

NTHATISI: her journey by Thandi Moagi

CHAPTER 1

I'm in my tiny room that I'm renting in Alexander, I was woken up from my nightmare by the banging of my door. I already have a pretty good idea who that is banging on my door. It's my drunkard landlord. Every time she is drunk and running out of beer she demands money from her tenants. I decide to ignore her and get ready to go to my not so glamorous job but hey it pays the bills. I work at a cosy Italian restaurant in Sandton city as a waitress. Being the oldest amongst young people who just work there to make extra cash or add on their allowance while mina it's my bread and butter.

I arrived at work and went to the lockers changed into my uniform then made my way to the floor to start my day. I don't have friends and I'm cool with that. I do however have colleague that I get along with but our relationship ends as soon as we exit the restaurant we don't even have each others numbers but we've been working together for 2 years now

Masego: mogirl nkare we are going to be busy today. Maybe we can make some good tips

Me: "I hope so I really need the money" I say fixing my apron as we are busy talking 3 tall buff guys walk in two are black and one is white. They are wearing tailored suits they look rich.

Masego: "modimo I just had a climax just looking at those guys yoh mogirl I'm taking that table" she says already making

her way to them. Masego is those beautiful short and curvy women. She is in her early 20s and loves amadoda shame while me on the other side I'm quiet reserved, shy, and I have never ever had a boyfriend oh and I'm 29 years old. I never had time for boys or love because ever since my parents died I have been going through a lot but that's a story for another day. I smile at masego as she goes to the Greek gods that just entered.. I see two ladies walking in and I take them to a table, give them menus and get them drinks while their scanning through menu.

Lady1: "sisi we are ready to order" you can tell that these ladies are your typical slay queens with long nails long eyelashes, 30 inch Brazilian weaves and don't get me started on their make up

Lady2: “we will have a bottle of champagne Moët to be specific and two chicken Alfredo served with basil pesto on the side thank you” I jot down their order and head to the kitchen. 15 minutes later I came with their order and placed it on their table, they thanked me and I went back to stand at the corner waiting for my table to need anything. Masego comes rushing to me being all dramatic

Masego: “ yoh hai I’ve lost my touch shame none of those hunks even notice me I tried my signature hair flip and my killer smile but dololo nothing works hai I hope they give me a massive tip to sooth my broken heart” I can’t help but laugh hai shame masego is crazy “excuse me you idiot is this the service we are paying for?” shouts the slay queen at my table. I

quickly run to her with a polite smile
inwardly rolling my eyes

Me: I'm sorry Mam is there anything you need?

Lady1: " we didn't order basil pesto we ordered parsley pesto and my glass has finger prints" this lady is making so much noise that everyone is now looking at our table"

Me: " I am so sorry Mam I'm sure it was a misunderstanding on my part please allow me to fix it however we do not have parsley pesto" I say trying to diffuse the situation

Lady2: " how can you fix this I am freaking allergic to basil leaves, are you stupid or did your mother drop you on your head? Now get me the manager now" she screams now I'm on the brink of tears, the manager Xolani rushes in, he never

liked me because I refused all his advances he has been waiting to such an opportunity

Lady1: “ you know my husband is friends with the owner of this place I want her fired. now” I was shocked to learn that they know Xolani I’m doomed

Xolani: miss Kim I am so sorry I assure you that we will deal with this incident and please don’t pay for the meal and drinks it’s on the house.

Kim: “yeah yeah but still I want her gone or my husband will know about this” oh my God I’m losing my job I need to do something

Me: “Mam please forgive me but I need this job” I say with a shaky voice “remove this thing Xolani” cruela says dismissing me with her hand. I run off to the lockers crying my eyes out then Xolani enters and

sticks out his hand, for a moment I'm confused until he says "the apron and the order book please" wow I am not going to give him the satisfaction of begging I just take them off then throw them on the floor. I take off my uniform wear the jean and tank top I was wearing then make my way out of the restaurant but masego stops me right before I'm about to exist. I feel all eyes on me including the hot guys masego was serving. She gives me a tight hug then writes her numbers on a piece of paper "mogirl take them to ccma this can't be legal I mean no warning nothing hai. I don't trust my voice so I just nod and walk out I just don't want to be here anymore. I make my way to the taxi rank as soon as I get home I throw myself on the bed and cry my eyes out.

My name is Nthatisi Emerald Mofokeng I am 29 years old. I am originally from rustenburg muruleng. When I was 9 years old I witnessed my father being brutally killed then his body chopped into pieces right In front of my eyes then a year later my mother committed suicide I found her hanging in her bedroom after school. I was so confused I watched her hanging with her eyes open and tongue sticking out. The neighbours found us 2days later. I was mute for almost ten years. I never finished matric, I never went for therapy no one bothered to nurture me I went to qwaqwa to live with my aunt and boy she treated me like a slave then arranged marriage for me with a rich business man old enough to be my grandfather that's when I ran away and hiked to jozi I was only 20 years old then. I worked as a maid

for 7 years at the Johnsons family in Sandton which was great because I got a place to stay but one fateful day I was almost raped by the husband. Mrs Johnson walked in on her husband on the verge of raping but then she threw me out and accused me of seducing her husband. I got a place in Alexander and I got a job two months later as a waitress just in time because my money was running out but now I'm back to square one no job. Why is my life this painful!

Bradley Drake aka FURY

I am at a restaurant in Sandton city called ciabata it's a classy Italian restaurant I'm meeting my friends/ business partners Patrick and Juan. I met these two 4years ago we were actually bidding for the same weapons deal in Germany but we

clicked and decided to work together. We are into diamond smuggling, drugs and high priced art specifically paintings. I do however have a day job I am an open heart surgeon and I own a couple of hospitals, hotels, and mines. I have two children and I've been divorced for the past five years now. The mood is now sombre after the incident with the waitress and the two ladies opposite our table honestly that was cruel and unnecessary if you ask me. I see now how sad the short lady serving our table is.

Patrick: "some people are really sick I'm not happy about how they treated that lady" then he bangs the table like he just remembered something

Patrick: "dammit I just remembered that Kea is looking for a sales lady at her boutique in Hyde park I should have

approached that lady and offered her to at least meet with my wife” the short waitress appears with the bill then I get an idea

Me: “dear do you perhaps have the numbers of the lady who just got fired, we might have a job for her” I say to our waitress as soon as she places the bill on the table. I see her face lights up then she rushes at the back, moments later she appears with a piece of paper in her hand and places on the table

Waitress: “please help her hle I hope you not one of those snake feeding brothers because I’ll show you flames I’m masego Ka 1 mina I’ll bewitch you and I’ll feed your snakes with your sexy bodies trust me” Juan laughs at the crazy lady we pay and make our way out. At the parking lot we bro hug and I get into my car and

drive off. As soon as I arrive home I take a quick shower then wear my sweats and a vest while I fold my clothes I notice the piece of paper with the name Emerald and numbers then I remembered I was supposed to give them to Patrick.

CHAPTER 2

NTHATISI

After crying my eyes out I decide to buy ikota I'm certainly not in the mood to cook. I wear my flip flops it's around 7:30 pm I make my way out of the yard greeting the landlord Mmabatho is her name she mumbles a greeting right before burping hai this mamzo. I arrived at sis Thembi's fast food stall. I place an order then focus on my phone playing games. Three dodgy looking guy come out of a golf 7, there are 3 ladies and 2

guys waiting for their orders to arrive as well and I can tell from their faces that their also uncomfortable.

Guy1: "whose warming my bed tonight" one of the guys says as he makes his way to the counter, I'm shit scared I focus on my phone with my trembling hands praying that I become invisible to them. I feel a hand grab my ass hard

Guy2: "I am taking this pussy tonight damn your firm butt just gave me a boner" another guys says and when I turn to look at him God he has scars and gold teeth yoh he is darker than charcoal and has red eyes I just squirm. I hear them call out my order and grab my food. I try to leave but the gorilla lookalike grabs my arm at tells me to go and wait for him in the car. I just nod "good girl he says" I see other people who came to buy look at me

with pity in their eyes. He releases me then I take two steps towards the car before changing direction and start running while I'm busy running my phone rings I don't even look I just answer then I feel sting on my leg, I fall to the ground I hear more gun shots I start screaming. I then remembered I answered a call I put it on my ear

Me: "hello I just got shot the men are traveling in a white golf 7 registration xt bo 56 gp please help me" I hear the screeching of the car right In front of me. The gorilla comes out.

Gorilla: "you fuckin bitch do you know Who I am, no one says no to Siga and lives to tell the tale fuckin bitch" he hits my head with the back of a gun then it's lights out for me.

FURY

I decide to call the waitress and offer to arrange her to meet with Mrs Akoje. The phone rings as soon as she answers I hear gun shots, screaming then I hear her telling me about the car and the registration before I hear a voice of a man after which the line went dead. What is this girl mixed up with now. I get my tech guy Malcolm

Me: "I need you to track this phone number for me and this car" I say to him as soon as he answers the phone. I give him all the info I remember I change into jeans and a black top. I get my guns and knives grab my car keys. As soon as I start the car Malcolm calls

Malcolm: " I was able to track both the car and the phone they are somewhere in

east bank the car has stopped moving”
he says as soon as I answer the call
Me: “suit up I’ll meet you there” I speed
up. I arrive at the address Malcolm sent
as I’m about to open the door I see
Malcolm parking behind me, there are
two guys at the gate I quickly use my
knives to kill them I open the gate and
start shooting anything that moves. We
enter the house there’s loud music, guns
on the table, drugs and half naked
women strung out. I decide to go to each
room looking for the lady until I walk into
the room there she is naked on the bed
with blood all over the sheets I cover her
with the bloody sheet and scoop her up
bridal style. As I’m making my way out to
the car Malcolm keeps shooting as I place
her in the back seat she opens her eyes
weakly she tries to speak but I tell her not

to speak. I get in the drivers seat and rush off to one of my hospitals with Malcolm following behind me.

NTHATISI

I woke up in a hospital bed I don't remember how I got here but I remember after Siga hit me with a gun I woke up in a room as soon as the door opened I begged Siga to take me to hospital because I was loosing a lot of blood but he refused. Then said he was going to rape me even if I'm a corpse. He exited the room laughing I felt myself getting weaker and weaker I just gave in and darkness took over but by some miracle I am still alive and in hospital which looks like a private ward in a private hospital God how am I going to pay for

this. I hear the door open I quickly close my eyes and pretend to be still sleeping

Man1: she's beautiful man tell me you killed whoever is responsible for this

Man2: I sure did with the help of Malcolm, she was laying in a pool of blood I thought she was raped but luckily there is no sign of penetration. I don't know what made me call her at that particular moment but I'm glad I did.

Man3: "yeah man she went through a lot in a short time I'm glad you were there to help her. I even told Kea she is keen to meet her but now she is going to need to recuperate" I decide to open my eyes and I am met by six gorgeous eyes from the restaurant what the? I clear my throat and try to speak but my voice fails me. The white guy gives me some water. "You must be wondering who we are and how

you got here well my name is Bradley this is Patrick and this one is Juan we actually got your numbers from your colleague we wanted to help you get a job after what happened at the restaurant but when I called you to arrange to meet I heard your cry for help and we were able to call the cops and rescue you” I just nod with tears streaming down my cheeks. I can’t talk I think I’m back to 10 years ago when I just went mute.

Bradley: “we can arrange counselling for you, I know what you went through must be traumatic” I just sob Bradley moves to my side and tries to touch me but I scream

Bradley: “ I’m sorry” I just nod then turn my back covering my head with a blanket. After few minutes I hear the door close

FURY

It's been two weeks all the physical wounds have healed but she still hasn't said a word to anyone, even the therapist I organised for her hasn't been able to get through to her. I'm in my office this girl is I think about. Her eyes haunt me full of pain she looks dead like she has given up on life. I wonder what happened in that place that got her like this. Today I decided to discharge her I asked Kea and nolwazi Patrick and Juan's wives to go shopping for her so that she can have change of clothes, they already know her size because they have visited her before and even bought her PJ's. I decided to take her to my place.

I'm at the office looking at the picture I took of Emerald while she was asleep. She is in deed beautiful. Caramel skin

colour with a bit of freckles, hazel brown eyes. Thick beautiful plump lips and a cute small nose. I took this picture while she was heavily sedated. I noticed that she hardly sleeps. I'm so deep in thoughts that I didn't even hear Malcolm walking in.

"Dude you are whipped" Malcolm says as he pulls up a chair to sit. I laugh because he is right that girl evokes feelings in me I never knew existed. I asked Malcolm to do a background check on her I guess he has something for me.

Malcolm: "man I have everything on the her past is painful I just wonder how that girl is still standing" he says handing me a file and I open and go through it I am shook about how her father died in front of her and how she stayed two days with her mother's hanging body. Wow

Me: “ I am lost for words honestly” I continue chilling with Malcom but my mind is with her Emerald.

I arrive home around 6 I go to my bedroom to take a quick shower and changed into comfortable clothing. I go to her room but she is not there, my heart starts beating fast I mean she never leaves her room where could she be? I check the bathroom but nothing then I proceed to check room to room until I go to the cinema room and find her watching a movie “the notebook” I decided to leave her and quickly go to make some popcorn other snacks. I then place the snacks next to her she is so into the movie that she doesn't even notice me until I gently tap her shoulder but she screams a little startled by my presence

Me: “ I am sorry I didn’t mean to scare you I just wanted to join you, this is my favourite movie” I say to her she nods “and I brought some snacks” she nods again and we continue to watch the movie in silence. I keep stealing glances at her, she’s so beautiful all I want to do is take away her pain and protect her. I take a couple of popcorns and bring it closer to her mouth to feed her she opens her mouth not even looking at me her eyes are still glued to the screen. I keep feeding her. She starts crying when the movie is about to end she cries so much now I don’t know what to do. I decide to take a chance and cover her with my arm and bring her to my chest then comfort her. I thought she will protest but she doesn’t she allows me. I can’t believe that I’m actually hold her in my arms. We stay in

that position for a while until she wiggles out of my hold then looks up at me smiling with her pink nose and says thank you

Me: “ if I knew watching this movie would make you talk I would have made you watch it a long time ago” I say to her smiling, she looks down shy playing with her fingers. We sit there for a little while then we head downstairs

Me: “ would you like me to make dinner for you or you are still fool from the popcorn?” she shakes her head “words Emerald” I say wiggling my eyebrows
Emerald: “ I am not hungry thank you” she says after a little while

Me: “okay then but do you mind helping me to Cook I’m hungry” I say “okay” I hand her an apron and take out the ingredients in the fridge I pour us a glass

wine and start chopping I'm making stir-fry vegetables and chicken. She is sipping on the wine now just watching me as I move around in the kitchen. Once I'm done I hand her a plate "just taste my hard work you did nothing to help except sip on the wine" I say to her handing her a fork as well. We move to the dining room table and just eat silently. Within a blink of an eye her plate is empty, I thought she was not hungry I can't help but laugh

Me: "do you want more? There's more you know" I ask she looks down embarrassed then nods "words Princess"

Her: "yes please" she says shyly I laugh getting up to go dish up for her. I return to the table and we continue eating in silence. When we are done I take the plates and pop them in the dishwasher.

She gets up goes upstairs I assume she went to bed sigh after slaving away in the kitchen she doesn't even say goodnight. I decide to go to her room and say goodnight I knock twice then open the door only to find her half naked about to put her pj top. She looks Hella fine until I notice scars at her back looks like she was whipped or something. I walk closer she turns to face me with fear all over her eyes. I turn her around to expose her back trailing my fingers on the scars
Me: "who did this to you?" I ask getting emotional
Emerald: "my aunt" I nod then I turn her around again this time to face me. I hug her with a pointy breasts on my abs that's how short she is. I kiss her forehead and I feel my t-shirt getting wet she's crying.

Me: “ I am going to make them pay sweetheart anyone who’s ever hurt you they are going to beg you for mercy” I plant a long kiss on her forehead and exit the room.

NTHATISI/EMARALD

I am staying with Bradley, he is such a nice man but I need to get back to my room. It’s month end I need to pay my rent to secure my place. After taking a shower I head downstairs I greet the helper Mme Johanna then Bradley walks into the kitchen in gym gear looking like he stepped out of GQ magazine. I greet him and proceed to make breakfast fast. I set the table while he goes upstairs moments later he comes back fresh in formal wear I guess he’s going to work. This mlungu is

gorgeous. We eat breakfast silently. I clear my throat

Me: “uhm... Bradley I would like to thank you for saving my life and inviting me into your lovely home but I think it’s best I go back, I need to pay rent to secure my place then I need to go job hunting” I say playing with my food looking down “look at me” he says and I do gosh his blue eyes are staring at me intensely.

“are you not happy here?” I shake my head “words Emerald”

Me: “I know I can’t live here forever I have to get back on my feet” I can’t take his intense stare anymore so I look down.

Bradley: “we can go fetch your stuff, you are not going back there again. You were almost killed in that neighbourhood now you want me to allow you to go back there? Look if it’s independence you want

then you can call Kea arrange to meet and talk about a job she wants to offer you, look for a decent apartment to rent in a safer place. I am willing to help you with anything you need. I told you I will make anyone who caused you heartache suffer, you are part of me now okay?"

what does he mean that I'm part of him now? "why?" I ask because I really don't understand

Bradley: "I will tell you when you are ready for now I have to get to work, we will continue this conversation when I get back ok? He gets up and kisses me on the forehead then looks into my eyes then pecks my lips I am left stunned. I hear the door close did he just kiss me on the lips? I touch my lips, did I just have my first kiss? The whole day I keep replaying that moment in my mind. I am laying on the

bed I'm disturbed by a knock, I shout for the person to enter Kea and nolwazi enter.

Nolwazi: "hey girlfriend we are here to pick you up we are going to pamper ourselves come on get ready" she says as I get up and she attacks me with a hug. I really don't do well with people but they seem genuine and nice Kea is reserved just like me but nolwazi is very loud and talks a lot she reminds me of masego. Kea gives me a bone crushing hug and a beautiful smile with dimples yoh these two women are gorgeous and very stylish damn. I quickly change into a body hugging blue dress and matching sandals, the dress is not really my style but it's beautiful and looks expensive it's one of the dresses they bought me when I was discharged from hospital. I tie my hair

into a bun and we leave getting into a black range rover I greet the driver then we proceed to mall of Africa. We go shopping yoh these ladies can shop shame, we went to the salon to get our hair and nails done once we were finished I couldn't recognise myself. I settled for a haircut then dyed my hair blonde it suited me perfectly because of my skin colour and my freckles. Kea had on some knot less braids while Nolwazi settled for a Brazilian bob weave. When we were done we decided to go to spur and have lunch.

Nolwazi: "hai maan Ema I can't get over how gorgeous you look girl I'm sure Fury is going go nuts when he sees you" I blush but try to down play it

Me: "oh please have you seen how beautiful you both look?" while we are

busy chatting I feel like someone is watching me so I turn around only to be met by a face I never thought I would see again. Our eyes lock then he gets up with his body guards and walk over to our table. He is the old man I was arranged to marry back in qwaqwa god I thought he'd be dead by now but he is still standing. Ntate Lefube the richest man in qwaqwa I was going to be his fourth wife he has grandkids almost my age I don't understand what this pervert wants from me

"Nthatisi you left your home and your husband to Galavant here in the city. I paid a lot of money to your aunt to have you then you run away. Did you think I will never find you after nine years of searching for you? Boys grab her" I start shaking oh my gosh the two men with

him attempt to grab me then a bold voice behind speaks “get your filthy hands off of her before I blow your brains out” says a buff man in a suit I see two other man pointing their guns to the old man’s body guards people start screaming as soon as they notice what’s happening. “let’s go” Kea pulls me up to stand up, the other guard ushers us out of the mall into the car I’m now a crying mess how did this man find me. Kea is busy rubbing my back comforting me, the driver hands me the phone saying someone wants to talk to me.

Me: “hello” I say with a low shaky voice
Person: “I hope you won’t go mute for weeks after this incident I’m not in the mood to watch another movie” Bradley says I can’t help but giggle at his silliness

Bradley: “remember what I said this morning? You are part of me okay I got you that old geezer will never lay his filthy hands on you okay” I nod with tears streaming down my cheeks I even forgot that he can't see me “words sweetheart”

Me: “okay” I say in whisper

Bradley: “ I love you princess” I just kept quiet did this white blue eyed Greek god just say he loves me then I hear him sign like he has been holding his breath and for once in my life I decide to be brave

Me: “i love you too” I say it so fast then I hang up the phone I look at the screen for a while not believing what just happened. I look up I find Nolwazi and Kea grinning like idiots I hand the phone to the driver and smile alone I totally forgot about the madala, Fury is all that I can think about. We arrive at Fury's house, I notice his car

in the driveway, my heart starts pounding
I mean I was not ready to face him now
the ladies and I make our inside the
house with the driver/ bodyguard
following us behind with our shopping
bags the ladies sit in the lounge while I
get a bottle of wine I feel hands on my
waist followed by a kiss on my neck, I
already know that is Bradley by his
cologne.

“You look beautiful Ema, now show me
you meant what you said” he turns me
around he has a goofy smile on his face I
can’t even hold his gaze I just play with
my fingers looking down my heart
threatening to leave my chest. He lifts my
face up and smashes his cold soft lips on
mine, I don’t know what to do I just
freeze, he speaks while his lips are still on
mine

Bradley: don't you want to kiss me sweetheart?

Me: "I don't know how" I confess he moves back and lifts my face with both hands making me look into his ocean blue eyes

Bradley: "what do you mean you don't know how to kiss" he asks while wiggling his eyebrows, I can't help but giggle before answering him

Me: " I've never kissed a man before" I answer honestly

Bradley: "okay the just follow my lead" he smashes his lips on mine again slowly opening my lips I eventually catch on and I'm enjoying and moan escapes my lips causing him to to groan a bit "you guys get a room" a voice says behind I see that it's one of Fury's friends. I hide my head

on Fury's chest shy as help u hear Fury
chuckle

Bradley: fuck off Juan this is my house you
are making my woman shy in her own
house" I take the bottle of wine to the
ladies and pour them some wine we busy
chatting up a storm I just clicked with
these ladies u think it's safe to say that I
have friends now.

FURY

I have fallen deeply in love with this
woman I can't even hide it. After my
divorce I never thought I will love again
honestly. After I found out my wife was
having an affair with my brother Kent I
just lost it, to make matters worse she
was pregnant with his child. I divorced her
took everything I made sure I leave her
penniless. I have two twin girls with her

their doing their first year in varsity I thank God I have a great relationship with them. I was in my office when the bodyguards I hired for Ema called and told me about the old fool at spur. The manager called the cops so they couldn't grab him but I know his kind he will be back again and that's when I will kill him. We are at my house Juan and I Patrick had something to take care off. We are in the kitchen the ladies are in the lounge so we decide to join the ladies in the the lounge but their conversation grabs my attention and I stop Juan from walking in I surely want to hear this.

Ema: well while he was kissing me I felt my panties become wet, is that normal?

Kea: it is normal it means you are aroused you know horny.

Nolwazi: “girl don’t tell me you never tasted dick before” I hear my woman giggle like a school girl

Ema: “no I never had sex before I’m a virgin my aunt used to check me every month to see if I’m still a virgin. She put the fear of God in me to stay away from boys”

Nolwazi: “so mean Fury is your first boyfriend” she giggles while nodding and blushing

Me: “ I have ordered some food since your lunch was interrupted” I say as if I didn’t eavesdrop on their conversation. Lunch arrived momentarily we at while having a light conversation. Patrick joined us later and the women decided to make dinner. After dinner everyone left it was just me and my woman damn I couldn’t wait just to be alone with her. She settled

on the couch and those reality shows she was so focused on the TV.

Me: “ so I’m your first boyfriend” I watch her as she blushes shyly. I move closer to her and kiss her slowly and beautifully I can hear her breathing change and she moans in between kisses I break the kiss before I lose all senses. I don’t want her to feel pressured to have sex with me. We have all the time in the world. I am going to wife her she’s just perfect.

NTHATISI

I woke up tangled in Bradley’s arms. Last night he told me that from now on I will sleep in his arms and I must say I slept like an angel no nightmare or insomnia it just feels so good being in his arms. Today I’m planning to go to my room to pick up my stuff. I am not planning to stay with Fury

forever as soon as I start working at Kea's boutique I'm going to look for a flat to rent. I will just visit him my boyfriend oh my word I don't believe I have a boyfriend. I wiggle out of his arms to go to the loo.

Fury: "morning sweetheart" he says in a sexy husky deep voice as soon as I step out of the bathroom.

Me: " morning boyfriend" I say giggling. He chuckles shaking his head then gets off the bed, he is wearing boxers only and he looks fiiiine. He catches me drooling and he has a silly smirk on his face.

Me: "i was thinking of going to my place to get my clothes and important documents, I don't know what am I going to do about the furniture though" I say to him fiddling with my fingers

Fury: “okay baby you will take 3 bodyguards with you, I would have loved to come with you but I have surgery at 10 am and I’m not sure how long it will take, did you buy a phone yesterday” I nod and take it out, he takes my numbers then hurries to take a shower.

Fury left the house I already took a shower and had breakfast, I wear jeans, tank top and Nike sneakers thanks to the shopping we did yesterday I have lots of new shoes. I brush my cut nicely then bid farewell to Mme Johanna. Fury wasn’t playing I had 3 bodyguards with me yoh I felt like Michelle Obama we arrived in Alexander memories of what happened came flooding in but I had to compose myself. I walked into the yard with my bodyguards yoh other tenants were looking at me. I made my way to my room

but I found the lock picked. I went inside and it looks like they broke into my room and took my stuff. I went to open the drawer where I keep my important documents like my ID my parents pictures and their death certificates luckily I found them all intact but all my appliances, blankets, clothing, shoes they were all gone I just sat on the bed and started crying. The landlord barged in drunk and demanding rent money the guards were ready to manhandle her but I stopped them.

Me: mama they broke into my room and took everything.

Her: “you were gone for almost a month and you didn’t even bother to come pay rent Sisi I want my money or get out and who the hell are these men wena you

have bodyguards now hai wonders shall never end” she claps her hands burping.
Me: “mama I came to let you know that I’m moving out, you can take what’s remaining of my furniture and sell it or use it for yourself. Thank you very much for giving me a place to sleep I wish you all the best” I then stand and walk out with all my documents and go to the car. I decide to go to Sandton city to see masego and ask for her numbers since I lost them during my kidnapping. I ask the driver to take me to Sandton he makes a call first then drives off. My phone rings and I know only 3 people have my new numbers not that I had many people who knew my old number. I answer kanti ke boyfriend yaka

Me: hello

Fury: “is that how you answer a call from your boyfriend” I can’t help but giggle like a love struck teenager

Fury: I hear you want to go to Sandton city what are you going to do there?

Me: I’m going to see my former colleague masego

Fury: “ okay book a table for two I’ll meet you there and order anything you like okay princess I love you and see you in a bit” with that he just hangs up depriving me the opportunity to say I love him too, doesn’t he know how much I long for him to know that as broken as I am I am able to love?

I take a deep breath before walking into my former work place, a waitress I know Lebo walks towards me

Lebo: “shame are you here to beg for your job, lucky for you the big boss the

owner of this place is here maybe he can feel sorry for you and give you your job back” I choose to ignore her bitching

Me: “table for two please” I say, she claps once laughing

Lebo: “haibo girl with what money, Xolani come see your friend” she says to her ugly manager

Xolani: “Nthatisi what the hell are you doing here, we already replaced you so go back to whatever hole you crawled out” bathong really I feel tears threatening to come out as I decide to turn and leave this place I bump into Fury’s chest.

Fury: “baby did you get a table for us?”

Fury asks Cupping my face with his hand I just shake my head before I don’t trust my voice I’m about to cry

Lebo: “sir right this way” Lebo says but Fury ignores her and stroke my face “talk to me princess who’s making you cry” gosh must look weak and pathetic but this man breaks down all my defences and I allow myself to be vulnerable.

Me: “ baby it’s fine can we sit please” my baby smirks and looks at Lebo to usher us to our table. As soon as we sit Fury takes my hands and kisses them both.

Fury: “you just called me baby” he says with a huge smug on his face. I look down blushing

Me: “yes you are my baby” I say shyly he laughs throwing his head back Lebo places the menus on the table and takes our order for drinks, I ask for rock shandy while my man orders whiskey this man only drinks the good stuff. As soon as our order arrives Fury makes a call.

Fury: "Jason it's Fury I'm at your restaurant" he hangs up few moments later I see the owner of the restaurant walk to our table and greets us.

Fury: "jason do you know this beautiful lady I'm with?" he shakes his head looking scared

Fury: "this is my woman, she used to work at your restaurant but your manager, the minister's wife and her skanky friend embarrassed her and threw her out like a piece of trash and made my woman cry in front of me now what do you think I must do now, no one makes my baby cry now Jason you know me, I convinced Patrick to let you live. I even saved your useless wife's life but now your my enemy because my baby shed tears due to your manager" he says not even looking at him but looking at me

intensely. The owner clears his throat before talking

Jason: “ Fury I apologize I will do anything I can even give her job back I honestly didn’t know that this happened I’m so sorry please” Fury shakes his head

Fury: “ oh trust me she will never work here again. Call your useless manager here and get him to apologize and beg for his job and if my baby forgives him then he will continue working here but if not consider this restaurant history and our deal off” he says God this man is putting me on the spot. The Jason guy nods then disappeared to the back, Patrick and Kea walk in they spot us and move to our table asking Lebo to add more chairs. We extend our greetings. Kea and I giggle oh my gosh she looks gorgeous in a denim skirt, tank top and Jordans. Jason comes

back with Xolani behind him as they approach our table I see Jason looking spooked

Xolani: “ Nthatisi I am very sorry for how I treated you earlier please forgive me for firing you” he says not genuine at all
“jason” that’s Patrick’s bold voice

Jason: “man beast” he says looking scared “fosek wena you don’t call me that Infront of my wife” says Patrick this man doesn’t make noise but his voice is stern and scary I wonder how Kea handles her beast I’m not on his bad books but I’m shit scared.

Fury: “ princess do you forgive him?” the boyfriend putting me on the spot but before I could answer Kea answers on my behalf

Kea: “no she doesn’t forgive him, that was a dry forced apology not sincere at all”

well it's true even I blind person can tell that he doesn't mean it.

Patrick: " you heard the ladies, Jason I told you that make sure that when we cross paths it's on a good note or I wouldn't hesitate to arrange a meeting with your maker" I see Jason swallow sweet nothing

Fury: "now leave my sight before I forget that we are in the presence of ladies" they leave out table we continue eating and talking mostly I'm conversing with Kea. Well if she didn't intervene honestly I was going to forgive him just for the sake of peace but Kea was having none of it. As we are talking I see Xolani being escorted out he turns to look at me then he walks away yoh while we are chatting and laughing I hear a cheerful voice making it's way to our table

Masego: “mogirl ke wena o? Bona o motle jwang hle he he is this the snake gang yoh I’m glad they didn’t feed you to their snake. I just saw Xolani with his belongings looking like a wet chicken yoh to think how he used to annoy us phela chomi wena you lost your job because you didn’t want to give him your pussy mara you did right he is a 30 seconds man sometimes he doesn’t even make it to the promise land he just vibrates on the doorway stru jwanong mogirl which job did they offer you. I hope you popped the cherry or you will end up being a 40 year old virgin” oh my gosh I forgot how extra masego is trust her to embarrass me like this kea is in stitches yoh hai.

Me: “hello to you too Masego and please give me your number I lost the paper you you gave me” she smiles “ give me your

phone so I could enter them” I take out my phone and hand it to her

Masego: “ chomi just a month nyana and already have a new phone and a 17k phone to be exact hai no maan I should get fired too. I have to go mogirl and start my shift I think I should give the big boss head maybe he’ll make me a manager” she says giggling and rushing off. I’m so embarrassed but the guys seemed amused

Kea: “I like her” we all laugh and continue eating and talking.

CHAPTER 3

NTHATISI

2 months later

Two months has gone by and life has been a total bliss, I now work at kea’s boutique. I love working there honestly

and guess what? I am a manager there, she is teaching so much about her business and me being a fast learner and all it's safe to say that I'm good at my job. My boyfriend and I have been doing great, I suggested that move out soon since I have a salary now but he flat out refused sigh! he can be a bully sometimes but I love him. We haven't done the did yet but tonight it's his birthday I plan on giving him my pride as a birthday present lol I can't wait, I'm nervous and excited at the same time. I asked Kea to go home early so I could prepare for the surprise. I shopped for everything I'm going to need thanks to the black card my boyfriend gave me, see why he deserves the cherry. I arrive at home I greet Mme Johanna who's busy in the kitchen she

greet me but in a low tone like something is bothering her.

Me: "hau ma are you okay?"

Mme j: "nana go upstairs and see for yourself" my heart starts beating fast could Fury be home and has a woman in our bedroom? Yes it's our bedroom since my clothes are in the closet and I wake up cuddled in his arms every morning. I walk up stairs I see the door is slightly open push it open only to find rose Petals on the floor and a skinny white woman on the bed in red lingerie. I feel anger overtake me I walk to the bathroom to look for Fury he is not here. I clear my throat I think she must have fallen asleep waiting for Fury

Woman: "excuse me that are you doing in here? Can't you come back later to clean I'm waiting for my husband" I'm taken

aback by the husband part but I will deal with that later

Me: “sisi please leave my room you can wait for your husband in the lounge” I say as calm as possible but inside I’m boiling Fury has a lot to explain.

Woman: “and who the fuck are you” I’m being tested here. Just as I’m about to answer Fury walks in with his hands

tucked in his pockets ever so chilled mxm

Fury: “she is the owner of this room, this house and my heart. I don’t know which rock you crawled out from but I’m giving you 15 minutes to get dressed and get the hell out of her house” my heart does the thuso phala dance I see the women face drop

Woman: “ Bradley I am the mother of your kids for goodness sake, I’m the love of your life baby I know I hurt you but you

can't be seriously dating this thing what will Mrs Drake say. Think about the kids baby I'm here to fix our marriage. I acknowledge my mistakes" Fury gets angry and charges towards her grabs her arm she is only in her underwear mind you. He drags her downstairs kicking and screaming I grab her clothes and hand bag.

Me: "baby please stop let her get dressed you can't manhandle her like that and besides she's the mother of your children" I say already in tears but all my pleading falls to deaf ears. He finally opens the door throws her out he grabs the clothes and bag in my hand and throws them out too. He turns to face me yoh he looked scary, his veins popped and his breathing was loud he grabbed a vase next to him and threw it against the wall

roaring like an animal I screamed he walked towards me I backed away till I hit the wall he caged me by putting his hands on the wall his breathing is deep. "are you afraid of me?" He asks in a deep husky voice I shake my head no but any fool can tell that I'm lying my trembling body gives me away. He looks at me for a while then lifts my head to look at him. He kisses me not so gently he reaps my clothes up this is not how I pictured my first time he lays me on the couch again not gently he is breathing heavily his eyes are bloodshot red. He tears my underwear and he takes off his trousers and briefs without warning I feel his member pushing in I feel excruciating pain I scream but my screaming falls to deaf ears he continues trying to break in I'm biting my lip trying not to scream but I can't help its painful

he eventually breaks in completely and thrusts me deep and fast. It's so painful he starts choking me and biting me I just silently cry he Huffs and puffs groaning then he roars like some lion before collapsing on top of me. He finally gets off and goes upstairs leaving me there without saying a word. My whole body is sore I feel like I've been hit by a truck did I just pay for another woman's sins? I finally get up and slowly head to the kitchen grab cleaning detergents and start cleaning the couch which is stained with my blood and cleaning up the broken vase. I keep sniffing and wiping my tears which is a futile exercise. When I'm done I go upstairs take a long bath with salts, took some pain medication then slept.

FURY

- Shit! Shit! Shit! What have I done, what the hell have I done dammit. I bang the table. I'm sitting in my study drinking whiskey just replaying everything that just happened, her scream, her pain gosh I'm such an animal. I took her virginity in such an inhumane way. She will never forgive me for this, I'll never forgive me for this. I stand up and decide to go shower. When I open the door to our bedroom there she is curled up like a ball sleeping she looks so beautiful her neck has bruises I feel tears stream down my cheeks. I was supposed to be her happy place, her night in shinning armour but I had to force myself on her and hurt her in the process. I sit in that position just looking at her in tears. After a while I get up and take a shower. I go to the closet to change I see shopping bags, I look what's inside

and I just breakdown she bought lingerie, whips, blindfolds, handcuffs a box written happy birthday my love I open it's a photo of her smiling sitting on the bed in a bum short and crop top I remember the day I took this picture I told her it's my favourite tears keep streaming down my face. Then there's a birthday card and its written " tonight is the night I give you my pride as my birthday gift to you and show you how much you mean to me, I love you Bradley Drake happy birthday" what have I done. My heart is shattered this hurts more than it did when I found my rubbish of a wife in bed with my brother. I wipe my tears head downstairs to cook something maybe she will wake up hungry. As I'm about to start cooking the doorbell rings I check on the monitor it's Patrick Juan and their wives I really am

not in the mood for company now but I buzz them in because I know they won't leave.

They scream happy birthday as soon as they enter the house. They have takeaway, a cake and champagne. I lead them to the dining area.

Nolwazi: "where is my friend? I'm sure you wore her out" she says grinning

Kea: "I hope you enjoyed your birthday gift because the poor girl was practicing at the shop" Kea looks at Nolwazi and they start laughing

Me: "Ema is not feeling well I think she's coming down with fever or something" the guys look at me funny I think they can tell something's up and right there and then Ema walks in pulling a suitcase now everyone is silent. Her nose is pink and her eyes are puffy. Kea just gets up and

goes to hug her but she flinches in pain
Kea removes the scarf she has on then
grasps shocked Patrick charges towards
me and punches me then another lands
on my other side of the face. They drag
me to the study and keep throwing
punches and kicks, I don't even fight back
because I know I deserve it all. They
eventually stop beating me up then
Patrick reaches out his hand for me to get
up. I then sit on the chair while Patrick
and Juan sit on table we stay like that for
a while

Patrick: "why? I thought you love her" I
clench my jaws trying not to breakdown
but I do. I don't care if they judge me but I
can't help it I'm in pain.

Me: " Sheila was here, I just saw red all
the hatred and anger came back and I
couldn't handle it I ended up forcing

myself on Ema taking out all my anger on her by the time I came to my senses it was too late. I love her with all my heart and soul it scares me I keep thinking she'll hurt me like Sheila did. I know I lost her you might as well take your gun and shoot me because I don't see her ever forgiving me and I don't see myself living without her" I say burying my face in my hand and a sob escape my mouth.

Juan: "we are in no position to judge you we all had our own demons to fight at some point just give her time allow her to heal first. She will come stay with Nolwazi and I and I will get Noma to give her some counselling okay? You are our brother we love you man and we love Ema like our little sister too because you love her she is part of us just like you are part of us"

Patrick stands and brings me to a hug

“now toughen up Fury you are not a weakling don’t let your brother and your ex drag you back to hell, you have a beautiful woman who loves and needs you” I nod looking up standing tall I Am Fury.

NTHATISI

It’s been 2 weeks since I last seen or spoken to Fury. As much as he hurt me I don’t want to lie I miss him so much. My body has healed but I still haven’t gone back to work yet. Noma Nolwazi and Kea’s friend who is a psychiatrist at one of Fury’s hospitals comes everyday and to tell the honest truth I have forgiven Fury I know some might think I’m crazy but the love I have for him is not based on

perfection, he was bound to have faults he is human after all but that doesn't mean I condone what he did but hell I forgive him with all my heart. It's Sunday and nolwazi well all out to cook Sunday lunch and she invited a lot of guests. I am busy helping with making the salads shame she and her husband went out of their way to make me feel welcomed but I miss my man yoh hai Nthatisi Emerald Mofokeng you need help stru. Guests start arriving and nolwazi's 5 year old daughter ushers them to the dining room just then Fury walks in looking like he has aged in one week, he looks like he hasn't slept in days. His beard is unshaved he is wearing blue ripped jeans, a white polo golf shirt and white Nike sneakers looking gorgeous we stare each other for a while

before he greets and makes his way to join the others.

“if you don’t feel comfortable with him being here we can always tell him to leave” nolwazi says behind me

Me: “ it’s okay uhm let me quickly go change everything is done mos” she nods and I make my way to the guest room I’m using I change into a floral design summer dress and black gladiator sandals, I apply makeup just a little bit then I went downstairs. Everyone was settled in already I sat next to Kea directly across Fury. We started eating I could feel Fury’s eyes on me I looked up he had that intense stare of his that gets me wet. I looked down again wait am I blushing? I look up again I see a weak smile on his face. After lunch I decided to go to the bathroom as I was about to close the

door when Fury blocked me with his hand, he got in my heart started beating fast.

Me: “did you want to use the the bathroom?” I ask shyly playing with my fingers. He chuckles then becomes serious

Fury: “ Ema I’m so so sorry I can’t sleep after what I did to you. I know you it’s too soon to even think about forgiving me but please just try to find it in your heart to forgive me” he says his eyes becoming watery

Me: “I will forgive you under one condition” I say looking down “name it I’ll do anything I miss you baby our bed feels so cold” he says sincerely

Me: “make love to me” his eyes pop he clears his throat

It’s he didn’t expect me to say that.

Him: “n....now?” he says stuttering

Me: “yes” I open the door then hold his hand leading him to the guest room I’m using. I shut the door lock it then turn to look at him. There he goes again with his piercing stare. His blue eyes sparkle. I want him, I want him so bad. He walks to me slowly then cups my face, starts kissing me slowly then going to my neck leaving wet kisses I take off his clothes while giggling. We are now naked he kissing me so so good I can’t help but moan he sucks my nipples while playing with my clit with his other hand I am so wet he starts thrusting me with his finger and I lose all senses. He sticks out his finger then licks it looking at me I can’t help but blush. He then kisses my inner thighs parting them gently the he starts eating me up sucking on my clit while

sticking his finger in my ass hole I am experiencing so much pleasure I don't know what to do with myself.

Me: "oh baby, yes yes oh my" I feel an orgasm building up and I just explode creaming his face with my juices. While I'm still panting he comes up and kisses me and I get to taste my juices.

Him: "baby are you sure you are ready" I nod I can't trust my voice "words sweetheart" oh how I missed that line

Me: "yes please" he positioned himself and start rubbing my punani with his member making me lose my mind. He then pushed in I flinched a bit he tried a couple of times until he went in. He started thrusting into me slowly while we stared into each other's eyes lost in pleasure I felt another climax building up

Me: “baby I’m cuming oh Bradley oh yes” he was groaning and moaning my went went faster and deeper I just came so good then seconds later he also came emptying his seed inside me. He then buried his head on my neck I felt liquid on my neck then he brought his head up to look at me it’s then I realised that he is crying.

Him: I’m so sorry

Me: “i forgive you and I love you so much” I said kissing him all over his face.

After that love making session we took a shower together then I told him to go downstairs I’ll meet him there honestly I was so shy because I know I was so loud I mean my mlungu did me so good. I finally summoned enough courage, I went downstairs to join the others. I just went

straight and sat on Fury's lap it became quite instantly. Most of the guests had already left it was just Patrick, Juan, Noma, razor Malcolm, Kea and Nono. Nolwazi: "babe please make the guest rooms sound prove too our daughter came creaming saying someone is killing aunt Ema when I rushed to check what's going on only to find this bitch being piped and screaming like a hoe yoh hai shame no wonder my daughter thought someone is dying" everyone laughed including this idiot of mine I just buried my head on his neck embarrassed as he Fury: " I love you princess" he whispers in my ear I just hold him so tight.

NTHATISI

Yep I went back to Fury's house our home. After he left that Sunday the very next morning he told me to pack he's coming to fetch me yena he can't wake up alone anymore. It's been 3 weeks since I've been back and the whole experience really brought us closer together. He still apologizes everyday and spoils me rotten. Kea and Nono feel that I forgave him to fast I should have made him sweat a little. I went back to work and I still see Noma twice a week. Honestly her sessions make me feel lighter I love the glow I have these day gosh I'm so happy it scare me sometimes. Today I'm going to meet Fury's children I'm so nervous but Fury assured me that even if they don't like me then it's their

loss because he is sticking with me no matter what. I'm disturbed from my thoughts by my phone ringing, it's my baby

Me: baby

Fury: sweetheart I'll pick you up after work okay oh and Lisa wants to eat at ciabata, are you up for it?

Me: "sure why not" I roll my eyes that place bored me but then what can I say we say our goodbyes then I continue working. Lisa and Melanie are his twin girls both doing their first year in varsity and they are just 18 years old following in their father's footsteps their both doing medicine at UCT. While I'm still busy sorting out new stock a lady wearing sunglasses and a men in a suit walk in.

Man: "hello I'm not sure if you can help us I'm looking for a woman named Ema

apparently she works here” okay why are they looking for me?

Me: “ I’m Ema why are you looking for me? The man turns look at the woman. The woman walks I’m to me goes down on her knees, she takes off her glasses then I see exactly who she is. It’s the slay queen that got me fired. This will be interesting I think to myself.

Lady: Miss Ema I am very very sorry for what I did to you few months back, I was really petty and insecure

Me: “why would you be insecure of me, you don’t even know me. I was just a hard working girl trying to hustle to have food and a roof why would you feel insecure about a mere waitress” I ask this woman playing with her fingers unable to look at me, she has no make up on but she still

looks beautiful I just don't understand why

Her: " you see it was not the first time I came there to dine, I once came with my husband and you were one serving us. He kept on drooling over you and when I confronted him about it he told me that he would give up all his wealth just to have one night with you he went on and on about how naturally beautiful you are and how your freckles that just fuelled my hatred for you and I wanted to make sure that you get fired I'm really sorry for my actions. We lost almost everything because no one wants to do business with him and when we tried to find out who is sabotaging us that when we found out that Mr Drake has it in for us. My husband went to plead with him so he told us to come here if you forgive us

then he will open the doors for us. Please I beg you forgive me for the sake of my kids I will even apologize publicly if you want” she starts tearing up mara why Fury a le so. I take both her hands helping her get up

Me: “ it’s okay stop crying, I honestly don’t understand why Bradley would do that to your business please forgive him and woman to woman I understand your reasons although I don’t condone how you punished me instead of dealing with your wandering husband but it’s cool I forgive you” she attacks me with a hug and I hug her back “ thank you, your heart is pure and God will bless you” she says I just smile at her. They bid farewell. Kea walks in as they leave, she greets them then turn raising her eyebrows. I tell her everything and she laughs so much

“mxm wena mother Teresa with your good heart” we laugh.

I arrive at ciabata I'm wearing a body hugging short black dress, black block heels and a matching crop blazer jacket. I see masego I wave at her she comes to me. All the other people I used work with are looking at me like they've seen a ghost. It must be the bodyguards sigh my life

Masego: “mogirl wareng fela? You look so beautiful kanti where do you work o repluge leron” I laugh and hug her

Me: “i work at a boutique in Hyde park nothing fancy but it pays the bills” I see Fury walk in with beautiful identical twins with long blonde hair and blue eyes. They look beautiful shame. I ask masego to

take us to the table. We sit there awkwardly silent. I am so nervous.

Fury: “ girls this is my woman Emarald, sweetheart these are my little angels Lisa and Melanie.” Silence

Me: “ it’s very nice to meet you ladies, you are so beautiful”

Mel: I’m Melanie it’s very nice to meet you and thank you but have you seen yourself with that sun kissed skin colour dipped in caramel would you are gorgeous and those freckles” I blush looking down

Lisa: “ Mel are you trying to take dad’s job? Look at you blushing so what do we call you? Mom or?” I can’t help but giggle haibo these kids

Me: “Ema or Nthatisi will do just fine thank you very much” the entire evening is filled with laughter we settle the bill

Fury makes sure he gives masego a fat tip. I went to hug her before leaving she was going on and on about the tip.

FURY

I dropped the girls off at their friend's place they will join us in a couple of days time. I'm just glad the girls like my woman it makes things easier. When we get home I find my mother's car in the driveway my mood just drops because I know that woman brings nothing but drama. My woman is looking at me confused. I take her hand and we walk. I find my mother switching off the stove.

Me: Patricia

Mom: "would it kill you to call me mom son" I roll my eyes

Me: "what are you doing here"

Mom: “visiting my son, is it wrong to miss my boy”

Me: “ Patricia next time you feel like visiting please speak to me first so I can let my woman know that you’re come” she laughs a sarcastic laugh

Mom: “so Sheila was right about you sleeping with the help” she says throwing daggers at my woman.

Me: “ baby please go upstairs I need to have a word with my mother please” I say cupping her face then planting a peck on her lips and forehead. She nods and runs of upstairs I watch her until she disappears. I turn to look at this woman and I point a finger at her.

Me: “ now you listen and listen to me well because I won’t repeat myself again, if you ever insult my woman again I will kill you Patricia if you ever bring up that

cheating hoe's name in my house I will kill I won't hesitate you are lucky I didn't kill your favourite son for what he did to me and my kids but it's not too late to kill him. Now if you are here to visit then fine but stay in your lane, Ema is a no go area I will kill anyone for that woman do I make myself clear?" she nods looking terrified "words Patricia"

Mom: "yes I understand, I'm sorry son and I will apologize to her too" I click my tongue and walk upstairs. I find my woman in the shower I decide to strip and join her. She turns around to face me as soon as I open the shower door. She looks down and finds my member rock hard she grins at me I walk closer to her and start kissing her then she goes down on me and give me head. Damn this woman where the fuck did she learn how

blow I'm groaning and calling her name. She goes on licking and sucking me until I feel an orgasm building up she goes faster and faster until I shoot my cum in her mouth, she swallows and gets up I attack her with a kiss then turn her around I fuck her senseless we both come grasping for air damn that was epic, after that session we take an innocent shower then we head to bed where I make love to her all night long I just can't get enough of her tight pussy.

PATRICIA DRAKE

I must save my son from that leech even if it means sucking up to her, Sheila and I have a plan to get rid of her permanently. I love my sons so much and I want them to have the best in life. Sheila and Bradley

met when they were only 10 years old, they were so In love that when they turned 19 they tied the knot. Now while Bradley was busy building his empire Sheila felt neglected, his brother Gerald was always there for Sheila and the kids until they started having an affair. I once caught them and I told them to stop but they didn't. The affair went on for years until Bradley caught them and all hell broke loose. I almost lost both my sons. To top it off Sheila was pregnant with Gerard's child who is now 5 years old. Bradley took this so badly that he divorced Sheila making sure she doesn't get a cent. Things didn't work out for Gerald and Sheila because what they had was not love but lust they eventually broke up and I have been staying with Sheila ever since, without the knowledge

of my son of course because I know he would stop paying for my lifestyle. Bradley is the most successful okay let me rephrase he is the only successful one in our family. I have seen how much Sheila still loves Bradley. I encouraged her to take a chance and surprise him on his birthday but what she told me really broke my heart. Who does this girl think she is. She must have fed him strong love potion I've heard these blacks are very good with multi, but I'll be dammed if I let my son be with that gold digger. I'm busy making breakfast when they walk down the stairs it's time I pull an Oscar winning performance.

Me: " good morning my babies" Bradley chuckles probably seeing right through me. The bitch greets shyly I'm tempted to roll my eyes but I don't

Me: I hope you had a good night sleep.

Brad: “ you are overdoing it Patricia cut the crap I’m not buying it” I see the girl look at him with displeased eyes.

Me: “ alright then Sue me for trying to make amends” he shakes his head then looks straight into my eyes

Brad: “ I hope you are not planning anything Patricia or help me God I’ll forget you gave birth to me” he says with a straight face. One thing I know about my son is that he has a mean temper and he never make idle threats. I’m left shook. He turns to look at his hoe and somehow his face softens this woman must take me to where she got her potion but it is very strong.

Brad: “baby what are you going to do today since you are off” yawn!

Her: “ I will catch up on some reading maybe go do my hair.” The witch says I just continue eating my breakfast. Bradley leaves the table to go to work, he perks her lips I’m looking at them with so much disgust. As soon as Brad leaves the bitch clears the table and washes the dishes.

Me: “ I would like to apologize for my behaviour last night I shouldn’t have called you names please forgive me.” I say not meaning a word I’m saying

Her: “ it’s okay really and thank you for apologising” she says with a warm smile

Me: “to show how sorry I am I want to take you out to a spa so that we can get pampered and also get to know one another” I say with a Colgate smile.

Her: okay I’ll go get ready.

An hour later we are in a car on our way to mall of Africa. I convinced her to leave the guards and only take a driver. We first go shopping using my son's black card I am so livid we finally go to a spa and we get massages, manicures and pedicures. My phone Beeps a message from Sheila. GO OUT USING THE BACK ENTRANCE A CAR IS WAITING TO NAP HER THERE THEN THEY WILL ROUGH YOU UP A BIT JUST TO MAKE IT CONVINCING. MEAN TIME I WILL SEND SOME TO PRETEND TO BE FROM THE MEDIA. easy enough right! We are at the reception to pay then one of the ladies rushes to us and tells us there lots of journalists out. Me: "isn't there a back entrance we can use I am not in the mood to deal with journalists." I say the lady nods and shows us the back as soon as we get outside I

she a car waiting for us. Two guys come out I guess she already saw the situation and took out a pepper the two men approach us pointing us with guns she sprays one guy, he starts screaming holding his eyes she then grabs my hands and tells me to run just as we are running I feel a sting on my arm then a loud bang, I fall on the ground she takes her phone about to call someone but the grab her. She kicks and screams

Her: please call an ambulance for her I'll go with you, I'll let you take me just make sure she's okay.

Man: an ambulance is on its way already come willingly or we shoot her, she scoots down and cups my face telling me to hold on the ambulance is coming she kisses my cheek then whispers "please tell Bradley that I love him" with that they

drag her to the car bullets start flying I see our driver shooting at the car but the car is bullet proof, the car takes off in high speed. Paramedics come to my aid trying to stop the bleeding. I see the driver on the phone with I assume my son. Why do I feel so bad now.

SHEILA

My naive mother in law came through for us, I am working with Gerald but Patricia doesn't know, truth is that we are broke so I need to make sure I get back together with Brad then make sure we get married again then kill him so that all his money can come to me. Me and Gerald rude off to the sunset but no I had to find him with that bitch. I wanted to stab her in

her fucken cunt. I got a call tell me that the package is secured. I had to make sure they shot Patricia just so that Brad won't suspect his mother. I plan to sell this bitch to the Nigerians. I get a call from Gerald

Me: baby

Him: I have the package the buyer will come tomorrow morning to take her do you want to see her before she goes to her new home?

Me: sure why not see you later

Moments later I arrive at the location where we are keeping her. Her eyes are red she's so beautiful even with tears and it ticks me off. I go sit next to her eating macfries

Me: “where the hell do you get off dating my man” she looks at me but doesn’t say anything

Me: “I’m talking to you bitch” her silence angers me and I walk towards her and slap her so hard. My phone rings I walk out the door to answer it. I don’t have this number stored on my phone

Me: hello

Caller: “ I know you took her, you and your useless boyfriend, Sheila you better run because when I find you I’m going to kill you so run” oh my gosh that’s Bradley he hung up before I could say anything. I run to where Gerald is sitting.

Me: “he knows we took her he just called me and told me to run because he’s coming for us.”

Gerald: “do not worry dear, this place is secure he will never find us here” he is

not taking the thread serious I on the other hand I'm shit scared.

FURY

I got a call while I was busy that my baby has been kidnapped and my mother was shot, I know who took her and I know my mother is involved. I could tell she was up to something but I had hoped that she will heed to my words. I know Gerald is involved the piece of shit is broke I know how desperate he is for me. I let him live the first time he screwed me over but now I'm going to kill him.

Me: "Malcolm please track Ema" I put a tracker in her body so I know it's only a matter of time before I know her whereabouts in the meantime time I decide to go to my mother in hospital. I get there and she is sitting on the bed

facing the window. I walk in. She looks at me then looks down.

Her: “ I will accept whatever punishment you give me I deserve it but I was wrong about that girl, she loves you, her beautiful eyes haunt me. I helped Sheila kidnap her son and I regret it” she says with tears streaming down her cheeks “you did what?” my daughters shout in unison shocked by their granny’s revelation I on the other side am not shocked

Lisa: “grandma tell me you are not serious, I told you not to trust Sheila, that woman is trouble.” She says clearly disappointed

Mel: “why don’t you want dad to be happy huh Ema is a nice lady and she loves dad. Sheila almost broke dad with Gerald and do you know that their still

together? What were you hoping to achieve by doing this? I don't want that toxic woman near my dad again" she is clearly angry

Patricia: " I'm so sorry" she cried crocodile tears. My phone rang

Malcolm: I got her location meet you at the parking lot.

We drove into the secluded area. We started shooting our way in. I went into the house kicked the door and I found my ex in the kitchen she was startled to see me, she dropped on her knees, I just hit her with the back of my gun she fainted. I instructed Malcolm to take her to the car. I go room to room looking for my heart then I hear her begging her voice "please don't do this please"

Gerald: "suck you bitch I'm sure you give a mean head that's why my brother loves

you right? We will see if he will still love you once I fuck you” I don’t want to hear more I kick the door and I’m met by my brother’s did out with a gun on my woman’s head, her face swollen I see red I shoot him on his leg and he screams like a little bitch. I shoot his other leg. I walk to Ema and untie her she cups my face then whispers “ I knew you would find me” with that being said she fainted. I scooped her and took her to the car leaving Gerald screaming like a bitch he is. I instructed Malcom to burn the house he poured petrol and lit a match. We drove out slowly watching the flames. We got to hospital and rushed Ema to get medical help. I asked Malcolm to take Sheila to the warehouse I will deal with her later. I then went to my mother’s ward

Her: “son please tell me you found her” she was now alone in the ward I guess the twins left.

Me: “ get ready to bury your useless son, I found him trying to rape Ema and your precious daughter in-law cooking for him. I’m going to make you suffer dear mother you just wait and see” I click my tongue and walk out I can’t fucken stand her.

NTHATISI

I open my eyes and I realise that I’m in hospital once again. What is it with me and being kidnapped, I swear my life is like a movie Shem yoh. The door swings open and my man walks in looking all sorts of handsome. He smiled at me but his smile doesn’t reach his eyes. He is followed by the twins. They come to hug me

Me: "I must get kidnapped every day if this is the welcome I'm going to get" I joke trying to lighten the mood. The doctor walks in

Doc: "hello dear I'm doctor Phillips, you are awake! I ran some tests and I need to have a word with you alone" he says while busy checking my drip

Me: "its fine doctor you can say anything In front of my family" he clears his throat

Doctor: "as I said we ran some tests and it turns out you were 9 weeks pregnant but you lost the baby. I have scheduled a womb scrub for this afternoon I'm sorry" time stands still for a moment "I'll give you some space" the doctor says before exiting the room. I place my hand on my stomach and I start screaming the girls rush to hug me crying as well I cry so hard that I didn't even hear the doctor come

back, he injects something in the drip and it knocks me out.

PATRICIA

Bradley killed my son, and why didn't Sheila tell me that Gerald is involved? Rape really? Where did I go wrong with Gerald? I wonder what awaits me, what will Brad do to me. The door bursts open and my granddaughters walk in looking distraught their eyes puffy and red
Lisa: " I hate you Patricia I will never forgive you for this, we lost a brother or a sister because of you. Ema got a miscarriage because of you and Sheila. Do you know I was the one who called dad to come see Gerald and mom in bed together? Do you know I overheard them planning to kill dad so that they could get his wealth? Do you know dad made me promise not to tell you because he didn't

want you to hate Gerald? Well grandmother I hope you are happy now. You and your daughter in law are dead to me” she said then walk out

Mel: “ I don’t see how we are going to forgive you for this, an innocent life is gone. Do you hate my dad that much that you don’t want to see him happy? He is broken, Ema is broken.” She wipes her tears shakes her head then walks out. Oh my god what have I done. My husband must be turning in his grave. Brad is going to kill me. I might as well accept my fate. I asked the nurse to bring me a wheelchair and asked her to take me to Ema’s room. I opened the door to her ward luckily she was alone, I wheeled myself close to her bed. She was sleeping so peacefully I looked at her admiring her beauty. She

really is beautiful it's no surprise why my son is so taken by her.

Me: " I am so sorry darling, I know I will never get the chance to know you because of my stupid mistakes. I lost a grandchild because I couldn't look past your race and I let myself get manipulated and caused you so much pain. I regret my action the moment you allowed yourself to be captured just to save my life. I'm so sorry" I say sobbing. "its okay mother, I forgive you" I'm startled by her soft voice.

Me: " no it's not okay I killed my grandchild"

Her: "only God knows why we had to lose him, I dreamed of my parents holding my son. He was never meant to be born he is with my parents now" she says holding my hand. I kiss her hand and just cry

“what the fuck are you doing here” my heart starts beating fast I know it’s my son. I turn to look at him and all I see is hate and rage in his eyes.

Me: “ I just came to apologize and see if she’s okay”

Him: “ how will your apology bring my child back huh? To see if she’s okay after your handy work, I warned you but you still went ahead you are not sorry. This is how you pretended yesterday now you want forgiveness well you are not getting” he is right, he did warn me, he did tell what’s going to happen once I cross him.

Me: “i will accept any punishment I deserve it”

Him: “ I would put a bullet through your skull but that would be too easy. I want

you to suffer and maggots to eat you alive”

Ema: “baby please this is your mother and your children’s grandmother. She regrets what she did please let’s just mourn our son and let God do the judging. I personally forgive her and I believe she’s very sorry please my love” I see him clench his jaws

Him: “ baby you can forgive her if you want but as for me I’ll never forgive her and I don’t want to ever lay my eyes on her. She is dead to me, now leave Patricia and never set your foot in here your manipulation won’t work on me” I kiss Ema’s hand and wheel myself out. I know for sure I’ve lost my two sons and grandchildren I’m on my own.

NTHATISI

6 months later

It took a while for me to get over the death of my son but life goes on. Bradley has been amazing and everyone in my life has been the best really. My friends have been very supportive Kea even gave me a month off after I was discharged from hospital. Today is my birthday and the twins are here to take me out. I never heard from Patricia ever again. I wonder if she's okay. Fury wants nothing to do with her, I tried everything even blackmailing him but boy did he punish me for that let's just say I woke up the next morning unable to walk. That's not the least of it, he made sure that he denied me an orgasm yoh I was even crying so I promised never to bring up his mother or blackmail him ever again.

We are at southern sun in Hyde park having lunch on the rooftop. It's just the twins and I we chatting up a storm honestly our relationship has grown so much these couple of months. While we are busy laughing I notice Mel is very distracted busy checking her phone a couple of times.

Me: "so ladies any boyfriends" they laugh

Lisa: "well I don't have a boyfriend, I actually have a girlfriend her name is anele we've been dating for a year now but dad doesn't know that I'm lesbian"

Me: "great you must bring her by for dinner sometime I'd like to meet her" her face beams and she nods I turn to look at Mel "and you, anyone special?"

Mel: "please do not judge me and if I tell you promise not to tell anyone," I cross

my heart laughing then she laughs too
before dropping a bomb

Mel “its Malcolm” my jaw drop

Me: “ Malcolm as in your father’s friend
kanti how old is Malcolm?” “30” she says
in a low tone yoh

Me: “ he is my age I’m turning 30today
my God Bradley would flip”

Mel: “ which would be totally unfair that
he would judge us like that I mean he is
10 years older than you. Love knows no
age” she argues

Me: “well your situations are not the
same, you might be 18 but you are still
very young. Malcolm has been around he
even has a child. He has been friends with
your father and the fact that he was able
to look at you as a woman not a child it’s
really worrying but I suggest that you take
things slow and have room for

disappointment okay and your secret is safe with me, have you done the deed yet?" I ask not sure I want to know the answer

Mel: "nope not yet. I'm not ready and he is willing to wait" phew! I'm happy with that honestly if Fury finds out about this all hell will break lose.

Me: " well that's good, don't feel pressured to do anything you are not ready for and it's that much special when you wait. I waited for your father and honestly I have no regrets.

Mel: "you mean to tell me my dad took your virginity? Wow how was it?" I blush okay I'm not about to tell them about the very first time because I truly erased it.

Me: " it was special, beautiful, it was the best day of my life and the waiting was all worth it." I say we carry on with light

conversations until we decide to head home. I'm a bit sad that Fury never wished me a happy birthday or even call to check up on me like he usually does.

We arrive home I see his car in the driveway meaning that he is home.

Walking into the house it's quiet I notice that the sliding door is open so i decide to close it but I notice a sticky note saying come outside I turn my head to see where are the girls I don't see them they probably went upstairs so I decide to go outside. I notice rose Petals on the ground oh I hope this is not another Sheila stunt I walk further following the roses that's when I see my man holding the biggest bouquet of roses, there's a beautiful romantic set up of a dinner table for two. He has the biggest smile I've ever seen.

Fury: "happy birthday sweet hear" Mel comes towards us dressed like A waitress hold a tray with two glasses while Lisa follows behind with an ice bucket with champagne. I can't help but giggle. He pulled up a seat for me then he went to sit as well. He looked a bit nervous bathong it's not like it's our first date. Mel poured champagne for us then left us right after taking a bow.

Me: " I thought you forgot about my birthday" I say sipping on the champagne

Him: "i could never forget the day God created and angel like you" he took my hand looking atme deep in my eyes

Him: " I love you nthathisi Emerald Mofokheng with all my heart and soul. You are not only my second chance in love and life but you are my last chance. I am not perfect you know that, I have

done a lot of bad things in my life things I'm not proud of but you perfect me every day with your kindness and selflessness. Baby you melted my icy heart when I swore that I will never love again. You did it so effortlessly it still puzzles me" I'm so emotional I'm already in tears he gets up comes to and kneels in front of me. And takes out a stunning diamond ring. I put my hand on my mouth I quickly get up oh my gosh I'm a crying mess.

Him: "will you please spend the rest of your life with me? Will you marry me and make me the happiest man" I nod with tears streaming down my cheeks "words sweetheart" I can't help but giggle "yes Mr Bradley Drake I will marry you" he slid the ring into my finger then he gets up and seals it with a kiss. I hear people

clapping their hands I look behind me and all our friends are here cheering for us. I spot masego in the crowd, kea, Nono, Noma, Patrick, Juan, Malcolm, blade, Mme Johanna yoh it's a full house. God I'm so happy. The twins attack me with a hug and say "mom" in unison. I laugh through my tears. We had the best celebration ever, my friends brought a lot of food and bev it was truly amazing. I looked around and I was just so happy and blessed. I looked up and thought about my parents. I may not understand why God does some things but I know he will never leave me nor forsake me.

CHAPTER 6

SHEILA

Life has been truly difficult for me, Bradley shipped me off to Russia. I am now a maid to one of his business associates. I don't get paid and I only get one plate of food a day. He told me he took my son to boarding school and he killed Gerald. I regret the day I crossed that man. He is ruthless and heartless. He told me he will not kill me because he wants me to suffer for not using the second chance he gave us by not killing us when he caught us in bed. I hate that black girl with all that I am. She is living my life, in my house, with my daughters and my husband I hate her. What is so special about her. Let me go back to work before they starve me to death.

PATRICIA

The past 6 months have been hell for me. My son was true to his word that in deed he will punish me. He sold the house that he bought me and moved me into a four room house in naturena, he also took my cars and all my cards. I now survive on social grant. I miss my posh life, the charity dinners the housewives club. Now no one wants to associate themselves with me. All the people I thought were my friends turned their backs on me, I am just thankful that this house is fully furnished with decent furniture. I don't have a helper anymore and I count what I buy so that it lasts me a month. I also drink wine from a box me Patricia Rosemary Drake how the mighty have fallen. I honestly don't blame my son I blame myself for being stupid. I caused the death of an innocent child and that

will forever haunt me. I just hope that my son is finally happy wherever he is and I know that girl is good for him. I bless their union with all my heart. I have been dreaming of my husband giving Ema a baby boy so I guess Ema was right she really was carrying a boy.

DRAKE

I'm chilling with beast and Juan at one of Jason's clubs. Ema has been acting weird since after the engagement. She snaps a lot and always crying for silly things. This morning she told me she hates me and I smell like a dead rat then locked herself in the bathroom refused to come out until I leave.

Me: “gents I’m telling you she said I smell like a dead rat” the guys burst out laughing

Patrick: “ I think your woman is pregnant that’s the only logic explanation to her sudden behaviour.” Could it be that we are expecting? A smile forms on my lips

Juan: “ if that’s the case then prepare to be bullied for the whole nine months.

Waking up at 2 am to go buy ice cream because the one in the house is not fresh, don’t ask me how because Nono made me go buy a new ice-cream tub same flavour and all claiming that the one in the freezer is not fresh. I tell you man that was the longest nine months of my life” I swallow sweet nothing thinking about it but heck I love that woman and I will stand it all. We chill for a couple of hours then we call it a night. I arrive home

around 11 pm I find her sleeping on the couch with a remote in her hand. I decide to pick her up bridal style to our bedroom I open the blankets and tuck her in nicely. I kiss her forehead. I watch her sleeping like the angel she is. I get up take a quick shower then get into bed. I spoon her then fall asleep immediately.

I'm woken by my woman's ass right on my dick. I can see that she's not asleep so I pretend to be sleeping too. She keeps on moving her ass up and down this one is just applying to be fucked. I ignore her and even start to snore she clicks her tongue then gets up forcefully grabs my dick and put it in her pussy. I'm now fully awake then she starts riding me like there's not tomorrow. She has one hand on my chest the other on her boob she's moaning damn is this my woman she

switches positions and does the reverse cowgirl position damn she screams my name fuck I'm about to cum. It's like she can feel that I'm close she fucks me hard through my orgasm. Then she collapses on my feet with her round huge ass facing me. She gets up looks at me I have the biggest smile on my face but she frowns then clicks her tongue again

Her: "hai man mlungu go bath you smell like a dead cockroach Sies maan and change that cologne you are using" did she Just call me mlungu? While she was riding me didn't I smell like a dead cockroach then I feel so used. She then goes to the bathroom leaving me dumbfounded. I guess joining her in the shower is a no no.

It's a lazy Sunday my woman is busy cooking. I need to talk to her about Eric coming to live with us he is Sheila and Gerald's son. He is staying at boarding school and now the holidays are approaching he can't stay in school while other kids go home. I killed his father and besides he is my blood too.

She comes in and throws herself on the couch

Her: "thank God I'm done cooking I am so tired, you said you wanted to talk to me about something" I clear my throat

Me: "baby do you remember I told you about Sheila having a son with my brother well seems like they both ran away after they kidnapped you and left him behind in boarding school. Now that the schools are closing soon baby he has no where to go and I can't just ignore the

fact that he is my blood and the girl's little brother so can he please come live with us, that's if it's okay with you" she smiles then kisses my cheek

Her: " I'd love to have him here, he is family" you see why I love this selfless woman it's a good thing I didn't use any of my cosmetics this morning. Just soap and deodorant only that's why I smell okay for her now.

NTHATISI

I am so tired I've been busy preparing a room for Eric I hope he likes it. I went as far as hiring an interior designer just for his room to be perfect I'm so excited.

Once we done with Simi the designer I take a quick shower I'm visiting Masego at her house, she bought a house in

Mondeo I'm so proud of her she is now a manager at ciabata. I bought her a Smeg set which consists of a kettle, toaster and iron. I have to take four bodyguards with me Fury won't barge after the last kidnapping he is extra careful or extreme if you ask me. I arrive at the address she sent me and one of the guards help me carry the gift when she sees me she screams so loud that all her guests now are looking at me. I instruct the three guards to stay in the car then only one will stay with me because hai the attention is too much.

Masego: "Yog mogirl you made it phela you rich people don't attend peasant functions." This girl

Me: "who's rich wena yoh I will never forget where I come from when I become rich and besides if tomorrow my man

decides to dump me where do you think I'll end up if I flip on people who were there for me yoh if life has taught me anything it taught me that no situation is permanent so I always stay humble and treat everyone the same."

Masego: "preach wena mmata" I think she's drunk but with this one you will never know. Drunk or sober she always talks kak. The party was nice masego was busy bragging about how her rich friend bought her a R2000 kettle and how it makes joko tea taste like earl grey tea lol I was so embarrassed. I stayed till 5 pm then I bid her farewell. I decided to go to South gate mall to buy takeaway I was craving chicken licken and besides I did eat the meat tasted a bit of so I ended up finishing the snacks that were on the table while everyone enjoyed the rotten

meat. I get to South gate and ask one of the bodyguards to go in and buy for me I was in no mood to queue. While I was busy looking outside the window I saw a familiar face but no it can't be, I see her take out her groceries out of the trolley. Two plastic bag from checkers and walk to the rank I got out of the car to follow her. She was asking the queue marshal where are the taxis to naturena I stood there shocked then I came back to my senses right when she was about to get in
Me: Patricia? I called her name not sure if it is her or am I seeing things. She turned and our eyes met I ran to hug her she hesitated at first but eventually hugged me so tight
Me: "mama" she just sobbed so painfully and kept on apologizing.

I asked the guards to take her to her house, it's not that bad honestly but when you are used to a big house this house would really suffocate you but look who's talking I like in a tiny room at least this one has two bedrooms, kitchen, lounge and a small bathroom. She made tea for us.

Me: "mama I'm so happy to see you, how have you been? Yoh I tried to ask about you but your son almost swallowed me whole" she chuckles shaking her head.

Her: " he is the one who took after his father the most. Stubborn as a mule and a man of his word and he never backs down." She's right about that.

Her: "how is he? How are the twins? I miss them so much" I can only imagine

Me: "everyone is doing well, Eric will be staying with us soon apparently his

parents took off after..uhm..the whole kidnapping thing” I look down and she takes both my hands looking at me.

Her: “ I am sincerely sorry about what I did to you. My son taking away everything from me which was his punishment turned out to be a blessing in disguise. I got to see who my true friends were. I’m happy in this small house of mine, do you know why?” I shake my head no

Her: “ because they have you my daughter. A kind, loving, and forgiving person. I know they are in good hands and the Drake legacy will live on through you.” I tear up I swear these days I cry a lot.

Me: “thank you mama” I hug her. I never had a mother’s love and I feel like I found a mother in her if only her son was

forgiving. I get up to go rinse the tea cups but I feel a little light headed. I try to sit but it's too late it's lights out.

PATRICIA

Oh my gosh, my daughter just fainted I'm panicking I don't know to grab my phone or run outside to tell the bodyguards. I decide on the latter. The bodyguards put her in the back sit I quickly run to lock the door then rush to the car. I take her head and place it on my lap tears streaming down my face. I see her phone ring in my hand I grabbed it when I was locking the house. The name on the screen is written "my love" I already know it's my son and I'm very scared that he will think I did something to Ema. I decide to answer

anyway because I know he won't stop calling soon he'll call the guards.

Me: "h..e..l...l..o" I answer stuttering shit scared of the bold scary voice I gave birth to

Him: "who's this and where's my wife" I take a deep breath

Me: "son it's me Patricia, I ran into Ema at sss... South gate. She insisted on dropping me off I couldn't say no to her we were sitting having tea the next thing I know she fainted. I swear on my late husband your father that I didn't do anything" I say in a shaky voice.

Him: I'll meet you in hospital and you better pray she doesn't lose the baby this time or so help me God " he exhale then hangs up. I didn't even know that she's pregnant that's great oh my gosh I hope the baby is okay. We get to hospital and

they start working on her as soon as I threw the Drake surname. My son walked in with his friends and their wives, the twins were also there throwing daggers at me. I just sat alone in the corner praying that God save my grand child. The doctor came out

Doctor: “ Ema Drake” we all stood up.

Doctor: Mrs Drake is okay and away. She fainted because she didn't eat anything except for snacks which is bad for her condition, she needs to eat at least 6 small portions a day and drink lot of water. Her blood pressure was also slightly high but we managed to bring it down so she must avoid stress at all cost” that last statement caused everyone to look at me, I just looked down. I'll do anything to make sure that she has a healthy

pregnancy even if it means staying away then it's fine with me.

Lisa: " doc can we please see her please"

Doc: "sure right this way" I stayed behind

not sure what to do I don't have any

money on me I didn't take my purse or

even my phone I don't know what to do.

I'm still holding on to her phone I guess I'll

have to wait for them to come out and

give them the phone hopefully they'll

offer me a ride back home.

FURY

I don't know how the hell did Ema end up

with my mother. I'm livid and the fact that

she didn't even have a proper meal just

pisses me off. We walk into to her private

ward. She's sitting upright eating a

sandwich and juice. We lock eyes and

immediately she looks down because she can tell that I'm pissed. Everyone hugs her and congratulate her on the pregnancy. She keeps on looking at the door like she's expecting someone.

I go to her and kiss her forehead. She looks down blushing. She clears her throat.

Ema: "where is mama" I'm tempted to roll my eyes, she's mama now

Me: "i don't know probably went back to the rock she climbed out of" I say trying not to sound less irritated but failing.

Ema: " well I don't care I want her here I will not let you treat her like that. She made a mistake, haven't you punished her enough and I will not bring this child into the world with so much hatred huh and you girls you need to forgive your grandmother too she really regrets it. If I

was able to forgive your father for....” she was shouting and breathing deeply. I think she was about to mention the rape but she came back to her sense. The tension in the room is so thick.

Ema: “ Bradley Drake please get Mama in here before I lose my mind!” I clench my jaws and give her my intimidating look but no my little vixen won’t barge. She holds a stare yoh I guess this pregnancy gave her courage i see.

“you don’t talk to be like that again do you understand? Rest assured you will get punished for your little tantrum, understand?” she nods looking shit scared no miss brave is no more. “words Ema”

Ema: “ yes I understand but I still want mama in here” I give up, Juan and beast chuckled I got up pissed as hell and went

out the door. I found Patricia in the waiting room.

Me: “what are you up to?” she looked scared, am I such an animal but he hurt my woman and killed my child. She chose Gerald over me instead of being there for me. Gerald turned out like a spoilt brat who thought the world owed him, but mother Teresa has spoken.

Pat: “ I know you don't trust me and I am to blame for that please forgive me son. I know it's not an excuse but when Gerald was 5 years old I decided to go grocery shopping for a few items that I needed in the house. Your father was at work so I had to go myself back then life was tough we didn't have the luxury of helpers. I never told anyone this not even your father but I lost Gerald I let go of his hand to reach for something at the top shelf

within a split second he was nowhere to be found I looked everywhere where with no luck. I alerted the security mind you I was pregnant with you then about 8 months. I started experimenting pains but I ignored them in my mind I couldn't afford to rush to hosting when I don't know where my other son is. My water broke but I still ignored the labour pains I was still looking everywhere the pain was unbearable I decided to sit on a chair I cried so hard then I started speaking to you pleading for you to hold on. To be a strong little boy and wait till I found your brother. It was like you were listening because after that talk everything became quite. The labour pains seized. I got up and searched until I found him under a till at another shop I even forgot the name. His hands, and feet were tied

and he had a gag on his mouth. It was clear that someone wanted to kidnap him but failed because everyone at that mall was going around looking for him. As soon as he saw me he cried and kept saying “mommy you let go of me” guilt ate me up and I think that’s why from then on I babied him so much, too much I didn’t realise I was destroying him. He saw how overprotective I was of him and he used that guilt to manipulate me. I am sorry for my careless mistakes that they caused you a son” she was a crying mess I really felt sorry for her and partly I now understand where she’s coming from. All the anger I had for her just melted.

Me: “so what happened to me? Did I stay another month in your womb” I’m curious. She smiles faintly

Pat: “from the mall I went straight to the hospital I called your father to meet us there. As soon as I set my feet at the hospital the contractions came back fast at hard. It took me 30 minutes of pushing you came out screaming in a coarse voice, the doctors were so shocked to see a baby with such a huge voice. You had a mean temper even as a baby your frown lines were visible. I watched you grow into a strong baby who took no shit from anyone. You were so focused and driven. You started walking at 8 months, started reading books at the age of 5 we read the same novels. At 15 you already were in matric. I never babied you because you already had it all under control at least I thought”

Me: “ I loved my brother so much, I worked so hard at school but things were

so bad at home, dad had to stop working because his health was deteriorating. My brother was the only one working but he was earning peanuts I remember how bad things were that's when I decided to turn to crime. At the age of 20 I was the biggest supplier of drugs and I was known and feared at only 20. I made sure you were all taken care of bought you the biggest house, helpers, cars I made sure you never lacked anything. Even Gerald drove the best cars I financed his luxury lifestyle. I was always working hard just for you to see me and be proud of me, but Gerald betrayed me in the most cruel way. If it was any man I would have maybe tried to forgive her. I lost my wife and my brother in one night. When my daughter told me I couldn't believe it. What pisses me off is the fact that he

never even said I am sorry not even once. You on the other hand took his side and blamed me for their affair. How I never had time for my wife but what about Gerald me having time for him meant that he won't fuck my wife?" we sat there in silence until she got up and came to me she hugged me so tight we broke the hug

Me: " your daughter in-law is breathing fire in there she demands to see you or she will not bring this baby into the world, she just found out about the pregnancy and already she is using it to get her way" I say shaking my head. Patricia laughs throwing her head back. I opened the door and got inside with my mother following behind, Ema smiled and indicated for my mum to come to her and they hugged they were both crying hai

women and crying it's a mystery where do they get all these tears from.

NTHATISI

4 months later

I am now 6 months pregnant Eric did come to live with us and he is such a delight very respectful and sweet. It's my last day at work so Kea organised a small high tea party. It's just my friends, the twins and my mother in law.

Nono: " this pregnancy suits you girl you are glowing except for the nose haikhona it looks so big and shiny" I start tearing up how can she say that about my nose. I ask to be excused to go to the ladies room. I hear them scold her when I leave mxm I take out me phone and call Fury it rings

unanswered, I try again then he answered
out of breath like he is running

Him: “baby” I start crying

Him: “baby what’s wrong now my angel”
you can’t miss the panic in his voice

Me: “ nolwazi says my nose is too big and
oily” I say crying even louder

Him: “ baby your nose is beautiful and it
shows that you are carrying our miracle
baby she is just jealous that when she
was pregnant she didn’t look half as good
as you she’s just jealous baby okay” I just
smile like a retard “words sweetheart”

Me: “okay daddy” he chuckles

Him: “ call me daddy one more time and
I’ll fuck you senseless tonight” I close my
eyes and cross my legs damn what is this
man doing to me

Me: “ daddy” I say then I hear him
breathe loudly

Him: “ you asked for it baby I’m going to rip that pussy up” shit I’m so horny now

I have a wedding planner her name is Gwen I’m getting some weird vibes but she comes highly recommended. I want a small intimate wedding. The wedding is in two weeks time. I am so excited. I asked masego to be my maid of honour she was so excited she tells everyone who will listen about being a maid of honour to her rich friend. I’m tired of explaining to her that I’m not rich okay well I’ll be rich once I say I do. Kea Nono and Noma will be my bride maids. Fury chose Malcolm to be his best man. My mother in law has been so supportive, our relationship has grown so much, I can safely say I have a mother in her. Her relationship with Fury has improved as well, he even moved her

to her big house and gave her back everything he took from her. We are meeting with the wedding planner just for the final touch ups.

We are having a rehearsal dinner at the four seasons hotel in parkhurst hai white people and wasting money rehearsal for what?

The table is nicely set and the food is to die for, I'm will also be having my wedding here. I just love the chapel it's nice and cosy.

Masego: "attention please" she says causing everyone to look at her, she clears her throat

Masego: "good evening everyone hehehe I'd like to make a toast to my rich friend, she always corrects me when I call her that giving me a speech about being

humble and blah blah blah, chomi accept it you are rich and you are marrying a white Patrick motsepe so own it hau. When we first met I thought you were lesbian I mean our male customers and colleagues were crazy over your beautiful freckle face. You perfect hour glass figure she would ignore them like a plague but here comes mlungu jiki jiki it's furi this furi that" I died with laughter at how she pronounces Fury's name, everyone is in stitches

Masego: "but one thing for sure no one deserves to be happy and loved like her, she is so hard working that when she was off it would be a total disaster without her. I would tell her I don't have rent money and she would sacrifice her tips for the week just to make sure I have enough money to pay rent. Nthatisi is a

rare kind of woman and abuti Bradley treat her like the queen she is or you will have me to deal with. Chomi make sure you feed the money snake and I promise you will never lack cheers to my rich friend here here” everyone was laughing but I noticed Gwen rolling her eyes then faked a smile when she noticed I was looking at her. There’s something offish about her. Everyone wished us well in their speeches it was just wonderful. Everyone was now getting tipsy except for me I was drinking juice all along. I asked the waitress to bring me a bottle of still water then Gwen stood up and followed her. Moments later she came back and sat down. The waitress came back with the bottle of water she placed it on the table she was about to open the bottle but mother refused and said we will open

it ourselves. She took the bottle and showed me that it was not sealed. She then stood up and called the waitress who served me that bottle.

Pat: “ what’s inside this water?” she asked half shouting causing everyone to pay attention to her. The waitress looked terrified

Waitress: “mam I don’t know what you’re talking about” she said in a shaky voice

Pat: “ in that case you won’t mind drinking the water right” she says pouring the water into the glass handing it to her but she shook her head a couple of times moving backwards

Fury: “ who send you?” oh my gosh could someone really want to poison me. The girl pointed at Gwen with a shaky finger. Malcolm swiftly grabbed Gwen’s arm by force causing her to scream in pain.

Fury: “ Malcolm take her to the warehouse now” he roars. He drags her “stop!” I shouted

Fury: “ sweetheart this is not the time to play mother Teresa” I ignored him and went to Gwen. I looked at her square in the eyes and slapped her so hard this bitch ruined my rehearsal dinner.

Me: “ why bitch?” I asked her pissed “yes mother Teresa” that’s masego shouting hai I give up with this girl. Yoh then Gwen started laughing like she is possessed “tjo thusang satan fire fire fire” that’s Masego again causing Kea to burst out laughing

Gwen: “ Bradley Drake you don’t remember me do you? We went to the same university you slept with me then left me at the hotel with money and a note. I was so in love with you but you just took my virginity like it was nothing. I

never got over you I even changed my appearance to look more like your ex wife thinking that is what you are attracted to. But now you went native how the hell do I compete with that . She doesn't deserve you, I do. She is not your type baby you and I could make a great power couple I wanted to kill her and remove her out of the way so that you and I could be together” wow I think I heard enough.

“Malcom take her out of my sight” after they left the mood was sombre all I wanted was a good fuck and sleep. I whispered Thank you to my mother in law. She hugged me and Fury came and joined the hug

Fury: “ thanks mom”

Pat: “did he just call me mom” she asked laughing

Pat: “ I could get used to that”

Fury: “ don’t push it moooooom” he sang the word mom causing us to have a fit of laughter. I’m glad we were almost done with the preparations

CHAPTER 6

Season finale

Wedding day

FURY

This day has finally arrived when I make the love of my life my wedded wife. I only had 2 hours of sleep because of the bachelor party wild. The guys went all out and made it the best ever. There were sexy strippers and one even tried to get with me but I stopped real quick and in a hurry, nothing compares to my sexy pregnant goddess. I’m in my hotel room getting ready. I went classic in a black

Valentino fitted tuxedo crisp white shirt.

Malcolm comes in to fix my tie

Malcolm: “are you ready boss” I smile at him and nod

Malcolm: “words Fury” I burst out laughing yeah yeah

Me: “let’s do this” my mother walks into the room looking beautiful in a pink flowy chiffon Gucci dress.

Mom: “malcom can you please give us a moment alone with my son” Malcolm walks out I guess it’s one of those pep talks before the wedding time.

Mom: “Brad I’m so proud of you and the man you have become. We both know that Ema is a good woman, she has been through a lot but she still smiles and loves wholeheartedly. I need you to take care of her for me. Even if I can die right now I will die a happy woman. I don’t see her

like my daughter in-law but she is my daughter. I miss my husband so much” she says looking sad.

Me: “ thanks mom, and don’t talk about dying and missing dad we still need you I know Ema loves you so much that I sometimes think she loves you more” I say jokingly trying to lighten the mood

Mom: “ I would believe you if I was the one making her scream” no she didn’t I chuckle. I get up and help her up, she fixes my tie again kisses my cheek

Mom: “i love you son” with that she walked out I look at myself in the mirror one more time then walk out finding my grooms men waiting for me at the bar they all look great in their tux. We make our way to the chapel. The setting is beautiful with fresh flowers some are flown from directly from Thailand. I stand

at the alter waiting for the love of my life. I'm so nervous but excited at the same time. Eric walks in with Nono's daughter throwing confetti and pulling a mini Lamborghini toy car that has the rings inside. The bride maids make their way in wearing rosé gold chiffon dresses and matching heels. I look at my grooms men looking at their wives all I see is the love in their eyes. H.e.r and a live band starts playing. I had to pay a lot of money to get her to come perform at our wedding no pun intended. It will be all worth it when I see the look on Ema's face. She is a fan. Everybody gets up my heart starts pounding this is really it.

NTHATISI

I'm sitting in front of the mirror not believing that this is me. I am going to be someone's wife not just someone but the man of my dreams. Okay scratch that even in my wildest dreams I wouldn't have pictured him. He is tall, buff, reaped with tattoos on his back and left sleeve. He has the most striking blue eyes. Thick black hair you'd swear he is Italian but he is not as tan as the Italians. He has a sexy temper. Beautiful frown lines I've ever seen. Did I mention his voice but those are just the extras that God threw in just to make me happy other than that he is a loving, compassionate, kind man. The way he loves me is beautiful. I can't believe I get to spend the rest of my life with that man I just can't believe that God loves me so so much that he gave me the Drake family to look after. The door opens

and my mother walks in looking so beautiful kanti isn't this woman over 60? She doesn't look a day over 50.

Me: "mama" I say getting up with my big belly. I'm now 7 months. I'm wearing a lace mermaid dress with a long trail at the back. I installed a full frontal weave styled into a beautiful updo hairstyle. My make up is light with a smoky eye and nude lipstick making sure my signature freckles are visible.

Pat: " please wear this today. My mother and her mother before that wore it on their wedding day. These charms pendants have different meanings to help you navigate your life. The dolphin represents purity and wisdom. Dolphins are believed to be the friendliest and smartest animals in the sea. The quarter moon represents hope that even in

darkness there's always a little light only if you look up. The shoe represents empathy darling always put yourself in your husband's shoe only then you will empathise with him. The cross represents faith dear always believe that God is the foundation of your marriage invite him in to all your decisions and I promise your marriage will flourish. Lastly the bird represents peace and harmony. A husband always comes home to a peaceful home no matter how much hoes can throw themselves at him but he will always choose you where he finds peace. I was suppose to give this to Sheila on her wedding day so that she can pass it on too but something stopped me from doing that. I just couldn't see myself letting it go. I then told myself maybe I was meant to give it to Gerald's wife but

no it has always meant to be yours. It feels right giving this to you. You look so beautiful my daughter. Please take care of the Drake legacy my child. Don't let anyone change you. You have the purest heart I've ever seen. Even if I can die I will die a happy woman. I am content. Take care of each other and my grandson." She says putting a beautiful charm bracelet on my left hand. It's silve with tiny blue diamonds on each charm. I guess it covers the something blue and the something old part.

Me: "mama stop making me cry I'll ruin my make up and your son will leave me at the alter" I say trying to lighten the mood "and mama stop talking like you are dying I still need to pop 3 more kids and you still need to be their glam'ma"

Pat: “Brad leave you at the alter never have you seen how that man drools over you when you’re not even looking. I always see him trying to hide a Boner everything he sees you doing simple things like taking out the trash or stirring a pot mxm forget it that man breathes for you.” I blush. Masego comes rushing in loud as usual

Masego: “my rich friend let’s go phela, why didn’t you tell me that the journalists will be here yoh mara friend you put me on the map. I see myself on Forbes magazine headlines masego medupe dinning with the rich and famous he he he! My friend. You are gorgeous shame that dress you can tell that Alexander McQueen had you in mind when he was designing it. Let’s go before your man faints. I hugged them both then mama

whispered in my ear I love you i mouthed I love you too then we made our way to the chapel. They went in then I stood on the door for a little while then I opened as soon as I walked in everyone turned to look at me. I hear best part by H.E.R playing the person singing it sounds exactly like her excuse the pun lol as I walk further in I realize that it's really her. I can't believe this oh my gosh. I look over at my husband to be he is grinning like an idiot very proud of himself for the surprise he pulled off. Now I believe Masego I truly am her rich friend. I look up and smile before stepping on to the alter. Fury comes to help me up then we stand side by side looking at the Pastor. The music stops then the Pastor begins Pastor: "dear beloveds we are gathered here in to join Bradley Drake and Nthatsi

Emerald Mofokeng in holy matrimony, now the couple has written their own vows but before that if there is anyone here who feels this couple should not be wedded speak now or forever hold your peace” he paused for a moment in the meantime I was praying that Sheila doesn’t stop my wedding phela you can never know with that one.

Pastor: “ okay since there are no objections we can proceed. Please face one another now say your vows and mean them.” He says so we face each and hold each other’s hands

Him: “ Nthathisi Emerald Mofokeng you look breathtakingly beautiful I love you, I love you boldly and proudly without any fear or doubt. You came into my heart like a wrecking Ball breaking down all the walls I have put up. I had already made

peace that love is not for someone like me but you came and took full ownership of my heart so effortlessly. I'm not perfect I made a lot of mistakes in my life but the fact that good still found me worthy of your heart it's just mind blowing. So today in front of the world sweetheart! I pledge myself to you, I promise to love you and only you as the woman in my heart and in my home, I promise to put you first in everything I do, I promise to be faithful and honest to you. I promise to protect you and provide for you always. I promise to love you even when I don't like you at that moment. I promise to satisfy you in everyway to the best of my ability and my love I promise to die where you die" I'm a crying mess he keeps on wiping my tears. He slid a ring on my finger. Now it's my turn

Me: “ Bradley Drake where do I begin” I put my mic on my chest and just sob wish these hormones who am I kidding his voice opened the flood gates of tears. Masego wipes my tears “girl relaxer you look like a cloud now with a red nose hai, ausi wa make up come” masego says causing me to laugh Fury keeps on looking up to stop his tears from coming out. I breathe in and out again before continuing

Me: “when I was 9 years old I watched my father get killed brutally, I then stayed two days with my mother’s body hanging from a ceiling. I was 10 years old within a space of a year I went from being the only child who was loved and spoiled to being an orphan who had no one. I went to live with my aunt whom I doubt that we are truly related because she treated me so

badly. She denied me going to school and I become a slave. Later she decided to sell me off to a man old enough to be my grandfather so that I can be his fourth wife. So I decided to run away. I came to Joburg with no family, no education, no plan whatsoever with everything that was happening I didn't have time to feel sorry for myself I just soldiered on. I'm telling you all this because I want you to see where God took me from. I was staying in a tiny one room, I had everything I needed to survive I was truly not bothered but there was one thing I longed for with all my heart and that was family, love, friendship. Isaiah 60 v22 says when the time is right I the lord will make it happen. Bradley you came at the right time. You swept me off my feet and I'm floating on air, that care free happiness I

felt when I was a child with my parents I feel it with you everyday. I love you so much my love flaws and all you are perfect for me. With you I don't have to wonder or question your love and loyalty because you love me so loudly and openly. So my love I promise to love you all my life and even in the after life. I promise to be your biggest cheerleader and a good listener even when you talking about your medical things that I don't understand. I promise to love your kids and raise them in a warm loving home. I promise to learn your love languages and I also promise to die where you die but mostly I promise to live for you" I say putting a wedding band on his finger. Mr men don't cry is pink he is crying too and I'm busy wiping his tears too.

At the moment the whole world faded it's just me and him looking deep into each other's soul

Pastor: with the power vested in me I know pronounce you Mr and Mrs Drake you may seal it with a kiss.

We kissed slowly, emotionally and we poured our hearts into that kiss.

Let me reintroduce myself ladies and gentlemen my name is Nthatisi Emerald Drake

RECEPTION

Narrated

The bride and groom are slowly dancing on the dance floor looking at each other's eyes. Mrs Drake looks stunning in her

dress with her bump shaped beautifully. Patricia is sitting on the table close to where the bride and groom are dancing. She is looking at them with so much love and pride. She remembers her wedding day. She was also pregnant with Gerard but she was 5 months pregnant. She looks at her son who has the biggest smile she has ever seen. Not even when he was graduating did he have such a smile, not even when he was getting married to Sheila did he have such a smile not even when the twins were born did he have such a smile. She thinks to herself how she almost ruined everything. While smiling and admiring the couple something catches her eye. A person holding a gun in hand wearing gloves pointing straight at Ema who has her back turned to the gun man oblivious to what

is happening behind her. Without a split second Patricia jumps In front of Nthatisi taking 3 bullets meant for Nthatisi. The guards rush to the gun man and apprehend him while Nthatisi falls but Fury is quiet to catch her. Patricia is lying in a pool of blood everyone is screaming. There is chaos. Malcolm rushes to Patricia to check her pulse. He looks at Fury shaking his head which confirms that his mother is no more.

NTHATISI: Her Journey two
By Thandi Moagi

One year later

It's been a year since I lost my mother in law. Honestly speaking it was very hard to accept her death. What was supposed to

be the happiest day of my life turned out to be the worst day. Patricia was in deed declared dead on the scene, I on the other slipped into a coma which was very unusual because I was not shot I just fainted then apparently went into deep sleep. My body was still functional all my organs were fully operational and my son was growing well while I on the other hand slept for two months. They had to bury mama in my absence which was very painful for me. When I woke up from my coma I had no time to mourn because two days later my son was born. The labour pains lasted only 30 minutes then boom I'm a mother of a beautiful baby boy. A true example of a life for a life stru. We decided to name him after his father Bradley Drake jr which was a mistake if you ask me because masego keeps calling

my son B J which doesn't sit well with me and the words blow job comes to people's minds every time she says B J. My son is now 10 months old. He is such a happy soul with big blue eyes and the frown lines like his father, don't get me started on his temper but he is his father's son through and through. My husband has changed a lot and not for the good unfortunately. He is hardly home and when he is home he just locks himself up in his study. We haven't made love since before the wedding and the question I fear to ask myself is if he is not getting any from me then where is he getting it from? I hate to think like that because it would hurt me so much. Sometimes I think that he blames me for the death of his mother. Not because she took bullets meant for me but because

the shooter confessed that he was sent by Ntate Lefube the old man my aunt wanted to sell me to. Four months ago news about his death made headlines. "THE BRUTAL KILLING OF THE FREE STATE TYCOON SHOCKS MZANSI" according to the article I read. His head was missing, all his family members were killed including his dogs and cats nothing was left behind then all his businesses were burnt to the ground. As much as I know I didn't marry a saint, I refuse to believe that he is that ruthless to wipe out a man's entire generation just to avenge his mom. It can't be him and yet it can't be a coincidence right? Hai I don't even want to think about it. I asked Mme Johanna to look after the kids. I am planning on going to Fury's office and ride him senseless then I want us to talk and fix things. I put

on lingerie, a summer trench coat and 6 inch heels not forgetting a ruby red 30 inch Brazilian wig. I looked at myself in the mirror and I must admit I look scrumptious delicious and if that man doesn't devour me then Shem I'm going back home to rusty dusty to find the tswana korobela because wow I'm flames. I finish my look with red matte lipstick.

I greet the receptionist making my way to his office. The door is slightly open and I hear people talking so I decide to eavesdrop.

Woman: " have you told your wife about us? Amy needs her father too it's not fair that she gets to see you once a week and we always have to come to your place of work. Tell your wife I don't understand

why are you are so afraid of her” my ears must be deceiving me it can't be.

Fury: “ Amanda don't test me. Don't I provide for the both of you? What more do you want. You opening your legs for a married man doesn't give you the right to talk about his wife.” Wow I was right he is getting it from someone else that's why he doesn't touch me anymore

Woman: “ where was your wife when you buried yourself inside my cunt every night? You came back for more over and over again, so your wife wakes up from her slumber then suddenly I'm not good enough for you? I will not be used by you then be discarded like a used pad.

Never!” I think I heard enough so I decide to push the door and walk in. I see Fury's eyes pop. Fury is sitting behind his desk while the blond white woman is sitting on

the couch with a baby stroller by her side. It looks like the baby is sleeping. I look at my cheating husband then I look at the woman I stretch out my hand towards her.

Me: “ hi I’m Nthatisi Drake and you are?”

The woman looks at my hand first and reaches for a hand shake

Her: “ I am Amanda Jones”

Me: “ Bradley Drake I love you” he tries to interrupt me but I stop him using my hand.

Me: “ I will speak and you will listen. I’m so sorry I fainted on our wedding day. I am so sorry that I couldn’t wake up and fulfil my duties to you as a wife. Two years ago when you met me I was a naive lonely 29 year old girl. After you took my innocence the way you did I stayed when I should have left. When mama

orchestrated my kidnapping I should have left but I stayed, when your ex wife tied me up to a chair, beat me up and when your brother tried to rape me I should have left but I stayed. Now I am a woman thanks to you and my son I know my worth. You know the pain of betrayal, of being cheated on and it made you a monster which I suffered the consequences of your wives betrayal. My love I will not make the same mistake and be a bitter woman trust me I won't stay. I won't stay in situations where I should leave ever again. I'm sorry I disturbed your family moment. This marriage is over." I turn on my heels swaying my hips side to side my ass slightly bigger than before thanks to Jr I feel their eyes on me but I don't dare turn because I don't want them to see how broken I am. I shut the

door and walk out. I see the receptionist looking at me with pity. I keep on chanting “ do not cry, do not break down” until I get inside the car then I let it all out. It’s days like this I wish I had a mother.

FURY!

I am still glued to the seat. My worst nightmare has come to life. She is leaving me, her words hit me hard. I don’t love Amanda not even a little bit. After I buried my mother, I was not coping so much so that I asked beast and Juan to deal with the Lefube issue. I met Amanda at the club two days after the funeral. I was a mess not so much for losing my mother because I believe she knew she was going to die according to her last words to me and I was grateful that she

saved my wife because losing her would have meant me killing myself. I was a mess because of my wife's condition. I flew in different specialists but no one could understand what was happening. There was no medical explanation for her coma. The fear of losing her was suffocating me. I decided to go out drinking. I meant to fuck Amanda just once but with each day that passed by my wife still in that condition I went back over and over again just to escape my reality but the day my wife woke up I was so happy I decided to meet up with Amanda and tell her that we must stop our affair. I figured it will be easy because she knew the nature of our relationship but she dropped a bomb on me, telling me that she is pregnant my whole world came caving in on me. I always used

protection but the first time I was drunk I don't remember using it. I asked her to do a paternity test as soon as she gives birth. She did do the tests and she's mine which was pointless because the baby came out looking like me blue eyes and black thick hair. I couldn't face my wife. I would wake up early come back late just to avoid her. Guilt was surely eating me up slowly not knowing what to do, I couldn't make love to her in that state of mind. I would surely fuck her like a sadist I didn't want to put her through that again. Beast and Juan were very disappointed in me and even advised me to come clean to her but I couldn't. I couldn't break her like that. But truth is the moment I gave another woman what solely belonged to her while she was fighting for her life....was the day I lost her but she can't

leave me. doesn't she know I breathe for her. I am nothing without her. God what have I done. I'm brought back from my thoughts by the voice of Amanda.

Amanda: " baby the truth is out now, we can be a family you, Amy and I could be a proper family. You can offer her a good settlement. Baby you and I are perfect for each other if you loved her you wouldn't have been with me" this woman is vomiting nonsense now

Me: " baby? Amanda I need you to listen to me very carefully because I hate repeating myself. We are not good together and we will never be, did you take a good look at my wife? Then you tell me about looking good together with all those Botox injections and face lifts you do, you don't come close to Ema. Oh and don't flatter yourself I didn't come back to

your pussy because it's better than my wife's, no. You were an easy lay something to take out my frustrations on. Even if my wife would really divorce me I wouldn't date you. I made it clear that I don't love you. I could kill you now and I won't even feel a thing so stay in your lane and be a good mother to Amy because the last woman who messed with my wife ended up someone's whore in Russia and her son is being raised by my woman as we speak so be warned Amanda. Do I make myself clear?" She nods "words bitch"

Her: " yes I understand" I go kiss my sleeping daughter on the forehead then turn to face her "now get the fuck out of here and wait for my call" she nods and leaves the office. I need to sit my wife

down and explain myself I can't lose that woman no I just can't.

AMANDA

My name is Amanda Jones, I am 35 years of age and I am a teacher by profession. I teach at st Andrews in Bedfordview. I used to teach Bradley's girls a few years ago. I always had a crush on him I mean the guy looks like a Greek god and he is super rich. When I read about his divorce I was ecstatic I started going to the events he mostly was spotted at but the guy never gave me the light of day until I gave up. I heard he was marrying some black woman I just couldn't believe it. Then one night I decided to go out and look for a great fuck at the club with my best friend Ariel. Then boom! There he was, Bradley

Drake in the flash looking distraught and broken. I knew there and then that this was my opportunity. That night he was drunk but he fucked me so good ladies and gentlemen Bradley Drake is not only a Greek god but he is a sex god too. The next day he told me that he loves his wife and he just made a mistake. I thought I would never see him again only to find him waiting for me at the parking lot outside my apartment building two days later. It broke my heart that he would fuck me doggy style each time, no kissing or even touching, no cuddling after sex and no facing him. Every time he would remind me that we are just fucking. A couple of weeks into this arrangement I struck gold when I found out I was pregnant. I thought for sure that the pregnancy would bring us closer but boy

was I wrong. He made me sign a non disclosure agreement and also demanded a paternity test done. When the results proved that Amy is his daughter he sent me 5 million rand and told me it was for the upkeep of his daughter, he doesn't want me to bother him about the baby needing this and that. Amy is now 6 weeks old but he called us only 2 times to come to his work place. Today being the third time. I've heard rumours of his wife's beauty and for once the rumours were spot on. That woman looks like a Nubian Queen. Her skin tone is like Caramel dipped in honey and don't get me started on her body. I know I sound lesbian now but you would understand if you see her too. What Fury said about me not even being in her level really hurt me I won't lie but I know for sure that lady is

hurt and she will leave him and I will be with him Botox injections or not we will be a family. I arrive at my flat and find my friend Ariel waiting for me with a bottle of wine and flowers.

Ariel: “ hello friend, you sounded offish earlier when I called you so I came to cheer you up.” I open the door and walk in with her on my tail.

Me: “the wife knows about Amy and the affair. She threatened divorce.” I tell her throwing myself on the couch.

Ariel: “ shouldn’t you be happy? Why the long face now this means that you two can be a family” I sigh

Me: “ that woman has Rihanna’s eye colour, Beyonce’s body, j-low’s skin tone, Jullian Moore’s freckles, Megan good’s lips and Bradley’s heart. I’m telling you

Arial that woman is perfect I'd do her if I was lesbian" I sighed

Her: " well she might be all of that but you have a child with that man and he must feel something for you because he kept coming back for more." She says. I decide to keep quiet because I wasn't about to tell her that I've never actually kissed the man or even looked into his eyes while making love. Or how he insulted me.

NTHATISI

I am in Hyde park at Kea's boutique. I'm chilling with Kea and Nono. We are sipping on wine talking about random things. They have been avoiding me for a while now I just assumed that they were

too busy but now I think it's because they knew about my dick of a husband.

Me: "you knew didn't you?"

Nono: "oh my god sweetheart we are so sorry we didn't tell you but it was not really our place" wow if this is friendship then I'm fine on my own. I nod and sip on my wine. I clear my throat

Me: "it's okay I understand anyway the main reason I came here is to talk to you Kea about getting my job back if it is still available" she seems surprised

Kea: "I thought you decided to be a stay at home mom" I sigh loudly

Me: "That was the initial plan before I found out that my soon to be ex husband has another family." Their eyes pop

Nono: "You can't be seriously thinking of divorce Ema that man loves you, I am definitely not saying what he did was right

or you should forgive him, all I'm saying is that take your time before talking divorce." I shake my head

Me: "I will not stay in a relationship where trust is broken. Do you know why I forgave him when he violated me? I stayed because I understood his pain, how he felt incompetent or inferior to his brother. How the mother of his children betrayed him in the worst possible way. I felt his pain. Now for him to go do the very same thing to me and choose to stay when he himself couldn't stay it would mean I lack self love if I continue in this marriage when him my very first boyfriend who taught me about love left. Anyway I need to stand on my feet. Work for my children." I say sipping on the wine. Things are awkward now but I don't care.

Kea: “Well it’s a good thing you came today because I put up an ad for the assistant manager post and store manager post today. I want to focus on my family so I won’t be coming into the shop as often as I did before. The store manager post is yours then you can conduct interviews to choose your assistant.” I beam doing the happy dance. I have enough money saved up to get myself a driver’s license and a car because while I was working here I never used my salary since Fury gave me a black card. Now I want a fresh start and a simple life.

Nono: “about the apartment, Juan has a townhouse around here in craighall park to be precise which is 10 minutes away from this place. We can rent it out to you at an affordable price.” This is truly a sign

from God that I'm making the right decision.

Me: "Thank you very much may God bless you and please compile a lease agreement I'd like to move in end of this month if its possible"

Nono: "You can move in anytime actually the house is vacant but first we can go view it and see if you like it"

Me: "girl please! I was renting in a tiny room I'm sure I would love anything that's bigger than that room." We continue chatting and looking for day care centres around for Jr and a school for Eric if Fury allows me to take him with me. I love him like my own him and Jr are my kids.

FURY

I am in my study thinking about my life and where it all went wrong. I feel like I'm outside of my body and I'm watching as my life falls apart and the sad truth is I don't know how to fix it. Ema does not talk to me at all. She is back to being mute but the difference is that I'm am the only one on the receiving end of her silence. She doesn't dish up for me at all and if I sit on the dining table she gets up and leaves. If I enter any room in the house she exists. If I cook she doesn't eat. She sleeps in the guest room and she no longer does my laundry it's back to Johanna doing it for me. Sigh! She is making me sweat. As I am busy thinking I receive a call from Juan.

Phone convo!!!!

Me: sure man!

Him: “ hey man how’s things?” I sigh loudly

Him: “That bad huh?”

Me: “dude Ema hates me, she doesn’t talk to at all it’s like I don’t exist anymore, you know I want her to scream at me or shout at me not this silent treatment.”

Him: “well I am sorry to be the bearer of bad news but Nono just told me that your wife wants to rent my town house in craighall park and is planning to move in month end.” My heart almost stopped beating. I felt my tears flow freely on my cheeks. I Just hung up and did something I never thought I would ever do in my life, I went down on my knees and prayed.

I must have dosed of in the study I am woken by Eric shouting laughing. I go downstairs stairs I see Ema busy in the

kitchen while Eric is playing with Jr in in the lounge. I go to them play with them a bit then I went to the kitchen. She was about to do what she usually does which is leave as soon as I enter a room but I gently grabbed her arm.

Me: “can I have a moment of your time please. I will do the talking all you have to do is just listened then I promise I will never bother you again.” She sighs then nods I clear my throat

Me: “ I made a mistake, a huge mistake that caused me the love of my life and I have no one to blame but myself. I noticed that I don’t know how to deal with stressful situations, when I found out about my brother and my ex wife’s betrayal I went into a dark place, I started drinking heavily and went on dangerous missions because I was hoping that I

would get shot and die. I guess I didn't have it in me to take my own life. That's when I met Patrick and Juan we met in Germany and I put my life at risk saving both of them in a deal gone wrong. They thought I was brave and fearless they didn't know that I was on a suicide mission. I had no bullet proof vest I went in guns blazing it was just me alone having a shoot out between over 30 men but not even one bullet touched me not even a flash wound nothing. I thought to myself that even death rejected me I must really be cursed. I eventually healed or I thought I did until that day I violated you. Now when you were in hospital I was so scared of losing you. I couldn't sleep because I had a recurring nightmare... I would dream that I walk into your ward and I hear a doctor shout "time of

death!” I would wake up sweating and crying. I went on a drinking spree but no matter how much I drank the night mares never stopped. That’s when I met Amanda. I slept with her and the next morning I was consumed with guilt so I told her to fuck off and never contact me again. That night the night mare changed and now in this dream you woke up and found out about Amanda. You threatened to file for divorce. When I woke up from that dream I was so happy that even though you found about Amanda at least you woke up and that gave me hope. I was in a good mood the whole day after having that dream, the following night the nightmare of the doctor declaring you dead returned again, baby I was so foolish because I decided to go back to Amanda, at least after sleeping with her the

nightmare changes into me seeing your beautiful face again even if it meant seeing you threaten divorce then it's better than you dying. Because I couldn't handle giving another woman what was meant to be yours alone I would put earphones tell her not to face me, then I would fuck her. There was no kissing no touching no cuddling, nothing. So that's how the nightmares of you dying stopped and in came the nightmares of you leaving me. When you woke up from the coma I was so happy and days later the birth of our son was the cherry on top So I decided to go to Amanda and tell her never to contact me again because you were awake. I assumed it would be an easy departure because I was clear about my intentions from the beginning but then she told me she's pregnant. I felt my

lungs deflate. I used a condom all the time until I remembered the first time I slept with her I was intoxicated. Guilt ate me up now I was afraid to come clean about the pregnancy on the other hand I didn't want to touch you until I dealt with this situation. I know I am an animal when I'm angry and trust me I was angry at myself for being so weak. I swear Ema I love you and only you. Since you woke up I haven't touched any woman including Amanda. I am not going to ask you to forgive me when I couldn't forgive Sheila and Gerald. I won't ask you not to divorce me for breaking your trust when I divorced Sheila for breaking my trust. I will respect any decision you make even if it is you leaving me. I love you and I set you free I won't fight you." I kissed her forehead and left her there, went to my

study shut the door and cried so much, good thing my study is soundproof. I asked God to bring her back to me, that's all I asked for. I did feel lighter after telling Ema the truth and I meant every word I will not stand in her way.

MELANIE

Lisa and I are going home this weekend because Ema asked to talk to us. It sounded serious my heart started beating fast. What if she told my dad about Malcolm and I? I decide to call Malcolm.

Phone convo

Him: babe

Me: "baby Ema summoned us home this coming weekend it sounds serious, do you think perhaps she told my father about us?" he's silent for a little while

Me: “babe are you still there?”

Him: “ no it’s not about us so relax” okay that’s strange

Me: how do you know or perhaps you know something I don’t?

Him: “ it’s not my place to tell you so just come over on weekend and hear what Ema wants to talk to you two about, look babe I have to go I have a meeting with your father in a few minutes. Bye I love you” he hung up before I could even answer him, sigh! Something is seriously up and I don’t have a good feeling about this.

my relationship with Malcolm has been going great, he is really a kind and loving man who treats me like a queen. We agreed to wait to pop the cherry at least until I am 21 which will be in about 9 months time and I can’t wait. The other

obstacle in our way is my father, I know that man would kill Malcolm and bury him where no one would find him, I can only hope and pray that he doesn't find out.

NTHATISI

I always hear people say love hurts, love is a losing game, love is overrated, love is a game that fools play, love is blind. The bible says God is love so if that's the case then people should replace the word "love" with the name "God" for example: God hurts, God is overrated. Then they will see that there is absolutely nothing wrong with love/God. People are the ones that hurt each other then blame it

on love, love is beautiful and I still believe very much in love, Fury got hurt and he also hurt me, who knows that I too will hurt someone else but what I will not do is blame love and God for anything that goes wrong in my life. Today is Saturday and I invited the twins over so that I can break the news to them about the upcoming divorce so yes I've decided to divorce Fury. Tomorrow I am moving out with Jr but we agreed that Eric will stay here because of his school is close by and Mme Johanna will be able to look after him when he comes back from school. Fury enters the kitchen carrying the sleepy Jr in his arms. He is surprisingly taking this breakup better than I thought he would. who knows maybe he plans on moving on with Amanda and their baby.

Fury: “ I still wish you would reconsider your decision not to take a bodyguard or a car with you. I have a lot of enemies and I would sleep better knowing that you are safe.”

Me: “ I’ll take my chances” he sighs looking defeated. A car pulles up, Mel and Lisa walk in screaming

Mel: “ good morning rents!”

Lisa: oh my gosh look at Jr looking so cute” they hug both of us.

Me: “ I thought you are coming in the afternoon” I say adding more sausages, bacon and eggs to accommodate them for breakfast.

Mel: “honestly we couldn’t wait to find out why we have been summoned here.”

I nod then continued making breakfast.

The ladies set the table while I go put the sleeping Jr in his cot, I head back and we

start digging in. We are talking and laughing like everything is all good except for Fury who's burning my skin with his intense stare, sigh! I can never get used to the way this man looks at me. I dare not look his way because I know I will catch on fire.

Me: "well ladies the reason why I asked you to come over is to let you know that your father and I are getting a divorce and I'm moving out with Jr tomorrow." I say as quickly as possible and the girls burst out laughing

Lisa: "yeah right, divorce you two, never! You two love each other have you seen how dad looks at you, it's like he breathes you." I keep quiet and look down this is harder than I thought. Mel gets up breathing heavily looking at me.

Mel: “ so this is how you do us? We invite you into our home literally take bullets for you then you are going to leave us just like that huh, is it about the settlement money you are going to get from the divorce huh is it because I’m definitely sure my poor love struck father didn’t make you sign a prenuptial agreement. People were right you people are gold diggers...and” ENOUGH! Fury roars it becomes instantly quiet

Fury: “ I had an affair with your former high school teacher Amanda Jones while Ema was in a coma, she fell pregnant and we have a 7 weeks old baby, her name is Amy. I kept this away from Ema until she walked in on Amanda and I. Amanda brought Amy over for a visit. Ema wants nothing to do with this marriage so I’m going to respect her wishes. There’s a

saying IF YOU LOVE SOMEONE THEN LET THEM GO AND IF THEY COME BACK THEN IT WAS MEANT TO BE. I truly love Ema and I made a mistake.” I can’t help but tear up so I get up “excuse me” with that being said I run upstairs with tears blinding my vision, I get into my bedroom and sob painfully on top of my bed until I doze off.

FURY

After Ema excused herself it went quite everyone lost in their own thoughts, this is a mess. All I can do is keep praying that God softens her heart and for her to forgive me. I would give away all my wealth without a doubt in my mind just to have one more chance with her.

Lisa: “dad I thought you love Ema, why would you do her so dirty?”

Mel: “ I just insulted her dad I can’t believe you! You and Sheila deserve each other” she stormed out leaving Lisa in tears.

I hardly slept last night, I just wish I could turn back the hands of time but I can’t. Nono and Kea are here to help Ema move out. I’m currently sitting in my study drinking whiskey dreading to go downstairs. Someone knocks.

Me: “ come in” Ema walks in carrying Jr. I smile faintly

Her: “ I wanted to talk to you about the divorce seeing that you won’t contest it, I was wondering if you can get your lawyer to draw it up for us.” I nod

Me: “ anything specific?”

Her: “joined custody for Jr I don’t need anything else. As much as people believe I married you for your money I really didn’t. You work hard for your money, you spent many years in varsity for me to demand 50% I don’t want anything from you” again I nod,

Her: “ thank you for calling me the time I got kidnapped, thank you for saving my life a couple of times. I wouldn’t be here if you didn’t always rescue me. I wish you the best with Amanda and your daughter. You really make a beautiful family. I will leave the keys with Kea. You and we will communicate about visiting jr.” There’s awkward silence. I get up kiss Jr on the cheek.

Me: “ I’ll get back to you regarding the divorce papers.”

Her: “thank you” she whispers. I watch her go out and close the door behind her. Tears start streaming down my face.

MEL

I’m at Malcolm’s house crying my eyes out. I really don’t know how am I going to face Ema after all the hurtful things I said to her. She’s going through so much and I just had to add on her pain. I really messed up. Lisa called me telling me that Ema just moved out and they are busy helping her unpack at her new place. This must be really hard for her, I know how much Ema loves my dad and how much my dad loves Ema now they are going to be apart and miserable. “ earth to Mel” that’s Malcolm sitting next to me one the couch, I didn’t even hear him take a seat

next to me I must have been in deep thought.

Me: "I need to apologise to Ema before I go back to Cape town tonight."

Him: "what time is your flight babe?"

Me: "19:30 I was thinking of getting Ema something for her new place" he nods then pecks my lips. I love him

I asked Lisa to send me her location so Malcolm just packed outside Ema's place. I take a deep breath before stepping out.

Malcolm: " I won't be able to drop you off at the airport, someone needs to be with Brad. I'll come see you on Wednesday okay?" he says stepping out of the car to open the boot and took out the gift I bought for Ema and my Weekender. We kiss then he drives off.

I take a deep breath again then knock.

Lisa opens for me.

Lisa: “hey Mel” I put the gift bag on the kitchen counter and hug her. I see her eyes teary I know my sister doesn’t show emotions a lot but I think she is really hurt.

I walk to the lounge where everyone’s cuddled up next to a crying Ema. Her eyes are puffy and pink, looks like she didn’t sleep at all. I greet everyone then go to her and get down on my knees and take both her hands

Me: “ Mom please forgive your child, she acted like a spoilt brat and hurt the only mother she loves with all her heart” I say kissing both her hands.

Ema: “fosek wena Mel mom ke mmago” I don’t understand what the hell is she

saying but I guess it's not a bad thing because she is laughing through her tears Ema: "on a serious note Mel I love you guys so much and I would never do anything to intentionally hurt you. Now that your father and I are getting divorced it doesn't mean we will stop being a family and even if you decide to build a relationship with your new step mom and sister I won't hold it against you. To me you will always be my children although I am the same age as your man" she laughs I don't want to touch on the step mom issue but hell will freeze over before I build any type of relationship with that cow. I give her the gift bag and she screams getting up to squeeze me into a hug. I guess it's safe to say that she loves her gift which is just lindt chocolates all different kinds and gift card worth 5k.

Ema: “This is just what I needed to soothe my broken heart”

Kea: “and a gym membership because all that chocolate will go straight to your ass”
we burst out laughing

TWO MONTHS LATER!

NTHATISI

I am at work busy working on a business idea that I want to pitch to Kea, I also settled in quite nicely at my place. It's a cosy two bedroom house, a spacious kitchen, a lounge and a small dining area. I love the Morden design it has. The first month was the hardest, I cried every night and day. In between lunch breaks and bathroom breaks. I haven't seen Fury since that day in his study. He was quiet

for three weeks then he sent me a text tell me that he will pick up Jr from day care to spend the weekend with him. On Sunday evening I was expecting him to bring him back but he sent Malcolm to bring him. I was so hurt which means he didn't want to see me. I started thinking of him, his daughter, Jr and Amanda playing happy family in my house, I mean in his house. I don't know how many times I had to fight the edge to go over there to see what's happy. So it's a weekly thing now. Him fetching Jr at crèche on Fridays then Malcolm brings him back on Sunday. I sometimes visit kea or Nono with the hope of running into him but dololo. Katlego the assistant manager I helped hire walks into my office.

Kat: Nthatisi you have a visitor

Me: “did they say who they are?” she shrugs so I get up to find a short Indian lady holding a big envelope. I walk up to her.

Me: “hello I hear you are looking for me,” she smiles politely. She is wearing a black pencil skirt, white shirt, a black blazer jacket and black pumps. No make up, no nails but she is still beautiful.

Lady: “ good morning Mrs Drake my name is Mila Naidoo I am an attorney sent by your husband Mr Bradley Drake, is there some where private we can go” I nod and I lead her to my office.

Mila: “as I said I am your husband’s attorney and I am working on his instructions.” She opens the envelope she’s carrying and places it on the table. I died a million times at the sight of what

was in front of me written DIVORCE
SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

Mila: your husband told me that you won't be contesting the divorce. The agreement stipulates that you will have joint custody for Bradley Drake Jr, a monthly alimony of R100 000 and a monthly child maintenance fee of R15 000. 40% shares at his hotel in Cape Town and 2 cars, Audi A6 Quattro and Range Rover Sport. Please sign here and initial each page. Do you have any questions" I shook my head then she burst out laughing for a moment I thought she was going to say it's a prank but what she said killed me softly.

Mila: "He did say you will not speak, you will just nod or shake your head so he told me to say "words sweetheart" a sob escaped my mouth. I cried until I came

down. I signed and initialled each page as instructed.

Mila: “Thank you Mrs Drake the divorce will be processed within 6 weeks a divorce decree will then be issued. She took out a small envelope and placed it on the table.

Mila: “ he asked me to give you this letter, have a good day” with that she exited I buried my face in my hands and cried. I feel like my heart has been shredded to pieces right now. God heal me please, take away this pain.

FURY

These couple of months have been the worst, I feel like I'm losing my mind. I decided to sell the house because the memories of Ema haunt me. It's funny

how all her clothes are gone but I smell her sweet scent everywhere. I haven't seen her in the past two months but I have sent a guard to watch over her and my son. I decided to go away for some time just to find myself you know to regroup, to pull myself towards myself. I feel like I've lost touch. Patrick suggested this a month ago but all I could do was fear the possibility of Ema finding someone else but I realized that whether I am here or not if we are not meant to be then we will never be. I'm on my way to Amanda's house to tell her about my plan to relocate. I park the car outside her apartment building. I decide to call Naidoo and find out how did it go.

Phone convo

Mila: Mr Drake

Me: did she sign?

Her: she did right after breaking down. That woman is hurt, I really don't understand what she did so bad to you that you can't forgive her, that woman loves you. I still can't get her sob out of my mind. Anyway she signed and I gave her the letter you gave me.

Me: "thank you" I hung up and banged on the stirring wheel.

I knock on the door I hear shuffling right before she opens the door, I can see how surprised she is to see me, she steps aside allowing me to come in. I haven't seen her since that day in my office but Amy has been visiting me on a weekly basis. Malcolm is the one who's been doing the pick up and drop off

Me: how are you?

Her: “this is a surprise, I just put Amy to sleep just now.” I nod and smile

Me: “ that’s a good thing, it will give us time to talk” I take a deep breath

Me: I am leaving South Africa for a while, Amanda I am sure you a lovely woman and you are the mother of my daughter for that I will always respect you, I wish you can get someone who will love you the way I love Ema, and I wish you can teach our daughter to know her worth as a woman, to love herself enough to never put any man above her own happiness. What we did was wrong and it ended up hurting all three of us and worst of all it tore up a family for a little boy and deprived a little girl a chance to grow up with her father. Move on, if love finds you then go for it wholeheartedly. I will continue to support Amy.”

Her: “ I wish things were different but I understand. I am also to blame honestly I always had a crush on you from the time I was your girl’s teacher, and when I saw you at the bar I used that as an opportunity to get into bed with you when all you wanted was someone to talk to. Any blind person could have seen that you were not in a right frame of mind. I am sorry I took advantage of you. I love you, you love her it is what it is. When are you coming back and what about our daughter.?”

Me: “I don’t know when am I coming back but I will when I’ve healed. All my kids deserve the best version of their father not this broken man. You know there was a time when I wished Amy was never born and that’s not what I want when I see my daughter. I want her to

know that she is important to me, she is a blessing” she nods

Her: I fully understand you. If it’s meant to be then you guys will find your way back to each other.

I stayed a while playing with Amy then I left to go meet up with Malcolm. I walk into his office, he is talking on the phone blushing. love is a powerful thing making a whole Malcolm blush. He notices me standing at the door and ends the call. I smile and walk in further taking a seat on the couch.

Him: “Fury I didn’t know we were meeting today?”

Me: “do I need a reason to come see my son in law?” I see his eyes pop and his forehead starts to sweat all this time I’m

staring at him right between his eyes. He clears his throat

Him: "Fury man I'm so sorry for falling in love with your daughter I know I'm older than her and I know I have a son but I love her and I will never hurt her. I swear man I haven't even slept with her I am waiting for her to graduate.. I" I raise my hand indicating that he should keep quiet. He looks down scared

Me: "I should beat the crap out of you for even looking at my daughter in that way" he shifts uncomfortably "I deserve that beating" he says and I smile"

Me: "Malcom you are my right hand man and a dear friend to me. I have known about you and Mel for over a year now. I know you love her and respect her and honestly I am very happy she has you in her life because you know what I'm

capable of, you hurt her and I will break all your bones. You are a good man Malcolm and I know you will love and protect her.”

He smiles widely

Me: “I am going away for a while I can’t tell you where I’m going and when will I come back but I just need some time out. Please take good care of my family man. Beast and Juan will help you out but please I beg of you just take good care of Ema for me. I put Lawrence in charge of her security but in the shadows you know how stubborn Ema is”

Him: “what if she meets someone else while you are away, Ema is a beautiful woman I know once it is known that she is single men will jump at the opportunity” I sigh

Me: "I want her to be happy even if it is not with me. Just do a background check on the guy if he is a good man then let them be" we talk some more then I decide to go to visit my mother at the cemetery so I first pass at the flower shop to get flowers and I get to the graveyard.

Me: Patricia I messed up. I feel like I am losing my mind. The things Ema said when she caught me in my office really hit me hard because they were true. While my wife was fighting to come back to me I decided to betray her. I hated Gerald and Sheila with all my heart because of what they did but I turned around and did the same thing. I hate myself mom, you asked me to take good care of her and I failed, I am sorry. Maybe I never deserved her. I am going away and

I don't know when will I come back so mom please watch over them for me while I go work on myself. I love you and may you continue resting in peace.

I am all packed Patrick and Juan have agreed to take care of all my businesses while I'm away. They will send me an email for urgent matters. I make my way to my private jet and brace myself for life off this is it. Goodbye South Africa. I gave Malcolm letters to give to my girls I just couldn't say goodbye to them I just didn't have the strength to face them.

NTHATISI

I am meeting with masego for lunch at spur, it's been a couple of days since I signed the divorce papers and I really am

not coping so Kea gave me a week off, I also haven't read the letter Mila gave to me but I'm planning to tonight. Honestly I don't feel like going but I already promised her lunch.

She comes in running carrying her bag.

Masego: "my rich friend hle I'm sorry I'm late Jason wanted a quickie" I laugh

Me: "are you dating that man or ke piece job fela chomi" I ask laughing

Her: "we haven't put a label to it yet we are just going with the flow besides he has a wife." I look down men and cheating.

Her: "sorry friend I didn't mean to be insensitive, how are you coping?" I swallow the lump in my throat

Me: "I signed the divorce papers two days back. I am hurt, it hurts" I say honestly

Her: “Oh my friend I’m sorry eish and you are not rich anymore yoh mara white Patrick motsepe o etsang mara” I laugh out loud

Me: “you and Patrick motsepe chomi it’s not even Patrick motsepe it’s not even Patrick it’s Patrice Motsepe hau

Her: “same thing, but on a serious note babe I’m so sorry about the divorce but it’s what you wanted right? Take this as a new beginning.” I nod and smile. We continue to chill Masego talking her nonsense until we called it a day

I got home and decided to have a glass of wine before I go pick up Jr from day care. Masego’s words kept playing in my mind like a broken record. IT’S WHAT YOU WANTED RIGHT? Is it what I wanted? Is

it? I decided to finally read the letter Mila gave me.

MY DEAREST EMA

I DON'T KNOW WHERE TO BEGIN BUT LET ME START WITH WHAT I KNOW. I KNOW THAT I LOVE YOU AND I WILL ALWAYS LOVE YOU. I KNOW THAT YOU ARE THE ONLY WOMAN THAT MADE ME, FURY! TO GO DOWN ON MY KNEES AND PRAY. I KNOW THAT I WOULD GIVE AWAY ALL MY WEALTH JUST TO BE WITH YOU. I KNOW THAT I WOULD DIE FOR YOU. I KNOW THAT I AM SORRY FOR HURTING YOU, FOR BREAKING OUR VOWS. HOWEVER, I DO NOT KNOW HOW TO UNDO WHAT I DID, I DO NOT KNOW HOW TO LIVE WITHOUT YOU, I DO NOT KNOW HOW TO EVEN SLEEP BECAUSE

YOUR BEAUTIFUL FACE HAUNTS ME, IT HAUNTS ME BECAUSE EVEN THOUGH ITS BEAUTIFUL IT IS SO SO BROKEN AND THE FACT THAT I DID THAT TO YOU KILLS ME. I AM LEAVING, I AM GOING AWAY FOR SOME TIME. I NEED TO HEAL FROM THE PAIN OF THE PAST, FROM THE GUILT OF HURTING YOU, I JUST NEED TO FIND ME AGAIN SO THAT I CAN BE A GOOD FATHER TO MY CHILDREN. I MEANT IT WHEN I SAID I SET YOU FREE SO IF YOU FALL IN LOVE THEN GO FOR IT. I WILL NOT HOLD IT AGAINST YOU. I WANT YOU TO BE HAPPY, LOVE FIERCELY DON'T LET WHAT I DID TO CHANGE THAT ABILITY TO LOVE. PLEASE TAKE GOOD CARE OF YOURSELF AND MY KIDS. ERIC IS NOW STAYING WITH SHEILA'S SISTER AND SHE AGREED TO ALLOW HIM TO VISIT YOU ON SCHOOL HOLIDAYS. TAKE CARE

P.S YOU ARE AND YOU WILL FOREVER BE MY SECOND CHANCE, MY LAST CHANCE AND MY ONLY CHANCE. I WILL LOVE YOU ALL MY LIFE.

By the time I finish reading the letter I am a crying mess. I can't let him leave I just can't. I grab my phone quickly to request an Uber I hurry to fetch Jr from day care and go to my our house. The Uber driver slows down as we see big trucks written MOVERS and a sold sign I break down oh my gosh he sold the house I try to call him but it takes me straight to voicemail. I ask the driver to take me to Kea's house in Sandhurst. As soon as Kea opens the door I break into a sob causing Jr to cry too. Kea: " oh my dear friend" she says taking Jr from me and asks her helper to take

him to another room and play with him. Luckily Jr doesn't protest.

Me: " I want my husband back Kea I forgive him, I forgive him I just want my Fury back please help me" Patrick walks into the house with Juan and they are surprised to see me. I go kneel in front of them.

Me: " I want my husband please help me I need him I forgive him please please"

They look at me with pity in their eyes

Patrick: "Fury left a few days ago, nobody knows where he went. His phone is switched off I am sorry" I nod

Me: "can you guys please watch over jr for a while I need to take care of something"

Kea: "we would love to just take the time you need"

I head straight to Malcolm's office if there's one person he would tell his whereabouts to is Malcolm."

I am allowed to go in after his p.a called him.

Me: "please tell me you know where he is?" I say getting in. He sighs and I start sobbing again

Him: " I have no idea where he went he left with his private jet this morning Lisa and Mel begged me to tell them where he went so I tried tracking Kiki down but he took out the transponder in the jet so I can't track it. He even disabled the track in his blood system so basically he doesn't want to be found" I throw myself on the couch

Me: "I was angry at him, I wanted to punish him, I wanted to make him suffer but he is my eternity I was going to go

back to him I guess I needed a push. I forgive him with all my heart. I need him. He has to come back to us” I say crying. Malcolm comes and sits next to me taking me into his arms and I cry for a long long time. When I eventually calm down I leave his office and decide to go the mall for some retail therapy and some wine. My eyes are red and puffy, people keep staring at me and I honestly don’t give a damn. I am at Woolworths at the wine section I’m looking at the wines when someone taps my shoulder, I look around and it’s none other than Amanda Jones. Me: “ not today demon” I say
Amanda: I deserve that, can I please have a word with you. You don’t have to say anything. Just hear me out please and I’ll be out of your hair.

Me: “okay” we decide to go sit at roccomamas

Her: “firstly I would like to apologize for sleeping with your husband and falling pregnant for him. That man loves you and I had hoped that one day I would find love like that. The truth is I always had a crush on Bradley so when he came to the club that fateful night I should have been a shoulder to cry on because any fool could tell that he was not in his right frame of mind, that man was distraught but I decided to take advantage of the situation to fulfil my own desires. The next morning as expected he told me he made a mistake and I must never call him again. I was hurt but I knew he didn't belong to me. Two days later he came back knocking. He just turned me around and told him not to look at him. It always

felt like he didn't want to be with me, you know I don't even know the taste of his lips. As soon as you woke up he ended our agreement but I was already pregnant by then. I am so sorry for coming between you two I guess God is punishing me for my bad deeds because I just found out I have stage 4 bone marrow cancer”

Me: I don't know what to say I am so sorry .

Her: “its okay, I know I have no right to ask you this and you can refuse if you can't I will understand. I just want my daughter to have a relationship with her siblings and I know that you are a good mother from how the twins rained terror on me for having an affair with their father and I quote “and hurting the only person that showed them a mother's

love” I need you to please raise my daughter as your own. I know I am going to die please allow me to sign over my parental rights to you. I know it’s too much to ask but I am asking anyway.”

Wow I didn’t see this coming. I hold both her hands over the table.

Me: “I will love her like my own I give you my word” she broke into a sob.

2 YEARS LATER!!!

NTHATISI

It’s been two full years without seeing or hearing from Fury, I see him only in my dreams smiling at me. Amanda did sign over her parental rights to me and she died a year ago. Her sickness brought us

closer I even accompanied her to all her chemo treatments until the very last day. After her death I decided to move to Cape town so that I can be closer to the twins and drop in at the hotel I own shares at, I bought a 4 bedroom single storey house there, Amy looks so much like her brother you can't even tell that they come from different wombs except for Jr's curly hair. I am now a full time stay at home mom. Remember the business idea I was working on? Well I did pitch it to Kea and she loved it. We opened up a store in Hyde park called baecation, it's basically a one stop shop when you are planning to go on a vacation. Everything you need is there from sunglasses, cute matching outfits, shoes, travel bags, digital cameras, towels, matching outfits for couples or besties, hats, camping gear

and a whole lot me plus we also run a travel agency there so it's truly a one stop shop for all your vacation needs. The shop is doing so well, we are even considering opening another branch in Cape town. The twins are coming over for the weekend, Lisa is coming over with Anele yoh that girl is so handsome if you know what I mean. They seem to be so in love, Mel and Malcolm are still going strong. Malcolm is a regular at my house, the kids know and love him so much. Eric visits every school holidays I'm just glad that Sheila's sister kept her promise as for Sheila and Gerald, they haven't tried to visit or even call their son. Some parents mara hai. I am not dating anyone nor am I interested in dating anyone and if Fury decides to never come back I guess Mr dildo will be my man forever. I don't want

to let go of him. He is the love of my life and I don't want anyone else. I'm busy making lunch for my babies, Amy is now 2 years old and Jr is 3 years old now. They are a handful especially Jr, he has his father's mean temper but he has a big heart. Amy on the other hand is sweet and calm. I love her so much because I love her father. She might be a reminder of my husband's indefinitely but she is also a blessing to me. While busy with the pots I receive a call from Masego I wipe my hands and call Mme Johanna to take the kids yep she moved with me to Cape town.

Phone convo

Me: chomi

Masego: "mogirl hle nna I miss you hai" I giggle

Me: "Etle kapa ngwaneso"

Masego: “yoh mogirl now is not the right time to visit, I am busy renovating my house and it’s nice at mjoloville so soze nana but wena you wouldn’t know Ka mjolo akere Patrick motsepe left you with his snake to scratch that itch between your legs” I burst out laughing this girl is crazy hai

Me: “friend that snake be satisfying me why would I need a man” I say laughing

Her: “ as soon as they’re done with the renovations I will come visit you and we will go man hunting chomi phela two years without sex is not good for your health”

Me: it’s more than 3 years actually

Her: “yoh modimo hai friend It’s too much. Even if you don’t marry the guy just one night stand nyana would do” we

continue talking and laughing masego is crazy I tell you.

My house is full, I cooked up a storm with the help of Mme Johanna everyone is here except for Masego. Kea, Nono, Noma, the twins, Anele, Malcolm, Patrick and Juan. Kea and Nono's kids are here also. The men are busy with the braai while the ladies are busy in the kitchen.

Nono: "so friend vele vele you are going to wait for Bradley to come back" I hate this conversation because people seem to have an opinion of what I must do.

Me: "Nono with all due respect, that topic is off limits" I say with a straight face.

Nono: "but Nthatisi I told told you to hold off the divorce issue, you pushed Brad away. I told you never to make rush

decisions when you are angry. For the past two years we've been walking on eggshells around you because you didn't want to admit that you are the one who didn't fight for your marriage. Well nna I'll tell you the truth, Brad told you to move on because he is probably moving on with another woman while you are stuck here feeling sorry for yourself" I knew this bitch has a problem with me.

Me: "where the fuck do you get off talking about my personal life like that huh? Whether Brad and I move on or not it's none of your business with friends like you bo I told you so mos I don't need enemies" I then ran out of the kitchen and I went to my bedroom I looked at a picture of Fury and I on our wedding day looking so happy and in love. I started

sobbing. Mel and Lisa worked into the bedroom and they came to embrace me.

Me: "Do you blame me for your father leaving?" they remain quiet for while before Lisa speaks

Lisa: "We don't blame you at all. At first I used blame dad but now that I look at how you are with Amy and how things turned out I believe that God works in mysterious ways. Things had to happen this way and I know you and my dad will grow old together. Thank you for loving him and us. You are the best mom ever."

Mel: "and what you did for Amanda is nothing short of amazing. Don't let anyone make you feel like you chased dad away. You didn't." I hug them both I love them so much. They kept me sane these past two years.

Me: “So wena motho wa Malcolm, when are you popping the cherry?” she blushes

Mel: “i was supposed to pop it on my 21st birthday but Malcolm said he will wait for my to graduate according to him, he wants to respect my father of which I don’t understand but then there’s nothing I can do but damn when he takes me to muff town I want to stay there forever.” We laugh.

Me: “okay enough about the sex topic phela some of us aren’t getting any” we laugh and continue to talk. Later on we join the others and have a great time. I chose to ignore Nono the whole evening.

A MONTH LATER!!!

It’s my birthday today, it has become a ritual that the twins take me out for

lunch, today is no different. I just took a shower and got dressed while waiting for Lisa and Melanie I received a call from Malcolm.

Phone convo

Me: “son in law” I hear him chuckle

Him: “mother in law! Happy birthday beautiful. I was tasked to come fetch you for your birthday surprise so be ready in 30 minutes.”

Me: “ okay I can’t wait” we talked some more then we ended the call. I wonder what do they have planned.

We park outside at the beach then Malcolm turns to look at me with a smile.
Him: “your surprise awaits you, and you truly look beautiful my in law” I giggle. I am wearing a body hugging red dress

with a sweetheart neckline, red block heels and a chunky gold necklace. I cut my hair short and dyed it ruby red. I step out of the car and I spot Mel and Lisa coming towards me with a bouquet of red roses. They remind me so much of the flowers their father bought for me on my birthday, the day he proposed.

Mel: “for you beautiful” she says handing me the flowers.

Lisa: “we booked the entire restaurant for you so let’s go” she leads me to a beautiful classy restaurant overlooking the sea. The setting on the table is exactly the same as the one Fury set up for me the day he proposed. I can’t help but cry as soon as I take a seat. The three of us are now sitting down and the waiter takes our order. Lisa receives a message then she makes a call.

Lisa: what? Okay I'm on my way" she seems nervous

Me: , " Is everything okay?"

Lisa: "I am so sorry to drop you on your birthday but Anele needs me"

Me: "its okay, do you need anything" she shakes her head

Lisa: I'll be fine you ladies stay and have fun, I'll see you later on at home okay, happy birthday and I love you.

Mel: "let me walk you out" she says to Lisa who is already on her feet I wonder what's happening, I hope it's nothing bad. I decide to play games on my phone then I hear a bold voice behind me. " is this seat taken?" I don't want to turn around, it can't be him. I shake my head I don't trust my voice, he chuckles "words sweetheart" I just break into a sob. He come in front of me wearing blue Chino

pants, Gucci shirt and sneakers. He takes a seat across. I lift my eyes to look at him and he has that intense stare of his. He looks so good, he looks so good. I see his eyes become watery.

Me: "hi" I say in a whisper

Him: "you look beautiful, happy birthday" he licks his lips. I can't take this anymore I am so emotional and horny

Me: "thank you"

Him: "I love you, I missed you so much"

Me: "you missed me but you couldn't pick up the phone to call me" as much as I miss him I don't understand why he never at least called

Him: "marry me" okay now he is out of his mind, he can't just disappear on me for two whole years then expect me to fall for his psycho stare that drives me just crazy

Me: “what will I say to my boyfriend who’s been keeping me company while you were God knows where, enjoying your life” he frowns then smiles biting his lower lip. Damn what is this man doing to me I cross my legs because my clit is throbbing.

Him: “Tell him his services will not be required anymore, besides he didn’t do a great job because I haven’t even touched you but yet you are already wet for me.” My cheeks heat up I’m blushing like hell right now

Him: “Ema!” Oh God I missed this man and his creepy gaze

Me: “fury” I say in a whisper

Him: “marry me?” madness I tell you

Me: “yes” he smiles wider

Him: “give me the name and number of your boyfriend” he says with a smirk mxm

I'm sure he knows I've been single and waiting for him.

Me: his name is Dee

Him: "just Dee? Okay and his number"
gosh the bloody smug on his face

Me: "okay his name is dildo and he doesn't need a phone because when I need him I know where to find him" he burst out laughing and I join him

Him: "I am going to fuck you for letting Dee into my honeypot" he says laughing
gosh he seems different, happy, calmer I guess he did need the time away.

Me: "I love you Bradley Drake and I'm sorry for giving up on us."

Him: "you didn't give up on us, we are here now together. My jet is waiting, your bags are packed, don't worry about the kids Malcolm got it covered. I miss our kids so much but first I want to worship

your body and soul without any disturbance or restrictions.”

I blush looking down. He laughs, oh I missed his deep laugh.

FURY

We are inside the jet waiting for lift off, my baby is holding on to me for dear life. She keeps stealing glances at me like she doesn't believe it's me. Two years ago I was in such a bad space, I ended up traveling the world. I went to extraordinary places, I started in Bali Indonesia, I toured the whole of Europe. Went to Colorado, I climbed Kilimanjaro then Morocco. I've been staying in Morocco for a couple of months actually. In all my travels one thing for sure was that I was coming to get my woman and

marry her. Two months back I got into contact with Malcolm. First thing he said to was “come home Ema is waiting for you” he went on and told me about how Ema wanted me to come back two days after I left. He told me about Amanda having cancer and dying after giving Ema parental rights. He told me about how Ema is now a 50 percent owner of baecation which has been getting rave reviews. I am blessed to have such a selfless woman in my life. Honestly speaking even if Ema had got to me before leaving, I still would have left. I know it sounds selfish but I truly needed to find myself and honestly I’m glad Patrick suggested this. I am back stronger, smarter, calmer and focused. We arrive in las Vegas Nevada, my woman is so happy but still doesn’t want to let go of my

hand. She's so adorable. After going through customs clearance we go straight to the chapel to get married.

Her: baby do you think I look okay I mean this is our wedding day shouldn't at least be dressed in white or something. She's wearing a floral print maxi dress and gladiator sandals. Her hair is short and she dyed it red she looks so beautiful yet again she can wear plastic bags and she will still look gorgeous.

Me: "baby you look perfect" I watch her as she blushes

One hour later we come out of the chapel as Mr and Mrs Drake again. I booked a honeymoon suite at the four seasons hotel. As soon as we get in, I kiss her passionately, she moans in between kisses damn I haven't had sex in a while,

the last person I slept with was Amanda so you can imagine how hungry I am for this woman. I take off her dress and pick her up taking her to the bedroom. I lay her gently, I stop for a few seconds just to stare at her. She looks so beautiful and so horny. I take off her bra and thong. I start kissing every part of her body. Her moans are driving me crazy, this woman is hungry for me. I go down kissing her inner thighs, she opens her legs wide giving me a clear picture of a dripping wet pussy. I finger her while sucking her clit. She keeps jerking up and down, Grinding on my finger. I put my tongue in and tongue fuck her while massaging her clit she loses all senses and screams my name before creaming my lips with her juices. I come up to her face and kiss her making her taste her juices. I open her

legs and rub her pussy with my dick. She keeps on breathing heavily

Her: “ baby put it in please” she begs and I don’t need to be told twice I oblige.

After a couple of tries it’s finally in and I start moving slowly, fuck! She’s so warm and tight I send in deep and slow strokes she opens wider and wider I stand on my knees and put her legs on my shoulders and Start thrusting into her hard, she screams my name squirting all over the sheets, I swiftly turn her around and she lays chest down ass up damn her beautiful pussy staring right at me. I eat up her pussy again going all up to her anus. She cries in pleasure, without warning I slam into her again and give her long strokes. She screams my name. I can feel my orgasm building I pump her faster and she squirts again while I cum as well. I

collapse on the side trying to catch my breath.

Her: “ I love you so much so so much Fury God I love this man” I kiss her forehead and smile, this one is dickmatized

We take a long bath, then it's back to the love making and fucking. Fuck I missed my home.

MALCOLM

When I got a call from Fury a couple of months ago, it was hard for me to contain my excitement especially because of Ema. That woman loves Fury with everything in her. She never took off her wedding ring and she carried herself as a married woman. Fury looks great, he really needed this time out to re-evaluate his life and God works in mysterious ways

because Amy is now Ema's daughter. Mel and I are babysitting. We had an argument earlier about breaking her virginity. As much I love her but I feel I owe it to Fury to respect him and wait for her to graduate. She thinks I'm getting in from somewhere but she doesn't understand how deep is my love for her, I haven't been with any woman since the day she agreed to be with me and that was four years ago. Anyway we are at Ema's house we will be staying here until the love birds return. I'm busy on my laptop catching up on some work. I hear footsteps

Me: "are they finally sleeping?" I hear no response, I look up and I am met by a sight for sore eyes. A goddess in lingerie looking all kinds of sexy.

Me: “dammit woman, what are you doing to me” she bit her lip seductively then cat walked towards me, I put my laptop on the side. She climbed on top of me and started kissing me. the kiss got heated she started dry humping me. Fuck! “make love to me daddy” she whispered in my ear before biting my earlobe. Fury will have to forgive me. I take off her bra and start kissing her on the nipples her subtle moans drive me crazy. Clothes start flying and I penetrate her after the 3rd attempt. She’s holding on to me tight, I move gently but I can tell she’s in pain. I keep on apologizing as I thrust into her. I start going faster until I reach my peak. I kiss her forehead

Her: “ Thank you for making me a woman, I love you” I pick her up bridal style, we took a shower and went to bed

but we didn't sleep I made love to her till morning came.

MELANIE

My pussy is burning, Malcolm did a number on me. He just couldn't get enough of me. At least the second round and others after that felt so much pleasure but the first round was so painful. I can't believe I am a woman now and Malcolm is my man. I am so happy. He is not in bed, I change the sheets and make the bed with fresh new linen. I take a quick shower and head to the kitchen and find my man making breakfast. He is busy singing John legend's "like I am gonna lose you" he has a beautiful voice. I go to him and kiss him so passionately

Me: “morning handsome” he smiles, he looks so happy his smile is so contagious I can’t help but smile too.

Him: “goodmorning beautiful, last night was by far the best night of my life, thank you my goddess” he looks so happy it’s beautiful to watch.

Me: “I love you” I say pecking his lips. I wake up the kids to get them ready for day care. We eat breakfast together then drop off the kids.

Me: “baby! Ema gave me a list of things I need to buy for the kids can we please go to the mall.” I give him the puppy eyes, he Huff’s then he nods. He hates going to the mall, I always have to drag him kicking and screaming. We arrive at the mall, he decides to stay in the car. As I’m busy shopping I get this feeling that someone is watching me. I make my way to clicks to

get the morning after pill. Malcolm spots me as I push the trolley towards where he parked the car. He is leaning on the car smoking as I walk towards him I smile at him and he smiles too. It's like we are in our very own love bubble until I feel a sting on my leg and a loud bang, I go down screaming. Malcolm takes out a gun and starts shooting at the direction the bullet came from. I am now on the ground, Malcolm keeps on shooting and running towards me. He picks me up and drags me to the car with one hand while the other hand is busy shooting. We get into the car which is bullet proof. I have never been so scared in my entire life. He presses a red button next to the gear. We drive out speeding while two cars are chasing us busy shooting at us. I'm bleeding so he takes out his shirt using

one hand and tells me to tear it up and tie it on my wound. A call comes through a speaker.

Blue tooth speaker convo.

Malcolm: beast I can't shake them off.

Beast: take a left at the robots then go straight and off ramp at detroit drive, we will be waiting there.

Malcolm: tell Blade to send Fury as SOS, it's the Russians it's their style. We need all hands on deck.

Beast: on it (call ended)

These people are persistent, there are more cars following us now, I am starting to feel dizzy, Malcom keep talking to me telling how much he loves me. We turn left at the robot and we find a lot of cars waiting for us, the road is now closed Malcolm parks on the side and opens the

door for me to get into another car, he pecks my lips and closes the door. I scream for him to come back but it falls to deaf ears because I am driven away.

MALCOLM

As soon as they drive off with Mel Juan hands me a bullet proof vest. 6 black Chevrolet SUVs are parked at distance, they stopped shooting now so we walk closer to them pointing our guns at them, a man I never thought I would see steps out of the car with a smug look on his face.

Me: “ welcome back from the dead
Gerald, you could have called, all this drama is unnecessary

Gerald: “well well well! If it isn’t my little brother’s lap dog

Me: "that's cute, so what are you doing with the Russians man?" His eyes pop

Me: cat caught your tongue?

Him: " I am here to bring my brother to his knees, this is war and the Russians are my weapon." In a different car another door open, out comes Kilmer who is one of our ally

Me: "Kilmer are you tired of living man?"

Kil: "oh but Fury's time has expired and he thinks he can own Russia well he's got another thing coming. An ant leading a giant like Russia won't do for a Russian. I was just waiting for an opportunity and the day he brought me his ex I knew I was one step closer to destroying him"

Me: " you fool you will just be caught in the crossfire between brothers" beast and Juan move closer to me, I see Kilmer shake

Me: “well Kilmer since you took sides, here’s our secret weapon.

Beast: “married life gets boring sometimes, thank you for some action. I hope you know you dug your own grave. I’m going to kill you and your entire generation including your dogs and cats. I own Mexico, Germany, Africa and I even have an alliance with the Chinese trait. The only reason you haven’t gotten a visit from me is because you were working with Fury now consider yourself my enemy.” He tries to cover his fear but you can tell he is shit scared. He gets into his car and drives out followed by Gerald and all other cars.

Beast: “send Fury an SOS and double security on everyone. I want them all at the safe house this afternoon.”

Me: on it boss Mel is already at the safe house.

FURY!!!

So that piece of shit Kilmer thinks he can double cross me. He is as good as dead, while I was taking my two year break I made a couple of influential friends so it's safe to say that I'm equipped for this war. Now Gerald is another story, he thinks he can take me on. But I'm glad he didn't die because I get to kill me again and again what pisses me off is that they shot at my daughter, fucken cowards. We are on our way back to South Africa all the plans I had for our honeymoon are just ruined. My baby is sleeping holding on to me. She has been so clingy since I came back it's

like she's afraid that I'm going to leave her or something.

Me: "baby I am sorry we had to cut our plans short I promise to make it up to you." I say kissing her forehead

Her: " it's fine my love I understand as long as you won't leave me again." She thinks I left her

Me: "baby you know I didn't leave you right? I just needed to fix myself that's all. I was losing the plot a bit and that's not good for a man like me" she looks into my eyes and I see fear

Her: " I know I'm the one who pushed you away, by the time I came back to my senses it was too late. I would dream of you only to wake up alone in bed. I would sometimes dream that you had a plane crash and you died. I lived in regret everyday." She's now tearing up.

Me: “baby you were right to react the way you did, what I did was wrong and hurtful. I broke our wedding vows, it doesn’t matter what my reasons were and I know now that I never want to lose you again. I love you Nthatisi” she smiles wider

Her: “you hardly call me by my first name it sounds weird” I wiggle my eyebrows causing her to giggle. I love her

We arrive in S.A and find the bodyguards already waiting for us. I haven’t told Ema the reason we had to come back. We are driving to the safe house. When we get there there’s security guards everywhere military soldiers beast when overboard here. I see Ema is just confused. I take her hand and lead her into the house. I punch in an access code and the big metal door

opens. We get into and elevator which leads to the underground. As soon as the elevator door open masego throws herself at Ema, I can tell that she's shocked she turns to look at me. "what's going on Fury"

I sigh.

Me: baby we are under attack, my brother and my ex shot at Mel Luckily Malcolm was there.

Ema: " oh my god is Mel okay" looking like she's about to cry

Me: "shes okay, she's here as well but in the white room she got shot but she will be okay" she nods

Masego: "my rich friend! We they came to my work and told me to pack my bags tjo Jason wanted to protest but that man is afraid of the snake gang yoh." I just shake my head and leave them there

talking. I went to the control room. I found the guys there including the security guards who are stationed there to look at the cameras.

Me: gents

Malcolm: “sorry about your honeymoon”

I chuckle

Me: “It is what it is, this is war and Gerald together with Kilmer just signed their death warrant.”

Beast: “ I have already sent the Germans to his home, his entire family will be history by sun set.” I chuckle when beast is pissed you need to say goodbye to your family.

Juan: “not forgetting all his businesses” serves him right.

GERALD

I was able to crawl to a secret basement when they set the house on fire, I waited patiently to strike. now I will make brad's world so small. I want to get my hands on his wife and fuck her while he watches. I've always hated Brad and me sleeping with his wife was just to piss him off. I teamed up with the Russians because no one was interested. Everyone kept saying that Fury had powerful connections They don't want to get on his bad side.

Me: "Kilmer what's the next move?" he looks deep in thought, he is drinking whiskey and smoking a cigar.

Kil: "why didn't you tell me that your brother is friends with Patrick Akoje and Juan Ameto? Do you know how deep in shit we are? We can't take them on." A

whole Russian scared of a bunch of African baboons?

Me: “come on man I know we can take them on” one of his man comes in and whispers something in his ear. He becomes pale instantly and let’s go of the glass in his hand drops to the floor and he takes a seat looking distraught.

Me: is everything okay man?

Kil: “they killed every member of my family and burned down all my businesses, all my men are dead. My brothers and sisters even my nephews and nieces all dead.” What? What kind of animal is Bradley and his friends.

Me: “I am sorry man, we need to avenge your family. They need to pay with theirs” I am using his grief to my advantage.

Kil: “I have contacts in Ukraine if it’s war they want then it’s war they will get. I

have nothing to lose, they took everything from me” that’s music to my ears. I can’t wait to rape Brad’s bitch while he watches.

NARRATED!!!

At The Safe House

All the ladies were in the lounge confused as to what’s happening. The guys walk in dressed in black and they have on bullet proof vests, they look like the FBI or the SWAT team or something.

Nono: “Juan why are we here and how long are we going to be here? This is too much maan the kids had to stop going to school and come here with no explanation. Masego and Noma have jobs, the twins have varsity to attend.”

Juan: “nono for once in your life would you just keep quiet, we are here to tell you we are going away for a while. We are at war with Gerald and some dangerous people. We brought you to this place because it is safe. There are trained men stationed in every corner of this place.” The ladies faces changed each thinking of their man’s safe return.

Mel: can’t you send those security guards to go fight my uncle. We can’t lose you guys please.

Fury: “ I know this is scary but we will come back, this needs to be done.” He looks at Ema who is now crying silently. He goes up to her

Ema: “ I just got you back I can’t lose you please Fury I need you.” She’s now sobbing. He holds her rubbing her back

Fury: "I will never leave you again okay I will fight through hell to come back to you. I love you so much I have to do this." She shakes her head

Ema: " don't go I have a bad feeling about this."

Fury: nothing will happen to me I promise

Malcolm: "fury let's go man, Ema I give you my word we will all come back in one piece." Everyone went to say goodbye to their loved ones and they left. The mood was now sombre after their departure.

Everyone lost in their own thoughts.

Masego: "Anele shouldn't you be joining them?" everyone looked at Masego then Anele they all burst out laughing. Trust masego to think of shit when we are so sad.

Masego: "I don't understand why they brought me here, I don't have a man in

that group actually my man is shit scared of the snake gang.

Lisa: “you have a friend in this group, you were even a made of honour at her wedding so obviously if they want to hurt her they would kidnap you in order to get to her” the ladies continued talking while some were distracted hoping and praying silently that their significant other returns unharmed

FURY!

We got a tip off that Kilmer and Gerald were at some house in Bloemfontein, it’s a secluded area. As we are approaching the house I notice that there are landmines everywhere

Me: “careful guys landmines” we used knives to kill the guards at the entrance

until one of the guards spotted us and started shooting drawing attention to the others now it was a full shoot out. We went our separate ways and I found Gerald holding a gun, hiding behind what looks like a chest of drawers. I could see him through a mirror reflection but he couldn't see me.

Me: "Gerald Kent Drake I've been doing this for 24 years while you were busy being a mamas boy"

Gerald: "You son of a bitch I am going to kill you right after fucking your wife" I laugh

Me: " the idea of you fucking my wife gives you a hard on right? This is about me having what you will never have but big bro thank you for fucking Sheila, I would be stuck with that tasteless worn

out pussy but thanks to you I wake up to the very best.”

Gerald: “ I hate you” I go around and appear behind him and placed a gun on his head “drop it” he does pussy was shaking.

Me: “greet mom and dad for me” I pulled the trigger.

There were a lot of dead bodies in the house and around the yard, Patrick had Kilmer tied to a chair. He looked so broken that I almost felt sorry for him.

Me: “I thought we were friends” he chuckles

Kil: “you own 50% of our country’s nuclear weapons, we have to consult you when we want to go to war.”

Me: “but in return you get shit loads of money and connections, I brought a lot

on the table. Kilmer your father was a smart man, a man of integrity and he taught me a lot about the art of war. How did he fail with you I wonder, all you had to do was continue with his legacy. Who the fuck knows about our arms deal except the government huh? You are viewed as the biggest baddest country because of silent partners like me now you had to lose all that because of a spoilt brat who lusts after his little brother's wife."

Me: " how the hell did you get mixed up with the likes of Gerald"

Kil: "Your brother came to Russia to get your ex wife. He told me that he knows your weakness and that's your new wife is your weakness but when we went to kidnap her, we found out you were away so we decided to nap your daughter

whom unfortunately was with your right hand man. I didn't know you were working with beast. My father told me stories about a man from Africa called beast I tried to get my contacts in Ukraine but as soon as I mentioned Patrick Akoje they told me to fuck off. I suggest that you kill me because I have nothing to live for. You killed my entire family.” He barely finished the sentence when beast put a bullet between his eyes.

Malcolm: “that was no fun, I was expecting a real fight” we exited the house I made a call to my clean up guys to come deal with the dead bodies, a gun went off only to realise one of the guards wasn't dead, I shot him 3 times on the head

Malcolm: “ Fury you're hit” only then I felt the pain of being shot

Me: "let's get to hospital because if I die Ema will wake me up then kill me again" they chuckle, I am really in pain. We get to the car, I call one of the guards and ask him to give Ema the phone.

Ema: "hello" she must have been asleep her voice is coarse

Me: "sweetheart it's me" I hear a bit of shuttling

Her: "are you okay? I felt like someone was stabbing my stomach in a dream baby did someone stab you? Wow talk about being connected, I've been shot on my stomach. What kind of love is this?"

Me: "no honey I was not stabbed I just wanted to tell you that we are on our way home and that I love you very much." I can feel her smile

Her: "I love you too" I hung up because the pain was now unbearable. Then it was lights out for me.

NTHATISI!

I see the guys walk in and their women jump on them I see Malcolm walk in, he has a sad face on and my heart starts beating fast. I trail back to the dream I had and the call but he said he's okay.

Me: "where is Fury? Where's my husband?" just as Malcom is about to answer Amy comes running to me "mummy mummy mummy Jr is hiting me" I pick her up and scolded Jr

Malcolm: everyone pack your bags and get ready to leave. We are going back home." He is avoiding me like a plague

Masego “yeyi did we win? Who is the staring, pat or you Jon or maybe ma se kind or yoh what if ke Patrick motsepe and he didn’t make it watseba di staring die yoh” sometimes masego doesn’t know when to shut the fuck up. We pack our things, hug the ones going to Joburg then I get into the car with Malcolm, the twins, Anele and my kids. As soon as we get to my house I call Mme Johanna to look after the kids

Malcolm: “malcom where’s my husband” he smiles and tells me to come with him. He drives into the hospital.

Me: “Is he hurt” he nods and I can’t help but cry

Malcolm: “ he will be okay don’t cry” he tells me the ward number and says he’ll join me later. I get to the reception.

Me: “Hi I’m here to see Bradley Drake room 105 please” she looks at me from head to toe

Receptionist: “sorry mam only family is allowed” she must not test me.

Me: I am family

Her: “being his employee doesn’t count as family mam” this bitch I was about to give her a piece of my mind when one of the guards stationed at his door spoke “Mrs Drake”

Me: “oh hi there uhm” damn I forgot his name

Him: “ it’s Frederick Mam” the receptionist is now looking shit scared

Her: I am so sorry Mrs Drake I just ...

Me: “save it” I went to my husband’s private ward as soon as I open the door he is sitting upright busy on his phone I

breathed out relieved that he is awake he looks up and smile but I am angry at him.

Me: is that a bandage on your stomach?

So you lied to me wena mlungu

Him: “I know I’m in trouble when you call me mlungu and baby I didn’t lie, you asked me if I was stabbed I said no I was telling the truth because I got shot” he says with a smug

Me: “ I’ll wipe that smug off your face, do you know how worried sick I was.

Everyone hugging their man nna dololo and that stupid son in law of yours keeps quiet about your condition making me play different scenarios in my mind.” He burst out laughing

Him: “ son in law huh?” he laughs again throwing his head back. After his moment he calls me to join me on the bed. I lay on

his chest listening to his heartbeat. I love him

FIVE YEARS LATER!!!!

NARRATED

The Drake family has grown a lot. Junior is now 8 years old Amy is now 7 years old and another addition to the family whose name is Brandon khosi Drake he is three years old. He looks more like Nthatisi, his skin is more tan than the others and he has hazel brown eyes like his mother. Fury is so smitten by him. The Drake family are now billionaires according to Forbes magazine and life has been amazing. Nthatisi went back home to rustenburg to erect tombstones for her parents

although her aunt sold her parent's house Fury was able to buy it back. After Fury tortured Ema's aunt he was able to get the truth that she and Lefube were responsible for the brutal murder of Ema's father. Fury decided not to tell Ema about it but he did kill the aunt by chopping her into pieces.

Malcolm and Melanie are currently engaged and have a baby on the way. Mel did graduate and is now working at one of her father's hospital in Joburg. They visit Ema and Fury every month without fail. Malcolm and Fury are still very close and Fury even gave Malcolm shares at 2 of his mines.

Lisa and Anele are still together. Lisa is still studying because she wants to be a

cardiologist and an open heart surgeon like her father. She is still in Cape town so she visits the rents regularly. Fury has accepted Anele and they even treat her like family.

The Akojes are still going strong and happy with two of their children. Kea is still a 50% share holder in the baecation store which is doing extremely well. They even opened stores in Cape town and Durban.

The Ametos welcomed another baby, a boy . Nono and Nthatisi are not friends anymore, their husbands tried to mend their friendship but failed. Juan is a regular at the Drake's, he told Nono he won't stop being friends with them because she has a problem with Nthatisi.

Masego still manages ciabata and has a 3 year old daughter with Jason. Jason divorce his wife Cindy and paid lobola for Masego who now calls herself a rich friend too. Masego is still very much close with Nthatisi and they even go on vacations together.

Sheila is still stuck in Russia and because she doesn't have papers he can't get a proper job. She is now are prostitute. She has concluded that Gerald and Kilmer's plans failed and Bradley killed them.

NTHATISI

Me: baby Mel is in labour we have to go, we are about to be grandparents” Fury chuckles and shakes his head.

Fury: I love you grandma, my last and my only.

THE End!!!

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