

PIERCED HEART

Undefined Love



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PROLOGUE

***Keabetswe* (April)**

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Mom : I don't know what to do
with you anymore

She says clicking her tongue

Throwing her bag on the couch
as we walk in

She turns and looks at me

I can just see the pain and hurt
on her face

Mom : this is the second
college you get expelled out at ,
in just 6 months . April what am
I supposed to do with you ?

I just stare at her

Mom : I tried , I really tried .
And I've reached my limits now
, imagine getting expelled at a
college like you're a high school
student

She shakes her head with a sigh

Mom : and you have nothing to
say for yourself

Me : I'm sorry

She chuckles annoyed

Mom : yeah , and sorry is going to erase this ?

Of course not

Mom : I am done , I am so done . Go pack your bags , you're going to your father

I tear up walking closer to her

She cannot be serious

Me : mom no.....please I am
sorry , don't ship me off to him
!

Mom : ship you off ? He made
you just like me , I've had my
fair share and I'm tired . Let

him deal with you , and do his share . Because if you turn out to amount to nothing , I will take the blame . I can't do this

Me : no , I will do better I promise please don't send me to himI beg you please

She sighs

Mom : please go pack , we're
done with this conversation

Me : mom I....

My phone rings and it's my
father

I look at her

Me : you called him ?

I say with my voice raised

She says nothing

Me : wow , so you just couldn't
wait to just ship me off to him ?
Fine I'll get away from you ,
clearly I'm no longer wanted
here

I answer the call going to my
room

Me : hello ?

Dad : angel , why are you crying
?

Me : is it necessary that she just
ships me off to you ?

I walk in my room

Dad : ship you off ? I'm your father , and if mom feels like she needs the break then let's give her one . No one is shipping you off , I'm your father

Must be nice being her

So parents do get breaks from being parents

Dad : don't hurt me now , I'll send you some money to get what you may need . And I'll send over , your flight tickets details . You'll fly out Friday morning

That's like the day after tomorrow

Me : wow okay

Dad : I love you

I wish I felt any love for my
parents right now

I drop the call , laying down on
my bed facing down crying my
eyes out

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Qhawekazi



Hawu : how you holding up ?

Me : good

I say with a nod , yet I feel like
I'm carrying the whole world on
my shoulders

This straight shit doesn't work
for me , life was so much better
before

Hawu : I don't trust that

I chuckle

Hawu : what's up ?

I'm the eldest , I really can't be bothering them with my issues

If anything , they should be the ones bothering me

Hawu : maybe I can help

Me : I'm not in trouble Hawu

He laughs

Hawu : sure

Me : we lost a great deal , and
the company is somehow
slacking financially right now

Hawu : how much do you need
?

From taking over dad's company , and branching out to Joburg as well

He's holding himself pretty well

Me : thought of getting investors , but I don't want anyone in my business . So I put my own money , to keep us afloat for maybe three months . If we don't pick up after that , I'm in deep shit . And I can't put

any more of my personal
money in

Hawu : but you could have just
said , what if it flops ? All your
money is gone down the drain

I sigh

Me : tell me something I don't
know

Hawu : but , you're a Bangani .
We're not fucking failures ,
you'll make do

Me : yeah , enough of this

He chuckles , and takes his
phone out

He fiddles with it , and gets up
as my phone beeps

Hawu : I'll see you

I look at him , as he turns to
walk out

Me : Hawu I'm going to fucking
kill you

Hawu : I know

He laughs going out

I heave a sigh as he closes the
door

I look at my phone , and he's
sent me 500K

I shake my head slowly

My siblings will always have my
back no matter what

Doesn't matter if it's good or bad , but we have each other

This money can carry me , but I need a way to save my company from sinking

This is my blood and sweat , I can't just watch it crumble

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Mbali



Mom : please behave yourself

I laugh

Mom : I'm serious

Me : always

As if

Dad : I don't understand why
you're now going to stay at res

He won't get it

But I'm 20 , I'm old to really be
staying at home with parents

I want to enjoy vibes , get
drunk and high

Without parents looking over
my shoulders

Me : let me go , I need to settle

Mom : you can leave Friday

Dad : yeah , exactly what's the rush ?

Me : uhmjust to settle . I might have been attending for six months , but then I haven't been staying there

Mom sighs

Me : bye parents , I love you

I kiss her cheek grabbing my
bag walking out

Heading to my car , I get in and
drive out

I make a call

Kazi : sure

I laugh

Me : tell me I get to see you
this weekend

Kazi : definitely

Me : great , I'm driving out to
res right now

Kazi : finally out of the nest

Me : freedom !

She chuckles

Kazi : let me get back to work ,
I'll come check you

Me : alright bye

I drop the call I'm excited for
this , finally out of home

I managed to get a room , and
that was just lady luck on my
side

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A knock comes at the door ,
and I know it's not my mother

I'm sure I'm the last person she
wants to see right now

I'm all done packing

I wish my mother could say
she's changed her mind

I'm not going anymore , but I
know she meant what she said

Me : come in

Sipho walks in , and he has a
smile on his face

Sipho : my friend

I laugh

Sipho : I'm glad I got a laugh

He sits down on the bed next to
me

Me : your girlfriend told me
she's tired of me , and now
she's shipping me off to Jason

Sipho : there's no such thing as that , parents never get tired of parenting

Me : she said she's tired

Sipho : of the situation , and not you

I shake my head

Me : he's married , I've only met his wife twice . What if she doesn't want me ?

Sipho : for what reason ?

Me : she's never lived with me

Sipho : you're going to be fine , Jason is your father .

Me : and he'll probably choose his wife over me any day , if she dares decides that she doesn't like me or want me there

Sipho : You're his angel , he won't let anything happen to you

Me : I don't know about that

Sipho : you're angry right now ,
your mother is hurt . Eventually
this will die down , and you
both will be okay

Me : what is she hurt about ?

Sipho : this is not easy for her ,
she said you said she's shipping
you off . And that made her feel
like , you're saying she's
abandoning you

Me : she is

Sipho : no , she's not

He takes my hand into his

Sipho : go bath , I'm taking you
out

Me : I don't want to be in your
girlfriend's presence right now ,

I'm leaving tomorrow . I'll avoid her my best today , my father sent me money and the flight details . And we both know your girlfriend has made up her mind , so I'm leaving really

Sipho : I did not say , I'm taking you and her out . I said you

I laugh

Me : fine , let's go eat your
money

He gets up shaking his head

Sipho : come out of here less
sour

Me : how much are you
spending ?

He laughs going out

I get up heading to the shower ,
my phone rings

And I hope it's not my father

I reach for it , and it's Bayanda

Me : Yaya

He chuckles

Yanda : someone is feeling
much better today

I sigh

Me : I'm sorry about last night ,
I was just off

Yanda : what's up ?

Me : Libo is tired of me , and she's shipping me off to PE to Jason

Yanda : what ?

Me : yeah , and I'm leaving tomorrow

Yanda : but babe ...wait ...just wait , what does this mean for us now ?

Me : I don't know , but it
doesn't mean we have to stop

Yanda : stop ! Babe , you're
moving to PE .

I keep quite , now he's getting
angry

And I don't know nor
understand for what

People do long distance
relationships all the time

What's different about us ?

Me : what are you saying ?

I feel like tearing up right now

It seems like everything is just
falling down for me

Yanda : I can't do this , I can't
do a long distance relationship .
I just cannot

A tear drops on my cheek

Me : Yaya I..... I love you

Yanda : this distance is just

He sighs

Yanda : next thing , we will be cheating on each other . It just won't work

Me : okay , bye

I drop the call , and delete his number along with our pictures

I go take a shower

Just filled with emotions , and I
feel like breaking down

But what's the point ?

It won't bring him back

I just pull jeans with a t-shirt
and sneakers

I don't even care about looking
anyhow right now

I grab my bag , and there's a missed call from his number

I don't bother calling him back

I go down , and Siphos is in the lounge with my mother

Me : I'm done

Siphos : won't you greet ?

I look down

Sipho : we are not leaving this
house until you two

Me : morning mom

I say walking to the door

I cannot bare being in this house , and well if it's greeting I just have to do

It doesn't hurt

I wait outside by his car , after a while he comes out

Sipho : I'm not pleased with you

Me : I'm sorry

He unlocks the car , we get in
and he drives out

Me : I'll come back speaking
deep Xhosa

He laughs

At least that's easing the mood

Me : I'll have some crazy accent

Sipho : come on , you don't just develop an accent

Me : mhm , anyways Jason lives right by the sea coast . It's mixed , so I guess I'll balance with the English . He's white after all

I shrug

Sipho : you're going to continue
speaking your Setswana very
fine

I nod

My phone rings and I ignore it
until it stops , and it rings again

Me : yhoh !.

Sipho : are you not going to answer that ?

Me : no , I don't wanna talk to an ex

Sipho : ex ?

Me : I got dumped

He frowns

Me : don't give me that look ,
I'm 19

Sipho : stay away from boys

Me : yes dad

Sipho : sarcastic much

We laugh

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Mbali

I'm happy to see this person

I haven't seen her in a while

And I've missed seeing her cute
face

Kazi : nice place

Me : yeah

Kazi : it's cute too

I chuckle

Kazi : you affording rent to be staying here alone ?

It's a room to share

And the rent is a bit steep

Me : I couldn't find a single room , I can manage for maybe two months

Kazi : better find a roommate

Me : mhm we're heading to third semester , most people are covered with accommodation

Kazi : make a plan , or find a single . Even if it's outside campus , this is going to hurt your pockets . I can't help , I'm stuck with a crisis at work , I'm on the down-low with finances

Now this is something else

I was just in a hurry to move out of home , I don't even think of how I'll cover rent on my own

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Sipho : you ready ?

He asks leaning by the door
frame

I nod , turning my head looking
around this room

Sipho : let me take the bags to
the car

He walks in and takes the bags

He walks out , and I feel like
crying

But I won't

This is my new reality now , and
I don't know how I'll adjust to it

And I'm leaving with a heavy
heart really

The fact that Bayanda and I are
done , like just like that

He didn't even try to see if we
can make things work or what

He was just too quick to spit
out , how we'll cheat on

I walk out heading outside

And already my mother is in
the car

I don't even know where she's
going

It's not like I'm going to run
away , and never make it to PE

I get in the car , at the back seat

Sipho goes to lock the door ,
and he comes back getting in
the car driving out heading to
the airport

The ride is just quite until we
arrive

And we walk in

Sipho : please behave yourself
there , and Jason is dad not
Jason . Mind your mouth

I chuckle

Me : and what do I call Angie ?
She's not my mother

He sighs

Sipho : kiddo please

Me : fine

He places my bags down , but
still I won't be comfortable
calling Angie mom

Sipho : call home okay

I nod

Sipho : give me a hug

We hug

Sipho : you take care of
yourself

Me : I will

We pull out

And my mother is standing a bit
further from us

Sipho : go say goodbye , please

I take a deep breath walking to
her

We just stare at each other

Me : uhmI won't annoy
Jason , I'll behave

She says nothing

Me : bye

I walk away

Sipho : I hope one day you two
can sort this thing out

Me : I tried

He sighs

Me : I have to go

Sipho : bye kiddo

I nod , grabbing my bags

He turns and walks away along
with her

Voice : April

I turn , and I can't believe he's here . Like , I thought he's done so much he doesn't care

He rushes to me , and I'm already tearing up

He just engulfs me into a hug

Yanda : fuck babe ! This is not fair

Can he say just something I
don't know

Maybe I can hold myself for
him

But when will I see him again ?

And one thing I know is that he
won't wait for me

I caught that one very quick

A week gone , and he'll just
fuck the next thing

That's what his words
insinuated , and I believe him

Bayanda and I met earlier this
year when I started college

And he's the captain of the
football team at college

He's one of those boys , and
girls just throw themselves at
him

He won't resist now that I'll be
away

My flight gets called

We pull out of the hug

Yanda : I love you

He cups my face , wiping my
tears

Me : I love you

He leans down and we kiss

It sure feels like goodbye , my
heart is finally feeling that
we're done

And this is it for us

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OR Tambo Airport

Outside at the parking lot

Libo is tearing up , not being
able to hold off her tears

Sipho has her in his embrace

Sipho : it's okay

Libo : she hates me now , she really hates me

Sipho : come on babe , kiddo can never hate you

Libo : why couldn't she just be a normal child ?

He pulls back , and wipes her
tears

Sipho : she's normal , you just
need to understand her more
that's all

She sighs

Libo : I just wish she got well
with me , just like she does with
you

Sipho : she respects me , but she also knows I'm her friend . And she can be herself with me , and she can tell me anything . I make her feel free towards me , I don't want her to fear me . There's nothing wrong with her , she has no reason really why she keeps getting expelled . She did well , last year in her matric you know this . Maybe she should have just taken a

gap year , just to figure herself out . You pushed school into her , and maybe she doesn't even know what she wants to do as of yet . Maybe a gap year would have given her some perspective

She leans against her car

Libo : am I such a bad parent ?

He chuckles

Sipho : now you're taking what I said out of context , don't worry . This phase will pass , lets go

He opens the door for her , she gets in taking her bag

She takes out wipes and cleans her face

While he gets in the car driving
off

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At Sea Coast

Angie : are you okay ?

She asks her husband , as he
looks somewhat

Jason : I'm worried about Angel

Angie : she's just being a teenager

Jason : not that , butthe way she was crying when I called her . It's like she doesn't want to come here

She sighs sitting down next to her husband , holding his hand

Angie : she's known her mother
, lived with her most her teen
years . She's seen you twice , in
the 8 years you've separated
with her mother

Jason : that's another thing ,
I've failed my child . I've failed
her , and I guess she's justified

Angie : don't beat yourself up
about this , you have been a
present father

Jason : financially

Angie : but you call her

Jason : it's not the same

Angie : okay fine , but she's
coming now . And you'll
makeup for lost time , at least
that counts for something

He runs his hand on his face

Angie : when is her flight
landing ?

Jason : in an hour or so

Angie : okay , I hope that she
will feel that this is home

He just nods , his mind trailing
away

She's a teenager now , and one
who seems to be very troubled

According to her record

No one gets expelled from
college , it's not high school

He sighs with these thoughts
shaking his head

How will she adjust to being here

Living with a woman that's not her mother

His real worry , is his wife and his angel getting along

He can only hope for the best , and hopefully this whole situation they can live with

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PE International Airport

Jason picks his ringing phone
with a smile

Jason : my love

Angie : has she arrived ?

He laughs

Jason : can you relax ! The plane just landed , I'll walk in now . I'm still in the car

Angie : okay

He chuckles , just hearing her shaky voice

Jason : babe are you worried ?

Angie : more like nervous

He laughs

Jason : I guess that's the word

Angie : we've met twice , and I don't know how she's going to react

Jason : don't worry , the three of us will figure things as we go forward

She heaves a sigh

Angie : you're right , we have to

Jason : mhm , don't worry

Angie : have you told her ?

Jason : no

Angie : please tell her before
you get home , I don't want
things to be awkward when she
arrives

Jason : it would be a nice
surprise , but okay I'll tell her

Angie : it's best , let me fix
lunch

Jason : don't strain yourself

She laughs

Jason : I love you

Angie : I love you too

He hangs up , and walks out of
his car walking inside the
airport

A bit nervous

Not knowing how this change
will be for them all

But the excitement to see his
daughter , has him at ease
about everything

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I look at him

And it feels like a dream

He smiles

And I didn't realise until this
moment just how much I
missed him

It's one thing to see him on
FaceTime

To hear his voice over the
phone

But definitely another now
seeing him

He walks over and meets me
halfway

Dad : angel

I smile , tears burning my eyes

He engulfs me into a hug

I gather myself not to cry

This is a airport for goodness
sake , I can't just cry

Me : I missed you

Dad : I missed you too my angel

Only he calls me angel

We pull back

Jason : you've grown

Me : no wonder I'm giving Libo
....mom grey hairs

I remember Siphos words , I
guess I've made it a norm to
call them by names

Only when they're not near me

And I still don't know what I'm
going to call his wife

Definitely not mom , maybe
aunty will do

And that on its own , it's just
very much awkward I must say

He laughs

Dad : let's get your bags and go home

I grab the sports bag , while he takes the suitcase

Dad : you didn't bring a lot of clothes

I shrug

He chuckles

Dad : you'll do shopping ,
because there'll be no shipping
you off here . There'll be no
getting expelled from college ,
and you're starting on Monday

Oh shit !

Did he have to ?

Me : this Monday ?

Dad : right after the weekend

Isn't that too soon ?

And who starts college at third semester ?

Me : but

Dad : not buts

I want to scream right now ,
what's the fuss really ?

Like who did he even bribe to
get me space , in such a short
space of time ?

We get to his car , and puts the
bags inside and we take our
seats he drives out

Me : it's third semester

Dad : mhm , I pulled strings and paid whoever I could . You're going university

Wow !

University even , like not even a college . And to even admit that he pulled strings

I am so defeated , like this is
too soon

Dad : uhmthere's something
I need to tell you

Me : what ?

Dad : Angie is pregnant

Just great !

Me : mhm , congratulations

He side eyes me

Dad : you're going to be a big
sister

Me : yay !

He laughs

Dad : that is so fake.

Me : well I.... I've always been
the only child from both sides ,
and I don't know how I feel
about being the older sister .
But I'm happy for you ,
nonetheless

He nods

I feel somewhat right now

Me : what do I call Angie ?
Mother or aunt ?

He laughs , and I just have to
ask before we get there

Dad : whichever one

Me : I have a mother , and it'll
be awkward . I call mom's
boyfriend by his name

I can't comprehend his look ,
but they better get where I'm
from

I'm definitely not a toddler

Me : I'll be staying at school
right ?

Dad : why would you want to
stay there ? Home is not far

Me : best I just be at school ,
and I'll come home on
weekends . I'm not trying to
trick you into anything , trust
me I'll attend and I'll behave . I
think it'll just be for the best ,
and less awkward for obvious
reasons

Dad : we'll talk some more
about this matter

I guess for now it's closed

We finally arrive at his place

And he takes my bags out , I
follow him inside

Angie welcomes us in

Angie : oh my word ! You have
grown so much

I smile

Me : and you look ready to pop
anytime soon

They laugh

I thought he was speaking
about a pregnancy that's still
new , and not something this
big and huge

Now I'm asking myself why
they kept this a secret

Even to me

Angie : you must be very tired ,
I've prepared lunch

Jason : your room is on the
second floor , let me show you .
And shower first , then we can
come eat

I nod with a smile following him
upstairs

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Me : that looks good

I close the file

Me : I think we can call them ,
and hopefully they'll hear us

She nods and gets up taking the file with walking out

I lean back on the chair

Hopefully we can secure this deal

It's worth millions , and after loosing such a big client

We do need this on to close
that gap

Obviously it'll cover costs and
all

We need this deal

I haven't been myself since we
lost the other , I took a hard
knock with it

This can definitely just be my
pick up

We just have to pick ourselves
up , and not sulk over what we
lost

But look elsewhere , on what
we can get

And this contract looks good , I
hope they can come on board

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Dad : why don't you want to stay here at home ?

Me : honestly , I barely know you and Angie that well . I'm just avoiding awkward situations , having to now live together

He sighs

Me : I'm here now , mom
doesn't want me ...

Dad : angel !.

Me : no she doesn't , but it's
fine . I'll go to varsity , I promise
you . Just let me stay there ,
and on weekends I'll come see
you guys . Please

I hope he says yes

I just don't see myself living
with them

Especially now because they're
going to have a child

I really don't want to feel
anyhow , like I'm replaced now

Dad : okay , I'll see if i can't find a room for you . But if I don't find one , you're staying at home . There's no way , I'll let you go rent outside of home and res

Me : yes sir

He laughs

Dad : come eat breakfast

I nod as he walks out

I didn't do much yesterday

I spent time in this room , and
eventually just slept

I take my phone and dial his
number , and it rings until it
goes to voicemail

Me : serves me right

I block the number , and
unfriend him on Facebook

We don't follow each other on
Instagram

I'm leaving Bayanda and that
part of my life behind back in
Joburg

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Madoda : congratulations

I nod

Hawu : why do you

Me : mhm , nifuna nton ?
(What do you want)

Hawu : we just came to see you

Madoda : and to say we're
proud , you got the deal back

Me : they came back , I didn't
chase after them

And I know they came back
because we scored the other
deal . Just bloody vultures ,
wanting to suck on us

Hawu : still

I chuckle

Me : yeah well

Hawu : can you host us in your house for a few days ?

Me : why ?

Madoda : cause we're here

Me : nibuyela nini ekhaya ?
(When are you going back home)

Hawu : in a few days

Great !

I have nothing against my
brother's

But coming from such a big family of five kids

Sometimes it really doesn't hurt to just have my own space

Its called having peace of mind

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Dad : there's a room

This man can make things happen , I don't even care to know if he bribed anyone again

I'm just glad that I'm moving out

I don't want to stay here

I have nothing against him or Angie

But it's awkward being with
them

The dinner table feels
somewhat

I just don't fit in here

Best I come to visit

Dad : but you'll have to share

Great !

Now I'm gonna be in
someone's presence 24/7

Me : okay

Dad : is that fine ?

Me : it's fine

It's so very fine , it beats having
to live with them here

Dad : alright , I'll pay in advance
for the next 6 months

Me : okay , thank you

Dad : don't mention it , just get
there and study

Me : I will

I have no problems whatsoever
academically

Just that I'm not a fan at all

If I had my way , matric would
have been where my education
bus ended for good

But of course , my mother was
never going to have that

She was never going to allow it
, not while she still lives

It's not like I did anything that
extreme to even be expelled

But going to college for three
months and not attending even
a single class got me out

In both colleges

I just never bothered myself , I missed March exams and June exams

So basically my mother was paying for nothing

She's a doctor , so I don't qualify for financial aid

Both my parents are stable

That's the only thing I feel bad
for

Because her money went down
the drain

Now I'll have to start on third
semester , and next year
instead of doing second year I'll
be adding two more modules

Life sucks

Jason doesn't seem like he's
going to put up with my
nonsense

And since school is just being
thrown down my throat , I'll
just have to suck it up

If only I had enough money to
reimburse my mother her

money , I would definitely do it
cause I dealt her bad

And speaking of her , I didn't
even call her

Like since from yesterday

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Mbali

She walks in , and I'm still busy
cleaning up this room

Kazi : what's going on ?

I laugh

Me : I'm just clearing up

Kazi : I know spring is coming ,
but it's still winter . Are you not
in a hurry ?

I chuckle

Me : I've just been informed
I'm getting a roommate

Kazi : nice , so you took that
advice ?

Me : I wish , I hadn't even gone
to ask . I was called in this
morning

Kazi : whoever it is , she must
be knowing people

I laugh

Me : yeah

Kazi : let me have a smoke
while you finish up , I'll wait for
you

Me : okay

She gets up

Me : you don't have to go
outside , and I have some
greens . You can help yourself ,
and leave me some

She grins

Me : look by the drawer

I know she can never turn
down a blunt of weed

She takes it out , and sits down
on the bed rolling

Me : now what's what I call a
joint

She chuckles

Kazi : you won't smoking till
you finish

I laugh shaking my head

Me : she better at least be cute

She laughs

Me : I cannot , be sweating like
this for just a mere being

I shake my head

The room wasn't that dirty , but
it wasn't that clean either

Hence I'm busy cleaning now

Kazi : don't fuck her

Me : mhm , I'm not about that

She goes quite

I look at her

Me : ever fell for someone
knowing very well you can't
have them ?

Kazi : I don't do love

Me : of course , you wouldn't
know

Kazi : I guess it's that deep

I chuckle

Me : even if I were to tell you ,
you wouldn't understand

Kazi : probably

I let her have her joint , while I
continue cleaning

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***Keabetswe* (April)**

Angie : you know you're
welcome to stay at home

Me : yeah , but I'll rather be at
school

Angie : don't be a stranger then

Me : I won't

Dad : home is near , you can
come anytime you want . We
don't mind having you there
with us

Me : I know dad , I'm here . And
I'm not going anywhere

I'm just glad he came through
with the room

I'm packed and ready to leave

Dad : okay , I sent you some money . I hope it'll be enough for food and toiletries

I have money

It wasn't necessary that he sends more

I didn't even get to use the one he sent a few days ago

Me : okay thanks

Dad : let me know if you come
short

Me : I will

Dad : books before boys please

I laugh

Me : worry not

Dad : okay , we'll leave you here . You'll manage right ?

Me : yeah , thanks for bringing me

Dad : give me a hug

We hug briefly

Me : bye

I grab my bag , and they stand
by watching me walk in

I feel like a 5 year old , first day
at school

Parents and attachment issues

I get my access card heading to
the room

The door is slightly opened , I
knock

Voice : sure

Yhoh !

I open and walk in

And I'm like what ?

Couldn't it be a girly girl ? It had to be a stud like really ?

Me : uhm hi

She gets up

Her : hey , you must be April ?

Me : Kea or Keabetswe will do

I hate the April name

My father gave it to me , but I
embrace my mother's roots
than the white one's

I really see myself as black and
not mixed

I even use my mother's
surname and not my father's

She smiles

Her : Kea it is , I'm Mbali .
Welcome

Me : thanks

Mbali : that's your side

Me : cool

Her phone beeps , she reaches
for it

Mbali : uhm , I'm going out with a friend . You can tag along if you want

Like girl !

I just walked in here , can I breathe please

Me : uh thanksI'll pass .
Kinda worn out

I don't wanna sound nor seem
anyone

I don't even know anyone here

I can't afford to be thought
anyhow

Especially by someone I'll be
stuck with daily

Mbali : no sweat , let me
change so I can bounce

And girl , right there and there

She just undress opening her
wardrobe , taking out jeans and
a tee with a jacket

I dart my eyes away from her ,
as she gets dressed

No privacy in here

It sucks sharing

And now I suddenly see that

We have to get naked in front
of each other

And the door just opens , like
no knock no nothing

In walks in another stud , with
dreadlocks

And lord !

She looks at me , I'm like those
eyes

Where do they make them like
this ?

Her : hi

And her voice is definitely
masculine , way much deeper
than Mbali's

Me : hi

Mbali : next time knock , I don't
live alone anymore

They both chuckle

And I'm like , what have I been dealt though ?

I need to lock this door , if I'm left alone and I'm showering or I need to undress

I can't have studs just walking in on me naked

Mbali : roomie , this is my friend Kazi and this is Kea

She nods

I'm just still , not knowing what
to say

I can't take my eyes off of this
Kazi though

Mbali : I'm done , let's bounce .
Kea you sure you not tagging
along ?

Me : maybe next time

Kazi : definitely next time

My heart , is giving me beats I
don't understand

As I find myself smiling at that

Mbali : you're insane

She laughs tapping Kazi's
shoulder

Mbali : let's go

They both walk out

I sit down on the bed that's
mine

It's two single beds

Me : wow ! Okay

I take a deep breath

My phone rings and it's Siphon , I smile answering

Me : hello

Siphon : you'll bore me

I laugh

Sipho : how are you ?

Me : alive and well very much
still kicking and breathing , just
walked in at res

Sipho : res ?

He asks in confusion , and I
remember that he doesn't
know

I haven't told them anything , I
last texted my mother
yesterday

Just telling her that I'm fine

Me : Jason threw me at Varsity
, his wife is pregnant she can
give birth any hour . And I just
couldn't , I need to focus he
made it clear he won't ship me

nowhere . No getting expelled ,
I'm stuck with him . I need
peace , I won't survive in their
house with a new born . That'll
be crying half the time , hell no

He's dying of laughter , and I
don't get what's funny .
Honestly I'm not hyped

Sipho : threw you ? Like what's
wrong with you ?

Me : I wonder too , everyone is just taking me to the next

Sipho : come on , there's no such thing . You just have a loose mouth , and you lack correct speech . These people are your parents

Me : wow thank you

Sipho : you'll be fine , and
please just try the varsity thing

Me : mhm , I'm definitely going
to do it

Sipho : thank you , you want to
talk to your mother ?

Me : no

I say as quick as I can

He sighs

Sipho : okay , I'll tell her what's happening . But she's going to feel bad , that she's not hearing from you

She'll get over it , and be fine

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Mbali

Me : she looks like she's cool

Kazi : you're going to fuck her

I laugh

Me : fuck no ! She's not my
type

Sure she's beautiful and all

And I could tell she's mixed

But she's not my type , I won't
even dare look at her like that

Kazi : don't make me ask you

Me : dream on

I have someone I have my eyes
on , it's just a pity they don't
look like they feel the same
way

We get out of the car , walking
inside the club

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A MONTH LATER

***Keabetswe* (April)**

I have survived a month at
Varsity

And it's not bad , I'll definitely
see the end of the year maybe

And be back definitely next
year , and the one after I think

Until I'm done with this degree

I was visiting them at home

The baby brother is born , he's
a week old now

I'm happy , but at the same
time I feel like I've been
replaced

Like it's a boy , and men are
just insane about having son's

I don't know

I don't hate the child though ,
but I'm not his fan either

I haven't gone back to Joburg ,
even for just a visit

And it won't be any time soon
before I go back there

My mother and I , we're still
not on very good speaking
terms

And I prefer to text her , than
to call

I talk to Sipho though , I guess
that's something

Mbali is not bad at all

She's actually cool , and we get
along just fine

And that cute friend of hers ,
she's been here quite a few
times

And I can't really say I've
exchanged words with her

Except just a few

And I've gone out with them
twice , like their usual outings
to clubs

Once was with Mbali alone
though , and it was great

Mbali goes out a lot

And that's something I try by all
means to avoid

I do go out , but definitely to
restaurants

Have a good meal , and a glass
of wine . Then I'm back

I really can't complain

I'm busy buried in books right
now , I'm really trying my best
to hold this varsity thing

Mbali just went out , she said
she's going for a smoke

She also smokes weed , not
that I'm judging

I get up , getting myself a glass
of water

A knock comes at the door

I open and there she stands

I don't know if it's her , or just
her style or what

But there's just something
about this girl , that I just can't
explain

Me : hi

Kazi : mhm sure

I'm used to now these kind of
greeting , it's just insane

Kazi : is Mbali around ?

Me : she went out

Kazi : okay , can I wait ?

I shrug

She chuckles walking in

I've never been in a room alone
with her , this feels awkward

I down my glass of water

Me : can I get you anything ?

She's sitting on Mbali's bed

Kazi : I don't think you can get
me what I want right now

I frown in confusion

Kazi : you'll get it soon

Lord !

I go back to bed , and she leans
over grabbing my book

Kazi : this is wrong

What the hell ?

She frowns reading further

Kazi : slide me your numbers ,
I'll write it and send you the
answers later on

Is she being for real ?

Me : are they really wrong ?

Kazi : I can send them to Mbali ,
if you think I'm trying to score
your tens

Girl , take my tens I don't care .
Like please have them

Me : 0....

She chuckles , handing me her
phone

I pinch my number in , and
hand the phone back

Mbali walks in , she puts my
book down

Mbali : sure

She nods

Mbali : what's up ?

Kazi : none , where you coming from ?

Mbali : out for a smoke

Kazi : let's go

She gets up , and walk past Mbali going out

Mbali : did I disturb something ?

And then !

Me : like what ?

Mbali : it looked like I walked
into something

What's this now ?

Me : go ask your friend

Mbali : she will break your
heart , don't even think about it

And with that being said she
walks out

I'm just left stunned

What does she care about my
heart being broken ?

I'm not her kid

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Mbali

I'm not an idiot

I know I walked into something
in there

And I have nothing against Kea ,
she's a cool chick . Like we get
along just fine

But the last thing I want , is her
ending up with Kazi

Me : just so you know , she
used to deal guys

She side eyes me

We're now in the car , driving
to her place

Kazi : why you telling me ?

Me : don't go there , you know
how her kind are

Kazi : her kind ?

Me : bisexuals , they'll always
deal lesbians with boys

She shakes her head

Me : don't say I didn't tell you

Kazi : you're being insane right now

I chuckle

Me : just saying

Kazi : don't say

Me : when did you even start looking at her like that ?

Kazi : like what ?

I sigh

Me : fine be like that , but at least hear me and stay away from her

She shakes her head with a chuckle

I hope I was heard

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Qhawekazi

Mbali is full of shit

She didn't even stick around for
that much longer

I guess whatever she thinks she
walked in on

Had her feeling somewhat

Madoda : what you doing ?

I shake my head

Me : dude , I wish you weren't
in my house right now . I can't
have this girl failing this , not
after I said what she wrote was
wrong

He laughs

Madoda : are you and Mbali
dating now ?

Me : what ?

Madoda : she's the only one I
know who's in varsity , and well
who else would you be writing
for ?

Me : I have no reason to be writing for Mbali , I would even let her fail

He laughs

Me : leave me alone , I need to finish this

Madoda : whoever this is , you have it bad for her

He laughs going out , I continue
writing

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***Keabetswe* (April)**

I'm binging on a series , just
something to keep me busy

Mbali came back , a while back

And she didn't look like herself

I don't know if maybe I'm
missing something

If there's more to this
friendship , than it meets the
eye

Why would she be bothered
that Kazi and I were somehow ?

But it's none of my business ,
just as long as I can know and I
don't step on anyone's toes

I learnt , and I don't want to be
there again

Just a month away from Joburg
, and Bayanda is a father to be

Guess he really just wasn't
mine

And I was hurt , I don't want to
lie

I was hurt , I even told Mbali
about it

But I'm over it now

It's no use crying over spilled
milk , at least I knew what we
had wasn't real for him

My phone rings , bringing me
out of my thoughts

I reach for it and answer , with
a very sharp eye from Mbali

Me : hello ?

Voice : you're still up ?

I can't help but smile hearing
it's her

Me : yes , I have to write

She chuckles

Kazi : okay , I'll send them through now send me your email . Write as they are , you'll get three wrong . Just by default , don't worry

Wow just three ?

She sure trusts herself

Me : okay thank you

Kazi : mhm , and read them
know them . I won't be there
during exams

I smile with a slight laughter

Me : I know , I will study

Kazi : good , let me catch some
sleep

Me : bye , and once again thank
you

Kazi : don't mention it

We have that silent moment ,
before I drop the call

I remember to send her my
email address

And seconds later , the email
comes through

I get cracking with writing

Mbali : I didn't know you're
into girls

This girl !

Me : did I say I am ?

She chuckles

Mbali : are you not ?

I laugh

Me : what's this exactly ?

Mbali : just conversation , why
are you catching feels ?

Me : I'm trying to write my assignment here , so can it please wait

Mbali : sure , but don't date girls just because a guy hurt you . You'll hurt the girl , when you find another guy . Girls who date guys always choose guys over girls

Wow the lecture

Me : noted

I turn back to my laptop
accessing my assignment

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Mbali

Kazi : what's your deal ?

Her tone is slightly off , I don't
know what's it about

Me : I have none

I wonder if Kea said anything to her

Me : if this is about

Kazi : not another word

Me : fine , I'll stay out of it

Kazi : good

I sigh

Me : I'll see you less this week

Kazi : school ?

I nod

Kazi : no sweat , I have things to get up to as well . So we'll see each other when we can

Me : don't be a stranger

She laughs

Kazi : you can leave now , I
have work to get to

I get up

Me : I'll call you later

Kazi : no I'll call you bye

I laugh walking out and pass
Melumzi by the door

Melumzi : eita

Me : sure

He walks in and I head to the
elevator

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Qhawekazi

Melumzi : I'm sorry I took so long to come around

Me : it's fine , Hawu and Madoda don't know you're here right ?

Melumzi : no

Me : good , so I had lost a deal a month ago . But as soon as I secured another one worth millions , the one I lost came back . They fucked with me honestly , and I lost money trying to raise funds to keep the company afloat . Hawu even had to give me money , you know how he is . I can't return it back though , because he'll feel offended

Melumzi : what do you want us to do ?

Me : take them down , they have about 19 diamonds in their care 10 of those are black diamonds and 9 are the pink ones

He whistles

Melumzi : fuck !

Me : I want all of them ,
nothing should be left behind .
And then , they'll have no
choice but to leave my
company not being able to
afford my services

He nods

Melumzi : but are they not
insured ?

Me : that's covered , I'm going to frame the CEO for that theft . Insurance won't pay when they find out it's an insane job , and I'll make sure that's what they find

Melumzi : mhm , and when do you want this done ?

Me : this week , possibly Friday

Melumzi : I'll go to the hotel ,
and get in touch with Khuzani .
We'll plan this out , and carry it
on Friday . As you want

Me : and your brother's must
never find out you're here , I
don't need them anywhere
near me

He gets up

Melumzi : worry not , they
won't

I nod

Melumzi : good to have you
back godfather , you've been
too quite and straight . Life was
starting to get boring

I chuckle as he walks out

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***Keabetswe* (April)**

Mbali : can we talk ?

Me : I'm rushing to class , I
don't have a minute to spare

I say packing my books

Mbali : will take seconds

Me : you can talk now , before
I'm out the door

She sighs

Me : if it's about your friend , I
don't wanna hear it please

Mbali : it's ...uhm never mind

I grab my laptop bag heading
for the door

Mbali : Kazi doesn't do relationships , and you do guys . You'll just

Me : I said , I don't wanna hear it

I walk out closing the door

This is starting to be annoying now

Like what the fuck is the deal
with Kazi ?

Like what does she care ?

What's it to her , to even begin
with . Unless she loves Kazi

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Qhawekazi

Melumzi : we can get through security , it really won't be that hard to bribe him

Khuzani : and the alarm system will definitely be disabled , along with the cameras . We'll freeze them , for like 5 minutes

Melumzi : and that's how long we have to get all 19 diamonds , just 5 minutes

Me : I'll go in

Khuzani : rather Melumzi goes
in

Me : no

Melumzi : but

Me : I said no , this seems and
sounds easy enough . But I
can't take risks , if anything
goes wrong I don't want you
going to jail

Melumzi : but nothing will go wrong , we have this plan and we understand it

Me : we're not going back and forth , I'll go in there . You'll be in my ear , and at less than 5 minutes I better be out of there

He sighs

Khuzani : okay , I'll get on with the case . So your prints are not left anywhere on the diamonds

Me : how's the paper trail , for framing him ?

Melumzi : I'm on it , I'll be done by tomorrow

Me : okay

I get up pouring myself a glass
of whiskey

I sit back down taking out my
phone

Khuzani is focus on his laptop ,
Melumzi has his pen and paper

I know they're getting it down
now

At home there's 5 of us

With Omuhle being the first one , I come after her

Then it's Hawu , after him comes Melumzi and Madoda is the last one

That's why I can't risk with my brother going to jail for any of my deeds

He's the only one who knows
half the illegal things I get up to

We keep that life away from
the rest

Khuzani is a good mutual friend
to us

And he's the only one , who's
clued up about us

We keep this circle very small

The less people involved , the less worries we'll have . And it works much better

I get a text notification from WhatsApp

I check and it's Mbali

I chuckle shaking my head ,
opening her text

Mbali : I hate school , cause I
would rather be with you right
now

I smile

She's crazy and all , and
sometimes a bit too much

But I get her , and she gets me

We get along very fine , that
most people think we're
related

But she's just a friend

We met when I moved to the
sea coast , and it's been 5 year
of friendship

She knows me better than anyone , even though I do hold certain parts of myself from her

But it's for her own good , and in best interest

I leave the message , and check out statuses

I'm shocked seeing Kea's

I didn't check if her number has
WhatsApp or what

I open the status

And it's just junk food and
treats

Within a caption *a need after
such a crappy day*

Hell no !

It definitely cannot be the assignments marks

And that's probably going to take a few days before they get it back

I log out

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***Keabetswe* (April)**

Mbali went out , but she was
better off

Like her mood had changed ,
and way better than how it was
earlier on

I'm just laying on the bed ,
watching a movie on my laptop

I really need Netflix or
something

Cause I've watched almost
every movie that I have here

Even on my hard drive

A knock comes at the door

I'm not expecting anyone as
usual

And the only person who
comes here is Kazi

I even look so ugly

I get up walking barefoot , I'm
in shorts and a baggy t-shirt

I open the door and it's a
delivery guy

Me : hi

He greets back with a smile

Him : I have a delivery for uhm
.....Kea

I chuckle

Me : that sounds so
unprofessional

He looks down with a smile

Him : please sign here for me

I sign and he hands me the
paper bag

Me : thank you

He nods and walk away

I close the door

Me : strange

I open it and I feel like crying

Me : what ?

I'm shocked , and just
wondering who could have sent
this

I didn't even ask that guy

It's like all kinds of junk food
and treats you can think of

This is my status , and whoever
sent this saw the status

I sit down munching on a
chocolate

And minutes go by , there's no
call nor a text

Like there's nothing

I heave a sigh getting up

I take everything out , placing it
on my bed

I can't help but laugh as I grab
my phone taking a small video

I grab the burger and eat ,
taking a slice of pizza

Like I'm feeling down

And food , junk and comfort
food is the only thing that can
get me feeling better

I post the video on my status
with love emoji's

Along with the caption *to
whoever it may concern , just

know it's very much
appreciated*

I smile to myself

I just hope whoever it is will see
that status

And maybe text

Like tell me it's them so I can
know , and thank them nicely

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Mbali

Fuck !

I feel like I'm loosing the plot
right now

And I'm just being somehow
towards Kea and Kazi

But I don't want them getting
any closer

Like it has always been Kazi and I and no one else , I really don't want to be replaced . I feel somehow right now , with this chick around

And well , I would be lying if I say I don't love her

That's why I can't have her getting it on with Kea

Worse what happens when Kazi
hurts her ?

And we're roommates

The two just cannot happen

Kazi doesn't do relationships ,
and she keeps her temporary
things away from me

So I'm never hurt , because I
never know who she's fucked
with

I walk in and she's sitting on the
bed

I slept out last night

I didn't want to be in her
presence or face her

Me : sure

She looks up , and takes a deep
breath

Kea : hi

Me : you good ?

She nods

Me : I'm also good , Kazi is coming by later do you wanna tag along ?

Kea : no

Me : are you sure ?.

Kea : certain

Me : sucks , but okay

She nods

I grab a clean t-shirt and pants
from the wardrobe heading for
the bathroom

We just have a shower , so it's
always quick fast ones

I just wanna let loose tonight ,
and forget this shit I foresee
happening between these two

And maybe it's a good thing
that she's not coming along

The less time they see each
other , just the better

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Keabetswe (April)

She looks hella stunning

I cannot take that away from
her

Mbali : she's here , you still not coming ?

I shake my head no

She laughs

Mbali : alright , you lock the door and be safe

Me : yes mom

She throws me with her pillow

Mbali : you'll give me grey hairs

Me : hey !

A slight knock comes at the
door

She gets it , and Kazi walks in

In all black , her dreadlocks let
loose

My jaw drops

Like fuck !

This girl is beautiful , she's
stunning and all kinds of
handsomeness

Kazi : hey

I clear my throat

Me : hi

Mbali : we're gone , and you're
missing out

She says grabbing a jacket

Kazi : no smoking in my car

Mbali laughs

Mbali : let me rush , I'll take
two pulls . Don't rush much
behind me , give me space

She walks out , leaving Kazi by
the door

I throw the pillow back on her
bed

Gosh , now I wish I had said I'm going with them

Just for the sake that Kazi will be there

Kazi : come let's go

That's not asking , it's not even polite

It's a command

Me : uhm ...where ?

Kazi : to the club

What will Mbali say ?

I mean I already said I'm not
going

Me : uhm ...I would still need
to get ready

Kazi : I'm giving you 10 minutes

And she's for real

I get off the bed , opening my wardrobe taking out black ripped bum shorts

With a black baggy t-shirt , along with black sneakers

I turn and she's still standing by the door . Her gaze on me still , she doesn't move

Oh hell no !

Kazi makes me feel things , I do not know nor understand

I'm not getting naked in front of her

She deep chuckles , as if she's
read my mind . And just heard
exactly what I've said in my
head

I walk to the bathroom ,
changing my clothes

And putting on my sneakers

I apply make up , keeping it
natural

I walk out and she's still
standing by the door

Pressing on her phone

I grab my phone , sliding it on
my back pocket

I'm not taking any bag

Me : I'm done

She lifts her eyes , and those
eyes do something to me
before her expression changes

Kazi : you're going to the club
dressed like that ?

I nod

She keeps quite

Me : should I change ?

Kazi : no , come

I walk towards the door and
stand in front of her

Kazi : don't you dare leave my
sight

I nod like a 5 year old

Kazi : let's go

I grab the key she takes it as we
walk out and she locks the door

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Mbali

I should have known , shit was
going to happen

I leave them , just to have a
smoke

And Kazi comes out walking
with her

I'm pissed right now

And very much annoyed

She said to me she's not
coming , so now what's this ?

I open the front passenger seat

Kazi better not fuck with me ,
and say I should go to the back
seat

Just to excuse this girl

She opens the back seat for her

Me : so you're coming now ?

She just smiles , saying nothing

Kazi gets in on the driver's seat

Kazi : suck a mint or something

I chuckle as she drives out

Me : don't you have a beer or
so something ?

Kazi : there's a cooler box at
the back

I turn and it's on the side
behind her seat

I could ask Kea to hand me a
bottle , but I don't get why
she's suddenly here

I reach for it , my arm landing
on her thigh

And the rush I get at her
warmth

I bite my lower lip , grabbing a
can

Kea : you could have just asked
me to hand it to you

I chuckle

Me : no sweat

I move back

Kazi side eyes me , I pretend
like I don't even see her

Taking a deep breath , I open
the can of cider

Fuck this girl !

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***Keabetswe* (April)**

It's like the whole squad is here
, people they hang out with

It's guys and girls , like all kinds
of sexuality

There's gays and lesbians ,
boyfriends and girlfriends

The club is packed

They're on the VIP , and the
table is full of all kinds alcohol
you can think of

We all sit down

And Mbali doesn't waste time ,
grabbing a bottle of scotch
pouring in a glass

Downing it all down

Kazi : slow it down

The guys laugh

Mbali : let me be

There was attitude there , but
Kazi seems to just brush it off

Kazi : what do you want to
drink ?

I'm sitting next to her

Me : just ciders

Kazi : okay

She grabs one and hands it to
me

Three girls walk by , and stand
next to the table

There's a blond one , she's
stunning and looks at me

Her : I was sitting there

Whoa !

The tone is just off , and sets me off as well

I feel like telling her shit , but I don't know these people

Kazi : can't you find anywhere to sit ?

Her : no K , like for what ?

Okay !

They know each other ,
everyone seems to know
everyone here

I'm just the only outcast

Me : it's fine , don't burst a
nipple

I get up to go sit by the bar

I don't need this nonsense

Me : I'll go sit by the bar

I say looking at Kazi

Kazi : I'm not going to the bar

Me : I said me

Kazi : don't annoy me Kea ,
what did I say to you ?

Ouch !

Just because she said I
shouldn't leave her sight , now I
have to be stuck with her
annoying friends

Kazi : come sit on my lap

She holds my hand

And suddenly Mbali turns her
gaze to us

Mbali : Chloe find another chair
, there's no need for anyone to
be sitting on anyone's lap .

We're here to get drunk and
not be nasty

This girl !

She's shocking me as of late
and I don't get what's her deal
with me

Like what was that for ? It's
Kazi's lap and not hers

Chloe : oh it's no need , let K be
. I'll find somewhere to sit

She's suddenly now another
one , who doesn't want me
sitting on Kazi's lap

Theses girls have it bad for her

I wonder if she can see that

She places her hand on my
lower waist

I look at her with a side smile , I
move back sitting down on her
lap

She chuckles

Mbali : unnecessary drama
mxm ! I'm going to dance

She gets up and disappears to
the crowd

Kazi : you comfortable ?

I nod

She grabs a bottle of gin and
pours for herself

Placing her hand on my lower
waist

Chloe : I think I'll go join Mbali ,
you can sit down

No bitch I'm fine !

Me : I don't want the chair
anymore , this is more
comfortable

She frowns

Kazi and the guy on the far end
laugh , I take a sip of my cider

Not Chloe sitting her white flat
ass down

She's no longer going to dance ,
just because I don't want to
leave the lap

Mxm !

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Mbali

Chloe : what's K's deal with
that girl ?

I'm sitting by the bar , I don't even want to be anywhere near them

Me : I don't wanna talk about those two

She laughs

Chloe : since when does she do relationships ?

Me : with a chick that does guys
?

Her jaw drops

I heave a sigh , clicking my
tongue

Me : come on , even she knows
better

I shake my head annoyed

Chloe : get rid of the threat ,
before she takes her

I laugh

Me : did you hear anything I
said ? Kazi knows , this is how
our kind dies . Getting involved
with girls who do guys , next
thing the guy gang rapes you

and kills you for fucking his girl .
She won't go there

I so hope she doesn't

Even if she feels anything for
Kea

I know for a fact she feels
nothing for Kazi

She's never said she does girls

Me : or maybe I should fuck her
, I know Kazi would never go for
someone I've done . Even if she
wants her

She laughs

Chloe : you ?

I shrug

I felt a rush when my arm
landed on her thigh

I know now for a fact I wouldn't
mind doing that pussy

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Qhawekazi

She has her face on my neck

She looks very much worn out

I tilt my head , looking at her

She has her one arm behind my neck

Me : what's wrong ?

Kea : I'm getting drunk , I just want to go

I chuckle

Me : look at me

She lifts her head , and looks at
me

I lean over , brushing my lips
over hers

I give her a peck

She has such soft lips , I would
love to just ravish on them

Me : okay , let's go

Kea : kiss me again

I chuckle with a side smile

Me : if I kiss you again , I'm
gonna take it very far

Kea : okay

Me : let's go

Kea : you're not kissing me ?

Me : let's get home , and if you still want that kiss you'll tell me

She gets up , I hold her hand

I don't know if she can hold her balance or not

Me : I'm bouncing

Trev : that's too soon

They laugh

I shake my head , holding Kea's
hand and we walk away from
them

Heading down , towards the
door

The cold breeze outside , she shivers as it hits her skin

I take my jacket off , putting it on her . She left her jacket in my car , when we arrived

Kea : thanks

She says with a smile , hugging herself with her one hand

Kea : what about your friend ?

Me : she'll get a ride from one of her girlfriends

We walk to my car , I open the door for her

She gets in , I jog to my side

And get in driving to my house

I'm most definitely not taking
her to res

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***Keabetswe* (April)**

I'm a bit drunk

Yes

I can admit that

And maybe , just maybe I
shouldn't be doing this

But it feels so right

Like , I don't even want to stop
her

We got in , and she kissed the
lights out of me

Took my clothes off , along with hers

We're literally butt naked in her kitchen right now

Tongue kissing , exchanging spits

She has me in her arms , pinned against the wall

I have my legs wrapped around
her waist

Kazi : stop me now , if you don't
want this or you're unsure

I cup her face , we lock eyes

I want her , I want her so bad

I don't even know when I
started wanting girls

Would I be lying if I say , I've
wanted this one the first time I
laid eyes on her ?

Fuck !

Me : I want you

She tilts her head , her
dreadlocks moving back

Giving me a clear sight of her
cute face

She lifts me up , my legs resting
on her shoulders

I'm breathing so heavily , I'm
scared

I better not fall , there's no
balance here

I'm just exposed to her face , I
feel her eyes feasting on my
coochie

As she buries her face deep in ,
kissing my coochie lips

Her cold lips , sending shivers
my whole body

I whimper a bit

Slowly she nibbles on my clit ,
I'm just yearning to push her
further in

I hold myself , placing my hands
on her head

I feel her tongue playing
around my open

I can't help but move my waist ,
slowly against her tongue

She moves her one hand ,
flickering her thumb on my clit

I hold tight on her head ,
pushing her face further in
between my thighs

Me : Ohhhh fuck !

I feel like bringing my thighs
together , closing them in

As she continues to just ravish
on my coochie

There's no escape , I can't even
move back

I just roughly pull her head back
, my legs shaking over her
shoulders

As an orgasm hits me

I let my moans out , feeling her
eyes on me

I don't dare look at her , until I
calm down

With silence , she brings me
down to her waist

Her hands resting on my ass
cheeks

It's an unexplainable feelings ,
my boobs pressed against hers

She walks up the stairs with me
in her arms

She doesn't even open the door
, she slightly kicks it with her
foot

And it opens

I guess this is her room , it
smells like her

Her scent is all over it

But I don't even care to admire
it

As she lays me down on the
bed

I've never seen a girl this clean

Even her coochie is shaved ,
there's not even a strand of
hair

I have a small v line shape of
hair

I never see the need to shave it

She gets on top of me

I part my legs as she gets in
between them

I watch her intensely

Her lips going to my neck , I'm a
sucker for neck kisses

Her hands trail to my boobs ,
she cups them pinching on my
nipples

I throw my head down , just
letting her have her way with
me

I don't even know what to do
with myself

I've never done this with a
woman , I'm clueless right now
but I'm not stopping anything

She's the first , and hopefully
the last

She moves her head down ,
going for my left boob

She sucks and nibbles on my
nipple

I can't help myself , but let out
screams of pleasure

I feel that wave of heat ,
rushing through my whole body

Me : fuck ! AhhhhhhOhhhh
my.....

I press my thighs so tight
against hers

As I let go , having another hit
of an orgasm

Me : what the fuck ! Ahhhh

Like did I just cum ? By being
sucked on nipples

Shit !

Is that even possible

Oh fuck ! It is

She trails down , leaving wet
kisses down to my coochie

Her eyes fixated on me

I watch intensely as she runs
her tongue all over my open

Cleaning my cum off , but the
more I feel her cold lips against
my coochie

The more wet I just get

I have an urge

She gets on her keens , and
brings her coochie closely to
mine

In my head I'm like what the
fuck ?

Oh shit !

She's about to fuck me with her
own pussy

Me : fuck

I'm seeing things , and it's
fucking intense in here

I whimper as her clit touches on
mine

I honestly feel like screaming
my lungs out

Why does pussy feels so good
on pussy ?

This is wrong , it's very wrong

Yet it feels so fucking right

Me : Ohhhh shitit feels so
good !

Did I just strike an ego ?

She chuckles

And starts thrusting , her clit
going down to my open and my
clit

I feel like screaming , my lower
waist is feeling such heat I've
never felt

She goes on clit dribbling , I feel
my coochie doing the most just
pouring down cum

I honestly wanna cry , this
pleasure is insane

She goes on to changing
positions , slightly turning to
the side

While I'm lost in the feeling of
pleasure

Just screaming out moans of
pleasure , I've never felt

No like !

I'm getting fucked by a woman

Pussy to pussy

I feel like my joints are going to break

Kazi : shit !

That slight curse under her breath , has me feeling all sorts of feels

She looks at me , as I feel the wetness from her dropping the liquid on my coochie

Such a sight seeing this woman
cum

She goes down , to sit down her
ass slightly laying back a bit

Bringing my one leg over her ,
hers going under mine

I lean back a bit , going at the
same position she's in

She rubs her fingers on my
coochie , while her eyes are so
fixated at mine

I don't even have words to spit
right now

She moves closer in

Kazi : I want you to fuck me
back

I sit up slowly , balancing my
hands on the bed

In a scissoring position , I let her
thrust in on my coochie first

Before I thrust back on hers ,
with her pace and following her
lead

She closes her eyes

And just how more cute and perfect can a person be ?

Me : fuckyou're so beautiful

She lets out a smile , her eyes still closed

I move closer , going to her boob

I flick my tongue on her nipple

Her one hand grabs on my neck
, she brings me closer

I guess , I'm allowed to do this

I nibble on her nipple for dear
life

Kazi : oh fuck ! Yes baby ...just
like that

She picks her pace , I don't
want to loose balance

I let her take the reign , my
body betraying me releasing
that pleasure

I suck on her nipple , not
moving back one bit

Our bodies drenched in sweat

She pushes me back down , as
she quivers on top of me
releasing her cum

She grabs my jaw , roughly
kissing me

I kiss her back , as her body
slowly calms down from the
pleasure

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***Keabetswe* (April)**

I don't remember when it was
the last time , I woke up and I
was this tired

I remember every single detail
of last night

Like I'm reliving that moment

I open my eyes slowly , hearing
the click of the laptop

And I have my arm hugged
around her waist

She's sitting up

I look at her , and she seems
very much occupied on her
laptop

She sure looks better than I feel

I don't even know what time it
is

But by the light from the
window , it's definitely morning
and the sun is out

I snuggle closer to her , laying
my head on her lower stomach

She looks at me , I close my
eyes back

She chuckles

What follows is a kiss on top of
my head

Kazi : you're sleeping again ?

Me : mhm-mhm

Kazi : but why ? You see I'm
awake

Me : you're working , I don't
know who wakes up and works
it's not normal

She slightly laughs

And it's a rough laugh , it's not
long she's been awake

Kazi : give me 5 minutes , then
we can go shower and eat

I say nothing in return , I could
use some sleep

I feel that sleep creeping in

I feel so fucked , it's even hard
to believe it was by another
woman

I guess now I'm answered on
how do lesbians have sex

Cause wow !

I relax everything along with my
thoughts , I could use this sleep

But she closes her laptop so
loud , that she makes it a point
I open my eyes

She smiles

Kazi : you slept good ?

I nod

She flips me over on top of her

I'm like , woman where do you
get this much energy ?

We lock eyes

Now I have to look at her ,
laying on top of her

Kazi : I don't share

I smile

Me : isn't that something
people say when they've
claimed someone as theirs ?

She chuckles

Me : are you asking me to be
your girlfriend ?

Kazi : you're my girlfriend

Okay !

I'm being told , and not being
asked

Kazi : you don't get to
experience me like that , and
expect that we be nothing . I
don't bring women who are
nothing into my bed , this is a
very special space

I let out a slight laugh

Kazi : be kind enough , and
don't hurt me

Me : according to what I've heard , I should be the one saying that

Kazi : mhm

Me : you don't do relationships , it's just fucks with you and you'll hurt me . As for me , well I do guys and they'll fuck you up when they find out I'm with a woman

She leans down pecking my lips
, but I pull her in a for a full
blown kiss

For a few minutes

Kazi : I know that's a thing
that's there , and we cannot
say it doesn't happen

She raises her brow

Kazi : but that shit won't
happen to me , so that ex
better know best . I will kill
whoever tries to fuck with me

Whoa !

We have moment of silence ,
and she's not kidding

Like she's for real !

Me : why do I have a feeling
you're not joking ?

Kazi : that's because I am not

I'm left speechless not knowing
what to say back

Kazi : I've never done
relationships , sure . But it's not
like I've loved any of those

women , so this is what I want .

The heart cannot be told

Look at me smiling like a retard

It's like I've just forgotten ,
minutes ago she said she will
kill someone

I place my hand on her cheek

Me : and I love you

I can't explain the look her eyes
give me

But I know , that this is it right
now

Me : no more your fuck girls ?

Kazi : no more , and I know
Mbali said that shit about
fucking and doing guys

I'm choosing to believe and
trust that

I know if she deals me , Mbali
will be very much happy to rub
it on my face

So I will know , even if she does
it away from me

But she'll make sure I know

Kazi : I'm willing to be open with you , and accommodate you in this life of mine . This life that I want to build with you , I'll do my level best . When it comes to intimacy , I know I'm the first woman you've been with . But I can't compromise to give you what a guy could , I'm not a guy . I don't have a dick , and I don't even long for one . I'll never use any kind of

sex toy to penetrate you ,
except my finger . I will
pleasure you , and I'll make
sure you cum have an orgasm
and you squirt . And I'll do all of
that with my womanhood

She rubs her thumb on my
lower lip

Kazi : if you ever feel you want
a dick to penetrate you , that
will be the end of us . Because

you'll fucking cheat on me , and
I'll hurt you . So don't cheat , if
you ever feel what I give you is
not enough . Walk away in
peace

Threats have never felt this
sexy

Something must be very wrong
with me

Me : I hear you , but I assure
you that I'm down for you

Kazi : and now , I want you
under me . Before that shower
and breakfast

I laugh as she flips me over ,
getting on top of me in
between my thighs

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Mwali

She opens the door , in
sweatpants and a vest

Me : I'm glad you're not going
anywhere , because I'm not
happy with you right now

She chuckles

Me : oh it's funny ?

Kazi : what you fucking on
about ?

I pull a chair and sit down

Me : fuck ! You left me in the
club last night

She sighs sitting down

Kazi : you were acting up , busy
entertaining Chloe . What the

fuck was that ? I really didn't
have your energy

I sigh

Me : you were too invested on
Kea , and I didn't get what that
was all about

Kazi : it's nothing of yours , and
you could have just asked

Me : yeah well , you're getting close to that girl . Is she the reason you left me there ?

Kazi : are you not hungry ? Like you seem very hungry , help yourself to my food . And stop acting like you're Ziphozendalo

I laugh

Me : you're full of shit

Kazi : you don't say , who
dropped you off ?

Me : Trev did

She nods

I get up , just looking at what
we can eat

I know she's hungry too

Me : I should have brought
takeaways

Kazi : stop being lazy , use your
hands . There's food in this
house

Me : mhm

I need some good hangover
kind of food

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Keabetswe (April)

Right now I am bored

She left me upstairs to attend
to the door

And she never came back

It's like she just forgot all about
me , that I'm even in this house
her house

I walk downstairs and she's sharing a plate of food with Mbali

What happened to we were going to have breakfast together ?

Now she's sharing a plate with Mbali , I'm bored even worse than how I was seconds ago

I'm not jealous right now , but
I'm annoyed by what I'm seeing

And Mbali looks ten times
worse annoyed seeing me

I guess her so called friend
didn't tell her I'm here

I'm even wearing her
sweatpants with a hoodie

I just kept my t-shirt , and
stupid me I left my clothes
upstairs

Me : I'm leaving

I say walking towards the door

I don't even care to greet Mbali
, nor even look at her friend
who just annoyed me

I walk out , and I don't know
how I'm going to get back to
varsity

Honestly , I don't even have any
cash on me to catch a taxi

Never again !

I just grabbed my phone last
night , and I didn't think I might
need money

Voice : you're not doing this to me

I turn back , and she's right behind me

She grabs my arm

Kazi : why are we fighting now ?

Me : you left me to attend to the door , yet I find you eating with your friend . What happened to what you said ?

Kazi : i didn't forget you

Me : then why didn't you come back , what was going to happen if I never came down and I just waited up there for you to come back ?

Kazi : it wasn't going to get to that

Me : I need to leave

Kazi : but I'm taking you

Me : I don't want to feel like I'm forcing myself in a situation between you two

Kazi : there's no situation I
assure you

I sigh

Kazi : I'm sorry

I say nothing

Kazi : please lets go eat

Me : haven't you already eaten
?

Kazi : bits , please lets go

Now I just have to endure being
in the presence of Mbali

When I still have to face her at
res everyday

This is just nonsense

It's evident that she doesn't
want me with Kazi

Kazi : I'm sorry

She pulls me closer to her ,
leaning down her lips touching
mine

She trails her hand to my waist
, and we kiss for a few minutes

Kazi : please forgive me

We lock eyes , she pecks my
lips

Kazi : just hours into a
relationship , and I'm already
being dealt

I laugh

Me : don't make me feel like
this where your female friends
are concerned , because they'll
always just see me as another
fuck to you

Kazi : I'm sorry , it won't
happen again I promise . Please
forgive me

I hope so

Me : please don't walk back in there and share her plate again

Kazi : I won't , let's go

She takes my hand , and we walk back inside

Kazi : my clothes look cute on you

I laugh

Me : I left mine

Kazi : that's fine , you should
bring a bag next time

I don't know about that

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Mbali

I can't believe Kazi left me at
the club for her

That's why she left me

Because she was bringing Kea
for a fuck at her house

I watch them as they sit down

Me : so you two fuck now ?

Kazi : don't say that , my
girlfriend is not some whore

Me : what Girlfriend ?

Kazi : yeah

Me : you're gotta be fucking
with me

The look they both give me

Me : come on ! Just because
you got hurt by a nigga , you've
suddenly turned into girls ?

Kea : the heart just chooses
whoever it wants ,
unfortunately I don't control it
either

I get up

Me : this is nonsense , and
when she starts dealing you .
Don't say I never warned you

I walk out , slamming the door
a bit

And I know that's gonna piss
Kazi off

But I'm much more pissed off

She's so oblivious to the fact
that I love her

Or she just doesn't care

And she picks the next best
thing that just comes along

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Qhawekazi

She looks at me

And I know she wants to say
something

Me : what ?

Kea : I will never cheat on you
Kazi , because I love you

I smile holding her hand

Me : I know that

Kea : Mbali loves you

Me : I don't look at her like that
, and I never will . She's a good

friend , and that's where it ends
. If our relationship bothers her
that much , we'll part ways

She sighs

Kea : things are going to be
awkward now in our room , this
is just crazy

Me : you

My phone rings , I reach for it
answering the call

Me : yeah

Melumzi : uphi ? (Where are
you)

Me : at my place

Melumzi : ndiyeza (I'm coming)

Me : sure

I drop the call

Me : uhm ...my brother is
coming , so I'll take you to res
when he leaves

Kea : but

I peck her lips

Me : please

Kea : fine

She says with a smile

Me : I would say spend the
night , you really should have
clothes here

She laughs

Kea : but tomorrow you'll
definitely take me back right ?

Me : mhm , I will

Kea : okay

Me : you should at least have
your books here , while I'll be
busy with my things you could
be keeping yourself busy

Kea : yhoh ! I hate school ,
please let me be

She walks to the lounge , I'm
left just stunned

Did she just really say she hates
school ?

And with that tone

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Qhawekazi

Melumzi : sure

I nod

He walks in

Me : I have a guest , we'll go
talk in my study . I don't want
her hearing things she
shouldn't

He chuckles

Melumzi : ah Jola ! Since when do I get to meet your one night stands , don't do that to me please

We walk to the lounge

And she's cuddled up on the couch , watching the series of Arrow

We need to talk about that school thing , but we'll do that once Melumzi is gone

Me : Bhabha (baby)

She lifts her head

Me : hey

She smiles

Kea : hi

Me : meet your brother in law ,
Melumzi he's the third born

He laughs

Melumzi : how brave are you to
be her girlfriend ?

They both laugh

Kea : very brave I believe

Melumzi : indeed , well I'm glad to meet you . And I believe you're not going anywhere , soon we'll go ask for your hand in marriage

She smiles

Kea : I don't know about the hand in whatnot

They laugh

Kea : but I'm definitely not
going anywhere

Fuck !

The confidence my woman has

She knows her place

And she doesn't shy away from
it

Melumzi : that's what I like to
hear

Me : okay let's go

I say to him

Me : we'll be in my study , if
you need me

Kea : okay , should I bring something to drink ?

Melumzi : I could use something to eat

Kea : okay

She gets up as we walk to my study

Melumzi : don't hurt her

Me : I won't , she will raise the
Bangani home

He chuckles

Melumzi : now I believe we
might all end up married

I laugh opening the door , we
walk in and sit down

Melumzi : I know you're not pleased , that we pulled out on Friday . But we are going ahead on Tuesday , I've even found a buyer for the diamonds

Me : that was fast

Melumzi : just to please you , I know you're not happy .

Me : it's fine , we have two
ATM scores that we have to
pull

He smiles

Me : we probably won't make
much

Melumzi : but we're going back
, and that's all that matters .

Khuzani is going to appreciate these news

I chuckle

Me : alright , Tuesday we're taking the diamonds . The buyer is ready , we just have to deliver . And after that , we're pulling the ATM scores

Melumzi : as you say

Finally we can do this , and
move on

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Mbali

I thought Kazi would call

But there's nothing

And it's noon now , seems like
she's not going to

Kea doesn't seem like she's
coming back

Like she spent the night there
last night

And she's not coming back
again

I'm sure it'll be a norm now ,
spending nights there

I mean , I've never seen her
leave

Except that one time

It's like she doesn't like going
home or something

And the fact that Kazi has her
own place , it just makes things
easier for them

I'm packing a small bag , I'm
going home

I know it'll be Monday
tomorrow , and I have classes

But I'll just travel from home

Maybe a week away from Kea
will do me good , and I won't
have to see her with Kazi

At this point , I even feel like
telling Kazi exactly how I feel
about her

It might ruin our friendship

But it's very hard seeing her
with someone else

And for the mere fact that she
didn't hesitate to say that Kea
is not a whore but her girlfriend

Surely I've known her longer

Don't I stand a slight chance ?

This is just a mess

I didn't even think the two
could end up being a thing

It just happened way too
quickly

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***Keabetswe* (April)**

We're cuddling on the bed ,
after a steamy sweaty session

I just can't seem to get enough
of her

Her brother long left , and it
wasn't awkward spending time
with him at all

Even though I thought it was
too quick for family meetings

But then again , I love Kazi so
much

I don't even know how we got
here

And these feels are very much
real

I lift my face off her chest ,
leaning over giving her a kiss

I move my waist , as she places
her one hand on my ass cheeks
grabbing them

Kazi : I love you

Me : I love you

I look into her eyes

Kazi : my wife said she hates school , what's up with that ?

I sigh

Me : I'm not dumb

She smiles

Kazi : I know that

I sigh , placing my head down
on her chest

Me : I got expelled from two
colleges before my mother sent
me here , I didn't attend any
lessons . There was just a
record that I'm a student , but
nothing of my attendance . And
when she was called in , they
decided to expel me . Since I
was said , to not have any

interests whatsoever being a student

Kazi : but you don't seem like you do have any , considering your words

Me : I don't

Kazi : why not ?

I shake my head

Me : it's stupid I know , but I just hate school . I really did matric , and I passed very well . I thought maybe , my mother could let me do what I want to do . But no , she was so ready to just drag me back again to school . I never even got to tell her , I don't want to pursue my studies

Kazi : what do you want to do ?

I smile

Me : I'm very good with my hands , honestly there's nothing I cannot do with my hands . I can cook ...

Kazi : mhm I can attest to that , Melumzi couldn't stop raving about your food . Looked like something worth R800 in a 5*

hotel , so rave about that
because you sure can

I laugh

Me : not only that , I can bake
from cookies to cakes and
muffins . I can do hair , I can do
nails and make up . I know how
to sew , and I even know how
to crotch . And I love to paint
with all my heart

Kazi : wow , talk about talent and art

Me : I just want to do what I love , and not being stuck behind a desk in a lecture hall . Listening to a lecture , just for a piece of paper . It might mean something to someone , but it doesn't to me . I really don't need an education , I don't want it

She kisses my head , rubbing
her hand on my back

Kazi : I hear you , I hear you
very well . My mother loved to
paint , but she never did
anything about it . Don't let
your dreams die

Me : if only it was that easy

I sigh

My mother would kill me ,
along with Jason

It's like education is a ticket of
some kind

When we have graduates with
degrees and diplomas sitting at
home doing nothing

Honestly it's not for everyone

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***Keabetswe* (April)**

Kazi brought me back

Only to find out Mbali went
home

That girl is being dramatic

And it's a real pity , because she
won't get Kazi

As long as my girlfriend doesn't
entertain others

I have no reason whatsoever ,
to feel anyhow

And right now , I want to
believe she'll stand for us

And not choose their
friendships

I guess she just can't stand me
that much

To a point that she leaves

Just because she knew I was
coming back today

Talk about being extra

But I am not bothered

She's nothing of mine , except
just being a roommate . It's
really not that deep , for me to
feel anyhow

Her business is hers , and mine
is mine simple as that

We just need to understand , I
deal with boundaries

And it doesn't seem like her
friend had given her any kind of
those

But now , we need them

My phone rings , I'm trying to
clean around here

And it's a number I do not
recognise

Me : hello ?

It's silent

But I can hear whoever is
breathing on the other side

Me : who's this ?

And no one answers , I drop the
call

Me : that was creepy

I block the number , why is true
caller not even recognising it ?

I sigh putting my phone down ,
and I continue cleaning

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Qhawekazi

Hawu : are you okay ?

Me : yeah

Hawu : why are you so calm ?

I chuckle

Me : what am I missing ?

Hawu : haven't you watched
the news ?

Me : uhm no

I have been watching the news

I saw what's happening , and
what they're saying

But it's none of my business
right now

Hawu : your major client just
lost 19 diamonds

Me : yeah , but then that's not my business

Hawu : what ?

Me : I mean , them loosing the diamonds it's not my business

Hawu : not your business how ?
When they're your biggest client

Me : next biggest

He sighs

I don't get what he's worked up about

Hawu : you're going to lose them again , won't the company take a knot ?

I guess now I understand

He's just worried , I'll take a strain financially again

Me : remember how they were so quick to ditch me , and I didn't even know why they left . But as soon as i scored a deal worth millions , they came back . I was fine without them then , and I'll be fine now

Hawu : you never cease to
amaze me

He drops the call

I call my woman , I miss her so
bad

I haven't seen her since Sunday

Kea : baby

Me : I miss you

I can literally feel her smiling

Kea : should I come ?

Me : why are you even asking ?

She laughs

Me : I'm at the office come

Kea : you're not busy ?

Me : not for you , fuck no !

Kea : I'm coming

Me : I fucking love you

She giggles

Kea : I love you more

I drop the call , as the door
opens

Me : hayhiii Mbali !

She walks in and sits down

Me : this is not a bar , I could
have been with a client

Mbali : but you're not

Me : yeah , what the fuck do
you want ? And don't ever walk
in my office like that

Mbali : why are you aggressive?

Me : I'm busy , if nothing
serious brought you here then
excuse me

She looks at me , like she
doesn't believe

Me : this is my work space ,
respect that

Mbali : so you're so out there ?

I frown

Mbali : the relationship , she's
posting you out there

My woman is embracing me ,
she's embracing our love

And I won't tell her otherwise ,
if that's what she wants to do

It's not like I mind , or like I
have a problem with it

Infact it makes me happy , I'm
just not a social person like she

is , but fuck she can flex and I'll
embrace it

I lean back on my chair looking
at Mbali , I just want her to
leave

She's just full of drama lately ,
the friendship feels like I've
adopted a jealous child

I can't deal with her as of late

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***Keabetswe* (April)**

I've never been to her office before , this is the first time . I didn't think she'll say I should come here

I thought she'll say I can go to her house , or later when she knocks off

But she sent directions

Me : hi

I greet Mbali , as we pass each other at the door

Mbali : whoa ! What brings you by here ?

What brings her here ?

Me : I'm here to see my
girlfriend

She smiles

Mbali : she's busy

Me : mhm , Wena what are you
doing here (you)

Mbali : I came to see my friend

Me : oh well

She chuckles shaking her head

Mbali : yeah , but I said she's busy . She's in a meeting , she doesn't want to be disturbed

Me : but she saw you ?

Mbali : I long arrived

Me : well

She frowns

Mbali : don't be like this , you'll see her later or whenever .

Let's go , I'll give you a ride back to res

Me : no , you didn't come here with me . I'll wait

Mbali : mhm , you might just
wait forever

Me : that's fine

She walks past me annoyed as
fuck !

I walk further in

Me : hi

I greet the receptionist

She looks at me and smiles

Her : hi

Me : I'm here to see Ms
Bangani

Her : do you have an
appointment ?

Me : uhm no , but she knows
I'm coming

Her : are youkea ?

Me : yes

She smiles

Her : okay , you can go right
through

Me : I heard she's in a meeting ,
is she not busy ?

Her : she's busy for other
people , not you she's
expecting you . Third floor , it's
the only office in there

I let out a slight chuckle

Me : thank you

I walk away heading to the elevator , I press on third floor

I walk out , and knock at her door

She opens the door , looking so stunning in a black slim fit formal suit

This woman is beautiful

And she welcomes me with a
kiss , before an exchange of any
words

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THREE MONTHS LATER

Mwali

I never thought , that Kazi could flourish in a relationship like she is

No lies ! They're really doing that thing of theirs

Kea is flexing the relationship
all over social media

I've even unfriended her ,
because I just couldn't take it

With holidays approaching , it
should be my time with Kazi

But then again , things have
changed now

I'm sure she'll be with Kea ,
that girl is always hovering over
her

It's just insane

I'm alone most times in the
room

I swear , it's like she's moved in
at Kazi's place

I look at her , as she's packing a bag

Me : going somewhere ?

Kea : home

Me : that's new

She smiles

Kea : I haven't gone home since
I've moved here

Me : waityou're going to
Joburg ?

Kea : yes

This is great , like it's very great

I'll use this to my advantage

Her being away , just has to
work in my favour

Kazi will be alone , and I'll be
here

Me : well enjoy

Kea : mhm , it's just for the
weekend

Me : yeah , still

She picks her bag

Me : Kazi knows you're leaving
?

Kea : of course , she's taking me
to the airport

Of course she is

I'm just glad she's leaving

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***Keabetswe* (April)**

I came to see my father and his people before I leave

Dad : your mother will be very happy to see you

I don't know about that , but then again maybe she will be

It's been months , we barely talked and haven't seen each other

Me : this baby is big

He smiles

Dad : okay , avoid me

I laugh

I'm holding the baby , he's so
cute with blue eyes

Must have taken those from his
mother , cause my father has
dark brown eyes

Angie : how's school ?

Me : fine

Dad : I'm just glad you seem very focused , and you've pushed to final exams . That's big of you

Me : I'm trying

I have Kazi pushing me insanely when it comes to school

And I hate every bit of it

Dad : and you're clearly safe ,
with all the ATM bombings
going on around there

That's been crazy

Like 5 ATM's bombed in 3
months

And they have no suspects
whatsoever

The last one they arrested two
guys , but the case didn't hold
up

My phone beeps , I check it's
Kazi she's outside and waiting
for me

Me : I have to go

Dad : let me take you to the
airport

Me : I ...I have a ride

Dad : you didn't have to call an
Uber

Me : I didn't

I hand Angie the baby

Dad : from who ?

Me : my girlfriend

Oh shit !

What's wrong with my mouth ?

Angie : did you just say
girlfriend ?

I fiddle with my fingers

Dad : April ?

So now I'm April and not Angel anymore ?

Me : Iyes

Angie : like a girlfriend as in you're dating or just friends ?

Dad : what kind of nonsense are you even asking her ?

His tone is off , he's getting
angry

Me : II need to go

Dad : this talk is not done , and
you better come back from
Joburg with that mentality of
yours gone . What nonsense
are you saying ?

Okay !

He's pissed , like livid !

He storms off going upstairs

I look at Angie , who's looking
at me somehow

And I'm like , I'm just
surrounded by homophobic
people in this house

Me : bye

I walk out , and the gate is
opened

I guess they didn't close it ,
when I arrived

Kazi is parked by the gate

I open the door and get in , she
has my bags

Me : let's go

She holds my hand

Kazi : you're not okay , what happened ?

Me : you don't wanna know

Kazi : I'm asking

Me : please drive , I'll talk

She drives off

Me : I kind of just blurted to my father and his wife , that my girlfriend is taking me to the airport . And to say they lost it , would be an understatement

She keeps quite

Me : I'm sorry

Kazi : for what ?

Me : is this what people of the same gender being together face ?

Kazi : it's hard , the world only wants what it wants . Not everyone can accept us for who we are , give your parents time

Me : now I'll have to tell my mother

Kazi : why ?

Me : because Jason is probably going to tell her

Kazi : now , I feel like I should go to Joburg with you

I smile

Me : why ?

Kazi : incase things go sour ,
and I'll be there

Me : don't worry babe , if
anything happens I'll call you

She tightens her hold on my
arm

I'm feeling all sorts of emotions
right now

Like sure , they must be
shocked and all

And I also just blurted it out , I
didn't even mean to

But I also didn't expect that
kind of a reaction

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Mbali

I call her , and her phone rings a bit

Kazi : sure

She sounds somehow off

Me : what's up ?

Kazi : nothing

Me : come on ! This is me , you
don't sound okay

She sighs

Kazi : I don't wanna talk about
it

Me : meet up ?

Kazi : I won't be fun company

I chuckle

Me : I'll cheer you up

Kazi : mhm , fine

Me : alright , I'll pop by

Kazi : sure

I drop the call

This better work , her mood is
very down

And that's probably because
Kea is gone , it's just perfect

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***Keabetswe* (April)**

Kazi : are you okay ?

Me : yeah

Kazi : did you talk to your
mother ?

Me : not yet no

I didn't even think she would
come along with Sipho , to pick
me up at the airport but she did

I was surprised

Me : where are you ? It sounds noisy

Kazi : at the club

Me : with Mbali ?

Kazi : I can go home if you want me to

Me : then please , go home

She laughs

Kazi : okay , I'll call you when I
get home

Me : thank you

Kazi : no going to the club until
you get back

I laugh

Me : that's good baby , I don't trust your crowd at all

Kazi : let me leave

Me : I love you

Kazi : I love you

I drop the call

I put on my slippers walking
down

They're already having dinner

Sipho : I've long called you

I sit down

Me : I'm sorry , I was on a call

I dish up for myself

It seems like my father hasn't
told my mother anything

Knowing her she would have
long said something

Me : I..... Have you talked to
dad ?

I ask looking at her

Mom : no why ?

Me : I've been behaving I
promise , I'm even trying to
push at Varsity

Mom : I didn't accuse you of
anything April

I sigh looking down

Me : I know

Mom : what's going on ?

Me : II have a girlfriend

And Siphos laughs

I just look at him bored , like
what's the joke ?

Siphos : kiddo , were you not
dumped when you left here ?

Me : stop

He shakes his head

Mom : a girlfriend ?

I nod

Mom : you date girls ?

I nod

Mom : oh okay , is she white ?

I chuckle

Me : no , she's very much black and Xhosa . A very cute albino , not that it's necessary that I tell you she's one but yeah

I look at her

Mom : okay , so do you want to introduce her ?

Me : what ?

I ask confused , like does she mean introduce her to them ?

Mom : I mean you're telling us , I mean it must be with reason

She's so clam , I'm even
shocked

I did not expect her to react like
this

Me : dad was furious , I thought
maybe he told you

Mom : furious about what ?

I swallow

Me : about the girlfriend

She chuckles

Mom : Jason better get over himself , you don't owe no one an explanation about your sexuality . Unless if it gives him sleepless nights, or affects him somehow . Or maybe it's affecting the economy

She shrugs

I want to laugh right now

I so wish I can have him hear
what she's saying right now

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Qhawekazi

Mbali : where are you going ?

She grabs my arm

Me : I'm going home

Mbali : what ? It's too early for that

Me : I don't feel like being here

Mbali : oh come on , let's have fun

Me : Nah

I turn to walk away , and she follows behind me

Me : either you're coming with , or you're staying behind

I lean against the car , she stands in front of me

Me : I think I'm going to go to Joburg

She sighs

Mbali : why are you following her ?

Me : I miss her

She chuckles

Mbali : you just love hurting me
, don't you ?

Me : what ?

Mbali : no like , it was just me
and you . She came into the
picture , and I took the back
step

Me : come on , the two of you
are not the same

Mbali : yeah sure , so you don't give a fuck about me anymore ?

Me : I think I'm gonna go , this is crazy

Mbali : wait , how oblivious are you ?

Me : to what ?

Mbali : the fact that I love you
Kazi , I love you . And I've
always loved you

Oh shit !

Me : let's not do this shit

She shakes her head

Mbali : please give us a chance I

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Me : no , I'm with Kea I love her
and

Mbali : and I love you

Me : go home , get sober and ...

She tries to kiss me , I push her
back with force

Like what the fuck ?

She's drunk , she staggers back
almost falling

Me : don't try that shit again ,
I'll fucking fuck you up so bad . I
long told you to respect my
girlfriend , I won't cheat on her

She looks at me with shock , I
open the car door getting in
and I drive off

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Mbali

I knock at the door , and she
opens

I sure got sober after that nasty
push

And the Kazi I know , would
have never left me like that

I got an uber , and followed her
to her house

Me : so is this

Kazi : you didn't come to my
house for drama , it's late

Me : you'll dismiss me just like
that ?

She sighs

Me : Kazi , it's me . So you don't care about my feelings ?

Kazi : what feelings ? Just shove them from wherever they came from , you have known me for years . Where were these fucking feelings , now they suddenly appear when I have a girlfriend . Don't fuck with me like that , and you're being disrespectful to my girlfriend

and my relationship . What do you think she'll say when she hears about this ?

Me : why tell her ? This is about us , me and you . It has shit to do with her

Kazi : leave

Me : no , you're not

Kazi : I will drag you out of here

I step back

Kazi : don't ever come back to
my house , until you get your
shit together

She shuts the door on my face

I'm left stunned

Like this is what we have
become and have come to ?

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***Keabetswe* (April)**

Me : you sound down?

I feel so much better , than how
I was feeling yesterday

Who knew that talking with my
mother , could actually have an
effect on me . And a better one
at that

I thought she was going to
throw a fit , and maybe chase
me out

Even worse , disown me

Or even tell me I need
deliverance

I wasn't expecting her response
at all

Kazi : I got into it with Mbali

I wonder what was the cause , I would be very surprised if it wasn't me

Mbali has a problem with me dating Kazi

Me : what happened ?

Kazi : hayhiii Bhabha (no baby)

She says with a chuckle

And now I want to know what happened

Me : so you don't wanna tell me ?

Kazi : she tried to kiss me as I was leaving the club last night

Me : tried ?

Kazi : I pushed her

Me : see why I wanted you
going home ?

She sighs

Me : actually had you told me
that you're going there , I
would have told you no

Kazi : I'm sorry

Me : that friend of yours
doesn't like me , and she'll do
anything to break us up . She
loves you ...

Kazi : khame nawe , uyayaz k'ba
inton uthando ? (stop , does
she know what love is)

I laugh

Me : she does love you ,
unfortunately she decides to
tell you when I'm in the picture

She sighs

Me : and I'm not going
anywhere , put Mbali in her
place before I involve myself

Kazi : did you talk to your
mother ?

She asks with a deep breath

Me : yeah , and surprisingly she
said Jason must get over
himself

She chuckles

Kazi : tell that woman I'll bring her dowry cows very soon , she should expect me

We laugh

Kazi : Bhabha I love you so much , I hope you know that

Me : I know , and I love you more

Kazi : let me go to the office , I
wanna come there

Me : I'm coming back on
Monday

Kazi : yeah , I'll just endure the
two days

Me : I'm going out for breakfast
, call me around lunch

Kazi : be safe

Me : I will be

I drop the call

I know my mother and Sipho
are not here

I don't want to cook , so I'll
rather go out

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Qhawekazi

I'm with my brother's

Me : I want to sell my house ,
and move back to the family
house

Madoda : why ?

Me : why what ?

He laughs

Madoda : sorry I'm just asking

Me : you're going to get married one day , and you'll move out of home with your family . I'm going to get married , and I'll be taking my wife home

Hawu : get rid of us nicely

Me : I have

Melumzi : that's savage

Madoda : where is your
girlfriend ?

I look at Melumzi

Me : you told them ?

He shrugs

Me : you're an idiot

Melumzi : ngu malokazana ,
she's not a secret (she's our
daughter in-law)

Hawu : when are we meeting
her ?

Me : she went to see her
mother in Joburg , I'll bring her
over when Varsity closes next
week

Madoda : I cannot believe
uyajola (you're dating)

We laugh

Hawu : uzovusa umuzi ka Jola
(she will rise Jola's house)

Me : says the one who has
duties and purposes and
whatnot

Hawu : mhm shut up

My phone rings , and it's Mbali

I want to stay away from her

I will stay away from her , I
don't want to give my woman
unnecessary stress over this

I decline the call

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Keabetswe (April)

Can't a person just breathe ?

Now I regret going out

Did I have to bump into
Bayanda , after everything
that's happened ?

Yanda : you look good

Me : thanks

He pulls a chair and sits down

Me : I did not say you can sit

He smiles

Yanda : babe what changed ?

Me : don't call me that please

He chuckles

Yanda : I still love you

Me : well I don't

Yanda : it's a pity , but you're
mine

Me : I'm not some possession

Yanda : is this what fucking pussy has turned you into ?

I frown

Yanda : you busy flexing that albino chick on your socials , just making me a laughing stock . To everyone who knew I

fucked you , and tapped that
pussy

I keep quite

Yanda : has she suddenly made
you forget , that you ride dick
like your life fucking depends
on it ?

Me : what you're doing is just
bothering me

Yanda : come let's chill , and I'll remind you of who you are . It'll be just like old times , clearly you've lost your ways

Me : don't annoy me Bayanda , doesn't your baby mama give it to you good ?

He chuckles

Me : that girl , gives me orgasm
you can only think of giving me
. She's ten times what

Yanda : fuck you ! And fuck her

Me : right back at you

Yanda : heartbreak must have
messed up with you

I slightly laugh

Me : heartbreak from what ?

Yanda : you're angry cause I ditched you

I laugh

Me : ditched me ? Bruh , you did me a favour . And thank you for doing so

Yanda : you'll fucking regret
this

Me : okay

I say with a smile

He gets up abruptly , clicking
his tongue

Now I have no desire to be here
anymore

I take out my purse and pay the bill

I might as well go home

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TRIGGER WARNING

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***Keabetswe* (April)**

Mom : are you safe ?

Me : yes

I'm walking from the mall ,
headed to the taxi rank

Since I'm leaving tomorrow , I
decided to come out and watch
a movie

It was boring in the house alone

My mom and Sipho had a date
thing

I didn't even think they'll be
back before me

But it's late now

After the first movie , I ate and
opted for another one

Mom : okay , I'll wait for you to
get home

Me : okay , I'll be there soon

Mom : maybe you should Uber
from the mall

I laugh

Me : don't worry , I'm almost at
the taxi rank

She sighs

Mom : okay

Me : I love you bye

I drop the call

I mean , I don't even remember when it was the last time I said those three words to her . It's a faded memory

And I plan to sit her down tomorrow before I leave

And just apologize for
everything

Now I see how unfair I was to
her

I see my wrongs and not acting
accordingly as a child

We may never be the best of
friends

But at the end of the day , she's
my mother

And I was wrong , to let her pay
so much money only to not
even bother putting any effort

I put my phone in my bag ,
picking up my pace

It's late , I didn't think I'll be out
until this late

I'm rushing as I bump into
someone

Me : I....

And it's Bayanda

Me : are you stalking me ?

I'm so annoyed right now

It was enough seeing him
yesterday

I didn't need to see him again
today

Yanda : let's go

Me : don't you dare , you need
to get away from me . Just
accept that I'm with a woman
now , she loves me and I love

her . You're just being pathetic
right now , running after me
like this

I turn back in fear hearing a
chuckle behind me

I turn , and it's some guy I don't
know

Bayanda roughly grabs my arm

Yanda : I will remind you , that
you're a woman and you were
created for a man

Oh God !

Please no

I tear up , as I understand
what's going on here . And
seeing the seriousness on his
face

I open my mouth to scream ,
and Bayanda places his hand
quickly on my mouth

I try to kick him , but the guy
holds me back

Yanda : drag her

He says to the guy , who just
roughly drags my feet

I can't even see where they're
dragging me to , my eyes are
blurred with tears

I'm trying to fight , but they're
strong

Bayanda has his hold on my
upper body , his hand still on
my mouth

I scratch him with my fingers on his arms , he lands a slap on my cheek

Letting go of my upper body , and I land on the pavement with my head

It stings so bad , that I scream and he's on top of me . I feel like my head is going to break in half

His knee on my neck , blocking
my air way

Tears are streaming down my
face , to the side of my face
getting into my ears

I'm a mess right now

Yanda : you've always been a
little bitch huh , a fucking rebel

He says placing his hand on my neck , tightening his grip

He's really choking me

And they continue dragging me , my blurry eyes are failing me

My head is pounding , and I swear it feels like I'm bleeding at the back of my head

Yanda : here is perfect , no one
will see nor hear her

They place me down , and this
looks like some kind of a
passage

But it's so dark , the slight
street lights are nowhere to be
seen

I shake my head , trying to
plead

Yanda : you're a woman
sweetheart , and you were
created for a man . Not this
nonsense you're doing , you're
fucking disgusting . Your
mother thought she gave birth
to a child , but her womb was
rotten . I'll remind you who are
you

I hold his arm , scratching him
again and this time I feel the
liquid on my fingers

He must be bleeding

He curses under his breath

Feeling my legs can move , I
turn trying to get up and run

Yanda : fuck ! Hold her legs

The other guy roughly grabs my leg , and I'm flat on my face
bitting my lip so hard I taste the
blood in my mouth

Yanda : give me that knife , she
thinks she's the shit

Me : Yandaplease don't
.....don't hurt me please

Yanda : fucking shut up

He turns me roughly on my back , and my head is pounding

Roughly he rips my jeans with the knife , and he's fucking cut me on my thigh

The sting feeling , tells me I'm bleeding

Yanga : cover her mouth , I
don't want to hear her screams

It's the other guy , roughly
pinning the side of my face
pressed down

With his damn foot

Bayanda parts my legs , I try
pushing him off using my knees

He slaps me , and just roughly
pushes himself between my
thighs

I feel his dick at my entrance ,
and I feel my whole body going
numb as I feel him going in
sliding though

I close my eyes , my tears
trailing on the dirty pavement

Feeling so empty

As he goes on , to just pound in
and out of me having his way
with me

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Joburg South

Libo : it's been over an hour
Sipho

She looks at him

She says dialling her daughter
again

And her phone just rings
without an answer

Libo : we have to go out there ,
we have to go and find her

The panic in her voice

Libo : something is wrong , she should have long arrived

Sipho : okay , let's go

He gets up grabbing his car keys , and walks towards the door

Libo stops on her tracks from following him

He turns back and looks at her

Sipho : and now ?

She sighs

And the panic wearing off

And she looks bored , and he's
confused at her expression

Sipho : babe ?

He asks in confusion , not understanding what he's missing

Because she doesn't look like the woman she was minutes ago pacing around

Libo : let's not bother

Sipho : what do you mean , do you perhaps know something ?

Her tone has changed , she sounds very much calmer now

Libo : what if she's just being the old April ? Fooling around , and I'm just worried sick over nothing

Sipho : but what if something is really wrong ?

She sits down

Sipho : babe ?

Libo : no , I'm sure nothing is wrong . She comes to see us after 4 months she left . And she acts all nice , I think she's reformed . She's leaving tomorrow , she just wants to drain me before she leaves . She's acting out again , maybe to prove to me that sending her

to Jason didn't work . Clearly I failed again

Sipho shakes his head

Sipho : you're being serious right now ?

She keeps quite , he shakes his head

Not pleased with her words

Sipho : if something happens to her , I hope you can be able to live with yourself . What happened to just giving people second chances ? Kiddo has been nothing but behaving , at least give her the benefit of the doubt . I'm going out there , and I'm going to look for her . I'll stop every taxi driver if I have to

He walks out slamming the
door

She sighs leaning back on the
couch

She calls her again and still no
answer

Libo : I'm not doing this with
you again April , I am not

She puts her phone next to her
, closing her eyes as a slight
headache hits her

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Joburg Private Hospital

Sipho is pacing up and down
the corridor

It's been hours now

Three doctor's have
disappeared into the ward

With two nurses , and no one
has come out to say anything

He sighs rubbing his head
roughly

Not being able to contain his
emotions , tears burn his eyes

He balances himself with the wall , taking deep breaths

He closes his eyes , as a tear drops down his cheek and slowly he slides down with the wall

His knees up , he buries his face between his thighs as he let's out a sob

He shake his head as more
tears come out

And he feels his chest burning

Having trouble getting rid of
the imagine of that woman and
those men carrying April like
that

He was just driving by , passing
heading to the rank

As he had stopped most taxi drivers he met along the way

Some were rude , others telling him nicely they didn't carry anyone like April

The woman was screaming for help , while the men were holding her

He stopped , and rushed to them only to see April bleeding and unconscious

Bleeding from the back of her head , her nose and mouth along with her thigh . Blood was just dripping down her legs

To her thighs and legs , the woman had covered her with a towel

He had never seen anything like that

She looked dead , and he didn't waste any time rushing to the hospital along with the woman

As they got attended to , he thanked the woman and got transportation for her

But it's been hours , and he
hasn't heard a thing

No one has come out of that
ward , instead they just kept on
walking in

And he knew it was useless to
ask them anything , when they
were just walking in

He needs someone to come , a
person coming out will know
what's happening

It's after a while , that he feels
a hand touching his shoulder

He lifts his head

Not even minding how his face
might be looking like right now

Doc : Mr

Sipho : how is she ? Please tell me that she's okay

The doc swallows looking at this man , who looks so broken

Doc : how are you related to her ?

He gets up from the floor

Sipho : I'm her step father

The doctor sighs

Doc : is her mother

Sipho : my wife is not here , I
am . I want to know how she's
doing

The doctor looks at his left hand , and there's no ring not even a ring mark

Doc : she's okay , stable even though she suffered a concussion because of the bleeding behind her head . We managed to stitch the cut on her thigh , and she's not badly wounded on her private part

He swallows after saying that

Doc : we have run test , to be certain that there's no trauma on the head . Also for any kind of sexually transmitted infections , as well as diseases . And we've administered a morning after pill , to prevent any pregnancy that might occur . She's still unconscious , but she's going to be okay

Sipho : please let me see her ,
even if it's for two minutes . I
won't leave here until she's
awake , I don't disturb you . But
right now , I just want to see
her

The doctor takes pity on him ,
he looks so devastated

It's heart breaking seeing
another man in this state

Doc : okay , you can see her

Sipho walks towards the door

Doc : uhmwe managed to find traces of blood in her nails . We'll run DNA tests , to see if it's her blood . It seems like she was trying to fight

Sipho : my daughter is a fighter
, and whoever did this will pay

Doc : when she wakes up ,
we're obliged by law to report
this matter

Sipho : do those DNA tests ,
because when she wakes up
she will say who did this

The doctor nods

Doc : most victims tend to....

Sipho : my daughter is not a
victim , and she's definitely not
a coward

He opens the door and walks in

She looks so tiny and so pale on
the bed , with a patch on her lip

One at the brink of her nose ,
and the round bandage on her
head

Sipho : you have to wake up ,
and tell me who did this . Cops
are useless , by the time they
get here I want whoever did
this to you to be paying for his
sins . You have to wake up , you
need to

He leans down holding her hand , placing a kiss on her forehead

Sipho : I will avenge you

He slowly moves back , and walks out of the ward wiping his tear

He goes to sit back down , taking his phone to call Libo

Just scenes of last night playing
in his mind

How she just gave up and sat
down

Sipho : mxm ! If she cared to
know , she would be

He places his phone back in his
pocket

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Qhawekazi

Hawu : Kazi , I think you're
blowing this out of proportion

I shake my head

Hawu : can you just...

Me : Hawu something is wrong
, I can feel it okay

Hawu : intuition is not always ...

Me : don't patronize me !

I heave a sigh

Me : I'm going to Joburg

Hawu : is she not supposed to be back today ?

Me : she is

Hawu : then maybe

Me : no , I last spoke with her last night as she was leaving the cinema . She said she'll call when she gets home , I called the whole night . Her phone

just rang , until it was just taking me to voicemail this morning . It's so unlike her , we've never gone this long without talking to each other . She even calls me middle of the night , just because she woke up . Just for silly things , she can never forget to call me last night . And still be unreachable this morning

He sighs

Me : you might think I'm insane
, but I'm going

Hawu : I should come with you

Me : I

Voice : I'll go with her

I look at him

He knows I'll never panic for
nothing

Hawu : but

Melumzi : Mkhuluwa I'll go
with her (brother)

Me : lets go

I say heading to the door and
he follows me out

Melumzi : do we know her mother's place ?

Me : get me my laptop , I will track where her phone last gave a signal . I'll sniff until I get something

We get down , he rushes to the lounge and brings my laptop

I waste no time getting on it , as
we walk out heading to the car

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***Keabetswe* (April)**

I move my hand , touching his
arm

At my touch , he lifts his head
up and looks at me

Sipho : kiddo

I don't think I've ever seen him
like this

He looks so distraught

I trail my eyes around for my
mother

But she's not here

Sipho : she will come

It's like he knows

Sipho : are you okay ? Do you need me to call a doctor ?

I shake my head no , I'm just feeling slight pain on my head

Sipho : do you know who

The door opens and Kazi walks in

I'm just stunned , like what is she doing here ?

Sipho looks at her , and she's with her brother

Kazi : I'm sorry to just badge in , I

She looks at me , and I can't help but tear up

What is she doing here ?

How did she even know where
to find me ?

She walks closer , and stands
besides the bed

She leans down giving me a hug

I hold back into hugging her

I don't want to hurt myself
further

She will never see me the same
after this

I don't want to get my hopes
high

After a while , I calm down and
she moves back

I see Sipho and her brother are
no longer in here

Kazi : I'm sorry I wasn't here ,
none of this would have
happened if I came

She wipes my tear

Kazi : who did this ?

I just look at her

Kazi : it wasn't hard finding you
, trust me I'm capable of finding
whoever did this all by myself .
But I want to believe that if you
know , then you'll tell me . And
if you don't know , give me a
description just anything for me
to work with

I can't comprehend her tone

And I'm just feeling numb ,
right now I don't know what is
what

She sighs leaning down , she
places a kiss on my forehead

I close my eyes

Me : it's my ex , Bayanda

It comes out as a whisper

She moves back

Kazi : I'll come back

I listen to her footsteps walking
away , until the door opens

I open my eyes , just reliving
everything that happened

Tears stream down the side of
my face

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Qhawekazi

Melumzi : what are we going to do ?

Me : I'm going to fuck him up so bad

Melumzi : you know where we
can find him ?

Me : that won't be hard

We walk outside getting in the
car

Melumzi : is she okay ?

I know what he means

Obviously she cannot be okay

But just the mere fact that she looks okay , and will heal

Me : yeah

He sighs

Melumzi : and you ?

I look at him

Me : what about me ?

Melumzi : you're still with your woman right ?

Me : I'm not going anywhere , I will wife that girl

He smiles

Melumzi : let's go avenge our
daughter in-law

I chuckle

He drives out of the hospital

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Keabetswe (April)

I was asleep , but got awoken
by the voices

And I could hear it's my mother
and Siphho

I was happy , and looking
forward to seeing her

But as soon as I heard they're
arguing , I just kept still

And they're still going at it even
now

Sipho : don't come here acting

He sounds really angry

Mom : acting ? She's my child

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Sipho : the very same child ,
you turned back to go find .
Saying she's back to her old self
, and just wants to upset you

before she leaves . That child ?
Even after I begged you , that
something is wrong we should
go . But no , you stayed and laid
back on the couch . Don't
annoy me Libo , this time
around you failed as a mother .
You just couldn't look over
what she's done in the past ,
the fact that she came here and
for the first time ever I saw you
two getting along

I feel my heart just shuttering

If I knew all of this , honestly I
would have said I don't even
want her to know what
happened to me

If that's what happened , and
she chose to stay behind

Then she's capable of saying , I
wanted this

Tears burn my eyes

I feel a painful lump , just stuck
on my throat

Mom : you're not being fair
right now

And she's crying

Mom : I didn't know

Sipho : which is why you had to go out there for her , but instead you talked shit

Mom : Sipho please

I open my eyes and look at them

They're standing by the door

Sipho : you're lucky she's your child , and not mine biologically . Otherwise I would be telling you to fuck off right now

He clicks his tongue walking out

She wipes her tears and turns to find me looking at her

She walks closer

Mom : baby

Me : please leave , and don't
come back

Mom : I'm so sorry , I

Me : I don't want to hear it

Mom : April

Me : there's really no
difference between you and
Jason

She shakes her head

Me : he flipped over hearing I
have a girlfriend , he's just
some homophobic piece of shit

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Mom : don't say that about
your father !

She shouts on top of her lungs

Mom : I didn't judge you did I ?

Me : I'm back for a mere
weekend , after four months .
And I'm gone for hours after
saying I'm coming , you don't
consider this is Joburg

something could have happened . You just assume , I'm back to being some rebel child . You'll never think anything of me , and even before . I only wronged you by not going to college , I never slept out . I never brought boys home , and you've never seen me drunk . Just by getting expelled for missing classes , I'm the worst child ever . Did I leave home and never come

back ? Have I ever done that
before ?

I wipe my tears

She shakes her head crying

Me : I will never bother you or
Jason ever again

I turn my back on her , fresh
tears stream down my face

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***Keabetswe* (April)**

I don't know when my mother
left

I cried until I fell asleep

And I got woken up by the
doctor

I thought it was Kazi

I don't know if she'll ever come
back

But I won't blame her even if
she doesn't

I would keep my distance away
from myself as well

And well , it turns out even my
own parents really don't give
shit about me

Maybe I'm just cursed

As much as it sounded
somehow

But maybe , just maybe
Bayanda was right

My mother thought she was
giving birth to a child , but her
womb was rotten

Just look at how I turned out

And now , I'm basically just a
vessel of a being living

The doctor came in with two
cops

One male and one female

The male is standing by the
door

Her : do you remember what
happened ?

Should I even bother myself
telling them ?

I keep quite

Her : I know this must be very hard for you , but you must tell us what happened so we can find the person or people who did this

It was just him , just Bayanda alone

I don't remember the other guy penetrating me

Unless he did when I was out of it , but I don't know

She sighs

Her : okay , the doctor said they found traces of blood under your nails . They proved you clearly scratched this person , and you were fighting . That blood wasn't yours

That's obvious

Her : at one point I'm going to
need you to communicate with
me , we want to help you ...

She sighs

Her : I want to help you

Me : he raped me because I'm
dating another woman

I say , maybe she's also
homophobic

And she'll leave me alone , and
say I do deserve what
happened to me

She pulls the chair and sits
down

Her : women shouldn't live in
fear fearing if she's next , no
one has a right to hurt you over
your sexuality or anything else
for that matter . You're a
human being , with rights

I take a deep breath

I guess she's not going
anywhere

Her : can you point out the guy
who did this , if you were to see
him ?

I close my eyes for a brief
moment , and just stare at her
in silence

Her : the DNA the doctor found
, we ran it against someone .
And it was a match

My insides go cold

Is she got real , or she's just
fucking with me right now ?

How did they get a hold of his
DNA to be able to test the
blood

Her : please take a look here

She holds the phone in front of
me

And I shiver , seeing Bayanda in
a body bag

Even with bruises and an eye
that's gawked out , I know him

It's him

Her : this boy , his name is Bayanda Shezi . His body was dumped at his home , his mother found him . He's missing hisprivate part , and his balls have been badly hammered

What the fuck !

Her : there's a message engraved on his chest , with a hot steel

I look at her face

Her : “useless balls , no dick .
There won't be any raping in
hell”

Ouch !

Her : is he the boy who
molested you ?

I swallow hard

Who could have hurt him like that ?

Her : his DNA is the one found in the blood under your nails

I think I am tongue tied right now from shock

I can't believe this

Her : did you tell anyone about who hurt you ? Anyone who could have wanted to avenge you ?

Oh shit no !

Me : it's him , it's him okay .
He'she was my ex , we used to date before I left . He was angry , and wanted a chance .

Said I belong to him , and I've made him a laughing stock by dating another girl . But I swearI didn't tell anyone .

I shake my head

Only Kazi knows it's Bayanda

Her : okay , is there anyone you think could have figured out it's him ?

Me : no ...my parents don't know him , and I never told anyone in PE about him . No one knows him

She sighs looking at the male cop by the door

She turns back and looks at me , with a face full of a defeat expression

Her : we can't make an arrest
now , because ...he's dead

I nod slowly

I think I'm shocked beyond
shock

Her : the doctor said , it would
be in your best interest that
you get counselling

Again I just nod , I just want
them gone

So I can digest everything

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Qhawekazi

Him : visiting hours are over

Me : and I didn't ask you

He sighs

Him : I'm afraid I can't let you in there

Me : you ...

Melumzi : just go on , I'll handle this

Him : I'm sorry she can't

I walk past him , he turns back
but Melumzi grabs him

Me : fuck !

I've been going over and over
with the guy , and he tells me I
can't go in the ward cause
visiting hours are over

I know that , it's past 18:00
right now

And I'm welcomed by a police
offer opening the door

I'm damn allergic to this ugly
uniform

He looks at me

Me : uhm

Him : you can't be in here

Me : why not ?

I look over and see the female
cop , by the bed

Me : Bhabha (baby)

She lifts her head and looks at
me

Him : do you know her ?

He asks Kea

Me : can you just go out there ,
do your job and find the people
who brutally hurt my girlfriend
like that . Visiting hours are
over , I just flew in from PE . I
have only a few minutes to be
with her

He sighs

I walk past him walking further
in

The female cop moves away
from the bed heading to the
door

And they both walk out

I look at Kea , and I can tell she
knows something

I walk back and check the coast
, they're really gone

I close the door

Kea : did you do it ?

Me : what ?

Kea : don't do that ...this is me
, don't do that . Did you do it ?

I sigh walking closer to the bed

Me : he died from the pain of the torture , if I had my way I would have loved to torment and torture him for the rest of his life .

She closes her eyes , tears stream down her face

I don't know what's the
meaning of this

I move over on the bed , and
hug her

Kea : what if you go to jail ?

Isn't she just sweet

Me : I won't

I hug her tight as she cries
against my chest

And it pains me , she shouldn't
have gone through what she
went through

She didn't deserve this shit

Death sure seems like an easy
way out , so is jail

People like that fucker ,
deserve a lifetime of pain and
misery

Unfortunately , I couldn't spare
him

And I still feel some injustice

Because she will live with what
he did forever , and she'll
probably never be the same

again . Which is what pisses me
off more

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***Keabetswe* (April)**

Is it just me , or everything is
just going insane right now in
my life

I don't even know when Kazi
left last night

I woke up this morning , and
she was here

Smelling fresh , and got us
better coffee than the one here

I haven't said anything to her

Because I don't know what to
say

My girlfriend , who could
possibly be my ex right now

Killed someone in that brutal
way

I don't give a fuck about
Bayanda , that guy hurt me in
the worst possible way

And his death means absolutely
nothing

But I'm like , who the hell is
Qhawekazi Bangani ?

I look at her , and she's just
staring at nothing across the
room on the wall

She has the cup of coffee in
hand

Me : how

She turns and looks at me , my
mouth goes dry

Kazi : what ?

I shake my head saying nothing

Kazi : can you just not push me
away please

I lift my eyes to her

Kazi : I love you , and I don't
want to loose you . I am here ,

and I don't wanna go anywhere
. I don't regret killing that boy ,
and I would do it again if I have
to . I'm not even sorry

Wow !

Me : youyou still want to be
with me ?

Kazi : yeah , why wouldn't I not
want to be ?

Because of everything that
happened

Like what sane person can want
to be with someone like me
now ?

Kazi : I love you Bhabha

The door opens and Jason
walks in

I feel like screaming my lungs
out

Like what part of , I will never
bother them again don't they
get ?

I know my mother called him ,
Sipho would never

Dad : baby

He heaves a sigh shaking his
head walking in further

And behind her , my mother
along with Siphos follow

Kazi is still on the chair , she
doesn't even move

Mom : April we ...

Me : you what ? I thought I told you yesterday , let's stop bothering each other . I've just always been nothing , but an inconvenience to the both of you

Dad : waitwhat's going on here ? Libo why didn't you tell me things were this bad ? That she was this hurt ?

This guy !

He's not about to waltz in here
, and act like father of the year

Me : what do you care ? Why
did she even tell you , because I
want nothing to do with the
both of you . You were so quick
, to go off at me for having a
girlfriend . And well , that's why
I got raped for having a
girlfriend . I'm sure that makes

you happy , and you probably
think I deserve it right ?

Tears stream down my face

Me : leave me alone , the both
of you . I'm done , I'm so done
trying to be this daughter for
you two . Clearly I'm not the
kind of a child , you would want
. I'll excuse myself , I think I
understand better

Dad : angelhow can you think , that I'm happy about what happened to you ?

Me : oh please ! Don't pretend , it's because of a homophobic like you that I'm here . So that should make you happy

Mom : April !

Me : you lost that right , when you decided to chill in your couch thinking I'm such a rebel that I have to rub you off before I leave again . While I was getting rapedin a dark passage , youyou were busy shaming me . That's how much of a nonsense child I've been

I wipe my tears off , I hate that I'm crying in front of them

I just can't help the emptiness
that I'm feeling right now

Me : I'm not 18 , I don't need
your consent anymore . You
two can leave me alone , leave
as you left from when I was 11
Jason . You had a better family ,
and I hope your son turns out
to be perfect so you don't get
disappointed twice

I look at my mother

Me : if Sipho ever gives you a child , I pray he sticks with you . So you never take the rejection of the father , to the child like you did me . I never said Jason should be with you for 11 years , and not marry you yet he gave you a child . He meets another woman , and leaves you without thinking twice . And in just three months , he marries her . You've always redirected

your anger for him , towards
me . But it's fine , you can go on
with your life now

Dad : angel I don't know what's
....

Me : Siphos you're paying the
hospital bill , I don't want these
two people here . And they
should never allow them again
in my ward , if I'm putting you
in an awkward position . Please

, tell the doctors to discharge
me or take me to a government
hospital

I turn and face Kazi

She has one a frown on her
face I cannot comprehend

I close my eyes , laying back
down on the pillow . It's even
stained with my tears

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Qhawekazi

Mhm , that was drama

May we never be the kind of
toxic parents to our own kids

And inflict our own pains as
failures upon them

Like , may we just let them be
who they are and who they
want to be

This sucks big time

They stood there , until the guy
told them to just leave

The mother pulled some drama
, but nigga wasn't having it

He sure loves Kea like his own
child

I'm coming back , from buying
her food

She didn't want to eat the
hospital food

I didn't exchange much words
with her , after what happened

Voice : sorry ...

I dart my eyes and it's her
mother

She's still here

She walks over

Her : I am sorry , are you her
girlfriend ?

Me : yes

Her : please talk to her

Me : with all due respect , I really don't want to involve myself in family politics .

Her : pleaseno child can live without her parents , weplease just talk to her to hear us out

Me : I'm afraid I can't do that ,
if Kea ever feels anyhow she
will get in touch . She knows
both her parents

She sighs

This is so not for me

Her : you have to understand
that

Me : the only thing I understand right now , is the fact that my girlfriend needs me .

She looks at me like I spoke some foreign language , something she doesn't understand

Me : uhm

I shake my head walking past
her

That was just strange

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A WEEK LATER

***Keabetswe* (April)**

By now , I thought Kazi would have ran for the hills . But she's still here , still by my side and very much supportive

She got me a new phone , since
I have no idea what happened
to my bag

We've been staying at Siphos
place

Even though I was so against it ,
because my mother does come
around here

But he assured me she won't

And it's been 4 days , since I've
been discharged and she hasn't
come here

From what I hear Jason is still
around Joburg

I don't know for what reason

Kazi : therapy ?

I shake my head

I don't know how she has killed
someone in that manner

And the police still haven't
come for her

And she looks like everything is
okay , she's not bothered . It's
an everyday life for her

Kazi : okay

I look at her

Me : talking about what happened , won't take it away .
And it'll just be like , I'm just reliving that . I really don't want to see anyone toto talk about what happened .

Kazi : it's okay Bhabha (baby)

I sigh

Me : when are you leaving ?

She looks at me with a smile

Kazi : tired of me already ?

She chuckles

Me : you missed work for a week

Kazi : I'm my own boss

I smile

Kazi : we're leaving when you're ready to go back

Me : I'm not going back

She raises her brow

Me : I went to PE because of my mother , I went to varsity because of Jason . I'm done with those two , and I have no reason to torture myself with their decisions . I have no place to go to in PE , I'm not going back to res cause I'm leaving Varsity

I'm expecting some judgement
, and to hear some words but
there's nothing

Me : I have to pick myself up
now

Kazi : and that's fine , you'll do
that being a house girlfriend

I laugh

Kazi : and then , in that space
you'll figure out what you want
to do . And you'll most
definitely do it

I sigh

Kazi : I'm not leaving you
behind , my home is yours now
. If I leave you here , I'll be
signing up for loosing you and I
can't have that

She moves her dreadlocks back

And I just can't help but admire
her

Kazi : my brother's are still
counting the dowry cows , give
me a bit of time and I'll
officially take you the right way

I can't help but laugh

Kazi : uh , they want you as
umalokazana wabo (their
daughter in-law)

Me : so much drama !

Kazi : like Mbali trying to kiss
me , it was a very horrific
horrifying experience . I'm still
dealing with that trauma , I
haven't healed at all

I look at her , dying to burst
with laughter

Kazi : don't give me that look

I shake my head slowly

Me : can you please not tell
your kissing friend what
happened , I really don't want
people knowing this

Kazi : I won't , we're not even talking . She's still angry , and sulking over my lips

Me : disgusting !

She laughs

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Qhawekazi

I look at her sleeping

And she looks so peaceful

I wish I can take her pain away ,
and just carry it for her

I want to take all her worries

She's just too good of a person
, to be going through this

And she doesn't want to see a
therapist

I don't know how she's going to
be okay

I hope burying all this inside of
her , won't turn her into a
bitter person

I can't loose this girl

I place a kiss on her cheek , and
get off the bed

I grab my phone checking my emails , walking to the lounge

Me : uhmcan we please have talk ?

He looks at me

Sipho : take a seat

Me : thanks

I sit down

Me : uhm , thank you for everything . And hosting us in your house , during this time . I just want to say , this gesture won't go unnoticed . And I'm thankful , I know that Kea is grateful

He nods with a smile

Me : unfortunately , I can't stay any longer . And I want her coming back with me , she has no intentions of going back to school . And I'm willing to do anything , and everything she wants . If her crafts and art , is what she wants to do I'll be there all the way . Please do allow me to take her with , I really won't be at ease leaving her behind

Sipho : when do you leave ?

Me : tomorrow if you're okay
with that

Sipho : did you talk to her ?

Me : I did , and she knows my
intentions

Sipho : I hear you , I can't deny that you're good for her . But if in any case , you decide that you don't want her anymore . Please Bangani , bring me back my daughter . Don't throw her out like a dog , and don't hurt her . Even if you call me , I'll come get her

I smile

I admire what this man is doing

I chuckle shaking my head

Me : I don't know what you're taking about , but gather the uncles . My people will be coming soon

He laughs

Sipho : we're there ?

Me : she's met one of my
brother's , as soon as we get
back I'm taking her home .
They'll be coming any day , I'm
marrying that daughter of
yours

He must think I'm joking , the
way he's just looking at me

It's like he doesn't believe , but
I don't blame him

Not many would believe he's
not her father either

That girl will worship the
ground this man walks on

He's been the best support
ever for her

Blood is not always thicker than
water

Family is not always blood

Maybe I don't understand her
parents right now

I'm not perfect either , like any
other human being . And I
know they're not perfect

But I'll never subject any child
of mine to pain

Not especially when they need me the most

Like she needs her parents right now , more especially her mother

They could have put their differences aside , along with her father who has a problem with her sexuality

But I guess they don't think it's up to them as parents , to fix whatever this is

Unfortunately life doesn't wait for anyone , you fuck up it goes on

Your child's sexuality really can't be more important than supporting them in their time

of need , it's just a shame he's
caught up on that

But like they say , another man
will step up and raise your child

Don't think if you fail them ,
they'll be deserted

Even without Jason , Kea has a
father in Siphos . She's most
definitely not deserted

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***Keabetswe* (April)**

Sipho : you'll take care of
yourself right ?

I nod

He looks so sad that we're
leaving

And well , I don't blame him

It's been nice being here with
him

Me : thank you

Sipho : don't do that , you're
my child and there's nothing I
wouldn't do for you

I hug him

Kazi is in the car

Me : you and mom ?

I don't want to be the reason
they break up

Sipho loves my mother , and I
know he's one person she loves

What happened seems to have
put a strain on them

He smiles

Sipho : I love her , I'm angry
right now yes I won't lie about
that . But we'll get over it ,
when I'm ready to address it
with her . Don't worry yourself
about it , and it's not your fault
either

I nod slowly

Me : I don't know what this means for us , where we are with each other

I sigh

Me : I guess I can't blame her that much , considering my behaviour previously . Maybe she just didn't know what's what , but I just can't help that

I'm hurt . Especially because I don't understand how she thought I was misbehaving , when I've never slept out of home

Sipho : one thing about this life , is that everyone deserves a second chance . This was her time to hand you one , but yeah !

Maybe one day , just one day
we'll get over this

And just try a mother and
daughter relationship

As for my father , I don't see
him accepting me

Maybe that's just it for us , it's
not like we've ever had that
father daughter relationship

Sipho : I had a talk with your girlfriend yesterday

I laugh

Because I was asleep , and I never got told what they were talking about

Sipho doesn't seem to have a problem with Kazi at all

Sipho : she said crazy things to me , but can you do me a favour ?

Me : I'm listening

Sipho : if ever comes a time , you need your mother to stand in on something for you .

Please do it , reach out if you must

I frown , cause I don't
understand what he's trying to
say

He laughs at my confusion

Sipho : don't worry , you'll
understand . Just remember my
words , when the time comes

Me : you're weird

We laugh

And then they walk in

I'm like , what do they want ?

Mom : I'm sorry

We just look at her

I'm kind of lost , what is the
sorry for ? And who is it
directed to

Mom : I'm glad we caught you

I look at Siphos

Siphos : I haven't spoken with
your mother kiddo , I didn't tell
her anything

I sigh

Mom : I knew you were here ,
seems like you're leaving

Me : I have a life in PE

Dad : you're coming home ?

Me : no , I will never come back
to your home

He looks down

I'm hurt , he doesn't even
bother himself

And say maybe let's talk , let
me try and understand

Mom : we're still your parents
and ...

She walks closer

Me : I don't even know why
you called him , you should
have let him be with his family

I look at Sipho

Me : let me go before we miss
our flight

He nods

I grab my side bag from the
kitchen counter

Mom : April can you just

I walk past her

Honestly at this point , I have
nothing to say to my parents

I get in car

Kazi : yeah , don't overwhelm
her

She laughs and drops the call

Kazi : are you okay ?

I nod

Me : let's go , they still have
nothing to say that can change
what happened

She takes my hand into hers

Me : let's go baby

She starts the car and drives
out heading to the airport

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Mbali

I haven't been myself at all

It sucks being rejected like that

And straight to your face

Kazi doesn't want me , and I
don't know how I'll make that
peace with myself

And our friendship , I doubt it'll
ever be the same again

That's if it still exists , which I
doubt

I am not looking forward to
moving back to res again next
year

I'm done with my exams , and
since I've been alone

I'm still at res

I don't know where Kea is at

I haven't seen her nor Kazi in
over a week

She missed her final exams

Tomorrow they'll be writing the
last one in her course

It's like she's not coming back
here ever again

I really don't know what's happening , and I will butt out of it

Maybe she's no longer coming back

I thought she moved to her parents , but then she would have gotten her clothes back

They're still here , and when I
leave tomorrow I'll leave them
here

Or maybe I should just do some
courtesy , and send them to
Kazi

I don't know

Maybe they'll appreciate it

Or they'll just think the worst of
me

I'm conflicted right now

I hope if I leave them here ,
they won't get stolen

She still has her key , so if she
wants her things back she can
get them here

As for me , I am leaving

And going home

I'll clear my head , and come
better next year

If I won't be sharing with Kea
again

I'll consider coming back to res ,
or just get a single room

Clearly this sharing is just shit ,
a lot just happened in a space
of months

I've lost my best friend, and it's
sad because I still love her

And definitely , I miss her . Even
just as a friend . It was better
having her as something ,
rather than not having her in

my life at all . Which is what's
happening right now

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Qhawekazi

My brother's are a lot

I don't know how Kea is going
to react

Walking into a full house of
men

It's a good thing they're here ,
because I want to talk to them

But then again , I don't know
how the environment will be
for her

She might not be comfortable

I didn't tell her , and maybe I
should have

So she knows they're here

But then again , I thought she
wouldn't wanna come

Kea : I'm so tired

I kiss her cheek

Me : I'll run you a bath order
food , and then you can sleep

Kea : thank you baby

I smile taking her hand , she
only has her bag

I'll grab the other bags later
from the car

I open the door

Kea : did you just ...

Me : my brother's are here

And what do you know

They're infesting my kitchen ,
with food from the fucking rank

And I can only blame Madoda
for this

Melumzi : malokazana
(daughter in-law)

I'm even scared to look at her

They're all looking at her

Hawu : finally , we get to meet
you

Madoda : we won't cry for our
cows , you're worth every
single cow they're going to
want from us

What the fuck !

I frown and look at her , she
laughs

I'm like what ?

Me : uh Bhabha , let's go

Hawu : we are sleeping here at
your house

Kea : it's fine

Wow !

Me : uhm that's Hawu by the way , and Madoda

She nods with a smile , and we walk upstairs to my room

Our room now I guess

But the plan to move to the family house , is still in motion

Kea : wow ! Your brothers are something else

Me : weird !

She laughs sitting down on the bed , taking her sandals off

Kea : I envy what you have ,
maybe if I had siblings my
relationship with my parents
wouldn't be so messed up .
Especially with my mother

Me : you and Libo are going to
be fine

She laughs

And I'm happy

I'm happy that at least she's
laughing and not shutting down

Kea : what's it with you and
your brother's and cows ?

I chuckle

Me : don't mind them

I shake my head

Me : Bangani left them a kraal
of 80 something cows , they
really have no use for them

She shakes her head smitten
taking her phone out

Kea : I'm going to call Siphho

Me : tell him I said hi

She laughs as I disappear to the bathroom to run her a bath

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Libo : I regret

Sipho : don't , not with me
babe . Honestly if you were
mother to my kids , we would
be having serious problems

She wipes her tear

She spent the night , but things
are just sour

Sipho is not giving her time of
the day

And he doesn't shy away from
showing her , just how
disappointed he is on her

Sipho : God forbid something happens to Kiddo , she will never trust you as mother to tell you anything

Libo : I didn't know babe , I thought she was acting up again

Sipho : what happened to just giving the child , the benefit of the doubt ? After sending her to live with her father

She sighs

Me : what ? You thought he's incapable of getting through to her ?

Libo : he didn't even try , she wanted to live at Res and he allowed that . That's not taking responsibility as a father , Kea has been living on her own .

How was I supposed to think ,
she's really behaving there ?

He scoffs annoyed turning a
sharp gaze to her

Sipho : you and Jason are the
same ...

Libo : I raised her , I

Sipho : you made her , so vele
you were supposed to raise and
take care of her

She looks down

Sipho : you really need some
hard introspection

A knock comes at the door

Sipho : let me get the door

He walks past her , opening the door

Sipho : what do you want ? You were here yesterday , you saw Kiddo leave . So what now ? Did you leave something here ?

Jason takes a deep breath

Jason : I'm here to see Libo

Sipho : stand right there , and
when your talk is done . Get off
my property

Libo is already on her feet ,
behind him as he turns

Sipho : this is my house , can
your ex stop showing up here ?

Libo : I'm sorry

She apologizes sincerely , he
shakes his head walking
upstairs

Libo : what ...

Jason : you've settled for what
? There was really no need for
him to be rude like that to me ,
and for no reason

Libo : well it's his house really ,
what brings you by ?

Jason : I'm going back to PE

She shrugs

Libo : so why are you telling me
?

Jason : the way angel left , and
how things are between us ...

Libo : oh come on ! Your daughter is angry because you burst a vein , just because she has a girlfriend . And a very cute one at that , like seriously ! What got you angry , is just insane . Leave my child Jason , if her choices of life affect you that much . Leave her alone , she can marry that girl and I'll proudly support her . Her being a gay , a lesbian or whatever it

doesn't bring the world to an end . Honestly , I'm not saying I'm perfect . But you've bored me to the core , mxm ! Leave , and if you want to fix things with her start by getting rid of your homophobic behaviour . If it was just shock , sit her down and apologize . If you can't simply do that , leave her alone . I'm seriously going through shit , over something so serious . Her anger towards me , is

justified because I failed her
when it mattered the most .
Not this nonsense you're
bringing me , over her dating
another girl . Does it sucks the
oxygen off the planet ?

He keeps quite , tongue tied

Libo : leave , Siphos is the only
sane person between me and
you . And if I stand a chance
with my daughter , I need to fix

things with my man . I failed
her , and disappointed him .
Your issue doesn't even faze
me

She pushes the door , and he
moves back

She finally closes the door shut
, and turns rolling her eyes

Sipho burst out laughing

She just looks at him

Sipho : our lesbian or bisexual daughter , definitely doesn't suck the oxygen off the planet

He says dying of laughter

Libo : you're an idiot

She walks past him

He turns and looks at her

Sipho : you told him baby , you
sure told him off

She looks at him and frowns
going up the stairs shaking her
head

Sipho : wait I love you

Within a split second , she turns and runs down throwing herself into his arms laughing

Sipho : I'm going to fall , I'm weak

They end up just laughing , and in the midst of the moment she tears up hugging him tightly

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***Keabetswe* (April)**

I'm woken up by breakfast in bed

I keep looking at her , and she's so focused on her phone

Me : babe

She looks at me

Me : you cooked ?

She smiles

Kazi : yeah

Me : it's edible ?

She laughs

Kazi : yeah , I'm not the best
cook as you are . But you won't
choke

I chuckle

Me : okay , thank you

She nods

I'm like , it's only her and her
brothers in this house

This is not ordered definitely ,
meaning it's made

Kazi : you know I'm here , and
I'm not going anywhere . If you
ever feel I'm too much in your
space , alert me . And I'll move
a bit , but not completely . And
slowly but surely , we'll pick up
the pieces together . I won't
rush you for anything

I wipe the tear that's drops
down to my cheek

Kazi : we're going to be okay

She takes my hand into hers

Kazi : right ?

Me : right

Kazi : eat then

I know I never prayed for this woman , I need asked for her

But she just landed in my life ,
and I'll forever be grateful

I don't know if it wasn't for her
and Sipho , where would I be

I appreciate them , so much

There's no much assurance
than this

Having her to stick with me
after the ordeal that happened

I don't want to lie

I thought maybe she would
distance herself away from me

But she's shocked me

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Qhawekazi

Madoda : unjani umalokazana ?
(How is our daughter in-law)

I sit down with a chuckle

I left her upstairs , she's
watching a movie on her laptop

Me : zilungele inkomo zakho
ndoda ? (Are you cows ready
man)

He laughs

Madoda : all ready

Hawu : for real you're getting
married ?

I nod

People might say I'm crazy

That maybe it's too soon

And that might be true , but I do not need 6 years to figure out that I love this woman

I want to marry her , and she will bare my kids

Most definitely

She's the first wife , that's going to raise the Bangani home

Me : I've never been in love ,
which is why I know that this is
it . Because it's so foreign , just
something I've never felt
before . The first girlfriend ,
she's definitely the wife

Melumzi : from being a women
whore , to a whole wife . You're
moving up levels mtshanam

We laugh

Hawu : well , we're ready when you are

Me : I don't want to tell her as of yet , and her relationship with her parents is somehow right now . But I spoke with her mother's boyfriend , he's basically a father to her . And I know , he will arrange things with her mother for us . I don't

want to propose , I want to
send cows and give her a ring
then after she can plan her
wedding

Madoda : so no engagement ?

Me : none , I don't want her
knowing this

Hawu : what if she denies you ?

I chuckle

Me : she won't

Hawu : you trust yourself that
much ?

Me : and more

Melumzi : I hope she doesn't
turn us away , because it would
be a pity to lose her

Me : mhm , I think you can send the letter in the mean time .

We'll see if we get a response back allowing us to go see her family or not , and so request that if they accept us she shouldn't be informed

Hawu : hopefully they won't disappoint us

Me : it's an ask , they'll have to honour that

Hawu : okay , we'll write the letter

Me : good , while awaiting them it'll give me time to finalize the things I have planned for her

Melumzi : why don't you share the full details with us ?

Me : uh-uh , go get me my wife mninawa . Leave things that do not concern you (little brother)

He shakes his head with a smile

I'm happy that they're supporting me in this

And it doesn't seem like any of them disapproves

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Keabetswe (April)

I didn't think I'll find Mbali here

I just had to come and get my
things

I guess I shouldn't be that
shocked that she's still here

It's not everyone who just
rushes home , after final exams

Mbali : so ...

I look at her

I've packed most of my things ,
Kazi will be coming to pick me
up

She had a meeting to attend to

Mbali : you missed exams

Me : I did

She nods slowly

Mbali : and you're moving out ?

Me : most definitely

I am not angry , but I am
annoyed most definitely at her
for trying to kiss my girlfriend

Mbali : I see

I continue packing , the last bag
of clothes

Mbali : and Kazi ?

Me : what about her ?

Mbali : you still together ...like
what's happening ?

I laugh

Me : you know , if you were still
friends you would know . But
then again , you're just fishing
right now . Because you hope
we're no longer together , so
you can try your tricks again

She clears her throat

Mbali : what tricks ? She's ...

Me : don't bother yourself , I
know about that stupid kiss
stunt you pulled

I say looking at her , and she
lacks a comeback

Suddenly she's gone mute

Me : that girl is mine , I'm not going anywhere . You can bring your best , but if you know what's good for you you'll stay away . As long as Kazi is still down for me , I ain't walking out of her life sis . Doesn't matter who's against us , and who wants to break us up . If I can choose her over my own fucking father , imagine you !

She'll definitely drop you for me , friendship of years gone down the drain . Jealousy is nasty , you had five years with her but you chickened . At first attempt , I didn't hesitate . Right there and there , I knew that girl was mine . And ain't nothing anybody can do about it

She frowns and clicks her tongue walking out

I'm left laughing my ass off

Mbali is too young for this
nonsense

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***Keabetswe* (April)**

Kazi : Bhabha (baby)

I look at her

It's just us now at the house

Her brothers left early this
morning

It was nice having them around

They just make it easy to get
along with them

And they're just easy going people

Kazi : like how many kids you think you gonna give me ?

Kids ?

We're there , like why are we even talking about kids ?

Me : you want kids ?

Kazi : of course I do

Wow !

I've never even thought that I'll
be a mother one day

I don't think , I've ever thought
about kids

And now dating a woman ,
most definitely I didn't even
wonder about it

Me : how many ?

Kazi : like 3

I smile

Me : and who will be paying for
that ?

IVF is very expensive , and well
that's the way for us to have
kids

I don't want to adopt , and I
want to carry the baby myself

Kazi : me of course

I laugh

She's so cute

Me : okay , start saving . I'm almost 20 now , so let's say at 22 we'll have our first baby

Kazi : are you sure at 22 ?

The confusion in me , and she laughs

I shake my head

Kazi : like don't you want to maybe wait , like 25 ?

Me : no , 25 we'll be working towards the second one

She chuckles

Kazi : okay , I guess I can work with 22 . And it's fine , because I want you established and all . Before babies come into our

space , I know you won't go
back to school

Me : I won't

I don't even want to lie to her
about that one , I've made up
my mind

Kazi : okay how about we go to
culinary school ?

Me : baby no , I don't want to go to school . I can do the cooking , without the school part . Like having a small African cuisine restaurant , with a small bakery on the side for fresh baked treats daily . I'll just need brains honestly , to just help me balance the business side of things

She smiles

Kazi : is that what you want ?
Having a restaurant and a
bakery combined ?

Me : out of the many things I
can do , I'm just saying . And
then maybe I can take on my
painting , and I'll sell pieces of
my art at the restaurant

She smiles

Me : what ?

Kazi : I feel like you're
envisioning this

I most certainly am

And one day , I'll get there

For now , I just need to find
myself better

And then I'll knock on every
door , until someone opens

And I'll make those visions
come to life

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Mbali

Mom : it's strange that you're
home

Me : mhm

I sit down

Mom : what happened ?

I sigh

Me : nothing

Mom : come on , I can see that
you're not okay

Me : Kazi and I are no longer
friends

My mom knows Kazi , I mean
we've been friends for years

And she's come to my house a
few times

And when I would visit her
place , I would tell her where
I'm going

Mom : but you two were close ,
so what happened ?

Me : uhmshe has a girlfriend
now , and I felt like a third
wheel

Mom : but why ? I mean , you
were just friends . So why is her
having a girlfriend an issue ?

I can't tell her how I got
rejected

Me : it ...they spend too much
time together , the girl is just
possessive . And Kazi allows her
, so I barely saw her anymore

Mom : I'm sorry , but you have
to understand when people
commit they tend to change .
Either you adapt with their
change , or you'll be left behind

I sigh

Mom : did you talk to Kazi
about this ?

Me : I tried , she shut me down

Mom : give her time , new
relationships need time and
attention

They've been at it for months

And I didn't even think they'll
last for that long

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Qhawekazi

Me : I want this space

Melumzi : business venture ?

Me : no , well not for me . But
for my wife

He smiles

Melumzi : it's big

Me : that's my worry , it might
be too big

Melumzi : what does she need
it for ?

Me : her business , she said something about an African cuisine restaurant and a bakery

Melumzi : I guess that makes sense , and maybe a bigger space is exactly what she needs

Me : mhm , she mentioned selling art pieces . The initial plan , was to get this place so

she can turn it into an art
gallery

Melumzi : but seeing how big it
is , you can combine all three

I nod slowly

Me : that could work

I look around this empty
building

Me : actually it's perfect

Melumzi : some women are
lucky

I chuckle

Melumzi : what I would give , to
just have someone give me
something as this

Me : don't be strange

We laugh

Me : she doesn't wanna go back to varsity , and I don't want to force her . This is what she wants , and I believe she will make it work it

Melumzi : of course she will

Me : let's go talk to the guy , I want this place . Once the sale is finalized , I want to start renovating

We both turn walking out

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Sipho smiles as he continues to read the letter in his hand

He can't believe she was not
joking

Even after what has happened

Sipho : wow !

Libo walks in , and can't help
but feel Jealous seeing the
smile on his face

Libo : what is that ?

Sipho : it's a letter

Libo : I see from who ?

He looks at her

Sipho : don't make a big deal
out of this

She frowns

Sipho : I think this is the one time , that you actually just need to be there for you daughter

He gets up

Libo : I'm trying to , but she's blocked my numbers . Same as for Jason , he cannot get a hold of her . She's not at varsity anymore , he went there and

she was gone . How do we
reach out now ?

Sipho : here

He hands her the letter

Sipho : drag yourself to PE if
you must , her girlfriend wants
to come and pay bride price

Libo : what ?

She pops her eyes in shock

Libo : marriage ?

Sipho just stares at her

Libo : Kea is only 20 , she's very young for marriage . Andwait , why did they send the letter to you and not us ?

Sipho : I said don't make a big deal about it , Kazi told me when they were here that she'll send her people . I thought it was a joke , but then yeah . Again she knows how the relationship is , between you and Kiddo . I gave you the letter , just act accordingly and be a mother

She sighs as he walks past her going outside

Libo : marriage ?

She says to herself , not believing how true this letter is and slowly shakes her head

A slight pain hits her , this is her baby girl

At just 20 she's found marriage , something she hasn't found

even in her late thirties . Even though she's with a loving man like Sipho

Will he ever marry her ?

She asks herself as she sits down on the couch

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A MONTH LATER

***Keabetswe* (April)**

Me : what's going on ?

He smiles

Sipho : have you talked to your mother ?

Me : I am still not talking to your girlfriend

And I have no intentions to

We're all better off with this distance

Sipho : can youplease

He sighs

Me : it's better this way , it hurts less . Because I know I don't have to prove myself , and she's not wondering when I'll want to annoy her . We're better off

For the past month , I haven't
seen nor spoken to my parents

I last came to see Sipho two
weeks ago

He's the only one I'm keeping
on contact with

And he asked me to come this
weekend

And I can see something
strange is happening in this
house

But I just don't understand
what's happening

And I haven't asked either

Sipho : your parents are going
to be here

Me : what why ? Please don't
tell me you tricked me into
coming here

He smiles

Sipho : not for them kiddo

He walks out , I grab my phone
making a call

Kazi : Bhabha (baby)

Me : come fetch me

She chuckles

Kazi : what happened ?

Me : I think Siphon tricked me to
come here , for some
intervention with Jason and
Libo

Kazi : why do you say that ?

Me : it's awkward here , please
come

Kazi : okay

Me : you're really coming ?

Kazi : yes

I smile

Kazi : don't kill Jason before I
get there

I laugh

Kazi : I love you

Me : uh !

She chuckles

Kazi : I love you

Me : I love you more

I drop the call

She's been my support system ,
throughout the whole ordeal

There ended up really being
nothing done about the case

Because Bayanda died , even finding his killer just went cold

I don't know where is the other guy or what happened to him

It was hard on me , harder than I even thought . I thought I could just move on from that

The nightmares came it was intense

Kazi ended up forcing me for therapy , it's been two weeks

But so far so good

I'm okay to speaking about what happened , and trying to put it behind me

So therapy really is working , not as bad as I thought

Maybe after it , I can try
working on that Restaurant
dream

I know I still have a long way to
go , but I'm willing and
prepared

I didn't come apart , my
therapist says that on its own
it's a good sign

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Qhawekazi

Hawu : why is she crying ?

I chuckle

Me : she's not crying , she
wants me to fetch like right
now

They laugh

Madoda : what Bangani portion did you give her ?

Hawu : your father was a powerful sangoma (traditional healer)

Madoda : he must have dealt him

I chuckle , Hawu is the one who has taken upon that gift

Still on his journey of initiating

Me : mxm ! Siphos might have mentioned something about her parents coming , and she thinks she's being set up for an intervention

Melumzi : this surprise might just go sour

Me : you want to see me
fucking people up ? They better
not ruin shit for me

We've come this far

The therapy is helping a bit

There are no nightmares now ,
she no longer zones out . Those
are big changes

I'm not about to have anyone
mess things for us , not even
her parents

Not when we've come so far

Sipho asked to tell Jason and
Libo

And said if they want to come ,
can they please be allowed

That man loves my wife to be ,
and if he's happy she's happy

So I told him he can go ahead ,
so they better not come with
drama

Her place is almost done , just
part of the art gallery are left

I'm sure when we get back ,
they'll be done

I know that will make her
happy

I just hope she won't be angry ,
that I took that first step for her

But I'm committing myself to
her

And marriage is an investment

You have to grow together ,
and earn wealth together

This is just the first step of
many of those

We're on our way to Joburg for
the negotiations

We have our uncles
Qhawelomzi and my father's
twin brother Ntsikayomzi

They're the only elders we have left at the Bangani home

We're coming along with our cousin's Sihle and Kuhle

They're older than us , so it serves having them here

My person still has no idea what's happening

And I want to keep it like that ,
until she's called

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Mbali

My eyes have got to be kidding
me

I keep looking at this post

Like I follow Madoda on
Instagram

And he's posted a picture of them all , along with three others I don't know

Captioned "going to get our first wife"

I'm trying to understand what he means , could it be Kazi is marrying Kea

And me I don't even know ?

I dial her number , and it just
rings unanswered

Pity I deleted Kea's number , I
can't even call her

Mom : what's with the
frustration ?

I look around for dad

Me : II think Kazi is getting married and she didn't even tell me

I'm still home , I spent my whole December holidays here

I'll only go back to Varsity next month

I haven't seen nor spoken to Kazi in a month

Mom : you're still not okay with each other ?

I scoff

Me : clearly

I get up

Me : I'm going out for air

I grab my car keys walking out

Getting into my car , I dial her number again . And this time , it doesn't go through

The phone has been switched off

So she's ignoring me , after not talking for so long ?

I drive out heading to the club

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***Keabetswe* (April)**

I feel so annoyed right now

I'm dressed like some village
Makoti

I'm bored , and I don't
understand why is Kazi's phone
suddenly off

This woman !

I know she will never want to
anger me

Like she treats me like a baby ,
but right now I'm scared

I keep looking at Lizzy , she's
my cousin

I don't know why she's here

The door opens my mother
walks in

I haven't seen her since I left a
month ago , and that was last
year

Mom : baby

I just look at her

She sighs

Mom : Lizzy please wear your
head wrap

She does as she's told

Mom : I'm so proud of you ,
and I'm glad that I'm getting to
see this moment with you . I
know I've hurt you , and maybe

it's still too soon and too early to forgive me . Because no sorry is going to take away , my treatment towards you . I failed you when you needed me the most , and I'll never do that ever again . Even when I'm still asking and awaiting your forgiveness . A new mother and daughter bond , fixing the mistakes of the past and doing much better . When you need me , I'll always be there . You

deserve this happiness , I'm
happy for you

I am so confused , like woman
what are you talking about ?

Is everything okay with her ?

Mom : come they're asking to
see you

Me : who is they ?

She smiles

Mom : come , take that shawl
cover yourself

Me : whatwhat's going on ?

She just smiles

I guess she's not going to
answer me

I grab the shawl and cover my
shoulders

We all walk out , to the lounge .
Am I not shocked !

Seeing the Bangani's here

I know uncle Ntsika , we spent
Christmas at his house

And I know Qhawe as well

I know Sihle and Kuhle , and
these three Bangani brothers

I'm like what are they doing
here ?

My father is here , along with
his brother Kyle . He's Lizzy's
father

And my mother's brother's ,
and Siphon of course

Mom : sit here

Me : on the floor ?

That was meant to be a
whisper , but Melumzi laughs

I guess he heard

I sit my ass down

Mom walks out , and now Lizzy
and I we're just left with these
men

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Qhawekazi

It's an hour later , I've been
waiting

I have no idea what's
happening , but the silence is
not concerning

If they were not agreeing on something , they would have told me

I'm just outside in the car , since I wasn't allowed to go in with them

I ended up switching my phone off , because of that call from Mbali

Today is certainly not a day to
entertain her

Melumzi walks out with her ,
she looks so cute

And obviously she's like a few
more years her age

But just gracefully

Melumzi : come eat when
you're done

Me : my wife will serve me

He laughs shaking his head

He walks away

I'm glad everything went well ,
and well we paid everything
they wanted and asked for

What's left is the gifting ceremony , and then we'll have our wedding

But dowry paid , this woman is mine

The fact that my brother brought her to me , it tells me everything went well

I hold her hand , and she smiles

But that soon turns to tears

I hug her , a bit confused not
getting why she's crying

Me : Bhabha (baby)

I cup her face , and we lock
eyes

Tears are just streaming down
her face

Me : what's wrong ?

She opens her mouth but
nothing is coming out , now I'm
getting worried

None of my brother's are out ,
there's no one I can even ask

Those people better have not
made my wife cry

But she was okay a few seconds
ago

Me : talk to me what happened
?

Kea : you married me ?

She smiles

What the fuck ?

I was ready to burst and she's
crying because I married her ?

Like what's this ?

Kea : I'm a wife now ?

I am defeated

I sigh

Me : ndilambile (I am hungry)

I am over this marriage and
wife talk

She laughs

Kea : why didn't you ask me to
marry you like normal people ?

I raise a brow

Kea : oh ! I love you Jola

I smile leaning down , giving
her a kiss

We pull out , by someone
clearing their throat

And it's her father

Jason : I am sorry

Kea : let me go get your food

She walks away , before the
man even says anything

Jason : uhmI don't think
we've been introduced

Me : Qhawekazi Bangani

He nods

Jason : I love my daughter

I look at him

Me : she's your child , so I
believe as a parent you do love
her

I say with a slight shrug

Jason : what I mean is , I only want what's best for her . And I want her happy

Me : sure

He sighs

Jason : even if some things I may not approve of , or deem them wrong . It doesn't mean I can just stop being a father , or

loving her . Despite everything
that happened

Me : look , I hear you . Or
rather , I think I do . But
shouldn't you be having this
conversation with her ?

Jason : she doesn't want to talk
to me , I won't bombard her .
I'll give her the space she wants

Me : yeah , so why you telling me ?

Jason : you love her , she loves you . You're getting married , and you're bringing our families together . I just want to say , I'll put my feelings aside . And I'll always avail myself where she's concerned

She walks towards us with a tray

Jason : let me give you space

Me : you have another kid ,
he's going to grow up and find
himself . If he turns out
somehow , just remind yourself
to do better for him . Kea is
now my worry , and the
Bangani's worry . She's your
daughter yes , but hurt her and
we'll have serious problems .
She's mine now , and I don't

shy away even from stomping
on a fly just for her

He furrow his eyes , I let out a
side smile as she gets to us

Jason : congratulations angel ,
I'm very proud of you

He turns and walks away

Kea : and that ?

I shake my head with a shrug

Kea : why are they being nice
with my mother even ? Did
they decide to write speeches
together

I laugh

Me : don't be silly , it must have
been somehow to have Siphon

be the one inviting them to
your negotiations

She laughs

Kea : sit down and eat baby

I open the car door and sit
down

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Mbali

Chloe : did you see those pics ?

I just nod

I couldn't miss them

I had to stalk Kea , and she
posted all those events of
yesterday

Chloe : Kazi really must be in
love

Me : can we just stop !

I'm annoyed

Me : like let's just stop , I'm tired talking about Kazi and her life . She's not even one of us now , she's ditched us . We don't hang out , so let's let her be . Her life with her wife , has shit to do with us . And I'll

appreciate it , if we can stop
uttering her name in our midst .
Kea is her friend now

Trev : come on !

Me : on a serious note , I'll stop
hanging with you guys if Kazi
will become our talk

I'm so done

Like I'm really over this , and I
don't want anything that will
always be a constant reminder
of Kazi

I won't chase after her , or the
friendship

We're done

I'm just gonna go on with my
life

I'll make friends along the way ,
cause this one long sailed

Chloe : okay , I am sorry . Talk
out the window

She laughs

I open my beer , taking a sip

I'll just see what life awaits me
without Kazi in my life

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Keabetswe (April)

I can't stop looking at my ring

After negotiations yesterday ,
there was a family dinner

And I was given one stunning
single diamond ring

I'm so in love with it

I can't believe I am someone's
wife

It's unbelievable

I think I'll get a pinch and wake
up from this dream

She opens the door for me , I
get out of the car

Me : what are we doing here ?

She smiles

Kazi : let's go

I give up asking , I asked when
we left home

And she wasn't telling me
anything

She opens the door

I dart my eyes around , and I
can't help but tear up

I had a vision for this

And what I'm staring at right
now , is my vision exceeded
beyond

I even lack the words to explain
this

This is the part of the
restaurant were in , a few feet
away is the bakery

There's the art gallery by the
far side

All of this in one space , it's way
much better than what I had
thought

I look at her

She smiles , and engulfs me in a
hug

Kazi : you cry a lot , this can't be
normal

I laugh through my tears

Me : I'm happy , I don't even know how to thank you for this . As if it wasn't enough you made me a wife , and now you've just brought my dreams and visions to life . How blessed can one human being be ?

These are tears of joy , I don't know what I did to deserve you

She chuckles

Kazi : but I assure you this ...

She pulls back and holds both
my hands

Kazi : these tears , are the only
tears I'll ever make you cry .
Until infinity does us apart ,
because not even death will
prevail

I laugh

She wipes my tears

Kazi : I love you so much

MaJola

Yes girl ! Finish me

Kazi : you'll hold this family
down , and you deserve
everything and more

I hope I never fail them , and
turn out to be some wife they
never ordered for

Me : I love you

I wish I had better words to
express how I'm feeling right
now

I look around this place

This is only the beginning of the
greatness we'll achieve
together

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