula to date their Son? She's not fit for them

Mom: Nawu ke phela, Fezile was holding the baby

Me: Aii

Her phone rang, It was Buda..

Mom: What does this one want?

Me: I don't know

Mom: Answer because I'm driving

I took her phone and answered..

Me: Hello. What do you want?

I heard him sniffing..

Me: Buda yini?

Buda: Gqibi committed suicide

Me: Wait.. Wait.. Wait..

Buda: Mbali found her hanging on the bathroom ceiling, She took pills and wine beforehand

I hung up, My body started trampling..

Mom: What's wrong?

Me: Pull over

Mom: Why?

Me: Mom pull over

She pulled over..

Mom: Kanti yini?? (What's wrong)

Me: Gqibi committed suicide, Uzibulele

Mom: Ini??

Me: Uzibulele Ma (She committed suicide)

My Mom put her hands over her head..

Mom: Yii.. Yiii.. Yiii.. Yiii.. Gqibi wenzani?? Wenzani Gqibi?? (crying)

NOMVULA

I didn't even finish my food, I got a takeaway then Afro drove us home..

We parked two houses away. I had to a good day, Didn't want those two messing my mood up..

Me: I had a lovely day

Afro: I'm glad you did

Me: We have to go, Plus I should put Langa down to

sleep

Afro: Had a great time with you guys

He kissed Langa on his forehead, Then kissed me on my lips..

Me: I'll text you, Please reply

Afro: I will

I got out, Took my bag and we walked to the house..
He watched us walk to the house, Then drove away..

BUDA

Mandisa was holding Mbali as we waited. We were down in the lounge, Left the situation upstairs

exactly how it was..

Me: Why didn't she leave? Fuck why didn't she leave?

Mandisa: She was in pain

Me: Gqibi is selfish, Putting the kids through this

Mandisa: It's bad

NOMVULA

I was bathing Langa, Busy making him laugh when I heard cries..

I put his nappy, Then clothed him. I didn't pour out his water as yet, I went to find out what happened. Khosi sat our Mother down

Me: What's going on?

She went to get a glass of water, Gave my mother..

Me: Khosi

Khosi sat down too..

Khosi: Gqibi committed suicide

Me: What?

Mom: We have to drive down there

Khosi: Will you be okay to drive?

Mom: I have no choice

Khosi: Okay

Mom: Nomvula pack a bag for me, We have to sleep there tonight

Me: Yebo Ma

I went to pack her a bag...

AFRO

I went and sat next to Fezile on the couch..

Fezi: Where is your girlfriend?

Me: Drove her home

Fezi: Afro

Me: I know.. I'm sorry, What I did was wrong

Fezi laughed..

Me: What?

Fezi: Never thought I'd see the day where you
become rebellious

Me: Don't start

Fezi: Hope you used a glove, Women are fertile

Me: I did

His phone vibrated..

Fezi: It's my friend.. I have to go

Me: Okay sharp

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NOMVULA

[PRESENT DAY]

I was wearing my white shirt only, Pacing up and down in my kitchen with a glass of wine in my hand. I looked at the time again, It's 20:00. I was upset, We don't break the schedule and he is..

The door opened, They walked in. Langa walking in first, His big earphones hanging over his neck. He had his backpack on. Followed by Afro holding our Daughter Naomi, She was named her after Afro's Grandmother. Following them was his fiancé holding my Daughter's bag pack..

I placed the wine glass on the counter as Langa walked straight to his room..

Fiancé: Hi

She sat down on the couch, I live in a penthouse. Afro walked to Naomi's bedroom, I followed him..

Me: Hey.. Hey!!

He opened her duvet, Then carefully placed her down so she doesn't wake up. He threw her shoes on the floor..

Me: You were supposed to bring the kids back at 19:00 not 20:00

Afro: Didn't your assistant give you the message that we were going to be one hour late?

Me: And what is that tramp doing here? In my house?

Afro: That tramp is my fiancé, Soon to be my wife!
And you will respect her!

Me: I don't care if she is your soon to be wife or

what but I don't want her anywhere near my house!!!

Afro: Keep your voice down our Daughter is sleeping

Me: Afro!!

Afro: I'm warning you, Keep it down

I folded my arms..

He took off his glasses..

Afro: Do you see why you can't keep yourself a good man? Or a man for that matter

Me: I'm sorry that I decided to be one of those women who actually gave a fuck about being

independent, The woman who made it out there and actually made it work on her own

Afro: Wow.. On her own

Me: You bought me my first stock yes, R500.. I turned that into a multimillionaire rand tobacco company in South Africa

Afro: Nomvula stop.. It's not about that, I don't care if your company was the first leading in the tobacco industry.. Just stop! You make it sound like I wasn't doing anything but sitting on my arse, I'm successful too. One of the biggest stock brokers on global status but I made it work!! Because I loved you, I had a family and I knew how to prioritise!

My eyes were filled with tears now..

Me: What do you want me to do?

Afro: Nothing.. You did nothing to save us

He walked to the door, I put my hands on his waist..

Me: I know you don't love her, I know you don't.. We can still fix it

Afro: Rain stop

Fiancé: Honey??

He got my hands off him..

Afro: I'll come get the kids next week

He walked out. I placed my hand on my waist and another on my forehead..

Me: Dammit!!

That phone call.. That phone call that night, Is the reason why we here today..

*****PAST*****

NOMVULA

Langa was peacefully sleeping. Mom and Khosi had gone..

I was from bathing, Still in my towel and on the phone with Afro..

Afro: I ended it with Keri

Me: Really?

Afro: Yes as we spoke earlier on

Me: I.. I don't know what to say

Afro: Rain what happened today is.. All I'm trying to say is that, I wanna share more of those moments with you but on a girlfriend level

Me: Are you proposing to me?

Afro: Is it working?

I laughed and exhaled..

Me: Do you think we will work? I mean won't you get bored by me? I am still trying to figure out life. My way in life

Afro: It will work

Me: I guess then if we do work, And have kids we should name our Daughter Keri

He laughed..

Afro: Ohhh and if we have more boys, We should name one after your baby daddy.. What's his name again?

I laughed..

Me: That's shady and wrong

I sat on the bed..

FEZILE

They brought me my drink, I was waiting for him. The door opened, He walked in. He was wearing skinny jeans, Boots, a leather jacket. Wig and make up on point whilst holding his bag..

He looked around and saw me. He made his way to me..

Momo: Babe

Me: Babe

I got up and met him halfway. I kissed him. I opened the chair for him, He sat down. I sat down too..

Me: You look beautiful and smell nice, As always

Momo: Aren't you sweet?

His name is Mongezi, But go by Momo. He is the most beautiful gay guy I've ever met. You wouldn't tell he's gay until you actually pay attention..

Momo: I'm sorry about your Father

We have been dating for 3 years now, He's in fashion..

He took the menu..

Momo: Should I come to the funeral?

I'm gay but I don't get fucked. I fuck, And mostly attracted to the girly ones. They are more submissive and easy to handle. I'm masculine, He's more feminine...

Me: Uhm no

Momo: People won't know I'm there for you

Me: Momo please.. I said no

Momo: Fine

She took the menu from the table..

NOMAKHOSI

When we got there, Her body was still there. Taken down, But still on the bathroom floor with a blanket over her.

The police have been here already..

Mom: Ke hore you are fixated on embarrassing my Daughter even when she's dead

Buda: Mandisa is my baby Mama

Mom: How do I know you didn't kill my Daughter for lo no Nodindwa??

Buda: Don't you think I would've long done that?

Mom: I will make you pay for this, My Daughter

was.. Gqibi was strong, You broke her

Buda: J ust go bury your Daughter, I'm glad I won't have to be dealing with you again

Mom: I'm taking Mbali with, She's going to stay with us and I will raise her. You will pay child support

Buda: Fine by me

FEZILE

Our order came we started eating..

Me: After the funeral, Before I go back to work we take a weekend vacation

Momo: I'd like that

Me: You can choose any weekend gateway

Momo: Budget?

Me: No budget but within South Africa

Momo: Okay I'll search

I looked at him and smile..

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NOMVULA

[PRESENT DAY]

I decided that I'll be late for work this morning, I wanted to drive the kids to school..I was done preparing breakfast for them...

Me: Kids breakfast is ready!!

They came, Langa holding his little sister. With all I've been through in life, With my siblings. I made sure that Langa and Naomi are close to each other. Langa loves his little sister, He's the big Brother that I actually wanted him to be to his little sister.

He sat her on the counter. They have a weird way of eating, Sharing a plate, with Naomi sitting on the counter and Langa on the high chair. I made them their favourite. Grilled cheese sandwiches and chocolate milk.

Langa: Here don't fall

He fixed her..

Naomi: It's a bit hot

Langa: I know.. I'll blow it for you

He cut the already cut part of the sandwich and
blew on it, to cool it..

Me: Langa why aren't you in uniform?

Langa: I got suspended

Me: What? Why??

Langa: I got into a fight with a classmate

Me: You know I don't promote violence, Why?

Langa: He read the newspaper and.. You and Dad made front page

Me: Ohh no

Langa: Most sort after Stock broker getting married in a few months, to a teacher. After his separation from his ex wife, Nomvula J ele-Dubazana the CEO of the Langa Tobacco. The most second leading tobacco brand company.. Then they said a lot of bul

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He looked at Naomi..

Langa: A lot of unsettling things

Me: Ohh baby I'm sorry

Langa: I just wanna know why you and Dad can't fix it

Me: You don't like his fiancé?

Langa: I have no problem with her but he doesn't love her, Not as much as he loves you. Why not make it work?

Me: Baby sometimes people who love each other, It doesn't mean that they will always be with each other

Langa: You didn't cheat, He didn't. I don't understand

Me: You too young to understand

Langa: I'm 16

Me: Eat your breakfast, Plus you in a lot of trouble

Langa: I think you guys should fix it

Me: I can't believe we made papers again

Langa: You a CEO, He's a Broker it's expected

Afro raised him well, Or rather helped me raise him well. Langa is smart, Respectful and I'm proud of him. Proud that his biological father ditched us.. If

he didn't, My son wouldn't have gotten himself such a wonderful father figure..

*****PAST*****

NOMVULA

The next morning, I woke up early to clean the house. Nomvula is married, She's going to be buried at her house I know..

I am still unsure about my presence, Whether I'll be needed there or not. I'll wait for my mother to inform me..

I heard a knock at the door, I went to open. It was Afro..

Me: Afro!!

I pulled him in.. I closed the door..

Me: What are you doing here?

Afro: Good morning to you too

Me: Did you park outside?

Afro: Yes

Me: Afro!!

Afro: What? You have a boyfriend in here that you don't want me to see?

Me: No.. I mean, You can't just show up at my house like this, Unexpected. My mother would kill me

Afro: Mom again.. I'm starting to think she's a monster

Me: I'm serious

He came and held both my hands..

Afro: I'm sorry.. It won't happen again

Me: Thank you

Afro: But I was hoping you not busy, So I could take you and the little fella out for breakfast. I was sent to get a few things

Me: Well I was just tidying up but done, I'll bath and change

Afro: Where is Langa?

Me: Watching TV?

Afro: He watches TV?

Me: Those kiddies show, I'll make him his instant porridge after bathing

Afro: Okay

FEZILE

I was woken up by my phone ringing. I extended my hand to get it, It was my Mom.

Me: Shit!!

I answered..

Me: Ma

Ma: Kanti ukuphi? (Where are you)

Me: I..

I cleared my throat..

Mom: Afro is gone to buy groceries, I need to be driven to fix a few things. Your great Aunt doesn't want me driving myself

Me: Okay I'm coming

Ma: Ukuphi yee? (where are you)

Me: I just headed out for fresh air, I'll be back

Ma: Uyaphambana! You didn't sleep at home last night!!

Me: I'm coming

Ma: Rhaaaaaa!!

She hung up. I was naked in Momo's bed.. I got up and went to the kitchen, He was preparing breakfast..

Me: Mo

He looked at me..

Me: I need to leave, My Mom needs me

He looked at me, All drooling..

Mo: Okay let's take a quick shower then you can go

Me: After you

NOMAKHOSI

Mom: Later on you need to go fetch us more clothes

Me: Get Nomvula?

Mom: No.. They have two maids, Nomvula will come nge funeral

Me: Okay

We were standing outside, She was having a glass of wine..

Mom: Buda's mom is coming today, I don't want embarrassment with Nomvula. Nothing is going good for her currently, Don't have a way to introduce her

Me: 500k funeral cover

She put her arm around my shoulders..

Mom: Buda will Bury her, Thina he must just give us the money for the cover. This is why I want Mbali, Buda will send money to support her. Mbali has had an expensive life so.. He will send a lot of money. We take her off a private school and into an affordable school.. Lotto!!

Me: Jackpot!!!

NOMVULA

I walked into the kitchen, He was feeding Langa instant porridge. Langa was sitting on the counter..

Me: How did you??

He looked at me..

Afro: What?

Me: Instant porridge? I said I'll make it

Afro: And you were busy getting ready so I made it

I walked up to them, I took the spoon and checked..

Me: And it doesn't have lumps

Afro: You continue to underestimate me woman

I looked at Langa..

Me: And his dirty, Let me change him

Afro: I'll be in the car

He put the dish down....

Langa cried for him..

Me: Okay that's new

Afro took him..

Afro: Okay let's go change

I led the way to the bedroom..

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NOMVULA

[PRESENT DAY]

In my office, I have the best view of all the rooftops of the buildings and the city. My office is situated on the 9th floor of a rented building. The whole 9th floor is my company. Langa tobacco (PTY) LTD..

It was raining this morning, I saw nimbus clouds. The rain won't stop anytime soon, Never mind the lighting and thunder..

Lisa walked in..

Lisa: There way that the lightning and thunder is

hitting, We might have a power surge

I turned and looked at her. She was holding two iced coffees..

Lisa: Hazelnut iced coffee for you with extra cream,
And regular for me

She placed them on the table then sat down, Fixing her skirt..

Lisa: So tell me, What is the matter?

Lisa is not only my assistant, But my best friend too. She's one of the people who was there for me when I was still finding my way. One of the people who believed in me greatly, When I didn't believe in myself..

Me: My Son Langa had a heart to heart with me this morning

Lisa: About what?

Me: My separation with Afro, He wants us to fix things

Lisa: So?

I went and sat down..

Me: My Son saying that his father and I, Didn't work out because of me

Lisa: Specifically said that?

Me: Not in so many words, But.. It made me sound

like the witch of the westwood

Lisa: Now that's just wrong, You not the Westwood witch

Me: Thank you

Lisa: You are far worse

Me: Lisa

Lisa: That man loves you, And you pushed him away

Me: I didn't push him away. See, Afro was raised with love. He came from a loving home, Loving Parents. I, On the other hand. I was raised on survival, I never knew what love was until I had my

Son and I fell for Afro. I worked hard to be where I am today, And worked hard to keep it. When I moved out of home, I promised myself and my Son that we never going back there. My fear was going back there hence I worked hard to keep all of this

Lisa: And you did, But you forgot one thing. You was working hard, So was Afro. That man was not going to let you go back there, I'm sure of that. It was a two way road, And you sidelined him. It's not that deep rain, Swallow your pride. Pick up the phone, Plan a meet up and for once! Don't be led by Pride and Ego, Tell him how you feel. Apologize and ask for another chance

Me: I don't think so, I think this time around we won't make it. He's getting married in a few months

Lisa: Pride talking!.. Pride and love don't go hand in hand, You assuming situations. Call, If he rejects you, you'll know you've tried at least

*****PAST*****

NOMVULA

We were at Panarottis. Two chicken Subs, Chips, Large pizza and juice... Langa was eating the chips. He was standing on Afro's lap trying to reach out for a few things in the table. He had his hand around Langa's tummy so he doesn't fall. I moved most of the things a bit far from them..

Me: Do you have the list of the things you need to get?

Afro: Yeah

Me: Do you think we going to work?

He looked at me..

Me: I already come with a baggage. My Son

Afro: I have grown fond of the little guy

Me: My family

Afro: Yeah about that, What's the story?

Me: I just don't have what you have. My mother hates me, She's always preferred my siblings over me because I'm the child who resulted from her affair, With a married man

Afro: Ouch

Me: She doesn't even love my Son

Afro: family huh?

Me: Yaa

Afro: All I'm going to say is that.. There's no such thing as a perfect family, Every family has it's own problems. Some bigger problems than the others. Your family treating you somehow, It's not your fault. It's their fault. There's nothing wrong with you, There's everything wrong with them. How you were born and the family you grow up in, It's not your fault. You didn't ask for it, You have no control over it, But how you turn out. It's all on you

Me: Profound

Afro: For a second, Let's forget about the family and

enjoy yourself. It's not about them, It's about you.
You matter, You come first. It's you and the little guy
against the world, And how you turn out it will affect
him. All I'm saying is, Be a better woman than your
Mother

NOMAKHOSI

Before driving out to fetch our clothes, There was a
family meeting. Mom, Me, Buda, and his Parents.
We wanted to get this over and done with, Address
the elephant in the room..

Mom: Your Son drove my Daughter to insanity, He
embarrassed her. My Daughter has endured a lot of
pain in the hands of this man, Who was supposed
to love her. Gqibi even loved his Daughter like she
was her own, What does he do? Drive my Daughter
to suicide

Buda: I di-

Mr Ngema: Let her speak!

Mom: So I will be asking for my Granddaughter. Buda will definitely bring that woman here, And I fear for Mbali's safety and wellbeing. If she could come into a home of a married man, What more is she capable of?? I don't think she will love my Granddaughter. Step mothers are a horror. I will take Mbali, She will be my Daughter. My last born. Khosi and Nomvula's little sister, So long Buda continues supporting her financially so she could have a future

Mrs Ngema: I hear you wena Ntombi endala ka J ele, And we are sorry for the pain that my Son put your family through. I know words aren't enough as an apology but we will make sure that you get all that's due to you, And Mbali of course

Mom: Thank you, Even the funeral money that my Daughter was paying. It'll go towards Mbali's trust fund. She's growing up and will be going to tertiary one day

Mrs Ngema: Of course

Me: He should Bury my Daughter with dignity, After 3 months when cleansing has to be done, He must give us two cows to apologize and write his wrongs

Mr Ngema: We acknowledge, And we will definitely look into it

Me: Thank you

I say my Mother handled that smoothly..

FEZILE (AFRO'S BROTHER)

My mother was upset with me..

Mom: If we left early, We would've now gathered all the documents needed and then came back

Me: Already said I was sorry

Mom: Ned for umdidi Fezi, Your father's funeral arrangements have to delay now?

Me: What?

Mom: I know that you probably slept at a girlfriend's place last night

Me: Ma..

Mom: I hope she's worth the delay of your father's funeral arrangements

I laughed and shook my head as I continued driving...

NOMVULA

We were at checkers supermarket. He was pushing the trolley. Langa was dozing off in the trolley with his pacifier in his mouth. I placed my hand on the trolley, He stopped and looked at me..

Me: What? I can't even rest my hand on the trolley?

Afro: You probably haven't had a man do something

for you in a long time, You used to doing things on your own

Me: Whatever, Let's get these things and go

Afro: You can put a few things inside for Langa too

Me: There's no need

Afro: There's every need. We dating now. So your responsibility is mine too

He pushed the cart and I looked at him...

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NOMVULA

Afro dropped us off first. He bought Langa a few things. Formula milk, The medium tin. Nappies, Wipes, Toiletries, Food. It was 3 plastics in total, He was holding Langa as we walked into the house..

I was surprised to find Khosi in the kitchen, She was drinking bottled water. When did they come back? My Mother's car wasn't parked outside..

I put the plastics on the table.. My heart was beating fast now from fear..

Afro: Khosi

Khosi: Afro

Afro handed me Langa..

Afro: I will see you later little fella

He kissed Langa..

Afro: I should go, I'll call you guys

Me: Okay

He walked to the door...

Khosi: Bye Afro

Afro: Bye

He walked out and closed the door..

Khosi: It's nice being you neh? Sishonelwe and wena you out having the best time of your life

Me: I needed to go to the mall, To buy Langa a few things. Afro gave us a lift

Khosi: Then you bring him here.. In my father's house

Me: It's not like he was chilling here or we were having sex, He just helped me with the plastics

Khosi: So you guys are dating, It's not "Friends"

Me: Khosi please

Khosi: Mom and I we are hurting, Going up and down planning for a funeral. Wena what are you doing? Bringing boys into the house. Sies Nomvula!!

Me: What is your problem with me? Why do you hate me so much? What did I ever do to you?

Khosi: You were born that's what bothering me. If there was ever a time where God stood me up, It's now! You don't deserve to be in our family. You are dragging us, You the only one who is not successful. Instead of fixing your life, You go get yourself another man!!

Me: You know the feeling is mutual.. God stood me up too with this family, You guys don't deserve me

Khosi: I will beat you up again

Me: I'd like to see you try

She looked at me with her cleavage going up and down, She was angry..

Me: Stay out of my way, I'll stay out of yours

Khosi: Don't ever consider me your sister you hear?

Me: I never did.. I'd rather have no siblings than you as a sister

She slapped me, Langa cried. I put Langa on the floor. I grabbed her doek and threw her against the cupboard. She fell. I went and sat on her chest, Started slapping her repeatedly that she couldn't defend herself but scream. Langa's cries got worse..

I felt someone pulling me off her.. It was Afro..

Afro: Calm down!!

Me: What are you doing here?

Afro: You forgot your phone in the car

He picked up Langa, Khosi got up..

Khosi: You are so evil I don't know why Mom didn't abort you

Me: I am my Mother's Daughter!!!

Afro: Take Langa and go to your bedroom

I looked at Khosi..

Afro: Now..

I took my phone from him and Langa, Forced myself to carry the plastics too. To the bedroom..

Khosi: You seriously wanna be with such a human being huh??

Afro: Calm down

Me: And don't fucken lie on my name!!

Khosi: Fuck you!!!

FEZILE (AFRO'S BROTHER)

There was only one document missing, So we will see it tomorrow when we go back.

I was standing against my car, Smoking..

J abu my best friend since high school, Pulled up.. He stays in another hood, Not ours.. We went to a high school in town together..

He got out of his TSI and made his way to me..

J abu: Ntwana

Me: Hey

We exchanged a handshake..

J abu: Eish Ntwana hade J oe (My deepest condolences)

He looked like he had a serious hangover..

Me: Shit happens

I passed him the cigarette..

J abu: Qina Kau (Take heart)

Me: Yaa I have no choice

J abu: Yaa eish mele uqine, For is'Ola ne Ntwana yakho (You need to be strong for your Mother and little Brother)

Me: Nakanjani

J abu: Ya neh

Me: It's been long, How are you? How is the marriage life and the kids?

He's married with a baby..

J abu: I didn't even sleep at home, Kau never get married. It's a life sentence. She's not working, I'm working but has the nerve to control my life telling me I drink too much, I care about friends

Me: You haven't even been married for that long

J abu: Yaa Kau, I wish I didn't. Should've ditched her like my first baby Mama

Me: You can't keep on dumping kids all over

J abu: Bazoba right, Bheka my first baby Mama Vula.. She seems to be making it work on her own, She doesn't bother ke6

I shook my head..

J abu: Haven't you seen her vele? Wangapha enkambini yenu.. Nomvula my Son's name is.. It's Langa saw she posted him on Facebook once

Me: Wait what? The girl you've been talking about is Nomvula kanti? I thought it was a girl from your hood

J abu: Naa Wangapha (She's from here)

Me: Ohw

J abu: Is she seeing someone? Now her Facebook is private can't see shit

Me: I don't know, I'm hardly here you know

J abu: Should pass by her house, Bone incosi yam (see my baby)

Me: You ditched this girl, Leave her.. Why do you wanna open up old wounds?

J abu: Ukuthi.. That girl was young maan, She's how old now? 18? 19? She hasn't bothered me. Never called once to ask me for nappies, Milk etc. Hope akathengisanga ibhantshi

Me: Why do you care? Even if she sold the baby
another nigga it shouldn't bother you. You failed to
be a father to your Son, Let her be

J abu: Ya maybe I'll leave it

NOMAKHOSI

Afro: Here

He gave me the dish cloth full of ice cubes.

Me: Thank you

I put it on my burning cheek..

Afro: What happened?

Me: Our sister passed on, Nomvula doesn't care.
Her actions are proving that she doesn't care

Afro: We grieve differently

Me: My mom and I, We going up and down fixing everything. She hasn't even picked up the phone to check how everything is going

Afro: I'm sure you guys can fix what's going on

Me: I don't think so.. I don't think we like each other

Afro: At the end of the day you guys are sisters, You blood

Me: I guess so

Nomvula walked in holding Langa's bottle..

Vula: I thought you'd be gone

Afro: You really did a number on your sister, Look at how red her face is

Vula: I don't care!

Afro: Rain

Vula: No where were you when she attacked me, By that time I was holding my son. I was on the floor making sure my Son doesn't get hurt

Khosi: I did no such, You think I'm crazy to attack

you in front of Langa?

Vula: You seriously denying?

Khosi: You attacked me! You were ontop of me slapping me

Vula: You attacked me first!!!!

Khosi: On what grounds?

Vula: You always had issues with me

Afro: Girls

Khosi: A problem with you? Are you serious? What do you have for me to have a problem with you?

Vula: You tell me!

Khosi: A fucken baby, That's your achievement

Vula: At least I kept mine, At least I didn't pull
homicide on my baby!

Afro: Girls!!!! (shouting)

We both freaked out..

Afro: I don't know what's happening here, But
obviously you two have deeper issues so fix it! This
is embarrassing for both of you, You are adults now
not high school kids. You can't resort to violence
that's unhealthy, So fix it!

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NOMVULA

I don't trust Khosi for shit to leave my Son with her alone in the house. When Afro was leaving, I put Langa on my back, Locked my bedroom and walked him out. I was super embarrassed that he had to witness that, The down part of it is that. It will seem like I'm the bad guy, Because he found me ontop of Khosi..

We walked out to his car in silence..

He leaned against it, Arms folded and looked at me..

Me: Can I explain something to you?

Afro: I'm listening

Me: What you saw in there, Wasn't what it looked like

Afro: You.. Attacking your Sister?

Me: J ust listen to me!!.. Okay? Listen!!

He fixed his glasses..

Afro: Okay

Me: I have been abused in that house, I have been

treated like I don't belong. I already told you, I'm different. I have a different father, And I feel my mother hates me because of the anger he has against my father. I know most people don't believe that your own biological Mother can be cruel to you, But I know first hand. The first time that girl attacked me, I couldn't fight back. I couldn't fight back because I had to protect my Son..

I cleared my throat, It was clogging. Tears already falling, My heart broken. I didn't care if he believed me, No one does. I'm always wrong..

Me: I live everyday of my life trying to get my Mother's validation. I cook, I clean, I do everything! I don't get praised, Only insults.

I exhaled..

Me: I am alive today because of Langa, Because

he's the only person in this whole world that will ever love me. Love unconditionally.. Afro I can go the whole day explaining but.. I'm tired. I have no fight in me anymore with this people. When you took me to your house, That day. I was jealous of you, I was jealous because what you have.. I'll never have. I don't know what I did so wrong for this misfortune to keep on falling on me.. I don't know if it will work between us, You come from a stable background. You don't know what it's like for people like me. I'm broken, And I come with problems, Loving me will not be easy. Not easy at all

I wiped my tears..

Afro: I believe you

Me: You do?

Afro: Never liked that girl, She was friends with my

neighbour and full of herself. She wanted to get with me, Then spread lies after I passed matric that we went to the same school, Same class.. She's delusional. I went to a government school she was in town I don't know how that was possible

I chuckled..

Afro: I'll stop coming for your safety but you need to promise me one thing

Me: Okay?

Afro: I'm almost done with my qualification, When I graduate. My first year of working I'm going to marry you. Take you out of here, All you need to do is hold on for that long and also the tobacco business, I want you to take note of it. It'll keep you busy in the meantime until I come back. If it gets too much, My house is always open. Yes my mom

is old fashioned you can't live with us but you can always visit, I'll talk to her after the funeral. If it gets too much, Just call me. Come to me and vent on me, I know it's hard. Act a fool, Not because you are, But because for now you can't win against them. They out to get you, She can go and have you arrested. Don't ever let your enemies drag you into their battlefield nor don't ever let anyone change who you are. That situation, A total stranger wouldn't know who is right and wrong between you and her. I'm not much religious, I'm into science but.. My mother is religious and she always says "Sometimes people think that God lives in their backyard". God certainly isn't renting in Khosi's room

Me: Sometimes I feel like God doesn't hear me or see me

Afro: That's because God is not a human being, Kills me to say this because I am not much of a believer but.. God doesn't get God when you want him too, If

so he wouldn't be God. If God worked to you, Khosi would be dead or have something happen to her, So is your Mom because of the anger and hate you have towards them. You want God to get God on your terms, Forgetting God is not a child of man.. But there's this Bible verse my Mom always threaten Fezi and I when we hurt her to that point it says "While you did all this, I remained silent, and you thought I didn't care. But now I will rebuke you, listing all my charges against you" - Psalms 50:21

Me: How are you not religious but know Bible scriptures?

Me: I grew up in church, It was out of my control and having an Eidetic memory, I remember most Bible scriptures. So in your mist of pain when they doing all these things to you. God is not quiet, Nor blind to your sufferings. Remember that Bible verse when they do all those things yes he remains silent, And they think he doesn't care but one day he will

rebuke them. Listing all their wrongdoings Infront of them. I promise

NOMAKHOSI

I was packing and on the phone with my Mom..

Me: J ust because she's dating Afro, My childhood crush. She thinks she's all that

Mom: Yazi Nomvula.. I'm up to my throat with her!

Me: Why don't you just kick her out? She must go and seek her father

Mom: I can't now Nana. If she's really dating him, Then he will pay lobola. Did you see they already accepted her, That family is a family of dignity and

I'm going to make sure they pay a good amount of lobola for her. Obviously they have to pay damages for Langa, He can't just take her. 50k for Nomvula and 20k for Langa. That's one fina opportunity I'll ever get from this girl. If they do, is already yours baby. I know it's difficult but sizoba nesthunzi, Dignity! His father was a sergeant well respected in the community, His Brother a pilot! His mother well respected at church. Best friends with uMam'fundisi. Who's going to marry this girl? We not doing this for her but for us! Imagine how respected I'll be at church

Me: I now get you

Mom: Suck it up and let it go

Me: Okay I'll do so

Mom: That's my girl! Act like you didn't tell me this

Me: So what? We gotta treat her nice now?

Mom: Of course not! I hate that girl, We continue treat her the same but with this she's already expecting you to tell me. She'll expect that I'll kick her out, I don't want the Dubazana family getting her for free. I don't want her running away without us getting a cent! So just suck it up

FEZILE

J abu pissed me off. Not because my Brother is dating Nomvula, But because of the fact that he neglected his child and speaking such filth. Maybe my anger rises from the fact that my biological father was shit and I was raised by my step father..

Men like J abu repulse me, If you don't want a baby wear a fucken glove!!

I was busy banging dishes the kitchen..

Aunt: Hey!!

I took a deep breath in..

Aunt: If you don't wanna help say so

Me: I'm sorry

Aunt: What's eating you?

She's my Aunt from my step father's side. Not only did he me but his family did too and accepted me..

Me: Nothing

Aunt: I have vodka stashed in my bag, We can pour in our cups and make like we drinking tea and talk about it

I looked at him..

Me: You'll never change

Aunt: Then you'll tell me who is this boy that's stressing you

She done knew I have been gay, Knew without my telling her. She's kept this secret for many years..

Aunt: I'm coming

She took two cups to the guest bedroom..

NOMVULA

I got back into the house, Khosi was done packing.
She was standing in the kitchen..

Khosi: I'm leaving

Me: Okay

Khosi: I won't tell Mom what happened today, I think
I am under a lot of stress

Me: I'd believe if it was the first time happening

Khosi: Gosh Nomvula I'm not going to tell Mom
about Afro being here, I'm doing you a favour here.
You know Mom will put you out

I kept quiet..

Khosi: I'll text you when I get there

Me: Okay

Khosi: Afro can come.. It'll stay between us

Me: Okay

Khosi: Look Nomvula, Don't be difficult. I'm doing you a favour by letting this end between us. If Mom finds out you know what's going to happen, She'll always take my side so.. For your sake to continue having a home, This will end between us

I remembered what Afro said..

Me: Cool it'll end between us

She took the bags and walked out...

I clicked my tongue, Like I'll ever trust her ass...

AFRO

When I got home, My Aunt and Fezi were busy in the kitchen. Washing dishes and what not. Unlike me, Fezi is domesticated. He cleans, Cooks, Etc..

Fezi: Young man.. We need to talk

I looked at them..

Me: Are you guys drinking?

Aunt: Not so loud

Fezi: Come we need to talk

Me: Okay.. Let's go offload the groceries in my car

We walked out..

Me: Whats up?

Fezi: I wanna talk to you about Nomvula

Me: What about her?

Fezi: About her baby daddy to be exact

Me: Okay?

Fezi: He's coming to claim his child

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NOMVULA

The week went by faster and peaceful. Except for the funeral on Saturday. I had left Friday to attend. Gqibi and Afro's Dad were buried on the same Saturday.. He was going through it on his side, And I was too on my side..

Gqibi's funeral was sad, Or is it because of the way she left this world? No matter how strong you are emotionally but you would feel the heaviness. On the Saturday of her funeral, It rained. It rained from the morning, Until they went to the cemetery and came back..

It was a Sunday morning. I was tired, Very tired. My role in family gatherings. Whether funerals or weddings, I am always that cousin that is a maid. Serving and cleaning up after everyone.. It grew in me, I do it automatically now...

I was shocked to hear that Mbali was to live with us, Mbali has a father. She has a Sister, I don't think they should be separated. Mbali hardly knows us, And she grew up differently from us..

I saw Buda standing outside and smoking. I walked up to him..

Me: Hey

Buda: Eyy

Me: I hear that Mbali will be staying with us?

Buda: Yes

Me: You okay with that?

Buda: Why wouldn't I be?

Me: Mbali was raised differently, Do you think she adapt to life in the hood? Separated from her sibling and the life she knew before?

Buda: Gqibi didn't care about her Daughter, She took her own life and didn't care about Mbali. I work hard, I work long shifts. I won't be able to take care of Mbali 24/7. Ntonto is going to live with my Parents and Mbali her Grandmother. She'll be fine, She's 8. By 13 she'll be the Queen of the hood, She's still going to have a good life. I'll be sending money every month and she has the 500k funeral policy money so she's set

Me: Ohw I see

I went back to the house, Thinking about this whole thing. I don't think my Mother is doing this sincerely, I think she's looking to cash in..

AFRO

I was washing the cars outside, In a few I'll be fetching Nomvula from her sister's house.. I was

still thinking about what Fezi said, He came to help me..

Fezi: Eyy

Me: Eyy

Fezi: Almost done?

Me: Yes.. Tell me something

Fezi: Yeah?

Me: That time, You said J abu is coming to claim his child. Were you serious or the vodka was talking?

Fezi: I had a talk with him, The way he was speaking. He was indirectly speaking of wanting his Son back

Me: Let me get this straight. This Oke, Left Nomvula whilst she was pregnant to feed for herself, Then he comes back after a while and wanna claim his baby? I didn't know sperm donors had that right

He laughed..

Fezi: How much do you love Nomvula?

Me: A lot, I've had a thing for her since from high school

Fezi: Do you see a future with her?

Me: Yes

Fezi: Then maybe you should talk to her about

adopting Langa

Me: Isn't that a bit drastic?

Fezi: The problem is that. You will get attached to the baby, Jabu comes back. The thing about feelings is that they never really go away that easily, He can romance himself back into her life. You know how women are, Plus it seems like she's dated Jabu when she was young and what if she still has those feelings lingering? I don't wanna see you get hurt. Talk to her about this

Me: Yeah I will

We continued washing the cars...

NOMVULA

My Mom and a few Aunties were drinking. At least there wasn't much to do. Buda had hired catering yesterday, I'm glad he did..

Mom: I think her clothes should be shared

Aunt: Ain't we supposed to do that after 3 months?
After the cleansing?

Mom: 3 months is far

I stopped to hear..

Mom: I will take her car, Her siblings and cousins will share her clothes. Buda is definitely going to bring that pregnant whore, I don't want her wearing or throwing away my Daughter's clothes

Aunt: You right

Mom: I'll get the aloe vera plant so we can start

AFRO

I stood at the door of her bedroom, Mom was putting the fitted sheet onto the bed. Today, Everything was being returned back inside the house..

She was wearing all black, Mourning. My Dad's family said they don't require her to mourn for long, 3 months is good..

My father had a dignified funeral yesterday. His colleagues and the community as a whole made sure that he was accompanied to his final resting place peacefully..

His funeral was even streamed live on YouTube..

She sat on the bed, On his side..

Me: Ma

She turned and looked at me..

I made my way in..

Me: You okay?

I sat next to her..

Mom: It's going to take time, But I'll be okay

Me: I was thinking. I wanna move back home, I'll travel to school everyday

Mom: No.. You go back to school, To your flat

Me: It won't be permanent, Just maybe for a year. You can't live alone, Fezi will be gone soon and his job.. It's impossible for him to be around constantly. Plus, Living at home will save us a lot of money for rent

She squeezed my cheek..

Mom: What would I do without you

Me: We going to be fine

Mom: How did the funeral go yesterday, Nomvula's

sister. Did you hear anything?

Me: I'll be fetching her later on from there, I didn't get time to speak on the phone with her

Mom: Okay

I wanted to tell her about Nomvula and I, But maybe this is not the right time as yet..

She had just buried her husband yesterday, Maybe I should wait a little..

NOMVULA

Mbali was outside, Sitting by the water pond. She had a stick with her busy drawing. I walked up to her..

Me: Hi

Mbali: Hi

I sat down next to her..

Me: How are you?

She shrugged her shoulders..

Me: I hear you'll be staying with us

She slowly nodded..

Me: How do you feel about that?

Mbali: I don't wanna leave home. I wanna stay with Dad and Ntonto, Grandma is not a nice woman

Me: I know but maybe just maybe you'll enjoy staying with us

Mbali: I don't know

Me: Give it time

Mbali: Okay

I hope that Mbali will have a good life at home, She's been through a lot. Seeing her mother dangling from the ceiling, Now losing the only family she has..

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NOMVULA

Afro fetched us, He didn't come in. Parked at the gate. I was surprised to see he bought a car seat for Langa.. A man who loves you with your child, A child that's not his. Can melt any woman's heart. Here I was, Just had given up on love, And comes this guy who is also young and is willing to make it work, Whilst boys his age are changing girls faster than they change their briefs...

Afro: What's wrong? You've been quiet

Me: I'm just thinking about something

Afro: Yeah?

Me: Agh.. I don't wanna bother you with this

Afro: Bother me

Me: My Mom has decided to take my Sister's daughter in

Afro: And that's bad because?

Me: I don't think she's doing it genuinely, Mom never does anything genuinely

Afro: You think she's going to abuse her?

Me: I hope not, But Mbali is getting 500k from her Mother's funeral cover that's supposed to go

towards her education and her father will continue to support her. I don't think Mom is going to keep that 500k for Mbali

Afro: That's bad, Can't the father just make a trust fund. Put that money in there until Mbali is 18 or 21? Could he be that stupid to trust someone else with money? Money that is meant for his Daughter?

Me: You know what, I don't even wanna get involved. I'm the least liked so my opinion won't matter. I don't want him telling my mom about this, She's going to come for my life

Afro: Anyway, Tomorrow I'll be taking a short trip. I have already checked the brand of cigarettes that most people smoke, I'm gonna get those and then you can start selling

Me: Do you think it's going to work? Almost every

corner a cigarette is being sold

Afro: That's why you need to make yours a bit less, Even 50 cent lesser than your competitors. Also maybe sell something else alongside

Me: Maybe coffee and sandwiches too

Afro: Exactly.. The mall is good yes but there's also a firm.. A big firm and I'm sure 90% men there smoke. Maybe not sandwiches but amagwinya and coffee

Me: Amagwinya seems like a lot of work

Afro: They are easier to lure customers

Me: Okay we will try that

NOMAKHOSI

Ntonto was backlashing with her Father..

Ntonto: I am not going to live with your Parents, I have a home

Buda: I work almost 24/7, I won't be around most of the time. I can't take care of you guys on my own

Ntonto: You hire a house helper! Someone to look after us, You don't abandon us

Buda: I am not abandoning you!.. Ntonto look, Gqibi and I were supposed to get a divorce because I had found someone else. Mandisa is pregnant, And I don't know how she's going to treat you and Mbali. It was different with Gqibi, She loved you even

though you were always rude to her. Mandisa, She's different. She doesn't tolerate a bad behaviour. I don't want to get caught in between you and her

Ntonto: So you are abandoning us for her? Because she's pregnant and you going to have a child with her?

Buda: That's not true

Ntonto: I wish you the one who died

Buda slapped her..

Me: Hey!

I walked in..

Buda: This is why you need to go and live with Mom and Dad, For this attitude!

He walked out. I went and hugged Ntonto.

Ntonto: I hate him with all my heart

Me: I know baby.. I'm sorry..

FEZILE

I was Packing up. I wish I could stay a bit longer, But I can't. I have to go back to work. Though we gonna get money from Dad's job, But it's important I keep my job. Varsity is expensive, Afro will need financial back up and I want Mom to quit her job..

She walked in..

Mom: I forget sometimes that you can't be with us for long

Me: I was thinking.. Maybe one of our cousins can move in, Or Aunty

Mom: I am not sick, I just lost my husband. I don't need supervision. Yes it's going to be hard to adjust but.. I'll be fine, Plus Afro has decided to move back home. He will be travelling to school everyday

Me: That's better then, At least I won't have to worry about you that much

Mom: Hoping on your next visit I'll be meeting my future daughter in law

I cleared my throat..

Mom: Fezi.. You well accomplished now, When are you going to get married? When am I going to have Grandkids? Look Dad is gone. Life is too short, I don't wanna die without attending my kids weddings and having Grandkids. Now Afro I see him not wanting to get serious now, He's still at school and young but you..

Me: Work is challenging, I'm not always around. I don't want my marriage suffering because I'm an absent husband

Mom: Fair enough but.. That's no excuse

Me: We'll see

My phone rang, It was Momo..

Me: I have to take this, I'm sorry

Mom: At least there is someone, I'll be praying for marriage

NOMVULA

Me: Don't come directly into my house tomorrow, My mom and them are coming back tonight.

Afro: That was quick

Me: Yaa.. Khosi has work tomorrow, So is Mom

Afro: Okay

(Silence)

Afro: Can I ask you something?

Me: Yes

Afro: If your baby daddy could come back, Would you take him back?

Me: No.. Never.. That guy is the reason why my future is so bleak, He's the reason why I have to start my success afresh. Don't get me wrong, I love my Son but.. Being a single mom, It was not easy. Hardest thing I ever had to do in my whole life, A single mother at a young age.. Then he went to enjoy his life, Got married and I was left to make ends meet for my baby.. I don't hate, But that guy. I hate him.. The last time me and him ever had an encounter, Was when I was pregnant and he beat me up. I don't want anything from him, And I don't want nothing to do with him

Afro: I see

Me: Why do you ask?

Afro: I just needed to know where I stood, Needed clarity that's all

Me: He's married now even, You don't have to worry about him

Afro: I hear you

FEZILE

I looked around..

Me: I love you too

I went back inside the house..

Aunty: So Pat tell me, How do you feel about gay man?

I stood there, With my Mother's back turned against me..

Mom: Well God created a man and a woman. I'm not being judgemental but even the bible is against that, It's blasphemy at it's best

Aunty: Come on Pat, We live in Morden times now. The Bible is against a lot of things, Things that we also do

Mom: Look, I will never understand that world and I'm not open to. I will never understand them. I respect their existence because they humans created by God, But I don't want them close to me

Aunty: So you saying if Fezi or Afro could be gay, You won't accept?

My heart sank to my knees..

Mom: My kids are not gay

Aunty: Hypothetically speaking

Mom: I don't think I'll be able to handle that, They'll have to go and live that far away from me

Aunty: Ohw I see

Mom: Why do you ask?

Aunty: I was arguing with someone about that, I needed a different opinion

My Aunt looked at me, I turned and walked out of the house.

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We forfeited the bonus today, We didn't meet target
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NOMVULA

My Mom and Khosi arrived late at night, By then. Langa and I were already sleeping..

In the morning, I woke up and prepared what needed preparing. I prepared them breakfast as usual, But they didn't wake up until 10:00am. Actually only Mom woke up.

Afro texted me to come, I packed up things for Langa and then headed out. Mom was in the kitchen..

Mom: And then?

Me: I found a piece job

Mom: Really?

Me: Yes.. Helping a friend sell things

Mom: For a moment there I almost collapsed,
Thinking it's a real job forgetting you have no
education

Me: I have to go

Mom: Mbali is coming later on, You'll be staying
with her until we find her a school

Me: But I just said I found a job

Mom: Ohh I'm sorry.. Should I quit mine? Should
Khosi quit her learnership? Then with your piece job
you'll pay bills, Buy groceries and we will look after
Mbali

I kept quiet..

Mom: Exactly

Me: I have to go

Mom: And make sure this job doesn't stand in your way of working here around the house? Cooking..
Cleaning

Me: I'll already be taking care of Mbali and Langa,
May I please get help with cooking? I don't mind
cleaning

Mom: Do you stand all day on your feet cooking
next to big pots and a hot stove?

Me: No

Mom: Do you pay the utility bills? Buy groceries?

Me: No

Mom: So how do you expect us to slave around all day then come back and cook?

Me: Please.. This is the very first time that I'm doing something that will give me money to support myself and my Son

Mom: Everything my Son.. My Son.. My Son.
Nomvula Langa is your responsibility not ours, We didn't send you to go and fall pregnant? With all of you guys. The 3 of you, I took care of all of you without asking for help. Yes my husband was here and it's not our fault your baby daddy ditched you

either

Me: I'm not saying cook everyday, Maybe 3 times a week.. Please, I'll already be taking care of Mbali

Mom: Okay fair enough, J ust be grateful for Mbali

Me: Okay.. Thank you, I'll see you later

BUDA

I thought Mbali's school was going to give me run arounds, But after stating my tragedy. They fixed her papers fast..

We were walking to the car..

Me: How do you feel about staying with Grandma?

Mbali: I like Nomvula and Langa

Me: That's good

Mbali is more reserved, Very respectful. Says nothing to none most of the time..

Mbali: Is Ntonto coming too?

Me: No she's not

Ntonto won't be staying with my Parents, She's made that clear. She'll remain with me and Mandisa. I can't tell Mbali that though. I don't want her feeling somehow..

Me: We can get something to eat, Your favourite

meal before going to Grandma's

Mbali: Okay

NOMVULA

I got to Afro's house. He was in the kitchen with his mom.. I had been rushing to get here, I was even sweating..

Afro: You could've just asked for me to fetch you

Me: It's okay

Pat: Hi Rain

Me: Miss Pat

Afro: I got your stock

Me: I think the cigarettes and sweets only will do, I won't handle selling amagwinya for now. Won't be able to handle such a responsibility. Langa and selling

Pat: Langa can stay here, I don't mind babysitting

Afro: I was about to say

Me: It's okay, I don't wanna burden you

Pat: Ohw please.. I don't mind, Everyone is almost gone. I'm left with Afro's Aunt, It'll get boring around here and Langa will be great company

Me: Are you sure?

Pat: I'm sure

Me: Thank you so much

Pat: You welcome baby

NOMAKHOSI

I looked at the soft porridge, It was cold. I closed the pot..

Me: Can she at least change the menu?

Mom: She says she found a job

Me: What job?

Mom: Selling things

Me: Yooh at least, Imagine Nomvula making it in life.. I'd die, Making it before me

Mom: You are at an advantage, You have education. You'll go to varsity next year, Get a degree. Nomvula will forever be selling things to make ends meet

Me: Do you think she'll ever make it?

She spat on the ground..

Mom: Never!! It's too late for her now. Nomvula is dumb, Instead of going back to school she's going to sell things

Me: She can't go back to work phela, She has a baby. Who will look after her baby?

Mom: True

Me: I'll make us sandwiches

NOMVULA

Afro drove me to the mall. There were stalls around, Most people already packed up and I found me a stall..

Afro: Well at least we did bring a bucket for you to sit, And a small board. You'll use the bricks to balance it

People were selling fruits & veges, Chisa nyama, Accessories, I didn't see anyone close by selling cigarettes but I did notice a spaza opposite..

Me: I forgot to tell you to stock up smokeless tobacco

Afro: Already ahead of you

Me: You the best

Afro: J ust don't take out all your stock from the bag, To avoid being robbed

Me: Yaa I won't

I looked around..

Me: This might work

Afro: It will

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THEMBI (NOMVULA'S MOM)

Exactly at 14:00 Mbali and her father arrived. He had two luggage bags with him and other things for Mbali. Including her laptop, And her phone. An 8 year old, Laptop and Phone?? That luxury will be gone. Khosi will have the laptop and the phone. Plus Khosi has done been wanting an iPhone..

Buda: Good afternoon

Me: Afternoon

Buda: I have brought Mbali and everything of hers,
The school came through and gave me the transfer

Me: Aww blessed

Buda: I'll come tomorrow morning, We will go find
her a school. I'd prefer a private school than
government

Me: There's two school in town, There's one for
R1500 a month school fees

Buda: I think that one will be good, I'll pay directly to
the school. School fees, Then give you R5 000 every

month. That will be for her transportation, School lunch and home living

Me: Sounds fair, I will go tomorrow. I'm only going back to work next week. When I have found a school for her I'll let you know

Buda: Thank you

Me: Just because I took the responsibility from you, Doesn't mean you should relax. After all, Mbali lived an expensive life. I won't be able to afford it alone, I already have two grown girls depending on me and a Grandchild

Buda: Understood.. Money is not a problem

Me: Also may you please make sure that her car is brought tomorrow. I'll use it, Khosi will use my old

one

Buda: You'll get it, Even money from work.
Everything belonging to her

Me: Thank you

I looked at Mbali..

Me: Say goodbye to your Dad, Then we'll go out to
the mall

NOMVULA

Afro had bought me this cool small bag, That I can
hang around my waist. So far I have made R150.
Since from 12:00-14:00.

That boosted my spirit..

After I had called to check up on Langa, The woman selling herbs next door came to my stall.. She had a plastic with her and wearing a traditional cloth around her lower body.. She had white beads on her wrists and neck..

Her: Nantsi Sisi (here you are)

Me: What is this?

Her: Corse salt, J eyes fluid, holy ash, Vula kuvaliwe,
And isiwasho semali

Me: I'm sorry?

Her: They will help you with your business

I took them..

Her: I've never used these

Her: They will help.. See for 7 days bath with salt, J eyes fluid, holy Ash. Mix them all together

Me: Uhm.. J eyes fluid smells

Her: I know don't pour too much, two small drops. This combination helps chase away evil, Curses, Witchcraft done to you and in your name. For now till you comfortable, Use at night for 7 days. If you use soap, Use sunlight. Then these two. Mix in a 2 litre bottle. Pray for the bottle, Come tomorrow morning pour the water all over your stall. It'll help bring more customers and your business to succeed

Me: Wow.. I didn't know, Thank you

Her: Tomorrow I want you to start something

Me: Yes?

Her: See those two guys selling masks? The Nyoape boys?

Me: Yes

Her: I sell a lot of things, They help sell my masks and I pay them. I want you to give them 2 packs of cigarettes each and ask them to sell on the road. The passing cars and also inside the mall. When they bring back the profit, Pay them R50 each

Me: Errr.. I don't know about that

Her: Trust me, Despite people labelling them.
Underneath they good boys who are trying to make
a living, They will never double cross you

Me: Why are you doing this?

Her: Give me your right hand

I did..

Her: See this middle line? How it curves?

Me: Yes

Her: It's a prophecy that you will be an entrepreneur,
A CEO. You won't be working for people, That's not

your destiny. People will work for you. See this one,
The one on the right of the middle one?

Me: Yes

Her: Signifies that you will be a millionaire, But
unfortunately it meets the one on the left at the
bottom, Meaning there's two people who are
against you. Who wish you to succeed not

Me: Who?

Her: Ah.. Ah.. Ah.. We don't mention names

Me: I know it's my Mom and My sister

Her: Either way, When you destined for something
good. They will try but won't win, So long you don't

give up

Me: Thank you, I don't know much about such.
Never been read before and the first time it's
happening, It's good news

Her: You will do good, I believe in you

Her phone rang. She took it out..

Her: I'm sorry.. It's my Daughter Lisa, I'll be back

She excused herself. I looked at my hand..

Me: Wow

AFRO

He hit the counter with his small hands as he hit the table..

Me: Another one

I fed him the purity again..

Me: This is easy, I don't know why your Mom was worried

I heard a knock at the door..

Me: Come in

The door opened, Fezi's friend walked in J abu..

J abu: Eita daar

Me: Sho

J abu: Zwakele Fezile? (Is Fezile around)

Me: He left yesterday

J abu: Sho.. Who is that?

Me: My Girlfriend's Son, My Step Son. Langa

J abu: Is that so?

Me: Yeah

J abu: Who is your girlfriend?

Me: Nomvula

J abu: I see

Me: Is that all?

He looked at Langa..

Me: Is that all?

J abu: Yeah.. That's all

He walked out. I shook my head and continued feeding Langa..

Me: Motherfucker!.. You did not hear that

NOMVULA

Mam'Nocawe but prefers being called "Thokoza". She brought her chair over to my stall. She had bought two plates. Grilled chicken, Salad, And Pap. R25 each..

Me: You shouldn't have

Nocawe: Take it as welcoming you into our family

Me: Thank you

Nocawe: You haven't had people show you kindness right?

Me: Not much

Nocawe: Life neh?

Me: Yeah.. Life, But I'm here. At I smile, Laugh, feel free and communicate with people. No judgemental eyes, No one judging me or telling me I won't make it

Nocawe: Curses don't come true, Unless you take the words personally and manifest them

Me: Sometimes it's hard not to take the words personally

Nocawe: I know, But you are the creator of your future. Working with God and your guides you surely will succeed

Me: Do I even have guides?

Nocawe: Yes, Your Grandmother is your biggest

Me: Really? My Mother's mom?

Nocawe: No.. Father's side

Me: Never knew her, I don't know them. Never had a relationship with them

Nocawe: She knows you, You her blood

Me: Wish I could know her grave at least

Nocawe: You will.. All in due time

Me: Thank you so much Thokoza

Nocawe: It is well Sisi

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NOMVULA

Time seemed to move faster when one is having fun indeed, Or in a better space. The way I was happy today. I shared more laughter than tears, For the whole time I've been here..

At 18:00, Nocawe's Daughter came to fetch her..
Nocawe was not in short of introducing her to me.
The way she did, You could see how proud she was

of her Daughter, Even though Lisa has a lower ranked employment compared to her siblings but her Mother still speaks highly of her..

Nocawe: Lisa is still searching herself career wise, She's been to colleges studying short courses and it's okay. One thing I'll never do is enforce her to study something she's not comfortable with, Just so she can fit in and be at the same standard as her siblings. No.. I motivate her to keep pushing but not put her down, A parent's job is to motivate. Heal where society has broken your child. If you not your child's biggest cheerleader, The world will break her

Lisa chuckled..

Lisa: Hey.. I'm sorry about my Mother, She never stops.. I didn't catch your name

Me: Nomvula

Lisa: Nice to meet you

Nomacawe: Nomvula here is a great sales woman and gonna be even in the future

Me: Aww kodwa (laughing)

Nomacawe: We laugh about it now, Soon we will be making appointments to see her

Lisa: Sorry about that.. Let's go mom

Nomacawe: I'll see you tomorrow

Me: Tomorrow it is

Nomacawe: Don't forget about that parcel

Me: I won't

Lisa: Do you have a ride home? I always pick up my mom with my sister's car

Me: Your sister borrows you her car?

Lisa: Yeah whenever I wanna use it and she's not busy

Nomacawe: Or when she has to get me everyday

Me: Wow

Lisa looked at me dumbfounded..

Nomacawe: They share everything. Tight bond,
Sometimes I get scared they'll share underwears

Lisa: Mom

Me: I'm okay.. My boyfriend will pick me up

Nomacawe gave me a smile..

Nomacawe: I can't wait to meet him someday.. Can
we stay a little longer?

Lisa: No mom.. We have to go, We going out
tonight.. Family dinner

Nomacawe: Ohw

Lisa: Was nice meeting you Nomvula

Me: You too

There's actually siblings put there who are tight?
Who get along? That memo didn't find me..

NOMAKHOSI

Mbali: This one is for you

Me: Thank you

She gave me my takeaway..

Mbali: This one for Grandma

Mom: Thank you

Mbali: This one is for me, And this one for Nomvula

I looked at Mom..

Mom: Ohw how sweet

Mbali: We can eat

Mom: Okay.. Go to the lounge we will get you there

She took her takeaway and went to the sitting room..

Mom: Go throw Nomvula's in the garbage, This child has a long way to learn

NOMVULA

Afro pulled up..

Afro: Hey

He hugged me..

Me: Hey

Afro: Ready to go?

Me: uhm.. Yes

Afro: Had a good day?

Me: I made R400. Deducting money for stock and I

want to get more, I am left with R150 to use.
Imagine I make R150 a day

Afro: Wow spoken like a true entrepreneur, I'm glad
that you pumped up for this

Me: I didn't think it was going to work, Plus.. I made
a new friend

Afro: Look at you.. I'm so proud of you

Me: I'm proud of myself

MANDISA (BUDA'S BABY MAMA)

I looked at the sink, There were dishes. I exhaled..

Me: Ntonto!!

It was quiet..

Me: Girl I know you had me calling out

She came..

Ntonto: What?

Me: Wash the dishes

Ntonto: Maid knocked off, Usually Gqibi would wash after work

Me: I am not Gqibi

Ntonto: Maybe that's the problem

Me: Ohw I see

I walked closer to her with a serious face..

Me: If you wanna continue living in my house, Y-

Ntonto: Dad's house!

Me: My house!!!

She kept quiet..

Me: My house.. You will follow my rules or I can easily tell Daddy to ship you away like Mbali

She folded her arms..

Me: Wash the dishes

Ntonto: I'll put them in the dish washer

She walked to the sink..

It's a double sink. I put the rubber stopper and let water run..

Ntonto: Look you about to wash them

I grabbed her by her neck and put her face down in the sink..

She started screaming..

Me: You will wash the dishes with a swab do you understand me?

Ntonto: Are you crazy?

I pressed down..

Me: Do you understand?

Ntonto: Yes!!.. Yes!!.. Yes

Me: Good

I let go of her..

Me: We won't have this conversation again I hope!

NOMVULA

Afro: You awfully quiet

Me: I just met some great people today

Afro: Yeah?

Me: It's actually scaring me, They too nice

Afro: Maybe some other people are nice, In general

Me: Yaa maybe.. She's a spiritual person

Afro: Spiritual.. That's.. That's good

I sighed..

Me: I know you don't believe but..

Afro: I believe in spirituality not religion

Me: Difference?

Afro: Religion says God and Lucifer are beefing, Just to put it in lame terms. Then God instead of dealing with the problem, He sends his Son to be killed and Lucifer continues to live, The infection

Me: Jesus came to abolish religion, Bring about Christianity

Afro: It still doesn't justify sending his Son, He could've did that

Me: Don't..

Afro: I'm sorry.. We won't talk about it then

Me: Thank you

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Apologies for the late post, Night insert coming

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NOMVULA

I strongly believe that that we can all believe in anything that works for us. Any higher power that

you believe in, And it works for you. Continue. I totally understand where Afro is coming from, He's a non-believer. I just want to co-exist with our different beliefs..

When we got to his house, Langa was sleeping. His Aunt was dishing up, Actually asked me to stay over and dine with them. The food was smelling nice. Slaughtered chicken, Pap, Cabbage and mashed potatoes with atchaar on the side. True african cuisine dish..

We all gathered around the table to start eating, The food was delicious too. They asked me about my day, I told them. They kept praising me like I made a million in a day.. I just didn't tell them about my reading, I'll keep that to myself. It was personal, And sometimes speaking of such things can wind you up with a lot of enemies. I trust Afro's family, But I wanna keep this to myself..

Pat: That's good.. That's the spirit.. See, You can do anything so long you put your mind into it

Me: It's not much but..

Aunt: But you made it, All by yourself and that's what matters. You have proven beyond any reasonable doubt that having a baby young, Doesn't mean you should give up on your dreams. You did well, I'm sure your Mother would be proud

Pat: That's true.. She's surely proud, I know I would

I glanced down at my plate..

Me: I guess so

Afro: The food is delicious

Aunt: That's because you live on junk food

Afro: Maybe

Me: It is indeed delicious, Thank you for having me

Aunt: You so sweet and polite

Pat: I've only met a few girls who are this respectful and polite

Aunt: They are a dying breed, And your Son is such an adorable angel

Me: He is an Angel

THEMBI

I dragged my feet to the door and opened..

Nomvula's baby daddy was standing there..

Me: Ufunani? (What do you want)

J abu: Good even Mam'Thembi

Me: Ufunani? (What do you want)

J abu: Is Nomvula around?

Me: Nomvula is not here

J abu: When will she back?

Me: Exactly what do you want?

J abu: I was hoping to talk to her, About uLanga

Me: What about uLanga?

J abu: Bese.. I wanted to talk to her about intlawulo
(damages)

Me: Ohw

J abu: I didn't wanna be disrespectful, Wanted to talk
to Nomvula first

Me: Akekho (She's not here)

J abu: I understand and sorry to bother you this late

Me: It's okay

I closed the door in his face...

NOMVULA

We were now eating ice cream, I was full already. I took a few spoons, J ust to be polite..

I looked at the time, It was 19:00..

Me: I should go, It's getting late

Pat: Of course

Me: Thank you for the dinner

Aunt: You welcome

Afro: I'll drive you

We got up..

Aunt: Don't worry about the bowl, I'll take it to the kitchen

Me: Okay thank you

Pat: Let's go and get uLanga, I'll help you put him on your back. Can't wait to see him again tomorrow

Me: Miss Pat are you sure about babysitting?

Pat: Langa is great company, Thank you for trusting her with me

Me: Yes Mam

THEMBI

I was pacing up and down..

Me: Kanti uphi? (Where is she?)

Khosi: Aren't stores closed? Or whatever she's doing?

Me: Instead of fixing things no J abu, Who wants to right she's out there doing total useless things

Khosi: I thought you said Afro was right for her

Me: I wanted to give them the benefit of the doubt.
Then I thought about it, Afro might just be using her.
He's young, On his path to accomplishment, And he
might just be looking for a fix. Someone to sleep
with for now

Khosi: I see another baby coming soon

I hit the table..

Me: I am running out of patience with this one, I'm
telling you!

Khosi: You've gone soft on her that's why

Me: Where did I ever go wrong with this girl!

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NOMVULA

I arrived home to my Mother screaming at me almost making my ears bleed. The was nothing new in her insults, Something I've heard constantly. No new insults..

The only thing that got to me was her forcing me quit my hustle..

Me: I can't quit, I just started

Mom: So what? What have you made from that? Did you make money that will help us? Help contribute?

Me: It's for me and Langa, For us to stop being a burden. I'm trying something here Mom, Something to better myself. Aren't you happy? Proud?

Mom: Proud of what? Exactly of what? Selling things? Making cents? I think you just don't wanna take care of your responsibilities here at home

I exhaled..

Mom: What you should be doing is contacting your baby daddy.. He was here

Me: What?

Mom: He wants to do right by his Son, Intlawulo

Me: Like hell he will.. I don't want anything to do with that man, And I definitely don't want my Son to have anything to do with him

Mom: Weeh Nomvula.. So you would rather slave like this? Selling things than letting your baby daddy help in supporting?

Me: J abu made it clear long ago that I'm going to be a single Parent. He said he's moved on, He's going to have a family. He beat me up when I was pregnant, He almost killed me and uLanga. J abu doesn't exist in our lives no more

Mom: Habe!! Lo Afro wakho lo is still young. He's still a student maan! You think when he's done, He's going to come back and marry you? No! He's going to go and marry someone else uyezwa? Why would

he settle for a girl with a baby, A baby futhi that's not his? You think umawakhe uyahlanya? Wee Vula. Vuka sisi! This is not a game, This is real life! You will accept what your baby daddy dishes out

Me: Langa is my Son, And as his Mother. I'll always do right by him. I can choose what's right for him and who's right for him

Mom: Ngiyahlolelwa la!

Me: I'm going to bath and go to bed, Goodnight Ma

MANDISA (BUDA'S BABY MAMA)

Buda arrived home late, Therefore we had to have supper late..

Buda: How was your day?

Me: It was good.. How was yours?

Buda: Mine was busy

Me: How is the ER? I miss the ER

I was an ER Nurse, Before falling pregnant..

Buda: Busy as always

Me: I see

Buda: Ntonto, How was your day?

She looked at me..

Ntonto: It was good

Buda: Are you guys getting along?

Me: We are trying.. We are getting there

Buda: I'm glad to hear that

AFRO

I heard a knock at my door...

I went to open, It was my Mother..

Me: Mom

Mom: May I?

Me: Yes

She walked in..

Me: Is everything okay?

Ma: Yes.. I just wanted to talk to you about Nomvula

Me: Why? Do you have a problem with her?

Ma: No.. Not at all.. She's a very lovely girl

Me: Okay?

Ma: Nomvula seems.. It seems like she has been

through a lot in life Afro. Being a single Mother and now trying to get her life back on track

Me: Yaa I know, She's trying

Ma: She has her guard up. The first man she was in love with disappointed her. Don't be the second man to disappoint her too. You came to change all that, To change her perspective in life. I don't want you to play with this girl

Me: I have no intentions of doing that. I love Rain, And I have started being very fond of Langa too. I have always had a thing for Nomvula, Since from high school. I am taken by her strength, Her will to strive despite her circumstances

Ma: I am proud to call you my Son, And I'm happy that your intentions are clear because quite frequently, I am fond of the little man too

Me: He is amazing

Ma: Well then Goodnight Papa

Me: Goodnight Ma

NOMVULA

I calmed myself down, As I prepared the bath.
Exactly how Nocawe instructed..

Pour hot water first. Then pour the salt, Then two small drops of jeyes fluid. Run cold water so the water can be at an acceptable temperature. I mixed everything together with my hand and prayed over it first..

I prayed for better days to come, For bad luck to stop following me and curses. I prayed over the water for a minute and then got in to bath using the sunlight greenbar..

When I was done, I got out. Without drying myself, Let the water dry on my body. I didn't put any lotion other than my deodorant and went to sleep. I was tired..

MANDISA (BUDA'S GIRLFRIEND)

I was on the phone with my Mother this morning as I was in the kitchen making myself something to eat..

Mom: Kodwa Mandisa, You know such is not done in our culture. His wife just died, Unesinyama this man. There hasn't been any cleansing done, You just inheriting bad luck and worse.. You are

pregnant Sisu

Me: Ma is dala les o. That's ancient. I don't believe in such you know that

Mom: It doesn't matter if you don't believe it or not. It exists, It's our traditions! Things aren't done that way

Me: Hayi Ma.. I was calling hoping that you'll come visit, Futhi I want uLwandle to move in

Mom: Lwandle is perfectly fine la nje

Me: I want her to have a better future and Buda will provide that, She's my first born

Mom: Hayi.. Okay ke Sisi

Me: Thank you

NOMVULA

I woke up this morning to a notification. Afro has sent me R250 for lunch..

I smiled as I made breakfast..

Mbali and Mom walked in..

Mbali: Aunty Rain

Me: Hi baby

I looked at my Mom..

Me: Good morning Ma

Ma: Make sure you here no later than 18:00

Me: Yes

Ma: I'm going to search a school for Mbali

Me: Ohw that's good

Ma: Asambe Mbali (Let's go)

Me: Don't you want coffee before leaving?

Ma: Cha.. I want to come back soon, Today I wanna cook Gqibi's favorite meal

Me: That's lovely

Ma: We will see you later

Me: Nihambe kahle

Ma: Okay.. 18:00 don't forget

Me: Alright

They left... That was strange, After our heated argument last night. I thought she was going to forbid me from continuing.

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NOMVULA

I got to work that morning. It was exactly 9am. I had the 2 litre bottle prepared this morning as instructed. I was relieved to see Nocawe there too. I started sweeping, Then after poured the water around my stall. Praying in my heart. I thought the jeyes fluid was going to smell, But last night it didn't. So I used it again this morning, Not pouring much. I did put lotion, And my perfume..

Nocawe has the chairs, So she borrowed me one.. was busy this morning, Had a customer after customer. On my side, It was more busier than yesterday. Workers who worked inside the mall would buy and smoke before going in to work..

The Nyoape guy came, He was alone. Said his friend is in town today. His name is pontso, And he was nice..

Pontso: Unga worry wena suster, Zophusha. My cigarettes ranged from R1-R3. I gave him two packs of the R1s, And one pack of the R3s. If he finishes them, He can come back for more and he will be paid later on..

The cigarette business is going okay no lie, But the profit is not that much satisfactory. So I need to sell other things too, Things that will sell too...

I had bought amagwinya and coffee this morning, For me and Nocawe. I really enjoy the vibe here, Being out of home for a while.

AFRO

I rose up from the pillow, When I saw a Facebook post where Fezi was tagged. Some gay guy Momo tagged him, Clearly stating that they were in a relationship.

Me: Wtf?

I called him right away. He canceled the call and texted me that he will call me back..

The comments, Most people seem to know.

Others were being homophobic as always, And girls were mad. Mad that Fezi is gay..

I got out of bed to go to the kitchen to drink water..

My Aunt walked in..

Aunt: I'm going to town, Need anything

I shook my head..

Aunt: Are you okay?

Me: Yeah I think so

Aunt: What's wrong?

My Aunt is more easier to confide in, Than my Mom..

Me: I think Fezi is Gay

Aunt: Ohw

Me: Ohw?

Aunt: I knew

Me: Wait.. What? You knew?

Aunt: Yes I did and I agreed to keep it a secret

Me: Fezi gay?.. It doesn't make sense, He.. I mean it's Fezi

Aunt: Fezi is still Fezi, He's still your Brother. He just likes and prefer Men than Men.. That's all

Me: Mom is going to flip out

Aunt: Mom is not going to know, It's not our place to tell her. Fezi will tell her when he's ready

Me: Fezi gay..

He called.. I canceled the call..

Aunt: Come on Afro, You educated. I expect so much from you than this.. I'm going to town, I'll be back

NOMVULA

Nocawe: Nontombi, I was thinking

She took her chair to come sit next to me..

Nocawe: Lisa wants to start cooking and selling plates around here

Me: That's good, She'll make money

Nocawe: I was thinking you can help her out, It'll make you extra money

Me: I'd like that

Nocawe: Your stall can still sell cigarettes, Next door the plates

Me: Seems small for people to sit and eat

Nocawe: Maybe take away only in the mean time

Me: That could work

Nocawe: She can cook at home, Then bring everything to sell. Beef stew, Chicken stew

Me: I'd like to assist her, Maybe I can do two salads at home

Nocawe: That will work. Maybe from 10:00-14:00

Me: Okay

Nocawe: She'll start tomorrow, You two will talk and she'll give you money to buy things you'll need for the salads

Me: Okay.. No problem

Nocawe: How are you feeling?

Me: Good actually.. Things are looking up for me, Wish my mother would be proud. Even the salads, I

don't know if it'll work. Cooking at home

Nocawe: You do know that how your Mother treats you is not your fault

Me: She hates me, Doesn't she?

Nocawe: I wouldn't say hate to be exact, She just wishes that you were never born. She had issues with your father, Your existence reminds her of him. The pain and the mistake she's done

Me: That's why a polite way of saying she hates me

Nocawe: Let's not exaggerate now, She's just dealing with her own demons and she made you her punching bag, Stress reliever and she's only keeping you because deep down she wants to financially benefit from you

Me: I wish by this year I would've moved out, If things go really well. Even an outside room, I won't mind

Nocawe: Things do change, They get better. It's not dark forever, The sun has to come up again

Me: Thank you Thokoza

Nocawe: You are going to do great, This is just the beginning

Me: Thank you for confidence in me

AFRO

I picked up..

Fezi: Eyy Man, What's wrong? Been trying to get a hold of you

Me: Yeah.. I was busy

Fezi: Is everything okay?

Me: Have you checked Facebook lately?

Fezi: Haven't in a long time, I don't even remember my password

Me: I'm going to ask you something, Please be honest with me

Fezi: Shoot

Me: Are you gay?

He kept quiet..

Fezi: Who told you?

Me: Your girlfriend or boyfriend tagged you in a post

Fezi: Ohh shit

Me: So you are?

Fezi: Yeah

Me: Fuck Fezi.. Why?

Fezi: What do you mean why?

Me: I don't understand

Fezi: What's there to understand? I'm gay Afro and right now. I don't need you giving me shit about it.. If you can't handle a gay Brother, Then maybe we shouldn't be brothers in the first place

Me: Yaa Fezi don't pull emotional blackmail, I'm shocked here and confused. My big brother who taught me how to ride a bicycle, Kick a ball is gay

Fezi: And I'm still that Brother, My sexuality changes nothing

Me: Yeah.. I'm sorry, Didn't wanna make you feel somehow

Fezi: Don't tell Mom

Me: I won't

Fezi: Ayt.. Cool

Me: Sharp

MANDISA (BUDA'S GIRLFRIEND)

I was on the phone with my Daughter, She's 16..

Lwandle: I love staying with Grandma

Me: I know honey, But.. I'm taking you to a better home, A better life. You'll enjoy here, Don't you wanna live a better life?

My siblings and I, There's 4 of us. Our Mother's house is crowded. I have 1 kid, My siblings have two or 3. Basically my Mother lives with her 5 grandchildren, My brother, And my Brother's current baby Mama. Supporting home eats from my pocket, I can't just buy Lwandle only. I need to buy for all and in bulk, So taking my child will be better

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NOMVULA

Second day, Proved to be a productive day again. Ponto did good too and bagged himself R100. It's twice more than what he was going to be paid, But I didn't mind. I was establishing a good working

relationship between us..

At 17:00. Lisa stopped by to pick up her Mother. We spoke briefly about what we were supposed to start tomorrow, But we won't anymore. Lisa's sister found Lisa a job, As a secretary. She's starting tomorrow. She had been to an interview and was awaiting feedback..

I was happy for her, But sad at the same time. Sad that when Nocawe told me about this, I was happy. Happy that finally I was going to make enough to move out, Unfortunately that was not the case...

Afro came to fetch me too...

Afro: What's wrong? You seem down today

I exhaled..

Afro: What is it? Did they cause you any discomfort at work today?

Me: No.. I was supposed to have started something with Nocawe's Daughter tomorrow but she got a job

Afro: Okay.. That's bad because?

Me: I thought that finally I was going to make enough money to move out of home

Afro: Why don't you do it yourself?

Me: I can't cook at home

Afro: Why not?

Me: My Mom

Afro: I don't believe in coincidences, Everything happens for a reason. There could be a reason why this happened. Don't beat yourself too much about it, Everything will work itself out

Me: I hope so

MANDISA (BUDA'S GIRLFRIEND)

I fetched Lwandle from home, So that she could visit here first and see if she'll enjoy staying here. Buda's house is a double story house, She'll be here for at least a week. I'll drive her to school every morning and fetch her too..

She was amazed by the house..

Lwandle: Wow.. This house is beautiful

Lwandle is a smart young woman, And I wanna give her the world. She has a great future ahead of her, Not a top student but she does well at school.. I don't want my child to be distracted at school, A house with so many cousins can be depressing.

I was renting a flat as I was still working, It was a bachelor's flat and I couldn't take her with me.. When I was 5 months pregnant, When Buda promised the world. I resigned at work, So I can have a less stressful pregnancy..

Lwandle: So tell me, Wouldn't you like to live here?

Me: I do

Lwandle: Plus you officially turning 16 years old

next month. Wouldn't it be nice hosting your friends here for your sweet 16? There's a pool, Everything?

Lwandle: Of course that's going to work

Me: So you see why I want you to come live with us?

She smiled..

Lwandle: Yes.. I'll come to live with you

Me: That's my baby

I hugged her and kissed her on her cheek..

NOMVULA

Pat was watching TV with Langa when we got there..

Pat: How are you?

Me: I'm good.. It has been a long day that's all

Afro: She's sad that she was supposed to start something with a friend tomorrow, But the friend got another job

Pat: Aww Bantu.. Askies

Me: But my cigarette business is doing well,
Yesterday I made R150 profit after deductions.
Today, R200

Afro: If you could deposit that money everyday, And

spend month end. You'll see that you made a reasonable profit

Pat: That's very true

Afro: I'll get you more stock tomorrow

Me: Yaa.. I'll give you the money

NOCAWE

Lisa: This Nomvula girl looks like someone who is nice

Me: Ohw she is.. I could see that she was looking forward to working with you in that catering situation

My daughter has had bad luck with friends. She had friends, They were a group of 4. The girls separated when the other 3 physically attacked Lisa, On grounds that she took one of the girl's boyfriend. They humiliated my Daughter, Took videos, Beat her up and stripped her naked. My sweet Lisa was devastated, She attempted suicide. She was humiliated and shamed, Spent some time at home. Not wanting to go to school..

That happened a long time ago, Back when she was still in high school. I'm happy she got over that and focused on herself..

Me: What company are you going to be working for?

Her sister works in a company where they recruit, Find people jobs..

Lisa: Some tobacco company, They need general

workers

Me: Is it?

Lisa: Yes

Me: Hmm.. Are they still hiring?

Lisa: I'm not sure, We'll have to ask Lindiwe

Me: Okay

NOMVULA

Langa and I, Arrived home that night to a sink full of dishes. I saw Nandos takeaway packages on the table..

I heard laughter in the sitting room, I made my way there. They were sitting watching TV, With a cool drink on the table..

Me: Good evening

Mom: Vula

Me: I checked the microwave, I can't find my plate

Usually when someone is not around, We keep their food in the microwave..

Mom: Ohw ya.. We didn't include you

Me: Ohw

Khosi: Phela you working now, I'm sure you can afford to buy yourself some food

Mom: You can have this last piece of chicken

It was a really small piece of chicken, Eaten halfway with bones on the side chewed..

Me: No thank you, I'll eat bread

Mom: I might not buy groceries either this month, I'll just buy things for Mbali. May you not touch, You working now.. You can afford to buy yourself everything

Me: I see

I left them like that and went to the kitchen..

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NOMVULA

One thing I've noticed about Afro is his inability to entertain issues that serve him not. What happened tonight at home, Was hurtful. Saving food for me wasn't that much of a big deal I swear..

I was hurt that I told Afro, He heard me and consoled me where he needed too and then down right sent me cash, R150. To buy myself something, Even offered to drive me to KFC, That operates for 24 hours. I was tired, And I decided to eat bread..

I still used the things that Nocawe gave me, At least I lock my room when I leave..

I was halfway through sleeping when I heard a knock at my door.. I went to open, It was My Mother..

Mom: You have a visitor

A visitor? At this time of the night?..

Langa was sleeping already, I closed the door and went to check. It was J abu, Standing in the middle of our kitchen..

I looked at him without saying anything, Because I did not expect this..

J abu: Rain

Me: What are you doing here?

J abu: I was hoping we could talk

Me: Talk about what?

J abu: Langa

Something deep inside of me, Something moved..

J abu: I wanna do right

Me: Do right?

J abu: Stop answering me back with questions

Me: I'm surprised because I didn't know you had a baby with me

J abu: Don't do that, Don't let our past issues overcloud your judgment

Me: I don't know why you here, I seriously don't know why you here

J abu: Nomvula no matter what happens, Langa is my Son. I am his father, He's my blood and that's not going to change

Me: Please leave

He took out his wallet. He counted R400. He put it on the table..

J abu: I'm sure that it can afford nappies and milk

He went to the door..

I clicked my tongue with my arms folded...

MANDISA

I woke up the next day, Earlier than everyone to prepare breakfast for them. Buda met Lwandle last night, Not much was said between them. She even met the spoilt Daughter, Ntonto..

Buda was the one who came down first, Fixing himself..

Buda: Good morning

Me: Good morning, So early??

Buda: I have surgery this morning

He kissed me on my cheek..

Me: I'm glad I woke up early then, Because I wanna talk to you

Buda: Okay?

Me: It's about Lwandle

Buda: What about her?

Me: I want her to move in with us

Buda: Won't that be drastic? Switching schools?
Starting a new life?

Me: Not entirely.. I've spoken to her and she's happy
about living here

Buda: Well I guess she can, I don't have a problem
with that

Me: Thank you, I wanted her to have a better life. It's
crowded at home, Too many kids. I want Lwandle to
have a better life

Buda: I get you

Me: So will you help me out?

Buda: Yaa we will talk

Me: Thank you baby, Please go and sit at the table

Buda: Okay

NOMVULA

I was drinking tea, Standing against the fridge. I couldn't sleep last night, After J abu's unexpected visit. My mind was racing..

My mom walked in..

Mom: Vula

Me: Ma

Mom: What did J abu want?

I exhaled defeated..

Me: He wants to start taking responsibility for uLanga

Mom: And?

Me: Ma.. I don't want him too

Mom: Hayi!.. Hayi!! Kanti waba njani?

Me: J abu made it clear that he doesn't have a child with me. He beat me up to a pulp, I almost lost Langa. He then went and got married Ma, Never called, Never texted. He moved on. I suffered no

Langa, He wasn't there. Now that I'm finding myself,
He wants to come and ruin it for me?

Mom: Kahle kahle ruin what Nomvula? What do you
have going on for you?

Me: I have my business, I have a boyfriend

Mom: A boyfriend??

Me: Afro

Mom: Afro? Afro?

Me: Yes

She laughed..

Mom: Let me see.. Afro is at school, Studying towards his degree. He comes from a well respected and stable family. He doesn't have a child and you seriously think this boy loves you? This boy just wants to use you for when he is home. He is going to do to you, What J abu did!. Nomvula, Wake up and smell the coffee. This is not a movie, This is real life! You will not pass this chance of J abu wanting to do right by his son, For a boy who will leave you

Me: Afro loves me, He loves Langa too

She slapped me..

Mom: I don't know what level of stupid is this! J abu is working, J abu is going to help you. Which girl wouldn't want for that to happen? Listen here girly.. You will accept your baby daddy back or else. You

will leave my house do we understand?

I nodded..

Mom: Good! And forget about this Afro! Sies! He's not going to marry you.. He's just using you!!

NOMAKHOSI

I looked at him, His Sister was standing by his chair..

John: I am sorry that this is sudden

Me: You firing me?

John: Your replacement is older and she's been our helper before, She needs a job since my Parents can't afford her anymore

Me: This is unethical, I can take you to CCMA

Liz: You can try but I doubt you'll get far, Especially if they find out that you and my Brother were having an affair and now you are angry because he's getting married soon. So you brought personal issues into the workplace

Me: You have no proof

Liz: Is it?

She leaned over on the laptop then turned it..

Liz: Isn't this you and John having sex in his office?

I looked at John..

Me: How could you?

John: Please pack everything and you'll get your salary for this month

Liz: Don't forget to sign here, Your termination contract. Thank God you weren't permanent

MANDISA

The girls had come down too..

I looked at Ntonto..

Me: Ntonto there's something we wanna address with you

She looked at me..

Me: My Daughter Lwandle, Will be moving in permanently with us

Ntonto: Why? She's not family

Buda: Ntonto.. She's your Sister

Ntonto: Mbali is my Sister and she's not here

Buda: Ntonto, Lwandle is Mandisa's Daughter

Ntonto: I don't care!!

Buda: Ntonto

Ntonto: She's not going to live here.. Okay?

By then my chest was moving up and down.

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NOMVULA

I was feeling down after the mess that went down at home last night, So much Nocawe saw I wasn't well at all..

Nocawe: Out with it, What's bothering you?

I told her everything..

Nocawe: People can't make you do things that you don't want to do

Me: It's her house so she can

Nocawe: Maybe you can stand up for yourself

Me: I tried and she slept me. All I want is money to move out, I swear when I do. I'll be done with them

Nocawe: Maybe you can't move out as yet because this chapter of your life might not be done. When it's done, You will be able to close it forever

Me: I hate my Mom with every fibre of my being

Nocawe: Hate is a strong emotion baby, Don't let people who are evil to you change who you are. You can't present yourself in the presence of God with hate in your heart, Definitely the things I gave you won't work if you hate. Karma usually visit people when you have let go of what they doing to you. When you have healed

Me: It's hard

Nocawe: Very hard I know, Life is not easy but believe it can change

Me: I hope so

Nocawe: Zoba right

NOMAKHOSI

Mom: I don't understand.. How can they seize the learnership is that even legal?

Me: It's their company Ma

Mom: But still.. I think tomorrow we should go together to talk to them

Me: It's their company Ma.. They can do what they want, Internal affairs said the learnership was fraudulent

Mom: But you got paid

Me: Yes but it was fraudulent

Mom: I'm sorry baby

Me: Nomvula is going to laugh

Mom: Nomvula can't laugh, You will take a break and apply for school next year

Me: I guess so

It was hard processing this, With the fact that there's a sex video of me. John and his evil sister can actually release it..

AFRO

I opened the door.. It was Jabu

Me: You gotta be kidding me

He walked in..

Me: Yes please.. By all means come in

I closed the door..

Me: I told you before, Fezi is not here

J abu: I'm here to talk to you

Me: Okay?

J abu: I want you to stay away from my family

Me: What family?

J abu: My Son and Baby Mama

Me: What does Rain feel about it?

J abu: I don't care about Nomvula. No man is going to raise my Son

Me: Tell me something.. How much are nappies?

J abu: Don't insult me, I have another baby

Me: I mean Langa's size. The milk he drinks, Purity he likes. Do you know he has interest in television now? What's his favourite show?

J abu: If you feel like having a baby, Why don't you have one for yourself?

Me: Because some of us actually wanna be present Fathers. I don't want my kids growing up with hate

and anger, Especially Langa

J abu: So you rewriting my wrong?

Me: No.. I love Rain, She loves Me and she comes with Langa. I love him too, I want him to grow up with a father figure. So he could turn out to be a less angry man when he grows up.. Are you reading me up?

J abu: You know what? Leave my family alone

Me: Or what?

J abu: Khona okuzokuthusa (Something will scare you)

Me: Please see yourself out, My Mom and my Son

are sleeping.. Thank you for stopping by, I'll sure let Langa know

J abu: You are arrogant

Me: And you are starting to piss me off

MANDISA

I looked at her crying and eating ice cream.

Me: Lwandle

She looked at me..

Me: I'm sorry about earlier

Lwandle: I think I wanna go home

Me: This is your home

Lwandle: I'm not welcomed here

Me: I'll fix it, I promise it won't happen again

My phone beeped. I checked the message:

"R10 000 before the job, Another 10k after the job"

I sighed and texted:

Me: "5k before, and 5k after. That's all I'm willing to give"

I looked at Lwandle..

Me: I am fixing it

He texted back:

"I'll take it"

He provided his banking details. I provided him with all the information he needed.. Her school times and even sent her picture

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MANDISA

To say I hate Ntonto would be an understatement,
And one thing I'd never do is literally let a child I
didn't bring into this world disrespect me like that.
It's not like her own Father even loves her..

I kept on texting back and forth with this guy. Yes, I
put a hit on her. She has disrespected me enough to
the point where I can't take it anymore..

When I got a text back from the hitman, That he's
going to do it today. I was thrilled, The only news
that will be coming back is of her slained.. Lying in
a ditch somewhere..

NOMVULA

I couldn't believe my eyes when J abu stopped by..

Me: You gotta be kidding me, Are you stalking me now?

J abu: No. I just wanna talk, Your Mom said I'll find you here

Me: Please leave

J abu: J ust hear me out, Borrow me 5min of your time

Me: Alright

J abu: We having a ceremony at home this weekend, On Saturday. Was hoping you and Langa could come

I laughed..

J abu: Please.. If you still feel unsure about me,
Then ill never bother you again

Me: Like I believe you

J abu: I swear.. On my life

I looked at him..

Me: Drama.. We leaving

J abu: They'll be no drama, That I promise

Me: Fine we will come

J abu: My mom's house

Me: Then you'll leave me alone, With my Son?

J abu: I promise

NOMAKHOSI

Mbali was busy buttering her bread and singing, It actually pissed me off..

Me: Mbali please. Your singing is giving me a headache

She continued. I walked up to her and grabbed her on her shoulder..

Me: I said stop!! Awuzwa kanti?

She stood there frightened..

Me: Good!.. This is not your Mother's house, Things around here are ran differently

Mbali: Sorry

Me: If I tell you to stop, You stop.. Do you understand me?

Mbali: Yes

Me: Good

NOMVULA

Nocawe: Was that him?

Me: Yes

Nocawe: Okay

Me: He wants us to come to some ceremony at his house, Then after he's going to leave us alone

Nocawe: Do you trust him?

Me: No.. But if it'll make him back off. I'll do it

Nocawe: I see.. Anyway I was buying plates. Beef or chicken?

Me: Chicken

Nocawe: Okay

AFRO

Mom: Well Afro it's not about you, It's up to Rain

Me: Yaa but if she actually brings back this guy into her life, By any means. She'll be a fool

Mom: At the end of the day he's Langa's Father. Langa will grow up, He'll ask about him. Langa needs to make his own decision, If he wants to be in his life or not

Me: Yaa I understand but I looked at him, He didn't look like he was genuine

Mom: It does n't matter but I trust Rain, She won't be fooled

Me: I hope so

MANDISA

Ntonto walked in.. I looked at her

Ntonto: Good afternoon

Me: You!

Ntonto: Me.. What?

Me: Nothing.. How did you get home?

Ntonto: With my transport, What's wrong with you?

She walked away. I took the frying pan and hit her at the back of her head. She fell whilst screaming. I went down hitting her repeatedly and repeatedly until she was quiet.. I don't know for how long I've been doing that when I heard another scream, It was Lwandle..

Me: Lwandle

She was frightened..

Me: Lwandle listen

Lwandle: What did you do?

Me: I am doing this for us.. Baby

Lwandle: Ma

Me: Don't Ma me!! Help me carry this thing to the trunk

Lwandle: Okay

I glanced at Ntonto. I must've been pretty handy with the pan, She was bleeding from the back of her head..

Me: Come.. So we can clean up the blood

She grabbed her legs..

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[05/23, 19:40] : NOMVULA

NOMVULA

The week passed, Life was still unbearable but peaceful. Mom was tolerant with me because I had agreed to go to Jabu's place.

It was Saturday morning when I was preparing. Afro knows, I told him. This morning he texted me:

"I'm not happy about this, I don't trust this guy at all"

I understand how he feels, I'm doing this for our relationship too..

Mom: Are you guys ready?

Me: Yes

She offered to drop us off, And pick us up later..

Me: Any news about Ntonto?

Mom: No

Ntonto has been missing, It's going to be a week now. Flyers have been put out, Posters and they even diverted back to Social media..

Me: It's sad

Mom: She probably ran off, I never liked that kid at all. She's a spoiled brat, No self respect. Nothing, She's probably doing this for nothing but attention

Me: Attention for a week?

Mom: Yes.. Let's go, I hold Langa's bag

MANDISA

That day when I killed Ntonto. We cleaned up, Then put her at the back of my trunk. She stayed there for a day, Following day. I drove out to a far away Bush to dump her body. I came back, Cleaned up my car and life moved on..

I brought Buda a cup of tea, This was hitting him hard..

Me: Here

Buda: Thank you

(Silence)

Buda: I don't understand, The driver said he dropped her off

Me: Where?? Ask Lwandle he never showed up

Buda: Good thing he was questioned and held, He must tell the truth

Me: True story

The monitor went off..

Me: I'll see who it is

I went to check, It was two cops. My heart stopped beating a little..

Buda: Who is that?

Me: The cops

Buda: Okay

I let them in..

AFRO

Manager: Sad to see you leave Afro

Me: I know very but my Mother needs me

Manager: I'm sorry about your father too

Me: Thank you

Manager: We sure gonna miss you, Please sign here

I signed the form, Then gave her the keys..

Manager: If you ever wanna come rent here, You welcome too

Me: Thank you

MANDISA

We sat down..

Officer 1: A body was found in a bush by hikers

Buda: Okay?

Officer 1: It was starting to decompose, We believe it might be your.. Uhm.. Your Daughter

Me: Ohh God

Officer 1: We would like for you to come and identify the body

Buda buried his head in his hands..

Buda: I'll come identify her body

Me: I'll come with

Buda: Better not, I don't want you to see her if it's her. Not in your state

Me: Okay.. Call me

Buda: I will

NOMVULA

The last time I was here, Was when I was still dating him. When he was still living in the backroom..

We made our way in and my heart dropped, Don't know if they know about me and Langa..

We walked in, All the way around and saw pots on the fire indeed. Two women were cooking..

We greeted, Before introducing myself they asked if I'm Nomvula. I agreed..

They were happy to see us, Gave us hugs.

We went inside the house, Other elders were sitting at the dining room table including his Mother..

We greeted, And they greeted back.

Ms Nala: Nomvula.. It's great to see you, Is this Langa?

Me: Yes

She got up from her chair..

Ms Nala: Wow.. I've been waiting to meet him

She tried taking him, Langa resisted..

Me: He's shy around strangers

Mom: Give it time

Ms Nala: Please sit down. Food will be ready

Mom: I am not staying I'm sorry.. I'll be back to fetch them later

Ms Nala: Thank you for dropping them off

Mom: Anytime

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MANDISA

It was her, It was Ntonto. Investigations have already started..

Lwandle has been distracted since the incident took place..

Me: Lwandle

She looked at me..

I sat next to her..

Me: They found Ntonto

Lwandle: Are you going to jail?

Me: No.. Not if we don't say anything about what happened. Look, Ntonto was going to be a pain in the butt for us. We weren't going to enjoy our lives in here with her around, She had to go baby.. Okay?

She nodded...

NOMVULA

This whole ceremony wasn't bad. Was actually

enjoying myself, And J abu's family was kind. Me
and his other cousin, Were drinking drosty hof. One
glass became two, Then three, Then four. It tastes
nice, You would actually lose yourself drinking
when it

It took me, It took me very fast..

I stood up and fell back on the chair.. The cousin
laughed..

Cuz: I think you done

Me: I think so too, I think I need to sleep it off

J abu came..

Cuz: Your baby Mama is done, She must sleep it off

J abu: I agree

J abu came alone, Didn't bring the wife..

J abu: Come.. Lie down a bit

Me: Where is Langa?

J abu: Mom got him.. Don't worry

He held my hand, Led me to his outside old room.
Still had the bed, wardrobe, and dressing table...

Me: I am not much of a drinker you know

J abu: I know.. J ust sleep a little so your Mother

finds you sober

Me: Good idea

He closed the door..

J abu: I'll help you with your shoes, And your t-shirt
maybe. In case you vomit

Me: Good idea

He took off my shirt..

J abu: You still beautiful, Even after all these years

Me: Thank you

He looked at me for a while, Then came closer and kissed me.. My hormones were playing with me, He pulled back..

J abu: I'm sorry

I kissed him..

AFRO

I had my head on my arm, My other hand I was tapping the table slowly with my phone

Mom: And nou?

I rose my head up and looked at her..

Me: Been trying to get a hold of Rain, She's not

picking up

Mom: Maybe she's busy

Me: I don't know.. I have an unsettling feeling about this

Mom: Papa look.. J abu is her baby daddy, There's always going to be a relationship between them because of Langa. I know it's hard to accept but.. You need to find a way to make it work with him

Me: Fuck that

Mom: Bongane!!

Me: I'm sorry

Mom: Try and call her later, I'm sure she'll be available

NOMVULA

He pushed me back to the bed..

Me: Do you have a condom?

J abu: In my drawer

Me: Okay

We continued kissing, My clit was throbbing by now and I was wet..

We got my jeans off, Underwear, Bra. All the clothes preventing us from actually doing it.

I laid back on the bed and he got ontop of me,
Opened my legs wide. I felt his finger on my clit that
increased the pleasure. I kissed him..

He slid one finger in my hole, With his thumb. He
was able to rub my clit..

Me: Oooooohhh

We kissed again..

NOMAKHOSI

Me: Could actually work

Mom: I mean.. If J abu works it out with her, At least
he'll be sending money every month. At least

Nomvula won't be as useless

Me: J abu is married

Mom: So? He still loves her. It's no big deal,
Nomvula can be a side chick

Me: Mom! (laughing)

Mom: Agh what can I say.. It's Nomvula

NOMVULA

He rolled down the condom, Then rubbed it against my hole before entering me. It was a bit painful but also nice, A moan escaped my lips. He pushed in further, Until he was fully in..

We continued kissing as he pumped me gently..

It was just too good, I thought I was going to come but I was just getting more and more horny that's all..

MANDISA

Me: What did the cops say?

Buda: They still investigating, It's an open investigation

I put my hands on his shoulders..

Buda: I think you and Lwandle have to go

Me: Go??

Budda: J ust until after the funeral

Me: Buda

Buda: Mandisa please!! (yelling)

I kept quiet..

Buda: Please.. I'll call you back, For now I need to.. I need to prepare for my Daughter's funeral

Me: Okay.. We.. We will go and stay with Mom's for a few

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MANDISA

I was more confused than hurt or angry. I thought I had Buda eating at the palm of my hand. Now he puts me out? Just like that?.

I gave up my flat when I moved in with him, I was sure it was a done deal between us. I mean, He did give up his marriage for me until his wife committed suicide. I feel like someone has put a hex on me so or something..

Mom: What happened?

Me: I don't wanna talk about it Ma

Mom: I did tell you that it's bad luck, Moving into a house where cleansing hasn't even been done

Me: Mom! It's not that okay? It's not that. I don't believe that something so useless like that would have such an effect. I think Ntonto's death has affected him. I didn't think he loved her that much

Mom: He just lost his wife, Now his daughter?
Obviously he's not okay

Me: Yaa whatever.. Lwandle make me some rooibos tea

Lwandle: Okay

NOMVULA

I woke up with a pounding headache. I was actually woken up by the smell of a cigarette. I still had that drunk feeling, But not as much as how I was when I first started drinking. I rose up from the bed, J abu was putting a belt around his jeans, With a cigarette in his mouth..

I was naked. I remembered everything..

Me: Ohh my God.. Ohh my Goodness

J abu: Hey

The soreness down there, Did confirm we had sex..

Me: How could you? How could you let this happen?

J abu: You wanted it as much as I did too

Me: I was drunk

J abu: So?

Me: Wait.. Wait.. You planned this didn't you?

J abu: You just proved to me that you are still as naive as you were when I made you pregnant

Me: Excuse me?

J abu: Come on.. You really thought that you and I? Are you serious? I just wanted to prove a point to myself

I got out of bed..

Me: You a bastard!

J abu: It's only now you figured?

I searched through for my underwear and bra, I couldn't find them..

Me: My underwear and bra?

J abu: I took them as insurance

Me: Why are you doing this?

J abu: Your boyfriend, He's very disrespectful. I wanted to prove a point

Me: You so evil

J abu: I know.. Now get the fuck outta my house

I dressed up..

Me: So this wasn't about Langa at all?

J abu: Why would it be? I have a wife, I have a baby..
Please

My heart was broken into a million pieces..

I won't even be able to deny because the same bra
and underwear he took, That was the same set I
wore when I first slept with Afro..

Me: You've already hurt me, Long time ago. Please

don't do this.. Afro is the best thing that has ever happened to me and Langa

J abu: And you just ruined it, Ruined it just like that

I charged at him and started hitting him on his chest..

Me: You bastard!! You bastard I hate you!!

He threw me down..

J abu: Get dressed and get the fuck out of here, My wife is coming!! You lucky I wore a condom

I sat on the floor still naked and crying..

J abu: Dress up, Get your child and get the fuck out

of here!!

AFRO

I was sitting outside on the stoep and having a drink with a friend. I was telling her about Nomvula..

Him: Honestly, Despite the fact that she has a kid. I've never seen her busy, She's always indoors. Definitely different from high school

Me: I know

Him: So you got your crush huh?

Me: Yeap.. She's amazing

Him: She has always been great, But are you sure

about this? I mean there's a baby involved

Me: Yeah I'm sure

Him: You a bigger Man than me

Me: I guess so

NOMVULA

I dressed up, Dressed up without the underwear and bra. I went to the house to get Langa and his bag. I wasn't even going to call my Mother to fetch us, I brought R50 with me. I'll take a taxi. It's like a 15min drive from his hood to mine..

I bid the elders farewell, His cousin walked us to the taxi rank..

Her: What really happened?

Me: I don't wanna talk about it

Her: We were having a good time, Drinking. You went to sleep then you wake up mad

Me: I don't wanna talk about it, Because your cousin is a jerk!!

Her: That he is.. Did you guys have sex?

Me: Like I said.. I don't wanna talk about it

Her: Okay girl.. No problem

We waited at the main road for a taxi..

NOMAKHOSI

Me: I can't believe it.. Ntonto dead?

Ntonto's death was all over social media, All because when she was missing her story was shared all over..

The details surrounding her death were brutal. Her head was all bashed so much you could see her skull. So it was described.

Mom: I told you.. She probably ran away with a boyfriend and it backfired

Me: Ma

Mom: What? It's true

Me: How are we going to tell Mbali?

Mom: We tell her, There's nothing we can do. We just tell her

Me: Hai shame

NOMVULA

Cousin: Bye

Me: Bye

She closed the door.. I unzipped Langa's bag and

took out my phone, 3 missed calls from Afro. My heart started beating in my throat.. My hands were shaking..

What am I going to say to him? How am I going to look at him after this?..

I texted him that I'm just going back home, I'm tired. It was a long day..

He called 2min into the text. I hesitated at first but answered..

Me: Hi

Afro: "Hi?"

Me: I am just tired.. I'm sorry

Afro: You going home?

Me: Yes.. We in a taxi

Afro: He didn't even offer taking you home? You should've called me

Me: It's okay.. It's not far

Afro: Okay.. Text me when you get home

Me: I will

Afro: I love you

Me: I love you too

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NOMVULA

I struggled to sleep last night. With everything that's happened yesterday. My Mother asked what happened, I just told her J abu invited us because he wanted his family to convince me to have Langa, Langa be raised at his Mother's house....

For the first time my Mother was livid in defending me. She cussed and cussed and yelled for him to go to hell, They won't take Langa without any payment..

At least I wasn't going to deal with her, Only the sins of what happened yesterday..

This morning I woke up to clean, I have been avoiding Afro. I am even thinking of dumping him because I won't be able to look him in the eye and lie to him...

He called, I just looked at the phone and didn't pick up.. I let it ring and ring until it stopped... I then continued with what I was doing... My mom, Khosi and Mbali had left to Buda's house since Ntonto is no more, They'll be back later..

FEZILE

I was woken up by my phone ringing, I woke up in a hotel room full of empty bottles and gay guys scattered around sleeping. It was a sex orgy kinda thing. I was in Cape Town, But won't have a chance

to stop by at home. Tomorrow morning I'm off to work again..

I checked and it was J abu. I answered..

Me: Yeah?

J abu: Yaa Fezi

Me: Do you fucken know what time it is?

J abu: 11:00am

Me: What do you want nigga?

J abu: Yazi bengithi safatelana (I thought we were cool)

Me: What the hell are you talking about?

J abu: You don't tell me that your little brother has assumed all responsibility. Raising my kid, Then disrespecting me in my face and shit

Me: Aren't you married or something?

J abu: uyinja ntanga! (You a dog)

Me: Fuck you

J abu: But it'll be over soon, Because yesterday I smashed her and I have proof

That's when I got up and looked for my pants...

J abu: It'll teach him that I'm not his friend!

He hung up..

Me: Shit!!

I called Afro..

Afro: Grootmaan

Me: Eyy poi.. Give me Rain's number

Afro: Huh?

Me: Rain

Afro: Why?

Me: It's between her and I

Afro: She's my girlfriend

Me: I'm gay

Afro: Ohw ya.. I forgot

Me: J ust text it to me

Afro: Okay

Me: How are things between you and her?

Afro: She's been cold since from yesterday

Me: What did you do?

Afro: I don't know.. She went to her baby daddy's place and yaa

Me: Ayt cool.. Text me her number

Afro: Sharp

He texted, I tried calling her but she didn't pick up. I texted her.

"It's Fezi, Call me or buzz me. It's important, Please"

MANDISA

I couldn't get any rest around here. Them damn kids woke up early making noise, Mom had to make

them porridge before leaving for church. The bed wasn't comfortable, I shared it with Lwandle and Mom..

Buda was ignoring my calls, It was upsetting..

I went to the kitchen, My Brother's wife was washing dishes..

Me: Good morning Mathi

Mathi: Morning Sisi.. Lele njani? (how did you sleep)

Me: Not good

I grabbed the mug to pour myself tea..

Me: What are we eating?

Mathi: Soft porridge

I sat on the chair defeated, Tears streamed down..

Mathi: Aww yini kodwa? (What's wrong)

She wiped her hands and came to sit next to me..

Mathi: What's wrong?

Me: I lost him.. I don't have a job, I'm pregnant, I don't have a place

Mathi: Ohw you don't lose a man

Me: I think I did

She held my hand..

Mathi: Trust me, You don't lose a man

I looked at her..

Mathi: I'll help you

NOMVULA

I read the text..

I buzzed him. He called..

Me: Hi

Fezi: I am going to ask you something, Please be honest

Me: Okay?

Fezi: J abu told me about what happened yesterday,
Is it true

I kept quiet..

Fezi: Rain?

Me: I am not much of a drinker, I drank a few glasses of wine and something led to another. I didn't mean too

Fezi: Fuck!!

Me: I'm so sorry.. I'm going to tell Afro everything and possibly end it with him

Fezi: No!! You not dumping him. We just lost our father, It's.. Afro doesn't know how to handle pain well so, This is going to shatter him

Me: I didn't mean too

Fezi: He didn't drug you?

Me: No.. I remember everything

Fezi: Did you guys use a condom

Me: Yes

Fezi: Okay.. Listen to me. Afro loves you, And the

little guy. I know a thing about two when it comes to messing up. I'm going to help you, I'm going to sort this out. Wena you fix it with Afro and don't breath a word about this. Ends up between you, J abu, And I

Me: He has my underwear and bra

Fezi: I said I'll fix this mess, I have something on him

Me: Okay.. I won't tell anyone

Fezi: Good.. Ohw and.. If this shit happens again, I'm personally going to strangle you

Me: It won't I promise

Fezi: Good.. I'll fix it, I promise. If afro asks why I

wanted your number, J ust tell him that I wanted it because I'm planning a surpris e party for him

Me: Okay.. Thank you Fezi

Fezi: Ohw I'm not doing it for you I'm doing it for my kid brother

Me: Even so

Fezi: Sharp

I hung up and closed my eyes, Then exhaled..

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NOMVULA

In the afternoon, Langa and I made a stop at Afro's House. His Mother was cooking, Decided to help whilst Langa was on the floor playing. She was happy to see us, Which made me realize that I almost lost what I have, With what I don't have..

My phone rang, It was an unsaved number. I wiped my hands and answered it..

Me: Hello

Voice: Hi it's Lisa, Got your number from my Mom

Me: Ohh hey

Lisa: Sorry to disturb you, But the job my sister found me. They looking for 10 general workers and my Mother reminded me of you. It's the tobacco industry, Requirements grade 10-12. Not much of a great pay R5500 every month but it's not bad and you don't work on weekends

Me: No that's great.. It's a great start up compared to what I'm doing at the mall

Lisa: Great.. Tomorrow morning say around 10am,I'll pass by at the mall to get your CV

Me: No problem.. Thank you Lisa

Lisa: You welcome.. Bye

Me: Bye

I hung up..

Me: Wow

Pat: What?

Me: I think I found a job, Not yet confirmed but it's worth my sending my Cv

Pat: Look at God

Me: Wow.. Out of nowhere

Pat: We need to pr-

She looked at Langa..

Pat: I need to move the jeyes fluid back to the outside toilet, Before Langa drinks it

She went to get the bottle. Looking at it, Reminded me of the mixture that Nocawe told me to bath with, Could it be that it's also working?

FEZILE

J abu: I knew you were a snake

Me: If you don't want me to ruin your life, You will leave Nomvula and Afro alone

J abu: Nomvula is my baby Mama

Me: And your baby will be very safe with us trust me

J abu: Since when did you grow balls?

Me: Since attempts were made to my Brother's happiness, All because you want to prove a point. Afro is not one to start a mess with people, I know you confronted him and now since I'm the man of the house. I'll make sure my family is well protected, That means putting a rapist in jail. I should've done that that day when you sent me the video, The evidence that you were involved in the gang rape of that minor, You and your hooligans drove that girl to insanity. They serving life, You got away with it because you were smart enough not to be found and they didn't snitch on you too. You pathetic, You get girls Filthy drunk and take advantage of them. What kind of Man are you? Was Nomvula drunk too when you impregnated her?

J abu: Fine, He can keep her

Me: Good! Because the gang rape case won't be the only case you go down for. Even raping Nomvula yesterday

J abu: I didn't rape her, We had sex

Me: If she was drunk to say yes, I'm sure she was drunk to say no too. You telling me if we could get Nomvula tested the toxicology report won't return with a foreign drug? Say maybe something that a rapist would give their victim? Maybe an edible? That made her hornier than she would normally be?

J abu: Fine you made your point!

Me: And we shall never have this conversation again

J abu: Fuck you!

He hung up. I no longer have the proof, It was years ago when Jabu was still notorious but he doesn't know that..

NOMVULA

Afro walked in, He was a bit surprised to see us..

Pat: Look who came to visit us?

Langa crawled up to him, He picked him up..

Afro: A visitor I didn't expect but missed so much

Pat: I did miss Rain too

Afro: No.. I'm referring to Langa

Pat: Ohw.. Which reminds me I have to go and call your Aunt to see if she got home safe.. I'll be right back

She pat me a little on my shoulder when walking away..

Me: I think I got a job, At least now I can move out of home, If they take me

Afro: Congratulations

Me: I'm sorry that I was cold to you

Afro: Why were you cold to begin with

Me: J abu played me. He invited me over in hopes that I will give Langa away to be raised by them

Afro: I knew he was up to no good

Me: So I was upset. I felt stupid

Afro: Well what can we say

Me: So are we cool?

He looked at me..

Afro: Yeah.. Tell me more about this job offer of yours

MANDISA

I paced up and down..

Mathi: You making me dizzy

Me: You gave my brother a love potion? Isidliso?

Mathi: When I started dating him, He already had 3 baby Mama's. I was going to be the 4th one and last one

Me: Umdlisile?

Mathi: Calm down

Me: I suspected

Mathi: Look do you want my help, Yes or No?

I looked at my brother sitting outside reading a newspaper through the open door..

Me: He's not going to lose his job right and end up like that?

Mathi: I used a bit too much, Now I regret. Should've used it as instructed

Me: How much?

Mathi: R450

I thought about it..

Mathi: Either that or get used to this as your new life

Me: Fine

NOMAKHOSI

Ntonto's Grandmother from her Mother's side was here. She wasn't happy.

Mam'Mkhonto: You took the child from us, I thought I was going to attend her graduation now I'm attending her funeral

Buda: I'm sorry

Mkhonto: You said she'll be more safer with you, She was only when your ex wife was still alive. Now you even dis owned your other for what? A girlfriend? Yini ngawe mfana, uyahlanya? (Are you crazy)

Buda kept quiet..

Mom: I'm just wondering who could be this cruel to do such a thing

Mkhonto: Ohw we will find out, My Great Aunt is a very powerful inyanga then before the funeral we will work on her body so she can avenge herself. Singabaka Mkhonto, We don't play and we don't like to be played!

Mom: I support that

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NOMVULA

Things seem to be falling into place. J abu actually texted me, Sent me a long message on WhatsApp apologizing. I even forgot I gave him my number yesterday. He promised that he will stay away from me and Langa, After that text. I blocked him straight away...

Now I don't care what my Mom says with regards to Afro and I, But she will know that I'm dating him and today. I will be sleeping over at his place..

I left Langa there on purpose, To come home and cook for them. Then after, I'll pack a bag and go..

They came back just when I was done cooking..

Mom: Yaa Ntonto's grandmother doesn't play

Khosi: I'm telling you

Me: I'm done cooking

Mom: Alright

Me: Uhm.. I'll be sleeping out

The room went quiet..

Mom: Okay??

Me: At Afro's place, I'll come back tomorrow

Mom: Nomv-

Me: He is my boyfriend and I would appreciate if you guys could accept that. You don't have to like it but accept it, He won't come here. I know that I'm not the most favoured child but, I'm also a human being and I'm trying to figure out my life. Khosi is no longer doing the learnership she can also help me from time to time. All I'm saying is that, I also need a break and if that sounds disrespectful. I apologise greatly

Khosi: Woow

Mom: Okay you can go

I waited for a statement from her.. Nothing!

Mom: I'm going to lie down, I'm tired. I'm sure Mbali is tired too

Mbali: I'm not tired Grandma

Mom: Okay

She walked out..

Me: Thank you.. I'll go and pack

Khosi looked at me..

Me: All you have to do is just dish up that's all

I walked to the bedroom to pack a bag....

MANDISA

I looked at Mathi..

Me: Is it necessary to leave shoes at the door?

Mathi: Yes

We left our shoes at the door and got in. The smell of incense filled up the whole room, I coughed..

Mathi: Gogo nguboyanetha

She showed up from behind the curtain..

Gogo: Thokoza

Mathi: Thokoza Gogo

Gogo: Hlalani phantsi (Sit down)

We sat down, Mathi helped me to sit down.

Gogo sat down too...

She picked up a cigarette from the Ash tray and lit it..

Mathi: Gogo ngilethe uSkwiza (I have brought my sister in law)

Gogo: Yebo

Mathi: Uzocela usizo ukubuyisa owakwakhe (She's asking for help to bring back her lover)

Gogo: Ngiyezwa (I hear you)

Mathi: Sekuyimalini? (How much)

Gogo: R300

Me: I'm not consulting moss

Mathi: Shhhh

Gogo: Eyakho inzima Ntombazana, Uyazi wenzeni.
Ukubuyisa lo mlisa komele ngikunike izinto
ezintathu (Yours is difficult, To bring back this man.
I'll have to give you 3 things)

Mathi: Yebo Gogo

Gogo: Amakhuni awu 3 ozomphephetha ngawo
alunywe yindlebe ukuzwa igama lakho, Umuthi

wogugeza owakho kanti no wokumthelela ekudleni
(I'll give you 3 sticks to call him back, Something to
bath with and something to put on his food)

Me: Bath with? Is it safe? Since I'm pregnant

Gogo: Mawus aba.. Uzahlanganisa phela
nolokugcoba (If you scared, You'll mix with your
lotion)

NOMAKHOSI

I was dishing up..

Mbali: Can I sleep in Nomvula's room?

Me: It's locked and she's not coming back today

Mbali: Can I sleep with you?

Me: Why?

Mbali: I don't like sleeping with Grandma, She..

Me: She what?

Mbali: Takes my fingers and make me do things to her kitty

I put my plate down..

Me: What did you say?

Mbali: She does that or makes me lick her with my tongue especially after she has been drinking

Me: Hey!!!

She freaked out..

Me: Don't ever lie on my Mother

Mbali: I'm not lying

I slapped her.. She fell to the floor..

Me: Don't ever lie on my mother like that do you understand? If you go on to say such things do you know what happens to kids who lie? They end up like Ntonto. If you don't wanna die too, You will keep quiet. Don't even tell Nomvula.. Do you understand?

She nodded..

Me: Good.. Go watch TV and don't make noise,
Mom is sleeping

She got up and rushed to the living room..

I closed the pot again..

Me: Shiiiiit!!

I thought my Mom had stopped with this sickening
behaviour of hers because she also used to do it to
me when I was young, All the time when she was
drunk..

NOMVULA

I had even taken my documents, Afro will help type

my CV for me...

Afro: No repercussions?

Me: No.. She said yes, No questions asked

Afro: That's good

Me: Where is Langa and Pat?

Afro: They sleeping

Me: Okay

I put my bag down..

Me: I need to go and bath

He paused his game..

Afro: I have a suggestion

Me: Yeah?

He got up from the bed and came to me..

Afro: How about I show you how much I've missed you before you go and bath?

That's tricky, There's no way I'm going to have sex with Afro and not feel pain. Considering how sore I was from yesterday.

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[05/23, 19:41] : NOMVULA

NOMVULA

I was worried about how the sex was going to go, Since I fucked up yesterday. Yes with a condom it stung more than I had imagined, So we had to improvise. We had sex without it, And then stopped halfway so he could put the condom and then proceeded until he came. Which didn't take much time...

After that, I had a long relaxing salt bath to help with the soreness incase later we pick up where we left from..

MANDISA

Mathi: Such things work, And they work better if you believe in them too..

Me: Do you know how much Buda earns?

Mathi: How much?

Me: He works both at the hospital and also as a professor part time. I'd estimate 70k both salaries after deductions and that's just an estimation

Mathi: Yerrrrrrrr

Me: He doesn't have much responsibilities. Mbali is the only responsibility now and he's not putting in much, Then they'll be me and the baby. Do you see how important it is for me to get this Man to stay with me? Marry him in community of property?

Mathi: I see

Me: So this shit better work, I'm not prepared to be a single Parent

Mathi: It will work, It worked for me

I took the lotion, I already mixed it. Then at 00:00, I have to go outside burn the little stick and do as instructed....

NOMAKHOSI

I still remember my Mother molesting me when I was young as if like it happened yesterday. I am not sure if Gqibi experienced it, But I'm damn sure Nomvula didn't. Nomvula used to sleep with Gqibi, Until Gqibi left and she got Gqibi's bedroom

I spent a great deal of time getting used to being finger fucked when I started being sexually active. I couldn't bring myself to enjoy that without dating back to that trauma..

My Mother and I never spoke of it, We moved on like nothing happened..

I can't believe she's still doing that, She can literally get herself a man but she doesn't want too. It doesn't happen constantly, Only when she's drunk or tipsy. It's much fueled by alcohol..

We were watching TV, And I looked at her.
Wondering if she still remembers that, Remembers what she put me through..

It sickened me to my stomach, I got up from the couch and rushed to the bathroom to vomit.. I turned my stomach in, Made me nauseated and

vomit...

NOMVULA

I went back to the bedroom after bathing.

Me: I can't believe Pat and Langa are still sleeping

Afro: I don't think so, They must be watching Tv

Me: Ohw ya, She has a Tv in her room

He looked at me..

Me: What?

Afro: You felt so much pain when we were having

sex, Are you alright?

Me: Yaa I think I'm not a fan of condoms

Afro: The first time we had sex you didn't feel so much pain and we used a condom

Me: Afro I'm a woman, There's a lot of unsettling things when it comes to the vagina. Lately I have been using a foam bath and I had so much irritation and redness, I am still healing

Afro: Then why didn't you say something?

Me: I just didn't want to kill the moment

Afro: When something is wrong, Or you don't feel up to it. You communicate, You don't force. Forceful

situations will make you hate sex

Me: Noted

Afro: Let me go bath too

BUDA

I looked at them as they spoke, Ntonto's Grandmother and the great aunt that they fetched who is said to be the strongest healer..

She had just arrived and was standing outside by the door, She didn't wanna come in as yet..

They spoke and occasionally looked at me, Ntonto's Grandmother would glance at me and shake her head..

The Grandmother quickly brought out an incense, A metal plate and a white candle from the bag..

She walked in and knelt at the kitchen floor,
Preparing everything. She also got a glass of water..

The great aunt walked in....

Me: I'm sorry but aren't we supposed to go and fetch her, From where she was killed?

G.Aunt: She wasn't killed in that Bush, She was dumped there. When she was dumped she was already dead

Me: So where was she killed?

G.Aunt: Here.. Right here in this kitchen, Specifically in that spot

Me: What??

G.Aunt: Your girlfriend killed my Great Granddaughter and then went to dump her body somewhere

Me: That can't be

Grandma: Wake up! You brought a snake into the house

Me: Your Great Aunt must be hallucinating or something. Is this a spiteful plan? I know you weren't happy that I didn't marry Ntonto's Mother, Is this some revenge seeking?

G.Aunt: My Granddaughter is resting peacefully,
You not marrying her proved to be the greatest
blessing to our family. Ancestors didn't approve,
She never understood why but I'm happy she didn't.
Or else, She would've ended up like your ex wife

Me: With all due respect, I allowed you here to Bury
your Great Grandchild with dignity. And here you
are, Doing things that are.. You lying! Mandisa is not
cruel, She would n-... May you please get up from
my kitchen floor and put that thing out?

The great aunt shook her head..

G.Aunt: This woman doesn't love you, She has a
vagenda, And you falling right into it. That trap of
evil and deceit in between her legs. I say war unto
you!

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NOMVULA

The plan was to wake up in the morning and prepare my CV, Then Lisa comes and takes it. She did come no lie, But she didn't take my CV. She opted that it'll be safer if she drives with me to the plant, So I can hand deliver straight because they hiring on the spot. Her sister told her so. The tobacco manufacturing company is new, Down in Johannesburg but I'll be in the field. They need people as soon as possible, To start working immediately...

Me: This is your sister's car?

Lisa: Yes but her old one, She's given it to me now to make it easier to travel to work. She drives a Merc now

It was an Isuzu swift..

Me: Nice

Lisa: When you get the job, We'll drive together to work every morning

Me: If I get it

Lisa: You'll get it

Me: Why are you so sure?

Lisa: I work there remember? Front desk. I overhear

the big Bosses talking. They want people at least 50.
The company is 3 months old, And it's growing.
New brand of cigarettes

Me: Nice.. I wish to get the job, It'll change my life

Lisa: You will, Have faith

Me: Thank you so much for this

Lisa: Hey.. Women need to look out for each other

Me: That's true

MANDISA

I woke this morning with pains on my lower back.
There was no food in the house, Kids were at school.

My Brother since he lost his job, He hasn't taken it up upon himself to actually go job hunting. He wakes up to read his newspaper, Then go drinking with friends....

I had no choice but to call Buda, I was hungry and sick. I needed to go to the Dr.

I took a deep breath and called him..

I did what was expected of me by Gogo nguboyanetha..

He picked up..

Buda: Mandy

Me: Hi.. Sorry to disturb you

Buda: No it's okay.. What's the matter?

Me: I don't feel well, I need to go to the Dr

Buda: Okay I'll send you money

Me: My car doesn't have petrol too

Buda: I'll send R1500

Me: Thank you

Buda: Sharp

That was the coldest call he's ever given me..

NOMAKHOSI

Mom was back at work, Mbali was at school..

I was kneeling down at the toilet and vomiting. I woke up not feeling good today, Maybe it's the food that Nomvula cooked.

I got up and washed my mouth, Went to drink cold water and then went back to bed.

I let out a deep sigh.. I don't think I'll be good with chicken stew again..

NOMVULA

The buildings was situated a bit far from the other buildings. Wasn't big. I looked at the name..

"Texas premium tobacco"

Lisa: Let's go

My heart sank down to my knees, I need this job..

She had her access card, Opened for us. We walked in to the reception..

I followed her as she led the way to HR, The white woman was sitting at her desk. Coffee and scones on the table. She knocked..

Lisa: Mrs Cooper

She looked at us..

Cooper: Come in

Lisa: I hope we are not disturbing you

Cooper: Not at all

Lisa: I was wondering if there were still positions opened for General workers?

Cooper: Yes

Lisa: This is a friend, Nomvula. Meaning Rain

Cooper nodded as she sipped her coffee.

She checked her wrist watch..

Cooper: You have exactly 30min to go do your access card girly and get your gear, The company taxi will be here to pick up the workers. You really lucky because by now they have left, The taxi broke down. Thank your God

Lisa smiled at me..

Cooper: Kom nou.. Give me your CV, I'll put you in the system. Tomorrow before you leave to the plant, You'll sign your contract and please submit a bank letter or statement before month end, if not you won't get paid

Lisa: Go..

I hurried and gave her the CV..

Me: Thank you so much, I won't disappoint

Cooper: Ya.. Ya.. Ya.. Take her to the security office

Lisa: Let's go

We walked out, And walked to the security office.
When we were outside, We screamed, Whilst
jumping and holding hands..

Me: I got the job!!

Lisa: You got the job!!

I didn't know that this moment, Was going to be a
start of my life. My real life..

AFRO

I was sitting at the table, Catching up on school work. Next week Monday schools are reopening..

Langa is a well behaved child, Cries only when he wants to sleep, Eat or if something is wrong..

Mom: Look what I found in the storeroom

Me: My old wheel

Mom: And it's still good, I wiped it. We'll put Langa in, He can learn how to walk with it

Me: Yeah let's see

My Mother put him in, It had this sound buttons.
When you press music starts playing..

My Mom pressed and music started playing, Then she gently pushed him around. He was so fascinated he giggled whilst clapping his hands. At least this will keep him busy as I work..

My phone beeped. I checked, It was a message from Rain..

"I got the job!!"

I leaned back on the chair smiling..

I texted back:

"That's my girl"

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NOMVULA

We were driven to the plantation, It was approximately an hour drive. I was nervous that it was going to be a job that I will find hard to adapt too, But it wasn't difficult just required a lot of physical strength. We would plant bed seeds, Uproot the tobacco leafs that have matured. Hang them to dry, Those that have dried up. They are taken down, Stacked then taken to the machines. The machines are also operated and do the rest..

We rotate every week, This week I'll be doing the planting. We are given big hats and water bottles. It's a very big plantation and very secure. The work was fascinating though, The tobacco you smoke requires a process before you can hold it and

smoke it..

The only downline about this, It was hot. Working in the blazing sun, With only a hat, A bag of bed seeds and a bottle of water wasn't as easy as I thought. We get 5 bottles of water a day, Still water...

The boots were much hotter, I stopped and fixed my hat. I won't quit, I need this job more than anything. What kept me going, Was seeing myself out of my Mother's house. That toxic place and into my own apartment, I'm sure after a week I would've gotten used to this...

MANDISA

I got back from the Dr, Wasn't serious. I'm due next month, So there's too much exhaustion and my baby is too big. I'm carrying a lot of weight, So much you'd think I'm carrying twins..

I bought a few groceries, I had gone with Mathi to town so she could push the trolley and etc..

We were eating, And my mind was far away. Do you know how heart breaking a relationship can be when it gets cold? A lot was going through my mind. That Buda might find someone else, Each time I ate my throat would get clogged up. I was fighting back tears..

Mathi: Don't overthink it

Me: I don't think these things are working

Mathi: Give it time

Me: How will I put it in his food if he is cold towards me?

Mathi: You just consulted, Have faith and give it time

Me: I don't have time.. I'm due next month, I won't be able to raise my baby in that crowded house?

Mathi: Haike

I exhaled..

Mathi: Thinking about it is only going to hurt you more, You don't need all this stress when you this heavily pregnant

Me: Yaa maybe, I'm just going to get a takeaway. Lwandle will eat it at home when she gets back from school

BUDA

My Mom was here, They arrived this morning..

We were having a family meeting..

Mam'Mkhonto: I don't understand why you don't want us to do this, You forfeiting us to work her body so she could avenge herself?

Me: First and foremost I don't have a problem with that. My biggest problem now is that, You guys threw accusations at my baby Mama. Now I'm not okay with that, That's a serious allegation! Accusing someone of that

Mkhonto: Ubaba yini! We were not throwing allegations, It's the truth. You won't see it because

this woman has you wrapped around her legs. My Great Aunt has never been wrong

Me: You see what I'm talking about?

G. Aunt: First and foremost, Your wife passed on not so ago. The next you moved this woman into this house. Same bed, When a cleansing hasn't been done. Then my Great Granddaughter dies, You don't see a problem about that?

Mkhonto: Ntombikayise has been raised by Gqibi from when you took her, She's never been harmed. She was raised with love, That girl loved her. Gqi Gqi this new woman moves in and Ntonto dies? Khona where is Mbali?

Me: Gqibi knew it was over she didn't want to leave, What was I supposed to do?

Mom: If I may weigh in here.. I feel you being unfair to my Son. It's his Daughter, And he can choose how she will be buried. Quite frankly I'm a Christian, And against the suggestion. God will avenge Ntonto

Buda: Exactly

They looked at each other..

Mkhonto: What was my Daughter doing with you I wonder

Buda: Mom will go and wash Ntonto's corpse alone, I don't want both of you anywhere near her or I'll ban you from attending the funeral

G. Aunt: It's good that we don't need your permission to avenge, When we get home I will work on this

Buda: Yeah you do that witchcraft at your house not here!

I stood up and walked out..

NOMAKHOSI

I had gone to buy a pregnancy test for myself. As my friend suggested. John and I used protection, We didn't use protection once and that was in his office..

I glanced at the pregnancy test, Clear blue. I was pregnant..

I was defeated, But at the same time I can use this to my advantage..

I can hold him with this pregnancy, And I will. He is white, He is not a black man. I don't think he will neglect his kid..

I am going to give it a few months, Until I start showing.

This might just work, Can work in my favour.

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NOMVULA

I was going to go back home with Lisa, They knock

off at 17:00. We arrive at 18:00. She had agreed to wait for me, But Afro called beforehand and said he'll fetch me for this week, Since next week he's going back to school..

Me: I'm sorry Lisa

Lisa: It's okay, I'll pick you up tomorrow morning

Me: Thank you, I'll whatsapp you my address

Lisa: No problem

Afro: Thank you Lisa is it?

Lisa: Yes

Me: Bye

Lisa: Bye

Afro and I walked to the car..

Afro: She seems nice

Me: She is

Afro: I like her as your friend

Me: We not friends yet

Afro: Why not?

Me: We don't know each other that well as yet

Afro: I'm seeing you guys being friends soon

He opened the door for me..

Me: I don't know, We'll see

MANDISA

My phone rang, It was Buda. I let out a sigh of relief..

Me: Hello

Buda: How did it go with the Dr?

Me: We fine, J ust stress and exhaustion

Buda: At least it's not something serious

Me: How is it going there?

Buda: Ntonto's Maternal family is being unnecessary difficult

Me: Ohw I'm sorry

Buda: I miss you

My heart jumped in joy..

Me: I miss you too

Buda: Can't wait for the funeral to be over, Then you'll come back

Me: I can't wait too

Buda: Okay I'll call you later

Me: Alright

Buda: I like the picture you uploaded on your
WhatsApp status

Me: Thank you

Buda: I love you

Me: I love you too

Buda: I'll call you later

Me: Okay

He hung up. I laid back and smiled...

NOMAKHOSI

Mom: Help me understand, You met this man where?

Me: The company that I was doing a learnership at,
He owns it

Mom: The fraud?

Me: He's not a fraud, The HR was. She got fired, He
didn't know nothing

I have mastered the art of lying..

Mom: Khosi the last thing I want is for you to have a dead beat baby daddy

Me: He's white Ma, When have you seen them neglecting their kids?

Mom: That's true

She smiled and clapped her hands..

Mom: I can picture a white wedding already, The hood will be jealous. My Daughters both of them married. It was Gqibi at first, Now you. God has blessed me indeed

Me: I know

Mom: Does he know?

Me: Not yet, I'll tell him

Mom: Do tell him.. I seriously can't wait

BUDA

I was busy texting on my phone when I walked into the bathroom. I put it down next to the sink, When I checked myself in the mirror. I saw Gqibi hanging from the ceiling with the rope around her neck. She turned her head, And starting coughing out blood.

I turned and she wasn't there. I looked at the mirror again, She wasn't there. My heart was beating very fast..

I took my phone and walked out...

MANDISA

Lwandle walked in..

Lwandle: Good afternoon

She threw her bag on the floor..

Me: What's wrong?

Lwandle: I flunked on my math test. Got 20/50

Me: That's unlike you

Lwandle: I can't concentrate on school anymore, All

I see is her laying down on the kitchen floor and us dragging her lifeless body to the car. I can't sleep, I can't even go on Facebook without seeing a post about her shared

Me: Lwandle stop this nonsense please! Nto-

Close the door..

She closed the door..

Me: She had to go, She was going to stand in our way of happiness. Now it's going to be you and your baby brother

Lwandle: I don't wanna live in that house

Me: Lwandle! I'm doing this for you, For us!

I sighed..

Me: I've brought you some food, Go and eat

She walked out..

Me: And stop frowning!

NOMVULA

We fetched Langa, Then he drove us home.

I got home, Mom and Khosi were cooking.

Me: Good evening

Mom: Evening

Khosi: You late

Me: That's because I got a job today

Mom: Another selling? What are you selling now?
Avon?

They both laughed..

Me: Actually No

I put Langa down. I took out my phone and my
access card..

Me: Texas tobacco premium, I started today

I showed them the pictures I took. They were quiet for a while..

Khosi: That's one of the biggest tobacco companies, It's new but doing well already

Me: Yeap

Khosi: Who did you sleep with? To score a job there without matric?

Me: No one.. There's a good woman who was selling at the mall, Her Daughter works there. She hooked me up

Mom: Woow.. Look at God

My mom walked up to me and hugged me..

Mom: God is working overtime, You working. Khosi is about to get married to a white man

Me: Really?

Mom: This calls for a celebration. Khosi put everything in the fridge. I'm going to buy pizza, cake, and champagne. The mall is still open

Khosi: Yaa

Mom: Nomvula bath, Khosi, Mbali and I we'll go.. Should we take Langa with?

Me: No we fine

Mom: Khosi fetch my purse

Khosi: Okay

Mom: Anything you want at the mall?

Me: I'm good

Mom: Okay.. I'm so proud of you

Me: Thank you

I picked up Lwazi and the bags, Then we went to my bedroom.

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AFRO

It gets boring around the house when Langa is gone. I don't know how someone so small can have such an impact. It was very quiet, J ust me and my Mother..

Mom: I can't believe I miss Langa

Me: I do miss him too

Mom: He is a special one

Me: Indeed

Mom: You know, I don't wanna say this but. I like Nomvula, I like her determination. Instead of completely giving up, She got up and got her own

I sat down next to her..

Me: That's true. She has beat all odds

Mom: I am proud to even call her my anything, Daughter in law, Daughter. She's amazing

Me: That's why I wanted to talk to you

Mom: You not breaking up are you?

Me: No.. We good

Mom: Thank God

Me: Uhm.. My share of Dad's money, I wanna take a bit of it to pay lobola

Mom: Ohh wow

Me: I have a bursary, I only have 3 years to go. We no longer counting this year, I ca say I have two years. Then I'll start working right away. She's working, Though I don't want her to be stuck in this job for long. It's a good start up, She will work her way

Mom: I am so proud of you do you know that? You Always think of the permanent than the temporary. I am all for it, I give you my blessings. I believe she will make a just wife and a just Daughter in law but...

Me: But

Mom: Papi you are 20, She's 19. I need you to think about it. Things are good between you too because you have just started dating, It's still the honey moon phase. You guys haven't seen each other at your worst. Marriage is very huge step Son, It's not something to toy with

Me: I know but.. I'm very sure about her and I don't want her to think I'm taking her for a joy ride. I love her, I love Langa and I don't think there's a formula to when one should get married. Yes we gonna have our ups and downs, It's okay. If 10 years down the line we feel differently about each other, It's still okay we will separate but I'm going to seize this moment I'm not going to play with her

Mom: Tell you what? How about we pay intlawulo to ask her family to come live with us. Say maybe 15k, Just out of respect. Perform a ceremony and then if you guys can live together for this year next year

then we can pay lobola the rest of the amount that they'll be asking

Me: Sounds like a deal

Mom: 10k for her, 5k for Langa and if we take Langa as our own. We introduce him to our ancestors, He will have to take our surname

Me: Say next year, When we run lobola they both take my surname. I'm big on traditional weddings

Mom: Sounds like a deal, But it'll have to happen after dad's cleansing

Me: Fair enough.. Thank you

She hugged me..

Mom: I'm so proud of you Papi

Me: Stop it.. I'm about to be someone's Husband and Father, I'm a grown man

Mom: To them, Not to me!

NOMVULA

Mom: Yooh fana ka Gogo yena, He can eat pizza

Langa was standing, Both hands balanced on the coffee table as my Mom fed him pizza..

If this moment was genuinely real, I'd appreciate it. There's no way this woman can hate me all my life and only love me now because I have started

working. I'm not a fool. I'll play along for peace, But
month end I'm going. I am leaving.

I was busy talking to Lisa on whatsapp..

Mom: Vula

I looked at her..

Mom: You hardly said a word and only ate two
slices of pizza

Khosi: Phela she'll be throwing her weight now that
she's working, We probably no longer good for her

Me: I'm just tired that's all

Mom: You should get rest then

Me: I should

Mom: Don't worry about the dishes. Khosi and Mbali will wash

Khosi: Mom!!

Mom: What? You not working, She's working

Khosi: I'm pregnant

Mom: Pregnancy is not a sickness

Me: I'll wash it's okay

Mom: You are going to sleep, They will wash. Mbali

take Vula's plate to the kitchen

Mbali got up and took my plate..

I got up and went to pick up Langa..

Mom: Good night

Me: Good night

I left her and Khosi arguing in the living room..

BUDA

The following morning, We woke up to yet another meeting. I wanted Ntonto's family gone. I believe the Great Aunt is nothing but a witch now, She probably is still mad over the fact that I ditched

Ntonto's Mother..

Mkhonto: Usuyahlola manje (You taking a piss now)

Me: She's my daughter

G.Aunt: We will leave

Mkhonto: Khulu

G.Aunt: This boy is suffering for his sins and he's going to think it's us. After all that my Great Grandchild died a painful death, I want her to have a peaceful funeral at least

Mkhoto: Fine.. We will leave

Buda: Thank you

NOMVULA

My Mom had prepared breakfast when I woke up.
Cheese and ham sandwiches.

Mom: Even made you a lunchbox

Me: We eat at work

Mom: Ohw

Me: Lisa will be here

Mom: I was thinking, Maybe Khosi can babysit
Langa and you pay her

Me: Ms Pat already babysits for me, Langa is happy with her

Mom: I know things haven't been well between us but.. We trying here

Me: Thank you Ma, But Langa is fine at Afro's House

We heard a knock..

Me: It's Lisa

Mom: Let her in.. I wanna meet her

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[05/23, 19:42] : NOMVULA

NOMVULA

[A WEEK LATER]

Since I started working, Life for me has changed. There was so much peace for me at home, My Mom seemed to be turning a little against Khosi. I hate her using me against her, I hate her pretending but at least there was peace for me now and Langa...

It was a Sunday morning, A day after Ntonto's funeral. I still can't believe Ntonto is no more. A cruel world we live in, Who would do this to a child. There were no reports of her being sexually violated, Cause of death was said to be a blunt trauma against her head...

I just can't process what really happened, There's a lot of loopholes..

Khosi didn't go, Mom and Mbali went yesterday they'll be back later today though..

Khosi was in the kitchen making herself something to eat..

Me: Good morning

Took her a while to greet me back..

Khosi: Good morning

She has been otherwise to me, Well she's forever been but she's worse now..

Khosi: You know Mom only loves you because you working now, Don't get too comfortable. Incase you lose your job, You'll be back to being a black sheep again

Me: I seriously don't care if Mom loves me or not, If she's pretending or not. It doesn't affect me in any way

Khosi: Don't lie, You enjoy the new attention. Phela wena you were not loved, This is the first were you actually loved

Me: You are a very angry Person Khosi, I don't even know what the anger is about. How do you go through life with so much anger and hate?

Khosi: I don't have anger and hate in general, I just don't like you

Me: Why?

Khosi: Because I don't

Me: Ohw I see

Khosi: Yes!

MANDISA

Mathi: See, I told you it works. What's left is for you to put it in his food, The last step

Me: Since I'm going back today, That will be easy. You helped me a great deal, Thank you so much

Mathi: Women look out for each other

Yesterday Buda called me and told me that today I should come back home..

Mathi: Lwandle doesn't like she wants to go

Me: Change of home and scenario has never been easy

Mathi: I guess so, But it's a good change she should be happy

Me: Give a few months, She would've adapted

Mathi: True, She will adapt

BUDA

Ntonto's funeral was a beautiful one yesterday, The school attended. It was bigger than I had anticipated. Had to hold the service in a hall, It was big..

Her school friends spoke nice about her, They were all emotional. I didn't know Ntonto had such an impact on her friends until yesterday..

Around the house, It was my family and Gqibi's family left. They were leaving too soon, Mandisa has to come back later on.

I put Mbali down..

Mbali: Daddy

Me: Yes?

Mbali: I don't wanna go back to Grandma's house

Me: Why? I thought you enjoyed staying at Grandmother's place

Mbali: I wanna come back home

Me: Mbali we talked about this

Mbali: Grandma and Khosi are very mean

Me: What happened?

Mbali: Grandma.. She..

Me: She what?

Thembi walked in..

Thembi: The funeral was beautiful yesterday

Me: It was indeed

Thembi: Mbali we should also prepare to leave

Mbali held my hand..

Me: May I have a word with you?

Thembi: Okay

Me: Mbali I'm coming back

Mbali: Okay

We excused ourselves from the room...

AFRO

Mom: Papi?

I looked at her..

Mom: Heeee.. Tell me, Is Fezi dating

Me: Why?

Mom: I want to know, Because honestly Fezi is supposed to have introduced his girlfriend to us by now. Supposed to be getting married or something

Me: I'm not sure Ma

Mom: He's your Brother, Don't you guys talk about such?

Me: We do talk, I don't think that he has someone for now. Someone serious

Mom: Yazi I don't understand

Me: Don't push it Ma please.. When he's ready he will bring someone

Mom: I hear you

BUDA

Thembi: What's wrong?

Me: I needed to find out about Mbali, How is she adjusting?

Thembi: She's adjusting very well

Me: I don't think so, She seems to not want to go back

Thembi: Don't forget. This has been Mbali's home for all her life, Kids don't adapt easy to change. Mbali is fine, She will be fine

Me: I lost my Daughter, I don't wanna lose another one

Thembi: Mbali is more safer with me than here, See what happened to Ntonto. I don't want the same happening to Mbali

Me: I understand very well, And thank you for everything you doing for her

Thembi: You don't have to thank me, Mbali is my Granddaughter. I'd do everything for her

Me: Thank you anyway

Thembi: I think we should go too

Me: It's okay, Thank you for coming to the funeral

Thembi: Keep well

MANDISA

Lwandle was giving me a problem, She didn't want to leave..

Me: This is not up for debate

Lwandle: I'm perfectly fine here, I don't wanna leave

Me: Lwandle

Lwandle: I don't wanna go back there

Mathi: Lwandle you will get used to the place

Lwandle: I won't, I don't wanna get used to that place where Mom killed Ntonto in the kitchen

Me: Lwandle!!!

Mathi: What?

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MANDISA

It was quiet for a while, After Lwandle said that. It was I, Her, And Mathi in the room..

I could deny the statement brought forward, But my own Daughter who is 16 cannot lie..

Mathi: What?

Me: Fine Lwandle if you don't wanna leave, You can stay but I was trying to give you a better life

Mathi: Ohh No.. She needs to go, If more people hear of this. It's going to cause fire. Lwandle do you understand the importance of keeping silent about this? If you keep on blabbering about this, You going to end you and your mother up in prison for a very long time. Parents sometimes resort to certain things when they trying to protect their children

Lwandle: Fine. I'll pack up

Me: Mathi..

Mathi: Your secret is very safe with me don't worry

Me: Thank you

Mathi: But watch out for that one

Me: I will

NOMAKHOSI

I was sitting outside on the stoep with my friend Anna. I was telling her about the sudden change that's happening to Nomvula..

Anna: I never saw this coming. Yes I might have not passed my matric well but.. How does Nomvula with only grade 11 get such a good job? A job that needs educated people?

Me: And she's been working, For a week now.
Forget about the job, How the fuck did she get Afro?

Anna: Exactly!

We saw J abu walking in..

J abu: Eks e

Me: Hi

J abu: Is Nomvula around?

Me: She's with Afro, She sleeps there on Sundays

J abu: Well I brought her underwear back, And her bra

Anna and I looked at him. I took the plastic and

checked. Indeed it was her underwear and bra..

Me: How did she??

J abu: I think you know

Anna: Wait Nomvula slept with you?

Me: When?

J abu: J ust give it back to her

He left...

I got up..

Me: Let's go

Anna: Where?

Me: Bathong we going to give Nomvula back her things.. Let's go!!

NOMVULA

Me: She rubs me off the wrong way

Afro: Forget about Khosi, She's not worth you getting worked up on

Me: I can't wait for month end so I can move out

Afro: About that

Me: Yes?

Afro: Can you stay at home for at least 3 months?

Me: Why?

Afro: Well I asked my mom if my Uncles can go to your place and talk to your mother, Whatever amount they charge for you and Langa to come move in with us

Me: Lobola?

Afro: Something of that nature

Me: Are you serious?

Afro: Mom says we should live together for at least

a year first before we get married to see if we can survive that

Me: Yes!

Afro: Okay.. I thought you might wan-

I kissed him..

Afro: Think about it

Me: I don't have to think about it, Because I love you and you love me. Let's do it

He spanked my thigh a little..

Afro: Then we doing it

BUDA

Mbali didn't wanna leave, I questioned her until she finally told me the truth..

I charged at Thembi, I slapped her..

Mom: Buda!!

Me: Why?

She looked at Mbali..

Me: I thought you said my Daughter was safe with you

Mom: I didn't raise you to attack elders

Me: She's molesting my Daughter!!

Mom: What?

Me: This old pervert hag is molesting my Daughter

Thembi was lost for words..

Mom: What? I don't think I'm hearing this well. You molesting your own Granddaughter? Your Daughter's child?

Me: If you that sexually Frustrated fucken get you a Ben 10 even!

Thembi: Buda

Me: No!.. You have 30 seconds to leave my house before I do something I will regret

She looked at Mbali..

Me: Leave!!!

Thembi: Mbali how can you lie on me like that?

Me: Mbali would never lie, It's not in her nature

Mom: Leave!! You are a Filthy woman no wonder your Daughter committed suicide! And don't ever come back here!

MANDISA

We bid everyone farewell, Then we drove to Sandton. Lwandle was sitting in the back, I was furious..

I didn't feel like talking to her, Not as yet..

NOMVULA

Pat: I'm glad you agreed

Me: I'm grateful Afro asked me

We heard a knock at the door..

Afro: I'll get it

He went to open, I heard a familiar voice. Khosi walked in with her friend..

Khosi: Sanibonani (Greetings)

Me: What are you doing here?

Khosi: J abu just dropped off your bra and underwear, Thought you might need them. He said you left them by his house that weekend you slept with him

Pat dropped the spoon she was holding..

She placed them on the counter...

Khosi: J ust returning them back

Afro walked up to the counter and opened the plastic..

Khosi: Yaa.. Nisale kahle (goodbye)

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NOMVULA

Pat: I'll go check up on Langa

She walked away..

Me: You see what I'm talking about? My family is petty. Khosi taking my underwear and bra, Pulling such a low stunt. This is what I'm talking about

Afro: Why would she do this now?

Me: I don't know, I really don't know. Khosi hates me that's why!

Afro: That Sunday when you came, When we had sex. You were in pain, A lot of pain

Me: I did tell you, I was usi-

Afro: You avoided me Saturday, I tried calling you and you didn't pick up

Me: Afro you possibly cannot believe this

Afro: Look me in the eye, And tell me you didn't sleep with him

I looked at him and shook my head, Tears were already filling up my eyes..

Me: I didn't sleep with him

Afro: What's pissing me off is that you looking me right in the eye and lying to me

Me: Afro

Afro: Did you sleep with him?

I wiped my tears.. He hit the table..

Afro: Rain!!

I freaked out..

Me: I was drunk, He got me drunk.. I swear It was nothing

He took off his glasses....

Me: I swear babe it was nothing

I walked up to him and tried to touch him..

Me: I.. It was a stupid mistake, I'm sorry

Afro: Dont touch me right now

Me: Baby please

He walked up to the door..

Afro: J ust.. J ust don't touch me

Me: Afro please!! (crying)

NOMAKHOSI

Anna: Do you think he believed us?

Me: Well I don't know

Anna: She can easily lie

Me: I don't care, But my work is done here

The door opened, My Mom walked in..

She seemed upset..

Ma: Khosi you can't even put a pot on the stove hle?

Me: I thought we were getting take outs

Ma: What takeouts? Why? Why waste money when you are available? I'm sure Nomvula cleaned and you couldn't even put a pot on the stove?

Me: I was going to put the pots

Ma: When? You were waiting for J esus to come back?

Me: I'll do it now

Ma: Don't bother!

She walked to her bedroom..

Anna: I should leave

Me: Yeah I'll walk you out

NOMVULA

Pat walked back in..

Pat: He's still sleeping

Me: I should take him, And we go home

Pat: Rain

Me: I'm so sorry.. I'm deeply sorry for hurting him, It wasn't my intention

Pat: What happened?

Me: J abu set me up, My biggest mistake was falling for his trap. He got me drunk

Pat: So he took advantage of you?

Me: Yes

Pat: Why didn't you report?

Me: Which cop would believe a drunk girl

Pat: So what were you hoping for? That it was going to stay hidden forever? Sleeping with your ex was going to stay hidden forever?

Me: Fezi was helping me out

Pat: Fezi did what?

Me: I wanted to come clean, Fezi called me and said he was going to handle it

Pat: This is a mess

Me: I should leave

Pat: So you going to give up?

Me: I've hurt him enough

Pat: Do you still love this J abu?

Me: I despise him with all my heart

Pat: Then don't let him ruin your relationship, Don't let him win

She sighed..

Pat: Go bath, I'll get the ice cream. Netflix has good movies for this occasion

Me: Wait? You not mad?

Pat: I will be if it happens the second time

Me: Thank you Ms Pat

BUDA

Mom: Do I leave knowing that she's safe?

Me: She will be safe

Mom: I still can't believe this

Me: Me too.. Tomorrow I'll have her things fetched

Mom: That's better

Me: Thank you Ma

She hugged me..

Mom: Keep well.. You've been through a lot

Me: I will.. For Mbali

Mom: Well then send my love to Mbali

Me: I will

AFRO

Charmaine brought me another glass of whiskey...

Me: Thank you

Charm: I don't sell alcohol to underage kids

Me: I'm 20

Charm: You the youngest here

Me: But I'm 20

Charm: I heard you dating my Girl

Me: Was

Charm: Was?

Me: She cheated, Slept with her ex. I'm going to
break up with her

Charm: That's unlike Vula, That's out of character
for her

Me: It doesn't matter anymore

Charm: Dumping her? That's extreme don't you think?

Me: Either that or I'm going to kill her

Charm: Maybe go easy on the alcohol

Me: I'm paying Sis Charm.. I'm paying

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FEZILE (AFRO'S BROTHER)

I got a call from my Mother, I had just came out of the shower and preparing to sleep. Usually when I am out of the country, Using another sim. They call, Either I cancel the call or let it ring then call right after..

I called her back..

Me: I'm just from the shower

Mom: Fezile what's wrong with you?

Me: I'm sorry?

Mom: Nomvula cheats on Afro and you cover up?

Me: What?

Mom: Don't try to deny it, She told me

Me: Told? I thought she..

Mom: Her sister brought her things back, The underwear and bra. She got them from her ex

Me: I was only trying to help. You know Afro, He doesn't do well with pain. The next thing, He'll be moving far away to get away from the hurt. Does he know?

Mom: That you covered up for Nomvula? No he doesn't know

I exhaled in relief..

Mom: Don't ever do something like that ever again
do you hear me?

Me: I promise

Mom: Anyway.. How are you and where are you?
Tried your SA number

NOMVULA

Pat has been helping with Langa today, And I
appreciate it. In the state that I was in, I needed
some time to process everything..

Afro walked into the bedroom, I was a bit scared. I
don't wanna lose him honestly, I don't wanna lose
my relationship over this stupid shit..

Afro: You still here?

Me: Can we talk?

Afro: We talked

Me: We didn't, You walked out

Afro: Okay.. It's only 19:00, We can take a small drive. Go to an open restaurant, Talk there just to give Mom and Langa some peace

Me: Okay.. We can go, Will you be able to drive?

He seemed a little tipsy..

Afro: I'm fine

Me: Okay let's go

MANDISA

At least Mbali is respectful, Compared to her brat Sister and my Brat. When I was preparing dinner, She offered to help me.

Me: Thank you Mbali, Maybe you can go sit at the table I'll bring the plates of food

Mbali: It's okay.. I'll take mine, So you don't carry a lot of plates

Me: Aren't you the sweetest?

Mbali: Should I go give Lwandle hers since she's not feeling well?

Me: It's okay, We'll keep it in the microwave

Mbali: Aunty Mandy may I please watch TV as I eat?

Me: Yes baby you may

I handed it to her..

Mbali: Thank you

She walked to watch TV..

I opened the cupboard, Sprinkled what I needed too for Buda. Put it, I'll take it to the bedroom later..

I picked up the plate and went to the living room..

Me: You also wanna watch TV?

Buda: No it's okay.. We can eat at the table

I put it on the table..

Buda: Thank you baby

Me: Let me get mine

NOMVULA

It's how he was driving that was getting to me. First of all, He's short sighted and also tipsy...

We drove and then he pulled up on a dead road. We haven't said anything to each other ever since we started the drive..

Me: What are we doing here?

The road wasn't completely dark, There were street lights but the road was quiet.

Afro: Get out

Me: Get out?

Afro: Yes

Me: Why?

Afro: You wanted to talk, Let's talk!

I got out, He remained in the car for a few seconds.
He came out, He was holding a gun. My heart sank..

He pointed it at me..

Me: Afro please.. Don't do this

Afro: It'll be over soon if you just hold still

Me: Where did you even get the gun?

Afro: It's my Dad's.. He had two guns, I took it out of
the safe during the funeral process for safe keeping

I was wearing a dress, A short flowery summer
dress and sleepers.. The dress had short sleeves..

Me: Baby Please.. Let's just get into the car and go home

Afro: Talk about? There's nothing to talk about! You slept with him and that's that. There's no explanation you going to give that will make it any better nor make me understand

Me: I swear.. I was drunk and..

Afro: No.. Don't blame alcohol, You wanted to do it

Me: I didn't wanna sleep with him

Afro: You love him?

Me: I don't love him!.. I love you!

Afro: But you slept with him!

Me: It was a mistake!

Afro: Cheating is never a mistake!!

Me: I'm sorry okay? I'm sorry. I didn't mean to hurt you!

Afro: Did you kiss him?

Me: What?

He cocked the gun and pointed it to me..

Me: Okay.. Okay.. He.. Yes we kissed

Afro: Did you he use a condom?

Me: He did

Afro: When you kiss someone and it's a one night stand, The whole shit becomes personal

Me: I'm sorry

Afro: Langa will be fine I promise you

Me: Afro

Afro: Hold still.. It'll be a quick painless death

Me: Afro please

He pulled the trigger, The impact had him take a step back and the sound made my heart stop. I fell to the ground..

MANDISA

Buda: That was delicious baby.. Thank you

Mandisa: You welcome.. I'll collect the plates

Buda: It's okay.. I will

Me: I like Mbali, She's sweet and very respectful

Buda: She is indeed

Me: Raised well

Buda: Yaa

Me: What's wrong?

Buda: Her Grandmother was molesting her

Me: Whaaaaaat?

Buda: Imagine the disgust

Me: That's absurd! I can't imagine, Like.. This is insane

Buda: I know.. At least I still have control over Mbali's 500k from her Mother's policy. Tomorrow remind me to go fetch her things

Me: Certainly.. Poor baby I can't imagine

NOMVULA

He took a few steps towards me. He crouched next to me..

Afro: Let's get you to the hospital

Me: You shot me!! (crying)

Afro: It's just a flesh wound, I'm skilled in handling a gun. My father made sure that my hobby and Fezile's was paintballing and the shooting range. From since when I was 9 years old

Me: You shot me!!

My heart was still beating fast, He helped me to sit up straight.. My left arm was burning and bleeding..

Afro: It's just a flesh wound baby

I pushed him away..

Me: You almost killed me

Afro: I wasn't going to kill you

Me: Why Afro?

Afro: Let's get you to the hospital, So that they can take care of the bleeding

He gently tried to hold me, To help me up..

Me: You shot me (crying)

He wrapped my right arm around his neck, Wrapped his around my waist and then helped me up..

Afro: Let's go and get you to the hospital

He took out his t-shirt, And tore it then wrapped it around my arm so I don't bleed more..

He then hugged me very tight..

Afro: I'm sorry

He kissed me on my cheek

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NOMVULA

We drove up to a Hospital, So I can get checked. He was right it was a flesh wound, And they were cleaning it. The antibiotic burnt too, But it wasn't compared to the pain and fear that Afro subjected me too.

The Dr wanted my statement, I didn't know what the hell to say. I was engulfed in confusion and fear.. The scene was left stuck in my mind..

Afro was unbelievably calm, He was very calm. This guy shot me, Almost killing me and there's no sign of discomfort from him.

Afro: She's been having this thing with her ex, Her baby daddy. He's been troubling us. My fiancé was out to meet up with him, I don't know why and she never said. I received a call from her in panick, I traced her call and found her on the street. Bleeding, And he was nowhere to be found

Dr: Have you ever gotten a protection order against him?

Afro: Yes

Dr: Well I'll write a report

Me: No.. Please, I'm tired. I just wanna go home and

rest

Dr: But..

Afro: We have a 6 month old baby, I know this matter has to be taken to the authorities and we will take strick measures. Our Son is surely missing his Mother now. My Father was a former sergeant, He passed on. Since from then, We've always been alliances with the force, I'll call one

Dr: Very well.. The Nurse will finish with the dressing, Get you pain killers and then we will release you

Me: Thank you

NOMAKHOSI

Me: Can he do that?

Mom: He can. He holds sole custody of Mbali

Me: Well there's nothing we can do now

Mom: How can Mbali accuse me of such? Such filth?
I'd never do that to her. She's my Granddaughter for
the love of God

I almost choked on my food. I mean, She's done it
to me. How can she forget?

Mom: I'm disappointed, Now we lost 500k

She hit the table..

Me: Mom!

Mom: I'm going to drink my wine then sleep

Me: Good night

Mom: Good night

NOMVULA

We drove back home..

Afro: How are you feeling?

I kept quiet..

Afro: Do you want us to talk about it?

Me: There's nothing to talk about Bongane, You shot me

Afro: Okay.. First name basis

(Silence)

Me: Why did you do that though?

Afro: Because that's how much you've hurt me. The fear you felt as the gun was pointed at you, Was the fear I got when I heard the news. Fear of us breaking up, Fear of my losing you. The pain you felt, Was 10 times more of the pain I felt deep inside. I was not going to kill you, If I wanted to kill you I would've had and it was going to be less settled than what happened tonight. I just got a broken heart and didn't know how to react to it

Me: So what? Now we even? I can't trust you anymore. How do I know each time when you get angry you won't pull out the gun?

Afro: Have you seen me Mad before?

Me: No you always calm, That's why you scary. Are you a Psychopath?

Afro: A Psychopath? That's deep now

Me: Normal people get mad and trash things, They don't remain calm and shoot their girlfriends

Afro: I already said I was sorry, It's not going to happen again

Me: It won't, Because I think you and I need a break

Afro: Ahh come on

Me: J ust get me home, And may we not bother Pat about this

He placed his hand on my thigh...

Afro: I'm truly sorry baby, I just had a bad day that's all. It'll never happen again I promise

MANDISA

I knocked on her door..

I tried opening, It was locked..

Me: Lwandle open

Took her some time before she opened, I walked in....

Me: It's a shame.. I am here sacrificing for you, And you act like this? Do you know the life we are going to live? Now that's no threat?

Lwandle: Are you going to kill Mbali too?

I slapped her..

Me: I said there's no threat now. Mbali even respects me more than you! Everything is going perfectly. You, Me, Buda, Mbali and the baby.. But here you are, You wanna live in that dump back at home forever?? Huh??

Lwandle: No

Me: Good!! Stop sulking!

NOMVULA

We got home, He was walking behind me. He tried to place his hand on my waist..

Me: Don't touch me

Afro: Baby let's talk about this okay?

I opened the door, Langa and Pat were in the kitchen..

Pat: Where have you two been?

Me: We went out to talk

Pat: What happened to your arm? Afro what happened to your t-shirt?

Afro: We got into a fight

Pat: You hit Nomvula?

Afro: Yes

Pat: Whaaaaaat?? You raised your hand on a woman?

Me: Ms Pa-

Pat: It doesn't matter what you did, If he feels you two can't move pass this then he should let you go and not hit you! What is wrong with you? I'm so disappointed in you!

Afro: I know.. I'm sorry

Pat: Sorry doesn't cut it, Ungibonisa amanyala!!
(You showing me filth)

Afro: I know and I'm sorry

Pat: Arg maan!! Sies!!

She walked away..

Afro: I'll take the couch

Me: Good idea! I wanna sleep with Langa tonight

I walked to the bedroom..

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NOMVULA

Took me a while to fall asleep, But after the pills from the hospital I felt drowsy and was able to sleep..

I woke up in the morning, Ready to prepare for work when I noticed Langa was not next to me. I freaked out, I got out of bed and went out of the bedroom.

He was with Afro, He was preparing breakfast. That was an instant relief..

Afro: Good morning

I went to Langa and checked him, He was sitting on the high chair..

Afro: He was crying and you were sleeping, You were fast asleep and I didn't wanna wake you up. I took him, Made his bottle and put him to sleep again

Pat walked in..

Pat: Good morning Vula and Langa

Me: Good morning

Pat: He's awake already

Afro: He's been awake and then slept again and then woke up

Pat: Today we going out, My sister is taking us to the mall

Me: Are you meant to leave the house?

Pat: I've been chained here, I need a bit of fresh air. We need some groceries

Me: That's nice, I'm sure Langa would love that

Pat: And I wanna prepare dinner, Fezi's favourite dish. He's flying in today, Already in the plane

Afro: Fezi is coming home?

Pat: Let me go and prepare, You should prepare for work too

Me: Yes that's true

Pat: You going to be able to work? With your hand?

Me: I'll try

Pat: Let me mind Langa then you go bath

Me: Okay Ma.. Thank you

She took Langa from me then I went to prepare...

MANDISA

Me: Girls!!!

Usually when food is prepared, We lay it down on the table. Since I'm giving Buda the potion, I dish up for everyone..

Mbali was the first one down and Buda..

Mbali: Good morning Aunty Mandy

She hugged me..

Me: Good morning baby

Buda came and kissed me on my cheek..

They sat down..

Me: I was thinking, Maybe I can drive down to fetch Mbali's things

Buda: Are you sure? It sounds like a dangerous quest

Me: We'll be fine, Plus.. We need to change her school, I don't trust Thembi. She might go to that school and start nonsense

Buda: You are very right about that

Mbali: We going to Grandmother's place?

Me: Yes to fetch your things. I'm more worried about your documents more than anything, When we come back we should buy you clothes. Leave those there, At least you have other clothes here that you didn't take to her house

Buda: I'll transfer you guys money

Me: Thank you

Lwandle walked down in her uniform and school bag..

Lwandle: Good morning

We greeted her back..

Buda: Lwandle.. It's good to see you, I think you

guys should drop Lwandle at school first

Me: She'll take taxis to school

Buda: Huh?

Me: Lwandle hates me, I think it's better if her and I keep our distance.. For now

Buda: I'll drop you off at school Lwandle and you'll have to come back with a taxi

Lwandle: Thank you

I wanna get to Lwandle, Through Mbali. Make her jealous, Until she comes back into her senses..

NOMVULA

I was about to dress up when Afro walked in. He was already dressed, He literally prepared the breakfast already dressed up..

Afro: I'm going back to school, My class starts at 9am

Me: Good for you

Afro: How many times am I subjected to Apologise?
You not talking to me, Mom's not talking to me. It's not nice I tell you

Me: I don't care Afro

Afro: I didn't kill you

Me: You were aiming too

Afro: If I wanted to kill you, I would've done that
trust me

Me: And you proud

Afro: I am seriously, I didn't think I still had it in me.
Considering I haven't handled a gun until last night

Me: You are a.. You are something I don't
understand

He looked at his wrist watch..

Afro: 15 minutes before you leave, I wanna
experiment something

Me: Really?

He locked the door and walked up to me..

Afro: I'm going to fuck you, If I don't enjoy it, Or if you don't give me a hard erection anymore then it's going to be a problem for us. If the thought of you getting fucked messes me up mentally to not be able to have sex with you, Then we will call it quits

Me: You want us to have sex after what happened?

Afro: We not having sex

He dropped my towel..

Afro: I'm going to fuck you!

He picked me up and placed me on the dressing table.. He pulled grabbed on my hair and tilted my head back a little then he kissed me....

FEZILE

I was at the airport waiting for my plane, Whilst on a phone call with J abu..

J abu: Eyy I didn't tell him, I went to bring her back the underwear and bra. She was not at home, I left it to her sister. She calculated the rest

Me: Fuck you J abu, You could've burnt them. The fuck you brought them back for? We could've bought her another one

J abu: Eyy leave me alone J oe, Uyezwa??

Me: You lucky that we not in the same hood, So when I'm in hood keep your distance because I swear.. I won't be responsible for what I'm going to do

J abu: Fuck you!

He hung up...

NOMVULA

He did start to get an erection as we were busy kissing, Whilst we were helping him to undress I was giving him a hand job, Then escalated to a blow job. The blow job, Did make him more hard..

He turned me around, Spanked my ass. Put my leg on the dressing table and inserted himself in. I had both my hands on the dressing table for balance. I

was wet, And when he push himself further in I felt a slight pain. Then the pain increased a little.

I pushed him back a little..

Me: Ahhhhh!!!

He whispered on my ear..

Afro: You making Noise

He took my hand and pinned it against my back, Careful not to break it..

Then he just went for it, But the more he pumped the pain seized. It wasn't as painful anymore, This was our very first time not using a condom...

Seeing ourselves through the mirror, Seeing him
fucking me through the mirror made me more
horny...

Pat: Rain.. Vula!!

Afro stopped and kissed me on my shoulder..

My right hand was the one pinned against my back,
He released it..

Me: Ma??

Pat: Please come and breastfeed Langa a little, As I
make his bottle

Afro: We are not stopping

Me: We have too

Afro: If you slip me out, I'm going to fuck you hard that she hears

Me: Are you insane??

Afro: I swear.. I will pin you down and fuck you hard that she will hear you scream

Pat: Rain??

Me: I'm coming Ma, Let me put on my gown

Afro: Rain.. I'm not joking

Me: Okay I forgive you

Afro: You will stop giving me attitude?

Me: I promise

Afro: I'll drive you to work today?

Me: Yes

Pat: Aww Vula

Me: Almost done

Pat: Okay

Me: Afro please

He released me and then slipped out from me. I turned back and walked to the bed to get my gown...

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NOMVULA

It seemed like a long night, And a long morning for me.. I did go to breastfeed Langa, Afro was in the bedroom for a while before coming out. It helped, Because when Pat went to bath Afro came out. I don't think she suspected anything..

When I was done with Langa, I went to dress up.

Afro drove me to work, When he drops me off he'll go straight to school..

As he was driving, I kept on stealing glances at him. I couldn't believe it. He looks so calm, Innocent, and Well mannered. Last night and this morning, Was out of his character except for the calmness..

Afro: I'm getting a Redbul, Do you want something?

Me: I'd like one too and a pack of snacks

Afro: What flavour?

Me: Do surprise me

He reached out at the back seats for his backpack. He unzipped it and took out his eye drops. He

removed his glasses and put a drop on each eye.
He closed his eyes for a second with his glasses on
his hand, The hand that was by his mouth..

Me: So basically if you lose your glasses, You won't
be able to see?

He opened his eyes, They were a bit watery from the
eye drops..

Afro: I'm just tired Rain, I hardly slept

Me: Why? Your sins caught up with you last night?
Burned you?

He chuckled and shook his head..

Afro: I thought we were over that, I thought you

forgave me

Me: You shot me!

Afro: I can catch up on missing one day at school, I don't know about you. It'll leave a bad impression if you miss work when you have just started

Me: You gonna shoot me again?

Afro: I am not go-.. J ust pass me the box of tissues please

I passed him..

Afro: Thank you

He wiped his eyes..

Me: Will you ever hit me?

Afro: I don't hit women

Me: So you just shoot them?

He put his glasses back on and exhaled..

Afro: If it wasn't for my Mom, I had hoped that you'll be going to work with my sperm inside of you. See how hot it is? Imagine the smell but keep talking

He took his wallet, And then kissed me on my cheek. He got out to go and get the things. I watched him walk to the garage, One hand in his pocket. The other one holding his wallet. He was in blue jeans, White sneakers and a white t-shirt. He fixed his t-shirt to hide off his briefs.. He's light skinned, Pink

lips. Got his complexion from his Mother, Curly afro.
He does look like his Mother, Very much like her.
Pat is beautiful.

I went on whatsapp to text Lisa. Apologize to her
that she came to pick me up and I wasn't home...

MANDISA

This woman's house was beautiful. It's no surprise
though, Thembi does look like a woman who likes
beautiful things..

Thembi: I don't understand, Why are you here and
not him?

Me: Buda doesn't want to see you.. Do you blame
him though? After what you've done

Thembi: You don't know anything! You come here into my house, And throw accusations. I have never touched my Grand Daughter in such a way, And it kills me just by thinking of it. That I would be accused of such. Mbali was just finding it difficult to adjust, So she cooked up a story

Me: Whatever Thembi, Just give me Mbali's things then I'll leave

Mbali was in the car.. I preferred it that she doesn't come inside, My 500k step daughter...

NOMVULA

He walked out of the garage, Side by Side with some girl. They stopped and chatted for a while, Afro also has this fast disappearing smile and chuckle..

They continued talking, Then she hugged him. After the hug, She went back to her car and then he made his way to ours..

He got in..

Afro: I got the things, Sorry it took long

Me: Why wouldn't it, When you were inside chit chatting, Making friends and hugging friends

Afro: You jealous?

Me: Hardly, She could be my saving grace. Should something pop up between ya'll. At least I won't be getting shot at no more

He threw the plastic on my thighs and started the

car..

I opened it, Took out his Redbul and handed it to him..

Me: Afro

Afro: Put it away, I don't feel like drinking it anymore

He looked serious, Kept his eyes on the road..

Me: I'm sorry

He kept quiet..

Me: Babe

I put my hand on his thigh..

Me: Baby

Afro: Kancance Nomvula, I have a headache

Me: Okay ke

Afro: Sharp

FEZILE

The flight was delayed by an hour, Weather was bad..

I called my Mom..

Me: Might home late, Flight delayed

Mom: Aww.. I was going to cook your favourite dish

Me: Do cook it, So long the connecting flight doesn't delay too

Mom: Fez Fez..

Me: Yaa?

Mom: Afro attacked Nomvula

Me: Huh?

Mom: Do you think that we should've taken him to counselling?

Me: He was what 10? Thought that memory faded and he doesn't remember

Mom: Maybe I should talk to him about it

Me: Mom no.. We.. I'm sure he doesn't remember, I took the blame remember? Afro remembers Dad abusing you, And my shooting Dad in the leg

Mom: That's the thing. We busy thinking that Afro doesn't remember shooting Dubazana. What if he does? What if it's a suppressed memory and coming into play now?

Me: We not talking about this with him. After that incident Dad changed, Became a good husband to you. Limited his drinking, his affairs and we were a happy family. Afro just reacted to hurt, Most guys would've done that

Mom: Fez he didn't beat her, She didn't have any bruise other than her arm being bandaged. What if he shot her?

Me: You reaching now, Is Dad's gun in the safe?

Mom: Yes.. He must've put it in there at night

Me: Mom!

Mom: Afro is smart, If I can have it dusted for prints I'm sure his prints are there

Me: Of course they are. Dad instilled that behaviour on us, Taught us how to handle a gun. When other kids were playing soccer, We were at the shooting range

Mom: And his violent video games don't help either.
I don't want Nomvula being me and Afro being his
Father

Me: I'll talk to him when I get there, Don't worry

Mom: Thank you, Because I'm very close to beating
him up now if he's going to be shooting women

Me: Don't worry yourself, I'll talk naye

Mom: Thank you Fez Fez

Me: I'll be home soon.. I love you

Mom: I love you too

NOMVULA

I got to work..

Me: Are you going to fetch me or should I ride with Lisa?

Afto: I'll fetch you

He took out R250 from his wallet..

Afro: For lunch?

Me: I eat at work

Afro: Airtime.. Chocolate.. I don't know

I took it..

Me: Thank you

He reached over and kissed me..

Afro: I love you

Me: I love you too

Afro: See you later

I opened the door..

Me: Who was that girl you were hugging?

Afro: A classmate, That garage students mostly go

there to buy when driving to school

Me: So I have nothing to worry about?

Afro: I won't cheat on you, If I don't want you anymore I'll tell you

Me: Wait so there's a time you won't wan-

Afro: Cela phume tuu (Please leave)

Me: Bye

Afro: Bye I'll fetch you later

I banged the door..

Afro: Skank!

Me: Asshole!

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AFRO

Haven't been to school in a long time, My first day after so long was dragging. I had to force myself to get through it and fully focus because mid year exams were approaching..

It was during lunchtime when I was sitting with my best friend Thabo having lunch. I was busy telling

Tbose about Rain and showing him her pictures..

Tbose: Yi tosi yena no lie (She's hot)

Me: Too much

My ex Keri, Walked into the lecture hall with her best friend. I put my phone away..

Keri: May I please have a word with you?

Me: Yeah sure

I got up and we went out to talk.. The first thing she did was to slap me, The second time. I held her hand half way through before she could slap me..

Keri: You are nothing but a coward! You dumbed me

over the phone? You didn't have balls enough to face me and dump me?

Me: Keri I know you are upset, I am sorry that I have hurt you

Keri: What happened?

Me: I met someone else, I felt it was the right thing to do for me to come clean to you than string you along

Keri: Did you ever even love me?

Me: Yes I did

Keri: How do you go to that? To eventually loving someone else?

Me: I felt more connected with her than I did with you, It was better for me to let you go than play you. I'm truly sorry

She started crying..

Me: Come here.. I'm truly sorry, It wasn't my intention to hurt you

I hugged her tight..

Me: I didn't mean to hurt you

NOMVULA

I stopped for a breather. My arm was starting to ache..

Victor walked up to me with a Powerade and a snack bar..

Vic: Here

I took them..

Me: Thank you

Vic: Yazini, You shouldn't have come to work. You injured

Me: I am okay. I had just started, I can't be missing work

Vic: Your situation is understandable, You injured

Me: Vic I'm fine, It's just a fl-.. I slipped on a wet floor and hurt myself that's all

Vic: Well the bosses ain't paying too much attention, If you wanna sit down and take a break. Do so

I laughed..

Me: I will.. Plus I'll be going for lunch soon

Vic: Let me go back to my station

Me: Sharp

MANDISA

Mbali: These are beautiful Aunty Mandisa

Me: I know baby

I pulled the small chair and sat down..

Mbali: Are you okay?

Me: I'm fine just tired, Go try that one

Mbali: Okay

I was feeling some unexplainable pain on my womb, I noticed even when I went to pee. It hurt and I was bleeding a little. My urine was brownish and smelly I wasn't sure if it's blood or what but it was that. It was getting out hand now, The pain was getting out of hand..

I stretched out my hand and picked up my bag, I took out my phone and called Buda to tell him about this..

NOMAKHOSI

Liz: You can go in

Me: Thank you

I thought that I had this all figured out with Nomvula. I thought she was going to come home yesterday crying and talking about things ended between her and Afro, Nothing of that nature transpired. Things at home for me, Aren't looking good. So I decided to go and see J ohn..

J ohn: If you asking for your job back, Forget it!
We've already got someone

Me: I'm not here to ask for it

John: Then why are you?

I unzipped my bag, Took out the pregnancy test and threw it on the table..

Me: I'm pregnant!

He took the pregnancy test and looked at it.

John: How am I to believe this? We've used condoms

Me: There was a time we had sex without a condom here.. In your office!!

He looked at it again...

Me: Do the right thing J ohn, Don't be a dead beat father

J ohn: Okay.. We can't talk about this here, I'm busy right now and it's busy here too. Later I'll call you and we'll meet up to talk more about this

Me: Thank you, But for now I need money

J ohn: Come on!!

Me: I need money, I don't have a job

J ohn: I'm transferring R2000, Is that enough?

Me: Yes.. Thank you

He took his phone...

MANDISA

Mbali and I had to ditch the shopping halfway and go to the Dr. With all the pain I was feeling, I was trying to start my car but it wasn't starting..

Me: Come on!!!

Buda suspects that I might have UTI, I needed to get to a Dr right away..

Mbali passed me my phone, I called Buda.

Buda: Babe

Me: My car is not starting

Buda: How come? It didn't look like it had problems

Me: I need to get to the Dr

Buda: I have surgery in 5min

Me: Buda I'm in pain, What if I lose the baby??

Buda: There has to be a Dr around baby where you are, Search for a Dr

Me: Okay

Buda: I'll call you after my surgery

THEMBI

I decided to talk to one of the social workers at work,
With regards to Mbali's situation..

Her: We can't just take her away to be put with you.
Unless she's in potential danger

Me: She is.. My Granddaughter is in danger, The
step mother is untrustworthy

Her: Still.. My hands are tied. Mbali is not in danger
so you can't just take her. You can't be given full
custody, I'm sorry

Me: I will find you proof!

I got up and walked out..

Me: You just wait and see

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NOMAKHOSI

I decided to stop by at the supermarket and buy things to cook dinner with, Just to fool for Mom. I also bought cake at woolworths and a bottle of her favourite wine..

I hope the dinner will ease her tension, I hope she will stop fighting with me and we finally have peace around the house. I don't think she's angry that

Mbali has been taken away, I think she's angry that she won't be benefiting the 500k anymore. My mom loves money more than anything in this world, So long you have money. You'll be in her books, You'll be her favourite..

John seems to be coming along well with this whole thing. He's been texting me asking me if I'm sure that I'm pregnant, If things go accordingly. I might not have to suffer the fate of being a single Parent..

NOMVULA

Lisa: I'm sorry, This sounds like a movie

Me: I know

Lisa: Afro? Glasses? Nerd looking shot you?

Me: Yes

I decided to tell Lisa what happened. I felt comfortable telling her, Even if I lied. Her Mom is a seer. When Lisa tells her, Nocawe might pick up that the story is made up..

Lisa: You should've had this J abu arrested. Even though you were drunk and actually allowed it, But you weren't in a sober state of mind. There's no possible way that you could've made that decision whilst you were sober

Me: I'm just glad he used a condom, He and my Sister tried to ruin my relationships. They both failed

Lisa: Yaa Vula this seems toxic hey. You cheat, He shoots you. Why didn't he just walk away? Then

after he actually forces himself on you the next morning by using tactics. This is the reason why I don't trust nerds, They too smart for my liking.
What's his zodiac sign?

Me: His what?

Lisa: When was he born?

Me: 15 July

She whistled..

Lisa: No wonder.. He a cancer. Cancers are Psychopaths, They good manipulators too. They will teach you how to be assertive in a relationship because they going to assert themselves in your life. They come off as very cold when double crossed, I don't think they have a conscience and they bloody

smart

Me: Don't tell me you believe in such

Lisa: No judgement, If Astrology wasn't true then Afro wouldn't have shot you

Me: I don't believe in that

Lisa: Well then here comes your boyfriend. Though search him, Most guys who are like this. They have an unhealed or unresolved childhood trauma

Me: I just think he lost his temper a little

Afro walked to us..

Me: It happens

Lisa: It doesn't just happen

Afro: Ladies

Lisa: Afro

He looked at me..

Afro: Are you ready to go?

Me: Yes

Lisa: 10111 is it toll free?

Me: Lisa

Lisa: I'm just asking incase bullets start flying

Afro chuckled..

Afro: Forgot the female friend protection

Lisa: No. If you do that again, You'll have me to deal with

Afro took off his glasses and wiped them.. He looked at Lisa with his eyes narrowed a little..

Afro: What you gonna do Lisa? Bash me on Facebook? Bash me on the girlfriend whats app group?

Lisa: First of all we don't have a girlfriend whats app group. Second of all, I'll be a witness and testify

against you

Afro: For there to be a case, A body will be needed

He wore his glasses again..

Lisa: Wtf?

Afro: I'm sorry my father was a cop, I know the law to beat it and that's not in exaggeration

Lisa: You so bold!! You here admitting in advance that you will actually kill my friend?

Afro looked at me..

Afro: I like this one.. Keep her

Lisa: If you hit my fr-

Afro: I have never hit your friend and I will never

Lisa: If you shoot her again I w-

Afro: Like I said you'll need a body

Lisa: Wherever you bury her, My Mother is a seer
she will find it!

Afro: Let's go

He walked to the car..

I looked at Lisa..

Me: You ate him up

Lisa: He thought he ate but his plate was full

Me: That statement about your Mother, That was badass

Lisa: Yaa but he scared me when he narrowed his eyes

Me: He's just playing, He has a really dark sense of humour

Lisa: I don't know about you but, I think he was joking about the truth. He can actually do it

He honked..

Me: I'll see you tomorrow

She hugged me..

Lisa: Call me when you get home

Me: I will

MANDISA

Buda was right, It was a UTI. When the Dr gave me the meds, The pain got better. I thought I was going to die..

Buda still had his surgery, So when I was feeling better Mbali and I drove home..

I was compressed. I made my way to the bathroom to pee. The burning sensation and that dragging feeling on my womb was still there. I wiped myself and walked out. I washed my hands whilst looking in my mirror. I then suddenly felt this cold breeze.

The mirror got foggy. Then I saw a writing on the mirror "Murderer"..

I closed the tap and took a few steps backwards, I looked around. I was alone in the bathroom when a voice started going around in the room. It wasn't Ntonto, It was Gqibi..

"Murderer"

"Homewrecker"

Those were the only words said...

I looked around again and I saw her, Standing there.
Her face looked pale, Eyes puffy. Dry lips, Ligation
marks around her neck..

Gqibi: Murderer!.. Homewrecker!!

She disappeared. My heart was already beating fast.
I felt the hairs at the back of my neck stand, I turned
around and she was standing behind me. She put
both her hands on my tummy and pushed me back..

I fell backwards...

BUDA

I looked at the intern..

Me: I'm sure you'll be able to the patient up

Intern: Yes Doc

Nurse: Is it advisable?

Me: It was just the removal of the appendix,
Stitching the patient up is the easiest

Intern: It actually is

Me: Exactly

I removed my gloves and the scrubs, Then walked
out of the ER to wash my hands. I wanted to rush
home to see Mandisa..

The ER front desk Nurse rushed to me..

Her: Doc

Me: Yes?

Her: A lwandle and Mbali called just now

Me: Okay?

Her: Lwandle said she heard something falling in your room, Checked. Found her mother on the bathroom floor. Left eye and side twitching uncontrollably, Drooling from the left side corner of her mouth. Slurred speech, an-

I closed the tap..

Me: She's fucken having a stroke, Send paramedics to my house right now!! Now!! Now!!

Her: Yes Sir

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BUDA

I made sure that Mandisa was brought in as quickly as possible with the kids. I wanted to be the one to attend to her, But I couldn't. Head surgeon decided to take this because it was close to me and they didn't want me to put my emotions forward..

I was busy pacing up and down, Lwandle was worried..

Head surgeon walked up to us..

I looked at him..

Surgeon: Minor stroke

Me: As anticipated, At least a minor stroke

Surgeon: Gonna take time for her to fully recover though, It will all depend on the healing process

Me: We will cross that bridge when we get there..
What about the baby?

Surgeon: Yaa about that

He looked at the kids..

Surgeon: May we discuss this in private?

We walked away from the kids..

Me: What is it?

He looked at me..

Me: The baby is fine right?

Surgeon: There is no baby, There was no baby

Me: What

Surgeon: Look at this

I checked..

Surgeon: Benign tumor

Me: No.. This makes no sense

Surgeon: It has grown and multiplied uncontrollably

Me: Mandisa was pregnant. We've been to Doctors and everything, There were tests made, Sonar.. She was pregnant!!

Surgeon: We would like to operate as soon as possible, Because it's just gonna keep on growing

Me: This doesn't make any sense, It makes no sense at all!

NOMVULA

When we got to his house, Pat was preparing dinner..

Pat: Ahh.. Rain, I was hoping you would join us for dinner. Fezile is on his way, Would appreciate it if we could all have dinner together

Me: I don't know.. I should be home, I don't have clothes to wear anymore especially underwear and bra

Afro: You can wear the ones you left at your baby daddy's house. The ones your Sister brought along?

Pat hit her with the dish cloth..

Pat: Why did you have to say that?

Afro: She said she doesn't have anything to wear, I was offering help

Me: Maybe some other time Ms Pat

Pat: I'll drive you home

Me: You don't have to

Pat: I want to

NOMAKHOSI

Mom: Kanti Nomvula doesn't live here anymore?

Me: Nomvula uyakipita (She's cohabitating)

Mom: Then she's going to come back with yet another baby

Me: It hasn't been long since she found a job, Should be concentrating on improving her life and her Son's life

Mom: Yazi Gqibi was the only one with sense! You pregnant, Nomvula is out there doing Lord knows what. There's no longer respect here in this house

Me: Kodwa Mama, I did say I'll go back to school next year. I spoke to John, He acknowledged the baby just waiting for us to talk further

Mom: Haisuka maan!!

BUDA

I kept on checking her chart, The tests done. X-rays.
It was true, She has a benign tumor growing inside
of her..

Surgeon: I have sent word for the psychologist to be
present when we talk to her about this tomorrow so
we can remove the tumor

Me: This is going to be hard on her

Surgeon: I know.. Although it's benign but still we
have to remove it, It will affect most of her organs.
Bladder, Kidneys etc

Me: Uhm.. Medically she's deemed unfit to make a
decision like this right?

Surgeon: Don't do this

Me: I will sign a consent form that the surgery should go on

Surgeon: She's responsive, She's conscious it nee-

Me: She just had a minor stroke, She's not fit to make such decisions

Surgeon: Fine.. You'll make it on her behalf

Me: Thank you

NOMVULA

We parked outside..

Pat: I won't go inside, Out of respect

Me: It's okay.. Thank you for dropping us off

Pat: Guess I'll see this little guy tomorrow

Me: Yes.. We'll see you tomorrow morning

Pat: Bye baby.. I'll see you tomorrow

Me: Say bye Granny

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BUDA

The drive home was a quiet one. The girls were sitting at the back saying nothing. I was lost deep in my thoughts, Trying to make sense of everything. I know I'm not going crazy, I've felt the baby kicking. We've been to the Dr from the start of her pregnancy, She was pregnant..

We got home, And I needed to talk to the girls. Make them understand..

They sat on the couch..

Me: I need to talk to you guys

I wiped my tears before they could fall..

Me: As we saw, Mom is sick. She's going to be at the hospital for a little while. I'm going to take time off work, Get you guys someone who is going to help us

Mbali: Is she going to be okay? Or is she going to die like Mommy?

Me: She's going to be okay

Lwandle: It's my fault, I made her angry

Me: No.. No.. No.. It's not your fault. It's no one's fault, We need to be strong for when mommy comes home. She's going to need all the help, May I count on you guys?

Mbali: Yes

Lwandle: Yes

Me: You guys go and bath, I'll prepare something to eat then we'll make sure that your school things are well prepared for tomorrow

Lwandle: Okay.. Let's go

Mbali and Lwandle seem to be getting along well, Very respectful and calm...

NOMVULA

My mom was in her moods, Yelling and shit. She wasn't only on my throat, But Khosi too.

My phone rang.. It was Buda..

Me: Hey

Buda: Hi

Me: Is everything okay?

Buda: Mandisa is in the hospital, Stroke

Me: What?

Buda: She uhm.. Lost the baby too

Me: When? How did this happen?

Buda: I'm not sure.. I was asking if could you please

come help me with the kids. I'll pay you, I need a minder

Me: I'm sorry.. I found a job

Buda: Ohw.. Is Khosi still working?

Me: Not at all

Buda: Please forward me her number

Me: No problem, I'll do so as soon as you hang up
I'll also inform her

He hung up..

Me: Wow!!

AFRO

Me: Fezi will be here in 2 hours time

Mom: That's good.. At least he's safe

Me: Yaa

Mom: Can we talk?

Me: Yes

Mom: Remember when you were young, And Dad used to come home drunk on weekends and he would beat me up?

Me: Why are we talking about that?

Mom: Afro

Me: I know what I did to Nomvula was not good, I promise I won't do it again. I was hurt, I was mad. I just wanted her to feel the pain that she has caused me

Mom: I know Papi, But uhm.. Do you remember that day? When.. Fezi shot Dad in the leg?

Me: I remember

Mom: What do you remember?

Me: Yes.. Fezi got a hold of Dad's gun and he shot him

Mom: That's all you remember?

Me: Yes and Dad never hit you again

Mom: I'm sorry you had to witness that, I know you saw Dad as your role model and he betrayed you.
You and Fezi

Me: I know but we over that

Mom: I'm glad.. You and Rain?

Me: We'll be fine

Mom: Still wanna be with her? Marry her?

Me: Yes

Mom: Then I'm glad

Me: I'm eating.. Fezi is delaying. I need to sleep early

Mom: I understand baby

NOMVULA

We were sitting in the lounge as I broke the news to them..

Mom: This is fantastic!

Me: Mandisa is sick Ma, There's nothing fantastic about that

Mom: Stroke.. She might not recover, Lost the baby too.. She won't recover. Khosi can take up that job, And Buda is back to us again

Khosi: What?

Me: Buda is Gqibi's husband Ma

Mom: Gqibi is dead.. Culturally this is not bad. How many people marry their sister in law and Brother in law?

Khosi: I don't even love him

Mom: It's not about love. He's rich, Has a powerful career don't start

Me: Doesn't Khosi have a baby daddy or something?

Khosi: Of course

Mom: Shut up about that!! You really think a white man is going to marry you and leave his kind? Call Buda tomorrow morning I'll be driving you there finish and klaar

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NOMAKHOSI

[A WEEK LATER]

This whole child minder thing, Became a success. Buda will pay me R2 000 every Week, Just to get here at 6am. Make sure the kids are prepared and ate to go to school, Clean their rooms. Do their laundry, Prepare dinner and I'll be gone at 18:00. If I pull a longer shift I'll be paid more..

Mandisa is due to come back home soon, I heard she's still struggling.. Buda also wants me to help Mandisa when she comes back until she recovers, That's going to be more pay for me. I didn't think he was this financial stable...

Mbali was back at her old school..

Lwandle packed up her books. Lwandle is the one with a stretch, She still attends school in her home. I have to drive her and fetch her, Whilst Mbali has

transportation. Hers is a bit closer, 30min drive...

I tried calling John again, He sent me R2 000, So I could abort. Said he wants to be no part of the pregnancy.. That's the major reason why I took up this job, To earn a salary and get away from my Mother..

Buda gave me his old car. Since I'll be driving most of the time.. Toyota CH-R.

Me: Are you ready to go?

Lwandle: Yes

Me: Let's go then

NOMVULA

Things between Afro and I were getting better. We resolved our differences, There has been forgiveness. It'll take some time for us to forget what happened as individuals, But as far as our relationship goes. We working on it, We still wanna be in each other's lives. We still love each other.

Work was still going well, I was adapting. I was working a different station this week..

Lisa and I were having coffee and vetkoeks, I get to work early at least 30min-1hour before for breakfast and a chat with Lisa.

We are very close now, She doesn't have much friends and I don't. It's just us, And I'm happy because a lot of friends create problems..

Lisa: I'm telling you, The big boss got a word that

you are very dedicated, Hard working, And eager to learn

Me: I am.. At first it was hard, But now. I'm starting to enjoy, I have no intentions of working there forever though hence I'm taking notes. The tobacco industry is not as difficult as I thought, I would really like to own my own company soon or one day

Lisa: That's very good. Don't downplay your dreams, No dream is too big to achieve

Me: Yaa

Lisa: How are things between you and Afro?

Me: Surprisingly enough, Things are going well. We are fixated on working it out

Lisa: I'm glad

Me: Life seems to be peaceful, I hope the peace lasts

Lisa: It will

AFRO

My first class was cancelled this morning. Just dropped off Rain at work and came back..

Fezi: Good morning

Me: Good morning

Fezi: I have never rested so well before

Me: You do look well rested

(Silence)

Me: I wanna talk to you about something

Fezi: Yaa?

Me: Mom and I talked about us showing up at Rain's place. To do right by them, So Rain and Langa can come stay here

Fezi: Ohw ya she did say

Me: She wants us to do it after Dad's cleansing

Fezi: As it should

Me: I don't understand why, How is Dad's cleansing linked to my getting my wife?

Fezi: I don't know how these things work but yaa that's how they work

Me: I think we should go ahead with it, Rain can't stay at her home forever. It's a toxic environment. She's worried that her Mother might milk her off her salary

Fezi: I understand.. You want me to talk to Mom?

Me: Yes please

BUDA

I was from a night shift, But didn't go home. It was Mandisa's surgery this morning. They were removing her tumour..

Nurse: You look like hell.. Coffee?

Me: If I drink coffee then I won't be able to sleep when I get home

Nurse: She's going to be fine, It's just the removal of the tumor. The head surgeon is doing it

I looked at the time..

Me: Yaa I suppose so, I just want to be here when she's done

Nurse: Okay

She sat down next to me..

Nurse: I know this is going to be out of line but

Me: But?

Nurse: I really think you should consult someone about this

Me: This is the best hospital

Nurse: Traditional healer

Me: Huh?

Nurse: She gets stroke out of the blue, Pregnant but not pregnant. Trust me this could be more spiritual than it is physical

I thought about it..

Nurse: You have nothing to lose

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55 (Bonus)

BUDA

It was indeed a tumor that was removed from her. The surgeon let me see it. It was big, Which made me more confused. I could swear that she was

pregnant, It was very clear to me, To us..

Surgeon: It could've been phantom pregnancy, The tumor grew and she imagined herself pregnant. Then her body adapted to it

Me: It just doesn't make sense

Surgeon: I'm sorry

He pat me on the shoulder..

Surgeon: I'm truly sorry

I wiped my tears...

Me: I'm going home

FEZILE

I parked. Sticks walked out of his car to mine..

Sticks: Fez

Me: Sticks

Sticks: So you wanna do this?

Me: Nakanjani

I gave him the envelope..

Me: How are you going to do this?

Sticks: I can't tell you

Me: Sticks

Sticks: Fez I don't tell my secrets on how me and my guys handle things, J ust know it'll be handled

Me: Come on

Sticks: J abu drinks at some tarven, We get him there. Start shit with him, Then he gets stabbed to death

Me: But that's jail

Sticks: R1500 bail for each of us, Case will unexpectedly go cold

Me: I see

Sticks: I'm not an amateur in this, Trust me

Me: Naa poi, I do trust you. Thank you

Sticks: Then what that Oke did truly pissed you off

Me: You have no idea!

Jabu is what stands in between Afro and Rain,
Finding their true happiness. I did warn him, He
didn't hid my warning...

MANDISA

I woke up in pain. The Anaesthesia was starting to
wear off. I noticed my Nurse in the ward, I coughed.

She came to my aid.

Nurse: Good day

I nodded a little. Talking is still a mission for me..

I do know that they did surgery on me. To remove a tumor. I don't think it's a tumor, I was pregnant. There was a baby inside of me. I felt him move, I felt him kick. My Doctor confirmed, I was very much pregnant. I can't believe Buda allowed them to operate on me, They have removed my baby and burnt him...

Nurse: You should rest again a bit

I shook my head..

Nurse: You need too, You still drowsy

I shook my head again..

Nurse: Would like something to drink?

I nodded..

Nurse: Water?

I shook my head..

Nurse: Juice?

I nodded..

Nurse: I'll get it

I hate that this is the only source of communication. Asks me 200 different questions before getting to the right one. I want my speech therapist to help me already, So I can be able to speak once more at least...

NOMVULA

It was my lunch break. I read the text over and over..

Victor came to sit next to me..

Vic: Are you okay?

Me: My boyfriend, His family wants to talk to my family this coming weekend

Vic: That's good.. Isn't it?

Me: It is, But my Mother isn't

Vic: I'm sure every mother would be happy and thrilled if their Daughter walked out of home in that manner

Me: Any Mother, But not mine

Vic: J ust pray about it

Me: I'll do.. Thank you friend

NOMAKHOSI

Buda walked in. I was preparing lunch. Mbali comes first, Then we drive to get Lwandle..

Buda: Good day

Me: Good day

Buda is a good looking man, A good looking dark skinned man. If you look at him not thorough enough, You'd think he is from our neighbouring countries. His full face clean beard, His big eyes, And how well built his body is...

He unbuttoned his shirt as he walked in..

Buda: I'm going to shower and then hit my personal gym

Me: Should I make you something to eat?

Buda: J ust coffee please

Me: That is all?

Buda: That is all.. Thank you

He removed his shirt..

I went back to preparing the sandwiches..

Me: I am waiting for Mbali, Then I'll go get Lwandle

Buda: When you done preparing the sandwiches,
You can go ahead and fetch Lwandle.. I'll be home
when Mbali arrives

Me: Okay no problem

I looked at him walking to the staircase. How did Gqibi come to get such a man? Well Gqibi was uptight. Reserved, No fun. Maybe he was attracted to her for that and by that, She fit the perfect wife picture..

He had a well built up ass, Same as those Men who play Rugby..

I exhaled..

Me: Come on Khosi, This is your Sister's grieving husband

MANDISA

As I was sleeping. I heard cries of a baby. I tried to ignore but still..

I slowly opened my eyes, At the corner of the room I saw Gqibi. She was holding a baby and the baby was crying. My vision was a bit blurry but it was her. Same dress, As when I saw her in the bathroom. When she caused me a stroke..

I looked at her, She turned. The blanket she was wrapping the baby with. It fell to the floor. Revealing a baby that was burnt..

I freaked out..

My Son.. I knew I was pregnant, I knew there was a baby. Buda let them remove and burn my baby.. Buda let them kill our Son..

My eyes had tears already, Gqibi disappeared..

I closed them.. My heart started beating fast, And I hyperventilated..

The Nurse looked at me..

She ran up to me..

Nurse: Are you okay?

I just looked at her..

Nurse: I'll fetch the Dr

She rushed out....

THEMBISILE (NOMVULA'S MOM)

My work friend and Colleague Phumzile came with her plate outside and sat next to me..

Phumi: Aren't you hungry?

Me: No.. In deep thoughts rather

Phumi: Yini? (What's wrong)

Me: I wanted to sneak in wine, But couldn't

She laughed..

Phumi: Awukahle (Stop fooling around)

Me: My Daughter Khosi, She works for my late Daughter's husband. Looking after his kids

Phumi: I thought uMbhem had a pregnant woman

Me: She got stroke, She's a cabbage

Phumi: Kwaba kubi (That is bad)

Me: I want Khosi to take over

Phumi: Hayi!!

Me: Phumi I have 3 girls. One late, I made sure that these girls are going to get well off men. I wasn't going to be comfortable with three useless girls crowding my house with children. Except for my last born, Nomvula. At least she got a job. I am old Phumi, I wanna retire. I want these girls to take care of me, I wanna live lavishly and comfortably at their expense. They will marry well financial stable Men,

Whether they are in love with them or not

Phumi: Wehlule Thembi! You defeat me

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56 (2ND BONUS)

BUDA

I was helping the girls do the dishes, Khosi left about an hour ago..

Me: How are you guys finding Khosi?

Lwandle: She's okay

Me: Mbali?

Mbali shrugged her shoulders..

Me: Hey come here

I wiped my hands. I crouched down to her level and held her hands..

Me: I know that things were difficult at Grandma's. If Khosi ever mistreats you, I want you to tell me okay?

She nodded..

Me: No matter how much she threatens you, I need you to tell me

Mbali: I will

Me: That goes for you Lwandle, If you girls feel uncomfortable with her in anyway. Please tell me

Lwandle: We will

I went back to washing dishes..

Lwandle: May I go to my room? The dishes are almost done

I have come to realize that Lwandle doesn't like being in the kitchen that much often. Also, She has nightmares. Sometimes I'd hear her screaming, Or hear her sneaking into Mbali's room to sleep. Lwandle is occupying Ntonto's room. Maybe she's getting nightmares from that, We need to do the

cleansing for both Ntonto and Gqibi as soon as possible. So our lives could go on..

NOMAKHOSI

My mother and I were watching TV whilst eating ice cream. Nomvula and Langa were sleeping, Nomvula had an early night because she was tired..

I was telling my Mother about life, At Buda's house. There's just too much sadness there, From Buda to be more exact..

Me: Buda is old yes, Older than me. But not the slow disgusting old. He really takes care of himself, Works out. Gqibi scored there

Mom: So you find him attractive?

Me: I hate to see this, But.. Yes I think I am taken by him

Mom: Khosi a woman's worth around here or anywhere is measured by marriage. Marriage is important for a woman. It's more important when your husband is very much financial stable, Can take care of you. You'll be admired by elders, Envied by your peers but all in all. You will have dignity. You are not stealing your Sister's husband, She's dead

Me: Yaa I know, But let's not forget about Mandisa. She still lingers through

Mom: She's a vegetable

Me: She's alive. Buda is a good surgeon, He will sure find this woman top notch help

Mom: Not if she's dead

I looked at her..

Me: You want me to kill Mandisa?

Mom: I don't mean strike a knife inside her. Look when she comes back, Tell Buda you are not equipped and knowledged in taking care of someone who suffered a stroke. Tell him a professional is needed. He gets one, And you frame her

Me: Murder is a bit too much

Mom: Murder is the only way

Me: What about Mbali? We have bad blood naye

Mom: She's a kid. There's nothing an apology wouldn't fix

I laid back on the couch..

Mom: Seduce him, There's nothing that gets to a man like sex

Me: I'm pregnant, I don't think he'll be happy to raise another Man's child

Mom: Abortion is always the way.. Just think of how secure your life will be

Me: I guess so, I can't be beaten by Nomvula

Mom: Exactly!!!

NOMVULA

I woke up the next morning to the same routine. Khosi leaves first. Then I leave second, My Mother is the last one to leave.

Today it was payday. We don't get a fixed salary because sometimes we work extra hours, Sometimes less hours. My pay was R4 800, After deductions. I did start in the middle of the month too so it wasn't bad..

I was super happy, My very first salary. Money I got from working, It was a good feeling...

Mom: Good morning

Me: Good morning

Mom: It's month end, I believe you did get your salary at 12am this morning?

Me: Clocked in at 3am

Mom: How much?

Me: R2 800 that clocked in, I started in the middle of the month

Mom: I see, How much are you contributing?

Me: R 800

Mom: All these years of raising you, All these years of helping with Langa. We are worth R800? Your first pay?

Me: R2 000 is nothing when you have a baby and have to catch a taxi

Mom: At least R1500

Me: That's a bit of a stretch

Mom: You have a boyfriend don't you? He doesn't give you money?

Me: Afro is still at school

Mom: That's my business because? You chose a school boy instead of a real man and now you here complaining?

Me: I can't give you that much, I'm sorry

Mom: Well then. If you don't come back with the R1500, I will give you a week to move out. If you do, Don't ever come back. You working now, I'm sure you can be "Independent". J ust pray that you don't lose your job

She picked up her coffee mug..

Mom: Ohw if you don't bring the money, Don't even touch my food. Buy your own, Even my water. The water bill is costly

She walked away...

NOMAKHOSI

Mbali is still scared of me...

Me: Here you go Mbali, Breakfast

She took the bowl..

Mbali: Thank you

Me: Look I know you and I.. I know I was unfair to you when you lived with us, I'm sorry that I didn't treat you well. I would like us to start over again, And be friends. Would you like that?

She nodded..

Mbali: Yes

Me: Good then

NOMVULA

I was very upset when I dropped off Langa, Couldn't even stop my tears from falling. Afro was in the kitchen, Making himself a cup of coffee. Only in his jeans and sneakers. No t-shirt.. Think he was getting ready for school..

Afro: Good morning

Me: Morning

Afro: I guess it's not so good

I wiped my tears whilst holding Langa..

Afro: Give me Langa, I'll take her to Mom's. You and I we'll talk

He came to get Langa and wiped my tears with his thumb....

Afro: I'll be back

He went to his Mom's room, I put Langa's things on the table...

He came back..

Afro: What happened?

Me: I need to find a place of my own

Afro: What happened?

Me: I don't think I will be able to stay there for another 3 months before you guys come

He exhaled and walked up to me..

Afro: What happened?

I wiped my tears..

Me: She's demanding R1500. I can't give her that much. I offered to give her R800 that's even more than what Khosi gave her when she was still on the learnership. Yes maybe the next month if I have enough, I'll give more. She told me that if I don't give her today I should consider leaving in a week

He pulled me closer and laid my head on his chest...

Afro: I'll give her double the money she's asking

Me: No you don't understand.. I'm tired of this woman, Tired of living at home. There's no peace, It's been going on forever. I don't have any fight left in me anymore

Afro: You don't have too then.. You can come and stay with us

I looked at him..

Afro: You can move out to stay with me and my mother, You and Langa. It won't be a forever thing. Maybe she's being like this because she thinks you won't actually move out. It's just until she realizes that you can go and she will probably change her mind

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NOMVULA

We sat down with Pat, I told her everything. From the start to my current life. Lisa has been waiting for me in the car, We were running late. I told her to go, I'll fake sickness. Go to the Dr and get a letter, But she stayed. Said even if we go to work at 12 in the afternoon, She doesn't care..

The was a moment of silence when I was done talking. Tissue wet with tears, Afro holding my hand and not letting go. Fezi kept on glancing down and shaking his head. Pat would also occasionally take off her glasses to wipe her eyes. Langa busy rolling

around on his wheels..

Pat: This is heartbreaking

Fezi: It is.. Question is what do we do? Afro and Nomvula do love each other. When they started I didn't think it was that serious, Standing back and not helping in this situation, I don't want us to lose Afro. Imagine Rain and Langa are going through this, How does Afro feel?

Pat: Rain has never given me any reason to dislike her or to question her. I don't wanna be the Mother in law that's impossible to tolerate. I understand what you going through, I went through almost similar but with my in laws. When I started dating Dubazana, I already had Fezi. His family gave me hell. One thing I promised myself was that I would never be that mother in law, Nor that in law. There's nothing I believe in more than Love. Though yes I had challenges but love is powerful. In so saying

Yes, Nomvula and Langa can stay here as long as they want. I only ask one thing from you Nomvula. Your salary since you still have a job, Please save some. Keep on saving so long your job lasts. Don't get too comfortable, Don't get too relaxed. I love my Son to death but Men are Men, Today Afro loves you, Tomorrow he feels completely different. I will never keep you here in the essence of "Bekezela" Because at the end he's my Son. If he wakes up tomorrow and says He doesn't want you anymore, There's nothing I can do. Despite how much I love you. So please, This doesn't call for you to relax but to work twice harder and Afro when you no longer feel the same about Nomvula. You don't leave her here and go outside searching. You tell her, You be honest

Me: Thank you so much Ms Pat, But if it wouldn't be fair my living here without contributing

Pat: Ohw worry yourself not. Afro is the one who

will contribute on your behalf, And also contribute buying for Langa. He did bring you here, Assumed responsibility of a man so..

Fezi laughed, I chuckled..

Pat: What's funny? He does get an allowance from his bursary and also started this month end he will be getting a monthly allowance from his trust fund that his Dad did for him, His father's money

Fezi: And I give him an allowance of 6k every month both him and Mom. 6k each , He's pretty loaded

I turned and looked at him..

He shrugged his shoulders..

Pat: Don't worry about nothing Baby, Go to work. Don't stress when you get back Afro will drive you home to get your things. Only thing I'll tell you to do is, Prepare for insults. Living with your boyfriend and his Mother when we haven't done right by you

Fezi: Lucky for you, We are people who don't care what other people say outside about us, So long we all get along and in a good space that's all that matters

Me: Me too.. I don't care what others say about me. I do promise that I won't be a nightmare. Mama P, I am taking your advice. I'll save up half of my salary or even more every month

Pat: That's more like it, Ohw and please don't feel under pressure. You don't have to wear dresses nor skirts. You don't have to cook nor clean always, You don't have to be subjected to that. Take yourself as a child of this house, Feel free and don't be

pressured

Me: I understand and thank you so much, You have a good heart. May God bless you

Afro: Wait until you piss her off

Pat: I'm not that bad.. Go along now, You already late for work

Afro: I'll walk you out

NOMAKHOSI

Buda was standing at the balcony. Wearing his compression tights and vest that he wears when he exercises. Together with his Nike sneakers..

I took the tray of coffee, Croissant with cheese&Ham. Topped with a fruit salad on the side..

I cleared my throat, He turned around and looked at me....

Me: Breakfast?

He glanced at the tray..

Buda: Thank you

He walked over, He was still covered in sweat..

Buda: Looks yummy

Me: I didn't know what to prepare but I hope you do appreciate it

Buda: A lot.. Thank you

He took it..

Me: I have to wash the kids clothes, Call me if you need anything

Buda: I certainly will.. Thank you again

Me: You welcome

NOMVULA

I was nervous about living at Afro's place. Also I was relieved. I haven't been away from home, Never taken that risk. I took it all with my chest, The abuse, Being mistreated.. What I do now in life, It's only for

Langa. I no longer care about my needs and wants,
My Son deserves to grow up in a comfortable
home..

I told Lisa as we were driving to work, Told her
everything..

Lisa: Honestly speaking I'm not going to judge you, I
don't know what you going through, I can't feel what
you feeling. Only you know, And only you know
what's best for you. All I'm going to say is that
follow your heart. For your heart won't disappoint
you. Don't listen to the fear, It will hold you back and
make you keep on going back to the toxicity

Me: Thank you for not judging me

Lisa: I'm your friend, I'll always support you no
matter what. All I know is that, One day kuzolunga

Me: I hope so

Lisa: You'll see

PATRICIA (AFRO'S MOTHER)

As a parent. Kids will always disappoint you, One way or the other. When they have made their mistakes, When they beat themselves up on them, And when the world has closed in on them. There's always one Person who should never give up on them, That person is their Parent. If you give up on them, Instead of encouraging them that "Yes.. You messed up here but that doesn't mean you give up, You keep going". If you can't be their biggest encouragement, Who else will??. I come from a family where both my Parents were drunks and very toxic. I would always look at my Mother and say "When I have my own kids. I'll be a better mother than you". So far I have been, Even when my marriage was toxic at one point but my children

always came first...

Fezi was babysitting Langa as I drove down to Nomvula's house. May this be the first and last time, I'll ever do this..

I knocked, Her mother opened. Opened in her leggings, Socks, flip flops, A crop top and brown stockings on her head. She had long nails, Painted red and long artificial eyelashes..

She welcomed me in, I walked in and stool in the middle of her kitchen..

I looked around and then fixed my glasses..

Thembi: Wow.. To what I owe this visit?

Me: This is the very first time where I had to lower my standards like this, Maybe it also be the last time

Thembi: Excuse me?

Me: How do you put out your girl child? Together with your 6 months old Grandson

Thembi: I wouldn't have expected. Umfelokazi, Clothed in black. A black widow who is supposed to be at home mourning her husband

Me: If you knew the first principle of motherhood you wouldn't have a bl-.. I rephrase because my skin is lighter than yours and I don't bleach

Thembi: Excuse me?

Me: You excused indeed!

Thembi: Look Pat I -

Me: Mrs Dubazana, Only my friends and people close to me call me Pat

Thembi: This is my house!

Me: No wonder it's so cold, It lacks love

Thembi: Exactly what are you doing here?

Me: Nomvula is a very beautiful, Kind, Respectful, Young lady I've ever known. Most of all she's a very admirable young mother, Better than the one you are. Langa? He's a sweet adorable little cutie pie that I'm very proud to Grandmother. Their concern

becomes mine. I loved her from the very first time I met her, I love how she loves my Son. Young love that is different from how love was during our days. Both striving for their own individual success. Nomvula not succumbing to the stereotype of when you have a child you won't succeed, Despite her baby she still getting her own. She strives well for her future and the future of her Son, All she needs is a god damn support!! A mother who will be proud of her

Thembi: I never kicked her out

Me: Not in so many words

Thembi: All I asked was for her to contribute

Me: You shouldn't be her responsibility. My First born earns 70k every month in dollars and in rands. Not even once did I subject him to black tax,

Because I got up and got my own. My last born, Is studying a very good career. I bet he has money every month more than you earn and he's still a student. My Son, Fezi gives me money every month not because he's subjected too, But because he wants too. He earns 70k, He gives me 6k every month and his Brother 6k. That's even more, Considering I didn't want nothing from him. I worked and only stopped because my husband passed on. My husband and I loved and supported our kids so they could be better people incase we die. So you..

I opened my bag and took out the 4k..

Me: It's 4k, Even more than what you wanted from her

I placed the envelope on the table..

Me: Careful. The love for money is the root of all evil,
You can even sell your own kids. It's women like
you who give us a bad name. Fix yourself and fix
your heart, Greed has never taken anyone..
Anywhere!!

I zipped my bag and walked out..

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NOMAKHOSI

Buda spent his whole morning and the rest of the
afternoon sleeping. I don't blame him, He's
exhausted.. I was that seducing skank all day,
Catering to him. Making sure that everything he

wanted was at his arm's length. Mom was right, No woman should slave around. Why slave when you can get a man who can do everything for you? Why a 9-5? Slaving for managers and supervisors who treat you like shit, For peanuts every month? When you have that thing in between your legs, You can get any man you want. All you need to do is just take care of yourself that's all, You'll never have to slave a day. Doesn't matter if he plays you, So long he treats you good, Gives you money? All you gotta do is make sure you are his price possession that's all. Still be relevant to him and that's all.. All men are dogs, They cheat. You just gotta find the one with the phat bank account to treat you lavishly. My mom didn't get to where she is by playing fear. It's a God eat dog world, That's all..

To enter his heart more, I asked Mbali and Lwandle to help me set up a barbecue outside. By the pool. We played music softly, Prepared food and it was still hot. We were in our swimwear..

He came down at around 16:00, Showered, Smelling good. I was in a bra and bikini. My tummy isn't showing that much big to show so I was okay..

Buda: What's going on?

Me: Well yesterday the girls asked me to sleep over because they wanted us to have a barbecue

Buda: Is it?

Me: Yes

Mbali rushed in..

Mbali: Auntie NomaK, The meat is burning

Me: That's my queue to leave

Buda: Please allow me

I gave him the tupperwear and spatula..

He smiled a little as he took them, Then went straight to get the meat..

I took my savanna and went outside...

NOMVULA

I left early since I had a personal issue. 2 hours before my knocking off time. I couldn't concentrate all day, I've had a shitty night...

Lisa couldn't get off, So Afro fetched me. Plus his Mother wanted to talk to me before we go fetch my

things..

We started off with Pat. Honestly speaking, I didn't wanna go with Afro but Pat said I should. So he can see my life, If he can love me through that then he loves me for real..

I was nervous as we drove home, And yes. My Mom was there. She was in her J eans, Shirt and sneakers. Her tangled wig, Makeup. Looked like she was going somewhere..

Mom: The funny thing is that, You choosing a man over your own family

She was leaning against the door holding a can of Hunter's gold. My Mom can't live without alcohol, She gotta drink everyday. When she goes to work, Comes back from work, And weekends the whole day..

Mom: Men will betray you, When he does. Please don't come here again

I was more taken by how calm Afro was, He ignored her as if like she wasn't there..

Mom: He's going to get tired of you, They eventually do. He's just with you because you a security blanket. He will cheat, Break you and you will come back here. Crawling and begging

Me: I won't.. When I leave here, I'm never coming back here

Mom: I should've aborted you! I regret why I didn't

Me: You should've.. I wonder why you didn't

Mom: I should've, I wish you died.. Instead of Gqibi

Me: Why do you hate me so much?? What did I ever do to you??

Mom: You were born that's why!!

I wiped my tears..

Mom: I hate you, 9 months of hell and 5 hours of labour hell

Me: I hate you too

Mom: Finish up and go.. Leave my keys on the table

She walked out. I sat on the bed and wiped my tears..

Afro came to me..

Afro: It's going to be okay.. I promise, Let's pack. Load up and leave

MANDISA

I needed help, And there's only one person who can help me. Mathi!

My left side is non-functional yes for now, But my right is cooperating. All I had to do was to text her, To come here. Texted her in the morning, Took a while to finish a text that would've taken me 30 seconds sharp. She got it, At the end she got it and showed up...

I should've thought about the texting thing, It's easy and writing on the a board..

Mathi read..

She looked around and leaned over to me..

Mathi: You want me to go back to Gogo ngubo yanetha? And bring her here?

I nodded.. I wrote again:

"I'll pay you R2 000, Both you and her"

Mathi: I will.. I'll bring you

I closed my eyes and exhaled. I feel like I'm losing my Man, I haven't seen him come by today to see me. Even yesterday...

Mathi: I'll help you Sis, Don't worry

She placed her hand on my shoulder..

Mathi: We'll get through this

NOMAKHOSI

Me: I'll be right back

I went back to the house, To get some saviettes..

I opened a few cupboards, Until I got to the pantry.
As I looked through, Some paper fell. I picked it up,

Inside was a small bottle. What looked like a love potion. Transparent, Black cap, Reddish inside..

Me: Huhhh

I opened it and poured it down the drain..

I undermined Mandisa...

I went out to put it in the trash can...

NOMVULA

Pat: Why don't you move into Fezi's room? His is a bit bigger and a bit far from mine. It'll give more space for all 3 of you

Fez: Yaa.. Take mine, I'll take yours

Me: What if Fezi wants to bring along his girlfriend?

Fez: It'll fit.. I don't have a kid

Afro: Let's swap then

Pat: I'll set up the table so long

She had Langa on her back..

Fez: Let's go then

THEMBI

I drank up the Hunter's Gold, Whilst looking at
myself in the mirror..

I took off my wig, My makeup was ruined with all
the tears running down my cheeks..

"My skin is lighter than yours, And I don't even
bleach"

I looked at all my bleaching skin products. I looked
at myself. Light skinned yes, With my cheeks burnt
red from the products I've been using to brighten
my complexion..

I took the tissue and wiped my face..

I thought about a few things she said, And that
woman can spit. For the mere fact that she came to
my place when she doesn't go to anyone's house,
Made me feel somehow. Her words got to me, But
now that's not the time..

I am planning on going out, See other people. Get me someone, Drink her money.. Hopefully get me a boy that I'll give R500 tomorrow morning when he has satisfied me..

NOMVULA

Afro: Let me get that

He came to help..

Afro: I can't believe my Mom kept my crib

Me: It still looks strong

Afro: Yeap it does

Me: You know how to put it all together?

Afro: I'll try until I can

I sat on the bed..

Afro: I know it's hard and I'm sorry

Me: It's not your fault, I just wanna know if I made the right decision

Afro: If you have any doubts that I'm going to play you, I won't. I love you, And I mean it. You and Langa mean the world to me

I looked at him, And he seemed to mean it..

What I didn't know was that this decision I've made,

Was one step near to my future.

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To be continued

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NOMVULA

[3 WEEKS LATER]

It was a Saturday morning, Pat and I were cleaning the house.. Afro, Fezi, And Langa were out buying groceries..

Fezi is on leave, But he'll be going back soon..

Pat: Is it me or are you gaining a bit of weight?

Me: Hmmm?

Pat: are you gaining weight?

Me: I guess so, I'm on the injection

Pat: It's treating you well?

Me: Has it's unbearable effects, But it's better than an unplanned pregnancy. Not when Afro and I are still finding our way, We can't afford to have a baby now. I'm glad we agree on this decision, He needs to finish and I am set on starting my own company

Pat: Woow.. I wish I was that smart when I was your age

Life is unbelievably peaceful. I thought by now I probably wouldn't be staying at Afro's. That maybe somehow shit was going to start and I would be back at home or temporarily having my apartment. The fear of going back home has made me to start a side hustle too. I have 3 guys who sell cigarettes on my behalf at the mall. They sell for me. They bring the profit not a cent short. Then they get their pay. They doing so well and I've found a place where I can get cigarettes cheaper than anywhere else.

I pay them R50 a day, They sell from Mon-Saturday. Not much profit made so far but every penny of what they bring goes to my fixed account where I'll keep the money.

There's a lot going on, And there's a lot I need to

learn. I am open, Small steps and we'll get there. I learn a lot from work too.

The most amazing part is that, Even though it's not my house but I am allowed to practice what I believe in. Pat is a Christian, So the praying part is not an issue. I still do the cleansing baths from time to time, But only with salt. Afro doesn't mind, Because he doesn't believe in those. It works for me so I don't care what he thinks...

Me: I just need to find a way to up the sales at the mall

Pat: Ask Afro or Fezi

Me: I prefer to do it on my own for now, I think it'll be better

Pat: Well you gonna do great

Me: I will

NOMAKHOSI

Nurse: How are you feeling now?

Me: I feel better, The pains are no longer there. Just a bit of spotting

Nurse: That's good

Me: Yaa

Buda and I have a sexual relationship. That's what I can label it. We just have sex he hasn't made it official but I can sense that he is into me. I can see

it from his eyes. Our sex relationship started 3 weeks ago, When I did that sleepover. I am not afraid to say that on my part, I am falling for him. He treats me good, We go out, He spoils me, And gives me better money apart from my salary...

He walked in..

Buda: Good morning

Me: Hey

Buda: How are you feeling?

Me: Better

I was sitting on the bed, He got in between my legs and kissed me..

Buda: So what was the diagnosis?

Me: You were right.. It was just dismenorrhea.
Really painful period pains, But I'm better now. We'll
see next month if it'll happen again

I didn't tell him that I was pregnant. When I came,
I just told him that I had bad period pains..

Buda: Let's go home then, The girls miss you.
They'll be happy to know you better

Me: I miss them too

He helped me get down from the bed and took my
bag, We walked out..

MANDISA

Physio: You doing good

Me: Thank you.. That's.. That's what I needed to hear

My speech is slower than usual, But I'm glad that I can talk now. I am able to walk though limping, But I don't need much help than I did before. I'm really working hard..

Mathi couldn't get the sangoma to come and help, But she did sneak me umuthi, Some herb that I used.. I think it also helped a great deal..

Monday I was getting discharged, I am so happy. Buda hasn't come to see me, I really don't know what's happening. He hasn't even brought in the

girls to see me..

Physio: We gonna miss you around here

Me: I will too

Physio: Ohh please.. You wanted to be out of here

Me: I've been here for quite a long time now, I'm glad I'm leaving

Surprisingly he has been paying my hospital bill,
The physio, Psychologist. Buda doesn't mind
spending on you..

Physio: J ust one more day

THEMBI

I have had a toy boy for 2 weeks now..

I woke up this morning, From a wild night. Hangover,
Smelling of sex with all the sperms inside of me.
Dirty house and my R600 was also taken from my
wallet and my capitec bank card. I use that one
more than my standard bank..

That's where my pay comes from. I checked my
phone, My last R4 000 was withdrawn from the
card..

Me: No!!! Fuck no!!

I fucken don't even know where he's from, I just
picked him up from where I went 2 weeks ago. He's
been staying at my house.

I checked my fridge, My food was missing. Or rather what I had left of my groceries, A few items were stolen. My jewellery, Thank God he didn't still my car. I was broke, And two weeks left to pay day..

I searched through, All I could find were two cans of flying fish. I sat down on the floor and drank them. The house was very untidy. It's getting hard now that Nomvula is not around, Nomakhosi is very lazy and so am I.

I was starting to miss Vula, She carried our lives here at home..

NOMVULA

I dropped my phone..

Me: Ohh my Goodness!!

Pat: What? What happened??

Me: I was on Facebook, Our local group. News surfaced that J abu was stabbed to death yesterday at the tavern

Pat: What?

Me: Ohh my word

Pat: That's sad

Me: I did hate the guy but I didn't want him to die. At least not now, I wanted him to see his Son all grown and successful

Pat: Life is indeed unpredictable, We have our plans

and Karma has it's own plans. I guess his sins caught up to him

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NOMAKHOSI

When we got to his house, The girls put together a "Welcome Home" luncheon for me. They released a few balloons from the ceiling when I walked in, I don't even know how they did that..

It was beautiful. The table was set, The was cake too..

Me: You guys did all this for me?

Lwandle: With the help of Uncle Buda of course

Me: You guys are sweet thank you

Buda: It was nothing. Just something to say thank you, We appreciate you. Since you've been in our lives, There's more laughter, Joy, And more peace

Me: This is very sweet thank you so much, I appreciate you guys too

Mbali: Come along and sit at the table

Buda: I'm afraid I have to dish out a little bit

Me: Where are you going?

Buda: To do something that I should've done a while back

Me: Okay we will see you later

NOMVULA

Afro and Fezi were sitting outside by the garage. Listening to music and drinking.

Pat, Langa, And I were in the house preparing lunch..

We were doing home made ham burgers, Chips, And a green salad..

I would feel sorry for J abu dying, But honestly speaking. I was a bit happy and relieved. He almost

ruined my relationship with Afro, Mess ed up my life.
He deserved this, Though I had wished that he
didn't die. To see Lwazi and I succeeding..

We heard a knock at the door..

Me: I'll get it

I went to open, It was my Mother. My heart almost
stopped beating..

Me: Ma?

Ma: May I come in?

I opened the door. She walked in..

I did not expect her to come here, I was so scared..

Ma: Mrs Dubazana

Pat: Thembi

Ma: I'm here to talk to Nomvula, If it's okay with you

Pat: I'll go and feed Langa

She went to the lounge..

Me: What are you doing here?

Ma: Nomvula families have issues, That doesn't mean you pack up and leave

Me: You indirectly kicked me out

Ma: I did no such, All I said was that you need to ship in

Me: And I didn't contest, I was going too. You just wanted more money that I couldn't afford

Ma: I understand that I was a bit drastic. I'm sorry

Me: It doesn't matter anymore

Ma: Come back home

Me: No

Ma: You married yourself Nomvula, You gave yourself away. Do you think that's right? That is not right! Do you know the shame you've brought to us?

Our way? What people are saying?

Me: I don't care about people, I only care about my peace and happiness. I'm happy here

Ma: These people are not your family! Blood is thicker than water

Me: What do you want Ma??

Ma: Say he agrees to marry you, How will that happen when you have disowned your family? Where will Lobola be paid?

Me: It's not about that, I'm not rushing marriage. You really showed up here Ma for this?

Ma: I just want you to come home

Me: No.. I'm not coming home

Ma: Fine.. May you borrow me R500?

Me: Are you serious?

Ma: I'm broke Vula

Me: So this is why you came here?

Afro made his way in..

Afro: Are you alright?

Me: Yes.. My Mom was just leaving

Ma: Yes.. I was just leaving

NOMAKHOSI

I carefully looked at Lwandle. She literally jumped some spot on the kitchen floor..

Me: Hey

Lwandle: I'm coming with the glasses

Me: No it's okay

(Silence)

Me: How are the nightmares?

Lwandle: They still there

Me: What are they about?

Lwandle: Nothing serious

Me: Lwandle I noticed that you jump the exact same spot when you go in or out of the kitchen

Lwandle: Ohw

Me: What's wrong?

She kept quiet..

Me: It's okay.. You can talk to me

Lwandle: I can't

Me: Why not?

Lwandle: My mom and I, Are going to go to jail

Me: What do you mean?

Lwandle: I don't wanna talk about it

Me: Sometimes talking about things, Becomes a weight lifted off your shoulders. Please trust me

She shook her head..

Me: I won't tell anyone.. I promise

Lwandle: I just want help, For the nightmares to stop

Me: I'll get you the help

She looked down..

Lwandle: My Mother killed Ntonto, Here in the kitchen. On that spot. She hit her with a pan at the back of her head, Then continued hitting her even through she was on the floor. She asked me to carry Ntonto's legs, We went and put Ntonto in her trunk.. Then she went to throw her body in the Bush

That was shocking..

Lwandle: I didn't wanna do it, Now I see Ntonto frequently in my dreams. She's haunting me

Me: Ohh poor baby come here

I hugged her tight..

Lwandle: I didn't wanna do it (Crying)

Me: It's okay.. It's okay.. It's going to be okay

MANDISA

Buda walked in..

I was sitting on the bed..

Buda: Look at you.. You look well

I smiled..

Me: I've been trying

He walked up to me and kissed me on my forehead... He held my hands..

Me: I've missed you

Buda: We need to talk

Me: I lifted my head and looked at him..

Buda: Mandisa I.. I've met someone

I got my hands from his grip..

Buda: I'm starting to fall for her

Me: What??

Buda: I know.. It's crazy.. I'm sorry to do this to you,
At this time

Me: At this time? At this time I lost our Son, I got
stroke

Buda: You weren't pregnant

Me: I was.. Your dead wife killed our baby and
caused me stroke

Buda: Okay that's crazy

Me: Crazy? I saw her Buda, I saw her that time I fell

Buda: I never imagined you going down that low,
Accusing my dead wife for your own misfortunes?
These things happen! You weren't even pregnant to
begin with. How did Gqibi cause you that?

Me: You not hearing me!

Buda: Because it's ridiculous!!

Me: Get out

Buda: Mandisa

Me: I said get out!!! Leave!!!

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NOMAKHOSI

The rest of the went a bit sour from my side, Who would've thought. I'm fucked up yes, But to the point of killing so heartless. That would never be me.. Yes I aborted but for a good reason, And that's as far as I'll go. All in all, I'm happy that I have at least something on Mandisa now..

Me: How did she take it?

Buda: I was feeling bad for breaking her heart, But when she fucken brought my wife into this mess. That's when I blew up. My dead wife is dead and I'd appreciate it if they let her rest in peace

Me: That was a low blow

Buda: I don't want her here anymore, I'll go drop off her things at her place

Me: What about Lwandle? Is she going to suffer for her Mother's sins?

Buda: Gqibi loved and Raised Ntonto like her own, Lwandle will choose. If she wants to go back or continue staying here

Me: I think that's a good idea

NOMVULA

Pat: It's like talking to a wall, Your Mother has a mind of her own. Instead of apologizing whole heartedly she does this?

Me: She is what she is, She'll never change

Fezi: Yaa guys enough about negativity, We having a good day. Let's not ruin it with people who don't matter

Afro: I agree

Fezi: We've heard a lot of unsettling news today, J abu. Let's not allow your Mother to ruin the rest of it

Pat: Yes, Though don't hate her Vula. One day she'll probably come around

Me: We'll see

THEMBI

I called Khosi again..

Me: Khosi I need money, At least R1000

Khosi: Last week I gave you 1k, It's finished already?

Me: Khosi

Khosi: I told you I won't give you money if you going to spend it on that boy. He's just there to milk you. I'm not going to support you and him, It's unfair

Me: What do you know about unfa-

I heard a knock at the door..

Me: J ust send the money okay?

I hung up..

The Person knocked again..

Me: I'm coming

I went to open, It was Nomvula's father..

Him: Thembi

Me: What are you doing here?

Him: May I come in?

He made his way in..

Me: What are you doing here?

Him: Where is my Daughter?

Me: I aborted? Remember?

Him: Don't fuck with me, Where is my Daughter?

Me: You don't look so good

Him: I know.. I have cancer, I'm dying soon

Me: Look at that

Him: Where is she?

Me: What do you want with Vula?

Him: She's my Daughter, I know I messed up but I wanna talk to her with regards to my will

Me: A will?

Him: Yes.. I wanna include her

Me: I'll get her for you

Him: Or give me her number

Me: No problem

I went to get my phone...

MANDISA

I kept on pacing up and down in my ward..

Nurse: Are you okay? You pressed the button

Me: I need to be discharged

Nurse: You only getting discharged Monday

Me: No.. I need to be discharged now! With immediate effect

Nurse: Mandisa

Me: Please!! Get the Dr I need to go home

Nurse: Okay

NOMVULA

I ran to the bedroom, To get my phone. It was ringing..

It was an unsaved number..

Me: Hello?

Voice: Nomvula?

Me: Yes.. Who is this?

Voice: It's your father

Me: What?

Voice: I know.. It's difficult to process, But I need to talk to you. It's urgent

Me: How did you?.. Where did you get my number?

Voice: In 6 months time or so, I'll be dead. I really need to talk to you about something important

Me: Okay.. I guess we can meet up

Voice: Thank you.. I'll text you the meet up place, We'll meet tomorrow morning over breakfast. I'll even send you money for transportation

Me: Okay

MANDISA

The Dr discharged me. Nurse packed up my meds..

Me: May I please have R200

Nurse: What?

Me: I need to bolt home

Nurse: Okay, Let me get my purse

Me: Thank you

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Apologies this was meant to be yesterday's bonus that delayed

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MANDISA

The bolt dropped me off at the gate..

Me: Thank you

I took my things and walked to the gate. I punched in the code, The gate opened. I walked in. I walked in all the way to the door. I opened and made my way in. It was quiet. In the living room, The was a cake that was cut halfway on the table. Food and drinks.

I made my way upstairs. When I opened the door, She was ontop of him. They were having sex, She was moaning. He was groaning..

I banged the door, She turned and looked at me..

Me: Khosi??

He got her off him..

Buda: Mandisa?? Wtf?

Me: I'm home Honey!

Buda: Wtf are you doing here?

Khosi pulled the duvet up and covered her breasts..

Me: Your dead wife's sister? Are you serious?

Buda: Mandisa please leave

Me: I'm not going anywhere!!

I walked to the bathroom..

Me: I'm going to bath and rest, I'm not going anywhere! Go tell the kids mommy is home!

NOMVULA

Afro: I'm going to accompany you, Just to make sure he's legit and you safe

Me: Thank you.. He said he's dying

Fezi: Maybe he wants to put you in his will

Me: Yaa but why now? After all these years?

Pat: It doesn't matter the time frame, What matters is that he's finally doing right

Me: I see

Fez: If he does give you money, Probably you can invest it and start your company

Afro: Like how you've planned

Me: That could help

Pat: See.. Good things do happen, When you at least expect them

NOMAKHOSI

I walked down the stairs buttoning my shirt. Buda was following me..

Buda: You don't have to leave

Me: But I do.. I didn't know she was coming, You never told me

Buda: I didn't know too.. I thought she was only coming back Monday, I was going to fix this

Me: Call me when you have

Buda: Khosi I don't want her anymore, I wanna be with you

Me: Maybe we shouldn't have done this, Maybe we should've waited until you got rid of her

I opened the door and he closed it..

Buda: This woman lied to me that she was pregnant whilst she wasn't, There's a lot going on with Mandisa that I don't want her anymore

Me: This woman is not going anywhere

Buda: I'll fix it

Me: You better, Because her Daughter told me that she killed Ntonto

His eyes widened..

Me: Ntonto came back from school that afternoon, Mandisa beat her with a pan. Asked Lwandle to help carry her to her car. Went to dump her in a Bush. If you don't believe me, Ask Lwandle.. Ask them together. That woman is dangerous and I don't wanna be a part of the danger!

I opened the door again..

Me: Goodbye

FEZILE (AFRO'S BROTHER)

Me: Why are you calling me?

Sticks: The job is done

Me: I don't think you should be calling me

Sticks: Relax.. I'm not an armature, I made sure someone else took the fall. He won't be charged, Matter of self defense. He arrested though

Me: You did well.. Thank you

Sticks: Anytime

I hung up..

MANDISA

I got out of the bathroom, Buda walked in. His eyes were teary..

I tied the towel around my wet and naked body..

He looked at me..

Buda: Did you kill Ntonto?

Me: What?

Buda: Did you kill my Daughter?

Me: I know you don't want me, But accusing me?

Buda: Then you forced your Daughter to help you in

this sinister act?

Me: Buda

Buda: Did you kill my Daughter?? Ntonto's Grandmother was right?? Is this why Lwandle can't sleep in Ntonto's bedroom? Should we ask Lwandle?

Me: Buda please.. It was a mistake

Buda: You killed my Daughter and call it a mistake?

I wiped my tears..

He charged at me. I went back inside and locked..

Buda: Open the fucken door or I'm going to break it down!!

Me: Buda please! (crying)

He started kicking down the door..

Me: I'm sorry.. I'm very sorry

NOMAKHOSI

As I drove back home, I sent my Mother the 1k so she doesn't make a big deal out of it when I get home..

I gave Buda food for thought. I hope he uses the information wisely..

MANDISA

He broke down the door..

Me: Buda please

Buda: I'm going to kill you

I was holding a razor behind me, The one he shaves with..

He walked up to me, He slapped me. When he was about too again, I cut him on his neck..

Buda: You bitch!!

I walked out of the bathroom, Ran out of the bedroom and locked him inside..

I went to Mbali's room..

Me: Lwandle pack up we leaving

Lwandle: Mama?

Me: Get your things, You'll meet me downstairs in the car

I rushed down the stairs, I tripped and fell.

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NOMAKHOSI

I got home and told my Mom everything. She was shocked to the core..

Mom: And Buda thought I was the dangerous one?
His Psychopath of a girlfriend/ Baby Mama killed his Daughter and then lied about her pregnancy?

Me: I hope he believed me, I hope I planted that seed of doubt on him

Mom: Yaa we'll see, Something is wrong with that Man. He can't seem to keep it down. It's like he lacked love in his childhood, He falls quickly with every skirt that passes by. I'm worried you might get him, And lose him the same way you got him

Me: I didn't go through an abortion for this man only to have him and then not have him? I refuse

Mom: No I understand.. We will see what we do but I'm proud of you

Me: Gqibi did have it in her hand, I don't know how and why she dropped the ball

MANDISA

I slowly got up from the ground, A little dis oriented. I looked up, Lwandle didn't follow me..

I got up from the ground..

Me: Lwandle??

I made my way upstairs, Slowly. Careful not to fall..

The master bedroom door was open, I locked him

inside and left the key at the door. The kids must have rushed in..

Mbali was crying, Lwandle was being the smart one..

Mbali: Daddy (Crying)

Lwandle: Don't worry.. I have already called the Police, I'm calling Khosi now

Hearing that, I knew I had to get out of there. I made my way downstairs again, Took my car keys from the top drawer and then walked out of the house...

NOMVULA

Me: You know I'm very scared about the meet up

tomorrow

Afro: Don't be

He was busy texting on his phone..

Me: What's up with you?

He looked at me..

Afro: Huh?

Me: You've been glued on your phone, It's like I'm having a conversation alone

Afro: Yaa my class whatsapp group is active today, We have a presentation Monday

Me: Ohw

Afro: Let me go shower, I'll be back

He put his phone on the dressing table, Then walked out of the bedroom. I looked at it..

I went to get it, Bypassed the fingerprint to his password. It's Langa's birthday. I checked his WhatsApp, He was lying. The group wasn't active. Last message sent was this morning. I kept on checking and his active conversation was with Fezi, Who was online. I checked what they were talking about, Afro had sent him 5 pictures of different engagement rings asking for his opinion. The rings ranged from R2 500, The most expensive one was R7 500. I locked his phone and placed it back on the dressing table and sat down in bed again. I was dumbfounded, Is he thinking of proposing?

KHOSI

I checked my phone and I had at least 6 missed calls from Lwandle. I called her, Took her long to answer.. I heard voices in the background..

Me: Lwandle?

Lwandle: Uncle Buda is going to the hospital

Me: Why?

Lwandle: We heard noises coming from the master bedroom. My mother got into Mbali's room. Told me to pack up we leaving. She was only in a towel. We went to the bedroom, It was locked but the key was outside the door. We opened, Uncle Buda was on the bathroom floor with his hand on his throat and

bleeding. We called the Police, They arrived with the Ambulance

Me: What??

Lwandle: We going to the hospital

Me: Okay ask which hospital, I'll meet you guys there

Lwandle: Okay

Mom: What is it?

Me: Mandisa attacked Buda

Mom: What??

Me: I'm driving to the hospital

MANDISA

I had nowhere else to go but to drive straight home.
I had a lot of things running through my mind, That I
almost got into a car accident..

My family was more shocked to see me in a towel.
When I got home, I dressed up and packed up..

Mom: Mandisa Kahle kahle what the hell is going
on??

Me: I can't say Ma, But I'm in a lot of trouble

Mom: What trouble exactly??

Me: I can't say and I also can't stay here

Mom: What kind of trouble? Whatever is it we can sort it out

Me: We can't!! It's deep

Mom: Talk to me!!

Me: I can't!! Okay? I can't (Crying)

I sank down on the floor..

Mom: Ohw Mandisa

Me: I fucked up a lot Ma.. I can't stay here, I need to

go

Mom: Okay just calm down

Me: I need to disappear at least for a while (crying)

She sat next to me and hugged me..

Mom: Okay.. It's okay

NOMVULA

Afro got back, I acted like I never touched his phone..

My phone vibrated. I answered without checking..

Me: Hello

Mbali: Aunty Vula

Me: Mbali? Wait, Whose phone are you calling me from?

Mbali: Lwandle

Mbali is smart when it comes to numbers and retaining memory. She learns of your phone number, It'll take her a while to forget it..

Mbali: Dad is going to the hospital

Me: What? Who are you with?

Mbali: I'm with Lwandle, Aunty Mandisa's Daughter

Me: Okay text me the name of the hospital, I'm coming okay?

Mbali: Okay

I hung up..

Afro: What is it?

Me: We need to drive to the hospital, It's my Niece

Afro: Okay let me dress up and you dress up too then we'll drive there

Me: Thank you

KHOSI

My mom called as I was driving to the hospital..

Mom: Khosi

I put her on loud speaker..

Me: Still on my way there Ma

Mom: Okay call me when you get there

Me: Okay I will

She hung up..

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NOMVULA

We got to the hospital, Khosi was there..

Mbali ran up to me, And hugged me..

Me: It's okay

We made our way to Khosi..

Khosi: What are you doing here?

Me: Mbali called me

Khosi: Ohw

Me: What happened?

Khosi: Nothing much, Mandisa tried killing Buda. Slashed his throat, But thank God it wasn't deep enough. He's going to be fine

Me: That's good to know

Khosi: Yaa you guys can leave, We okay

Me: I think so

Khosi: And next time know I got this, Mbali is my responsibility now.. Not ours

Me: Mbali is my Niece I'm entitled to know about her safety

Khosi: You have a life now, I do too. Focus on your current life, Current new family. Leave me and mine alone

Me: Khosi

Khosi: If you want to find out about Mbali, Call.. That's all

Afro: Okay let's go.. It's time to go

Can't believe she said that....

Me: At least I'm not fucking my Dead sister's husband

Khosi: You need to leave

Me: I am leaving

Afro wrapped his arm around my waist...

MANDISA

I went down to a relative. My Aunt, She lives in this area of newly built RDP houses..

She was happy to see me, She lives with her two kids..

Aunt: You can stay here as long as you want

Me: Thank you

Aunt: I'm sorry that all this is happening to you

Me: I trusted him

Aunt: Men are like that, They will hurt you when you least expect. You had a violence reaction to his shit, It's just good that you didn't attack the girlfriend

Me: We just lost our baby and he has a new girl in his bed

Aunt: That's a man for you

Me: I can't even fight for him, I'm sure he's opened a case against me if he made it

Aunt: He would be very heartless to do so

Me: Can I lie down? I'm not feeling too well

Aunt: Yes you can

Me: Thank you Auntie

NOMAKHOSI

I wanted to give Mbali the biggest slap ever, But I couldn't. I was mad though..

Dr: He's going to be okay

Me: Thank you.. Can we see him?

Dr: I don't think so , Definitely not tonight. Maybe tomorrow morning?

Me: I understand

I looked at the kids..

Me: Let's go, He's going to be fine. We will come and see him tomorrow

Lwandle: Is my Mother going to jail?

Me: I am not sure, But I think she will

Lwandle: Will I go to jail?

Me: I don't know, We'll see but I'll make sure you don't

NOMVULA

When we got home from the hospital last night, We went straight to bed. I kept on tossing and turning, Thinking about today and why my father is resurfacing after all these years..

Afro kept to his promise, He drove me out to see my Father...

He was exactly how I imagined him..

Dad: Nomvula

I gave him a nod..

Afro opted to stay in the car..

Dad: Thank you for coming

Me: It's okay

Dad: You are all grown up

Me: Yes.. 19 years old

Dad: Time has indeed gone

Me: I am not sure about the nature of this meeting,
After all these years

Dad: As I've stated. I have been diagnosed with
cancer, I'm dying soon

Me: I'm sorry to hear that

Dad: It's okay.. So as I'm dying I have included you in my will. You will get money

Me: The was no need

Dad: The was every need. I didn't do right by you all these years, I wanna do right by you now

Me: Your wife?

Dad: My wife died a few years ago, J ust been me and your two half siblings

Me: Ohw I see

Dad: Nomvula I'm sorry

Me: Don't be.. At least I did grow up. You being absent from my life was difficult but I did grow up

Dad: I guess chances of us reuniting are slim

Me: Very slim. I don't think we can, It's too late now

Dad: I understand and I'm truly sorry

Me: May I leave now?

He looked disappointed..

Dad: Yes of course, You may

Me: Thank you

I got up and left...

MANDISA

I received a call from my Mother this morning..

Me: Mom

Mom: Mandisa the cops were here last night,
Looking for you

Me: I know

Mom: You almost killed Buda?

Me: It's a long story Ma

Mom: What did I tell you huh? Getting in with a Man that lost his wife and didn't get a cleansing was never a good idea

Me: Mom please

Mom: You need to go and hand yourself in

Me: I'm not doing that Ma

Mom: Mandisa

Me: I'll fix this okay? I will

Mom: Agh maan Mandisa

Me: We'll talk again Ma. Bye

Mom: Bye

NOMAKHOSI

We went to see Buda that morning.. Had a Bandage around his neck.

Me: How are you feeling?

Buda: J ust grateful to be alive

Me: I can't believe she did that

Buda: Above all, She killed my Daughter

Me: I'm sure the Police are looking for her now

Buda: They better get to her, Before I do

I held his hand..

Me: I'm sure they will

NOMVULA

Afro and I went to eat breakfast..

Me: After all these years, He wants to make up

Afro: At least he did contact you, He is trying to do right by you

Me: I guess so

He held my hand and looked at me..

Afro: Let's get married

Me: Huh?

Afro: Next year let's get married, Traditionally

Me: Are you sure about that?

Afro: What are we waiting for? Whether it happens next year or another year won't make any difference

I thought about it for a while...

Me: Okay let's do it

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NOMVULA

A FEW YEARS LATER

I was in the bathroom that morning. Just after taking a bath to go to work..

Before walking out, I did a pregnancy test. It was negative.. The door opened, Afro walked in..

Afro: You were in here for far too long, I got worried

He moved closer and stood behind me..

Me: This time around I was sure that I was pregnant

He took it and threw it in the small bin.

Afro: Don't do this to yourself

Me: Do you think we should've had kids earlier? Not wait for this long?

He turned me around so I could face him.

Afro: We had too, And I'm glad we did. If we didn't, We wouldn't be where we are today. Both Naomi and Langa, Wouldn't have such good lives

Me: The Dr said I work too much, Too much stress and fatigue

Afro: I've been saying

He hugged me..

Afro: We will try again

Me: I just want one last child

Afro: I know, But You struggled a lot with Naomi at least Langa was old enough. Are you sure you can tackle being a CEO and a Mom again?

I broke the hug..

Afro: Your company is at it's highest peak right now,
And you are a very dedicated person

Me: I have to get dressed

I attempted to walk away, He pulled me back..

Afro: Everytime when we have to have this
conversation you always run away

Me: I am sorry Afro I didn't think my achieving my
long term dream would be like this

Afro: You make it sound like I say give up and be a
stay at home mom and wife, I'm just asking can we
fit in your schedule?

Me: I am a good mother and a good wife

Afro: I never said you were bad at both, You just busy for both

Me: I'm going to work

I walked out of the bedroom..

NOMAKHOSI

Nomvula J ele-Dubazana's networth is 30million Rands..

My phone died as I tried to read more..

Me: Agh!!

The baby cried again..

Me: Lwandle?? Lwandle??

Lwandle: Yes?

Me: Can you please check up on him?

Lwandle: I'm already leaving

Me: Ohw

Lwandle: I wanted to discuss with you that next week I'm moving out

Me: What?

Lwandle: It's a Four room house, There's 4 babies.
Then you, me, and Buda

Me: J ust say that you want to get away from us,
Don't come up with retarded excuses

Lwandle: Is that so wrong? You not working, Buda is never getting better. I have to provide for you guys, When will my life start? I am not Mbali. I didn't get a bursary but at least I did get a job. I have dreams too, I earn 8k after deductions and all that money goes here into the house. It's unfair, I feel burdened

Me: We raised you, You are who you are today because of us and then you come and utter such shit??

Lwandle: Your Sister is a multimillionaire and she has a rich husband too, Why don't you ask her for help?

Me: Go on Lwandle leave, Don't ever come back!! No matter how difficult life gets for you

Lwandle: Bye

She walked out...

Me: Stupid!!

NOMVULA

I was drinking coffee whilst on the phone with Mbali..

Mbali: It's more busy than difficult

Me: I'm just proud you held on, You doing great saw your last results

Mbali: I am trying

Me: When are we seeing you?

Mbali: Well I wasn't thinking of coming back for these holidays

Me: Why not?

Mbali: I'm going to spend these holidays with my fiancé's family. We flying out to Zanzibar

Me: Ohw excuse us then Ms I have a fiancé

Mbali: Don't be like that, We've been dating since

from first year

Me: CA, And a Doctor. You guys are going to be loaded

Mbali: I guess so

Me: Is his family good to you?

Mbali: His Mom and sisters yes, His father is just a difficult person they don't like him

Me: Is he going to pay lobola? Our Mr CA?

Mbali: As soon as I graduate

Me: Thought in his culture they didn't

Mbali: He will.. We've already spoken about it

Me: I'm very proud of you

Mbali: Thank you, I didn't have a choice. Dad's dementia and Khosi just giving birth none stop.. They broke now, Had to sell that big house to buy a 4 room house in the hood. Blew up the remaining house cash too

Me: She brought this on herself

Mbali: I guess so

Me: Okay Baby let me go to work, You go to school. We'll talk later

Mbali: Okay I love you

Me: I love you too

THEMBI

Charm: Thembi you shouldn't be drinking in your state

Me: Awume Charm

Charm: You are hiv+. You spend everyday here, Poaching these Men. Sleeping with them for even R100 without using protection

Me: I also got it from someone okay?

Charm: You are what's wrong with the world. You

the reason why there's a stigma surrounding hiv.
It's wrong Thembi what you doing

Me: I'm here to drink not to listen to you preaching

Charm: Heard from Nomvula?

Me: No

Charm: She calls me from time to time

Me: I tried calling her, She didn't want anything. She doesn't even care about her sisters. Khosi is suffering she hasn't helped out, She hasn't been to Gqibi's grave in a long time

Charm: Do you blame her though? That girl worked hard and became all that you thought she was

never gonna be

Me: She has a Daughter, The Daughter only comes to visit Patricia

Charm: Mina I don't understand. Nomvula got married. You got her lobola money, They didn't even use it for the traditional wedding, You blew it?

Me: If I knew then, Would've charged a R100 000 instead of 35k. Pat is now the one eating off my Daughter's money

Charm: Suxoka.. Afro is just as rich too, He supports his Mom

Me: Nomvula has all the money, She's doing well.. Even to give us noba 1k a month?

Charm: Umenzi uyakhohlwa, Kodwa uMenziwa akakhohla. The one who offends forget, The offended doesn't. Don't force forgiveness, You did hurt that child

Me: Ya whatever

AFRO

I started the car.. I was on the phone with Fezi..

Me: Give her time

Fezi: It's been 8 months now

Me: Mom busted you having sex with another man in her house, Fezi I think she's going to need more time than 8 months

Fezi: Yaa whatever. I thought a Parent's love was more important than her Son being Gay

Me: I'll talk to her

Fezi: Ayt cool.. I have a class to teach

Me: Do you enjoy teaching more than flying?

Fezi: I miss flying but I'm settled with teaching. Yaa the money is less than when I was flying but it's not too bad

Me: So long you content with teaching

Fezi: Okay.. Talk later

Me: Cool

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NOMVULA

A few years ago, Right that Sunday after meeting up with my father. The following year he passed on, I got 80k from him. His will. I never used it, Kept it aside. Continued working, For a couple more then the Company opened for shares. I was able to buy myself 5% shares. I moved up from my general work, Went into the office and I had to attend a short business course for 2 years max. Went to workshops etc, Continued moving my way up.. Something unbelievable happened, Certain

scandals came up about the CEO. Almost putting the company in jeopardy, I talked to him and we formulated a plan. Instead of closing, He sold me his shares and I paid him back every penny when I was the CEO and the company started to make money again. When I held the full ownership, I changed the name. Named it after my Son. Wasn't easy, But also it wasn't impossible. When Afro asked me to marry him, He paid Lobola. As soon as he graduated, And I too was finding my way in the company. We got married, It was a strictly traditional wedding. Years later, Here we are...

Lisa: Caramel frappe, Good morning and you welcome

Me: Thank you

Lisa is my best friend, My PA and I've been telling her to move up her current level she doesn't want. She enjoys being my PA, And she's married too..

Me: So I took a pregnancy test this morning.. It's negative

Lisa: I'm sorry

Me: I wanted to give Afro another Baby so he can see that I am serious about us. I was hardly around with Naomi, I wanna be fully around this time

Lisa: I see.. Keep trying

Me: I guess so

She cleared her throat..

Me: What?

Lisa: Your Mom called again

Me: Agh what does she want

Lisa: To talk

Me: Too late for that

Lisa: You need to forgive

Me: I have.. I just don't want nothing to do with her,
The only reason why she's doing this is for money.
Not because she wants too. If I wasn't here today,
We'd still have a broken relationship

Lisa: I see

Me: How's my schedule looking today?

Lisa: I'll get it

AFRO

My PA knocked and walked in..

Me: Can you wait at least until I say "Come in"

Her: Mom's on the line

I picked up..

Me: My love

Mom: I got your missed call

Me: Yeah.. I was driving to work

Mom: I was sleeping

Me: We need to talk

Mom: If it's about Fezi, No..

Me: I don't understand

Mom: I'm not angry that he's gay, I'm not ashamed nor disappointed. I'm hurt that all these years Fezi thought coming out would make me disown him

Me: It's valid, You a Christian

Mom: I am but before that I'm a Mother, Fezi showed me something I shouldn't have seen. If I

knew, I wouldn't have walked into his bedroom that morning and saw what I saw

Me: I understand, But at least talk to him

Mom: I will

Me: That's all I wanted

Mom: It's Naomi's birthday tomorrow

Me: Yaa.. Wanted to do something for him this weekend. I was thinking she could have her 5th birthday party that side this coming Saturday. Jumping castle, The works

Mom: Good idea.. What does Vula say?

Me: It'll be a miracle if she remembers tomorrow

Mom: She works hard Afro, She worked hard to be where she is

Me: I know and I'm not saying she should give it all up. She's the CEO, She calls the shots. Just like me, I'm the CEO in my company but I still make time for the kids and her

Mom: Did you try and talk to her?

Me: She becomes defensive

Mom: Want me to talk to her?

Me: No.. It's good

Mom: Let me leave you to work then, I love you

Me: I love you more

NOMAKHOSI

Juggling the kids and Buda at the same time is very difficult for me. Buda I don't know what happened, But he was diagnosed with early onset dementia. That's when we lost it all. Started when his license to practice was revoked, For misconduct. He was blacklisted too..

By then we already had 3 kids, And one was on the way..

We had to sell the house, Buy a four room house in the hood.. Even that change that was left from selling the house wasn't much and it didn't hold up.

We live off SASSA payment for the kids, And Lwandle was helping too. Now that's leaving, I don't know what's going to happen..

Mom: Hai kodwa Khosi nawe, Cloth nappies? That's old school

My Mom is ruined. She looks nothing like before, Alcohol has changed her. She doesn't take care of herself anymore. Even sick, She doesn't lead a normal life..

Me: What am I to do? Buda just sits on the couch and stares into space

Mom: Did you try and get traditional help?

Me: They couldn't help. Said his Daughter Ntonto is the reason he's like this, And Gqibi. So ahh

Mom: So what's going to happen?

Me: Death is going to set him free

Mom: Hayi life neh

Me: Nomvula is doing well

Mom: I saw

Me: Do you think if we treated her better things would be different?

Mom: Probably. I've been trying to call her, She wants nothing to do with us

Me: I know.. Tried inboxing her too she blocked me

Mom: I don't care about her money anymore, I just wanna humble her. Bring her down

Me: How?

Mom: Nothing too much just witchcraft here and there

Me: I hear you

Mom: You should be like that, Not her

Me: What pains me the most is the fact that yes we treated her somehow but.. She had a home, She was fed

Mom: True.. A person forgets where they come from, No matter what happens you don't turn away from family

Me: I wish Nomvula was the one who died, Instead of Gqibi

Mom: True. Now this woman Patricia is all glowing because of my Daughter, Vula becomes a good Daughter to her than me her own Mother?

Me: Yeey when she comes here, They only go there. Doesn't even think to stop by at home, You'll see her Mercedes parked there. We have never even met Naomi, I doubt she knows about us

Mom: She's evil.. Nomvula is evil!

MANDISA

Me: Thank you for fetching me

Mathi: You welcome

Me: Is it true Mom died?

Mathi: She couldn't take you going to prison, Died from a heart attack

Me: I've missed so much since my arrest

I ended up getting arrested for the Attempted murder of Buda. I am out on Parole. Ntonto's murder couldn't be pinned on me. No much evidence

Me: What about Lwandle?

Mathi: Working

Me: Buda?

Mathi: That one is fucked! Lwandle said he has dementia, Downgraded to the hood. Lost everything, Him and that Khosi girl have four kids now. Lwandle wants to move out, She's feeling it financially

Me: I don't understand why she shouldn't, Those people aren't her family

Mathi: Mbali is said to be studying at UCT, Medicine. Engaged to this white guy he's a soon to be CA

Me: That's the life Lwandle should have been living. Studying, Getting married

Mathi: Life has changed since you've been gone

Me: I can see that

The last passenger got in, The taxi was full. They closed the door..

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AFRO

Shantel: I am so sorry Mr Dubazana, I know you deal with big clients

Me: Stop I'm happy to help

Shantel: My Father was very particular

Me: And I am happy to help him, You are a part of our team

Shantel is our cook, She cooks at the canteen. The staff pays a certain fee every month to cover a whole month of lunch provided by Shantel and her team..

Shantel: The other Broker robbed him, He now has 1.5M left. He is 70 years old and would like to have a certain amount of money into his account every month for that 5 years because he believes by 80 he'll be dead

Me: Old People

Shantel: How much is it going to be for you?

Me: 500k for us, For the whole entire 5 years that we'll be with him, The 1mill. It'll broken down for him to get a certain amount every month for the next 5 years

Shantel: Sounds very fair Sir, When can I make the appointment so he can come and talk to you?

Me: Please take it up with my PA

Shantel: It's okay.. Thank you again

She stood up..

Me: Uhm Shantel

Shantel: Yes Sir?

Me: I wanted to run something by you

Shantel: Okay?

Me: How do you feel about being my and my family's private chef

Shantel: Pardon?

Me: For the same amount you get here monthly, Cecil will take over at the Canteen

Shantel: I don't know what to say

Me: My wife is a very busy someone, So am I. I think it's time we get a chef

Shantel: Yes. I'll take it

Me: Mon-Fri.. Weekends you'll be off

Shantel: Yes Sir.. I'll take it, You can just tell me when to start

Me: I'll draw up a contract, Talk to my wife and I'll let you know

Shantel: You won't regret it

Me: Thank you so much

NOMAKHOSI

The honest truth is that, My last is not from Buda. I had an affair with a guy who works at Engen garage. Things for Buda and I were already getting hard, I needed money. His name is Sizwe, And he is not much involved. I had to chase after him until I gave up, But now. Since Lwandle is leaving, I think it's time he ships in.. I called him..

Sizwe: Khosi

Me: Sizwe it's been months now

Sizwe: Don't you live with your Man or something?

Me: It's not about that, It's about you doing what's right

Sizwe: You had a man Khosi, You played me. You had a man, And thought you'd trap me with a child? Wtf??

Me: Sizwe!!

Sizwe: And stop calling me, You upsetting my girlfriend

Me: Sizwe listen..

He hung up..

Me: Sizwe!!!.. Fuck!!

NOMVULA

Lisa: Husband on the line

Me: Okay

I picked up the phone..

Me: Husband

Afro: Hope I'm not disturbing

Me: Not at all, Is everything okay? You hardly call me at work

Afro: Something I wanted to run by you

Me: Okay?

Afro: I found us a chef

Me: A chef?

Afro: Shantel, She actually works here. Good cook I think she'll do well as our home cook

Me: Tired of my food?

Afro: Not at all, Plus she can Mind Naomi and Langa since the Nanny is quitting. We getting a full package here

Me: Okay

Afro: Wait no protesting?

Me: We do need a sitter and they hard to find

Afro: I'll talk to her so she can start as soon as possible

Me: Okay.. So what are we doing for Naomi's birthday

Afro: Hallelujah, She didn't forget.. I'm proud

Me: Come on

Afro: I was talking to Pat, She asked if we can do it at home. For her friends that side

Me: I like the idea, I'll talk to her

Afro: Okay then see you later at home

Me: I love you

Afro: I love you more baby

I hung up...

MBALI (BUDA'S DAUGHTER)

Khosi called me I excused myself from the lecture hall..

Me: Hi

Khosi: Hi Mbali

Me: Is Dad alright?

Khosi: No.. He's getting worse, I have decided that

I'm putting him in a home or something

Me: A home?

Khosi: Lwandle is moving out, I have four kids to take care of. I can't take care of him too

Me: I understand then

Khosi: J ust thought I should let you know

Me: No.. It's okay, J ust tell me which one so I'll be able to visit him

Khosi: Okay

Me: I have to go to class.. Bye

Khosi: When are you going to visit your Siblings?

Me: I'm not sure, It's hectic around here

Khosi: Okay then we'll hear from you

Me: Bye

We ended the call and I went back to class.

MANDISA

We got home and not much has changed. My Mother's bedroom was empty..

Me: I wanna visit her grave

Mathi: I'll take you tomorrow, Plus you need a cleansing

Me: I don't have money

Mathi: We'll figure something out

Me: I need to get in touch with Lwandle, So she comes back home

Mathi: That can be arranged, I have her number

Me: Thank you Mathi, You are of great help

Mathi: You welcome

AFRO

Shantel: That'll be all?

Colleague: Yeap

He took the plate and cool drink..

Shantel: Sir.. Your lunch is at 13:00, Didn't get a call that you would be eating lunch early

Me: I'm not on my lunch break, It's actually what we talked about earlier

Shantel: Okay?

Me: I spoke to my wife and she's agreed

Shantel: That's lovely

Me: I'll have Veronica draft the contract for you

Shantel: Okay, You could've told me that during your lunch break when I bring your lunch upstairs

Me: I just needed fresh air from my office

Shantel: Fresh air in the canteen

Me: And something to drink

Shantel: Your usual?

Me: Yes please

Shantel: I'll bring it up

Me: Thank you

MBALI (BUDA'S DAUGHTER)

Me: What did I miss?

Friend: Nothing much

I took out my anatomy text book..

Friend: Did you give it any thought? What that woman said?

Me: We went out for lunch a week ago, Some

strange woman walked up to us and told me that my baby is going to be a reincarnation of my sister who died years ago, No I didn't give it a thought because it's crazy

Friend: But..

Me: We med students, I thought we don't believe in such. We believe in science, Plus.. I don't even know when Colt and I we going to have a baby

Friend: Okay then

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AFRO

When I knocked off, I drove to my house to see my Mom and pick up the kids. They were dropped off at her place after school. They very fond of their Grandmother no lie.

Naomi: Can we come back tomorrow, To visit Grandma?

Me: Maybe this weekend, Not tomorrow

Mom: Hey it's only two days till the weekend

Naomi: Okay

Me: Go to the car guys I'll be there

Langa: Bye Grandma

Mom: Bye Baby

Langa took Naomi and they went to the car..

Mom: You and Vula did well with the kids

Me: We try

Mom: Sit down a little

I sat down..

Mom: Listen, You and Rain are very different. You were raised on Love, She was raised on survival. All her life she had to survive, And she's still doing it. It's not like she doesn't love her family, She's

working hard everyday to make sure her family don't go back to that life again

Me: So basically I'm suffering for the sins of her family and everyone else that's disappointed her?

Mom: No.. You found the sins and the wounds already. Look you guys come very far, I think you guys have done pretty well for yourselves hey. I can say the only thing that almost broke you guys was when she slept with her baby daddy, After that she hasn't cheated unless I'm wrong

Me: She hasn't.. There's no reason for her to worry about that, She's done very well for herself

Mom: She doesn't know that, She still has the survival instinct within her. Just be patient with her, If you can't maybe you guys can go for therapy

Me: Yaa maybe

NOMVULA

Lisa: Your notes for the presentation tomorrow morning

She yawned..

Me: Lisa you don't have to stay late, Just because I'm staying late

Lisa: I need the extra money this month, When are you leaving?

Me: At 19:00

Lisa: I knock off at 16:00, Now it's 18:00. At 19:00 I

would've done 3 hours that's an extra grand on my pay this month

Me: Clock it in

Lisa: I will

(Silence)

Me: What?

Lisa: What's eating you up?

Me: Afro found us a chef/ nanny

Lisa: You not happy with that?

Me: No, But I told him I am

Lisa: Why?

Me: Our baby sitter is leaving so we do need someone, Her cooking for my family I am not comfortable with that but at the same time look at me. I am at work when do I cook for my family? Can't survive on takeouts everyday

Lisa: Why don't you cut off your knocking time then, Knock off at 15:00? You are the Boss after all

Me: I am but I can't. I need to always oversee things. I don't trust my team enough to let them be on their own, Plus clients trust me

Lisa: Then promote one to be the CEO

I laughed..

Me: That's when my company will take a downfall. They hard working yes but they not ready for that position and responsibility

Lisa: It's not that they not ready, You just don't trust no one

Me: Lisa I got this opportunity, This blessing and I grabbed it with both hands. No matter how much money I'm sitting on, I still fear. Any mistake I can lose everything. I have kids, One thing I wouldn't want is for them to suffer like I did

Lisa: That's not going to happen. You are blessed and you know what makes you more blessed? You have both worlds. Successful and married. Most women who are successful aren't married, They struggle with finding love. You have both worlds,

Make both work. Don't let the other one suffer. Both are important

NOMAKHOSI

Lwandle came back home with a pack of chicken braai cuts, Rice and veges..

This child has the most evil mother, I don't know how she became different. Lwandle is not her mother's child..

She tries to help, Even with her last R50..

Me: I'm placing him in a home

Lwandle: Have you spoken to Mbali about it?

Me: Yes.. We've agreed on it. I can't take care of him and then the kids, It's too much

Lwandle: I understand where you coming from

Me: Maybe when he's gone, I can start looking for a job

Lwandle: That's good, It's better

Me: Yaa

Lwandle: Let me take the plates to the kids in the living room

Me: Thank you

Lwandle: Ohw another reas on why I'm moving out,

It's space. I share the bedroom with the other 3. I don't have space, I don't have privacy. It's too crowded up in here

Me: Understandable

Lwandle: I'll still try to help where I can even when I have moved out

Me: Thank you

MBALI (BUDA'S DAUGHTER)

Colt: Reincarnation doesn't necessarily mean the baby is going to come out resembling your sister exactly

Me: Reincarnation means my sister's spirit is

coming back and it's going to live in our baby, She'll be reborn.. Tell me that ain't bulls hit?

Colt: I believe in reincarnation

He gave me the glass of wine. Then came and stood behind me, He mass aged my shoulders..

Me: Maybe we'll visit this conversation when we do have a baby

Colt: Maybe.. How was school?

Me: Hectic, But I'm getting the hang of it

Colt: You'll be fine

He kissed me at the back of my neck, Then my

cheek.

Colt: We can go and take a shower, Ease the tension

Me: Maybe we should

AFRO

Me: Where do you guys wanna eat tonight?

Naomi: McDonald's

Langa: I'm tired of McDonald's

Me: We can get home and prepare chicken with lasagne

Naomi: Mom prepares it better than you, I like hers better

Langa: Yeah Mom is not here, She won't be home until late

Naomi: Why does she always come home late?

Me: Because she works hard

Langa: Because she loves her job more

Me: That's not true, And I don't wanna hear you talking like that about your Mom

Langa: It is what it is

Me: Hey!

He put on his earphones. I shook my head..

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NOMVULA

I got home and the crew had eaten dinner already.
Afro was clearing the table..

Me: Lasagne?

Afro: I tried, Naomi had to critic it

Me: I'm sorry you'll get better

He kissed me on my cheek.

Afro: Naomi is done bathing and watching TV in her room, Langa is doing homework

Me: Thank you, Tomorrow I'm taking a day off since it's Naomi's birthday. Wanna drive her to preschool, Pick her up and we go out

Afro: That's a great idea, Shantel will be starting tomorrow so you guys will spend the day together and you can get to know her

Me: Wow seems like you had this woman working for us in your mind for a while now

Afro: What are you trying to say?

Me: I'm trying to say it was quick

He threw the dishes in the sink, One broke..

Afro: Ohw I'm sorry that I didn't tell you about this a while back but considering the situation I'm in. Having a career, Making sure the kids are safe when they get home. Cooking dinner for them or taking them out and making sure they in bed on time, Seems to be a full time job for me

Me: Ohh I'm sorry, You make it sound like I'm never home

Afro: You are here but you also not here!

Me: Wow

Afro: You make it sound like you the only one with a career yes you might slightly be earning more than me by just a small difference but that doesn't make you the head of this family!! Nor is it reason enough for you to neglect your family

Me: Forgive me for holding you back into marrying someone with an ordinary career so she could be a stay at home mom!

Afro: Are you hearing yourself right now? What has gotten into you? Where is the girl I fell in love with years ago?

Me: She grew up!!.. Can't expect me to be the same person on all these years

Langa: For the love of God, can you please take it down a notch. Naomi can hear the shouting

I took a deep breath..

Me: I'll go check up on my Daughter

Afro: No I got it

He wiped his hands..

Afro: You can check your emails and prepare for the meetings you'll be having tomorrow

He walked out..

Afro: Sorry buddy

Langa looked at me and shook his head...

FEZILE

I knocked..

Mom: Come in

I exhaled and opened the door, She was baking. We haven't spoken for 8 months, I haven't been home for 8 months. Ever since she busted me and my boyfriend..

Me: Good evening

Mom: Good evening

Me: I.. I wanted to pass by and see you before going home

She kept quiet for a long time..

Me: Never mind

I turned around to open the door..

Mom: Grab an apron so you can help me

I turned and looked at her..

Mom: I wanna make a colourful pretty cake for Naomi's birthday tomorrow. If I heard right, Gay guys have style

I chuckled and went to get the Apron..

I put it on and helped her...

Me: What are you making?

She pushed me a little..

Mom: Surprise me

Me: Okay I'll try my best

Mom: I'll make myself a cup of tea in the meantime

MANDISA

Mathi: Are you sure about this?

Me: Yes

I knocked..

Voice: Come in

I opened the door and walked in, Mathi followed me..

We closed the door..

Khosi showed up with a baby that she was breastfeeding..

Khosi: I'll be damned!!

Me: Khosi

Khosi: What the hell are you doing here? You not welcomed here

Me: I don't care.. I'm here to see my Daughter

Lwandle: Who is th-

She showed up, All grown..

Me: Lwandle

Lwandle: Mom??

NOMVULA

I knocked at his door..

Langa: Come in

I opened and walked in..

Me: Hey baby can we talk?

He put his laptop away..

Me: Your Father and I, We love each other very much and I love you guys too

Langa: I don't understand, You guys love each other very much but you also fight and argue very much

Me: You don't understand what you and I have been through baby, I know I never told you but we've been through a lot. I'm doing this for you and Naomi, So you guys will never have to go through what I

went through as a child

Langa: At least Dad is here, What about Naomi?
She's a girl and she needs you too

Me: Langa please I'm trying my hardest

Langa: You not trying your hardest, You don't even
wanna try

Me: I just.. I'm going to do better, I'm going to try
and be here most of the time

Langa: Dad needs help he's doing everything alone.
Never missed any of my sports day at school from
primary to high school, Never misses Naomi's ballet
classes you never there even for important
occasions

Me: I am always there for important occasions,
Never missed a birthday

Langa: Thank God for Aunty Lisa, She's your human
calendar

Me: Langa!!!

Langa: I'm sorry

Me: I am going to check on Naomi.. Good night

Langa: Good night

MANDISA

We clearly wasn't going to talk at the house, So we
walked to this other chill place by the corner to sit

there and talk.

Lwandle bought us a bucket full of savanna dumpies, I looked at it and looked at her..

She took one and opened it, Then started drinking. J ust gulping it down halfway..

Me: Are you an alcoholic?

Lwandle: What?

Me: This must cost at least R250 or so, You gulped that down like it was nothing

Lwandle: A lot has happened

Me: So you find comfort in alcohol?

Lwandle: Why not?

Me: Lwandle! You smarter than this

Lwandle: You the last Person to talk to me about right and wrong

Me: I am your Mother!

Lwandla: And you fucked me up first

Mathi: Okay guys let's try to calm down

Me: Okay.. I'm sorry, I didn't mean to judge

Lwandle: Thank you

Me: Lwandle I want you to come back home, I don't want you staying there anymore

Lwandle: I am moving out

Me: When?

Lwandle: Found a place, This week latest

Me: Come back home

Lwandle: No.. I need my own place, I need to be alone for a while

Me: Okay no pressure.. J ust glad to be talking to you

Mathi: Can a bolt get us from here?

Lwandle: Yaa.. We'll call it when you guys are ready to leave

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NOMVULA

This morning I had a very busy day. I woke up early to prepare breakfast for the family, Then drove the kids to school. I had to then drive to woolworths, Buy 2 cakes, snacks and drinks for Naomi's birthday today. Then drive back to drop them off...

By 11:00am I was at home, To meet Shantel. She showed up. A pretty looking blonde with a thick body type. Great smile and greenish eyes..

Shantel: I am grateful for this opportunity and I promise that you won't regret it

She was 5 years younger than me... Looking at her resume..

Me: You went to culinary school?

Shantel: Cooking is my passion. I find joy, Peace and excitement in cooking. It's also therapeutic for me

Me: I understand.. Well then welcome, Hoping we will have a good relationship you and I

Shantel: We will

Me: Our Sitter quit, Not on bad terms . Her husband got another job so they had to relocate, Meaning you'll also have to watch the kids when they come back from school till we come back home

Shantel: I will

Me: You okay with 20k a month?

Shantel: It's more than enough, Thank you

Me: Tell me are you married?

Shantel: Single.. Have been for 3 years, My fiancé passed on.. Car crash

Me: I'm sorry to hear that

Shantel: It's okay.. It's been a long time

(Silence)

Shantel: I'll start off with tidying up

Me: My bedroom is off limits

Shantel: Yes Mam

THEMBI

I made the cough mixture. Cooking oil, Brown sugar, And vinegar. I chucked it down. I have this terrible cough, At night I sweat and cough. I cough up this green thick mucus too.. My chest was painful too

from all the coughing..

I looked at the sugar container, It was empty. I don't have money to buy more. Actually I do, I have R50 but it's all reserved for beer..

I took my cellphone to call Nomvula, She had either blocked my number or changed her sim. Calling her office is useless, They no longer put me through anymore..

MANDISA

I was woken up by noise. I had a sore throat too, We slept on the floor in the living room.

Mathi was still sleeping...

We couldn't go home last night, We drank so much that Lwandle brought us back here. To sleep here, We tried requesting but no bolt driver was available.. It was pretty late..

Me: Mathi wake up

She resisted..

Me: Mathi wake up so we can go

She slowly opened her eyes..

The sponge we was sleeping on was old, Tearing up and smelling of urine..

I got up, And put on my jeans.. Khosi walked in..

Khosi: May this be the last time you sleep in my house

Me: Trust me, I didn't want too. I only did because my Daughter asked me too. My Daughter that you milking, My daughter who seems to have been carrying you and your kids on her shoulders

Khosi: We took care of your kid when you failed to be a Mother, Don't come here acting like you doing us any favours

Me: Mathi come on.. We leaving

I searched through my pockets, My money was missing. My R150..

Me: What?

I looked at Khosi..

Me: Did you steal my money?

Khosi: Excuse me?

Me: I had R150 in my pocket, It's gone now

Khosi: You guys got home drunk yesterday, Don't you think that perhaps you drank your money?

Mathi woke up..

Khosi: Just get out of my house please

NOMVULA

Me: Shantel

Shantel: Yes Mam?

Me: Rain please

Shantel: How can I be of help?

Me: Please write down a list of all the spices and everything that you comfortable cooking with. I'm going to go buy groceries

Shantel: I'll do so

Me: Or you can just whats app me everything

Here..

I handed her my phone..

Me: You can put in and save your number

Shantel: Okay

Me: I'll give you a minute

I went upstairs to change...

MANDISA

We decided to stop by at the same place for a few to drink, To kill the hangover..

Mathi: I had R700 in my bag, R500 is missing

Me: I'm telling you she stole our money. We got there drunk, She robbed us

Mathi: That was my last money and contribution to grocery

Me: This is why I want Lwandle to move out asap

Mathi: She's messing with a wrong woman, I'll show her

NOMAKHOSI

I did steal their money. They were so drunk that they didn't know what was happening.

At least I have R650 to buy food. R500 from Mathi

and R150 from Mandisa..

Today I needed to go to the hospital, So they can make arrangements for Buda to be taken. He gets his treatment there, I'm sure they'll help out. Make arrangements for him to be taken away, Because I cannot care for him at all..

AFRO

I called Nomvula to find out what's going on, How she is holding up with Shantel..

Her phone was answered by Shantel..

Shantel: Sir

Me: Hi.. Where is my wife?

Shantel: She is upstairs changing, She wanna go out do groceries

Me: Uhm okay.. What are you doing with her phone?

Shantel: Asked me to save my number so I could send her the grocery list

Me: Ohw I see.. Tell her I called

Shantel: I will Sir

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NOMVULA

I was strolling around checkers when Afro called..

Me: Babe

Afro: Mrs Dubazana, Did you get a message that I called?

Me: I did.. I was meant to call you back but I'm getting groceries, I forgot

Afro: Ohw

Me: Is everything good?

Afro: Was checking up on you and how you finding Shantel

Me: Her resume speaks for her. She's good. She went to culinary school and hinted before I left that she also did teaching foundation phase, Something like that

Afro: Yaa but that wasn't her passion. Her passion was culinary, She did teaching as a precaution and also because Parents wanted her too

Me: Seems like you know more about this girl

Afro: She did open up a lot about her life in the canteen, She talks a lot

Me: And she's beautiful

Afro: She is

Me: Sexy body

Afro: I wouldn't know that because I've only kept eye contact with her

Me: We happy right? I know we do have issues but we happily married right?

Afro: Of course we are

Me: I mean this is always what we wanted, And we've done it all that we said we were going to do. We have careers, Married and two wonderful kids

Afro: Wouldn't have it another way

Me: I'll see you at home, I wanted us to have some family dinner since it's Naomi's birthday

Afro: Okay see you later

Me: I love you

Afro: I love you more

SHANTEL

The most rich and admired couple in South Africa.
Wife slightly richer than the husband, But they rich. I wonder how they did it, It's very rare but they did it..

How do they make their marriage work, Considering the fact that they both have demanding careers??

The master bedroom was beautiful, Elegant. She has her own side of the closet, So does he. Her closet is sectioned. Makeup separate, Toiletries..

Their penthouse is breath taking, State of the art. Appliances, I don't even wanna go there. I'm still learning a few things. The cupboards you don't just open, There's a a button you press..

I sat on their bed, Very big. The ensuit bathroom, The shower head is what took me.. I laid back on the bed, I could live like this. I could also have a successful man and we can both come together and build something. Unfortunately the one I want, Is already married..

I got up from the bed and went to check their section of fame. She was on the forbes list, Won business awards. Articles.

Me: Amazing

I put the award down and went downstairs..

NOMAKHOSI

Me: Here

Nurse: Thank you

Me: No thank you.. I didn't know the hospital had a home that takes care of people with dementia

Nurse: We do, It's for families like you who can't care for the patient

Me: How do you guys make money?

Nurse: Government, Private sponsors

Me: That's good

Nurse: I'll send it through. It'll take 3 days for it to be processed then the patient will be fetched

Me: Thank you

MANDISA

Mathi: Got it

I was looking at Buda. He was sitting on the chair just blankly staring at the wall..

Me: I never thought this man would turn out like this one day

Mathi: Yaa we not here for that

Me: How can she leave and not even lock him in at least, What if he wanders off

Mathi: I don't think so.. Look at him

Me: Yaa

Mathi: Let's go.. I got her t-shirt

Me: Bye Buda

We walked out of the bedroom..

Buda: Mandisa

I stopped..

I turned and went to him.. I held his hand, He squeezed mine

Me: It's me.. Do you remember me?

He looked at me and then looked at the wall..

Me: I think he remembers me

Mathi: Sweet.. Now let's go

AFRO

Vero: You have a call

I picked up the phone..

Me: Bongani Dubazana speaking

Shantel: It's me.. Its Shantel

Me: Shantel.. Is everything okay?

Shantel: Everything is okay, I just wanted to check if my Father can still come through? I forgot to make the appointment

Me: Uhm.. Yaa sure, J ust say when

Shantel: I'll pass by his house and ask him

Me: No problem.. How are you finding everything?

Shantel: Your house is amazing, The kitchen is just perfect and your Wife. She's such a sweetheart

Me: Glad to hear that

Shantel: Can't wait to meet the kids, I hope they'll welcome me warmly

Me: I'm sure they will

Shantel: Thank you so much for the opportunity I won't disappoint

Me: I believe in you.. Just under no circumstances

should you go to the master bedroom. My wife doesn't like anyone invading her private space nor touching her things, I'm sure she told you

Shantel: She did communicate it with me, I'm just gonna keep it in the kids bedrooms and the kitchen

Me: Okay thank you.. I'll see you guys later

Shantel: Bye

Me: Bye

THEMBI

I coughed again, Under my Jersey..

Charm: Hayi Thembi.. Hayi.. Yabona le ngeke nje

ngiyimele (I won't stand this)

Me: Ima kancance maan kuyabanda (Wait a minute, It's cold)

Charm: It's not cold, And you have a nasty cough. You going to chase my customers away. Thembi you might have TB

Me: Haisuka.. It's just a cough

Charm: Do you even take your medication as indicated? Thembi ne Jean seyaziwela. I'm sure you wearing track pants under that Jean

Me: Eyy Charmaine

Charm: I'm not going to feel sorry for you. You are

killing yourself on purpose chaa!! Look at me and look at yourself, I don't drink and I take my meds. I hardly get sick

Me: I'm fine Charm.. I stress that's all

She shook her head..

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NOMVULA

I was scared of how the kids were going to receive Shantel. Langa is a teen with a mind of his own, Says almost to nothing..

Naomi was warming up to Shantel very well.

I was happy to see that. We were preparing her dinner party, She was excited to engage

Me: She seems to like you

Shantel: She is a lovely girl

Me: She is indeed

Shantel: If you don't mind me asking, How did you and Mr D meet?

Me: Mr D? Sounds vulgar

She laughed..

Me: I was 19 he was 20. We actually come from the same hood

Shantel: Wow

Me: Yes

Shantel: A true love story indeed

Me: Do you have someone special?

Shantel: Not at all, Been single for 3 years

Me: Are you open to a relationship?

Shantel: I am.. It's hard to find a good man these days

Me: We all destined to be with someone, Don't worry you'll find someone

Shantel: Thank you

MANDISA

Mathi: It's done, Khosi will steal all her life until someone kills her

Me: That's a bit extreme don't you think?

Mathi: We broke, She stole our money

Me: She did no lie, Maybe that will teach her

Mathi: Listen I don't think Lwandle is going to come and live here, I doubt she'll move from one toxic environment to the next

Me: We not toxic here

Mathi: We are very broke, She'll think that she has to support us too

Me: We hustle.. I would've gotten another job. I doubt an ex con, Who almost killed her boyfriend would wanna be hired

Mathi: It is sad

Me: We'll hustle though.. Tell me, Where did you get the money to pay for the consultation

Mathi: I'm a regular customer, I'll pay her

Me: Mathi out of everything you could possibly do,
You go for bewitching people

Mathi: People need to learn, And she'll learn the
hard way

THEMBI

I knocked.. Lwandle opened..

Me: Lwandle

Lwandle: Gogo

I walked in..

Me: Where is Khosi?

Lwandle: She's bathing the baby

Me: Okay

I coughed..

Lwandle: You don't look well Gogo

Me: I have a bad cough

Lwandle: Did you go to the clinic?

Me: No.. I'll address it with the Nurse when I go to

get my meds

Lwandle: Please do, Could be TB

Me: Yaa. What did you guys cook? I'm hungry

Lwandle: Sit down I'll dish up for you

AFRO

When I got home, Shantel was in the kitchen. She was standing at the stove, Back facing the door. She was singing..

She didn't notice me...

She was wearing a short dress, And boots. She does indeed have a sexy thick body..

I cleared my throat. She turned her head..

Shantel: Sir

She turned around completely..

Shantel: I didn't see you

Me: You were busy

Shantel: Yaa just preparing the dessert before leave

Me: Please join us

Shantel: Sir?

Me: It's my Daughter's birthday.. Please join us before you leave

Shantel: I don't wanna impose

Me: You not imposing

Shantel: I'd like that very much

Me: I'll go and freshen up

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I am feeling a bit better thank you

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AFRO

We were all sitting at the table having dinner. The food was delicious..

Me: Shantel the food was delicious

Rain: Indeed.. You know your way around the kitchen

Shantel: I get by

Naomi: I love the pudding

Me: If you like it that much, I'll make more for you but not everyday because too much sugar is not healthy for you and your teeth

She tickled her.. Naomi laughed..

Shantel: Langa are you okay? Are you enjoying the pudding?

Langa: It's delicious

Shantel: That's what every cook wants to know, Maybe tomorrow I can cook your favourite meal

Me: Langa gets by well with junk food

Shantel: That's not healthy especially since you play basket ball

Me: I always tell him

Langa: I'll be fine

Shantel: I'd like to see you play, When's the next time you playing?

Langa: Really?

Shantel: Yeah why not?

Langa: Cool.. My it'll help a lot, My Mom is too busy. She's never seen me play in a long time

Me: Langa

Shantel: I'm sure if she could be there she would, I don't think she does it on purpose

Rain: Excuse me

She got up from the table and went to the bedroom..

Shantel: I think I should clear the table and leave, It is pretty late

Me: It's okay we'll clear the table

Shantel: It's really no trouble

Me: You've done so much already, We'll clear the table

Shantel: Okay I'll get my bag and jacket then go

Me: I'll walk you out to your car

Langa: We'll clear the table

NOMAKHOSI

The kids were getting ready for bed..

Lwandle: Hey let me talk to you for a second

Me: Okay

I walked out..

Lwandle: I found a place, I'll start moving my things there tomorrow

Me: Where is it?

Lwandle: 2 rooms, In the next hood. Rent is R1800,
Someone's backyard. Quite reasonable

Me I'm saddened to see you leave but then I
understand, I'm going to miss you

Lwandle: I'll still help around, R500 every month

Me: Thank you.. I'm sure now you'll be able to have
a relationship too and your boyfriend will visit you in
your own place

Lwandle: Yeah sure

She walked away..

Me: Lwandle?

Lwandle: Yeah?

Me: Are you lesbian?

Lwandle: What?

Me: You dress more like a tomboy and I've never seen you or heard you talking about a guy

Lwandle: Goodnight Khosi

AFRO

Me: I'm so sorry about that

Shantel: It's okay, I hope Rain wasn't too offended

Me: Yaa she.. She works hard and hardly around,
The kids just don't understand

Shantel: It's life

We looked at each other, I bit my lower lip..

Shantel: I should get going

I moved closer to her and put my hand on her cheek,
Whilst my other hand was still in my pocket and
kissed her.. I pulled away..

Me: I'm so sorry, I don't know wh-

She kissed me.. Then ran her hand on my crotch. I
got an instant erection when I grabbed her phat ass..

She forced her hand inside my sweat pants. I moved her and pinned her against her car. We were in the parking lot, In the basement. It was quiet and the area we were in was a bit dark..

She lowered my sweat pants, I wasn't wearing any briefs. She crouched down and grabbed my hard dick then put it in her mouth. I closed my eyes as she gave me a BJ . I grabbed on her hair made her deep throat..

She went on for a while then I pulled her up with her hair. I pinned her against the car again and lowered her underwear all the way down..

I ran my hand on her smooth shaved coochie.. I grabbed her leg and placed it high against my waist. She grabbed my dick and pushed it in..

Shantel: I'll get a morning after pill tomorrow

morning, I promise

With that being said, I pushed further in. She put her hand on my abs and moaned, Slightly pushing me back..

I pulled her to me a little so I could grab on her ass as I fucked her and her moaning softly. She placed both her arms around my neck and we tongue kissed..

NOMVULA

Langa had no business putting our problems on blast like that in front of the stranger..

When I was calm, I walked back to the kitchen. Langa and Naomi were clearing up the table..

Me: Where is Daddy?

Langa: He walked Shantel to her car

Me: Ohw.. Shantel left?

Naomi: Yes

Me: I need to talk to you guys

They looked at me..

Me: I know we having problems, But please let's not discuss our problems in front of people. Shantel is new and I don't want us welcoming her with our problems.. Agreed?

Langa: Agreed

Naomi: Agreed

AFRO

I squeezed her ass tight as I came deep inside of her whilst breathing in and out deep.. I stayed inside of her for a few seconds before pulling out. When I did, My sperms ran down her thighs..

She pulled up her underwear and wore it.

I made sure that I wasn't licking, Then pulled my pants up..

Shantel: Good night, I'll see you tomorrow morning

She kissed me..

Me: Good night

She got her key out, Unlocked her car and got it. I closed the door, She started it and then reversed to leave..

I watched her driving away. I walked to the elevator, I pressed the button to my penthouse and saw my wedding ring on my finger..

Me: Fuck!!

SHANTEL

When I was at a short distance, I pulled over and took a breath. That was wild, I didn't expect it to happen so quickly. Meaning Mr D has been eyeing me for a while. I will buy the morning after pill, I'm

not going to get pregnant as yet. He's smart, I don't want him thinking I am trying to trap him..

I placed my hand on my chest..

Me: Wow.. Ohh my word.. Wow!!

NOMVULA

Afro walked in..

Me: Where are you coming from?

Afro: I walked Shantel to her car then went out for fresh air

Me: I'm almost done here, The kids are already in bed

Afro: I'm going to lie down, You'll find me in bed

Me: Afro

Afro: Yes?

I walked up to him..

Me: I spoke to the kids, I don't want us welcoming Shantel with problems

Afro: It's okay

He walked closer and kissed me on my forehead. I could smell Shantel's perfume on him..

Afro: Goodnight.. I love you

Me: I love you too

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NOMVULA

The next morning I was up very early because a lot was on my mind. Helped the kids prepare for school, And then prepared for work. I was sitting at the counter drinking coffee when Afro came down, Prepared for work too..

Afro: You were up early.. Good morning

Me: Good morning

He walked over and kissed me, His cologne was smelling but I still couldn't get the smell of Shantel's perfume on him last night..

Me: I've been restless

Afro: Are you okay?

Me: I'm fine

Afro: Talk to me, What's wrong?

Me: Would you cheat on me?

Afro: Huh?

Me: Last night, I could smell her perfume on you

He put his mug down and came to me. He held my hands..

Afro: I have a beautiful wife and kids that I adore. Why would I ruin my perfect family? We did hug as I bid her farewell. In her culture that's what they do and I didn't wanna seem rude

Me: You said if you don't want me anymore, You'll tell me than cheat

Afro: And that still stands

He kissed me on my forehead..

Afro: How about we go out tonight, Been a while since we last did date night

Me: I know.. We should

Afro: 19:00?

Me: I'll be home by 18:00

He kissed me..

Me: I love you

Afro: I love you too

LWANDLE

I was off today, Which gave me time to move out from Khosi's place to my place.

My mom came to help me..

Mom: It's good.. Bedroom and kitchen combined,
Then the bathroom

Me: I'll do well here

Mom: I'm so proud of you

Me: I'm proud of myself

Mbali called..

Me: I have to take this, It's Mbali

I walked out to answer..

Me: Hey

Mbali: Hey.. Wanted to wish you well on moving

Me: Already started

Mbali: That's good

Me: Yaa that place is just not healthy

Mbali: That's why I drag to visit, Only visit
Nomvula's place

Me: How is Colt?

Mbali: He's good.. We good.. So did you finally get the courage to tell the manager that you like her?

Me: She's my manager and a good friend, I don't wanna ruin that

Mbali: So you'll die inside?

Me: I'll die inside

Mbali: Lwandle

Me: I'll be good

Mbali: Okay you should come this side and visit

Me: I'll come as soon as I'm free

Mbali: Okay can't wait.. Let me get to class

Me: Talk later

Mbali: Bye

SHANTEL

This morning I was wearing skinny jeans, A top and wedge heels. My J ean folded a bit at the bottom..

I walked in, Afro was still around..

Me: Good morning

Afro: Good morning

I unzipped my bag, Took out the morning after pill..

Me: I'm late because I had to get these

Afro: It's okay

I went over to the sink.. To drink..

Afro: You look

Me: Thank you

He walked over to me..

Afro: Very good that I might wanna be late at work on purpose

He wrapped his arms around my waist..

Me: I don't want Rain walking in on us

Afro: She's already left for work

Me: I see

I ran my hands on his arms..

Afro: What?

Me: You have a good wife and such things do find a way out

Afro: Honestly speaking.. My wife and I, We are not currently doing good. I don't think our relationship is as how it was back then, The love is fading

Me: Divorce fading?

Afro: Maybe but I don't wanna out right and say it, But I will end things soon.. I promise

Me: I didn't know that you had the hearts for me

Afro: I did, Since from the office

Me: Wow and I have always had an eye on you

He kissed me...

NOMVULA

I got into my office, Lisa followed me with my Caramel frappe..

Lisa: Good morning Mrs Dubazana

Me: Good morning Lisa

Lisa: Here you go

Me: Thank you.. I actually wanted to talk to you

Lisa: I'm listening

Me: I wanna half my hours . Knock off at 16:00

Lisa: Wow.. That's unexpected.. Everything okay?

Me: My husband brought home a pair of white legs and trust me I'm starting to get scared

Lisa: Did you talk to him about it?

Me: I don't wanna come off as jealous and paranoid. I might push him away, Plus she hasn't done anything that would make me not to trust her

Lisa: I think that's good.. Focusing on the marriage and kids

Me: Maybe soon we might need to find me a replacement. Check out potential candidates

Lisa: I've been saying

Me: Yaa and you were right

SHANTEL

I held the door for him as he walked out..

Afro: Have a good day, I'll call you later

Me: You too

He kissed me..

Afro: Bye

Me: Bye

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AFRO

I was getting through my day with a little bit of music playing..

"She's up all night 'til the sun
I'm up all night to get some
She's up all night for good fun
I'm up all night to get lucky"

The music stopped, Meaning I had an incoming call.
I answered, It was Shantel.

Shantel: Have you had lunch as yet?

I looked at the time it was 12:00..

Me: In an hour

Shantel: Great because I am bringing you some?

Me: To the office?

Shantel: Yes I'll be there as if like I'm checking up on the old crew then drop your lunch upstairs

Me: Okay better

Shantel: I'll make you your favourite. Chilli beef

soup with toasted bread. Long started on the beef

Me: Uuuu.. I'll love that

Shantel: I'll be there soon, Then I'll go get the kids

Me: Okay.. I'll be waiting

Nomvula only did that gesture of bringing me lunch at work maybe once or twice, Then she didn't anymore..

NOMVULA

Lisa: They waiting

Me: Flowers didn't come?

Lisa: No

Me: Ohw

Lisa: Maybe he's forgotten

Me: Afro never forgets to send me flowers every Friday morning

Lisa: He's a man, They forget

Me: He's Afro.. He never forgets

Lisa: I doubt he would do that on purpose though

Me: Yaa asazi (We don't know)

PATRICIA (AFRO'S MOTHER)

Fezi: What's wrong? You look distraught

Me: I asked Afro if Naomi can have her birthday this side this weekend, None of them got back to me.
Him and Vula

Fezi: Rain and Afro work hard Ma, They busy People.
I don't think they would do that on purpose to hurt you

Me: I know they wouldn't but both can't find time from their busy schedule to plan Naomi's party?
She's officially turning 5

Fezi: I'll call Afro later and see what's happening

Me: Okay baby thank you

Fezi: I have to go, I'll see you later

Me: Don't forget to bring your boyfriend to dinner tonight, So I can officially meet him

He kissed me on my cheek..

Fezi: Anxious, But I won't forget

Me: Okay.. Get out of here, I love you

Fezi: I love you too

NOMAKHOSI

After helping him bath, I sat him on the chair. This is very hard for me, I can't wait for Monday where they finally take him away..

I heard a knock..

I went to check, It was my Mother. She walked in..

Mom: Khosi

Me: Ma

Mom: How are you?

Me: I'm good and you?

Mom: Hayi kuyala (It's hard)

She looked exhausted and weak, Was even struggling to breath..

Me: Kodwa Ma, You really sick

Mom: In days like this, I miss Gqibi. She would've long taken me to the Dr. I have a Daughter who is rich, Who wants nothing to do with me. Probably purposed she'll be at my funeral only

Me: Clinic

Mom: The Queues there, People wake up very early

Me: So you'd rather die

Mom: I'll be fine.. I use the cooking oil mixture

Me: Ohw

She sat down and coughed..

NOMVULA

I looked at them..

Me: I'm sorry this might keep you guys from lunch a little but.. It's important

I exhaled..

Me: Starting from Today, I have taken the decision to cut my working hours. I'll be knocking off at 16:00. Another thing is that. I will be closely

monitoring you guys, Looking at you to see who can be and has more potential of being a CEO

Their eyes widened at the mention of that.

Me: I hope everyone will be on their A game from today and onwards.. That would be all for now,
Thank you

AFRO

Shantel did show up with my favourite meal.

Me: I have been waiting for this, Thank you very much

Shantel: You are welcome

Me: Did you see the crew?

Shantel: I did, They busy too

Me: I think they do miss you around here

Shantel: Should I come back?

Me: Fuck not!

She laughed....

Shantel: How about you work late tonight, When I knock off. You can come visit me

Me: Errr tonight won't do, I'm taking the wife out for dinner

Shantel: Ohw

Me: But weekends I am not working, Maybe we can spend time together tomorrow?

Shantel: I'll be working I think

Me: She's not going in tomorrow, You don't work on weekends unless it's an emergency

Shantel: Well then we will spend tomorrow together

Me: I can't wait

Shantel: I can't wait too

I sat down to eat..

Shantel: I should go get the kids

Me: Okay do so

Shantel: I'll see you later

She walked out...

NOMVULA

I think I had waited a long time now, The day will even almost end. I called him..

Afro: Baby

Me: I didn't get my flowers today

Afro: Ohh shit.. I forgot

Me: Forgot? That's unlike you. You don't just forget

Afro: I was stressed out this morning by a client,
That's why it slipped my mind

Me: No matter how much of a bad day you have,
You don't forget to send me flowers

Afro: Fuck Rain what do you want me to say? I said
I forgot, What now? You gonna crucify me for
fucken flowers? J ust one day? When you fucken
forget almost a whole lot of shit that I let slide?

Me: Wow!

Afro: I'm just under a lot of stress right now with work, Please don't do this.. I don't wanna fight

Me: Bye Afro

I didn't wait for him to say goodbye back..

AFRO

I immediately got up and went to my assistant..

Me: Hey Vero

Vero: Sir?

Me: Please get me white Roses, 4 bouquets of them

and send them to my wife's office

Vero: I was surprised, Thought maybe you already sent them yourself

Me: I fucken forgot and now she's going to bitch about it

Vero: No problem Sir, What should be written on the card?

Me: I don't know maybe.. "I'm sorry, I love you"

Vero: I'll do that Sir

Me: Thank you

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NOMVULA

When my time to knock off came, I dreaded going home. So I decided to go with Lisa to her house, And see her Mother. No matter how mad Afro is, He's never spoken to me like that before. I don't know why he did, I don't care how much pressure he's under but that was uncalled for..

As Lisa and I indulged in wine and chocolates, I looked at the time. It was now 20:00..

Lisa: At least tomorrow we not working

Me: Yaa

Lisa: Are you sure you don't wanna go home?

Me: I hate tension, I hate fighting with him. I hate doing it in the presence of the kids too

My phone vibrated again, It was another message from him..

I read it:

"You better fucken have a good explanation for this, Apart from missing our date night. You a Mother and a wife who is not at home at this time of the night? You don't even think about your kids?"

I tossed it away..

Lisa: Another message?

Me: Just wanna drive him crazy a little

Nocawe: Are we sure we wanna drive him crazy?

I sat up straight on the couch..

Me: Ma

Nocawe: I see it all, But I'm not going to tell you anything for now. We'll have this conversation again one day.. Do you guys have enough blankets?

Lisa: Uhm.. I'm not sure if Vula will sleep over

Nocawe: She will. She's made up her mind

Lisa: I guess so

Me: Thank you Ma

Nocawe: I will never understand this generation,
You guys take marriage like it's a joke. Lisa too,
Why are you not at your husband?

Me: I did tell my husband that I'll be at home this
weekend, Plus he's working out of town

Nocawe: Hmmm

She walked away.. Lisa and I looked at each other
and laughed..

AFRO

I was busy pacing up and down..

Shantel: Stop it, You'll give me a headache

Me: When are you leaving again?

Shantel: Afro!

Me: My wife is not home, I drove by her work. She's not there. It's closed. She's not picking up her phone, She's not answering texts. At least I know she's still alive because she reads the damn whatsapp messages but don't reply. She better not be cheating on me because I swear

Shantel: You also cheating, What's the difference?

Me: Did I make a mistake by hiring you

Shantel: Okay.. I don't know what's gotten into you but you need to calm down

Me: I graduated on top of my class, I'm fucken smart.. Nomvula can't beat me

Shantel: Doesn't she have friends?

Me: Only one.. Lisa

Shantel: Could she be there?

Me: I texted her, Rain is not with her. Plus Lisa is married, She's probably at her house where she should be.. He better be worth it, I swear he better

be worth it

Shantel: Okay I think I'm going to leave

Me: No.. Don't

Shantel: You are obviously not feeling good, And I don't think I wanna sit here and listen to you blabbering about her when yesterday you were making promises to me. Bloody married Men, You guys are all the same. Empty promises

She picked up her bag from the bed..

Shantel: You were never going to divorce her were you?

Me: Shantel

Shantel: Goodnight Afro

Me: My kids are going to be worried upon realising that their Mother is not home

Shantel: Don't.. These kids are used to it, I don't think it's the first time. They probably thinking Mom is working late again

I walked up to her..

Me: Please don't leave

I held her hand..

Me: Just don't

Shantel: Good night.. I'm leaving

NOMAKHOSI

Me: Lwandle I'm so sorry about this

Lwandle: Don't mention it

I looked at my Mother laying on the stretcher..

Me: I will come back as soon as they admit her

Lwandle: It's late, Come back tomorrow morning.
Sleep on the chairs

Paramedic: We need to go

Lwandle: Call me when you get there

Me: I will

Mom was getting worse, I had no choice but to call the ambulance. Since she's been here, She got worse..

As we were driving to the hospital, I texted Nomvula..

AFRO

Shantel did leave, I took my phone and called my Mother..

Mom: Unusual for you to call at this time

Me: You not sleeping right?

Mom: Was about to pray

Me: Pray for your Daughter in law

Mom: Why? What's happened?

Me: She's not here Ma

Mom: She's still at work?

Me: She's not.. I don't know where she is. She is not picking up

Mom: Hai Afro, That does n't sound good

Me: I think she's cheating

Mom: Huh?

Me: She reads whatsapp messages but not answering, At least she's safe

Mom: What's going on with you guys?

Me: What's going on with Rain

Mom: I'll try and call her

Me: Please

Mom: Okay baby, I'll call her

NOMVULA

We were now watching a chick flick..

My phone vibrated, It was Pat..

Me: He called his Mother!

Lisa: Really?

Me: Yes.. She's calling me

Lisa: Answer?

Me: Are you mad? And tell her what?

Lisa: That you here

Me: So she can tell her Son, Then he comes here.. I don't think so

Lisa: He could be seriously worried about you, To call his Mother

Me: I can't believe he's bringing his mother into this, I wonder if he told her how he spoke to me

Lisa: Hayi.. You and Afro

Me: I'm switching off my phone

I switched it off..

Lisa: Rain I hope you know what you doing!

SHANTEL

I pulled over and cried..

I really thought he was serious with his promise, I thought he was going to leave her. I was only fooling myself, For him to be that mad. Means he does still love his wife, He's never going to leave her..

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NOMVULA

The next morning, Despite my headache and

hangover from wine. I woke up at 6am and had to drive back home...

When I got home, Naomi and Langa were sitting on the couch. Eating cereal and watching TV..

Me: Hello guys

Naomi: Mommy!

Me: Hi baby

Naomi: Were you at work?

Me: Yes but I have news for you guys

Langa was still watching TV..

Me: Langa

He looked at me..

Me: I have cut my working hours, So from now on. I'll be home early, I'll be knocking off at 16:00 and I won't work on weekends anymore

Langa: Really?

Me: Yes.. No more late lights anymore unless it's really really really important

Langa: That's good

Me: That means I'll be able to watch your matches and Naomi's ballet dances

Naomi was excited. Langa smiled a little, That smile of "I'm impressed"..

Me: Let me go bath, Rest a little then we'll see what we gonna do for today

Naomi: Yeeey!!!

Now the biggest elephant in the room upstairs...

NOMAKHOSI

Me: Thank you for looking after the kids and him

Lwandle: You welcome

Me: I can't believe Nomvula is not replying, She's mizing. Mom is really sick, What if she dies? We don't have a funeral cover anymore. It lapsed because she couldn't pay anymore

Lwandle: Don't you know where she lives?

Me: No.. Never been there

Lwandle: Go where she works

Me: I doubt she'll wanna see me

Lwandle: You might never know, If she doesn't wanna see you then you'll know you tried

Me: I'll go Monday, Mom is going to need food too

Lwandle: I'll buy some fruits etc then bring them later

Me: Thank you so much Lwandle, You've done a lot for us. May God bless you

Lwandle: It's okay, Buda did a lot for me too and you did

Me: At least someone who acknowledges

NOMVULA

I got into the bedroom, He was standing by our big mirror cleaning his glasses. He was already dressed up as if like he is going somewhere.. I closed the door..

Me: Good morning

Afro: You have 5min to give me an explanation that makes sense, I have 5 seconds not to get mad

He wore his glasses..

Me: I was with Lis s

Afro: I texted Lisa she said you weren't with her

Me: I asked her to say that

Afro: Is it?

He turned around and looked at me..

Afro: And your phone?

Me: I just didn't wanna talk to you

Afro: If you don't wanna talk to me, Then don't!.. If you don't wanna see me then fucken sleep in the guest room but what about your kids? What about the fact that you a married woman and not sleeping at home?

Me: It was just one night

Afro: One night too many, It's not the first time. The last times I understood, It was work when you were starting your company and working hard

Me: Why would I wanted to come home to someone who spoke to me like that yesterday in the afternoon?

Afro: I was under a lot of stress! That doesn't mean you should go out there and sleep around

Me: Sleep around? Excuse you? I was with Lisa!

Afro: Then maybe marry Lisa

Me: Maybe I will!!

He charged at me. I took a few steps back and the bed blocked me. I was scared..

Me: If you hit me I'm going to take the kids and leave, You'll never see us again

He stopped really close to me, By now. My heart was beating very fast..

Me: I'm going to file for divorce, Take the kids and you'll never see them ever again. I'll make sure of it

Afro: Are you threatening me?

Me: It's a promise. I'll never put Langa nor Naomi in an environment that has physical abuse

Afro: If you wanna leave just say so, You can go! What you going to do is not threaten me about my children.. Do you understand?

Me: At least I'm still wearing my ring, I don't see yours in your finger. Let's talk about leaving now

Afro: You selfish do you know that? You the most selfish cunt I've ever known

Me: And you the most Psychopathic asshole I've ever known

He moved away a little, Then without warning. He punched me in the middle of my face. I fell back to the bed..

Afro: Go open a case, Go file for divorce but just know one thing. You leaving alone, You not fucken taking my kids! If you want us to go in court, If you want put them through that then let's do it!

He walked away, Taking his car keys and his wallet with...

SHANTEL

I was making breakfast, Whilst on the call with my

Sister..

Gerda: It's unusual for a married man to leave his wife, Unless he really wanna leave

Me: I was fooled, I won't be fooled again

Gerda: Yes.. You did a mistake, Learn from it and move on

Me: I'm going to need a new job. I can't be working for someone that I have feelings for and then act like everything is okay

Gerda: I'll help you search for another job

Me: Thank you Sis

NOMVULA

I checked myself in the mirror again. I had stopped bleeding, The nose bleed had stopped. My nose bridge was swollen, Not sure if it was broken but hurt when I poked it. My white blouse had blood stains..

I took my phone and took pictures.. I sent his Mother.. Then I sent Fezi too.. With the message:

"I am going to have him arrested, And then file for divorce!"

FEZILE

My phone beeped. I checked my WhatsApp. I loaded the pictures that Nomvula sent me. With the message..

Me: Wtf??

My Mother's phone call came through..

Me: Mom

Mom: Afro hit Rain

Me: She sent me the pictures, I saw

She started crying..

Mom: She's going to have him arrested, She's going to divorce him. The judge won't grant him any custody after this. I'll never see my Grandchildren again, He's going to lose his entire career (crying)

Me: Try and call Rain, I'll call him to come over then I'll come over so we can talk. Just calm down we'll get to the bottom of this

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AFRO

Mom and Fezi kept calling me. Nomvula already ran the matter to them. With how fucked up my day was already, I decided to go and get it over with..

My Mom was upset, Hurt and had been crying. Fezi looked defeated..

They sat on the joint couch, I sat alone on the opposite couch facing them..

Fezi got up pulled the small table a little to my couch. Sat on it and then looked at me..

Fezi: I don't know what happened, I don't know what's happening and I don't wanna know what's happening. Afro no matter the situation in a relationship or marriage, You only have two choices. You walk away, Or you do dumb shit like that. You shot this woman first when she cheated long time ago, Now you beating her? It's no longer about you and her. There's kids involved, You think Langa and Naomi will see it any other way? Other than you beating their Mother? Remember when Dad was beating Mom? What happened?

Me: We all know what happened

Fezi: I wanna hear it from you

Me: You shot him

Fezi: That's how you remember it?

Me: That's how it happened

Fezi: No.. You shot Dad

Me: What?

Mom: It's true.. Fezi didn't, You did

Fezi: You were young and we said it's me because we didn't want you to live with that memory

Me: If I shot Dad, I'd remember

Fezi: You don't remember because you suppressed that memory, I guess it was too traumatic for you. You just pushed it back and acted like it never happened

Me: I shot Dad?

Mom: You did

Fezi: All I'm saying is that if Rain is cheating again. You can walk away

I took off my glasses..

Me: Rain is not cheating, I am

They both were shocked..

Me: Her name is Shantel

Mom: You not only beating Rain, You cheating too and you accuse her of cheating?

NOMVULA

I had to call Lisa to come over. I didn't wanna go out of the bedroom, I didn't want the kids to see me like this nor have them ask questions I didn't wanna answer too.

Lisa came with her Mother, She took them out for a proper breakfast as her Mother wanted to talk to me..

Me: I could've made the tea

Nocawe: You did help by telling me where everything is

Me: Thank you

Nocawe: Are you ready?

Me: Yes

Nocawe: Some of the things will hurt, But I need you to be rational. Might be confusing too

Me: I'm ready

Nocawe: He is cheating, Not only is he cheating but. It seems like he's really starting to be fond of this

woman. He's always been just never acted on it

Me: What?

Nocawe: I'm seeing a white thick woman, He even brought her here

Me: Ohh my word!! Shantel

Nocawe: If you don't believe me, Ask him.. He will admit

Me: So that bastard is cheating but has the nerve to beat me?

Nocawe: I'm not done. We can't keep the kids and Lisa away forever, You'll run through the emotions when I'm done

She pulled the box of tissues closer..

Nocawe: You and your husband are in what we call a karmic relationship or marriage. They start out well at times, Passionate but they not here to stay. They here to teach us something. You've done very well for yourself, But even when you have it all. You still live in the memories of the past. You are today what you never were, You grew up in a home shadowed. Overlooked, A push over. You were never respected, You were never treated that you matter and the trauma of that shaped you to be this way. Now you want that respect and you don't wanna lose it, You'd never let anyone look down on you ever. You protecting your inner child by all means so she doesn't hurt again. Problem is that you doing it all wrong, You even bleeding on the wrong people. Afro is your karmic cycle to show you that if you keep on, Yes you will have all the money but you'll be alone because you push everyone away.. You've put this man through it all,

It's not right what he did. Can't be excused because he chose to do it, But you pushed him away to someone else where he feels loved and respected. Both of you had all the chances to walk away from each other but you never did, Now you are becoming very toxic to each other. It's a competition of "Who'll hurt the other one better"

I wiped my tears..

Me: I love my husband and I admit, I've had my own flaws but.. I didn't put our marriage in a position where we can't work through it. I didn't bring someone and lied to my wife, Neither have I hit him. That's not fixable

Nocawe: And it's okay. All in all, In this marriage. You matter more to yourself and he matters more to himself too, Letting go might seem harder because you've been with him for all these years but don't you think that maybe now it's time you guys find

your individual happiness? Then when you have you date back to this and won't repeat the same mistakes you did with Afro on the next person

I took out a tissue and wiped my tears..

Nocawe: It's time to cut the cord

AFRO

Me: I have been patient with her, Supported her. Despite her not being available most of the time, When she finally made it. She lost all the respect for me. Didn't see me as her husband and I understand. Most women when they are at the top, Starting to make more money they wanna wear the pants. They neglect everything. I don't know the last time we had sex, Went out, Or actually me enjoying my wife's cooking. Not only did she neglect our marriage, But the kids too. Shantel came along,

Cook at work and I fell in love. Spending time with her every day though it wasn't physical at first, She showed me a different side. A side that I wasn't getting from my marriage anymore. I love my wife but I don't think I'm inlove with her anymore

It was silence for a minute. I took off my glasses and wiped the corners of my eyes..

Fezi sniffed and cleared his throat..

Fezi: So why not end it then? What are you hoping for? A miracle?

Me: I was hoping that we would fix it, But I don't think so anymore

Mom: This is too much for me, Excuse me

She excused herself..

Fezi: You've come far baby bro, She goes out. You are done. She has all the evidence, No client would wanna associate with a woman beater. You'll also lose your kids, Worse she might too because of negligence. You guys have to talk, An honest conversation and figure it out. This can't be anymore

NOMVULA

Nocawe excused herself to go to the bathroom..

I picked up my phone and called Shantel..

Shantel: Hello

Me: I'm going to ask you something, And I need your honest truth

Shantel: Uhm.. Okay?

I walked over to the sink..

Me: Are you sleeping with my husband?

She kept quiet..

Me: It's already out Shantel, He told me. We were arguing this morning and he told me

Shantel: Yes.. First encounter was when he walked me to the parking lot, He pinned me against his car and fucked me

I turned on the tap. Ran the water, Wet my hand and put it on my forehead..

Shantel: Without a condom, And thank God I bought a morning after

My temperature was rising, I was feeling hot all of a sudden..

Shantel: I'm sorry

I hung up... I put my phone on the counter and cried..

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Don't forget our sponsor for the bonus. We almost there

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NOMVULA

My husband and I have been together for many years. I went through my most difficult times in life with Afro, I went through my best times with him. Afro believed in me when I didn't believe in myself, He has lost it a few times years but he's always been there. Loved me, Has been patient with me and supported me..

I hurt him once a very long time ago, And that one time was the last of it. I love him, He loved me and my Son. He was never a step father, But a father who stepped up.

Shit just got real now. Shit got real and I was losing my mind. I trusted him, He's never given me a reason not to trust him until today. Not only did he not cheat, He put my life at risk. He had unprotected sex, Hitting it raw.. The pain hits different..

When the kids got back, I had them pack up. They'll be at their Grandmas for a few days up until Afro and I get to the bottom of this..

Langa: We done packing

I had put band aids to cover my whole nose bridge..

Me: Did you get all your staff?

Langa: Yes

Me: Okay let me go see how Naomi is doing

I walked out to her bedroom with Langa following me..

Me: Did you pack all your toys?

Naomi: Yes

Me: Okay. Uhm.. Langa make sure all her preschool things are packed up.. I'll pack her clothes

Langa: Okay

Naomi: What happened to your nose?

Me: I fell

Naomi: Were you running?

Me: Yes

Naomi: Running is dangerous, You can fall

Me: I know

Naomi: So why did you run?

Me: Naomi please.. Not now

Langa: Why don't you go get your foam bath and other things in the bathroom

Naomi: Okay

She ran out..

I opened her drawer..

Me: Underwears, Pjs, Clothes, J ackets incase it gets cold

Langa came and held my hands that were shaking..

Langa: Let me

Me: I got it

Langa: I know, I just wanna help

I got up from kneeling and went to sit on Naomi's

bed.. I couldn't hold back, I just cried.. I covered my face with my hands. I felt Langa lowering my hands. He was kneeling before me..

Langa: You are slightly bad at this mothering thing now, J ust a little bit

I chuckled..

Langa: But I am 16, There's no memory of my childhood I recall that was traumatic wanna know why?

Me: Why?

Langa: Because you never allowed it, All my memories as a child are ones that make me happy and that what makes you a good mother. You don't have to have it all figured out, And it's okay. I know

you doing your best and I'm proud of you. You are an amazing person, And I know we clash a lot but there's one thing I hate and that's to see you cry because it hurts me too. It's okay, You going to be okay ain't that what you always say?

Me: I don't know if it's going to be okay now (Crying)

Langa: We'll figure it out, We always do

He hugged me and I squeezed him tight..

Langa: I love you and we'll figure it out

SHANTEL

I took the black plastic bag from the bin then walked to the door. I opened and he was sitting right next to

it. He has been here for almost 2 hours. He has knocked and I didn't wanna open, I thought he was gone but he wasn't..

I went to throw the plastic in the big trash bin, I walked back and opened the door wider..

Me: Come in

He walked in.. I closed the door..

Me: I can't believe you've been sitting there for all this time

I turned around to face him and he kissed me..

Me: Afro what the hell? One moment you confessing your love for your wife and treating me

like shit, The next moment you here kissing me

Afro: She texted me, Told me we need to talk because she called you and you came clean

Me: She told me you came clean

Afro: It doesn't matter.. What matters it's out, She knows which makes it easier

He held both my hands..

Afro: I wanna be with you, I know now that I wanna be with you. My wife and I, We were long over we just didn't know it. I wasn't happy anymore, Only came alive and happy when you came through. I wanna be with you

Me: Afro

Afro: I think I have fallen in love with you, From our moments at the office until now. I wanna be with you

Me: I don't believe you, You might be taking me for a ride

Afro: I am not.. J ust give us a chance

Me: Please don't hurt me

Afro: I won't.. I promise you

He kissed me again..

NOMVULA

We were driving down to Pat's house...

Langa was in charge of the Playlist. A certain song came up. One of their songs, This generation. Listening to it and I think he played it on purpose. I related to it..

"every time you're there I'm begging you to stay
When you come close I just tremble
And every time, every time you go
It's like a knife that cuts right through my soul
Only love, only love can hurt like this
Only love can hurt like this
Must have been a deadly kiss
Only love can hurt like this
Only love can hurt like this"

Tears streamed down.. He held my free hand and I squeezed it. He was sitting in the front sit, And my goal now was to get my kids to their Grandmother's place safe and sound...

Naomi: Can we stop and get ice cream?

Langa: We'll get it when we get to Grandmother's

Naomi: Why?

Langa: Mom is sick we can't stop

Naomi: Please

Langa: No

He turned and looked at her..

Langa: Don't frown, You look like a puppy. Puppies are cute

I chuckled through my tears..

This moment warmed my heart, Langa cares and loves his Sister so much. I wish I had that type of closeness with my siblings too when we were growing up..

FEZILE

Pat: Nomvula is bringing the kids over for a couple of days

Me: Here's your tea

Pat: I don't wanna be one of those mother in laws, I love Rain like she's my Daughter. I don't wanna hate Afro's newly found love because my love is with Nomvula

Me: Afro has chosen his path. We can't force him to be with Rain if he doesn't want too. We don't know what actually went down between them to the point of it not being fixable. Forcing him to her, Might end with one of them in a coffin

Pat: I understand her pain because I've been through it, Your father put me through a lot before he finally changed. Never had the strength to walk away, I'm glad Rain is walking away even though it hurts

Me: It's life there's nothing we can do about it. Let's just be grateful we still get to see the kids

Pat: I can't wait to see them

Me: Me too

LANGA

Me: Let me go and buy the ice cream

Mom: Okay

She gave me a R100 note..

When I was a bit far from the car, I called him. I called my Dad..

Dad: Buddy

Me: Did you hit Mom?

Dad: Huh?

Me: She said she fell, I don't believe her

Dad: Langa

Me: Private school, We've learned about this

Dad: I cannot discuss this with you over the phone

Me: Why? Where are you?

Dad: Now it's just not a good time

Me: Why?

I heard Shantel's voice in the background..

Shantel: Baby would you like a glass of wine?

Me: Is that Shantel?

He kept quiet..

Me: Stay away from my Mother. Stay away from Me,
Mom, And Naomi!

I hung up..

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AFRO

One thing I have always pride myself in, Was how I've raised my Son. I've raised Langa to be a smart, Well mannared, And responsible Young Man. Langa knows I'm not his biological Father, We told him that long ago to prevent issues. Prevent him finding out outside because people talk. I've raised him from when he was 6 months, Me and him bypassed the Step Son and Step Father issue. I love him just as much as I love Naomi, And him growing up fast I had to be more committed to raising him. Right now, I was hurt and disappointed in myself. All the things I've taught him not to do, I'm doing...

Shantel: You have to leave now?

Me: Yaa my Mom texted me that Nomvula is

dropping the kids there, I'll be back

Shantel: Look I might not know much about kids but I feel like Rain is going to use Langa against you

Me: Rain might be everything but she'll never do that, She's not evil

Shantel: Langa is not your biological Son, What would stop his Mother from using him against you?

Me: As I've told you before, Rain is everything but evil. She would never use the kids against me. She can protect them against me but would never turn them against me

Shantel: I'm just saying

Me: I'll see you later

I kissed her on her cheek..

NOMVULA

Pat gave me a tight hug as I cried..

Pat: I'm so sorry

Me: He cheated, Lied, And beat me

Pat: I know.. I'm sorry

We broke the hug and she wiped my tears..

She was emotional on her side too..

Pat: It's okay, You going to be okay

Fezi: Hey.. Come here

He hugged me..

Fezi: You okay, I'm glad you came here because no matter what happens. This will forever remain your home too

We broke the hug..

Me: Did you speak to him?

Fezi: I did

Me: I don't think I want him anymore, Angis afuni

Fezi: I understand.. We understand

Pat: Come, I'll give you some sleeping pills, So you can lie down a little

Fezi: I'll mind the kids

Pat: Come on Baby.. You need to rest a little

She walked me to her bedroom...

SHANTEL

Dad: Shantel I hope you won't bring that nigga home

Me: Dad

Dad: Waste of genes if you actually marry that nigga and have kids with him, I'll disown you

Me: Dad I told you that he's very successful

Dad: I don't care.. He's black

I lied to Afro.. My Dad never wanted to invest with him, I made that story up because I just wanted to have a conversation with him that's all..

Dad: It's hard enough to tolerate them, My Daughter bringing one home.. That's worse!

Me: I love him Pa, And he's very successful

Dad: Our kind they also rich

Me: But Pa

Dad: No Shantel.. I won't accept that!

My father is very racist towards black people,
Doesn't care if the Person is successful or not.. His
Daughters marrying a black Man, He won't hesitate
to cut you off for Good.. I don't care, So long Afro
will be dedicated to me. Dad will come around..

FEZILE

Me: So what do you guys wanna get?

Naomi: Ice cream

Langa: You've already had ice cream

Me: Maybe we'll get something else

Langa was sitting in the front..

Me: How are you feeling Buddy?

Langa: I don't know

Me: It's pretty shitty huh?

Langa: He's a good Dad, always been. Always been my role model

Me: Sometimes Dad can be good Dads but not good

husband

Langa: He hit my Mother, Then I called him. Heard Aunty Shantel calling him baby in the background. He hit mom then went to have wine

Me: Your Parents love you, No matter what happens. Whether they fix things or don't, They'll always love you. I'm sorry he's disappointed you, Your feelings are valid. I think you and him should talk, Tell him how you feel

Langa: I guess so

AFRO

I arrived home, The kids were not around. Fezi took them out to buy snacks..

Nomvula was sleeping. I was standing at the door looking at her..

Mom: Don't disturb her, Took a while for her to fall asleep. She needs sleep, To get away from the nightmare for a while. She'll wake up again and have to go through the hurt. She has been crying, Crying painfully. You could see it in her eyes. The pain and the exhaustion

Me: I didn't mean to hurt her

Mom: You did, None of what you did was a mistake. It was a choice. You chose to cheat, You chose to hurt her and chose to hit her. You did this and only you have yourself to blame. I just hope she is worth your marriage and family

She walked away..

Mom: J ust don't wake her up

I walked in and crouched next to the bed. I slowly stroked her wig just looking at her and imagining what she's going through..

Me: I'm sorry.. I'm truly sorry

I kissed her on her forehead..

I got up and went to the kitchen..

Mom: You should leave before the kids get back

Me: I wanted to talk to Langa

Mom: You will.. J ust not now and not here. Their home is toxic already, I'm not about to put Langa

through another toxic environment. Grandma's place should always be safe and a place where they always have to be happy

Me: I'll leave

Mom: J ust don't expect me to turn my back on Rain, When this new girl comes here. Rain has no family support, Our family has always been her family and I promised her that I'll always be there for her

Me: Wouldn't have it any other way

Mom: You just didn't hurt them, You hurt me too. More than you think

Me: Ma Rain and I. We...

Mom: She didn't beat you, She didn't cheat on you. She didn't bring her side piece to your marital home and gave her a job. You didn't have to drive all the way in pain just to make sure your kids are safe. There's no excuse Afro

Me: I take no joy in this, trust me

Mom: And I don't see you hurt either

Me: We done the sooner everyone realizes that the sooner we can all move on

Mom: You know what get out of my house

Me: I was leaving

Mom: Yes get out and stay out!! Don't come back!!

I walked out and closed the door..

Mom: Don't come back, Stay out!!!

NOMAKHOSI

When my first born came back from the store, He told me that he spotted his Aunt's car at Mama Pat's house..

It's not difficult to spot Nomvula's Mercedes Benz, Her number plates are "RAIN".

I need to go there after making the kids food.. If she'll still be there

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LWANDLE

I was from the local tarven, From buying myself a 6 pack of savanna when my phone rang. It was Simphiwe our manager and newly close friend...

Me: Hey

Sim: Hey how is the new place going?

Me: It's going

Sim: I'm in the neighbourhood, Thought I could stop

by.. Greet and see the new place

Me: Eerr yaa sure

Sim: If you not up for it, I'll understand

Me: No I am up for it, You can stop by. I'll text you the address

Sim: Sharp see you there

Me: Cool

NOMVULA

I was still feeling drowsy, I just randomly woke up..

Pat: You can sleep some more, You can sleep and leave tomorrow morning

Me: It's okay, I can drive

Pat: I insist.. You, Me and Naomi can sleep in the bedroom, Watch movies. Langa will sleep in Afro's old bedroom

Me: Okay.. Thank you

We heard a knock at the door..

Me: I'll get it

I went to check, My heart almost stopped when I saw Khosi standing there..

Me: Khosi?

Khosi: Nomvula

Me: What are y-.. What are you doing here?

Khosi: Well you not picking our calls, Nor texting back. So the only way to contact you is when we see your car

Me: So you stalking me? Maybe I wasn't answering because I didn't wanna talk to you

Khosi: I'm not stalking you and this won't take long

Pat: Let her in

I turned and looked at Pat..

Pat: It's none of my business but I know a thing or two about skeletons in the closet.. I'll give you guys the room

I let her in... I then closed the door..

Me: What can I help you with?

Khosi: Mom was admitted

Me: I thought you guys were making it up because you wanted my attention

Khosi: Might surprise you but we don't spend everyday of our lives trying to have you talk to us nor think about you. We have lives too, They might not be like yours but they do require our attention

Me: What's wrong?

Khosi: TB.. Plus she's positive

Me: So she wasn't faithful to her meds?

Khosi: Life has been hard for Mom Nomvula,
Actually for all of us. Her health doesn't solely
depend on meds, Also depends on the food she
needs to eat

Langa walked in holding a basket ball..

Langa: Ma Uncle Fez and.. I'm sorry I didn't know
you had a visitor

Me: It's okay.. Uhm this is..

Khosi: Langa.. Ohh my Goodness you have grown

Khosi walked up to him and hugged him..

Langa was dead ass confused..

They broke the hug..

Khosi: I am Khosi. Umamkhulu, Your Aunt. I'm your Mother's big sister

Langa: Really? I thought Mom didn't have a family

Khosi: Yaa it's a long story... But I'm glad to see you, You all grown up. How old are you?

Langa: 16

Khosi: 16? Wow.. We are old indeed, And you look so much like your father uJ abu. I'm sure you breaking a lot of hearts now

Me: Uhm.. Langa what were you saying?

He picked up the ball..

Langa: Uncle Fezi and I we will be shooting hoops in the garage if you need me

Me: Okay baby

He walked away..

Me: Hey.. What do you think you are doing?

Khosi: Askies?

Me: "You look like your father uJ abu" what the fuck was that?

Khosi: Ohw I'm sorry I thought he knew

Me: He knows but we've never spoken about him, We didn't have too because he has a father that stepped up

Khosi: I'm sorry.. I didn't know

Me: You'll never change Khosi

Khosi: I said I was sorry. I honestly didn't know

I sighed..

Khosi: What happened to your face? You look like shit!

Me: Yaa I had an accident

Khosi: An Afro accident?

I looked at her..

Khosi: I'm a woman, I know these things

Me: You and Mom can go laugh about it in her death bed

Khosi: Woow Afro? Thee nerd Afro?? He can hit? I'm sorry it's shocking. Afro has always been quiet and

calm, All nerdy. He was just cute that's all that was interesting about him. I'm surprised for real, Meaning all Men are the same

Me: Where is Buda?

Khosi: Huh?

Me: Where is Buda? He was a surgeon, He still must be loaded he's been working

Khosi: Buda lost his mind.. Literally! He has dementia

Me: What?

Khosi: He does and that's not in exaggeration. We have 4 kids

Me: 4 what?

Khosi: We downgraded to a 4 room house, Same street. We broke, Can't make ends meet

Me: Wow

Khosi: So you see? Why would I rejoice in your pain when I have mine? At least you have rich pain

Me: See it's the entitlement for me, Khosi you were even afforded better opportunities than me. Good school, Loved etc. I had none of that, I worked hard

Khosi: True but you had Afro, And he is smarter than any person I know

Me: I am who I am because of hard work, Afro didn't do much but just love me, Provided safety and security then bought me my first stock. Who I am today, Is me

Khosi: Okay Nomvula, You went through shit, I'm going through shit. Doesn't that square us up? Can't we make a truce?

I folded my arms..

Khosi: Visiting hours are closed now. Closed an hour ago, Second visiting hours are at 19:00. I live 5 houses away.. If you interested

SHANTEL

Afro was super worried about his step son, Which was pissing me off. He shouldn't matter to him, He's

nothing but a step son for crying out loud!

I tried to kiss him he pushed me off a little.

Afro: Not now Shantel

Me: Afro the situation is what it is, Langa will come around

Afro: I think I should go home, A lot is happening right now

Me: Come on

Afro: It's been a very bad weekend

He kissed me on my cheek..

Afro: I'll call you

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NOMVULA

I had to drive up to the mall, Bought myself toiletries. Bought fruits and everything that a sick person can process. I also bought an outfit to change too after bathing..

I went back to the house, Bathe, Fixed myself and drove up to fetch Khosi. I found her at the gate about to leave..

She hopped in, And then we drove straight to the hospital. I played music all the way to the hospital. I didn't wanna hold unnecessary conversations and small talks with her..

LWANDLE

Sphiwe arrived, We chilled for a few until she got hungry. Then we went to get food at the local pub & grill..

The amount total amount of food plus drinks, Was R300..

Sphiwe: I got it

Me: Naa I got it

Sphiwe: It's okay I got it, This visitation wasn't planned. I just rocked up, At least if it was then it would've been fair for you to pay

She paid..

Then we took the drinks and went to sit down whilst we waited for the food to be prepared..

Sphiwe: So you know we have to open another branch in Cape Town

Me: Yaa I know

Sphiwe: I have to go at least with 3 people from

here, Until we find people that side who can complete the team

Me: I know that too

Sphiwe: How do you feel about relocating to Cape Town?

Me: You want me on your team?

Sphiwe: Yes

Me: I don't know

Sphiwe: Great opportunity, Better pay, Accommodation until we settled. It's a very good opportunity

Me: It is no lie

Sphiwe: So?

Me: My life is here, I need at least one more reason to go there

Sphiwe: Me

Me: Are you sure?

Sphiwe: I am

Me: Then Cape Town it is

She smiled..

Sphiwe: For a moment there you almost gave me a heart attack

Me: Plus my step sister is down there, I'm sure she'll be happy too

She hit me on my shoulder..

Sphiwe: You almost got me!

Me: I'm sorry (Laughing)

Sphiwe: You right? All along that I like you

Me: Maybe

Sphiwe: And you thought of making my life difficult

Me: Just a little but you know what?

Sphiwe: Yeah?

Me: I like you too

She wrapped her arm around my neck and kissed me on my cheek..

AFRO

I let him him...

Morgan: So what's up?

Morgan is not only my best friend but also my

accountant..

Me: Drink?

Morgan: It's a Saturday, Why not?

Me: Good

Morgan: So what's the situation?

Me: I fucked up man

Morgan: What did you do?

Me: I fucked up really bad

Morgan: Personal or professional?

Me: Both

He whistled..

Morgan: Talk to me

I handed him the glass of whiskey..

Me: This is what happened remember Shantel?

Morgan: I do.. What about her?

I started from the beginning explaining my sins to him..

NOMVULA

We were given surgical masks at the entrance before entering the TB ward..

I was very nervous about this, But I can't run away from my skeletons forever..

Khosi led me straight to her, She was laying on her back with a big pillow behind her..

I put the things I bought her ontop of the cabinet. She looked at me, As if like she didn't believe it was me..

We pulled the bunker and sat down..

Khosi: Unjani? (How are you)

Mom: Ngiyancenga (I'm trying)

She looked at me..

Mom: Vula

I lowered my mask..

Mom: What happened?

Me: Afro hit me

Mom: Afro? Why?

Me: We having problems

Mom: But he has no right to put his hand on you

Me: It's fine Ma

Mom: Thank you for coming, Thank you for the food.
Khosi please pass me the juice

Khosi did...

I had a lot to say to her, But.. My heart broke, Seeing
her this sick.. How grateful she was for the food..
Maybe now it's not the right time..

AFRO

Morgan kept quiet after hearing my story....

Me: So?

Morgan: Who do you want exactly?

Me: The crazy thing I want them both. Married to my wife, And my Side being Shantel

Morgan: You can't have both worlds. I can't believe you leaving your multimillionaire wife for Shantel?

Me: See that's the thing, Everyone thinks just because Rain is a self made multimillionaire I'm a fool to leave her for someone below Shantel

Morgan: You not upgrading, You downgrading

Me: It's not about that trust me, Money doesn't make a good home

Morgan: What is it about?

Me: I am a man, I have needs. Shantel gives out good sex so far. She engages. Rain is always tired, She is not as active in bed as she used to be

Morgan: It's something you can both talk about and fix..

Me: I hardly think so. Rain is fixated on her work. Doesn't give out any emotional feelings, We a routine now

Morgan: Then make a damn choice. Quite frankly I feel your marriage has ran it's course

Me: I see

NOMVULA

Along the conversation, Things started to get less tense. We were laughing, And catching up on the good memories..

Mom: I'm so glad you guys are here, Despite my fellow ward mates. It does get lonely around here

Khosi: I can imagine

Me: When you get discharged, I'll take care of your groceries every month. Just write a list

Mom: That's nice.. Thank you

Khosi: What about me?

Me: Uhm you are younger than Mom, And you can

work for yours elf

Mom laughed..

Khosi: So much for having a rich sister

Mom: I'd like to see Langa and Naomi, When I'm better of course

Me: It can be arranged

Khosi: Langa is grown, You should see him

Mom: I can't wait

SHANTEL

My phone rang, I walked out of the bathroom to answer..

It was Afro..

Me: Hi

Afro: Liefie what are you doing?

Me: I just finished bathing

Afro: Great... I am coming to pick you up for dinner

Me: Afro what is this?

Afro: To talk

Me: Fine.. Let me get dress

Afro: I'll be there

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NOMVULA

[2 WEEKS LATER]

Afro was settling in comfortably with his new life and Shantel. He doesn't even hide it anymore when he goes to her. One thing I am grateful for, Is that we married out of community of property. I just imagine if I trusted him that enough to marry him in COP, Share in everything I've worked hard for. For

him to go and share it with his side piece..

He's still living with us, I don't even know why. I think the most honorable thing to do is move out for him, Because this house. Yes it was a shared purchase but I can't be moving away with my kids. It's their home, Their comfort. What they used too..

I've been carrying the divorce papers for a while now, I am divorcing him..

He walked down, I opened the drawer and put them inside..

Afro: Good morning

Me: Morning

He was dressed up for work. I didn't have to fire Shantel, She stopped coming. Now when the kids come back from school, I fetch them from his Mother's place. That's how it is to be, Until I find someone. Someone worth to be trusted..

Now I'm just fully focused on myself, My kids and work..

Afro: You not going to work?

Me: I'm going in a bit late

Afro: Okay

Me: I want a divorce

He paused for a while..

Afro: Okay.. It's only fair

I closed my eyes, Maybe a part of me wanted him to fight. Fight for us at least, Him giving in so easily wasn't expected. I guess he has truly moved on..

Me: I wanna make it as peaceful as possible, And I think I'll be best for you to move out. We sleep in separate bedrooms.

I opened the drawer and placed them ontop of the counter..

Me: Do sign

I got up from the chair and went upstairs to bath and prepare for work..

NOMAKHOSI

Mom was getting discharged, I went to fetch her from the hospital..

Me: Nomvula called an Uber for us, He's waiting outside

Mom: bless her

Me: I never thought she was going to come around

Mom: Same here, I'm grateful she has

Me: Yaa

We took her medication..

Mom: What we did to her, How we mistreated her all those years ago. I wish that we could go back and do things differently

Me: What matters now is that she's back and that's all

Mom: True

SHANTEL

I got a job as a primary teacher. I'll be teaching foundation phase. Grade 3. In a private school, I'll be teaching Afrikaans.

The nicest thing about the colour of my skin is that I

can get a teaching job from any private school without the struggle..

My life seems to be coming together perfectly. Afro and I, We now in a full blown relationship. All that's left, Is for him to divorce her. Make it official once and fall all

My phone rang as I was in the car, It was Afro..

Me: Liefie

Afro: She served me with divorce papers this morning

I smiled..

Me: Wow.. I didn't think she was going to initiate the

divorce

Afro: She did, I'm glad she's the one who did

Me: I guess so.. How are you feeling?

Afro: Surprised more than anything, But I think it's for the best

Me: It is.. I also got the job

Afro: That's wonderful

Me: We'll talk more about it when I bring you lunch

Afro: Okay Liefie

Me: I love you

Afro: I love you too

NOMVULA

I looked at myself in the mirror as I buttoned my shirt. My nose bridge was healing, I just put makeup over it too...

I heard a knock, The door opened. Afro walked in. He was holding the divorce papers. He placed them on the bed..

Afro: Signed

Me: Thank you

Afro: I hope you are sure about this, The last thing I want is for you to be crying and bothering me

Me: The crying stage, Is over. I did that until my tears ran dry. All I'm asking from you too, Is that since it's official you don't bother me

I took off his ring and walked up to him..

Me: I'm sure Shantel will love it, Since she seems to want everything of mine

He took it..

Me: I hope you have started packing and found a place, I hope by this week you'll be gone

Afro: I will be

Me: Good

I went and took my bag, Phone and car keys..

I walked up to the door..

Me: And Afro

Afro: Yes?

Me: You were a shitty husband, I do hope you won't be a shitty Father too

I walked out...

Tears were forming in my eyes as I walked down..

SK NDLOVU

I looked at my team..

I signaled with my fingers. On the count of my fingers, When I got to one. We busted the door and rushed in..

We walked around..

King: Clear!!

I looked around..

King: I don't understand

Me: We fucken got the wrong room!!

King: Are you serious?

I went to the window. I checked around..

King: Room 69

Me: No.. It's not the room that's wrong, It's the hotel

I turned and looked at him..

Me: You have a Mole in your team

King: Ahh fuck!!

Me: You have a mole, And the mole is working for

Sergio!! You fucken ruined our operation.. How did you not see this coming?

King: Sk don't start with me

Manager: Can I now file a harassment lawsuit?

Me: No.. You not filing for shit! Because you do keep Mafias and Drug dealers in your hotel, So don't start with us

Manager: I'm filing a lawsuit, You guys came and raided my hotel on hearsay? No this is going down to the books. The embarrassment, Fear instilled on my clients

Me: Wtf?

I walked up to him, King got in between us putting his hand on my chest..

Manager: You wanna assault me too?

King: We'll be out

Manager: Will you be paying for the damages to the door?

Me: We ain't paying for shit, If you didn't refuse to open. We wouldn't have broken the down

The manager walked out..

I looked at King: Don't touch me

King: You need to fucken calm down!!

My name is Skhumbuzo Ndlovu, I am a D.E.A (Drug enforcement agent)

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SK NDLOVU

Cap: I need to know what happened, With the drug raid?

I looked at King and shook my head..

King: We got news in my department about Sergio. Sergio isn't only involved in a lot of things, But a big

drug operation too. I sent word to D.E.A, And we went to raid

Cap: In a hotel?

Me: Cap if I may..

Cap: No you may not, I'm disappointed in you Sk.
You a good agent, You don't bust on hearsay

Me: I was helping a colleague

I looked at King..

Me: And a friend

Cap: Detective King is in homicide, You in the drug unit. You hear a word, You investigate. The hotel

manager is not happy

Me: Here's my thing. The hotel manager takes bribes, It's not that he doesn't harbour drug dealers in there. Just that they weren't around at the time of the raid

Cap: I see.. I'm putting you off on two weeks leave

Me: What?

Cap: I think you still mourning your divorce

Me: It's been 2 months now

King: Yeah your ex wife was cheating with your best friend, When you we-

Me: I know the story perfectly.. Cap look

Cap: Two weeks paid leave

King: He earns a lot Sir and you still give him paid leave? DEA is the highest paid department

Me: Because we do a lot of work, Why are you complaining? You earn a lot too. Homicide pays. Plus I come highly recommended, Remember? I used to work in the States once upon a time and I am the leader of my team and how many drug operations have I busted?

Cap: Guys!!!

We kept quiet...

Cap: Sk you going on a two weeks paid leave,
Starting from tomorrow. Go fill in the leave form

Me: But...

Cap: We done with our meeting, Thank you
gentlemen.. You may leave

We stood up and walked out..

Me: You fucked us up

King: Fill in the form, Let's go for a drink and lunch

NOMVULA

Lisa: I think you should take some time off

Me: If I sit at home and do nothing, I'll go crazy

Lisa: You hurting

Me: As I should

She pushed the box of tissues my way..

Me: I don't think I'll ever fall in love again, Nor consider getting married again. Is it wrong to say I hate Men? I'm not saying Afro is all wrong but.. I don't wanna go through this pain again with someone else. My kids they going through it

Lisa: Healing is messy. One moment you okay, The next you not

Me: I really don't know

Lisa: I have a suggestion

Me: Yeah

Lisa: It's almost lunchtime. Let's go out, Eat and drink a bottle of wine

Me: We can't, We have to come back again after lunch

Lisa: We don't..

Me: We do, I'm the boss

Lisa: Exactly

Me: Fine.. Let me get my purse

SHANTEL

I was sitting on the table, Legs on the table. My hands holding my legs under. He went all in for it, And then came. He had a condom on. He caught his breath and slipped himself out. Sex in the office, And there's always office gossip. I was moaning loud, I wanted to make a statement that he's mine now and everyone else around here had to know..

I got down from the table, And started dressing up. He removed the condom and started dressing up too..

Me: What a way to have lunch

Afro: Best lunch ever

He kissed me as I fixed the table..

We heard a knock at the door..

Me: I'll get it

I went to unlock and opened, It was his assistant
Vero..

Vero: Shantel

Me: Vero

Vero: Is Mr D in?

Me: He's here

She walked in..

Me: I'll go down to the canteen to greet a few people

I walked out...

SK NDLOVU

We walked into the restaurant..

King: You should've went to the house and changed

Me: Why? I like my attire

DEA we wear black pants with pockets, Black boots

and a t-shirt. If it's cold, We wear black jackets written DEA at the back.

King: You look more like the people you put inside than you do for the law

I chuckled..

Waitress: Detective, Agent

We greeted back..

Waitress: I'll show you to the table

We are regular customers here..

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Him: R25

Me: Okay

I looked around the store.. As he was busy, The assistant was busy too keeping himself busy by stocking things in the shelves..

I walked around a little, Stole a few packs of snacks from the box and put them in the black plastic that had maize meal, Which I bought from somewhere else..

Him: Here's your change

I took my change..

Me: Thank you

SK NDLOVU

Me: I was in the field, Busy a lot. I think she just got lonely. Came home one night, And they were in bed together. First thing that came into my mind was to shoot and kill them both, But then I thought about my Daughter

King: You did the right thing

Me: Men are said to be the ones being shitty. Yes we the ones who cheat and shit, A woman doing it

King: It's like that, Both genders can be shitty. I'm sorry Man

Me: Yaa shit happens. I did love her, And I would have never hurt her like that

King: You be good

Me: Wait

King: What?

Me: Is that who I think it is?

King: Who?

He turned, They were walking in..

Me: Nomvula J ele?

King: The CEO of the most successful tobacco company

Me: I didn't know this restaurant was her taste

King: What do you mean?

Me: An independent woman, They have standards

King: I see but not all of them are hard headed

Me: Trust me, They all are. The type to wear the pants in the relationship. I'm even surprised she's been married this long

King: But I do see what you see

Me: Though they like that but it's not difficult to

tame such a woman

King: Better a woman like that than one who was abused

Me: Trust me, There's an underlying reason of struggle that pushed her far to be what she is today

King: Are you profiling her?

Me: It's fun

King: Okay.. I like the challenge, Let's see

King got up and turned his chair around, We looked at them..

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AFRO

I was busy signing some documents , Vero was looking at me..

Me: If you have something to say, Do say it. Your stare is uncomfortable

Vero: I just didn't wanna speak on things that aren't my business

Me: My wife and I, We divorcing. I've signed the papers already

Vero: Ohw

Me: I am in a relationship with Shantel

Vero: I see

Me: Anything you wanna say?

Vero: No Sir

Me: Here are the documents

Vero: Thank you Sir

She walked out of my office...

NOMVULA

Lisa: They probably just guys liking us

Me: It doesn't matter, It's rude to stare and look at them. Look at the dark skinned one wearing all black with the beard. Doesn't he scream dangerous? Like human trafficking? We could be sitting here and we the next targets. Probably a serious human trafficking syndicate

The waitress came..

Waitress: Is everything okay?

Me: Everything is not fine, Those two gentlemen have been staring at us. With the rate of women going missing, It's uncomfortable. I am disappointed the restaurant hasn't asked them to leave as yet

Lisa: Forgive us, She went hard on the wine

Me: Exactly my point. We are two vulnerable women, Drinking and having good lunch. They have been staring probably waiting for us to get seriously intoxicated

Waitress: I'm so sorry. That is Detective King and that is agent Ndlovu, He is DEA

Lisa: Wow.. We have DEA in South Africa?

Waitress: I'll let them know that they making you uncomfortable

Me: Naa I got it

Lisa: Ohw Lord

I got up and walked up to them. I tried to regain my composure but the wine was really knocking me out..

Lisa: It's okay I got it

I stood by their table and placed both my hands on the table. I was disorientated, My eye sight was a bit blurry..

Me: Good afternoon

Only one greeted back...

Me: You have been staring at me and my best friend, It's very uncomfortable now

Man: I'm sorry. I'm detective King and this is my friend and colleague Sk. Things is we w-

Me: I don't care even you ran the whole department. We are two vulnerable women, Drinking and you have been staring at us. It's scary and it's uncomfortable

King: Greatly apologize, We were about to leave too

Me: Thank you

Sk: I have a question for you before you leave

Me: No.. I'm not giving you my number

He laughed..

Sk: No.. Not that, Are you recently going through divorce?

Me: Excuse you?

Sk: Your ring finger. Still has the discolouration mark meaning you have taken your ring recently. Did he hit you? No amount of makeup can explain the bruising on your nose bridge which is proportional to a fist. Is he cheating? Of course he is. He fell out of love immediately when you started taking off because you were making him feel less of a man, Neglected your marriage for work. You not hurting because he cheated, You hurting because you thought you were the it and he would never cheat on you. That wine, It's not going to help you but give you a very painful headache, And make you very horny. When you get home, You might engage in sexual intercourse with him then tomorrow wake up regretting or you will fight him and still wake up

regretting because you would've stoop low on something you desperately trying to prove to him. That you are through with him

Lisa: Wow

He got up..

Sk: We leaving.. Do drink water a lot and maybe go to the office, Sleep it off a little before you go home so you don't regret

He walked away..

King: I am so sorry. He's very good at profiling people, He is DEA and was SSA in the behavioural department. It's embarrassing and I'm sorry, If it's any courtes y I'll pay for your lunch

Sk: King.. Let's go

King: Again.. I'm sorry

Me: No fuck him!

I took off my heels and walked to the door..

Lisa: Please come with, We gonna need law enforcement

I opened the door and looked around, He was walking to the car..

Me: Hey!

He didn't stop..

Me: Hey asshole!!

I threw my heel at him. It didn't hit him. He turned around and picked it up. He walked back to me whilst laughing and shaking his head..

He stood before me.. He looked at me..

Me: That was not okay, You don't do that to.. You..

I burped..

Sk: Bend a little

Me: I'm sorry? How dare you?

Sk: Fuck it.. Bend over a little woman, You about to vomit!!

He put my heel down, Came and stood behind me. He placed his hand all around to my stomach then his other hand on my back. Slightly bent me, And I did vomit..

Lisa: Ohh my word.. Rain are you okay?

Sk: She's going to be fine, She just needs to drink a lot of water and maybe some pain killers and sleep a little

I kept on vomiting, Vomitted all the wine..

Sk: And something to eat , I noticed she didn't touch her food

King: I'll go get the water for her and some bread

Sk: toasted with nothing, Not even butter

King: Sure

Lisa: I'll go get our things

Sk: Get a sugary drink, Any drink they have that's high on sugar and make sure it's cold

I wiped my mouth, I even got some on my stockings..

He lifted me up again, I was crying and super dizzy. I turned around he still had his arm around my waist..

Me: I don't feel well, I feel like I'm going to die

Sk: You never drink on an empty stomach,
Especially dry red wine. It's supposed to open your
appetite.. Let's go

He grabbed my arm and we walked to the black
SUV. Seeing the sticker in my dizzy state I now
believed he is the law indeed.

He opened the back seats, There was a black
jacket..

Sk: Take off your clothes and wear the jacket, I'll
give you some space

Me: All of them?

Sk: God dammit no.. Shirt, bra, and stockings. My jacket is bigger so you'll be fine

I tried to unbutton my shirt, I couldn't see the alignment of buttons..

Me: Can you help?

He looked at me..

Sk: Now you trust me?

Me: Please

Sk: I am the best Drug agent and profiler, I don't have to do this

He unbuttoned my shirt and I looked at him..

Me: Are you married?

Sk: Divorced, It's been 2-3 months

Me: Why am I undressing again?

Sk: As much as I tried not to get any vomit on your shirt, There is a little

He took off my shirt.. Then ran his big strong hands from my stomach to my back locating my bra. I was so weak my head just leaned over to his chest. For someone who is probably is mostly in the field, Running and rushing. Sweating, He was smelling good. Could smell his cologne

He got my bra off, I leaned back putting my hands on my breasts. He took the jacket and put it on me.

It was big indeed..

Me: Thank you

He pushed me back, I fell on the seat. He lifted my skirt up..

Sk: This could be the end of my career. Drunk woman in the back of my work car, Now I'm taking off her stockings. Sweet

I laughed...

He pulled down my stockings, Then got them off. He put his hands again on my waist. Picked me up and got me out. He put me down and fixed my skirt.. He helped me to get back inside..

Sk: Stay here.. I need a smoke whilst we wait for those two

SHANTEL

Me: I'm leaving

Afro: Okay.. I'll see you later

Me: When are you moving out again?

Afro: Soon.. I just wanna make sure that the kids, We okay before I move out

Me: Ohw

Afro: It'll be soon.. I promise

Me: Okay then, I'll see you later

Afro: Let me walk you out

NOMVULA

I was busy falling in and out of sleep.. Sk was standing at the door of the car..

Me: Why did you divorce?

Sk: She cheated, With my best friend and currently pregnant by him

Me: He cheated with our nanny and cook

Lisa: Sorry it took long, They were still helping other customers

King: Is she okay?

Sk: She will be

He passed me the bottle of water first.

Lisa: Thank you so much guys

King: We will chauffeur you guys back to your workplace, It's the least we can do

Lisa: She definitely won't be driving

Me: I'm going to sleep here in the backseat

Sk: No you will sleep in your car, Your friend is going to drive

King: Lisa is it?

Lisa: Yes

King: Please give me a ride back to the station then drive to the office

Sk: Wtf? What are you doing

King: They'll be fine

Me: Yes.. We'll be fine

Sk: I see what you trying to do

Lisa: I'll take that thank you. Her shirt, This is her phone. I'll drive her car back to the office

King: See you later mate

I just closed my eyes and slept..

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AFRO

My mother called me at around 19:00, Telling me

the kids are still with her. Nomvula said she'll be knocking off at 16:00, if she delays. She'll call and tell. Mom says she's been calling her. Her phone just rings. I stopped by to fetch the kids, I tried calling her but she wasn't picking up. At least this time it did ring..

Langa: She's probably working late

Me: She should call and say

Langa: She's under a lot of stress, Why would she come home. A home that's not nice anymore, I kinda feel her

Me: Me and your Mom are separating Langa, It's official. She served me with divorce papers this morning. What do you want from me?

Langa: Don't give up on your family! You always told me that one shouldn't give up on people they love, Family is important

He walked away. I was already prepared. Changed and everything so I could go see Shantel.. Now I have to cancel, I can't leave the kids alone..

NOMVULA

I tossed and then opened my eyes. Took me a few seconds to process everything. I wasn't at home, I remember Lisa and I went out for lunch. I got drunk and we met these two guys...

I woke up in a bedroom I am not familiar with, I only remember sleeping in the car. What happened after, I don't know..

Me: Ohh my Goodness, Not again

My phone vibrated, I searched. It was under the pillow. I got it, It was Afro..

Me: Hey

Afro: Where the hell are you?

Me: I uhm.. I..

Afro: Is the a day you going to wake up one day and grow up? If you working late, Communicate with me!

Sk walked in silently. He only had a towel around his lower body. His body was still a bit wet. He's bald, But not too bald. Has a neat well trimmed beard around his chin and side burns. By the look of

the beard, He does take pride in it because it's not untidy and unattractive. His upper body, No sign of tattoo. Going further down, Seeing the outline of his dick. If we did it, Trust me I would still feel it.. He folded his arms and looked at me..

Me: I can't talk now

Afro: No you will talk. If you can't with the kids, I'd rather get full custody

Me: Shantel is not raising my kids!

Afro: Uyahluleka moss (You are suffering)

Me: I just had a long day okay?

Afro: You always have a long day! This is not the

first time!

Me: I'm sorry if I seem to be negligent, But I'm getting divorced from my husband who cheated on me with the same woman that he bought to our house! My husband who first shot me then after beat me!.. Look I'm tired of fighting, I'll be home soon

I hung up..

Me: Can you p-

Sk: I'll drive you home.. I'm going to need the room to rest. Your friend took your car

Me: It's okay.. Thank you

Sk: You are a lot calmer when you not drunk

Me: I'll give you the room

I got out of bed still wearing his jacket and walked out..

AFRO

I was on the phone with Shantel..

Shantel: Can't you see that she's doing this on purpose?

Me: That's besides the point

Shantel: She's using the kids against you. What can't she just accept that it's over without all this

drama?

Me: If I had any reasons to divorce her, It'll be now. She's reckless, She doesn't act like a mother! Nor did she act like a wife and she wonders why I'm leaving her? Why we here now

Shantel: J ust please fix this thing with your wife, It's getting ridiculous now

She hung up...

NOMVULA

He had a very unique house. Small, J ust two bedrooms. Bathroom, Kitchen, Lounge. Vintage and very beautiful..

He walked out, Wearing his sneakers a black nikey tracks uit...

Sk: Are you ready?

Me: Yes.. Although I could've have taken an uber

Sk: It'll give me a piece of mind knowing that you safe

Me: Ohw

Sk: I'm not going to come in if that's what you worried about

Me: Okay fine.. Do you by any chance know what happened to my shirt?

Sk: You vomited on it, Your friend took it

Me: Okay

I zipped the jacket and then we walked out. I only had my phone with me...

LISA

I kept on looking at my mom..

Mom: What is it?

Me: Got something to say?

Mom: On what?

Me: I told you about Rain, And what happened today.
You didn't seem surprised, You didn't have
questions

Mom: What do you want me to say?

Me: You always have something to say

Mom: We can't always live our lives according to
what I see and don't, Sometimes other things we
figure them out on our own

Me: Mom this is my best friend. I don't want her
getting hurt

Mom: All I can say is, She's going to be okay

Me: Okay.. That's all I wanted

NOMVULA

Sk drove me home, I didn't say anything in the Suv.
My mind was far away..

He dropped me off at the entrance..

Me: Thank you.. Uhm.. I'll take your jacket to be dry
cleaned

Sk: No problem

I opened the door and got out..

Me: Thank you

He looked at me and smiled a little..

Me: What?

Sk: Give me your phone, Unlocked

I unlocked and gave him..

Sk: If he hits you again, You call me

He gave me back my phone..

Sk: Don't hesitate, I've seen such ending up badly
with a coffin

Me: Okay

I took my phone and went in, Greeting the butler. I didn't have my shoes on, No bra. Just my skirt and the jacket. As I went up the elevator to the penthouse, My heart was already beating fast..

I got out of the elevator, Went to open the door and went in..

He was sitting at the counter drinking coffee..

Me: Hey

He looked at me..

He got down from the chair and walked up to me. My legs were shaking..

Afro: Where have you been?

Me: It's a long story

Afro: Turn around

Me: Huh?

Afro: Turn around

I slowly turned around..

Afro: D.E.A

Me: I can explain

He unzipped it and took it off..

Afro: What the fuck? Where the fuck is your bra now shirt?

Me: As I'm saying I can explain

He threw it down.. He ran his hands on my thighs then on my ass..

Afro: At least you were smart enough to come back with your underwear on, Who the fuck is he?

Me: Afro I..

Afro: Who the fuck is he?? (Shouting)

Me: Sk.. He's name is Sk

Afro: He's DEA?

I nodded..

Afro: How long have you been seeing him?

Me: I am not seeing him

Afro: Don't lie to me!!! You fucken give me hell about cheating whilst you've been doing it all along?
(Yelling)

He was mad, Bringing Shantel into it won't help....

We heard Langa talking coming down the stairs..
Afro kissed me..

Langa: Ohw my goodness!! Warning next time please?.. Nothing Bro, J ust busted my parents

kissing..

He took off his earphones..

Langa: I just need a snack

Afro: PUBG?

Langa: Yeah and I'm dying

Afro had his arms around my waist, Shielding my half nakedness. Langa took the snacks and rushed upstairs. Afro let go, He picked up the jacket...

Afro: I'll be returning this to him tomorrow morning

He went upstairs. I sat on the armrest of the couch and exhaled..

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NOMVULA

I was in the kitchen drinking tea before going to bed. I was sitting on the high chair leaning over on the counter top. His phone was there, I think he forgot it. It rang again "Liefie". I think it's Shantel, It has to be her.. He walked down the stairs, I sat up straight.

He gave me a serious look as he approached me..

Me: Shantel has been calling

He picked up his phone and looked at me.

Afro: I'm moving back into the master bedroom

Me: Why?

Afro: It's our bedroom and we still married

Me: I'll move out to the guest room

Afro: No!.. We sleeping together like how it should be, Like how married people do it

He walked away and I shook my head..

I checked my phone, Checking Sk's number. He didn't save it, I didn't have him as a contact..

Me: Sly bastard

SK NDLOVU

The following morning, I prepared myself for work. I wasn't taking the 2 weeks leave..

Cap: I thought I told you to take some time off

Me: I can't do that I'm sorry

Cap: Sk

Me: 2 weeks off for what? When there's drug dealers outside waiting for me to arrest them? Look work is the only thing that keeps me busy and I love my job

Cap: I'm trying to save you from yourself, You get out there. You shoot somebody only because you still haven't dealt with what happened

Me: why does everyone keep on saying that?

Cap: Okay look.. You good at profiling too, So you will work in homicide profiling for the next two weeks

Me: Are you kidding me?

Cap: Does it look like I am?

Me: That's like a demotion

Cap: Either that or you go home

NOMVULA

We did share a bed, But there was no touching. I put pillows in the middle. He hardly slept, Was up texting back and forth with Shantel I assume..

I called myself an Uber to get me to work..

Me: Good morning Lisa

Lisa: Hey.. Hey what happened?

She followed me to the office..

Lisa: What happened?

Me: What do you mean?

Lisa: You and Sk?

Me: There's no me and Sk

She folded her arms..

Me: I slept at his place then he drove me home, Now where's my coffee?

Lisa: I'll get it, And get myself one too

SK NDLOVU

King: Okay before we go to the crime scene, The local police station sent us the images. I want us to look at them and get a head start

He put them on the table..

King: And let's welcome our new member, Sk he'll be joining us for the next two weeks

Me: Yey (Sarcasm)

King: You in my department, We do take our work seriously too

We heard a knock at the door..

Officer: Agent, There's someone looking for you at the reception

Me: Excuse me

I stood up and went there, It was Nomvula's husband. I recognize from the pictures they put out. Their marriage was pretty public.

Me: May I help you?

He was holding my jacket..

He walked up to me..

Him: I'm Afro.. Rain's husband

Me: Nice to meet you, Afro.. Rain's husband

Afro: This is yours I believe?

He handed me the jacket..

Me: She said she's going to take it for dry cleaning

Afro: I don't care.. I don't know what's happening between you and my wife, But I want it to stop. Stop fucking my wife! Are we clear?

Me: Crystal

Afro: Good.. Have a nice day

He walked to the door..

Me: Afro is it?

He turned and looked at me..

Me: If I fucked your wife, Trust me. You'd notice

The officer at the reception laughed..

Afro: Pardon?

Me: Until I fuck your wife, She's still a virgin to me.
So if I had fucked her last night, You'd notice

Afro: Motherfucker!

He charged at me..

Me: Don't.. You seriously wanna get physical with
me? You really wanna do that to yourself?

Afro: J ust fucken stay away from my wife

Me: Thank you for bringing back my jacket

I walked back to the office...

NOMVULA

Me: No

It was quiet..

Me: I'm starting to think that none of you actually want this CEO position

My phone rang..

Me: J ust a sec

I answered, It was an unsaved number..

Me: Hello

Voice: You said you were going to take my jacket to dry cleaning

Me: How did you get my number?

Sk: You weren't going to call me so I called myself from your phone and saved it

Me: Excuse me guys

I went out of the seminar room..

Me: I'm in a meeting

Sk: I'm in a meeting too, I'm profiling for the homicide department

Me: Good for you

Sk: You didn't take it to dry cleaning

Me: I know.. My husband took it

Sk: But you still didn't take it

Me: My goodness Sk what do you want me to do?
Take it to dry cleaning?

Sk: Naa, I think lunch will do to make it up

Me: No

Sk: You owe me that much

Me: Fine.. After the lunch we done

Sk: 13:00?

Me: Yes

Sk: I'll pick you up then

Me: I can drive myself to the restaurant

Sk: I'll pick you up then, Bye

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AFRO

I couldn't concentrate well at work so I decided to leave early. I couldn't believe what I heard this morning, Nor believe that Rain is actually involved with a DEA. I seriously didn't see it coming, I thought the end of our marriage was going to crush her so bad that she will hate love. Hate Men..

I drove straight to my Mother's house..

Mom: Let me get this straight, You signed papers. You cheated and already moved on, But you don't want her doing the same?

Me: Thought it was going to take time for her to move on, Never expected it to be this fast. Meaning this guy has always been around, I doubt it's someone she just met recently

Mom: Okay Afro but what do you want her to do? Be alone forever?

Me: She's going to be bringing a man into my kids lives, Some step father kind of shit. He gonna be around my kids 24/7, Playing Daddy

Mom: It's how it is. Not all step fathers are a nightmare, If he loves her. He's going to love the kids too. Rain is not evil, I don't think she'll keep the kids from you

Me: She won't but someone is going to take my place. Fuck my wife, Raise my kids and shit

Mom: Isn't that what's happening between you and Shantel?

Me: It's different, Shantel won't be staying with the kids 24/7. Langa is a boy, I might lose the relationship between us

Mom: I don't understand what you expected Baby, You started this remember?

Me: You defending her?

Mom: No.. I am actually being realistic. You have caused this woman so much pain

Me: She healed fast

Mom: There's no formula to healing, Some people take time. Some people heal within another relationship

Me: I love my wife

Mom: Maybe love is not enough

NOMVULA

Me: I'm going to lunch.. My keys please

Lisa gave me my car keys..

Lisa: You driving out?

Me: No.. He's already here waiting for me downstairs

Lisa: Afro?

Me: Sk

Lisa: Hmmmm

Me: Don't hmmm me, And don't say anything

Lisa: My lips are sealed

Me: I'll be back in an hour

Lisa: Take your time

NOMAKHOSI

Him: Can you start tomorrow morning?

Me: Yes

Him: Okay.. You'll be working Mon-Sat. R1 600 a month as a cashier. Working from 8:00am-18:00

Me: Thank you so much Sir, You won't be disappointed

I saw a pamphlet pasted outside the Chinese shop, They were looking for cashiers. Got in, They only needed an ID copy. Long hours for a little salary but I need to feed my kids...

NOMVULA

He was leaning against the SUV in his black attire,

He was wearing a cap today.. I wonder how many of the black attires he has. He looked good. A strong black man.

I walked up to him..

Sk: I thought you were going to stand me up

Me: I don't go back on my word

Sk: Let's go

I walked to the car, Touched the door handle. He stood behind me and put his hand on my small hand..

Me: What are you doing?

Sk: Opening the door for you, We still exist

He opened the door with his hand still on mine, As we slightly moved back. I felt his crotch poking against my butt..

I got in.. He closed the door and walked all the way around. I strapped myself. He got in and strapped too..

Me: Where are we going?

Sk: It's a surprise

Me: Okay

He started the car and drove off..

Me: What happened? I hope my husband didn't cause a scene

Sk: He accused us of fucking

Me: Ohh my word

Sk: Don't worry.. I told him if I fucked you, He would've noticed

I hit him on the shoulder a little..

Me: That's so wrong

Sk: I'm not joking though

My eyes went down to his crotch. I cleared my throat and positioned myself pulling down my skirt..

Me: I am a mother of two

Sk: Doesn't it go back after giving birth?

Me: Well..

Sk: Exactly

Me: I don't think it's that big

Sk: Wanna grab and feel?

Me: No.. That's just too wrong

Sk: I'm also a man of my word, Any day you wanna try.. J ust say the word

Me: I'm still married

Sk: About to divorce

Me: Let's leave it

Sk: Suit yourself

(Silence)

Me: Okay I'm curious.. J ust what did you mean?
He'll notice?

Sk: I am saying I can prove it to you

Me: So you just wanna get into my panties?

Sk: I'll get there and it'll be more

Me: I am not looking for a relationship currently

Sk: I'd think of us as friends with benefits first, Then we progress

Me: I don't even like you like that

Sk: And here you are, Agreed to the lunch date

Me: Well I am hungry, I need to eat

Sk: Yes Mam'

He continued driving, I looked at him as he

concentrated on the road and I smiled a little..

AFRO

Me: I have to go

Mom: Don't forget this weekend, we having a family dinner. Fezi will bring her boyfriend

Me: I'll bring Rain

Mom: I thought you were going to say Shantel

Me: The kids are coming over so I don't want any problems

Mom: You are with Shantel shouldn't they be getting used to her already?

Me: They will

Mom: Are you sure you not bringing Rain over because you not okay with her being with someone else?

Me: No.. She's still the mother of my kids

Mom: Okay baby.. I'll see you on the weekend

NOMVULA

He took me out for a sea boiled platter..

Me: Wow.. It's been a while since I had this with hot sauce

Sk: They make the best

Me: By the smell I can say

He looked at me..

Me: What?

Sk: You beautiful

Me: Thank you

I blushed a little...

Me: So your wife cheated on you with your best friend?

Sk: Yaa

Me: That's terrible.. I'm sorry

Sk: It's okay shit happens, It's life.. What can we do

Me: I also still can't believe that my marriage is over after all these years

Sk: It's his loss, No one said that marriages are meant to last forever

Me: I guess so

Sk: You going to be okay, It's life

Me: Indeed.. Thank you I really needed this platter, It's been a while

Sk: Can you do me a favour?

Me: Yes

He took the napkin from the table and wiped my bottom lip..

Sk: Stop referring to him as "My husband". Unless you two are thinking of fixing it again

He placed the napkin on the table and wiped the corner of my mouth with his thumb...

Sk: He's your ex husband, Or rather say. The father of my kids

I felt a tickle down there as he continued wiping the

corner of my mouth..

Sk: There.. You okay

I smiled a little and continued eating..

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NOMVULA

I was having a good time with Sk. He let me in on his work, We spoke then profiled people. It's amazing what he does, Just noticing certain things and put together what a person is like. Their behaviour and everything. It was very fascinating..

He is a very interesting someone, For a moment I even forgot about my problems..

I looked at the time..

Me: I'm 5 minutes late

Sk: And you not freaking out?

I shrugged my shoulders..

Me: No.. It's kinda refreshing getting out of the office for a change

Sk: I'm glad you enjoyed yourself

Me: And the food was delicious too

Sk: It was indeed

We looked at each other across the table for a while..

Me: Men start out like this, Fun at first then when the honeymoon phase is over. You guys just turn ugly

Sk: Kinda sad putting us in the same garbage, I could sit here and say all women are hoes like my ex wife

Me: Why she cheat?

Sk: Do people actually need a reason too? People

cheat because they want too. No amount of explanation makes it right

Me: I guess so.. Ain't you supposed to go back to work?

Sk: I am technically on leave, Two weeks

Me: But you wearing your work attire

Sk: Yaa I'm working homicide for two weeks

Me: Reason being?

Sk: My boss thinks I haven't gotten over the divorce

Me: Have you?

Sk: If I haven't, I wouldn't be sitting across you right now

Me: True

Sk: Let's get you back to work

He got up and made his way to me, I stood up and he drew back the chair for me..

He is such a gentleman..

We walked out of the restaurant, He was walking behind me with his hand slightly on my waist...

SHANTEL

I opened the door for him and he walked in..

Me: I thought you'd be at work

He kissed me..

Afro: Got out early

Me: Are you alright?

Afro: I'm fine, Didn't you start work today?

Me: Yaa I was supposed to but not feeling well, I'll be going in tomorrow. Period pains

Afro: Very well, You snuggle up I'll make you something to eat

Me: I'd appreciate it

I walked her to the bedroom...

NOMVULA

He drove with one hand, And his other hand was holding mine..

Me: How old is your Daughter?

Sk: 5 years

Me: Mine is 5 too

Sk: What are we doing?

Me: Sorry?

Sk: It's apparent that we like each other, So what are we doing? Do we need 50 more dates to confirm it?

Me: I.. I don't know, I don't think I can take another heartbreak. The beating

Sk: Beating? I don't beat women. At least not physically. We just talk it out, Whilst I'm deep inside of you

He moved his hand to my thigh, And I got goosebumps..

Sk: Like this

He forced it in between my thighs..

Me: Sk..

Sk: J ust a minute, Give out more room

Me: This is not right

Sk: You can always say no, And I'll stop

I opened my thighs a little to give out more room..

Me: Accident?

Sk: I'm good

Today I wasn't wearing any pantyhose.. He didn't

force my g-string down, Moved it to the side a little as I opened wider to give him more room..

His index finger located and gently started rubbing my clit..

Sk: We talk, J ust like this

Me: We talk?

Sk: We talk

He continued, Then moved it down to my hole.. He rubbed me at the entrance using two fingers this time around. Until he eventually slipped his finger deep inside of me, Still concentrating on the road..

He continued and I couldn't help but moan, Seeing

he was getting an erection himself turned me on more...

He pulled up at the dead end of the road.. Slipped his hand out to park well..

Sk: We practically have at least 5min to talk until a car passes

We looked at each other, He leaned over and we kissed..

He took my hand to his crotch, Unbelievably so.. He was right, He was gifted down there when I unzipped him and unbuttoned his pants putting my hand inside...

Me: Shiit.. You weren't kidding

Sk: I don't kid

We continued kissing...

AFRO

I was preparing chilli, Adding ground beef,
Tomatoes, Tomato paste, Baked beans and a few
spices. Then I'll top it with cheese..

Shantel walked in..

Me: I thought you'll be in bed

Shantel: Needed warm water

Me: I was thinking

Shantel: Yes?

Me: I was thinking we should spend Saturday together early. You, Me, and the kids

Shantel: Really?

Me: Yes because later on I'll be going to a family dinner

Shantel: I'd like that very much

Me: Just so they can get used to us being together

Shantel: I think it's a good idea, I'm up to it

NOMVULA

With his finger deep inside, Working it's way miraculously to increasing the pleasure. I was getting super horny and very wet, Couldn't control my breathing too as our lips were still attached against each other.

I was catching my breath, He was too. Just occasionally pausing kissing to catch our breaths..

With his other hand, He ran it under my blouse..

Me: Sk... (Softly)

Sk: Talk to me

Me: You making me really wet

Sk: I know

He squeezed my breast, By this time. His big black thick dick was fully out and erected. I was giving him a hand job. The more I did, The more it came alive and the more he groaned..

We kissed again. He moved the hand from my breast, Then placed it on mine to increase the speed of how I was doing it..

Sk: You very wet

With my other hand I grabbed his t-shirt..

Me: I want you

Sk: I know

Me: I want you inside of me

Sk: Not today

He increased the rate of his finger fucking, Just hitting that one spot. That spot that made me more horny to the point of feeling like I was going piss..

I moved my hand from his, And he continued with the hand job. My clit was throbbing painfully and I rubbed it as he also continued with his finger inside of me. We had lifted my skirt up for more easy entrance, And for me to further on spread my legs..

He pulled my lower lip as my moaning got a bit louder. He then kissed my chin and then my neck..

My legs were vibrating...

I stopped rubbing my clit and grabbed on to his arm, Sinking my nails deeper into his skin. Making him groan more in his deep voice..

I moaned more louder and scratched him deep when I was close to releasing. His finger fucked me faster as I released the fluid, It just splashed and buried my face on his chest moaning to the point of almost crying..

Me: Sk stooooop

He brought his lips closer to my ear..

Sk: We almost done baby.. We almost done

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AFRO

Shantel: That was delicious

Me: Very

Shantel: Thank you for coming over and helping, I wasn't going to be able to cook on my own in this state

Me: Anything for you

Shantel: You make me happy

I looked at her..

Me: You make me happy too

Shantel: I know I might not be Rain but..

Me: Where is that coming from?

Shantel: I know you still love her Afro, I can see it in your eyes

Me: Rain and I we've been together for years, She's the mother of my kids. It would be weird for me not to still have that love for her

Shantel: Are you ready to actually move on from

your past marriage?

Me: Yes I am, Please have a bit of patience with me..
It's still fresh, I'm still trying to get over it

Shantel: I just don't wanna be patient on something
that might just not happen

Me: It.. Rain and I we done, She filed for divorce first.
I've signed the papers just waiting for it to be
finalised that's all

Shantel: I'm going to rest a little

Me: Okay

NOMVULA

That was a very steamy and unexpected turn of events. I don't quite regret what happened, I'm just embarrassed that I almost flooded his car. I've never come like that, Not even my years of sexual intercourse with my husband..

I was still feeling sticky, At least it's leather seats so we used a whole deal of tissues to wipe it. I don't understand, I've been finger fucked before and this has never happened, It's like he pressed on an area that triggered pleasure, That kind of pleasure that I've never experienced before

He also shot through a bit on his t-shirt and pants, Plus they black in colour. He wiped himself too but the traces were there and he wasn't even making a big deal out of it.

He was still holding my hand as he drove me to my place. He lifted my hand and kissed it..

Sk: Embarrassed?

Me: That I came all over the seat? Yes

He chuckled..

Sk: I'm sorry who do you have sex with?

Me: It's just never happened before

Sk: Ever? You never squirted before?

Me: No.. I have been finger fucked before it just ends on me being horny.. Gosh this is embarrassing

He laughed..

Me: It's not funny

Sk: I know I'm sorry.. I just.. It has never happened before where I participate in anything sexual with a woman and she doesn't squirt nor enjoy

Me: Well you are attractive so I understand

Sk: Ohw so you like me for my appearance? That just hurts

Me: What? (Laughing)

Sk: You've just hurt my feelings, So you used me?

Me: That is not how it happened (Laughing)

Sk: That was hurtful

Me: You such a lot of work

(Silence)

Me: Sk?

Sk: Talk to me

Me: I don't wanna be hurt again

Sk: I don't wanna be hurt too

Me: I don't know if I've completely healed

Sk: I'm a very patient Man, I'll help you heal. When

two broken hearts come together, They either break each other more or mend each other

Me: I want the latter

Sk: Then we'll mend each other

Me: The marriage was long over, I saw from when he moved on

Sk: Some people move on whilst they still with you

Me: I've noticed

He pulled up in our parking lot..

Me: Are you okay with people knowing?

I took a deep breath and exhaled..

Me: I'm practically a divorced woman, I just need to call my lawyer submit the papers tomorrow morning and we finalized everything.. I no longer care about people and what they say, I only care about my kids

Sk: That's the spirit

Me: I should go

Sk: I should go too

He put his hand around my waist and pulled me over for a kiss..

We kissed and lost ourselves again in kissing..

Me: It's getting hot and beautiful again

We broke the kiss but still greatly attached to each other..

Sk: 1234 East Beltline Ave

Me: Huh?

Sk: That's my address, If you wanna come over anytime tonight

I put my hand on his chest and bit my lower lip..

Me: I have a teenager son he's 16

Sk: I don't know how loud you scream but he can come too so long you won't be too loud

I laughed..

Me: No I mean, I need to talk to him and we'll see on his mood

Sk: I respect him and his decision because he's the only man in your life who deserves my respect, Whom I'll have to convince for us to get along

Me: My ex husband?

Sk: You want him to come too?

I laughed..

Me: No..

Sk: I don't know if he's going to be up for it but we can try, You can call him I'll ask him "Eyy I'm going to fuck your wife wanna come over and watch?"

I laughed so hard I hid my face on his chest.. He laughed too..

Sk: Things you come up with

Me: Awukho right shame I don't wanna lie

Sk: You brought him up

Me: And maybe also call up your ex wife

Sk: They'll be the audience I guess

I brought my head up and looked at him, Then I
kissed him..

Me: Thank you for making my day

Sk: Thank you for making mine

Me: Let me go

Sk: I'll open the door for you

FEZILE

Sergio: Fez my man

He was eating Chinese food..

Me: What do you want Sergio?

Sergio: Is this how you greet an old friend

Me: I'm not your friend, It was business

Sergio: People I do business with are also my friends

Me: I see.. What am I doing here?

Sergio: Heard you retired, Now you settling in an office teaching and training?

Me: Yes

Sergio: I understand.. That's good but unfortunately it doesn't do me well.. I don't have a pilot to help me transport my business

Me: That's not my problem

I turned to walk away, His goons stopped me..

Sergio: Let's see

I turned and looked at him..

He picked up the envelope from the table.. Opened it..

Sergio: Your Mom, She lives alone doesn't she? Let me see. Niece, Nephew, Brother, Sister in law.. The

whole family

Me: I don't work that anymore

Sergio: It's not about you working there, It's about you making sure my merchandise gets delivered

Me: Sergio

Sergio: Go get your old job back or find me someone who will take the ropes from you

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SK NDLOVU

I was hopeful that Nomvula would come, So later on that day. I prepared dinner for two.

We have been speaking prior to my preparing the dinner..

If I wasn't sure at first about her, Now I am. They always say another man's trash, Is another man's treasure. She holds herself respectfully, Doesn't even throw her money nor richness in one's face. She's very humble, And so long you treat a woman good you'll always have a happy woman.

NOMVULA

I looked at him..

Langa: Okay

Me: Are you sure?

Langa: Yeah go out and have fun, Naomi is not a problem

Me: I'm unsure of leaving you guys alone

Langa: Mom.. I'm 16

Me: Konje

I picked up my overnight bag, Afro walked in..

Langa: I'll be playing games upstairs, I'll constantly check on Naomi

He came and hugged me. I didn't tell him that I'm going to sleep over at Sk's. I just told him I'm going out with friends..

Langa: I love you

Me: I love you too baby

He walked upstairs greeting Afro..

I walked to the door and he met me halfway..

Afro: You really are going to cheat with my surname

Me: Aii maan fuck you Afro! I'll be out of this surname soon, I done called my lawyer. Tomorrow morning she's going to finalise everything

Afro: This.. This is not going to last. You don't have love for any man, You failed to love me. How is he different?

Me: He makes me happy. He makes it a priority to make me happy

Afro: We'll see

Me: Good night

I walked away, He pulled me back..

Afro: J ust don't.. Don't rub it in my face that you actually sleeping with him

Me: I am not, You are.. Kahle kahle where is Shantel?

I didn't even expect you to be home

He wrapped his arm around my waist..

Afro: You smell good

Me: Please don't

Afro: Don't go to him, I just wanna have you for the last time since we are divorcing

Me: Afro please

Afro: I'm begging you, Just let me have you for tonight only.. Please Mrs Dubazana

I pushed him off...I rushed my way out of the door..

Afro: Rain!!!

FEZILE

Mom: What's wrong with you?

Me: Huh?

Mom: Relationship problems?

Me: No

Mom: You don't get that, How come?

Me: I'm not like Afro, I fix my own relationship problems

Mom: I see.. Yaa Afro disappointed

Me: Too much

NOMVULA

I drove up to his place, I got lost a little but found my way..

I took a deep breath and rang the bell..

He opened the door and folded his arms, Then looked at me..

Sk: I didn't think you were coming

Me: Me too

He took my bag then held my bag and welcomed me in..

He closed the door and locked it. Then turned to me. He placed the bag on the floor, Then took off my jacket. He looked at me..

Sk: You look good

Me: Thank you

He put his arms around my waist and pulled me to him..

Sk: So good I want dinner to the last meal I eat tonight

He picked me up, I wrapped my legs around his waist..

Sk: Are you sure about this

Me: You teased me all day, Now I wanna feel it

I kissed him...

AFRO

I poured the whiskey and downed it. I looked at the bottle, Thought of him actually fucking my wife. I took the bottle and smashed it against the wall..

I placed both my hands on the counter and hung my head in shame..

SK NDLOVU

He placed me on the bathroom counter next to the sink.

Sk: I don't wanna use a condom, I'll hurt you

Me: I don't wanna fall pregnant nor catch a sickness

Sk: I'm as clean as they come, I won't come inside of you as much as I do but not now

He spread my legs, I was wearing a short dress.. He rubbed his finger on my g-string just at the location of the clit..

Sk: Keep your hands underneath your legs, Hold

them and keep them there

Me: Okay

He did that as we tounge kissed, I could myself getting wet. He stopped and took off his vest, His sweat pants and was only left with his briefs. He took off my dress, And bra.. I put my hands back where they belonged. He was getting an erection too, And I don't know why he was n't freeing himself. He didn't take off my g-string, He tore it..

Me: Sk!

He threw it down and then kissed me on my tummy, All the way down to my coochie. He put my legs over his shoulders. I felt his tongue on my clit and a breath escaped my lips.. He smooched it whilst his finger gently made it's way inside of me. I rose up my body a little. That went on for a while and I was

getting extremely wet, I placed my hand on his hand and pinned him against my coochie with my legs shaking. He stopped and got back up, With his lips and chin wet. He lowered his briefs and I got a little scared, That am I going to enjoy or feel a lot of pain. I put my hands under my legs holding them. He rubbed the tip on my clit then down to the opening of my vagina. I looked at him and he kissed me..

Without any warning, He pushed it in as quick as he could but half of it in. I felt myself stretching in a way I've never did with Afro. I screamed and pushed him off a little..

Sk: I said your hands must be where?

Me: I didn't expect that

Sk: Hands were they should be

Me: Sk..

He pushed further in..

Me: Ohhhhhh my word

My breathing picked up..

Me: I've never felt something so big

Sk: Baby what did I say about your hands?

I put them under my legs again, He started pushing in and out gently. I was actually seeing him going in and out, Seeing that quickly brought back the pleasure..

Sk: Look at you taking me in

Me: Ohhhhhh

He continued, Then placed his hand on my neck..
He brought his lips closer, Our foreheads touching..

He whispered next to my lips with his eyes slightly closed and his voice very low and trembling..

Sk: You so tight baby

He wet his other fingers and rubbed my clit as he continued fucking me gently..

Me: Yesssssssss Daddy

He kissed me..

Me: It feels so good please don't stop

He started breathing heavily, Still very close to my lips with our foreheads touching..

I moved my other hand with my legs still up on the sink to massage his balls. He pushed further in, I placed my hand on his stomach.

Sk: Next time I need to tell you to keep your hand away, I'm going to fuck you hard until you cry

He tightened the grip a little on my neck..

Sk: Am I making myself clear?

Me: Yes Daddy

I moved my hand from him..

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AFRO

I was falling in and out of sleep. The more I thought about the situation, The more I felt my chest closing in. I looked at the time, It was 22:00 on the dot. The kids were sleeping, I had this unbelievable headache. I went hard on the bottle. I went downstairs to drink water, Whilst wiping my tears. Is he hitting it raw? Is she enjoying? Is she riding him too. It was a mess of a situation. Men cheat most of the time, We dogs but women shouldn't. The pain hits differently knowing that my wife is being

fucked over and bent over by another man. A man who seems confident in and with his business..

NOMVULA

I was convinced that after our first round, We were going to eat then sleep. None of that happened. We just kept on going. I don't know how he made it possible, Make me squirt at every position and every place we had sex at. I don't know where he was getting all this stamina from..

He did keep up to his word, He didn't come inside of me. What Frustrated me was that we would stop for a while when he came, Then start over again and he'd take longer to come than when he did on the first round

This was our 3rd and last round, Him sitting on the couch. My ontop of him. I was uncomfortable with

this position, I felt him very deep.. My arms wrapped around his neck, His hands on my ass. Squeezing it, Shaking it and moving me up and down on him..

Me: Please come

Sk: Why would I wanna do that when I'm enjoying you?

Me: It's deep and uncomfortable Daddy

Sk: I'm sorry but you have to get used to it

Me: Please come

He pressed me down against him I felt all of it in, I squeezed him at the back of his neck with my nails.

Whilst screaming..

Sk: Askies

Me: I can't Daddy (crying)

He stood up with me and laid me on the couch still
in me...

He kissed my tears, My lips and my neck. He placed
his lips against my ear..

Sk: I'm sorry, Do you want me to stop?

Me: No

He kissed me..

Sk: Are you sure?

Me: I'm sure.. It's better now, Just tired that's all

Sk: I'll be done in no time.. I promise

AFRO

I called her, Her phone rang answered. I placed it back on the table and rubbed my hands together. I took it and called Fezi.

He answered on the 3rd ring..

Fez: Whats up?

Me: I've lost her Fez, I initiated this whole thing but..
I've lost her and it hurts

I sniffed..

Fez: You wanna fix it?

Me: It's too late now.. She has found someone else,
She's with him

Fez: This is difficult

Me: I know

Fez: You are allowed to feel how you feel, She is
your wife or ex wife and the mother of your kids.
You did love her

Me: I wish that I could turn back the time and try to work it out

Fez: It's too late now boyza, Plus aren't you with something else?

Me: Yaa I don't think I love her that much

Fez: Then leave her and be on your own for a while

Me: Yaa maybe

NOMVULA

I moaned very loud as he fucked me hard, Then he took it out and came right on my tummy..

Sk: Fuuuuuuuuuuuck!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

He tapped it a little against my tummy then aligned his breathing again. He let go of it, Took the towel on the table and wiped my stomach, Whilst also wiping himself..

Sk: Get up

I got up, My legs were wobbly. He laid on the couch and I laid ontop of him..

He gave me a booty rub..

Sk: You alright?

Me: I am.. I'm just very tired, Can't even feel my legs

He chuckled..

Me: J ust wanna rest

Sk: Aren't you feeling hungry?

Me: I'll eat in the morning

He kissed me on my forehead, I then closed my eyes...

NOMAKHOSI

I woke up very early in the morning, It was raining. I prepared the kids for school, And cooked soft porridge for them. It was around 5am when I woke them up. The baby will be looked after my mother, Who also wants me to pay her for looking after the baby...

AFRO

Me: Sorry for calling you on your personal number

Vero: It's okay boss.. I understand

Me: I just don't feel well, When you get to the office.
Cancel all my meetings for today

Vero: Yes Sir

I hung up..

Me: Guys come on you'll be late for school

I put the scrambled eggs in their plates. I looked at

the clock on the wall, It was 6am.

It was still dark outside because it was raining...

NOMVULA

I remember sleeping on the couch, How we got in bed. I don't know, But when I opened my eyes we were in bed and it was raining. Sk was sleeping behind me, And I was woken up by being horny. I don't understand how, Because I was very sore but I was horny. Maybe that's because I haven't had such good sex in a while, Have someone fuck me like that..

He had his hand over me, Holding me tight to him. I slept in his arms, His big strong arms. I felt a sense of safety and protection

I lowered my hand and moved it to his dick. I played around with it and he got an erection...

Sk: It's early in the morning

Said that with his deep sleepy voice..

Me: So?

Sk: It's still early to be sexual harassing me

Me: Agh please (Laughing)

He moved his hand down to my thigh.. Kissed me at the back of my neck..

Sk: Thought you be in pain

Me: I am but I'm also very horny

Sk: Just lazy sex?

Me: Just lazy sex until we come

He lifted my leg up a little..

Sk: Put it in

I grabbed it, And slowly directed him inside..

Me: Ahhhhh..

I stopped..

Me: It's so sore

Sk: Trust me, You don't want me to help you

Me: Just a little, Or I won't be able to

Sk: You want me but you're scared

Me: Just a little Daddy.. Please

He slowly pushed in, I heard his breathing picking up..

Sk: Are we still okay?

Me: We still okay

He pumped his way in, Until he was fully inside..

Sk: Still painful?

Me: Yaaaaa

Sk: Askies ke but you the one who wants it

As he continued I wet my fingers and rubbed my clit, Seconds into it and when I started to get wet. It got better, The pain siezed and pleasure increased..

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NOMVULA

I woke up later on, It was still raining. I don't think the rain will stop. I was still tired and still in pain. Sk wasn't laying next to me. I went to brush my teeth, and washed my face. I had toiletries in my overnight bag. I was just too lazy to bath. I wore one of his shirts, And went to the kitchen..

He was all dressed up for work, Preparing breakfast..

Me: Good morning

He looked at me..

Sk: MaJ ele

Me: You going to work?

Sk: Unfortunately

He opened the chair for me, I went and sat down..

Sk: I made you breakfast

Me: Thank you

He kissed me on my cheek..

Sk: Here

He gave me a small box..

Me: You not proposing are you?

Sk: No.. Open it

I opened it, It was a key..

Sk: It's my spare, You can use it

Me: Sk..

Sk: It's okay I don't want you sneaking and out as if like you a thief

Me: I.. Are you sure?

Sk: I am

He sat next to me, Put my legs on him so I can be comfortable..

Me: I also have to go, The lawyer will be at my house in no time

Sk: Good luck with that

Me: Yeah.. I'm going to need it

AFRO

I went to open, It was Shantel..

Me: What are you doing here?

She walked in..

Shantel: I've been calling and texting

Me: I know. I saw

Shantel: So?

Me: You can't be here.. This is my kids home and my wife's house too

Shantel: You left me no choice, I even called the office and you weren't there. They told me you taking the day off

Me: Seriously Shantel, You shouldn't be here

Shantel: Madam is at work? Right?

Me: You need to leave.. Now it's not a good time

Shantel: I'm not going anywhere!

She sat down...

NOMAKHOSI

They put money in my till..

Boss: operating the machine is easy, I showed you

Me: Yes Sir

He walked away.. I looked at the money in the till,
Tempted to take a few. I looked around and then
closed the till..

I took a deep breath..

Me: God help me

The security opened the door, Customers who were standing outside came in. It's a supermarket, Also sells in bulk for those with small businesses..

NOMVULA

When Sk left, I left too. I was wearing his sweat pants, They were comfortable because they were a bit baggy..

I drove home all yawning and what not. I wanna get there, Drink coffee, And then wait for the lawyer..

I wasn't prepared to be welcomed in my house, With Shantel sitting at the counter eating breakfast. Afro was standing on the other side..

Me: You gotta be kidding me

Shantel turned..

Me: Really Afro? In my house? Such disrespect

Shantel: Woooooow!! I'm not an expert in clothes but that attire is a man's attire

Shantel turned and looked at him..

Shantel: She's getting it somewhere else? What are you guys doing? Why don't you just divorce because clearly you both have moved on?

Me: When I come back downstairs please I want her gone

Afro: Shantel please leave

Shantel: Don't worry about me, I am

She took her bag..

I slowly approached the staircase, As I walked up the stairs. I would stop halfway and take a breather..

Shantel: Damn they really ate you up with that walk? The whole night?

Afro: I said leave!!!!

SK NDLOVU

I walked into the station holding a cup of coffee..

Cap: I'm glad you here

Me: What's wrong?

Cap: Your team has some information, A possible lead on Sergio. They going to need you

Me: Finally!

Cap: Get to it Agent

I walked to our department. The team was already sitting around the table..

Me: Talk to me, What do we have?

NOMVULA

He walked into the bedroom and closed the door..

Me: You really are predictable

He kept quiet. He stood there and looked at me..

Me: You brought her here? In my house? Did you sleep with her in my bed? My kids just across the room

Afro: Shantel came this morning

Me: I'm supposed to believe that?

Afro: She's on her periods

Me: I really don't care, I just don't want her in my house that's all! I don't care where you two hook up, But not in my house

Afro: So you did sleep with him?

I kept quiet..

Afro: You know what he said to me? "The day I fuck your wife. You will notice"

Me: I'm not in the mood Afro, We separated. You cheated, I didn't. I moved on

He took off his glasses and sat on the bed..

Afro: Was it nice? Did you enjoy him? Did you even use protection?

Me: Yes.. Yes.. No

He wiped his eyes..

Afro: Out of everything that you could hurt me with, You outdid yourself here

Me: How do you think I felt? How do you think I felt when your girlfriend told me that you fucked her against her car in the parking lot

He nodded repeatedly..

Afro: You can't even see the pain I'm feeling right now

Me: Honestly.. I don't care

I walked to the bathroom..

SK NDLOVU

Kacee: Do we bring him in?

Me: This Fezile Dubazana is suspected of dealing drugs with Sergio. He has long since put down his pilot license. If we bring him, We bringing him exactly on what?

Kacee: Interrogation

Me: If we do this, We need to do this perfectly. We only have one chance to do it, And we need to do it right. This Fezile, We need him as a witness against Sergio and I don't think he's going to just agree

Kacee: Okay so what do we do?

I took off my jacket..

Me: Put your bullet proof vests on, Guns intact and get me King

Kacee: Yes Sir

NOMAKHOSI

I gave her back the change..

Customer: Thank you

Before closing the drawer, I took out R50 and put it aside..

Another customer walked in to pay, The queue got longer..

NOMVULA

I slowly got into the bathtub. I had poured in my bathing salts..

Me: Awww (softly)

As I sat down on the bathtub, The soreness got intense..

Me: Fuck Sk.. You really did a number on me

I rolled a towel, But it on the back to rest my head..

I moved my hand to my cochie, From the entrance it was sore when I touched it..

I tried to attain a comfortable position, It was painful..

Me: Ouchhhh

I then noticed Afro standing by the door..

Me: This really has to stop

He walked up to me, Knelt before the bathtub. His eyes were red and wet..

Without any hesitation, He put his hand around my throat and pulled down into the water, Literally drowning me..

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SK NDLOVU

I tried calling MaJ ele but she wasn't picking up. This raises nothing but concern, Because she's still living with that bastard. Men don't take too kindly on their women getting fucked by another Man..

As we were set to go to Fezile, I pulled Kacee on the

side..

Me: Since we all not going to the field, I have an assignment for you

Kacee: Yes?

Me: I need you to go to this address, Ask for Nomvula J ele. Possible case of GBV

Kacee: Isn't that for ICD?

Me: I'm making it your assignment, She's important to me

Kacee: Fine I'll go check it out

Me: She's hurt you shoot the bastard, You bring him

in. She looks scared, You bring him in. There's nothing I hate like a man who beats a woman

Kacee: Yes Sir

Me: Hurry

NOMVULA

He pulled me out. I coughed whilst trying to catch my breath. I wiped my face with my hands.. He walked over to get a towel, I was scared.. He got back to me..

Afro: Get out

I slowly got out crying. He walked up to me and I moved back. He opened the towel.

Afro: Come here

I walked over to him, He wrapped the towel around my naked body. I wiped my tears..

Afro: I wasn't going to lose it, Until I heard you in pain. Meaning you really did let him eat you up

He ran his hand under the towel, Then slipped it in between my legs. I felt his finger going inside of me..

Me: Ahhhh!!!!

Afro: How many should I put in? 2?3?4?

He pushed it in deeper, I grabbed his arm..

Me: Afro ngiyaxolisa (I'm sorry)

Afro: You swollen Nomvula

Me: Askies

There's nothing I was going to say that was going to make sense, All I could do was to neautealize the situation and his anger by taking the blame..

Afro: I've never caused you this much

Me: Please take your finger out and we talk about this

Afro: Talk about what exactly?

I moved my hand from his arm to his cheek..

Me: Please..

He removed his finger inside of me, Then placed both hands on my waist..

Afro: Why are you doing this to me? Do you know how much I love you?

Me: You hurt me too (crying)

Afro: You didn't even let him use a condom? Do you love him?

I moved my hand from his cheek and placed it on his chest..

Me: I just wanted to hurt you the same way that you

hurt me, I wanted you to know how it feels

Afro: I love you MakaLanga

Me: I know

Afro: I love you

He kissed me and I just froze.. I wasn't feeling the same feelings that I did each time when he kissed me. At the back of my head, All I could think about as he kissed me was Sk. I didn't wanna do this with him. I didn't wanna have sex with Afro..

SK NDLOVU

I called Kacee as I was in the car..

Kacee: Yeah?

Me: How far are you?

Kacee: I'm in the elevator, Going up

Me: Don't leave until you make sure that she's safe

Kacee: Noted

NOMVULA

We continued kissing..

Afro: I want you back, I want my wife back. We forget about this whole thing and we start afresh

He kissed me on my neck..

We heard the monitor going off..

Me: It could be the lawyer

He looked at me..

Me: We supposed to meet up, She won't leave. I'll go check and reschedule

Afro: Okay

I rushed out of the bedroom, For a moment forgetting about my pain. All I wanted was to get to the door. I did, I opened and saw A guy dressed like Sk.

Him: My name is Kacee and I...

When I heard Afro calling out, Coming downstairs..

Afro: Is it her?

I hugged Kacee..

Me: Please don't leave me here with him

Kacee: Got you

SK NDLOVU

He was in his office..

Me: Mr Fezile Dubazana?

Fez: Yes?

Me: Agent Ndlovu

I extended my hand to him for a handshake.

Fez: Okay?

Me: DEA

He retracted his hand back..

Me: I've got a couple of questions for you

Fez: What's this about?

Me: Sergio

Fez: I have nothing to say

Me: Yes you do

He got up from his chair...

I turned and looked at Chauke..

Me: He getting up from his chair like he's trying to see me in the streets

Chauke chuckled..

I turned back to Fez..

Me: Sit down

Fez: This is my office

Me: If you not trying to see me out on the streets, Sit down

He sat down..

Me: We want you to testify against him, In exchange for your freedom. We can and we will protect you. We've long been trying to bring him in, And with your testimony. We might have a strong case. You don't agree, I'm bringing you in

NOMVULA

Kacee cuffed him..

Kacee: I'm arresting you for the attempted murder of Mrs Nomvula J ele Dubazana

Afro: Attempted murder?

Kacee: You did try to kill her by drowning

Afro: How is the DEA involved in this again?

Kacee: I'm the officer of the law, And I am arresting you

He led him out to the door..

Kacee: You okay?

I nodded..

Afro: So her boyfriend sent you out to arrest me? I'd like to see how that is going to pin out in court

Kacee: You have the right to remain silent, Anything you say will and can be used against you in the court of law..

I watched him as Kacee led him out of the door in cuffs..

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SK NDLOVU

Me: You really are fixated on going to jail just to protect this guy? Throw away everything that you've worked hard for?

My phone vibrated in my pocket, I took it out and checked. It was Kacee..

Me: I'll be back, I gotta take this

I walked out and went outside to answer..

Me: Talk to me

Kacee: I got him

Me: What happened?

Kacee: She said she was drowning her, Did find her wet. Scared and shaking

Me: Thank you Kacee, I owe you one

Kacee: You do know we can't arrest him right? Not until she opens a case against him. He can talk himself out of this one

Me: Who said anything about an arrest? I just wanna talk to him in my territory

Kacee: Couldn't you just find other ways to talk to him?

Me: That will have me go to their place, And I don't want her to see me acting out of violence if it comes to that, I never want her to see me in that state. She's been through enough trauma already

Kacee: Fine.. I'll see you when here

Me: Ayt cool

I walked in again, It was now I noticed the family picture on the wall. Him, Afro, And I think their Parents too. I walked up to it and checked it out..

Me: Is this your Brother?

Fez: Yeah.. What is it to you?

Me: Nothing.. J ust think about it, Think about this and make a decision

I looked at Chauke..

Me: Let's go

Chauke: We'll be in touch

NOMVULA

Me: Is that all?

Lawyer: Yes, J ust the court process left. It's a good thing you didn't marry him in Cop, Unless his lawyer wanna act fresh on us

Me: I just wanna be free from this man that's all

Lawyer: Are you sure that you okay?

Me: I'm good

A call from Sk came through..

Me: I have to take this

Lawyer: I'll see myself out

Me: Love

Sk: Did he hurt you? Apart from trying to drown you did he hurt you? Or tried to force himself on you?

Me: No.. He didn't, If Kacee didn't come in time I don't even know what was going to happen. Thank you

Sk: When you weren't picking up, I just figured he had cornered you. That's when I sent Kacee

Me: I wanna be rid of this man, I don't wanna live in fear constantly. I don't want my kids to witness abuse.. If I had any doubts about leaving him, This just gave me more reason to leave him

Sk: I'm sorry that you went through that Nana, And I swear if he put you through more than what he put you through. I was going to kill him

Me: Thank God you didn't, And he didn't. Can't take you going to jail

Sk: As long as there's breath in my body, I'll never let you go through something like this ever again nor will I ever put you through something like this

Me: How did you come into my life again?

Sk: Let's see.. You were drunk and you thought I was a creep

I laughed..

Me: You did come across as a creep

Sk: Then thank you for giving this creep a chance

Me: Was the best decision I made

Sk: Let me get back to work, I'll check up on you later again

Me: Okay

Sk: Ngigcwele ngawe (I love you)

Me: Too soon (laughing)

Sk: I don't need to wait what? 6 months to tell you how I feel about you

Me: I think I love you too

Sk: Call you later, Rest

Me: Gonna be hard but I'll try

Sk: He's not going to hurt you again, I promise you

Me: Okay bye..

Sk: Bye baby

SK NDLOVU

Chauke: You didn't tell me that you got a woman

Me: I don't kiss and tell, Next time put on earphones when one is on the phone

Chauke: When are we meeting her?

Me: You already know her

Chauke: You didn't fix it with the ex wife did you?

Me: No.. It's..

I cleared my throat..

Me: Nomvula J ele the CEO

Chauke: The multimillionaire?

Me: Yeah

Chauke: Isn't she married?

Me: Going through a divorce

Chauke: Her and her husband were a power couple

Me: He's shit.. An abusive, Lying, And cheating
bastard

Chauke: Damn

Me: If I was on the other side of the law, I would've long taken care of him

NOMAKHOSI

I went to buy slab chips, Buns and a cool drink with the money I had stolen....

I ate outside fish and chips. The food wasn't going down well, I stole this money. A total of R150, What if I get caught by the end of the day? What's going to happen?. I don't know why I did that, I don't know why I stole the money..

SK NDLOVU

We got to the police station and I had him brought out of the holding cell to the interrogation room..

Afro: I knew it

I was staring at the glass, The one we use to check out how the interrogation is going. I can't see what's on the other side.. All I could see was his reflection..

Afro: I could file a charge of harassment against you

Me: You drowned her

Afro: No. My wife was bathing in the morning, We were about to have sex when your pal came in and arrested me

I bit my tongue in Frustration..

Me: You need to stay away from her, She's divorcing you and moving on

Afro: You don't know what's going on between me and my wife

Me: Fezile your brother the pilot? Or former pilot. He used to transport drugs for a drug dealer that we after

I turned and looked at him..

Me: He's looking at 25 years, And you on the other side maybe 15 years. Both boys go to jail, Mommy gets a heart attack that both her sons are shitty and she follows her husband

Afro: What?

I walked up to him..

Me: You are going to be escorted home by a colleague, Gather your shit and don't look back

Afro: I thought you'd do the honours of actually helping me pack

Me: You in here because I'm protecting you from me. Outside I can do far worse, And..

I got really close to him..

Me: The difference between you and I, Is that you are putting her through violence. I'm protecting her from the violence. So.. Go home, Cut your losses. Get your things and leave, This was the last day that you put my woman through that

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NOMVULA

Afro was escorted back to the house by two Police Officers. It was down to either him or I, Moving out. I have two kids, My moving out was not an option. Sk had texted me that for my safety there's going to be security.. I watched him pack up his things, He seemed more calmer than earlier..

Afro: I am sorry for what I did to you this morning. I am sorry about everything that I've put you through, It wasn't right and I shouldn't have. I might have lost my wife, But I will respect you as the mother of my kids. We bought this place together, You shipped in

more. For that reason, And the kids. You deserve
the house

He placed the keys on the kitchen counter..

Afro: Goodbye Rain, I hope we both gonna find our
individual healing. I'll call you instead of coming
here with regards to the kids and how we going to
work that out. I hope he will make you more happier
than I ever did. I just want you to be happy, I still do
love you

I watched him leave. Him leaving confirmed the
ending of our marriage, We've been together for
years. Went through a lot to be where we are now.
This was a loss I never expected, Nor that I was
prepared for. Felt like a weight lifted off my
shoulders, The loss I felt it too....

NOMAKHOSI

Boss: Please come this side

I took the closed sign and placed it on my till. I stood up from the chair and followed him to the back. He was with the others..

Boss: Look at that

Surveillance tape of my stealing..

Me: Uhm..

Boss: You stole a total of R150, I want you to pay back or else I'm going to lock you up in here

The security guard came with cuffs, He cuffed me to the corner leg of the table. I had to sit down

because bending was going to put a strain on my back.

Me: I'm sorry.. I have kids and I needed money

Boss: Think of how you going to pay back

This was a nightmare..

AFRO

I called Fezi when I was in the car..

Fez: Poi

Me: You deal drugs?

Fez: Excuse me?

Me: Sk Ndlovu told me

Fez: Wait... What? You friends with him?

Me: He's dating Nomvula, He had me arrested

Fez: Arr.. What did you do? Don't tell me that you beat her up again?

I exhaled..

Fez: What the hell is wrong with you? A case of GBV will cripple you! You'll be done, Lose clients and close down your company. Get it together, Nomvula is not the only woman out there. If you lose it all, Do you really wanna be broke and coparenting with

your baby Mama who is not a millionaire but a multimillionaire?

Me: I know.. I screwed up

Fez: You did more than just screwing up

Me: I fixed it.. Why didn't you tell me that you were dealing drugs? This guy knows we related. He hates my guts and he's going to make sure that he buries us

Fez: It's a long story

Me: Long story my foot, Did you think about Mom? She lost her husband. You really want her to lose us?

Fez: I'll fix it okay? Just stay in your lane too!

Imagine the embarrassment, The headlines.. You have kids for crying out loud. If you can't do it for yourself, Do it for them

NOMVULA

For the first time in a very long time, I found myself kneeling down and praying in my bedroom..

Me: Lord I'm confused. I just lost my marriage, A man that I thought I was going to spend the rest of my life with. Then comes along Sk, He seems like my redemption. I just don't wanna do this again for the 3rd time. J abu, Afro, Sk.. I don't want it to be a pattern, A toxic cycle. If Sk is not here to show me the complete beautiful side of love, I'd rather lose him now than later on. Also help me heal completely so that if he's the one, I don't bleed on him too. Amen..

SK NDLOVU

I walked to the reception. My heavily pregnant ex wife Amanda was standing there with our Daughter, Sethu..

Sethu had a cast on her arm, It looked fresh..

Sethu: Daddy

She ran up to me, I carefully picked her up.

Me: What happened here?

Sethu: I fell in pres chool

Me: You fell in pres chool?

Sethu: In the playground

Me: That must've hurt

Amanda: Sk

Me: Mandy

Amanda: I need to talk to you, It's important

Me: Okay

Amanda: We moving to Western Cape

Me: You not taking my daughter to western Cape

Amanda: No.. I am not, It's just me. Harvey and our unborn baby

Me: I see

Amanda: She'll visit us from time to time

Me: When are you guys leaving?

Amanda: Tomorrow

Me: Tomorrow? That's short notice

Amanda: It is, So I need you to fetch her tonight. I'll pack her things

I looked at Sethu..

Me: Do you wanna stay with me?

Sethu: Yes!!

Me: Okay.. I'll fetch you tonight okay?

Sethu: Okay

Me: Give me a kiss

She kissed me..

Me: I'll see you later okay?

Sethu: Okay

Me: I love you angel

Sethu: I love you too

I put her down..

Me: I'll fetch her later

Amanda: Okay

I walked them to their car...

NOMVULA

I looked at the time, It was time to fetch the kids from school. I took my phone and car keys.

Breaking it off to the kids, I'm not sure how I'm going to break it down to them..

A landline call came through..

Me: Hello

Khosi: Ohh my Goodness thank you for picking up

Me: Khosi?

Khosi: I need your help

Me: What help?

Khosi: I screwed up, I need at least R200

Me: Uhm okay.. I'll send you R500 in your account

Khosi: Thank you so much Sis

Me: I'll send it now

Khosi: Okay thank you

I hung up then transferred...

SHANTEL

I opened the door, He had his luggage bag with him..

I looked at him..

Me: Come in

He walked in pulling it..

Afro: I've finally left her

Me: It's about time

Afro: Yes..I want us to work, I'm here to make it work

Me: I want us to work too

I went and took the luggage bag to the bedroom..

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NOMVULA

[A MONTH LATER]

I was in the kitchen waiting for the beef Wellington in the oven. Ever since Afro and I divorced officially, The news broke out. Was covered by any news outlet I know. On the Internet too. I stayed away from reading much comments because a lot of Men, Were saying really hurtful things. Like "Obviously these women when they make it, they start to act different", Whilst a lot of women were in support of me. So our divorce was a battle of both genders. As if like that wasn't enough, Afro made news too. He engaged Shantel, About a week ago

We have a better relationship now as co-parents, But the person who felt it the hardest was Langa. He even got into a fight at school because of everything that was said about me. "The most sort after Stock broker divorced his multimillionaire CEO

wife to engage a teacher". Except for that drama, Life has been pretty good. Sk and I we are good, We have a beautiful relationship and he's helped me a lot through my healing process...

Today for the first time ever, He'll be visiting with his Daughter for the whole weekend. I've met Sethu already, When I go to visit them so now it was time they come visit us. So he could meet my kids..

Langa was not around. He got suspended a week before they went on recess, So he'll be going back to school when schools reopen. It's their longest recess, Winter recess. He's gone on a basket ball retreat with his team, He'll be back Monday morning. He's the only one that I'm nervous about, Him and Sk meeting. I know Naomi is free spirited so she'll adapt...

Naomi: Mom.. The door!

I was so deep into reading about Afro's engagement..

Me: Ohw yes, And the Wellington is done too

I went to open, It was Sk and Sethu..

Me: I didn't even hear the door

They made their way in, With their bags..

Me: Welcome guys, We've been waiting

Sk: Wow.. Your house is beautiful

I closed the door..

Me: Thank you

Sethu: Hi Aunty Rain

She came to give me a hug..

Me: Hi baby

Naomi came to us..

Me: Yomi, I want you to meet someone

I went to her..

Me: This is Uncle Sk, And that is his Daughter Sethu

I looked at them..

Me: This is my Daughter Naomi

Sk crouched to her level..

Sk: I didn't know that you looked like a princess,
May I?

He took her hand and kissed the back of it..

Sk: It's such an honour for me to meet a Princess

Naomi smiled..

Sk: This is my Daughter Sethu, She's an Ice
princess and she is the same age as you. Do you
think you guys can be friends?

Naomi nodded..

Sethu: Then we can paint my cast

Naomi looked at it..

Naomi: How did you get that?

Sethu: I broke my arm

Naomi: Mommy can I get one too?

Me: I don't think so

Sethu: We can colour mine, See this one I drew it.
The blue ice princess, Do you wanna draw on it too

Naomi: Yes please

Me: Then you guys can go upstairs and colour it, In Naomi's room. I'll call you when dinner is ready

They ran upstairs..

Sk: No running.. There's no room for more casts

Sethu: Sorry

Sk got back up..

Sk: That went well

Me: Ohw that one is free spirited, There's one that's

16. Kinda hard headed here and there

Sk: I understand him

He pulled me to him for a kiss..

Sk: I'd also have a problem if my Mother was this beautiful and another man comes into her life

Me: We'll see how you too are going to get along

Sk: We'll see indeed

He kissed me whilst grabbing my ass..

AFRO

I knocked again..

Shantel: I'm so nervous

I kissed her on her cheek whilst holding her hand..

Me: They going to love you

My Mom opened the door..

Me: Mom

Mom: Hi Baby.. Please come in

We walked in. Shantel was meeting my family for the first time..

Mom: Welcome, We've been waiting for you guys

Me: We got delayed by someone because she was busy with her hair

Shantel hit me on the shoulder..

Shantel: Stop

Mom: You must be Shantel?

Shantel: Yes

Mom: Finally.. He brings you

They hugged..

Mom: I'm Patricia, You can call me Pat

Me: Lovely to meet you Ms Pat

Fez: Hi.. I'm Fez, His older Brother

Shantel: Shantel

They exchanged a hug..

Fez: This is my boyfriend.. Blondie

Shantel looked at him..

Fez: I'm gay

Blondie: Hi sweetie

Shantel: Hi.. Lovely to meet you

They hugged kissing each other on the cheeks

Shantel: Why do they call you "Blondie"

Blondie: The wig sweetie, The wig

Mom: Okay then.. Let's go and eat, Food is ready

MBALI & COLT

Colt: Are you okay?

Me: A bit nervous

The door opened. He stood there and looked at us..

Sergio: Son

Colt: Dad

We walked in.. Colt dragged our luggage bag..

Sergio: I was beginning to think that you two weren't coming anymore

Colt's parents divorced when he was young, His mom re-married. His Mom and Step Dad are with us in Cape Town, Whilst his biological Dad Sergio lives here in Gauteng. I know him from video calls, Was my first time meeting him in Person..

It was school recess, So we'll be this side visiting

family. We'll be staying here in his father's house.
It's a big and beautiful house, He did tell me that his
father is rich.

Sergio: Flower.. Look at you, You look more
beautiful in Person

Me: Mr Sergio , It's nice to finally nice to meet you

He placed his hands on my shoulders and kissed
me on my cheek..

Sergio: I'm so glad you dragged him to come this
side, He doesn't visit much

Me: Thank you for accommodating us

Sergio: Please this is home

Colt: Laura

Laura: Hi Colt

Colt: This is my Father's girlfriend, And Laura this is my fiancé Mbali (flower)

I looked at her, Sergio looks old. Maybe late 50s. Girlfriend? She looks young and I'm pretty sure she's definitely in it for the money..

Laura: This side please

She ushered us to the dinning table..

Me: Your house is beautiful

Sergio: 3 million

Me: Wow

Colt opened the chair for me, I sat down..

Sergio: What exactly brings you here to our small province?

Me: I want Colt to meet my Aunt and also I wanna see my Dad. He's in a home, He has dementia

Sergio: I'm sorry to hear that

Colt: He was one of the best surgeons

Sergio: Life can be cruel

Colt: But guess who her Aunt is?

Sergio: Who?

Colt: Nomvula.. The multinationaire CEO

Sergio: Ohw yes the Tobacco lady?

Colt: Yes

Sergio: Wow.. Now I know you not after my Son's money

We all laughed..

Sergio: I read she recently got divorced?

Me: Yes

Sergio: If you need an Uncle, I am available

Laura: Sergio!

Sergio: I'm only kidding Darling

Me: Well unfortunately she is seeing someone. Sk Ndlovu, A DEA

The room went quiet. Sergio was pouring whiskey, He stopped halfway. Colt cleared his throat..

Colt: Uhm.. Cup cake you never told me that your Aunt was seeing a DEA

Me: I didn't think it was a problem nor a big deal

Sergio: Of course it's not, Just that my Son wanted to be a DEA once upon a time

Me: Ohw I didn't know that

Sergio: Was a long time ago

Colt: I thought Shantel was going to be here to welcome us

Sergio: She said she's meeting her fiancé's parents, Something like that

Colt: Shantel is my cousin, Her father and my father are brothers

Sergio: Blood brothers

Laura: Let's eat so I can show you guys where you going to sleep

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NOMVULA

We had a delicious dinner, I was so happy to see the girls getting along. They clicked perfectly, Like they've known each other for a while.. After dinner, I helped them bath whilst Sk cleared the table and loaded the dirty dishes in the dishwasher. After putting them in bed, I went down to Sk.. He was standing at the counter glancing down on a file...

Me: Are we working?

He closed the file..

Me: It's a Friday, Start of the weekend and we have agreed to separate work from our personal lives

I walked up to him.. He held me..

Me: What's wrong?

Sk: Nothing important

I looked at him..

Sk: I am a drug enforcement agent

Me: I know that

Sk: I bust drug dealers, No matter how powerful or well connected

Me: I know that too

Sk: There's this one Sergio. I've been tailing him for years now and I haven't gotten him yet

Me: Why?

Sk: He's a bit more skilled and well connected than I thought

Me: I'm sorry.. If there's anyone who can tail him, It's you

He kissed me..

Sk: You think so?

Me: I know so

He picked me up and placed me on the counter..

Sk: You really think so?

He opened my legs and stood in between them..

Me: I think so

COLT (MBALI'S FIANCÉ)

I picked both the glasses and walked to hand him over his. We were in his study.

Me: Here..

Dad: Thank you

I sat down..

Me: I didn't know that her Aunt is seeing a guy that has been meaning to bring you down for all these years

Dad: Does she know that your father is drug dealer? The best and powerful?

Me: No

Dad: Now I know why you didn't know that her Aunt is seeing my sworn enemy

Me: Look it doesn't matter. This thing between you and Sk has been going on, Going on way longer than Mbali and I met. So it has nothing to do with us, And... If you do anything to sabotage us, I will never forgive you. Remember our relationship wasn't always the best

Dad: I won't sabotage, But this could work in my favour

Me: You not going to use her either in this battle between you and Sk

Dad: You do realize that this girl can also be my downfall?

Me: I don't care.. I'm going to bed

Dad: Goodnight Son

AFRO

Shantel: Your family is sweet. Your Mom is sweet

Me: She is

Shantel: Ohw I forgot to tell you, My cousin Colt is around with her fiancé and tomorrow morning they wanna meet up with us for breakfast. It's been a while since I last saw him

Me: The one in Cape Town?

Shantel: Yes.. You don't have a therapy session

tomorrow right?

Me: I don't

Shantel: I'll text them to come over then

Me: Did you do the pregnancy test?

Shantel: Negative, But I have a suggestion

Me: What?

She dropped her gown..

Shantel: We can try again

I walked up to her and picked her up then we went

to the bedroom...

NOMVULA

The next morning I woke up in bed alone. I checked the time, It was 06:00am..

I got out of bed, And went downstairs. Sk was making the girls breakfast..

Me: Good morning

Sk: Look who's up

Me: It's 6am on a Saturday

Sk: The girls were already up and I didn't want them to wake you up

Me: Ohh that's sweet

Sethu: We making pan cakes

Naomi: And we gonna have them with chocolate milk

Sk: Want some?

Me: Yes please.. I'll go freshen up

I walked to the staircase..

Me: Ohw tonight we have guests over, I'd like you to meet someone

He looked at me..

Me: My Niece Mbali, Remember I told you about her?
My sister's daughter. My sister who passed on,
Committed suicide?

Sk: Ohw yes.. I remember

Me: She's coming over for dinner with her fiancé,
They around

Sk: No problem, They can come over

Me: Thank you, At the mall please remind me to buy
food for dinner tonight

Sk: I will baby

MBALI

Me: Hun can I ask you something?

Colt: Yes?

Me: Last night during dinner time, When I mentioned my Aunt's fiancé. I noticed the awkwardness

Colt: My father did mention that I wanted to be DEA when I grow up

Me: Are you sure it's all about that?

Colt: I promise.. Are you ready?

Me: Yes.. I'm done.. We can go

I took my bag..

Me: Ohw don't forget tonight we going over at my Aunt's place for dinner

Colt: I haven't forgotten

Me: Let's go, By the way. Your Father seems like a nice person

Colt: He has his days

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AFRO

I opened the door, I couldn't believe what my eyes were seeing. It was Mbali.

Me: Mbali

Mbali: Uncle Afro?

I let them in then hugged her..

Me: What are you doing here?

Mbali: This is my fiancé Colt

Me: Really?

Mbali: Yes.. And what are you doing here?

Me: You don't read headlines do you?

Mbali: I was off on social media for a while to prepare for my mid year exams

Colt: I'm sorry, What's going on?

Mbali: This is my Uncle, My Aunt's ex husband. The one she divorced

Colt: Really?

Shantel showed up..

Shantel: Cooolt!!

Colt: Hey Cuz

She walked up to him and hugged him tight..

Shantel: I've missed you Bokkie!

Colt: I've missed you too.. Uhm this is my fiancé Mbali. Flower, this is my cousin Shantel

Mbali looked at me..

Me: I'm engaged to Shantel

Mbali: Woow

Me: Shantel. Flower is Rain's Niece

Shantel: Really?? Wow

Shantel hugged Mbali..

Shantel: Small world, Now I am your Aunt

Mbali: I see

Me: Come on guys.. Breakfast is ready

NOMVULA

Sk was called in, He will be back later.

Sk and I, Relate to each other a lot. We both have

demanding careers, And we not forcing each other to compromise beyond what they can offer. We have made a promise though, That we won't be too much into our work..

This morning I took the girls out for a little shopping. I wasn't feeling well, Before proceeding I ate a pepper steak pie and now I was feeling very nauseated..

We had to cut our mall day a bit, Since I wasn't feeling well. I thought getting a glass of water with ice would help but I rushed into the bathroom to vomit..

I felt so embarrassed and the girls weren't making it easier on me with all the questions they were asking me..

Manager: I'll take the girls back to the table

Me: Thank you so much

Our waitress was standing by the table guarding
our food, And things we've bought

I walked out of the toilet to rinse my mouth. My
eyeliner was running a little because tears were
falling. Not that I was crying, They came out as I
was busy vomiting..

I washed my face, And wiped my face with the
paper towel...

SK NDLOVU

I was called in to come for a raid...

Some house in Pretoria west, Which is said to be owned by some Nigerian drug dealer and Kingpin. He also has girls come for alcohol and drugs. Other girls are here without their consent..

How he was found out, Is that an 18 year old girl was admitted. It was an OD, She's lucky to be alive...

It was quiet outside, No form of movement whatsoever but we heard noise coming from inside. Curtains closed but windows opened..

It was the 5 of us who were doing the raid, With two cop on standby..

We went to the other side, Two stood at the front door incase they escape through the front door. Kacee and I went to the other side, Security was open. We stood by the side of the door and looked at each other. On a nod, I busted the door and we

went in.

We made our way straight to the lounge where it was happening....

Kacee: Let me see hands in the air!! Hands in the air now!!

I spotted drugs on the table, 3 Slay Queens who were half naked. One was passed out on the couch and one guy. He was on his briefs and gucci slides..

Kacee walked up to him..

Kacee: Dayo?

Dayo: Yes

Kacee: Don't lower those hands

I lowered my gun and went to check on the girl who was passed on the couch. I checked, She was breathing...

I don't know what happened, But I heard a gun going off. The slay queens screamed.

I turned around to look, The bedroom door was open. He made a run for it, He was holding a gun and I chased him out..

Me: Stop!!

Instead of running to the front he went over the fence to the opposite house. Dropping his gun..

Me: I don't have time for this !!!

I put my gun away and went over the fence too....

NOMVULA

Waitress: Are you okay?

Me: I'm fine thank you.. Can we please get the bill?

I have never felt this embarrassed before..

Sethu: Are you okay Auntie?

Me: I'm fine sweetie

I looked around and I couldn't wait for the waitres s

to give me the bill..

AFRO

This moment was very awkward for me. Shantel was the one leading the conversation. Judging from Mbali's attitude towards me, I could see that Nomvula may have told her a lot...

Shantel: Your Aunty didn't tell you about me?

Mbali: She did mention that she was cheated on, With a girl whom they hired and Uncle Afro later on engaged her. After time of abuse too

It went silent..

Mbali: I just didn't think it was my sister in law

Shantel: Are we going to have a problem?

Mbali: Not at all

I poured myself the orange juice to avoid further awkwardness..

NOMVULA

Me: Thank you so much

I had tipped her R500 for her patience and kindness..

Waitress: Don't worry, This happens a lot on the first trimester

Me: Excuse me?

Waitress: You pregnant? Aren't you?

Me: Preg.. Uhm..

Waitress: Ohw you didn't know?

I looked at the girls..

Me: Let's go

SK NDLOVU

Luckily he didn't get that far, The god scared him.
Which gave me the opportunity to cuff him..

We walked all the way around to the crew. The other two suspects were in the car..

Kacee: You could've called we were going to meet you guys halfway

Me: It's fine

I suddenly wasn't feeling good, And my arm was aching..

Me: Put him, I need a bottle of water. I'm not feeling good, Dizzy

Kacee: Sk

Me: Put him in, I'll go buy the bottle of water at the Garage

Kacee: No you can't

Me: It's just right by the corner

Kacee: You can't!! You feeling dizzy because you got shot! You bleeding on your arm

I checked. He was right..

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[SEASON FINALE]

SK NDLOVU

Kacee was sitting with me at the back, Applying pressure on my bleeding wound. So I don't bleed out any further than I already have, Whilst we were rushing to the hospital..

Kacee: How did you not feel that you got shot?
Adrenalin rush?

Me: Yes.. It triggered the flight or fight response. He had a gun, My first thought was to get to him before he got to us

Kacee: You could've shot him, You hesitated

Me: He's the only lead that might talk, Spill the beans and we might nail Sergio

Kacee: Sergio is not more important than your life

Me: Sergio is important these ones are just fish in the sea, He's the shark. We get him the whole drug syndicate will crack and fall

I felt my phone vibrating in my pocket. I stretched my other hand and took it out. It was Rain..

I answered..

Me: Miss me already? Or the girls are giving you much trouble?

Vula: Both.. How did it go?

Me: It.. We still waiting keeping score until they come back

Vula: Okay.. So you won't be home anytime soon?

Me: J ust an hour or two then we'll call it a day, We'll
revis it them some other time

Vula: Okay

Me: Are you okay?

Vula: I am I just need to talk to you about something

Me: Sounds serious

Vula: It is

Me: You pregnant?

Vula: How did you figure that out?

Me: I'm a profiler too remember? How long?

Vula: The pregnancy tests says 1 month+

Me: Accurate

Vula: What do you mean accurate?

Me: The first time we...

Vula: You said you were going to pull out!!

Me: Yaa I did but not in time

Vula: I'll see you when you get home!

Me: I love you too

I hung up..

Kacee: Why didn't you tell her the truth?

Me: I'm not dying am I? Unless I lose more blood. I don't wanna worry her, Plus she's pregnant. She has abandonment issues, She's going to stress herself to a heart attack. She has the care of two 5 year olds and an unborn one

Kacee: We almost there

COLT (MBALI'S FIANCÉ)

Dad: This keeps on getting interesting. Shantel is

married to what was Flower's Uncle?

Me: Yes

Dad: He's of no use to us that one, So he's good..
Dayo got arrested this morning

Me: What?

Dad: Sk and his crew brought them in

Me: I see.. So if they talk, You done

Dad: Pretty much

Me: I don't think they will talk, They very loyal

Dad: Sk is going to make sure that he makes it tough for them inside so they can talk, Quite frankly I don't see them quiet. They will spill the beans

Me: Yaa that's bad

Dad: You still going to their house for dinner tonight?

Me: Yes we are

Dad: Send him a message for me

Me: I did say I don't wanna get involved, That's why I'm studying to become a CA. So I can have a normal future

Dad: You not getting involved, You sending a message that's all

Me: Okay let's hear it

Dad: Sit down

I sat down...

NOMVULA

I heard the door bell. I placed the pregnancy test on the small coffee table and went to open. It was Afro..

Afro: Hi

Me: Hi.. Please come in

He made his way in, I closed the door..

Afro: How are you?

Me: I'm good

He looked at me..

Afro: You look good, You've gained some weight

Me: Yaa.. I've been stressless, Plus I don't work that much anymore

Afro: He is truly something remarkable isn't he?

Me: Pardon?

Afro: He got you off being a workaholic, Langa told

me you don't miss a day cooking dinner nor being fully committed into their lives as their Mother. Saturdays you in the office, I see groceries on the counter and you wearing stay at home comfortable clothes means you didn't go to the office

Me: Uhm.. Yes

Afro: And what did he have to do, To actually get you to this point? Threaten you? Abuse you emotionally? He is DEA of course, And good in profiling.. Blink twice if he's abusing you privately

I laughed..

Me: No.. Nothing like that, I just changed

Afro: You telling me that there's no trick he did to get you to be submissive?

Me: The is a trick alright

He looked at me..

Afro: Ohw I see.. Anyway where is Naomi, I'm here to pick her up

Me: Uhm can you get her next Saturday?

Afro: Why?

Me: She's with a friend

Afro: The friend can come too

Me: It's a uhm.. It's Sk's Daughter, I don't he's going

to be comfortable with that

Afro: Ohw I see

Me: I'm truly sorry, It's just a long day and I have a lot on my mind

He picked up the pregnancy test..

Afro: I see that.. It's not mine, Mine was going to be earlier than this

Me: Definitely not

Afro: We've tried for another baby and you couldn't fall pregnant, What happened? Fertility clinic?

Me: No he just got me pregnant, Wasn't even

planned. I didn't even feel it, The sp-

Afro: Too much information

Me: So next week?

Afro: Yes.. I should go before she sees me because she's going to cry when she sees me

Me: You can call later before her bedtime

Afro: I will

I walked him to the door..

Afro: Bye

Me: Bye

I closed the door...

SK NDLOVU

Me: How long is this going to take?

Dr: Let's give it 4 hours

I looked at the time. It was 12:00 in the afternoon..

Me: That's too long

Dr: You've lost a lot of blood, Honestly speaking I'm surprised you still conscious

Me: I can't be here for 4 hours

Dr: You will. We will remove the bullet, And try to get your strength back

Me: Blood transfusion?

Dr: We hope not

Me: Why is it taking 4 hours?

Dr: The location of the bullet, Need to make sure that when we done you can still use your arm.. Still numb?

Me: Yes

Dr: Let's get to it then

AFRO

Out of respect, Shantel remained in the car..

Shantel: She refuses for Naomi to sleep over because she doesn't trust me, But can trust her boyfriend with the kid? Bring him over at your house

Me: It's not my house anymore, It's hers

Shantel: Yaa I forgot.. She gave you your share after the divorce. Speaking of which when are we getting our own house? I'm tired of us living in my flat

Me: Can you believe she's pregnant?

Shantel: Really? She has a boyfriend and fertile

obviously, They have raw sex why wouldn't she be?

Me: The thing is. Her and I, We've tried having another child it wasn't possible. You also not falling pregnant

Shantel: You think there's a problem with you?

Me: I'm starting to believe so

Shantel: Then you should go have yourself checked

Me: I'll do so

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[SEASON FINALE]

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NOMVULA

Colt and Mbali arrived, I was still cooking when they did. Mbali helped, I got to know Colt a bit better and Sk was still not around.

I was starting to get scared, It was 20:00 and we were waiting. He wasn't answering his phone..

Mbali: He seems to have a stressful job, I'm sure he's fine

Me: He always checks in when he handles difficult cases

Colt: I'm sure he's okay

Me: Yaa and Sethu has been missing him too

I heard the door opening.. I got up from my chair.
He walked in..

Me: Ohh God thank you

He hand an arm sling, And half of his arm had a
bandage..

I met him halfway...

Me: Why didn't you check in? I was worried

He hugged me and kissed me on my neck..

Sk: I'm sorry

We broke the hug..

Me: What happened to your arm?

Sk: It's nothing serious

I looked at him..

Sk: I got shot

Me: Why didn't you tell me?

Sk: Because of this, I didn't wanna worry you

We walked to the table..

Me: Meet our guests.. This is my Niece Mbali, And this is her fiancé Colt

Mbali: Good evening.. I've heard so much about you

Mbali stood up and they exchanged a hug..

Sk: I hope good things

Mbali: Of course

Colt stood up..

Sk: Hey Man.. Sk

Colt: Colt.. Colt Lopez

They were exchanging a handshake when they suddenly stopped and stared at each other..

Sk: It's good to meet you Mr Lopez

Colt: You too Sir

Me: Don't you wanna go freshen up before we eat?

Sk: Later.. This is going to be an interesting dinner

AFRO

Dr: Both of you were fine when I ran the tests. Your ex wife was fine, You were fine. She couldn't conceive because she was under a lot of pressure

and stress.

Me: I've been trying with my fiancé, She's not falling pregnant. I am no longer young, Soon I'll be turning 40. I read that Men who reach 40, Start to have a low sperm count

Dr: If you feel like that, Then you can come through on Monday

Me: Thank you, I'll bring my fiancé too

I need to have kids of my own. At least two. Langa though I love him with all my heart, I'm just his step father. He might prefer Sk more than me, Then our relationship will seize. Especially what I've put his Mother through. On the other hand, Naomi can also adapt to loving Sk more than me..

I'm not neglecting my kids, But I wanna have two of my own. With Shantel. It's very clear that Nomvula has moved on, She's already pregnant by him..

Shantel walked in..

Me: Monday we going to go see my Dr to run some tests

Shantel: Uhm.. I need to talk to you about something

Me: What?

Shantel: We not conceiving because I had my tubes tied

Me: What??

Shantel: I just didn't wanna fall pregnant by every Tom and Dick, I was waiting for the right one

Me: So periods?

Shantel: Only the lining of the Uterus sheds, Hence my periods last 2-3 days

Me: You could've told me, I almost thought there was something wrong with me and almost questioned the paternity of my Daughter. You know how crazy my ex wife is, If I raised DNA and it's a match she wasn't going to let me see Naomi ever again

Shantel: Come on.. No DNA needed, That girl is her father's daughter. She looks exactly like you

Me: True don't ever do that.. Honesty means a lot to me

Shantel: We'll go have them untied on Monday

NOMVULA

Me: Can you believe he is two years younger than me

Colt: No ways

Me: He's just big so it makes him look older

I was busy fondling with his arm sling..

Sk: I think it's situation perfectly and comfortably

Me: I'm sorry.. I just wanna make sure you really okay

Mbali: So guess what? Colt wanted to be DEA

Me: Really?

Colt: Was once a career I thought about

Me: Then what happened?

Colt: It's dangerous.. I mean look at you, You got shot

Sk: It's not one for weak men

Me: Sk!

Colt: He's right

Sk: Plus it doesn't rely on physical strength only. Also integrity, Principles. You don't choose suspects, Just because it's family. Doesn't mean you should turn a blind eye

Colt: You correct, I mean some of us know what loyalty is. We don't throw family under the bus

Sk: Exactly.. So this job is not for such people

Colt: Hypothetically speaking, If Ms Rain can deal drugs you'd arrest her?

Sk looked at me..

Sk: Yes

Colt: Interesting

Sk: But we glad she deals tobacco only

He kissed me..

Colt: Glad indeed

Me: What's all this talk?

Mbali: I thought I was the only one feeling uncomfortable

Colt: I think we had a delicious dinner. Thank you

Ms Rain, It was lovely. My fiancé and I we'll be on our way

Mbali: We haven't even had dessert

Sk: Don't worry Sweetheart we'll email it to you

Colt: Yeah he'll email it, It's getting late cup cake let's go

Sk: I'll see you guys out

This was by far the most weird dinner get together...

NOMAKHOSI

They poured cold water on me, I freaked out..

I looked at them, My left eye was shut completely..

Nqoba: I give you a job in my bottle store, Then you steal my most expensive bottles. In 4 days of you working, You've stolen more alcohol than what we actually make in a day

Me: I'm sorry

Nqoba: You owe me R63 000 in total

Me: I'll pay you back please, My sister is rich

Nqoba: Or I could just call my boys and we go bury you in an unmarked grave

Me: Please.. Please.. I have kids

Nqoba: Should've thought about them

I was chained in the storage, Naked..

SK NDLOVU

Mbali: It was lovely meeting you

Me: Like always sweetheart, Wish you could've found someone more worth it

Colt: Get in the car Sweetie, I'm having a smoke with Sk

She got in, And he closed the door..

Colt took out a pack of cigarettes and a lighter..

Colt: I have a message for you, From my Father

Me: I'm listening

Colt: He says drop it

Me: Is he scared?

Colt: No, But you will be. We know now your family and you playing with fire

I glanced over at Mbali..

Me: She could indeed do better

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If you have sent proof of payment please rest assured you'll be added before Monday our starting date. Whatsapp is tripping takes time to save contacts and reflect them so we add them. Please do give a bit of patience

Sponsored bonuses will resume tomorrow.

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[SEASON FINALE]

NOMVULA

I was woken up that Saturday morning by my Mother's phone call..

Me: What do you mean Khosi is missing?

Mom: She got a job at the local bottle store, You know it right? Kwa Nqoba

Me: Yaa I know it

Mom: I would babysit the kids for her but she never came back home yesterday. I went to ask and Nqoba doesn't know where she is too

Me: That's unusual

Mom: She earns R80 a day, I hope she didn't go drinking with that money

Me: It's unlike her, Khosi doesn't go without telling

Mom: I have asked almost everyone who knows her, They don't know where she is

Me: She could be missing for real

Mom: What am I going to do with her 4 kids if she's really missing? I'm sick and unemployed they eat a lot

Me: Let's not think the worst

Mom: Let's think the worst, If she doesn't come back.. What are we going to do with her squad?

Me: We??

Mom: I can't take care of them

Me: I can help financially but taking them no.. I have two, Sk has one and.. It's just a lot of kids already

Mom: Yaa I understand but if she doesn't come back will you support us?

Me: I don't mind

Mom: Alright then, I'll keep you posted

Me: Okay Ma

NOMAKHOSI

Nqoba: Here.. Let's call your sister

I told him Nomvula's number.. He dialed it..

Nomvula: Hello?

Me: Vula it's me

Nomvula: Where have you been? Mom is worried about you

Me: I am in a bit of a crisis

Nomvula: What crisis?

Me: I owe someone a lot of money

Nomvula: How much?

Me: R63 000

Nomvula: What on earth? So much money. What did you do with it? At least tell me you kept some for the kids

Me: No

Nomvula: I am not giving you 63k

Me: It's not like you gonna feel it?

Nomvula: It's not about that, Khosi you not entitled to my money. I worked hard and you not my

responsibility. When are you going to grow up? I can't go to work, Deal with work stress, Sometimes coming back home late to my kids just so I can give you money? Is that fair whilst you sitting and doing nothing

Me: Please.. It's very important

Nomvula: No.. I'm not

He hung up..

Nqoba: She won't be able to trace the call don't worry. So you in a bit of a pickle

Me: I can sleep with you to cover up my bill, J ust please let me go

Nqoba: Well when you talk like that I think we can work something out

Me: Please

He got up to his feet..

Me: I have kids please

Nqoba: Okay we can do that where you pay me with your vagina

Me: Thank you

Nqoba: You think I'm stupid don't you? So you can steal further?

Me: I won't, I promise

Nqoba: You stole more than just one bottle, How the hell am I to trust you?

Me: Nqoba please

He kicked me across my face...

COLT (MBALI'S FIANCÉ)

Dad: I made a promise to you that I won't touch nor involve your fiancé in this

Me: Yes

Dad: Everyone else is off limits

Me: I understand, I don't care about anyone else but my fiancé

Dad: You know what's going to happen if I get locked up? The empire and riches will fall. If I don't have money anymore you don't have money too. You still in school and that CA job you'll get though it seems promising on a salary but I'll be nothing compared to this. To your expensive lifestyle

Me: I know.. This is my legacy when you die

Dad: You need to run this business for future generations to come

Me: I know

Dad: Tell me mors about this CEO, She might get Sk out of my shoulders indirectly

Me: Okay let's talk I'll tell you about her

NOMVULA

Sk was making himself a cup of coffee, He was facing the window and on a call. He was on loud speaker..

Sk: She's an amazing woman, Sethu loves her

Woman: You know I was worried, Step mothers can be a horror sometimes

Sk: I understand, Your concerns as a Mother are valid

Woman: I'm glad Sethu is adapting well to her new

environment

Sk: She is, How is Western Cape?

Woman: It's good can't lie

Sk: That's good to hear

Woman: I'm glad you've found yourself someone,
Just treat her better and don't repeat the same
mistakes you did with me

Sk: We all learn from our past mistakes

Woman: So did you tell her? You know about Mihle

Sk: No..

Woman: Sk how are you going to have a long lasting relationship if you not honest?

Sk: I'm not telling her about Mihle

I turned back and gently walked up the Staircase, Surprised at the phone conversation..

AFRO

Shantel: I think this one

Me: 2.5 million rands

Shantel: Yes.. I love it, It's a beautiful house

Me: I don't think so maybe play around on 900k max

Shantel: Nomvula gave you your share of 2 million,
You can add 500k and then we get the house

Me: Shantel you a teacher, You earn what? 10k a
month since you not that qualified. You shouldn't be
thinking about such expensive houses

Shantel: Ohw

Me: I'm being real, 2.5M is way too expensive
considering it's coming out of my pocket

Shantel: Never mind

Me: Do you even have a bigger dream? I'm talking
about something beyond cooking skills and

teaching snotty noses? I was married to a multimillionaire

Shantel: Can you stop comparing me with your ex wife?

Me: I just never thought that one day I'd leave my multimillionaire ex wife for a teacher that ain't shipping in nothing, I never saw myself like that

Shantel: Wow! You a jerk do you know that?

She took her phone and walked to the bedroom..

NOMVULA

I was pacing up and down in the bedroom, He showed up holding the cup of coffee.

Sk: I thought you'd still be sleeping

Me: I just woke up

Sk: Okay.. I'm going to take a shower

He walked to the bathroom with his phone.

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NOMVULA

I was helping him with his arm sling, Tightened it a bit to cause him pain.

Sk: Okay... I think it's fine

She pushed me back a little..

Sk: What's wrong? You have been in a mood

Me: Who is Mihle?

Sk: Excuse me?

Me: I overheard your phone call

Sk: You were eavesdropping?

Me: I was walking down the stairs and overheard you.. Who is Mihle?

Sk: Let's just leave it

Me: Leave it? I told you that if you no longer love me, Tell me than double crossing me. I won't take it again. I am not going to let another Man do me like that!

Sk: What are you talking about? Where is all of this coming from?

Me: You know almost every aspect of my life and I only know a little about you

Sk: We've been through this before, The little that you know is what you meant to know, It's all that there is

Me: Ohw please Skhumbuzo!

Sk: You know what.. You make me wanna go to work, I'm going to work

Me: Fine if you leave without telling me about Mihle.. It's over between us

He looked at me..

Sk: Are you threatening me?

Me: I'm not.. It's a promise, My from two abusive Men. My first baby daddy beat me when I was pregnant with Langa and he left me to pay lobola for another woman. Left me high and dry when I had fallen involve. I was young, I was in grade 11. Left me to be a young single Mother. My ex

husband our last times together were toxic. I keep on giving my heart, My love and get hurt along the way. You came along, And I don't see you being any different

He paused for a while and looked at me. He walked to the door..

Me: You leave without being honest with me, I'm done

He turned back and walked up to me.. He had this serious facial expression..

I stood my ground, Without taking steps backwards. I wanted him to do it if he will.

Sk: Before Sethu and her Mother, Amanda. The was Mihle and her Mother. My high school sweetheart.

She fell pregnant when I was 21 she was 23. I was already in the police academy. SA decided to expand the department and they started D.E.A. They needed the best, More good than their officers who seemed not to be able to blast drug dealers. I was one of the people chosen, The following year I was going to go overseas. Me and the other chosen ones, Washington DC in the FBI to train and learn for 3 years. That was a good opportunity, And Sweetness Mihle's Mom fell pregnant. She wasn't working then, I just had her matric certificate. Taking care of her and the baby, Meant me forfeiting the opportunity. Remain a police officer to feed my family on a salary of at least 10-15k a month. I asked Sweetness to abort, She told me she would rather lose me than to abort.

He exhaled..

Sk: I was the only family she had, And I couldn't move them to Washington with me. She didn't want

me to leave. I felt she was selfish for not wanting to abort. Everyday I prayed for her to miscarry and a month before I had to leave. That wish came true, Sweetness went on labour, And Mihle when she came out of her mother. She had the umbilical cord around her neck, It strangled her. She never made it

Me: Ohh my Goodness

Sk: Sweetness and I failed to recover from that, When I left. A year into the academy, I heard she committed suicide. She loved me, And I was all she had. I hurt her more than I've hurt anyone in this world. I told myself after that, I would never put another woman through that

He further on walked up to me, I took a few steps back.

Sk: I know you have been through a lot, Two failed

relationships but don't ever compare me to your Exes. I am not them, And I'd never hit you. If you feel like I'm going to disappoint you, At least give me the benefit of the doubt. Let me disappoint you on my own

Me: Sk. I..

By then time when he had finished telling everything I was already in tears..

He placed his arm around my waist and kissed me on my forehead..

Sk: I'll be at work, I'll come back later.. My card with the pin is on the dressing table, I think you girls can go out for an afternoon spa treatment, You can call two extra people. Maybe friends or Mbali, It's on me

Me: You don't have too, I have my own money I can take us out

Sk: You might be a multimillionaire and my salary every month might amount to Langa, Naomi and utility bills

Me: Utility bills are expensive, So is Langa's school fees. Naomi compared to the utility bills and Langa she's the cheaper one

Sk: That made me feel a little better about my 50k salary

Me: Wait what? Are you the highest paid in the police department?

Sk: D.E.A, Homicide, Superintendent and the minister of Police are the highest paid. In

chronological order minister, Sup, D.E.A,homicide then the others.

Me: You get 50k before or after deductions?

Sk: After deductions

Me: Wow

Sk: Don't.. It's good when I say it but when you say it, It sounds condescending

Me: I'm just surprised we learn a lot

Sk: I'll see you later

AFRO

Me: Mom don't laugh

She was laughing hysterical, That she took off her glasses..

Mom: I'm sorry baby but it was your choice, You left Rain for her so you have to live with that

Me: Rain.. Everything between us was split 50/50 all the time, Rain was never dependent on me. She was even that woman that who would do everything for herself, Doesn't wait for me

Mom: uhm Rain is worth 53million right?

Me: Yes

Mom: Shantel?

Me: She's a school teacher

Mom: So how do you expect Shantel to head responsibilities the same amount as Rain? You decided to break off your marriage for this woman it's on you

Me: I've never had to assume all responsibility at all. I mean I love women who also get their own not dependent solely on a man. Women who are in their own dependent lane turn me on

Mom: You had one and you let her go

She put back her glasses..

Me: She's pregnant by her current girlfriend

Mom: I will love the child just as Naomi and Langa,
It's their sibling so when they visit with their sibling
they all ought to be treated the same

Me: Sk has his own family, Can't his child visit there?
When Langa and Naomi visit here?

Mom: It's their sibling

She got up from the couch..

Mom: I'm going to nap, You'll see yourself out when
you leave

NOMVULA

I called Lisa and Mbali to come over, We will all leave with my car to the beauty Spa..

I felt so bad about attacking him without knowing the reason...

Lisa: You obviously carry a lot of pain deep inside of you. Childhood trauma, Failed relationships and what not.. I think you need therapy

Me: Maybe I do

Lisa: Reconnect with your inner child and what not

Me: I'll consider it

Lisa: You should

I checked the time, It was 13:00..

Me: Mbali is running late, She said she's on her way

Lisa: She is then

Me: At least by 15:00 we should be on our way

Lisa: Call her again whilst I go help the two princesses get dressed and everything

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[SEASON FINALE]

NOMVULA

Lisa: Wait a minute, So you don't have 53 million in your account?

We were driving to the beauty spa..

Me: No.. I am worth 53 million, That means the value of my assets. House, Cars, The company etc but I don't have 53 million now in my account

Mbali: How come you don't know that Lisa?

Lisa: I don't usually fixate on such things. When I googled your networth it said 53M thought it was money that you have

Me: Not in my account

Lisa: So how much do you have in your account?

Me: I have 2 accounts but the main one has about 15M. My normal one that I use on a daily and where my salary comes in. I can say 150 000 per month because I keep on transferring most of the money into my main account for saving

Lisa: You still worth more than my life

Me: Come on, I pay you slightly higher than what a normal PA gets

Mbali: How much?

Lisa: R18 000

Mbali: That's very reasonable

Lisa: But since we are a small family, I'm sure by next year the company will be generating twice what it does this year

Me: Absolutely. My net worth keeps changing by next year I could be looking at a 60M net worth

Mbali: And I'm sure you never thought you'd be here today

Me: Not in a million years

Lisa: Multimillion years

SK NDLOVU

Kacee: Out with it.. What is it?

I looked at him..

Kacee: You've been lost in your thoughts ever since you came in, Of which I don't know why you did because you still injured. You heard the captain you no use to us with only one hand

Me: Rain knows about Mihle

He closed the file..

Kacee: How?

Me: She overheard me on the phone call with my ex wife

Kacee: I'm sorry

Me: I'm just glad it's out there, I wasn't feeling well keeping it from her

Kacee: Having to relive the pain of it again

Me: One failed relationship, One failed marriage. I'm not letting this one fail too. Amanda was the one who suggested I tell Rain, Which she did good because I don't think I would've been able too. It's something I try very hard not to think about

Kacee: I know, Must be hard. You've blamed yourself ever since even though it was not your fault

Me: It was. I wanted Sweetness to abort so bad that I wished her a miscarriage. She didn't miscarry but

my Daughter was born with the umbilical cord around her neck which strangled her to death. I should've been there for Sweetness too, After the ordeal but she appeared strong. She seemed strong

Kacee: When was the last time you visited their grave?

Me: Been a while

Kacee: Maybe you can take Rain there

Me: Yaa.. Maybe

SHANTEL

Sergio: I resent you saying this fellow was rich

I drank my milks hake..I decided to go see my Uncle,
Since Afro is also seeing her family..

Me: He is but his ex wife is a pain in the ass, I don't
think he's over her. He keeps on comparing me to
her every chance he gets

Sergio: Then why not leave?

Me: I can't leave, I won't leave.. I love him. Do you
know how difficult it is to find a good man these
days?

Sergio: Look I have a plan. Seems like we both have
people who are a nuisance in our lives

Me: I'm not killing anyone Uncle

Sergio: That's my job not yours, That's what I do not you

Me: What is it then?

Sergio: I wanna set up your boyfriend's ex wife

Me: You want to set up Nomvula?

Sergio: Yes

Me: Isn't she dating DEA, He might pick it up quickly

Sergio: I know.. I just want to blackmail him

Me: Yaa Uncle if you set her up, She'll bribe her way out so there's no win for you

Sergio: Now thinking of it

Me: I think kidnapping her might work

Sergio: You know sometimes I feel like Colt is sabotaging me or something, He seems to be on my side but also seems to be sabotaging me. He came up with this stupid idea. Tell me he's not sabotaging

Me: Well I vouch for a kidnap

Sergio: I'll buy you a rolex when we done here

Me: Thank you I'd appreciate that a lot Uncle

AFRO

I knocked at the front door, It was already wide open.
Just out of respect..

Thembi: Come in

I walked in..

Me: Sanibonani (Greetings)

She was sitting on the couch with the kids.

Me: How are you?

Thembi: Siyaphila (we are well)

I sat down..

Me: I heard about Khosi missing

Thembi: News travel fast around here

Me: Which is good so everyone will be on alert and help look for her

Thembi: Now I'm starting to get worried

Me: Did you tell Nomvula?

Thembi: I did call her but I don't wanna stress her too much

Me: I understand, If I hear anything I'll call

Thembi: Thank you for stopping by even though you and Vula are no longer together

Me: Family will always be family

I took out my wallet and handed her R500..

Thembi: Wuuu kodwa Nkosi yam siyabonga (We are grateful)

Me: You welcome

Thembi: Ngathi you were seeing that we needed money for food

Me: Vula doesn't buy?

Thembi: She does but groceries finished early this month because I was sharing with Khosi

Me: Nomvula has a lot of money she could practically buy you the whole supermarket if she wanted too

Thembi: Sizathini (What can we say)

Me: Indeed since she started dating this new guy she has changed

Thembi: I'll call her again

Me: Alright.. Nisale kahle (goodbye)

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[SEASON FINALE]

NOMVULA

We had a lovely outing with the girls. We were driving back home. Sk was home now, I called him and told him we were on our way..

I was the one driving.. Mbali and Lisa were drinking.. The little ones were busy talking and singing..

We were driving first to drop off Lisa, Then Mbali. I'll be the last stop with my girls..

This day started heavy, It picked up and it was the best. The events following as we drove off to drop everyone where they lived.. Two black cars pulled up. One on the left, And one on the right. I didn't think much of it until fire was opened. The one on the left slowed down, Whilst the one on the right opened fire. They shot at my car..

I tried to go off the road, The car that slowed one picked up causing us an accident...

SK NDLOVU

When I got to the penthouse, It was quiet. So I watched TV and passed out whilst waiting for the girls to come back..

I randomly just woke up, Checked the time. Nomvula had called me at 20:00 that they are coming, It was now 21:30 and they were not here. It's alarming because the beauty spa is not so far..

I tried calling her, But her phone was on voicemail.. That's when I got scared, Very scared...

I got up from the couch. Took my car keys and went

out, I was going to drive to the beauty spa to check them...

AFRO

Mom: Afro you cannot hide out here in my house forever

Me: I am not hiding, I'm visiting home

Mom: Okay if you don't feel strongly about this girl, Why don't you just let her go?

Me: It's a mess Ma

Fezi walked into the kitchen, My mom and I we were eating cake. Sharing a slice of red velvet cake

Fezi: Guys

Me: You want some cake?

Fezi: No.. I just saw this video of an accident. The car is literally burning

Mom: Where?

Fezi: Here look

I went to check. I was dark so we couldn't see what car it was, Plus the video was taken from a distance.. The people who were watching the scene were busy screaming too that it was hard to hear anything..

Me: I don't think the people in there survived

Fezi: I see paramedics and cops

Me: I don't think they got there in time

Fezi: Could be true

Mom: Shame maan, This is sad

Me: Very sad

THEMBI

Charmaine placed the two black label bottles on the table..

Charm: Anything on Khosi?

Me: Nothing.. Also I can't get a hold of Nomvula

Charm: That's bad, Who goes missing in the hood? I mean Khosi wala, She grew up here. It seriously doesn't make sense

Me: I still think that she's gone out somewhere, I find it hard to believe that she's missing

Charm: Kodwa to go and leave her kids?

Me: She'll be back, Maybe she needed to enjoy her money. The little R80 she made now she's scared to come back

Charm: I don't think so. What is R80 for a day? Can't even buy you a 6 pack

Me: Thats true.. Aii we will see ngaye

SK NDLOVU

Me: Wtf??

I pulled over at the scene of an accident. There was fire fighters, Paramedics, And Cops. I got out of my car and went there.

The cops were pulling the crowd back to not come any closer as the fire fighters were busy putting out the fire..

They tried to restrict me..

Me: Sk Ndlovu.. D.E.A

King saw me..

King: Sk

I walked up to him..

Me: What happened?

King: Let's take a walk

Me: Why?

King: J ust trust me

We walked a bit further from the crowd..

Me: What's happening?

King: That.. That was Nomvula's car

Me: Huh?

King: They were 5 in the car. 2 survived, 3 passed on

I looked at the scene again. There were dead bodies covered on the grass away from the car..

Me: What are you telling me?

King: I..

I walked up to the dead bodies..

King: Sk wait

Me: Who didn't make it?

King: Officer, Don't let him anywhere near the bodies!!!!

SHANTEL

Me: Ohw my God.. Uncle?

Uncle: What the hell? This was a reckon stage

Me: Uncle I said kidnapping, Not kill them! Flower was in that car, Afro's Daughter was in that car. Nomvula had uploaded a picture on her Instagram when they were at the beauty spa

Uncle: Dammit!!!!!!

Me: Do you know how messed up this is? Afro finds out you were behind this, Colt? And you fucken dragged me into this mess

I stopped the video..

Uncle: It was not.. I just instructed them to kidnap the culprit not this!!

Me: If he finds out I'm the one who told you where they were because of the picture she posted and the location.. Afro is going to kill me!!

Uncle: Let me think

Me: Think about what? There's no thinking

Colt: Hey

He freaked us out..

Me: Colt!

Colt: Are you guys okay?

Me: Yeah we fine.. I mean we good.. What's up?

Colt: J ust saw a video of an accident. Now I'm worried, I can't get a hold of Mbali. I'm going there to find out

Me: Ohw really?

Colt: It's picking up now, Might trend soon

Me: Uhm... Okay

Colt: Wanna tag along?

I looked at my Uncle..

Me: No thank you, I will be going home soon

Colt: Okay let me go

We watched him walking out of the door..

Me: Shiiiiit!!!

AFRO

Mom: Now you sleeping over?

Me: Yes..

Mom: Afro.. Seriously you not 15 anymore!

My phone rang, It was Langa..

Me: Buddy

Langa: Did you see it?

Me: See what?

Langa: The accident?

Me: Yes.. It's trending

Langa: Did you see who's car was it?

Me: No.. The video is dark, We only see flames

Langa: It's Mom's car

Me: Come again?

Langa: Further details were uploaded. When I called Mom earlier today she was at the beauty spa, It's her Mercedes. She was with 4 other people, Including Naomi. Only two people made it, 3 died

I let go of my phone, It fell..

Mom: Afro what's going on?

I took off my glasses and moved back until I was against the wall..

Mom: What's ha.. Fezi!! Fezi come to Afro's bedroom now!!!!

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[SEASON FINALE]

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AFRO

We drove up to the crash side. There wasn't anything happening there anymore. Plus we got lost. Only

the burnt up car was there. Fezi was the one who drove..

Mom: I keep on trying her phone, It's off

Fezi: In this state, She wouldn't have a phone with her if she's still alive

Mom: Fezi

Me: He's right.. 3 people were presumed dead already

Mom: They were 5 in the car, Two survived. Let's be hopeful

Me: Nomvula or Naomi dying. I can't even process it

Fezi: Instead of standing here, We should find a hospital nearby and check there for more information

Mom: That's a better idea.. Let's go

SHANTEL

I downed another glass of whiskey. Took a deep breath then called Afro..

Afro: Shantel

Me: Hey I got your text, Any information?

Afro: No.. We just leaving the crash scene, It's empty. Only the car of what's left of it

Me: I'm so sorry

Afro: We driving to hospitals nearby in search of information

Me: I'll hear from you, I'm also about to drive home

Afro: Okay

Me: I love you

Afro: I love you too

LISA

Mom: Can't we let her rest before questioning her?

King: I know this is a traumatic experience for her, But we need all the information of what happened so we can start with investigations as soon as possible

Me: It's okay Mom

My Mom and my His were here, As soon as I called them when I called my husband to come, He rushed to get to get my mom then they drove straight here. I called using the hospital phone..

Me: We were driving back from the beauty spa. Mbali and I were drinking. We was drinking chateau del rei (rose), She mentioned that she's not much of a drinker hence two cans took her

King: No surprise it's 7%

Me: Nomvula was driving, I was sitting at the front. The passenger's seat. Mbali and the girls at the back. Naomi was in between the seats, Sethu behind her. As we were driving suddenly two cars pulled up on us, One on our right and one on our left. One car opened fire

King: Did you recognize the cars?

Me: Not clearly. It was dark and when fire was opened, We panicked. Started screaming. Nomvula tried to get us out of the road, As she tried the other car bumped us preventing us from getting off the road. Nomvula tried, She forced through and before I know it the car flipped upside down

King: Nomvula was driving a Mercedes right?

Me: Yes

King: They hardly flip, Mercedes cars are of good design especially the expensive ones. Would've switched off

Me: It flipped, I remember clearly because I was woken up by the smell of gas. The gas was leaking.

King: Then it means that these people were following you guys, knew where you were and tampered with the car

Me: I was disorientated, but I knew we had to get out of there. Gas leaking, that wasn't good. I unclipped the seat belt. The door was jammed. By now other cars had stopped and were helping us to get out before the car caught fire. Whilst others called for help. Nomvula and them, was a bit hard getting them out. Nomvula's seat belt was stuck they had to cut it with a pocket knife to get her out. Mbali and the girls, they got them out too. I remember someone shouting they shouldn't be

touched, Apparently you don't move an injured person to prevent further damage. But they had to get them out because the car was leaking. Just after maybe 6min of getting all of us out, The car caught fire

King: Where you the only one conscious?

I touched my necklace.

Me: My mom is a spiritual person, She gave me this necklace a long time ago. Now it's broken

Mom: It's called "The evil eye" it wards off evil, For it to break. It means it's job was done, It served it's purpose of protection

Me: Though I got shot in my hip

King: Was Nomvula conscious?

Me: No.. Is she okay? The others?

King: Nomvula is going to be okay, Still unconscious but the Dr says she might wake up tomorrow. She wasn't shot, I just have a few scratches. Unfortunately Mbali was the one who sustained more bullets. She was shot 8 times. It is believed through the shooting she tried to protect the girls by hugging them therefore she sustained most bullets. Naomi her skull was wide open, You could literally see her brain tissue. Sethu broke almost all her bones and was shot twice

Me: Ohw my God (Crying)

King: And then you too. You were shot on your hip, Nomvula was the only one who was lucky. She didn't sustain much injuries only shock almost took

her

My husband hugged me..

King: Thank you for the information, It'll help a great deal.. We will contact you from time to time

Mom: Thank detective

King walked out..

Mom: I'm so sorry baby that you had to go through this, All of you

Me: The kids didn't deserve this, Couldn't you see it?

Mom: It was spiritually driven, You guys were at the right place at the wrong time. It wasn't the act of

witchcraft and all that, Just a very unfortunate event

Husband: It's okay.. It is a sad situation but I am happy that you made it. I'm grateful to God for your life

SK NDLOVU

Nomvula did wake up, But she was scared and disoriented. Panicking and all that, They had to sedate her to make her sleep..

The coroner allowed me to check the bodies. Mbali, Sethu, and Naomi..

I kept on looking at Sethu when King walked in..

King: I spoke to Lisa.. This was no accident, This

was a hit

Me: It was.. And I know from who

King: Who?

Me: Sergio, His Son gave me a message from his Dad then a day later this is happens?

King: Let's not overthink this

Me: Come on! I'm talking to the best Detective the is

King: I just.. Why would Sergio be this drastic?

Me: Probably was trying to send me a message and it all went wrong

King: Do you feel strongly about this?

Me: Yes

The door flung open, Colt walked in..

Colt: I need to see her!! I need to see her

King: It's okay

The security let him go and walked out..

Colt slowly walked up to her, They were only covered halfway. He glanced down at her.

I walked up to him..

King: Sk

Me: You know who did this?? You know who did this?

He looked at me confused with his teary eyes...

I took out my arm sling and grabbed his jacket..

King: Sk!

Me: Your father did this!! 8 bullets on her back!!

I dragged him to the other table...

Me: This is my Daughter Sethu. 80% of her bones are broken, and she was shot in her head and

shoulder.. Get over here!!

Me: This is my step daughter Naomi!! Her skull is open, You can literally see her brain

I went and pinned him against the wall..

Me: Your father did this!! The message you were giving me, Is what happened today!!

King: Sk

King came to break me off from him.. Colt sank to the ground crying..

Me: This is what you were standing up for during the dinner date!! Do you know how many lives he's taken and ruined? He played God!!! He played God!!

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[SEASON FINALE]

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NOMVULA

(3 DAYS LATER)

I was still at the hospital but to be discharged tomorrow. I was still shaken by what happened, And numb to the news of losing my Daughter, Mbali, And Sethu..

I tried to recall the whole accident, But I had no complete memory of it. When I pulled out of the road and the other car actually bumped us on the

back until we flipped, I slipped into an unconsciousness..

Afro knocked..

I looked at him as he walked in..

Afro: Good morning

Me: Good morning

He pulled the chair and sat down without saying anything..

Afro: I'm sorry for what happened

Me: I don't feel anger, I don't feel hurt. Not because I can't feel, But because I don't believe it as yet. It's

still sounds foreign to me, It feels unreal. Naomi
can't be dead

Afro: When I found out myself, I couldn't accept.
The coroner said that by the time they got her out,
She was already gone. Her skull was cracked open,
Brain tissue mixed with blood. I looked at her
lifeless body on the table as they were about to do
the autopsy. Her eyes had rolled at the back of her
head

I closed my eyes..

Afro: They fixed her though, For the funeral

Me: If anything else, It should've been me

My chest closed as I started crying..

Afro: I've hired a PI to look into it

Me: Sk is also tirelessly working on the case

Afro: Everyone is busy on the case, We will find justice

He held my hand..

Afro: We will find out who did this, I promise

SK NDLOVU

I stood up as she walked in. Her tummy was still big, She's gonna pop soon.. She noticed me and made her way to me, I opened the chair for her. Before sitting down, She slapped me across the face..

Amanda: I trusted my Daughter with you! Kanti why unje Sk? (Why are you like this)

Me: Amanda please sit down

Amanda: No!! I entrusted you with my Daughter's life because I was with someone else that I didn't trust fully with my daughter. Only for you to have my daughter taken away, I trust you with her and you trust her with your girlfriend?

Me: It's not Nomvula's fault

Amanda: Of course it is!! (yelling)

People looked at us..

Amanda: It is.. It is your fault, That woman is

unbelievably rich! How do I know akathwala ngomntwana? (How do I know she's not in a cult?) Almost everyone dies and she survives? With her PA? Who's mother is somehow "Spiritual?" she did come out thanking God they survived, And you don't find this weird?

Me: You throwing accusations that have no shadow of proof. Nomvula didn't kill our Daughter? I know who did

Amanda: Who?

Me: I can't tell you yet because we need concrete proof tying him to the murder

Amanda: I can't believe you! You know when I knew about Sweetness and Mihle, I should've known from there that you are a red flag

Me: Can you sit down so we can talk?

Amanda: There's nothing to talk about, Nothing at all!!

She turned back and left....

LWANDLE (MANDISA'S DAUGHTER)

Sphiwe and I, We ended up being exclusive. We did go to Cape Town and I got a better position in our company, Better pay too and a company car. Sphiwe and I we renting a flat together in the meantime..

When Mbali left, She told me she's visiting Gauteng. She was happy about it, And then I hear news that she's no more. Just like that?? I was heartbroken. Mbali and I grew to be close when my mother and

her father started dating. She was like a sister to me.

Sphiwe: So where are you going to stay?

Me: I spoke to Nomvula, She said I can crash with them until the funeral

Sphiwe: I'm truly sorry about this

Me: It's okay, Shit happens

Sphiwe: Your flight leaves tomorrow, Here's your ticket

Me: Thank you

Sphiwe: I have to go to work

Me: I'll drive you, Let's go

THEMBI

Police came this morning to deliver bad news. A body was found by the bushes. Naked, Badly bruised. In identifying the body, It was Khosi..

For some reason I feel like our family has a dark cloud lingering. Nomvula gets into an accident, Losses her daughter and we also lose Mbali. Now Khosi's lifeless body has been found by the bushes murdered..

My mind froze a little, Whilst I was trying to process everything. Khosi has a lot of kids that I won't be able to look after. She doesn't have a funeral cover, She has nothing..

Another stress was having to tell Nomvula about this, She's still at the hospital..

I called her..

Vula: Ma

Me: Vula I have more bad news

Vula: What happened now?

Me: Khosi is no more, Her lifeless body was found by the bushes

Vula: Kodwa what's happening? So much deaths?

Me: I am defeated. I don't know what's happening

Vula: I'm getting discharged tomorrow, I'll stop by and we talk

Me: Okay Sisi

SK NDLOVU

I got to the office.. The officer at the reception called me..

Officer: There's a Colt that's looking for you, I sent him to your office

Me: He's still there?

Officer: Yes. I'm sorry I know you don't like people in

your office just just like that but.. He's sloshed and paranoid, He was scaring people

Me: I'll handle it

I walked to the office... He was sitting on the chair, Busy rocking herself back and forth.

Me: Colt

He looked at me..I made my way in. He looked like he hasn't slept in a long time.

Me: What are you doing here?

Colt: How far are we with the case?

Me: We know the mastermind behind it, But we

don't have proof to tie him to the murders

Colt: What more proof do we need it? He did it

Me: When was the last time you slept?

Colt: I don't know.. I'm at home awake and trying to find even the little evidence to tie him

Me: You way too dis oriented and off. You won't find anything looking like this and being like this! Get some rest first!

He nodded repeatedly..

Colt: I will.. I will

NOMVULA

Me: I don't know what's happening. Now I regret not giving her the money

Afro: You wouldn't have known that she was in trouble

Me: Afro what's happening? I'm still trying to process everything. Mbali and Naomi's passing now this

Afro: It is a bad year for us

Me: It is indeed

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[SEASON FINALE]

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NOMVULA

Later on that day, Sk came to see me.. With what has been happening, I'm grateful that I'm still pregnant. With everything that has transpired, I'm trying so hard not to stress myself to a miscarriage..

He was massaging my feet..

Me: Afro came to see me

He stopped and looked at me..

Me: I'll tell him not to come anymore or contact me

Sk: Why?

Me: It seems disrespectful to you

Sk: You and him just lost your Daughter, You going through a mutual pain. I don't mind, I don't trust him but I trust you

Me: It bothers you not?

Sk: No.. Why would it bother me? I'm not insecure

Me: How are you holding up? Ever since what happened I haven't seen you breaking down

Sk: Crying about it won't change it, Trust me it does hurt but my biggest goal for now is getting the girls justice. Sometimes bad things happen to good

people, It's not anyone's fault. It's not your fault,
And in that situation there's nothing that you
could've done to prevent the situation. Only God
knows what happened, And why it happened. The
pain never goes away, You just find a way to live
with it. Sethu and Naomi were colourful kids,
Brought so much life and light. Mbali died trying to
protect them, Her death shouldn't be in vain too.
They would want life to move on, Because the
reason you here and Lisa. It's because 3 souls
sacrificed their lives

I wiped my tears..

Me: That is very profound

Sk: Mourn it's okay but don't lose yourself in the
process. They gone, You here and there's a reason
why you here

I thought what happened was going to drive us apart, But it seems to be bringing us more closer..

Sk: We going to be fine, We'll take it one day at a time

AFRO

I was walking barefoot from the bedroom, To the kitchen. In the hallway, I heard Shantel on the phone, I stopped to listen more..

Shantel: What Uncle did was out of order, My plan was that she should kidnap Rain and that was it. He went on to murder them, The sad part is that the culprit survived.. It's shit if you ask me, Afro should never find out about this!

I turned around and walked back to the bedroom

shocked at what I've just heard...

LISA (NOMVULA'S PA)

Me: Whaaaaaat??

Mom: Yini? (What's wrong)

Me: Sk's baby Mama posted a video on twitter saying Nomvula sacrificed the kids for riches and I helped her because my Mother is spiritual

Mom: What?

Me: Nomvula sees this, It's going to kill her inside. We've just been through something devastating and she has the audacity to say this?

Mom: She's in pain and obviously looking for someone to blame

Me: How she's hurting shouldn't be an excuse for her to act in this manner. It's wrong what she is doing

Mom: I know Baby but what can we do? We can't change how a person thinks and wants to act

Me: I guess not, Like how evil can we be to sacrifice kids for riches?

Mom: I think you and Nomvula should not look at what the Internet is posting because it will mess with you guys

Me: I guess so

NOMVULA

Langa showed up with Fezile. He is staying with Afro's Mom up until I get discharged tomorrow..

I can only imagine how he is feeling and what he's going through, He loved Naomi with all his heart..

Me: Fezi this is Sk, And Sk this is Fezi.. Langa's Uncle

Fez: We know each other

Sk: Very familiar with each other

Me: How?

Fez: He's come to my workplace a few times to

investigate me

Me: Investigate you?

Sk: Nothing serious, J ust routine

Fez: I'll wait for Langa in the car. I wish you a speedy recovery

Me: Thank you

He walked out..

Me: What was that all about?

Sk: Nothing much

Langa walked in, He had gone to buy himself something to eat..

He walked up to me and hugged me..

Langa: Are you okay?

Me: I'm getting there, How are you holding up?

Langa: I'm trying

Me: I want you to meet someone. This is Sk, Remember I told you about him? The DEA?

Langa: Yeah I remember

Me: Sk this is my Son.. Langa

They exchanged a handshake..

Sk: It's good to finally meet you

Langa: You too

Sk: Heard you play basket ball?

Langa: Yes

Sk: Played it too

Langa: Really?

Sk: Yeah.. We should ball sometimes, Show you the old school way

Langa: We should and I'll show you the new generation way

Sk: The game never changes

Langa: It doesn't

Sk: I'm sorry about your Sister, I am working hard to make sure she gets justice

Langa: Thank you.. I'm sorry about your daughter too

Sk: It's okay

They seemed to be hitting it off well, I guess I was worried for nothing...

SHANTEL

I walked into the bedroom, Afro was getting dressed..

Me: Going somewhere?

Afro: Yaa wanna drive to the pharmacy, My anxiety is acting up

Me: It's expected, You've been through a lot

Afro: It's hard to believe that my only daughter is gone. I know Langa is here, But Naomi was my blood and my having a child of my own.. 5 years later she gets murdered

Me: I know this might be off but.. I will untie my tubes and we will have all the kids you want. I know they won't replace Naomi, But you can still have more kids

Afro: Who would do this? Who would do something like this? It's inhumane

Me: People are cruel out there

Afro: They are.. Let me go, I'll be right back

Me: Okay.. You don't want me to go with you?

Afro: No I'll be fine.. I'll be right back

Me: Okay

He kissed me on my cheek and walked out..

COLT (MBALI'S FIANCÉ)

I love my Fiancé. Loved her from the very first time I met her at school. One time we prepare a trip to Gauteng and she meets her untimely death.. My own Father took away my happiness, And the only woman I've loved..

Dad: Colt I know you hurting

I locked my phone and put it away..

Dad: If there was something I could do to bring her back I would my boy, But I can't. She's gone. You are right to feel how you feeling, And I'm truly sorry

I looked at him lying to me in my face..

Dad: You need to accept the situation, Mourn but don't stay in this pain forever. You still young, You'll meet someone else

Me: You speaking as if like she didn't matter. "You still young, You'll meet someone else"

Dad: I didn't mean it that way

Me: Right now I'm not even sure if you being sincere, How do I know you not behind this?

Dad: I promised you that I'll never touch her and I didn't. You giving me way too much credit Son, I'd never put you through that pain

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NOMVULA

One thing about pain is that, It hits harder when you alone. Just sitting and having nothing to do, That's where your thoughts come crashing down. It was more easier when Sk and Langa were here, They kept me busy that I didn't think about what I was going through. Losing a child, Is one pain that I can't really describe unless you've been through it then you'll know..

Sk walked back in. I quickly wiped my tears, He was holding a cup of coffee and a file..

Me: I thought you were going back to the office

Sk: I did but I thought I could just take my work,
Come and work here overnight

Me: You didn't have to

Sk: I want too, Because I also need your help

He put the file and coffee ontop of the cabinet. He
walked up to me, Sat on the bed and wiped my tears.
Then he held my hand..

Sk: I'm going to do a certain exercise with you about
what happened on the night of the accident

Me: I told you, I don't remember much

Sk: I know and so you said but.. Baby I won't be able to crack this without your help. I need you to help me so I can get justice for the girls

Me: It's not like I don't want too, It was dark and everything happened so fast

Sk: I don't want you to tell me about the road, I want to take you back on the beauty spa

Me: Okay

Sk: You going to close your eyes, Tell me what happened at the beauty spa from when you guys got there to when you left

Me: Okay I'll try

Sk: Anything that you can remember

I nodded....

Sk: You got to the beauty spa and then what happened?

Me: We drove in, The girls were excitedly singing at the back. Mbali was drinking with Lisa. Lisa was sitting in the passenger's seat

Sk: Okay.. You doing well

Me: I couldn't find a spot to park, I didn't know where the parking lot was

Sk: Then where did you park?

Me: A security guard actually walked up to us, To my side

Sk: Tell me about his looks

Me: He was white but looked foreign. Black hair, Tall and well built

Sk: What kind of uniform was he wearing?

Me: Black, All black

Sk: Did he have a name tag?

Me: Yes Carpo

Sk: Then what happened?

Me: I rolled down my window, He greeted us. He looked at all of us. Scanning us

Sk: You doing good.. I'm proud of you

Me: Wait.. After greeting he asked us straight "Do you ladies have a problem with parking?".. I said yes, Then he directed us to the parking lot

Sk: Then what happened?

Me: The parking lot was not that far, I slowly pulled up with him following us. Checked him on my side mirror and he touched my car on at the side just by the trunk

Sk: He touched your car?

Me: Yes

I opened my eyes..

Me: Is that important

Sk: Very

Me: What does it mean?

Sk: It means he's someone who knows the law. Cops tend to do that to leave their fingerprints incase the car was stolen or if the car you driving is the one they looking for

Me: Thinking of it. When we parked, Got our things and made our way in. The was another security

guard by the door, He was wearing a different uniform from Carpo

Sk: Really?

Me: Yes.. Ohh my Goodness were we followed to the beauty spa?

Sk: More like they already knew about it

Me: Who? And how?

Sk: Mbali

Me: Mbali?

Sk: She must told Colt, He told his father

Me: What does his father have to do with this?

Sk: We suspecting he's the one behind what happened, Sergio

Me: Sergio the man you've been tailing?

Sk: Yes

Me: Your work cost us the lives of 3 innocent people and your ex wife has the audacity to go online and talk shit about me?

Sk: How did you find out about that?

Me: One of the Nurses showed me

Sk: Amanda is just hurting and looking for someone to blame

Me: By damaging my reputation? Telling lies about me? Why isn't she blaming you?

Sk: She is, When I met up with her she gave me a mouthful

I exhaled...

Sk: I am sorry, You don't deserve this

Me: Why didn't you just let him be?

Sk: It's my job to put people like him away

Me: How do I know that I'm safe? My Son is safe?

Sk: Because I don't think his intentions were to harm you guys

Me: He did

Sk: I know and I'm sorry.. I promise you that I'll fix it

Me: Afro finds out about this, He's going to blame me

Sk: I really don't care about what he says and you shouldn't either, Because if he knows you well. He will know that you would never put your own child in danger like that

AFRO

Me: So what do you say?

Fez: I say it's bullshit

Me: She orchestrated the murder of my Daughter,
There's no bullshit about that

Fez: Afro you want me to help you have Shantel
sold into the sex slave industry. Shantel has an
Uncle that's well connected, And very rich. Don't you
perhaps think that he will come to her aid?

Me: Death will be too easy. Come on Fez

Fez: I know but this is not it

Me: Not if I take a holiday with her.. Say to Brazil,
Then I leave her there

Fez: Afro

Me: She's not going to get arrested, There's not enough proof to lock her up

Fez: Selling her is a bit of a stretch

Me: I know that very well, Hence I asked you for help. You a pilot, Travelled a great deal. You know people from far away who can do this

Fez: We actually don't have to go that far for that. I think we can pull it through, J ust you and I.. Here's the plan

Me: I'm listening

COLT (MBALI'S FIANCÉ)

I loaded the gun with bullets and then went to dinning table where he was sitting with Laura enjoying his meal..

Dad: Son.. I'm glad you came down to join us

I pointed the gun at him..

Laura: Ohw my goodness

Dad: Colt what are you doing?

Me: I want you to look me in the eye and tell me you not behind Mbali's death and the poor innocent souls

Dad: I told you, I made a promise to you that I wasn't going to hurt Mbali and I didn't

Me: Don't lie to me!

Dad: This is madness Colt!!

Me: Tell me you didn't kill Mbali!!

He stood up and looked at me..

Dad: You my Son, I'd never hurt you like that. I know you hurting, And I know I'm not totally the best person in the world but family is off limits! You saw I spent the day with Shantel

I so desperately wanted to pull the trigger..

Dad: If you think I'm guilty then shoot me, Shoot me now

I slowly lowered the gun..

Dad: I will help you find the people who did this, And I won't rest until they pay for what they did!!

SK KHOZA

Nomvula was peacefully sleeping. I took my phone and walked out of the ward..

I called Kacee..

Kacee: Sk

Me: I need your help

Kacee: Talk to me

Me: We know Sergio is behind this

Kacee: Yes and we see trying to bring him in

Me: We won't try anymore

Kacee: I don't understand

Me: People like Sergio never pay for their sins. Even if we do bring him in, He will be out. Unfortunately the justice system is a long chain. After we bring him in, It's in the hands of those above us to judge him and we know the chain there is flawed

Kacee: What are you saying?

Me: I'm saying that we not bringing Sergio in, We are going to kill him

Kacee: Sk

Me: I am doing this

Kacee: Are you sure?

Me: Right now I'm taking a lot of stress

I walked up to the door and looked at Nomvula..

Me: I'm not ready to lose the woman I love

Kacee: Then we go and do it, We've been paying
hide and seek with him for a long time

Me: Then we do it

SHANTEL

Afro walked in..

Me: Where have you been? I've been worried sick
about you. Since you left going to the pharmacy

Afro: I passed by at home

Me: Ohw

Afro: had to check up on Langa

Me: How is he holding up?

Afro: It's hard.. It's hard on all of us

Me: I can imagine, I'm truly sorry about what happened if there's anything I could do

Afro: It's okay.. I'm going to bed, Good night

Me: I love you

Afro: Yeah

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SK NDLOVU

Fez: Let me get this straight. Same DEA that was on my ass, Is the same DEA needing help from me to kill Sergio

Kacee and I, Came to the realization that we can't pull this off on our own. Actually we can, But it'll delay more than it should. We needed someone who knows Sergio better than us..

Fez: You guys perfectly want me to help you commit a crime, Where's the law in that? Sk? Principle?

Me: Sometimes when family is involved, Principles have to be bypassed

Fez: I don't know if I could do this

Me: Naomi is your Niece, If you saw the state she was in when they were found. You'd do this without second guessing

Fez: Fine but I also need your help

Me: I'm listening

Fez: Someone else was involved, It was not Sergio only

Me: Who?

Fez: My Brother's fiancé

Me: How sure are you?

Fez: 100% sure, How do you feel about working with your girlfriend's ex husband?

I sat down..

Me: Hit me

NOMVULA

Afro: Are you ready to go?

Me: You didn't have to come and fetch me

Afro: Mom wanted to see you, And we have to discuss the funeral arrangements

Me: I never thought one day I'd be burying my own child

Afro: At least you pregnant, After 9 months you going to have a replacement for Naomi

Me: you think this is what it is? This is what's happening? Just because I'm going to have another baby. That baby is going to be a replacement for Naomi? This is exactly why you and I didn't workout at all

Afro: Don't start.. We didn't work for an entirely different reason

Me: No it's because you are a shitty person!!

Afro: I'm not shitty I'm just.. I'm scared

Me: Scared of what?

Afro: I won't have you in my life anymore since Naomi is no more

Me: Langa is here

Afro: I am his step father, Sk is his step father.
Langa will adapt to any man you bring, He doesn't have a choice

Me: He does have a choice, And this is not a competition. Sk's involvement in Langa's life is not a competition. Langa loves you, And you'll always be his father

Afro: If you say so.. Let's go

SK NDLOVU

Me: Okay I hear you but this Shantel didn't orchestrate this

Fez: Afro believes Shantel is involved and wants her taken out too in a certain way

Me: Of course he does. Your little brother is a woman beater, He wouldn't think twice about this

Fez: Really if we gonna be working together, You need to work on the things you say. It's justified murder, It's as good as her pulling the trigger herself

Me: I am not going to torture a woman to death

Fez: You don't have too, We'll have it arranged

Me: So why are you telling me?

Fez: We are not looking to go to jail

Me: I'm DEA, Not homicide

Fez: A little birdy told that you are friends with the
homicide department

I laid back on the chair..

Fez: It's good to see we in business

NOMVULA

Afro: Do you love me?

Me: Huh?

Afro: Do you still love me?

Me: I've been with you for years, It would be awkward if I woke up one day and was totally done with the love I had for you

Afro: Do you love him?

Me: Sk?

Afro: Yeah

Me: More than you think

Afro: How is he different?

Me: He's loving, More patient with me and my happiness matters to him

Afro: I see

Me: Anymore interrogation?

Afro: No

Me: Thank you.. I'd like for you to leave me in peace until we get to your Mother's house

SHANTEL

This morning I went to see Colt, Uncle said he pulled a gun on him last night..

Colt: I know he's behind this, Maybe he's intentions weren't to kill but he's behind it all

Me: Colt.. Uncle loves you, He won't do anything to jeopardise the the relationship you two have and I know for a fact he would never hurt Mbali

Colt: When Dad wants what he wants, Does n't matter who is in the way

Me: Yaa but he would never do something to deliberately hurt you. You should know better

Colt: Doesn't matter

Me: I think you need counselling. Mbali was someone who meant so much to you

Colt: I don't need counselling

Me: Yes you do.. Unless you want the pain to bring forth your untimely death

Colt: I'll be fine as soon as justice prevails

SERGIO

He walked in and sat opposite me..

Kacee: You called

Me: Indeed.. I know Sk is going to going hard on this case even though he's not homicide

Kacee: You killed his Daughter, His step daughter, And hurt his girlfriend

Me: That was not the intention to kill the little ones, Unfortunately the people who did this. They must've misunderstood

Kacee: Either way it's happened

Me: Tell me, How far is he with the case?

Kacee: He knows it's you

Me: I'm not denying that, I just wanna know how he's going to catch me

Kacee: He's not planning too

Me: What do you mean?

Kacee: He is not going to apprehend you, He's planning to kill you. With the help of the Brothers, Fezi and his little Brother

Kacee: Is it now?

Kacee: It is

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SK NDLOVU

Me: Asiyeke MaJ ele, Zogcina ingidina (Let's leave it because it's going to irritate me)

Vula: He just dropped me off at his house, Then I'll go to mine and go home. I'm here to get Langa, Then you can pick us up

Me: I don't have a problem with that, I just have a problem with you letting your ex husband come pick you up when you told me that Lisa is the one picking you up

Vula: Lisa's leg is injured

Me: Then why didn't you call me?

Vula: I didn't call to argue

Me: I'm not arguing I'm just telling you that this is going to irritate me

Vula: Okay ke askies

Me: You not sorry, You just sorry because you fucked up

Kacee walked in..

Me: Kacee is here, I have to go

Vula: I'll see you later

Me: I love you

Vula: I love you too

I placed my phone on my desk..

Me: Where you coming from?

Kacee: I went out to get something to eat, How did it go with Fez?

Me: He's game, But now we have to play dumb

Kacee: I am not following

Me: The hit list has increased, Shantel is also somehow involved. Sergio's Niece and Afro's fiancé

Kacee: No Sk.. This is going to be messy

Me: We just play dumb, Act like we didn't see anything

Kacee: Involving a woman? Who are we?

Me: It's not our job we just turning a blind eye

Kacee: It's not for us to decide, It's homicide and King doesn't turn a blind eye for shit

NOMVULA

After making that phone call, I went inside the house. Pat got emotional when she saw me, She hugged me and cried. I also got emotional. I've been

trying very hard to keep it all together, For my sanity and also for the baby that I'm carrying..

Pat: I'm so sorry

Me: I'm trying so hard not to break down

Pat: You need too, If you don't. You won't heal

Me: I just can't believe she's gone, Just like that

Pat: Me too.. Naomi was full of life, Young and this is not fair

Me: Losing 3 people all at once. Naomi, Mbali, And Khosi.. I don't know what badluck is this

Pat: It's the will of God my child, Only God knows

AFRO

Me: You told Sk that Shantel is involved?

Fez: We need the law for this

Me: He's going to tell Vula, And Vula is going to hate me. Back to square one

Fez: What was I supposed to do?

Me: So what did he say?

Fez: He says he's going to help us if we help him kill Sergio

Me: Sk is ready to play on the other side of the law?

Fez: Personally I feel like it's good. I also need to be rid of Sergio once and for all

SHANTEL

Me: Putting him in a mental institution? That's a bit of a stretch Uncle

Sergio: I'm keeping him safe, Especially since I hear Sk is planning to kill me

Me: It's not bothering you?

Sergio: He can't just kill me, He needs to plan well. He's DEA remember? He can't have this coming back to bite him in the ass

Me: So what's the plan?

Sergio: Now I'm not calling a hit on his family etc,
I'm calling it on him

Me: I don't know what I'll do if Afro found out

Sergio: It is well, We will fix it. Time for games is
over

NOMVULA

Pat accompanied me home. My Aunt was there,
Matress on the floor. Mom sitting there..

Pat: I'm truly sorry about what happened,
Alwehlanga lungehlanga

Mom: Thank you

Me: I want Naomi to be buried this week, So Mbali and Khosi can be buried on the same day

Mom: I think that's a good idea

Pat: It also saves money than to have separate funerals for both

Mom: Yiqinis o (That's true)

Mom: I won't be able to attend Naomi's funeral

Me: I understand.. Aunty will be going back forth and forth with you, Then you'll give me a quotation

Mom: Siyabonga Vula. For giving your sister and Niece a dignified funeral

Me: Mam' Pat is going to help me with Naomi's funeral, She's coming over until the funeral

Mom: Thank you Pat

Pat: No need, We are family

SK NDLOVU

Me: How are the funeral arrangements coming along?

Amanda: They coming along well

Me: How much am I to send?

Amanda: She's in my funeral policy so everything is taken care of

Me: Everything? Amanda she's my daughter too. I want to do right

Amanda: Tombstone?

Me: Okay I'll go and check them out

Amanda: Sharp

Me: Sharp

AFRO

I looked at my phone ringing until it stopped, It was Shantel..

Victoria: Sir

Me: Yes?

Victoria: Shantel is on the line

Me: Tell her I'm busy

Victoria: Yes Sir

Me: Thank you

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[05/23, 19:57] : NOMVULA

NOMVULA

I couldn't have Sk come fetch me because I was going to my house with Afro's Mother. I didn't want any awkwardness between this trip. Pat drove us to the house. It was Me, Her, Lwazi, And Lwandle. Lwandle arrived yesterday, Stayed at her Mom's place then travelled to Afro's house so she could come with us.. I don't mind Lwandle staying with us for the duration of the funeral, She's a lovely kid and was that close with Mbali. One would swear that they are blood sisters..

Lwandle: I was so excited moving down to Cape Town, Because she was there. We've spent some time apart when she went to school and I remained in Gauteng. Learning about her tragic death and I

don't even have the full details on what happened

Me: What happened to Mbali, If I didn't know better I'd say it's witchcraft. She had a bright future ahead of her and..

Langa came to me..

Langa: Can I borrow your phone I wanna call Sk

Me: Why?

Langa: About something.. It's between me and him

Me: Ohw

He picked it up from the table..

Langa: I'll bring it back

SK NDLOVU

I opened the beers. Fezi and Afro were sitting in the living room. My place and the kitchen it's just one open space, Then the bathroom and bedroom two different rooms...

Kacee: Are we sure we can trust them?

Me: Yes

My phone rang..

Me: It's Nomvula

Kacee: I'll take the beers to them

He walked up to them.. I picked up..

Me: MaJ ele

Langa: Hey.. It's me

Me: Langa.. What's up?

Langa: I was calling to check when you'll be free,
Remember the mini trip we planned?

Me: Yes.. Tomorrow night are you free?

Langa: Yeah

Me: Forward me your contacts using your Mom's phone

Langa: Okay cool

Me: Cool Champ

Afro walked up to me..

Afro: Hey can I have a word

Me: Yeah sure

Afro: I don't know if you've told her already but..
Please don't tell Nomvula that Shantel was involved

Me: I didn't tell her, And I was n't planning on doing it.
It's not my place

Afro: I just don't want her to get mad all over again and hate me

Me: Don't worry.. I got you

Afro: Cool

Me: Listen

He looked at me..

Me: We can't trust Kacee.. He's working for Sergio

Afro: Huh?

Me: We have a plan.. Then we have the plan. He

only knows a plan, But does n't know the plan

Afro: Dammit

Me: So the plan will only run between You, Me, And Fez

Afro: Do you trust us?

Me: No but I trust we have a common enemy. An enemy of my enemy is a..

Afro: Friend

Me: Don't play yours elf.. An alliance

Afro: Not too bad

Me: Afro we not friends, We'll never be and this mission isn't going to make us friends

Afro: Understood

I walked away....

NOMVULA

Pat was cooking..

Me: Lwandle can I talk to you?

Lwandle: Yaa sure

Me: How happy are you in your current job?

Lwandle: It's not bad, Pays the bills

Me: I wanna offer you a position in my company,
Then I wanna train and groom you for the CEO
position

She laughed.. Then looked at me..

Lwandle: You being serious?

Me: I see a lot of myself in you

Lwandle: In what way?

Me: In a lot of way. Coming from a broken family
etc.. I saw your face, Employee of the year

Lwandle: I don't have any background experience nor knowledge of the tobacco

Me: I learned.. You smart, You'll learn

Lwandle: Yeah sure.. I'd love that a lot, Wow..

Me: Fix your situation in Cape Town, Come back and a position with a slightly better pay will be waiting for you

Lwandle: Thank you.. I won't disappoint you, I hope so

SK NDLOVU

When Kacee went to the bathroom, We filled Fez in..

Fez: Son of a bitch!!

Me: Indeed

Fez: Why are we keeping him around?

Me: You don't show a traitor that you know, Stick to a plan

Kacee came back, He put his phone in his pocket..

Kacee: So where are we standing?

Afro: Okay so here's a plan

NOMVULA

Pat: Who is that?

Me: I don't know, Said she wants to talk to me about Langa

I went to open the door. Some woman walked in with her Daughter..

Me: Good evening

Woman: Sawubona Sisi (Good evening)

Me: May I help you?

Woman: Yes.. I am Phumzile, This is my Daughter Zintle

Me: Okay

Woman: I have been meaning to come here and talk to you

Me: About?

She unzipped her bag and took out a stick.. A pregnancy test..

Phumzile: My daughter is 17 doing grade 11. She's 3 months pregnant by your Son

Me: Langaaaa!!!!!!

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[05/23, 19:58] : NOMVULA

NOMVULA

The girl and her Mother were downstairs. I was upstairs with Langa in his bedroom, Trying to find out what happened. I had already called Afro, I was waiting for him to come. I was busy pacing up and down, I didn't even realize Langa was sexually active.. He didn't say anything, He was glancing down at his earphones..

Me: At least tell me this girl is framing you or something

Langa: She's not

Me: Ohh my word.. Ohh my Goodness! You.. Langa, How? Why? What happened??

Langa: We were dating since from last year late,
And this year we started having sex. 3 months ago
we had sex and we didn't use a condom

Me: Where?

Langa: Here.. In your bed

Me: You ungrateful brat!!

I put my hands on his neck and he fell back on his
bed with my hands around his neck. I felt someone
pulling me back..

Afro: Rain wait!!

Me: I swear I'm going to kill you!!

Afro held me tight..

Afro: Calm down!!.. Calm down

Me: Let go of me!!

Afro: Calm down and go downstairs, I'll talk to him

I looked at him whilst pointing at him..

Me: Wena!! I'll show you your Mom!

Afro chuckled..

Me: Talk to him, This better be a nightmare that we all going to wake up from!!

I made my way downstairs...

SK NDLOVU

I drove down to my Grandparents place..

My parents died when I was young, I was raised by my Grandparents. Both of them. With God's grace, They are still alive..

They were happy to see me. I am the only child born to my parents..

It amazes me how both of them are still strong people, My Grandmother cleans, Cooks, Etc. She doesn't like to be helped at all..

Grams: This is why I prepared a dumpling and beef

stew, It's like I knew you were coming

Me: I could smell it from the gate

Grams: It's so good to see you baby

Me: It's good to see you too Nana

My Grandfather walked to the kitchen..

Grandpa: I heard you dating a girl who has a tobacco company, That means I'll be getting weed for free

Me: Dodo it's good to see you too

Grandpa: I'm not happy to see you, Everytime you come I have to hide my weed

Me: You not smoking weed Dodo, You smoke tobacco in a pipe and no it's legal you won't go to jail for it

Grandma: How are you holding up? I got sick when you told me Sethu passed on

Me: I'm trying Nana

I am strong emotionally, And I don't normally show my emotions. Only because I was raised by strong people. My Grandparents are strong..

Grandma: Are we allowed to go to the funeral? Her family doesn't like us very much

Me: It's a funeral, They can't verbally attack us at a funeral

Grandma: I hope so too

Me: I'm going to spend a night

Grandma: I'm going to prepare your room then

Me: I'm going to catch up with Dodo outside and his chickens

AFRO

Me: So what happened?

Langa: I made Zee pregnant

Me: I know, But I wanna know what happened

Langa: We were drunk, It was when you and Mom went away for that weekend, Naomi was at Grandma's

Me: When you said you were having friends over?

Langa: Yeah.. It was Zee

Me: Langa

Langa: We were very drunk

Me: That's why my whiskey was finished

Langa: She said she was going to buy a morning after pill

Me: And you believed her? You have unprotected sex with a girl who told you she's going to drink a morning after whilst your Mom is a multimillionaire and your Father gets half a million every 3 months

Langa: Zee loves me

Me: I never said she didn't

Langa: You told me that you and Mom met when she was young and you guys made it work

Me: Yaa Langa and you were already in the picture, You didn't see us making babies after babies

Langa: I was under a lot of stress, You and Mom weren't okay. Now you divorced, There's Sk. He seems like a good person don't get me wrong, And now Naomi is no more

Me: Just excuses Langa.. None of those excuses are good enough for you to do what you did

Langa: I know

Me: How sure are you it's yours?

Langa: She was a virgin when we started dating, She's a nerd.. Very respectful and has self respect

Me: Langa.. We talk about this, We've spoken about this. Now I feel like a failure

Langa: I'm sorry I disappointed you

NOMVULA

We sat in awkward silence, Lwandle had made tea..

Pat: I hear and understand where you coming from but this is not how things are done. We facing a tragedy, We have 3 funerals that we attending too. We are mourning and this is a bad time to come

Phumzile: The problem is that, We've given Langa enough time to come clean. Zee wasn't even prepared to come clean until the vomiting started that's when I noticed. My Daughter is a bright student, This is a big thing. Her father passed on leaving her a trust fund, That's why I put her through the best school to afford her a good education up until she goes to varsity. She needs to get good results next year so she could get a scholarship or bursary. We not a rich family, Zee is my only hope and this happens

Pat: We not denying that, We just saying this is not a good time that's all

Phumzile: I sell amagwinya for a living, And other things. This pregnancy has started making her sick, How will I afford for her to go to the Dr? Eat things that she needs to eat?

Me: Isn't that something she needs to discuss with her boyfriend? Cravings and what not? Since both of them could make a baby, Then both of them are capable of taking care of Zee

Phumzile: Don't put this on my Daughter, She didn't impregnate herself. Your Son had a hand in this, Had you taught him principles and respect we wouldn't be here!

Me: I didn't make anyone pregnant!

Pat: Okay let's all calm down we are mourning, Sisi please come back some other time

Phumzile: We don't have any means to go back

Me: How did you guys get here?

Phumzile: ilezinto zabo Zama Uber (With an Uber)

Me: Nakho ke (here we go)

Pat: I'll ask Afro to drive them back

SK NDLOVU

Me: Dodo how much do you sell the chickens for?

Grandpa: R75 eyodwa.. R120 two.. Discount

Me: Do they buy?

Grandpa: Bayathenga bona (They buy)

Me: At least

Grandpa: Bamba sizivalele (Let's lock them inside)

Me: Okay

NOMVULA

I heard the door bell ring..

Me: What fresh is this! Another pregnancy?

I went to open.. It was Shantel..

Me: Ah what the hell is this??

Shantel: I'm here to look for Afro

Me: Did you call him? This is my house!

Shantel: He's not answering

She walked in..

Shantel: Ohw.. I'm sorry I didn't know that you had company

Me: I am going to have a miscarriage tonight, I'm going to miscarry!

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[05/23, 19:59] : NOMVULA

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NOMVULA

Afro left with Shantel and Lwandle drove the crew that was here using my car, because I was starting to get very tense. Irregular heartbeat, And I was shivering. A lot is weighing down on me, So my mental and physical being was shutting down..

I had to call Sk and he calmed me down. We spoke for hours, I even took a bath, Ate something and then went to bed. He only hung up when I fell asleep..

The next day I woke up a bit late. It was around

11am. I brushed my teeth and washed my face then went downstairs.

Pat and Afro were standing at the counter busy talking with papers in front of them.

Me: Good morning

Pat: Look who is awake

Me: What's going on?

Afro: Mom and I drove out to fix a few things

Pat: We couldn't choose her coffin, We were waiting for you so it could be a mutual decision

Me: I trust whatever coffin you'll pick

They both looked at each other..

Me: I don't feel comfortable with that. I should be picking a school for my Daughter, Not her coffin

Langa came down..

Langa: Good morning

They greeted him back..

Langa: Ma

Me: I only came down to drink water, And make myself something to eat so I can go back upstairs and mourn my Daughter. Is the mattress on the floor necessary?

Pat: Not exactly you can lie in bed, Naomi was young

Me: Thank you

Langa: I'll make you breakfast

Me: Afro could you please make me something to eat? Or where is Lwandle?

Langa: But I said I'll m-

Me: Eyy!!

It was quiet..

Afro: I'll prepare it for you

Me: Thank you, I'd appreciate it if we mourn in her bedroom. Mine is filthy apparently it harbours anyone who don't have any business having sex in my bedroom

Langa: B-

Afro: Langa go wash the cars, Lwandle will help you

Langa: Yeah sure

SK NDLOVU

This tragedy has caused Nomvula and I to spend less time with each other. I was starting to feel the distance now, But for respect and mourning

purposes we have to do things accordingly..

I was busy kicking the tyre of my car whilst on the phone with Amanda..

Amanda: You and your family will only be allowed to the funeral when we bury her, So you can erect the tombstone

Me: My Grandmother wishes to come

Amanda: Why? We divorced! You have no upper hand now nor does your family. I'm with someone else, His family is coming. I don't want any clashing

Me: Bullshit!! You blame me for Sethu's death

Amanda: I do.. Tell me how much is your girlfriend

going to be worth after this?

Me: I told you Nomvula had nothing to do with it

Amanda: I don't believe that

Me: Then fuck you!!

Grams: Hey!!

I hung up, And turned around..

Me: For how long have you been standing there?

Grams: Enough to hear you were fighting with Amanda and you swore at her. I don't condone such behaviour and I never raised you to disrespect women

Me: Uxolo (I'm sorry)

Grams: Breakfast is ready

Me: Thank you

NOMVULA

Afro brought the breakfast.. I was fixing my head wrap. I had already lit the white candle, It was at the corner of the room. With her framed picture next to it. A picture of her smiling and happy..

Afro: Here we go

I sat on the bed.. He gave me the tray..

Me: Oats?

Afro: Your go to meal when you not feeling well

Me: Thank you

Afro: You welcome

He sat next to my feet..

Afro: I'm sorry about what Shantel did last night

Me: You don't see Sk parading here, We are mourning our child. I know our cultures are different but can she respect?

Afro: I spoke to her

Me: I don't even want her at the funeral

Afro: She won't be there.. I promise

Me: Good

Afro: When are you going to talk to Langa?

Me: I don't know, Just not now

SHANTEL

Uncle: Here you go, A bowl of chicken noodle soup

Me: You didn't have to come

Uncle: You distraught, I had too

Me: Thank you Uncle

Uncle: I hate seeing my favourite Niece suffering like this because of a Man. You can get any Man that you want

Me: I don't know why he's acting this way

Uncle: He is mourning

Me: Or getting back together with her ex wife

Uncle: Now that I'll love to see

Me: Stop it

LANGA

I was on a call with Zee..

Me: I hate upsetting my Mother like this, Not when we going through a lot

Zee: I didn't have a say. My mother forced me after grilling me with questions

Me: I thought you said you drank the morning after pill thing

Zee: They didn't wanna sell it to me

Me: How come?

Zee: Langa that doesn't matter. Something about being underage, I was in school uniform

Me: Abortion?

Zee: I'm a Christian!!!

Me: Look we'll talk later, I'm a bit busy

Zee: Okay I love you

Me: I love you too

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[05/23, 20:00] : NOMVULA

NOMVULA

[2 WEEKS LATER]

Mbali's funeral was beautiful. It was colourful, The weather was accommodating. She was buried in a white casket, Had a horse with a carriage carrying her coffin. A funeral for a princess.

I didn't think I was going to get through the day but I did, I was able to bury my Daughter..

It was a Friday afternoon, And we were preparing for tomorrow. Tomorrow we finally laying Mbali and Khosi to rest. I was exhausted, The was a lot of up and down that was required for these ones...

I was also happy that Sk was supportive on this one, Since he couldn't with Naomi...

I went with him to get the vegetables, He kept on looking at his phone..

Me: Anticipating a call?

Sk: Yes from my Grandmother

Me: She sounds lovely

Sk: She is, And she can't wait to meet you

Me: I can't wait to meet her too

Sk: Maybe after all of this, We get visit them

Me: You so lucky to have both Grandparents in your

life

Sk: I know.. I'm very grateful

SHANTEL

I tried to get the chain off my ankle, I couldn't. There wasn't even anything in this room to hit the padlock with..

I was kidnapped about 3 days ago when I was driving from my Uncle's house to my flat. I was injected and I passed out. Only to wake up in an abandoned building, my ankle chained to a pole..

I don't know who is behind this, The man who brings me food everyday is masked. I don't even think it's the same man everyday..

They don't feed me well. One slice of bread, Water and an apple in the morning. Then two slices of pizza in the evening, They don't feed me in the afternoon..

Another thing was that my clothes were taken away from me, I was only left with my underwear and bra.. It's cold at nights, All I have is a stinking worn out matress with a blanket that smells of urine...

He walked in again, Holding a plate and a glass of milk..

Me: I already had a meal, Already had breakfast

He didn't say anything. He put the plate and glass by my legs..

It was a slice of chocolate cake, And the glass of

milk..

Me: What did I do to deserve such a treatment?

He dug out something from his pocket. Rubber band and a syringe..

Me: Drugs? I don't do drugs!!

He turned and walked out....

LANGA

I was out with Zee...

Since we got to the restaurant and have ordered,
She hasn't touched her food..

Me: What's wrong?

Zee: My Mother is suggesting that I move in with you guys

Me: What?

Zee: She says I am a burden, She can't. Your Mother is not taking this serious, You can't be free whilst I suffer

Me: My Mom has a lot on her plate right now

Zee: It's not my decision. She says just until I give birth

Me: Yeah I don't know about that sweetie

Zee: Langa I'm the one who is pregnant. I can't even go out with friends, I'm the one who is going to get humiliated at school when I start showing. Whilst your life goes on

Me: Living at my house is not the solution. I have already given you 2.5k from my allowance that I get from my parents every month. The 5k I get, I'll be splitting it with you. You will be able to get you things that you need

Zee: And I live at home, The 2.5k is not enough. My mother took 2k and left me with R500

Me: Your mother is not my responsibility

Zee: Ohw I am sorry that I was n't born with a silver spoon in my mouth Langa. I come from a Lower class family, My Mother works hard to put food on

the table for us. I was the one out of my siblings that she used my father's money to put me through school which is finishing last year. I'm her last hope, She's sacrificed a lot for me

Me: So it's my fault that my Mother worked hard to have what she has? My fault that I have parents who are financial stable

Zee: No.. All I'm saying is that some of us don't have it easy.. You know what just take me home

Me: Zee you overreacting

Zee: I'll have my food as a takeaway

Me: Come on

Zee: I'll go get the waitress

SHANTEL

He came back to the room. I haven't touched the cake and milk.. He had handcuffs with him. He came to me and cuffed my wrists..

Me: What do you want from me?

He had cuffed my hands forward. He took out the syringe, Opened the cap and grabbed my arm tight..

Me: Please don't (crying)

He injected me..

Me: Noooooo (Crying)

NOMVULA

Sk: Are you and Langa okay now?

Me: I don't wanna talk about Langa right now

Sk: You can't be mad at him forever, Whether you mad or not. It won't change the situation

Me: I know.. I'm just disappointed in him, I always wanted what's best for my kids

Sk: I know but try to not be so hard on him, I'm sure this wasn't on purpose

Me: Yaa we'll see

AFRO

I took the mask when I was out..

Fez: How is she?

He was standing by the table looking at the plan..

Me: I started her on drugs

Fez: What exactly is the plan with Shantel?

Me: J ust let me do my thing, No hurry

Fez: We don't have much time, They might be looking for her

Me: I know that, Hence why I have changed the plan.
We'll run it through Sk later

Fez: If you say so

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[05/23, 20:00] : NOMVULA

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SK NDLOVU

After dropping Nomvula off, I went to check the guys at the warehouse. Afro was in his disguise attire. All black, With black boots and black leather gloves..

Me: She still hasn't picked it up that it's you?

Afro: No

Me: Not even the voice?

Afro: I don't talk to her

Fez: And she shouldn't because there's a bit of change in the plan

Me: Ohw yeah?

Afro: We going to do this as if like we amateurs, J ust another kidnapping. Force Sergio to come down here and then we smoke them

Me: Sergio won't show up alone, He will have his Man

Afro: Ahead of you

Fez: We had a drone fly by his house, We will request him to drive his Royce Rolls. In that way we can tail him

Me: He should bring his friend Kacee because I wanna smoke him too. Such a disgrace in the force

Afro: So what do you say?

Me: Implemented well, It promises to work

Fez: I'll have her to the call, Monday at night he comes to drop off the ransom and it's game over

Me: Let's start then, Work on how we going to

torture the family this weekend

Fez: Let's get to it

SERGIO

I was at my Brother's house, He was in distraught.
Was not taking Shantel missing very well..

Brother: I don't know why I trusted you with my
baby girl, Look whats happened now

Me: You think this is my doing?

Brother: This is your doing! Shantel goes back to
spending time with you then all of a sudden she
disappears without a trace? Does that scream
normal to you?

Me: I love Shantel as if like she's my Daughter. I would never put her life in danger deliberately!

Kacee: I think we should all calm down. Blaming each other won't yield any results. We are all in the same team. We shouldn't be scratching each other, We should be working together to bring her home

Me: Does this scream SK?

Kacee: Sk is an officer of the law. Sk takes his job seriously, He would never put himself in a situation where he has to compromise his work ethics and conduct

Brother: You see? You even have enemies

Sergio: I don't see anyone who would disrespect me

like this by kidnapping my Niece

Kacee: Think enemies, Anyone can.. Except for Sk

Brother: Yes think enemies because I want my
Daughter back home!!

NOMVULA

For some reason Lwandle drove up here with Langa.
Langa and Lwandle are the ones occupying the
house in the meantime that I'm helping at home
with the funeral.

Langa requested to talk to me, We went and sat
outside to talk..

Langa: I don't like this tension between us, I've

disappointed you yes I admit. I didn't deliberately do this

Me: Langa I work hard to give you a better life, So you don't have to struggle in life. Like how I've suffered. All that you had to do was keep it in the pants and concentrate on school together with basketball ball

Langa: Mom I appreciate all that but we cannot deny the fact that, Life at home hasn't been easy. You were hardly there, Dad was always there and you guys were fighting a lot. Yes the money was there but emotionally the environment was toxic

Me: Okay so my failed marriage is the reason why you did that?

Langa: No.. I am saying some of the things that were happening at home, Weren't nice

Me: We should've taken you to therapy

Langa: Life is too short, Look what happened. We lost Naomi, I don't want us to fight to the grave. Plus you were pregnant with me when you was 17

Me: Yes I didn't have a rich mom nor a present father to help me with you, I worked hard to be where I am

Langa: And that's great but don't do it to me. You grew up like that so you can be where you are today, Not everyone can do that and Dad helped you

Me: You so smart but an idiot in dating

Langa: There's a change in life all the time. Change is not comfortable, You brought Sk into our lives.

Could've easily hated him because of what Dad did to you and be protective but I didn't. I accepted him because he makes you happy and he hasn't given me any reason to hate him

Me: Don't blackmail me

Langa: I'm not, J ust keeping it real

He laughed..

Me: Okay as long as you are sure that the baby is yours.. J ust thinking I'll be pushing a big tummy with my Son's girlfriend who is 17.. Langa izinto enizenzayo (Things that you do)

Langa: Kinda somehow I know and I'm sorry

I held his hand..

Me: We gonna work on it and through it, We a team remember

Langa: Thank you

SK NDLOVU

I looked at CK.. He had all his equipments with him and just tapping and clicking..

Afro: You good?

Me: I'm good.. Where did you get this guy from?

Afro: He works with the "Punisher" Zitha Magasela, The best in the game with busting human

trafficking.. What? Are you not sure about him?

Me: No I am.. He's too fast too

Afro: He is

Ck: Gentleman, We can make the call

Afro: Wanna make the call?

Me: You go ahead.. It's your gig

Ck: 30 seconds, Not more than 30 seconds or we will be traced

Afro: The voice?

Ck: Device already attached to the phone to filter your voice

We used Shantel's phone to access her contacts so we can call her Uncle about the ransom...

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AFRO

I made that call, With the guys in the room waiting to hear how the call was going to turn out..

Voice: Hello?

Me: Is this Sergio?

Voice: Who wants to know?

Me: The Person who has your Niece

Voice: You not fucking with me?

I looked at Fez. He put on his Balaclava and unlocked the room where we were holding Shantel. It's a small warehouse so the noise from the room could be heard up until to where I was making the phone call..

The point was for Fez to cause her physical pain, Excruciating to the core. He did, She screamed until the scream was faint..

Sergio: Who are you? And why are you doing this?

Me: Don't worry about who I am and why I'm doing this

Sergio: What do you want?

Me: 300k cash and untreatable

Sergio: Wtf? What kind of a game is this? A kidnap for 300k?

I heard other voices in the background..

"Who is it? He has my Daughter?"

Fez walked out, And locked the room. He waved the evidence bag at me, With two of Shantel's fingers in

it..

I closed my eyes and clenched my teeth, Thinking of the haunting picture of my Daughter with her skull open..

Me: We will send the family a little present, Stay in touch

I hung up..

Ck: 25 seconds, We still good

Sk: You've had your fun, Call the whole thing off

Me: We not calling anything off

Sk: I'm all for revenge, But I'm not going to be a part

of torturing a woman. I don't care her sins

Me: She killed my Daughter, Your Daughter!
Nomvula's Niece and traumatized your pregnant
girlfriend almost to death

Sk: No.. Sergio killed them, And Sergio has to pay.
No one else but him!

Me: It's too late now, You in it and we will see it
through to the end

Sk: Are you threatening me?

Me: No.. I'm saying if you don't see it through, You'll
forever be labeled the Law that turned the wrong
way

He chuckled and made his way to me, Fez stopped him halfway by putting his hand on Sk's chest..

Fez: We are all in the same team

Sk: What happened to you? What childhood trauma made you to have no conscience when it comes to women?

Fez: No.. We not doing that, We not profiling

Sk looked at Fez's hand on his chest. Fez removed his hand from Sk..

Sk: Let me ask you something.. If Rain is betrayed you anyhow, Is this what you were going to do to her? If I didn't meet her when I did. You would've done this to her?

Fez: Don't be personal Fez

Sk: No.. You don't get to tell me not to be personal when you are helping your brother torture a woman! She's not the first and probably won't be the last

Ck: This is not my business, But.. I work for and with someone who could literally kill you r-

Me: Ck shut up

Sk: No!!.. Let him speak!

Ck: All I'm saying is that, I was hired as the tech guy. What you doing I don't stand for it too

Sk: Was mommy abused when you were young? Did she stay and it got better? Is this why you

resent women because you see them as weak? You not the fucken first guy who has that type of story. My Mother was killed and burnt in her house by her own husband. You don't see me abusing women, Instead I made a promise to myself that I'll never put a woman through that nor witness one

Fez: This was fun when we were discussing it, Now it's not

Sk: I'm going to get some fresh air

He turned back and walked halfway. He stopped, Turned and looked at me..

Sk: Ohw and don't think I'm scared of losing my job, I can call it in and we all go to jail. I stand for what I believe in, No matter what

He walked out..

Ck: Ohw well this was fun while it lasted

He got up and started packing..

Me: What are you doing?

Ck: I'm a team player and uhm.. I don't think all the members of your team plays for your team. Plus I can't be attached to such when I work to save women, My team would be disappointed

Me: Fuck your team.. I hired you for the weekend,
Sit down and do your job

He sat down.. I looked at Fez, He shook his head..

NOMVULA

We were in the bedroom busy talking about Khosi and Gqibi, Trying to cheer up my mom who was sitting on the mattress broken..

My phone rang..

Me: Excuse Me

I excused myself from the room still laughing..

Me: Babe

I heard him exhaling....

Me: What's wrong? Are you okay?

Sk: Just feels good to hear you laughing

Me: We were busy telling funny stories about my sister

Sk: Oh yeah?

Me: Yes

Sk: That's good

Me: What's wrong? You sound down

Sk: Do you trust me?

Me: I do trust you.. What's this about?

Sk: Because I'll never let another man physically hurt you, Afro was last so is Sergio

Me: What happened?

Sk: I just don't wanna see you hurt, I don't even wanna imagine it. When I think of the bathtub drowning incident, Even though I wasn't there but I bite my tongue because it pisses me off. Thinking of how scared you were, Probably thinking that you were going to die

Me: Where is all of this coming from?

Sk: I was just thinking about it

Me: It's scary because I have never heard you talking like this, Showing this side of yours. You

always someone who seems to have it all figured out, Keeping it all together. Though it's scary but also it's heartwarming seeing this vulnerable, Caring, And protective side to you. It was Hell, But it's all in the past now. I've moved on from what Afro did

Sk: I love you

Me: I love you too

SHANTEL

I was out of the feeling high state, When that man came in and cut off my fingers with a very sharp blade. I felt the pain, Surging throughout my body. I was still bleeding and shivering. I couldn't bring myself to look at my fingers. He cut them off, Deeply. From the bottom, That I was even able to remove the handcuffs from that hand..

I don't know why this is happening to me, And right now I was convinced that they going to kill me..

SK NDLOVU

I had a flashback of my Mother's lifeless body,
Before my Dad burnt down the house.

I unlocked my car and took out the surgical bag.
Locked it again and went inside..

I walked straight to the room that she was being held captive in..

Fez: Sk

Me: Anyone who tries to stop me, I'm going to put a bullet in their skull

Afro: If you go in there.. Unmasked, I'm going to make sure Rain doesn't live to attend her sister's funeral nor will you ever get the chance to hold your baby after a few months

I stopped..

Afro: You go in there, I drive out to Nomvula's place. Fez will stand guard and face off with you in a gun battle. You the best at what you do, But right now.. You outnumbered, So think carefully

I turned and walked up to him, Fez still stood in my way..

Me: What's wrong with you?

Afro: I'm a father.. Who saw his 5 year old Daughter

dead with her skull open, The only child who was my blood.. Forgive me if I'm a bit personal in this matter

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NOMVULA

The thing about Sk or rather what I've learned about him since we started dating is that, He is someone who is not forthcoming about his emotional state. Sk lost his Daughter too, But I never saw him breaking nor shedding tears. He kept it together. That phone call bothered me a lot, It was too specific for someone who claims he was just thinking about it now when the incident happened a

while back..

So I took my phone and called Afro..

Afro: Hey

Me: What's going on between you and Sk?

Afro: Why?

Me: He called me and spoke about the bathtub incident, Out of the blue

Afro: Angazi Nomvula, Why don't you ask him?

Me: Akakhulumi (He's not talking)

Afro: Sk and I we not friends, I don't even know where he is

Me: But you guys have been buddy buddy lately

Afro: Kahle kahle ufunani? (What do you want?)

Me: Huh?

Afro: We buried our daughter, There's nothing linking us now

Me: Afro!!.. We still have a 16 year old linking us

Afro: Langa is old, If he needs me he can just pick up the phone and call me and I don't think it's necessary he has Sk now

Me: What's happening with you guys? What's all of this now? Are you disowning him?

Afro: I'm saying it seems like Langa's fate will always have a new step father every now and then, I lost my daughter and there's no way of bringing her back

Me: I lost her too!! She was my Daughter too!!

Afro: You don't act like it.. You already moving on and concentrating on your new life like she never existed. Which is okay because it seems like it's what you do. How long have you been dating Sk? You fall pregnant! After almost a year of us trying to fall pregnant again. If this shit between you and Sk doesn't work, What's going to happen? You find another one and fall pregnant again?

Me: That is not fair. You have Shantel, You guys can

fall pregnant again

Afro: That won't happen

Me: Afro..

Afro: She helped cook up the plan of killing our daughter. Shantel was in on it too

Me: What???

Afro: I lose.. You win

Me: What are you saying? Your girlfriend or has trated everything?

Afro: Goodbye and please stop calling me

He hung up...

SK NDLOVU

We got out of the car..

Langa: This is where you wanted us to come? Over a dead end bridge where no cars seem to be passing?

Me: Yes

Langa: Murder-suicide?

Me: No.. Come over here

Langa: Yaa I don't think I'm comfortable with this

I had called Langa to meet up with me, So I could take him on the trip that I had promised him. After today, I saw it fit that I bring him here..

I leaned over the bridge's supporting structure. I glanced down at the dry dam.

Langa: I think I wanna go home

I turned and looked at him..

Langa: J ust gonna call Lwandle to pick me up, This is messed up

Me: I come here very often.. Sometimes even at night. You know the saying that says "Men don't

cry"???. Whenever it gets too much emotionally, I come here in the space of nothing. Scream and hear voice creating an echo, That's my communication to the universe for healing

He put his phone away..

Me: There is nothing as "Men should be strong" We human beings, The more you get used to bottling things inside. That's when you going to start being toxic. Hurt people whom you not suppose to hurt. Hurt your girlfriend, Sometimes you could even kill her unintentionally because there's a lot you keeping inside

He walked over and stood next to me..

Langa: Does that help?

Me: It helps me a lot. When my whole entire being is healthy, There's no room for toxicity

He nodded..

Me: Give it a try

Langa: I don't even know what to say

Me: Here.. I'll start

I took a deep breath and started shouting..

Me: I'm angry because I wasn't there to protect my daughter, I'm angry because I have failed Her. I wanna offload and go back with a less heavy burden!!!!

I looked at him..

Me: Wanna try?

Langa: Yeah sure

He just kept quiet..

Me: What's wrong?

Langa: This is stupid.. I wanna go back home

He walked up to the car..

Me: What you don't wanna face, Creates a monster
deep inside of you

Langa: I read my Mother's diary one time, I think it's old. It seemed old, And dated years ago

He had his back turned against me..

Langa: There's one part that gets to me

Me: What is that?

Langa: When she pregnant with me, She wrote that my biological father physically attacked her. She was in pain for 3 days, Almost lost me. I wasn't going to be born, I wasn't going to exist

I sighed..

Langa: The only father I ever knew, He's with someone else. Our relationship is slowly but surely

getting weak, And the other person who also mattered more to me is gone. I act fine, But even now I prevent going to her room, Watching her favourite cartoons.. I don't even think I'll ever eat our favourite cereal ever again

I heard him sniffing and his voice breaking.

Langa: I prevent myself from breaking down, I try to act strong so I don't give my mother anymore stress. This whole pregnancy thing, Made me feel like I've failed her. Like she shouldn't have had me because I do nothing but stress her

I walked up to him..

Langa: I'm even scared of fully accepting you. One Man who was there from when I was still a baby disappointed us, I don't want to feel that disappointment with you. I looked up to him, He is a

great father but he hit my Mom. Everything he taught me, At the end he was hypocritical about it

Me: Hey come here

I hugged him tight as he cried..

Me: I'm not going to walk out on you guys, I promise

SHANTEL

The door opened. I was losing so much blood,
Getting weak, And trembling..

I did not expect to see Afro walking through that door holding a bottle of whiskey. He was wearing the black clothes, Without the gloves and the mask..

Me: Afro?

He pulled the chair and turned it. Sat down and his arms leaned over the armrest of the chair, Still holding the bottle..

Me: What are you doing? Why??

Afro: I overheard your call.. Were you perhaps talking to your Mother or Sister? Detailing your involvement in my Daughter dying?

Me: Afro..

Afro: I loved you, I left my wife for you. I was going to marry you, Have kids with you. I fucken left my family for you!.. J ust for you to turn around and betray me

Me: Don't sit there and chant about "I love you". You never loved me, I was only a rebound to you! I was patient with you, Patient that one day you'll love me. You never did, Even when Rain wasn't around, You still chose her over me

Without any warning. He threw the whiskey bottle at me. It hit the right side of my face and fell, But it didn't break

I got a dizzy spell..

Afro: So is that reason enough for you to kill my family?? Huh?

Instead of crying, I laughed..

Me: You are so damn weak! My Uncle is the one who called the shot, Not me. I was just there

gaslighting him. Instead of you finding the actual culprit, You bring me here because you are weak!!

He got up and took off his belt.. He walked up to me, I moved away from him until the chain restricted me..

He knelt before me, And put the belt around my neck..

Me: My Uncle is going to kill you

He moved over and knelt behind me, I could feel his knee against my back. He whispered in my ear..

Afro: First he has to find me liefie

He then started to strangle me..

FEZILE

I got home and closed the door. Afro asked that we leave him alone with Shantel. He's not thinking rationally right now. Anything can happen..

From the kitchen making my way to the lounge, I heard a gospel song playing.. With my mother singing along..

"Ooh Nkosi yiva, yiva

Yiva undithethelele

O Nkosi yam

Zonke izono maziphele

I Ntliziyo ibe ngcwele"

She was ironing her clothes..

Mom: Here comes Fez, Bendikukhumbule (I missed you)

I just went up to her and hugged her..

Mom: That's an unexpected form of greeting, What's wrong?

Me: Nothing is wrong.. I just.. I missed you too

Mom: Suxoka Fez (don't lie) I know you from when you were young, I raised you remember? Each time when something is bothering you, You'll always hug me tight

Me: I'm that obvious?

Mom: I'll make us some tea and then we can talk about it

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NOMVULA

Tomorrow is the funeral and my heart was heavy. After Afro telling me that Shantel is somehow linked to the death of my Daughter, Sank my heart right to my knees.

It was so busy at home that I couldn't focus my mind on Shantel..

Sk dropped off Langa at home..

Me: Where were you guys?

Sk: J ust took a drive, Nothing serious

Me: Afro told me that Shantel is linked to Naomi's death and what happened to us with the accident

Sk: Ohw yeah?

Me: Yes.. How can a woman do that to another woman? I did nothing to Shantel for her to do this. Instead, She's the one who was affiliated with my husband knowing very well that he's married

Sk: I will further on extend this information to King,

He's the one in charge of the case

Me: I want nothing to do with Afro, Like he said.
There's nothing linking us anymore since Naomi is gone

Sk: Langa?

Me: He's made it clear that he doesn't want anything to do with him

Sk: I don't understand why he has to disown Langa

Me: I just want this whole nightmare to be over,
That's all

He hugged me..

Sk: It will

AFRO

She was laying there soundless not moving. She was gone, Now it's time to send her Uncle a little present. I took the axe, And bashed her neck to cut off her head..

I was going to send her Uncle the head of his Niece tomorrow morning..

They will only bury the head, But never the body. I will burn the body tonight..

Hopefully Sk's bitching tendencies will stop because Monday is the day when Sergio will also pay for his sins...

ZEE (LANGA'S GIRLFRIEND)

Falling pregnant for Langa was a calculated move. I come from a family that was middle class before the death of my father. When my father passed on, Life was a bit hard.

With money we got, My mother invested it to my high school education. Hence I was enrolled at the most expensive private school..

I have been an excellent learner from grade 8 thus far, And when Langa came along. I learned who he was, I didn't hesitate dating him. If I'm going to have a child best be with someone who comes from wealth, Than someone who will just leave me hanging. I am not saying I don't love Langa, I'm saying at least my child will have a secure life and a better future..

There's no woman who wakes up one day, And pray
for a dead beat baby daddy, Whether we make it or
not. At least my unborn baby will have a better
future..

My Mom was upset with me when she found out,
She only came around when I told her who got me
pregnant...

AFRO

It was already dark when I burnt her body outside at
the back, This is an abandoned warehouse so it'll be
difficult for anyone to notice me here..

I had buried my hands deep in my pockets as I
watched her body burning....

My phone rang, It was Fezi..

Me: Fez

Fez: Have you left the warehouse yet?

Me: Not yet

Fez: What are you doing?

Me: I'm burning her body

Fez: What? I thought we were going to keep her alive until Monday

Me: I wanted to send her Uncle her head but I thought otherwise, Because if he knows she's dead. We might probably never trap him. To him, He will think he's Niece is still alive. Plus I took pictures of

her, And the needle marks. She was already dead when I did but her Uncle won't know, He'll just think she's high out of her mouth

Fez: Afro after this, You need to stop. You can't go on like this, You need to live your life. Start over and let this go. I hope that you will let it go eventually, Heal and move on

Me: I will.. I promise

Fez: Close the warehouse and go home, Before her family starts to be suspicious of you, They might know you but they probably will be coming to her place

Me: Yeah I will

I hung up.....

NOMVULA

Pat came to my house to see us.. The Ladies were finishing off with peeling vegetables and preparing for tomorrow.

I told her, What Afro told me about Shantel. She also didn't take it well..

Pat: If I can be honest, I've never liked that girl. Not even a little bit, Something was off with her but I had to be civil towards her for Afro's sake

Me: She didn't strike me as a Person who would do this, What was the reason?

Pat: My Son brought into his life a snake, And my Granddaughter paid the price

Me: This has gone for too long. This dark cloud in our families, I just want everything to go back to normal

Pat: It will.. Trust in God

Me: We'll see

AFRO

When I got to the flat, I saw a Man standing there knocking. He was with Kacee..

I walked up to them..

Me: Good evening

Kacee: Afro

Me: Kacee

Kacee: This is Sergio, Shantel's Uncle. He came down to the police station on grounds that his Niece is kidnapped

Me: A what?

Sergio: You stay with my Niece is that correct?

Me: Yes Sir

Luckily I wasn't wearing the clothes that I was wearing at the warehouse..

Sergio: Why you never reported her missing?

Me: She told me she was going to visit her family,
We kept in contact

Sergio: You did?

I took out my phone. I made phone calls between us,
To make it look real..

Kacee: Well She is kidnapped, The kidnappers made
contact with her Uncle

Sergio: They want 300k, By Monday

Me: Who would kidnap her? Shantel didn't have
enemies that I know off

Kacee: Where are you coming from?

Me: My ex wife, Her family there's a funeral tomorrow morning. I've been there

Sergio: Can you please open, I just want to look around

Me: No problem

I unlocked and opened....

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NOMVULA

That Saturday morning, We held a dignified funeral for both Mbali and Khosi. The most fucked up part about it is that, Colt showed up, He showed up with his Uncle. The same man responsible for Mbali's part of the funeral. The audicity!, The whole fucken audicity. They were the only white people present in the funeral..

The funeral was at 09:00am, By 12 in the afternoon people were eating and preparing to go..

Lisa: How are you holding up?

Me: It's hard but what can we say? I'm just glad this part is done now we can try and move on with our lives

Lisa: I've never been through anything like this before

Me: Me too.. This was the most hardest year of our lives

Lisa: I don't think I'll forget

Me: How are things going at the office?

Lisa: They going fine, J ust that since Lunga is in charge temporarily he's being an ass. You going to come back to a lot of complaints

Me: He is good at his job just his attitude, I don't like it

Lisa: I told him that, He's good but his attitude is going to cost him a lot

Me: Glad I'm training someone else, MamNocawe what do you say? That's Lwandle she's going to take over me, Just her Mother is not entirely a good person

Nocawe: She is her Mother's child but not her Mother. She'll be a good asset to your company

Me: I also thought so

Nocawe: Yes

SERGIO

We came back from the funeral with my Brother Kobus, Shantel's Father calling me and in distraught...

We drove to his house, And nothing could've prepared me for this. He grabbed my clothes and pinned me against the wall.

Kobus: They kept on sending me pictures and videos of my Daughter, They drugging her and it's all your fault.. What did you do?

Kacee: Let's try to all calm down

He let go of me..

Me: Good day everyone

Kacee: They sent a message with the videos, That the drop off will be on Monday morning. They will contact us Monday morning with the location

Afro: If I may, I'd like to contribute to the ransom money too

Me: No.. I'll set up the ransom money on my own, Not only that but I'll make sure that the kidnappers won't live to see the day

Afro: Who's going to show up for the ransom?

Me: I will call up my guys

Afro: Instructions were clear, Don't show up with more than one person

Kacee: Yeah.. We should abide by them. I will go with Sergio

Afro: Since Sergio is adamant to break the law, Are

you prepared too also?

Kacee: I will be present to make sure that Shantel is brought home safe and sound

Me: I should go home and start to count the money for Monday

Kacee: You should

SK NDLOVU

King was dead ass staring at me..

Me: Something on your mind?

King: What are you up too?

Me: What do you mean?

King: Your Daughter was murdered by someone we already know. He also caused your girlfriend an accident that almost killed her and your unborn baby. Personal cases are personal to you, You strive on getting justice. Why are you so relaxed about this? Unless you planning something

Me: I am not.. I'm leaving it in your capable hands, You work homicide don't you?

King: I might not be a profiler but you my Pal, And I know you

Me: I wish I could do something about it, But I can't because I'm an officer of the law. Hence I'm leaving it in your capable hands

King: I'm glad.. We will get Sergio, I'll personally let you lock him up and throw away the key

Me: Yeah I trust you

AFRO

Kacee pulled me to the side..

Kacee: Is Sk involved?

Me: What?

Kacee: Shantel's kidnapping, Is Sk involved?

Me: No why would he be? Sk wants Sergio why

would he betray us and kidnap my fiancé?

Kacee: I guess you right

Me: Whoever is doing this, Has to be on Sergio's side

Kacee: I'll check in with Sergio and his arch enemies to see

Me: Do so

Kacee: I'll be in touch

Me: Tell me since you and Sergio are seemingly best buddies, I hope when we do this Tuesday you won't disappoint us

Kacee: Not at all.. What do they say? Keep your friends close and your enemies closer

Me: We'll see

NOMVULA

Me: I think it's best we put the kids in an orphanage

Mom: I thought about that but it will be unfair, When Gqibi died we didn't put her kids in a Foster home

Me: Buda was there for his kids, Buda cannot be here for these ones

Mom: I'll raise them, Plus I spoke to a social worker. She promised me that they will provide us with groceries every month and some money

Me: You sick Ma, You possibly cannot take care of all these kids on your own

Mom: I'll manage, I'm not going to put them in a Foster home. They the only thing I have left of Khosi

Me: I can't take one, Don't ask me too. I'm barely getting through with Langa. Work is also stressful. I'll help where I can with school fees and other things

Mom: I would really appreciate that

Me: Don't use up all the money on things that don't matter

Mom: I won't

ZEE (LANGA'S GF)

My Uncle walked in..

Uncle: Where is she??

He is my father's cousin... I looked at my Mom..

Me: You told him?

Mom: Of course I did

He walked into the lounge. I stood up from the couch

Uncle: Zee wtf??

Me: I can explain

Uncle: Explain what?? Uvule amathanga and you got pregnant.. What's there to explain?

Mom: Gesh hlisa umoya (Sihle come down)

Uncle: I am not going to do that, After everything I've done for this one! Expensive private school!

Me: What?

Mom: Hai cha!! Why would you say that?

Me: What is he talking about?

Uncle: The money that has been paying for that expensive private school is not from your Dad's work! Your Dad is not dead, He's in jail! Life sentence.. I have been paying for your school fees

Me: I don't understand

Uncle: I have been the one paying for your school fees because your father was working for me!! And he got arrested! I owed him that much, And wena wenzani? Instead of focusing on school.. Uyadlala Zee!!

Mom: Kodwa isdingo sokuthi utshele ingane izinto ezinje asikho (There's no need to tell her about this)

Uncle: Who is he?

I kept quiet..

Uncle: Zee!!!

Me: His name is Langa.. Langa Dubazane

Mom: The Son of Nomvula. I'm sure you've heard of her, The tobacco multimillionaire woman. They are pretty rich ekubo

Uncle: Eyy anginandaba noma kubo bathi badla iRice nge 18 carat (I don't care about how rich they are)

Me: I was trying to secure my future

Uncle: Secure what? Your future is already secured

Me: Mom said by next year Dad's money who is

currently alive and in jail will be finishing

My Uncle looked at her..

Uncle: What do you do with the money I send every month?

Mom: Yazini, I can't be si-

Uncle: Are you still gambling? Are you still owing loan sharks?

I looked at Mom..

Me: All along I thought we were struggling but you gambling? Is this the reason you were so relieved that Langa impregnated me because you thought you were going to benefit?

Uncle: Pack up your things

Mom: Haibo Gesh, You can't take my Da-

Uncle: Voets ek!!! I told you that if you gamble again,
I'll take her

He looked at me..

Uncle: Wena go pack

I walked to my bedroom. My Uncle is not the one to
mess with, If he tells you something. You do it,
Right away.. He doesn't need to repeat himself..

NOMVULA

My phone rang, It was Afro..

I picked up..

Me: What do you want?

Afro: Shantel won't be a problem anymore

Me: Excuse Me?

Afro: I've taken care of it, I've gotten Naomi justice that the Police weren't going to do it. I'm sorry for what she's put you through

Me: Afro what did you do?

Afro: J ust know it's taken care of

SERGIO

I called the only drug dealer I know that has more power than me, The Kingpin of the drug world. The one who has been around in the business for years..

Gesh: What do you want Sergio?

Me: I need a favour

Gesh: I'm not going to give you extra merchandise again

Me: No.. Business is good, That's not what I'm calling about

Gesh: What exactly are you calling me about? I'm in

the middle of something

Me: I need your help.. My Niece got kidnapped, They want a ransom

Gesh: I'm not helping you with the money if business is good why don't you pay the ransom?

Me: I can.. I just feel like this is personal

Gesh: And how is your personal, Personal to me?

Me: I need your help to find her

Gesh: Fuck you Sergio!

He hung up.. At least we know now it's not him who kidnapped Shantel.. He's out of the suspect list..

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[05/23, 20:01] : NOMVULA

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NOMVULA

I couldn't stay at home further for 10 days. I needed to go to work Monday. I haven't been there for a while, I need to know how things are running and I need to train Lwandle. Lwandle will be leaving this morning, To Cape Town. To resign, Come back and work for me. I looked at myself in the big mirror. Putting my hand on my tummy. My baby is strong, With everything that we've been through. I thought I was going to miscarry but I didn't, I need to be strong for him/her....

SK NDLOVU

We were at the warehouse, Kacee and Sergio were on their way. It was Me, Fez, And Afro. I kept on thinking about Nomvula, And our baby. Should this backfire. She's been through a lot, She doesn't deserve another pain..

I walked up to Afro..

Me: Promise me one thing

Afro: Yeah?

He was loading his gun...

Me: After this, You need to get help. You can't go on like this

Afro: I doubt there's anyone else who will piss me off like how Afro and Sergio did

Me: And you need to fix your relationship with Langa

He looked at me..

Me: Langa loves you and you are his father. I'm not here to take your place

Afro: Then do me one thing too

Me: What is that?

Afro: Don't hurt Rain, She's been through a lot

I shook his hand..

Me: It's a promise

I turned and looked at Fez..

Me: Okay cats.. Let's do this!!

ZEE (LANGA'S GF)

He picked up..

Langa: Zee

Me: I'm no longer staying at home

Langa: What? Why? What happened?

Me: My Uncle is not happy about my situation, He took me. I'm living with him and his wife

Langa: Are you good? Is the environment good?

Me: He lives in the suburbs Langa, He's richer than your Parents combined

Langa: So what's the problem?

Me: He's a very big disciplinarian, He wants to meet you and I'm worried

Langa: Well what will he do to me? Kill me?

I chuckled...

Me: They don't call him Gesh for nothing

Langa: Well his name does sound Sus

Aunt: Zee are you awake baby?

Me: I have to go, I'll see you at school

Langa: Okay I love you

Me: I love you too

I hung up..

She knocked at the door..

Me: Come in

She entered..

Aunt: Get ready.. I need to drop you off at school
before I go to work

Me: Yes Aunty

She smiled and closed the door..

My Aunt is a Doctor....

NOMVULA

I walked downstairs. Langa was eating breakfast.
Toasted bread and coffee..

Me: Good morning

Langa: Good morning.. You going to work?

Me: Yes.. My company needs me

Langa: Okay you look lovely

Me: Thank you.. Ready for school?

Langa: Yes.. Lwandle left?

Me: Yes.. She'll be back soon

Langa: I like having her around, It's just you and Me.
Having someone else in the house is nice

Me: She is a lovely girl

Langa: She is

Me: Come on.. Finish up so we could go

Langa: Okay

SK NDLOVU

Fez: They here

I looked at Afro..

Me: Are you ready?

He nodded...

Fez came and stood next to us. We stood there facing the door..

Fez: This is a suicidal attempt, They see guns. They will shoot us

Me: They won't, We see a gun on them. We shoot

We anxiously waited. They opened the door.

We raised up our guns at the door, Kacee was the first one to enter. Followed by Sergio.. Kacee raised up his hands. Sergio was holding a bag..

He dropped it and raised up his hands too..

Kacee: We are unarmed

Fez walked over to them to searched them for guns..

Fez: Clear

He walked back to us..

Kacee: Who would've thought.. Sk being a part of this?

Sergio: And my Niece's Fiancé!

Me: And a traitor to the force

Sergio: Afro tell me.. What was the plan here?

Afro: Your Niece was a part of killing my family, I

overheard her

Sergio: You are stupid.. Shantel did nothing!

Me: Then who did? You?

Sergio: Can I get my fucken Niece

Me: Yeah sure

He tossed the bag to us..

Me: Afro

Afro went to room.. He came back with his hands behind him.. He walked over to us..

Sergio: Where is Shantel?

He brought his hands to the front.. Holding Shantel's head..

Sergio: Mother fucker!!!!!!!!!!!!!! (Screaming)

His scream, Brought in a man with guns..

Me: Take cover!!!

He passed them on to Sergio and Kacee as Fez and I started shooting at them whilst taking cover..

NOMVULA

I got to the office.. Lunga had done a good job, Running the company..

Lunga: Our profit increased with 2% since I've resumed the position

Me: I can see

Lunga: Not compared to yours but.. I think I did well compared to others here

Me: Blowing your own horn I see

Langa: So?

Me: You fired

Langa: What? You can't fire me! What did I do?

Me: All this time when I got to work, I've been doing nothing but read complaints from other employees

Langa: Those are hearsay, You can't fire me on their words against mine. I'll take you to the CCMA and blast you on the net

Me: Ohh there's a cctv footage proof of your sexual harassment to the interns that dates back to 3 months ago.. Shall we watch them? It's a pretty disgusting movie I tell you

He loosened his tie..

Me: Shall we talk CCMA now?

Langa: Mam'.. I..

Me: Clear your Desk, Fill in these forms. All 3 are opening cases for you

SK NDLOVU

The shootout lasted for at least 30min. I was hiding behind a big drum barrel. Fez was hiding not far from me. He kept on shooting..

Me: Fez wait

He stopped. It was quiet..

I peeped through, Sergio and Kacee were down. They were not moving, Just there laying on the pool of their own blood. I walked over to the open door, Their man who gave them guns was laying at the door. Dead too..

I turned and looked at Fez..

Fez: We did it, They dead

We heard someone coughing..

Me: We have to get out of here let's find Afro

Fez: Afro???

We searched for him and found him in the room
were he was holding Shantel..

Me: Come on.. We did it, Let's go.. We need to move

Afro: Yaa I don't think I'm going anywhere

I walked over to him, He had his hand on his chest. I checked, He was bleeding..

Me: Fez.. Call the ambulance!!

Afro: No

Fez: Afro? Afro?

He sat next to him too..

Afro: You guys need to get out of here

Fez: No.. We not leaving you here

Afro: I won't make it

He started coughing out blood..

Fez was getting emotional...

Fez: I'm not leaving you here

Afro: You need to go Fez

Fez: Sk call an ambulance!!

Afro: No.. It's okay.. Did we kill them?

Me: Yeah we did it

Afro smiled a little..

Afro: Then it's over.. It's finally over, We got justice.

Nomvula will be safe, And Mom. We killed the monster

Fez laid his head on Afro's chest as Afro struggled to breath, Then he eventually went quiet..

Fez: Nooooooooooooo!!! (Crying)

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A FEW MONTHS LATER

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LWANDLE

I was looking at the screen as the numbers were displayed. My hands were sweating, I was with Lisa. She was standing next to me rubbing her hands together..

Lisa: Come on!!..

Me: I love how you cheering me up

Lisa: I need that gold rose diamond ring, The one for 50k

Me: What's wrong with your engagement ring that I got you?

Lisa: I love it but I want a new ring

Me: Why aren't you wearing it? It's been 2 two days I

don't even see it in the jewellery box

Lisa: It's actually a bit tight, It hurts

I turned and looked at her..

Me: You lost it didn't you?

Lisa: I didn't lose it

Me: Look at me

Lisa: Okay fine.. I did lose it

Me: And you expect a ring that costs 50k, We'll test you with a 2k now

Lisa: Here.. Here.. Here

We looked at the business news..

Presenter: Now as we look at the tobacco industry..
Leading this week with a turnover of 5% increase on
their sales compared to last month, Is the Langa
Tob-

Lisa screamed and jumped up and down when she
heard our tobacco called..

Lisa: You did it!!

She kissed me and then hugged me..

Lisa: I knew you were going to make it!! Woow!!

I hugged her tight as I looked at My mom's framed picture on the wall. Together with Ntonto, And Mbali..

Me: Yes.. I did it Babe, I did it

Lisa: Nomvula is going to be proud!!

My Mom passed on 2 months ago, Prior to that she has been sick. Taking her to the hospital, She was diagnosed with cervical cancer... It was the hardest time, But I pulled through. On the other hand, I'm the acting CEO in Nomvula's company. Still learning, And also attending workshops.

In other news, When I moved down here permanently. My relationship with Sphiwe suffered, And God brought someone to me when I least expected it. Lisa divorced with her husband, After he had cheated. We started seeing each other and

now we are here, Engaged to be married. Both our families support us, I was scared for her. Scared that if her mother finds out, It'll be a problem. She understood and supported us. She is bisexual but was scared of coming out to her family for obvious reasons..

We have our place, I moved out of Nomvula's place. Lisa and I have our own apartment, And life seems to be better for me. After everything that happened, I saw that beautiful side of life...

PATRICIA (PAT)

I dusted his picture, And then put it back on the wall..

Afro's death still hurts me. No justice was served, They said it was a shootout between him and the people who were there who also died in the

process..

Fezi for some reason blames himself too..

Nomvula and I we still have a good relationship. I have a good relationship with Langa too, Despite Afro and Naomi departing. Nomvula and I we still family and I'm grateful for that... Langa promised me that they going to make me a part of his Daughter's life. They going to name her Naomi...

NOMVULA

Me: Okay Ma as long as you guys are fine

Mom: Thank you so much for helping us

Me: Anytime.. I'll see you guys soon

Mom: Okay.. But how are you holding up?

Me: I can't wait to give birth, I'm tired now

Mom: You will soon

Me: I have to go, I'm getting a another call

Mom: Okay bye

Me: Bye

I checked, It was a video call from Langa..

Me: Hey

I saw pink and white Balloons, Looked like he was in hospital..

Me: Is that a hospital?

Langa: Yes.. I wanna show you something

He turned the camera. I saw Zee breastfeeding a baby..

Me: Ohh my word.. She has given birth already?
Why didn't you call me

Me: When she called me yesterday that she was in pain, I rushed over. Her Uncle had taken her to the hospital

Zee: It was a C section though

Me: Ohh my.. I'm so sorry

Langa: Yaa it happened yesterday so fast

Me: I am so happy, That Naomi is finally here

Langa: Me too

Sk walked down..

Langa: We will call you later

Me: Okay I love you guys

Langa: We love you too

Me: Zee gave birth yesterday

Sk: Really? When Langa left yesterday that she was in pain, She was actually in labour

Me: Looks that way

Sk and I live together now, He moved in. I'm glad he is because now I'm closer to giving birth. I already met his Grandparents they are lovely people. We not married yet, Nor has he paid lobola. It's not that he doesn't want too, But after my divorce from Afro. I'm going to hold off on marriage for a little.

He put his hand on my tummy and kissed me on my cheek.

Me: I can't wait for him to come already

Yes it's a baby boy..

Sk: He will come

We heard the monitor go off..

Sk: I'll check

We have a maid, Her name is Maria and she's 45.
She's very good and I'm happy to have her around..

Sk: It's King

Me: Ohw

He gave him access..

Me: I can't believe we Grandparents already

He hugged me from the back and kissed me on my neck..

Sk: I am so excited I have always wanted a boy.. Let me answer the door

He went to get the door.. Indeed it was King and 2 officers..

Sk: King

King: Hey Man

Sk: What are you doing here?

King: This is not a social visit

Sk: Okay?

King: Skhumbuzo Ndlovu, You are under arrest for being an accomplice to the kidnapping of and murder of Shantel. Also for the shootout that happened in the warehouse that resulted in the death of Afro, Sergio and Kacee

Me: What?

King: You have the right to remain silent..

They continued reading him his rights as they cuffed him.. I walked up to them..

Me: King get the cuffs off, This is ridiculous!

King: We have proof Nomvula

Me: What proof? What are you talking about?

Sk: It's going to be okay.. It's going to be okay

King: You might wanna call your lawyer, He's going away for a long time

They led him out with my standing there and confused..

I took a few deep breaths and went to get my phone to call the Lawyer..

SK NDLOVU

It was quiet in the elevator as it went down.

King: Dammit Sk.. Why did you do it??

Me: How did you find out?

King: A few footages were recovered from the warehouse, Footages that showed exactly what was happening in the warehouse

Me: I don't understand, We've already brought in Fez. He's in custody, You not getting away with this I'm sorry. There's compelling evidence, I see you looking at 32 years max with a good lawyer

I closed my eyes and shook my head..

FEZILE

Afro: "My name is Afro, This is the second footage which details our plan. As you saw that I killed Shantel. My accomplices Sk Ndlovu the DEA, And my Brother Fezile. As you've seen them on the previous footage"

Me: Stop

The detective paused it..

Detective: Your Brother had cameras in the warehouse, Recording everything that you guys were doing. These footages were retrieved from there.. Do you still consider yourself innocent?

I leaned back on the chair and thought for a while. Ck wasn't there to help us with the plan, He was there to install hidden cameras..

Me: Afro you sly bastard!!!

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*****THE END*****