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Prologue

PROLOGUE

[FLASHBACK]

Me: Thaps I'm not going to let you do this

Her: Roro angeke sibuyele emuva  
singaphethanga nex (we can't got back  
without nothing)

Me: The sun is still shining bright sisesekhona  
is'khathi (we still have time)

Her: Think about it? How much money do we  
make a day? Not everyday is Christmas and  
definitely today it's one of those bad days

She really wanted to go ahead with this  
seems like she had made up her mind and I  
can't change it..

Her: Please..

She looked at me and her eyes reflected pain she didn't wanna do this but she was forced too.

Guy: It's been an hour.. How long must I wait?

Thaps and I looked at each other indeed it has been a long day and we haven't eaten anything nor drank anything. My throat was very dry and my stomach kept on rumbling. I was sweating and smelling I have worn this clothes for almost a week now without washing them haven't really taken a bath in a few days..

Him: Maybe I'll keep my bread my milk and my R150

Thaps: No!!..

She cleared her throat..

Her: I'll do it

She'll do it but I don't want her to do it..

She looked at me as he dragged her to the back these Pakistanis why can't they just come

with their own women? They know that they addicted to sex and they perverts why don't they come with their own damn women!! His town brothers stood at the door making sure that I don't try anything funny I walked up and down busy kicking small stones just to shift my mind from what was happening.

Thaps has sacrificed herself a lot for us just so that we can get mere bread the same bread that people throw away when it's rotten like they throwing away nothing. The same bread that one would refuse to eat without cheese eggs Russians and all its expensive contents. I'm talking about the same bread that you swing around after buying it from the shop the one that you squash with your other groceries after you had purchased it in town. To us it was more than that it is our Cake our pizza our 3 course meal that an average citizen cannot afford. It's something we have to lower our standards to get something that tastes heavenly when it collides with your

taste buds. Bread is not our everyday meal it is something that comes once a in a while for us..

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"The ground shall break when they bury him it is something that comes once a in a while for us..

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"The ground shall break when they bury him bury him.. I know one day they gotta bury Me Better lock my casket tight baby so I don't let the devil in"

I looked at the punching back and stopped I glanced at my phone on the chair ringing. My knuckles were red and hella painful didn't even realize that I was punching without the gloves. Sometimes I just zone out when I have these flashbacks my system completely shuts down and I won't be conscious enough to be aware of what is happening around me..

"The ground shall break when they bury him  
bury him.. I know one day they gotta bury him  
Better lock my casket tight baby so I don't let  
the devil in"

It must be an important call for the person to  
keep on calling I kissed my knuckles and went  
to get it. It was a call from my Sister Regina..

Me: Reggie?

She sniffed..

Me: Are you okay?

Her: We downstairs can you please uhm...  
Can you let us up?

Me: Are you alright?

Her: Let us up please

Me: Okay give me a sec

I hung up and exhaled. I walked out of the  
gym and went to my bedroom I got the  
painting down from the wall and unlocked the

safe. I took out my gun and then closed the safe I hung the painting nicely again..

I made my way downstairs in nothing but my sweat pants my Jordans and my vest. I cocked my gun and went to the monitor..

Me: Show me downstairs

Monitor: "Password"

Me: diamant (diamond)

Monitor: "fingerprint"

I put my fingerprint..

Monitor: "Access granted"

I moved closer..

Monitor: "Facial recognition"

It ran facial recognition..

Monitor: "Access granted"

Me: Show me downstairs

The camera moved downstairs I saw Regina and her Son standing by the elevator. She looked agitated..

Me: Grant access to come upstairs

Monitor: "Access granted"

The elevator opened and they went in it was just the two of them. The elevator closed and they made their way up..

Monitor: "Permission requested to grant access upstairs"

I put my fingerprint on the monitor..

Monitor: "Password"

Me: diamant (Diamond)

Monitor: "Permission granted please punch in the 4 digit code"

I punched in the code the elevator opened and she made her way in..

Her: Roro

I went to her..

Me: Hey..

Before I could even hug her she stepped back she looked at my hand. I still had the gun..

Me: Sorry

Her: Really Roro?

Me: I'm sorry.. I'm putting it away

I went and put it inside the kitchen drawer..

Her: We shouldn't have came here

(Silence)

Me: Where is your bag?

Her eyes and cheeks were red she had been crying..

Her: Downstairs.. In my car

Me: Let me take Jamal

I went and got my nephew from her cute little thing. He is 6 months old.. I fixed his hat..

Me: What did he do?

She shook her head..



Her: Can we stay here? Just until I know where we can go

Me: Of course.. You welcome to stay here as long as you want

She nodded..

Her: I'll go and wash my face

Me: Okay

She walked to the stairs and then stopped..

Her: Diamond

I looked at her..

Her: Please don't kill him.. He is still my Husband and Jamal's Father

I looked at Jamal..

Me: I promise

She flashed a shallow smile..

Her: I also don't want Edward knowing that I'm here

Me: I understand

She sighed and walked upstairs..

MY NAME IS ROSE "DIAMOND" DE LUCA AND  
MY STORY STARTS HERE..

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Chapter 1

ROSE [DIAMOND]

I opened the drawer and looked at the collection of my 10 most expensive watches the cheapest I have cost 8k. I didn't know which one was going to match my all black outfit I wear dark colours as they hold some sort of significance in my life..

Me: Rolex.. Chopard.. Jaeger-LeCoultre..

Michael Kors.. Panerai.. Audemars Piguet.. It was a variety to choose from.

I remember once in my life I couldn't even afford something that was at the value of R10 and today my most expensive watch costs around R150 000..

"You have an incoming call from Brandon"

I closed the drawer and went to get my phone..

Me: What do you have for me?

Brandon is currently the best PI that I have on my payroll right now he comes off very expensive highly recommended underground and delivers at all times..

Him: Unfortunately I still cannot find her

Me: What do you mean you can't find her? I pay you a lot of money and I thought you were the best

Him: I cannot perform miracles Diamond this girl you last saw her when you were 17. You have no photograph of hers your description

of her is when she was 16 and how old is she now? 23?

Me: People don't change that much

Him: I know that but it's difficult to go on without a recent photograph of the person

Me: I gave you her name and surname I gave you where she comes from

Him: Yes you did and I went to where she comes from no one knows where she is the last time they saw her she was 16. She just left and told no one anything

I laid back on the bed defeated..

Him: I will suggest that you go back home and sniff around.. You might find something

Go back home? Those words took me back..

[FLASHBACK]

Me: You know this is the time I always look forward to.. Just shut out the world and its problems

She took the sock from me..

Her: It is relaxing.. Pass me the benzene

I passed her the bottle..

Her: You know one day we will get out of this life we going to be very rich

I chuckled..

Her: What? Awukholwa? (you don't believe)

I shrugged my shoulders..

Me: People like us don't make it

Her: Why? Because we come from a very poor background?

Me: We from Alex.. There's no future there

Her: Diamond

Me: Thaps let's be realistic.. People like us will never make it

"People like us will never make it.. Never make it.. Never make it"

Those words echoed right next to my ear..

Brandon: Diamond are you still there?

Me: Look I don't care what you say.. I just want you to find her I am paying you a lot of money

Him: I'll try again

Me: Good!!

I put my phone next to me..

Me: Thaps where are you?

I heard a soft knock at the door..

Me: Come in

The door opened and Reggie walked in..

Her: Hey

Me: Hi

Her: You have no groceries

Me: Flip!

Her: Going somewhere?

Me: Err yes

Her: You have nothing to eat Roro

Me: Been living on takeaways

She looked at me disappointed..

Me: I'll do groceries today

Her: You going somewhere.. I don't think you will have the time

Me: Just write a list of everything that you going to need

(Silence)

Her: Are you going to therapy?

Me: I'll check my diary

Her: Have you been drinking your meds?

Me: What happened this time around? Last time he was cheating

Her: Changing the subject I see

Regina is not my blood Sister I was adopted by Her Father Edward De Luca when I was 17 years old. He has two kids of his own Regina and Raymond he is French..

Edward found me at my lowest point funny how we met. I pick pocketed him and unlike many of my victims he busted me and scared for my life as I was he was impressed by my street petty crime acts. That's when he took me in and raised me as his own from the age of 17 till today I'm 24..

Me: Do the list and I'll come back with everything

I got up from the bed..

Her: Your security system is insane! One cannot just urinate without a voice talking..

I chuckled..

Me: Trust me I need it

Her: Still working for Edward?

I sensed some disappointment from her voice..

Her: Roro..



Reggie knows that her father or our father for that matter is a ruthless man she distanced herself from him long time ago. She got married and moved away it pissed off her Father because she was young and dependent. She always refused his money in her own words "I don't do well with blood money" ..

Me: You never wanted to fall pregnant by him it pissed off her Father because she was young and dependent. She always refused his money in her own words "I don't do well with blood money" ..

Me: You never wanted to fall pregnant by him why did you?

Her: He is my Husband and we are married we bound to start a family soon

I nodded..

Her: I'll be waiting for those groceries

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AMBER

Her body was laying on the floor she wore nothing but her gown underneath she was wearing a lace bra that matched her lace G-string. She was laying on her back head tilted and her mouth slightly opened. Her one heel was still in her foot and another one was not that far from her body..

I started taking pictures before her body was taken away..

My Name is Amber Brooks and I'm a consultant with the FBI I usually am present in homicide cases to take pictures of the dead body and the scene. Ask me what I wanted to do again? I really wanted to be an FBI Agent like my Brother Craig but unfortunately life had it otherwise..

Me: So what do you think happened?

Craig looked at the body for a few seconds..

Him: She was strangled

Me: I know that but why? I am sure there's a lot of clues lying around here

Him: Unfortunately not.. The perpetrator was smart

Me: This is the second one this week? Serial killer on the loose?

He shrugged his shoulders..

Him: Did you take enough pictures?

Me: Yes I did

I looked at the body closely..

Me: Did you see this?

Him: See what?

Me: Someone close the curtain.. Make sure there's no light coming in

Craig: Amber what is it?

I went to her and Crouched I held her hand..

Me: Pentagon triangle

When it was dark I turned her hand and the triangle glowed at the back of her hand..

Craig: De Luca nightclub

Me: She was a stripper at the De Luca night club

Craig: I think Edward De Luca has alot of questions to answer

Me: Look if you going to do this.. Do it right you can't just interrogate Edward he is untouchable he has money and he might just might sink your career

Him: I always wanted to pin down that family

Me: The De Lucas are high profiled people you can't just go there and interrogate him Remember this person is also a Philanthropist he has a lot of charities and is giving back to the community.. He is such an Angel right now you can't even taint him

He Crouched next to the body and looked at her..

Him: She is Someone's Daughter

I sighed..

Me: I know that

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ROSE [DIAMOND]

Therapy is the last thing I need right now but I had a minor physical incident some time ago at the club I broke someone's nose and here I am today. The Judge ordered me to Anger management..

It's a serious waste of my time I would rather be doing something valuable with my time than to sit with a bunch of strangers and share our stories making it seem like we feel and understand each other's pain whilst with me I just wanna be out of here I could bribe the psychologist but she seems too devoted to her work..

Zodwa was sharing with us no how her weekend was and if there were any situations that provoked her to act violent or irritational..

Zodwa: After she took my parking space I felt anger building up deep inside of me

Psychologist: And what did you do?

Zodwa: I wanted to repeatedly hit her head against the dashboard but I didn't

Psychologist: How did you overcome those thoughts?

Zodwa: I took a deep breath and told myself that it's life this things happen. I then counted backwards and I felt a bit calm

Everyone started clapping..

Psychologist: That's very good Zodwa you walked away from a situation that almost brought up the worst in you

Everyone clapped again..

Psychologist: Uhm who's next?

She ran her eyes around..

Her: Rose.. Please share how your weekend was with us

Me: It was fine

It was silent..

Her: You have to stand in the middle and share with everyone..

I looked at everyone and they were starring at me..

Her: I will have to sign you off in a few weeks time and I'm pretty sure this would affect your case

I put my phone in my pocket and stood up I stood in the middle..

Her: So how was your weekend?

Me: Like I said it was fine

Her: Tell us what happened

Me: Nothing happened

It was quiet..

Clayton: You have to take us through what happened you can't j..

Me: You shut the fuck the up! Zip it!

Psychologist: Ross you can't talk to people like that

Zodwa: Ya it's very rude

Me: You want me to show you rude?

I went and kicked my chair hard from underneath I caught it before it fell and turned around with it facing Zodwa..

Me: You want me to show you rude?

Psychologist: Rose put the chair down

Me: I dare you to say something else

Zodwa was quiet..

Psychologist: put the chair down Rose..

I slowly put it down..

Psychologist: Good.. Now please tell us about your weekend



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Chapter 2

ROSE [DIAMOND]

Mathapelo aka Thaps was always there when things got rough at home see coming from a neighborhood that held high standards of alcohol and crime one is bound to be mentally affected. My Mother was a well known drunk around our place The local tavern was her second home. When she got drunk of that black label Men would take advantage of her and at times she would bring some at home to sleep with them just for another bottle of beer. It never used to bother me that much until these hungry Men started taking advantage of me and my Mom

would be way too wasted to even notice even today I hate Men with all my heart and I don't see myself being with one. They destroyed me took a part of me and emotionally killed me. I long died the Angel in me died to make way for the demon in me to manifest and survive. Some other things can change you some situations can change who you are. I am who I am today because of my past that almost ruined me forever. Thaps was always there she lived not far from my shack and though at times things got majorly hard we always had each other and that's all that mattered she kept me sane and kept me from ending my life..

I parked my Lamborghini were the security had instructed me too It was some French restaurant were I'm supposed to meet with my Father..

Me: Good day

The waitress looked at me..

Her: Good day.. Table for one?

Me: uhm.. I am here to meet my Father  
Edward De Luca?

Her: Right this way

I followed her to the table were Edward was  
sitting..

Waitress: Can I get you anything?

Me: Maybe later

She slightly bowed her head and then walked  
away..

Edward: Rose

I sat down..

Him: Comment allez-vous? (How are you)

Me: je vais bien (I'm good)

I put my keys on the table..

Me: Pourquoi m'as-tu appelé ici si tôt? (Why  
did you call me here so early)

When Edward took me in French classes were compulsory 3 hours a day excluding on weekends with 30min breaks in between..

Him: We have a problem

Me: That's nothing new.. We always have a problem

Him: Ray killed another stripper

Me: Geez!!!

Him: He called me last night

Me: Your Son has some serious issues

Him: My Son? I think all my children have serious issues. Regina gave up this family long time ago and moved in with a man who later on abused her. She has no education she is dependent she's what I consider a dead end! Then there's you

Me: There's me?

Him: You don't know whether you coming or going is this thing of yours going to end

anytime soon? Did you have your fun? Is therapy working?

Me: I am not a mental case here! Quite frankly out of all your kids I think I am the sane one. I have always followed your orders I make you a lot of money I am your shadow and you have a problem with my sexuality? Deal with it! It's not my problem it's yours  
There was silence..

Edward: I just hope that he didn't leave some evidence behind.. I had to pay the hotel security a lot of money to get that footage of him walking into the hotel with Dino last night night

Edward's Son Raymond he has some serious issues he just has this dark side to him. Always been like that..

Edward: I thought that since you guys are close you can talk some sense into him  
I saw the Waitress talking to the FBI..

Me: Great now the Feds are here

Edward turned around..

Him: What are they doing here?

Me: Your Son kills two strippers in just one week and you expect the Feds not to get involved? They probably have their own theory that there's a serial killer on the loose

The waitress led them to us..

Waitress: Uhm sorry to disturb you Sir but these gentlemen would like to talk to you

Edward nodded

the waitress walked away..

FBI: I am special agent Craig and this is my partner

He showed us his badge..

Edward: What can I do for you Agent?

He pulled a chair and joined us while his Partner stood there like a bodyguard..

Craig: Mr De Luca do you know this girl?

He showed us a picture of Dino Edward looked at it..

Edward: Should I know her?

Craig: She was a stripper in one of your nightclubs

Edward: Detective I have 5 nightclubs I don't know all my strippers

Craig: Well Dino was a promising girl very smart and was stripping part time to pay off her tuition

Edward: That's very.. Uhm Agent I don't understand were you getting at

Craig: She was found dead in a hotel room that's a second stripper killed this week from your club

Edward: Are you here to inform me that I should send flowers to her family?

That really pissed off Craig..

Craig: This is not a joke Mr De Luca

Edward: And I wasn't laughing

Me: Excuse Me Ag..

He turned to me..

Him: I'm sorry did I talk to you?

Me: You the one disturbing our meal and you know what they say "breakfast is the most important meal of the day"

Him: Your point being?

Me: Is this conversation going to include me in anyway because I have important things to do

He didn't respond to that..

Me: I guess not

I fixed my sunglasses and got my key from the table..

Me: Edward I'll call you

I made my way out of the restaurant..

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## AMBER

My Father was an informant for the FBI a few years ago unfortunately such things can lead to deadly consequences he pissed off a few people and my Mother paid the price with her life. She was brutally killed and My Father never recovered. He blamed himself for her death to a point where he had a severe Nervous breakdown currently he lives with me in my flat after he burned down our house. My Brother Craig pays for the Nurse that looks after him everyday when I'm not around he also covers a few of our bills since I don't have a stable job. Being a consultant for the FBI doesn't pay that much I am not needed everyday just once in a while on complicated cases and homicides to take pictures and share my input if I have any. After that I get my check and then I go home to be called again after a few weeks. I got myself some full-time job at the bar not far

from were I'm renting I am a bar-Lady not really a fantastic job but it helps pay the bills so I ain't complaining. When I got into the flat it was a bit untidy dishes filled the sink there were bread crumbs on the counter and a used knife. It was just a mess. I closed the door and leaned against it for a while I heard my Father yelling from the living room..

Him: Pass the ball you bloody Moron!!!

I made my way to the living room..

Me: Daddy

He was still in his Pjs and holding a can of beer I saw a cigarette in the ashtray..

Me: You not supposed to mix alcohol with your medication

Him: What are you? A Dr?

Me: No I'm your Daughter

I put my things on the table..

Me: Where is Vivian?

Vivian is his Nurse..

Viv: I am here

She showed up from the passage..

Viv: Mr B it's time for your bath

He looked at me..

Him: I don't know why you brought this woman here

Me: Vivian is here to help you

Him: Help me with what? I am old enough to bath myself and do things for myself

Me: I know that but..

Vivian switched the TV off..

Viv: Come on Mr B

Dad: You see what this bitch is doing?

Me: Dad!

He put the can of beer on the table and stood up without saying anything he went to the bathroom..

Me: I'm so sorry Vivian

Her: I am used to it

I looked around..

Me: This place is dirty

Her: Good thing I'm just a Nurse and not a  
maid

She switched the Tv on and sat down I felt  
defeated. It's going to take me forever to get  
it clean..

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Chapter 3

ROSE[DIAMOND]

FLASHBACK

I saw him getting off that flashy black car it was a black Mercedes-Benz. He was wearing a flashy suit and his driver stood there before closing the door making sure that he was completely out of the car. Thaps and I looked at each other..

Thaps: What is he doing here? This is not the part of Johannesburg that people like him should be found in he is too classy for that

Me: Maybe he is lost

He did look lost..

He stood there and looked around...

Me: if we score his wallet we might be rich for the whole week

Her: You can't do that

Me: Watch me in action

I made my way to him and "accidentally" bumped into him he made it so easy because his wallet was inside the pocket of his jacket. The key of bumping into a person is to make

them completely focus on not falling or making you to fall while you check were their wallet is if they concentrate on you busy saying "sorry" their mind wonders around a little and then you focus on the task at hand..

Me: I am very sorry Sir

He looked at me holding his arm after I had bumped into him I already had the wallet..

Me: I am very sorry please forgive me let me wiped off your shoes

I knelt down wiping his shoes with my one hand the other hand was on my back with his wallet signaling to Thaps that she must come and take it..

Him: Leave my shoes alone

Me: I'm almost done

He bent down..

Him: I said leave my shoes alone!

By then Thaps was kneeling next to me while I switched the wallet to her and she put it on her back nicely balancing it in her waist..

Thaps: Stand up you heard the gentleman..

We both stood up..

Thaps: Sir I apologize for my friend

Me: Sorry

When we were about to walk away he grabbed my arm..

Him: What's your name?

Me: Angie.. My name is Angie

Him: Angie how long have you been pick pocketing?

A lump was stuck in my throat..

Him: Tell your friend to give me back my wallet

Me: I.. I don't know what you talking about

Him: Don't insult me

Thaps took out his wallet and gave it to him that was a dumb move..

Him: My name is Edward De Luca and I think the name "Rose" would suit you better..

Wanna grab something to eat?

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Tarquin's flat was a mess what am I saying though? Her flat is always a mess.. I went through her male that she hasn't opt yet was nothing important just insurance and bills.

I felt a gun at the back of my head..

Voice: Put your hands up

I put my hands up..

Voice: Turn around slowly with your hands still up were I can see them

I turned around slowly..

She stepped back a bit with the gun still pointed at me..



Voice: Do you have any weapons with you right now?

Me: No

Her: Empty your pockets

Me: Now I can move my hands?

Her: Just empty your pockets!

Me: Very well

I took hands down and started emptying my pockets her eyes were running around with the movement of my hands. That's good she has lost her focus on the gun. I quickly kicked off the gun from her hand if fell and was lodged at the corner of the couch..

Her: MotherF\*\*\*\*

I kicked her on her stomach and she bent down when I wanted to kick her on her face she held my leg and then pushed me back I fell on the couch. She ran to get the gun I quickly picked up the lamp on the side and

threw it at her lucky the extension wasn't hooked..

She fell and I got up passing her to get the gun but she held my leg again and pulled me I fell.

She tried crawling to reach for the gun but I pulled her back her land line phone started ringing..

Her: Cut it out I have to get the call

She got up and went to answer the phone...

Me: Nice seeing you too

Tarquin and I we make a mean team Edward wanted a crew the best crew he can have trained to be his soldiers and in the course of my training he introduced me to Tarquin.

Tarquin was a troubled Teen drugs drugs juvenile and constant fights she always was starting troubling with somebody so Edward saved her from the life of further imprisonment and had her join me and Ray

ever since from there we were the best trio that he had. We work well together.. I looked at her as she was on that call reading her lips it was a personal call..

Her: Okay cool.. I'll call you later

She put the phone down and looked at me..

Her: What brings you here so early?

She was only wearing her vest and her bumshort...

Me: Ray did it again.. He killed another prostitute

Her: Again? Geeez!! That boy has serious issues

Me: That's what I said too.. Now Edward wants me to talk to him the Feds are all over it

Her: Great now he will be inviting unwanted attention to us the Feds will start Investigating us too

Me: I'll try and talk to him

Me: You better

She threw herself on the couch..

Me: You still lose focus easily in a heist you would be dead by now

Her: I'm working on that

My beeper went off so did hers. I took mine out and checked it..

Me: Edward.. We have to go get dressed I'll be in the car

I walked to the door..

Her: I haven't had breakfast you know!

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AMBER

Craig called and said I should meet up with him at the nightclub he wanted to interrogate the barman that was on shift the night that Dino died. Career wise I don't really know where I belong I was in the FBI Academy but I

was excluded after they saw my fear with a gun. You can't really have your colleagues depend on you with their lives if you can't hold fire in a threatening situation or in a form of defense. When I was puzzled on what I should do next my Brother got me this job as a consultant with the FBI see I am a quick thinker and I can see things that people miss. I am just very good with solving puzzles and in this instant murder cases..

I parked my Ford Figo behind the FBI black SUV he was already waiting for me. I got out and made my way to him..

Me: Hey

Him: Let's get in and do this

Craig is very obsessed with nailing down De Luca all his FBI career revolves around nailing him and I don't know how he is going to do that Because De Luca is a very dangerous man. I am damn sure he has a few FBIs in his payroll..

The bouncer wanted to stamp us at the back of our hands..

Craig: FBI..

He let us through. The lights inside were a bit dark it was empty and only a few strippers were up on the poles I think they were rehearsing for tonight. They were only weariness thongs and heels their breasts were out in the open. Some of them looked pretty young but not younger than 18. I doubt Edward would risk it..

We got to the bar and the Bartender was wiping glasses..

Craig: Special Agent Craig this is Amber she's a consultant

He flashed his badge..

Bartender: What can I do for you?

Craig: We want to ask you a few questions

Him: Okay

Craig: Were you on duty last night?

Him: I wasn't Sir.. I just started working this morning it's my first day

Craig: So you don't know any Stripper by the name of Dino?

Him: No I don't

Craig nodded..

Him: I can try and get you someone who was here last night

Craig: Please

He walked away..

Me: He is lying

Craig: What you got?

Me: He said today it's his first day but did you see that his uniform proves otherwise? It doesn't look new and check that out

I pointed at the board..

Me: It's more of a clock in System look at the names of all the bartenders that work here

they all out and a Brandon is in. How many Brandon's do you know that have an accent?

Him: Not many

Me: He is not from here.. Either he came here illegally or his visa expired so he is illegal to work that's why he signed in as Brandon being the Bartender who is in charge this morning instead of putting his real name because it's foreign I think his name is Martenez it's the only name there that doesn't sound local

He is trying to avoid authorities so he doesn't get caught and possibly taken back to his country of origin

Me: I think Mr Martenez would like to be interviewed down at the station.. Thank you

Me: You welcome

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## Chapter 4

### AMBER

I was on the other side of the window as Craig is in there shaking Martenez up Though my Brother doesn't really have the brains to be and FBI but he sure has the strength agility and the stare. Not forgetting that he is a damn good shooter..

I found myself pacing up and down down with the two files both these women were killed in the same way. I'm not concentrating much on the details but the pictures. My Mother always said that my mind is slightly 1% more developed than that of a normal human being she always thought I would settle very well in being a Chattered Account or Actuarial science but I never did. I didn't do very well with my brains for a 26 years old I am still stuck in an old worn out two bedroom flat with my insane Father. I drive a Ford Figo the

old model and the my pay check both from her and the bar doesn't even cover all of me and my Father. The door opened and Craig's Partner walked in with a disappointing look on his face He knows that they have to solve these homicides because the big boss might be on their throat. He took off his hat...

Him: Any luck? I didn't get anything from her Parents other than her Mom who burst into tears when she heard that her Daughter was a stripper

I chuckled at that statement but not to mock it..

I closed the files and then my eyes went back on Craig for at least 2min..

Craig: Tell me what I need to know!!

Martenez was close to crying poor guy is shivering there with handcuffs on..

Martenez: je le jure (I swear) I didn't kill her

Craig: Then why did you lie?

Him: Because I... I was scared

Craig: Why would you be scared if you did nothing wrong?

Me: When will this agony end?

Frank turned to me and looked at me..

Me: He is not your guy

Frank: He's not the guy?

I shook my head no.. He moved closer and buzzed Craig to come out Craig looked at Martenez and then made his way out..

Frank: He is not the guy

Craig: I sort of saw it

Frank: Why isn't he the guy again?

Me: Look at this

I opened the files and took out the two pictures Craig held one and so did Frank..

Me: Look at how he positioned their left legs it's more like his signature. He has done this

before and look at their hands their wrists in particular they tell a story

Frank: Bondage.. He likes to be in control

Me: Martenez wouldn't pull this off he scares easily they would be a lot of evidence in the room and he would've ran away and another thing he is foreign he is trying not to cross the law why would he attract such attention to him. I don't think he wants to go back home

Craig: So we have nothing? Great! De Luca gets away with it again

Craig's obsession with De Luca is starting to get to me..

Frank: I say we just let it fall and handle other cases

Craig: No!! We going to get that Son of a B\* one way or the other

He went back to the interrogation room..

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ROSE [DIAMOND]

We arrived at the secret Basement

it's just underneath the dry cleaner that we use as a front. Ray was already here Anathi is here too but Edward hasn't arrived just as yet. Anathi is on the team she is a great analyst she handles the tech part of everything and she runs the dry cleaning services she's always here working from 08:00am - 18:00pm both as our tech and a dry cleaning lady..

Tarquin: Family

Anathi is already operating the screens checking if we were not followed. Ray is standing alone busy on his phone..

Tarquin: Ray Wad up baby?

He only waved at her then Tarquin made her way to Anathi while I made my way to Ray. Regina is the first born she's 30 years old and Ray is 27 making me the youngest. I'm 24 turning 25 soon. Ever since the first day that

Edward brought me home they welcomed me with open arms they didn't even care that I was black but they embraced me and loved me as their little Sis..

Me: Big Bro

We shoulder bumped..

Me: You good?

Him: Yeah I'm good

Ray has a dark soul you can never tell what he's thinking. He might be thinking about bombing the union buildings right now and we would never know..

"You have an incoming call from Regina"

Then the ring tone followed:

"The hottest under the sun"

Ain't nobody fucking with me man And you already know that pimpin"

I struggled to take my phone out and that gave Tarquin the time to rap along..

Tarquin: "Cash Money Records where dreams come true Fuck up my dreams somebody gon die tonight And you already know that pimpin' Hey it's Cash Money Records man A lawless game"

I cut her off and answered..

Me: Reggie

Her: Roro how long is the grocery shopping going to take?

Me: Flio! I forgot

She exhaled in defeat...

Me: I'll send my PI to get you guys

Her: Where are you?

Me: Just around with Ray wanna Hala?

Her: No I'll call him later

Me: Okay I'll send my PI and sorry

Her: It's okay.. Bye I love you

Me: I love you too.. Bye

Ray: That Reggie?

Me: Yeah that was her

Edward made his way down..

Him: Good that everyone is here.. Gather around we have something to discuss

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AMBER

I got my coat and wore it this case was a bust. Craig was busy turning his chair around...

Me: I have to go

Him: You can solve this case if you wanted too

Me: I'm not that perfect Craig and the killer is definitely smart

Him: And you are smarter

Me: There's just a lot to go around with it might not even be De Luca. Someone might be framing him after all he is big I'm sure he has enemies

He remained quiet..



Me: Sorry

He opened the drawer and took out a file..

Him: I know that it seems crazy.. The fact that I wanna nail De Luca so bad but this is the reason why

I opened the file and it was about Mom's case..

Craig: Dad was working at his Construction company and the Feds already wanted to nail De Luca but it wasn't easy they wanted someone on the inside to get them information. Since Dad was on the inside they asked him and paid him to be their informant. I don't know what Dad stumbled upon but it might've pissed De Luca off and I have no doubt that he had Mom killed to silence Dad more of a "If you say something I'll come after your kids too" Edward wanted to break Dad he knew how much Mom meant to Dad I am doing this because he robbed us of our Mom

and drove Dad clinically insane but I cannot do this without you

Me: That's why you forced me to go to the FBI Academy?

Him: Yes

I looked at the file..

Him: Please.. Let's do this for Mom..

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Chapter 5

AMBER

I still remember my Mom her soft blonde hair. Smooth skin her beautiful smile and her humble soul. She didn't deserve to die like that it was a drive by. The shooter was never found after all how many cases get solved

when it's a drive by? I looked at my empty glass. I was having whiskey while trying to find something with these two homicide cases..

Me: Hit me

Jim: Don't get too wasted sweetheart you still have a shift later on

Jim is a good friend of mine I don't have a wide circle of friendship the last ones I had we fell apart after high school no make that we fell apart after they went to college and made something of their lives while mine was stuck behind. By then my Father had already had the Nervous breakdown and I had to take care of him. We work at the same club today he has the morning shift and I'm on the night shift..

Him: What are you doing? Seems interesting

Me: FBI stuff

Him: Hmmmm they are beautiful

Me: They are dead

Him: Are you even allowed to carry that out in public? Isn't it supposed to be some confidential stuff?

Me: It's not the whole case file just pictures of the crime scenes.. Plus I don't think you will tell or are you?

Him: My Mouth is sealed

Me: Did you and your ex make up?

Him: Girl I don't beg..I move on

I chuckled Jim is gay by the way. He is openly gay and ain't even ashamed to put it out there..

Him: And you?

Me: Don't mock me

I have been single for a while now not by choice though I have been consumed with too much work and my Father that a relationship

seems somehow far to achieve at this present moment.

Me: What am I missing? Come on Amber focus

Jim: I'll tell you what you missing

I looked at him..

Him: A cock slapped right across your face girl you need to get laid soon

Me: I have a dildo for that

Him: How is it working out for you?

Me: Well it gives me an orgasm once in a while so I think I'm good

Him: You good my left foot

Me: Wipe some glasses would you?

I went back to checking the pictures..

Him: Any suspects?

Me: No.. Not yet the De Lucas seem to be covering thir tracks pretty well

Him: I don't know much about this FBI thing but if you really wanna get your man baby you need to play in his territory not in some pictures

I thought for a while..

Me: That's it

Him: "That's it"

Me: The only way that I'm going to find out what's really happening in that club is if I go and work there undercover

Him: Wait.. You wanna leave me?

Me: Come on... This is for a good course

Him: Even so.. How are you going to work there? It's not like they going to open their doors for you

Me: That's true.. I'll just have to find a way if I'm working on the inside then I can see what's going on

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ROSE [DIAMOND]

He took the remote and then a Picture showed on the big screen it looked like some type of weapon..

Edward: You are looking at the most well designed weapon of destruction we call it the "Armageddon" it looks small but it can do great damage

He looked at us..

Him: Many rich people use their money for good courses they donate to charities and help out needy People if they paving a way to go to heaven whilst some of us who are paving a way to go to hell we use our money for something else

We looked at him with curiosity written all over our faces..

Him: We fund wars

Me: You what?

Tarquin: All these fights happening in other countries are extreme innocent People are dying. Little kids are dying

Edward: I don't care.. We all gonna die at the end

Ray: I am a bit confused.. What does you funding war have to do with us?

Edward: This weapon is owned by a man called Bukhari he is shifting it from country to country trying to find good buyers

Ray: And?

Edward: He is currently here in our country and he has brought his little friend with him I don't have to tell you how dangerous he is. If he can get such a weapon into our country without being caught only the devil knows what more he can be capable off

Ray: Edward you notice getting to the point



Edward: The point is.. In 2 days time he will be having some dinner party at his place and I want you three to steal this weapon for me

Me: What are you going to do with it?

Edward: I need alliances and Iraq seems like a perfect candidate right now

Tarquin: We are not stealing a weapon for you to go destroy other countries

Edward: Yes you are going to steal it..

Me: Exactly how much are we getting from this?

Edward: 100k each

Ray was the first one to stand up..

Ray: That's my queue to leave

Tarquin stood up too..

Tarquin: I'll be right after you

Edward: Where are you two going?

Ray: It may not seem important to you but my life is worth more than 100k

Tarquin: I couldn't even get me a decent car with that

Ray: Sorry Edward.. You on your own this time around

They both left Edward looked at me..

Me: 100k? Are you serious?

I stood up too..

Edward: I still need the weapon though for bragging rights! So I suggest you talk to your crew

I walked up the stairs..

Me: We still value our lives incase you didn't know

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AMBER

I called Craig and Frank to meet up with me so that I can run them through my idea..

Craig: You said it was important

Me: It is important

They looked at me..

Me: I think I know how we can nail De Luca

Craig: How?

Me: I need to work for him.. I need to go in undercover

Craig: No...

Me: That's the only way

Craig: You are not going undercover.. De Luca is dangerous

Me: I know but..

Craig: No buts Amber the last time Dad did that Mom paid the price I won't forgive myself if something happened to you

Craig doesn't understand if I go in undercover we might be able to nail De Luca for good..

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## Chapter 6

### AMBER

My shift started exactly at 18:00 I'll be doing 18:00-06:00 for a pay that won't even cover half of my expenses month end. Being a barlady is not an easy job especially when you run across difficult customers some of the male customers can be a bit too touchy. We don't have much security or rather security is not that much tight and our manager allows that to happen to him it's a way of attracting more money when we let male customers get personal with us. I am not always behind the bar when it's full and busy I am required to also be a waitress..

Craig was babysitting Dad tonight he does that most of the time when my shifts are at night I hope they won't kill each other. They not really best of friends especially since is the reason why Mom was killed and worse he doesn't wanna tell what Edward De Luca does

so that he can be put away for good. Edward is a very powerful man I know that he has a few FBIs on his payroll..

Me: Whiskey on the double for the gentleman and a cocktail for the lady. Table number 3

The waitress took the tray and walked away I looked at the time and it was now 19:30. I still have a long way to go. I took the rubber band and tied my hair into a messy bun it was disturbing me when it got to my face..

Voice: Good evening

I looked up and I saw an unfamiliar face I doubt she has been here before..

Me: Evening

Her: I would like a bottle of Glenfidich and two glasses please

Me: Alright which one?

Her: The best you got

Me: The best we have costs R30 000

Her: I'll take that one

Okay looking at her I can tell that she's a bit well of I didn't think 30 000 on a bottle of whiskey well of..

Her: You will bring it to my table?

Me: Yes

She hit the counter a little and then walked away..

Her: Ayt cool

I watched her as she walked away to the table I have to take the bottle to their table myself so that I can get a tip. I am sure she's going to give a lot of money. I am good at reading people and my first thought with her is that she is a stud well everyone can see that she is one it's not really rocket science. She was beautiful though very beautiful. I liked the tattoo of a small heart on her neck she has beautiful eyes and good hair. She has a cute well rounded face and she really knows how

to dress up though I wouldn't really compliment on the dark colours but they really do suit her..

I put the bottle and two glasses on the tray and took it to them..

Me: One bottle of Glenfidich

I picked it up from the tray and put it on the table together with the glasses. My bun decided to misbehave while I was at it I tucked the hair that fell at the back of my ear..

Me: Sorry.. Anything else?

Her: That would be all for now.. Amber

I looked at her a bit surprised..

Her: Name tag

I looked at my name tag that was attached to my Tshirt just above my left breast..

Me: Ohw yes the tag

I cleared my throat..

Me: I.. I will be over there if you guys need anything

I walked away before making a fool of myself even more..

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CRAIG

I put my hands on my hand and exhaled with my eyes closed..

Me: What am I missing?

It's really hard doing this without Amber she is good at piecing a case together and finding out the truth. I took my mug and made my way to the kitchen I made another cup of coffee and went back to my working station. My Dad was watching soccer. People like Edward think that they are above the law I wanna be the first to put him down. It would mean a lot to my career.

I stood up and went to my Dad..

Me: Dad



Him: What?

He is not a nice person at times..

I took the remote and turned off the TV..

Him: What you do that for?

Me: Because we need to talk!

I sat down..

Me: Dad I'm handling a case that involves Edward De Luca and I need your help

Him: I am not an FBI

Me: I know but you know things about him that no one knows

Him: I don't want that name said here in my house!

Me: Dad

Him: Edward is a dangerous man.. You shouldn't even be close to him

Me: I am an FBI.. it is my duty to put the bad guys behind bars

Him: I think I wanna go to bed now

Me: Dad!!!! This is serious!

Him: Don't you take me back there again!!

Leave it!! I would rather die with all his secrets than to put you and Amber in danger like that stay away from Edward and his family.. They are very dangerous people!!

He walked away..

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ROSE [DIAMOND]

We usually go and have a couple of drinks in one of our night clubs but since Ray had an accident with the strippers

stay away from Edward and his family.. They are very dangerous people!!

He walked away..

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ROSE [DIAMOND]

We usually go and have a couple of drinks in one of our night clubs but since Ray had an accident with the strippers I think keeping our distance is going to be better in this situation.

I looked at Amber as she was busy serving customers behind the bar her hair was constantly getting in the way. She was pretty but at the same she looks like she pays little attention to her appearance judging from what she was wearing. She was wearing a Jean white Chuck Taylor's and an oversized tshirt. I have no doubt that if she could dress up she would really look beautiful..

Ray: She is something isn't she?

I looked at him..

Him: haven't seen you paying this much attention to a girl before

He poured himself a glass..

Him: I don't know why you attracted to these straight girls they always leave you for a dick

Me: They attracted to me and when an opportunity strikes I just take it

He chuckled..

My eyes went back to the counter and she was having a little bit of a problem with some guy he was very aggressive that he poured his drink on her face. Amber freaked out and his friends laughed she walked away from the situation..

He turned to his friends and they laughed again then they made their way to the exit..

Me: Let me go to the rest room.. I'll be back

I got up and made my way to the exit lucky for me they weren't far..

Me: Eyy yo homie

They all turned and looked at me it was three of them..

Guy1: You talking to us?

Me: I'm specifically haluring at you

Guy2: Ohhh she is talking to you

Guy1: I'm soo scared

He made his way to me..

Him: Wad up girlfriend?

Me: What you did in there was lame you don't treat a woman like that

He chuckled and turned to his friends then he turned and looked at me..

Him: Look why don't you go back inside and do what you were doing.. Stay out of my business

I raised both my hands up..

Me: It's all good

Him: Good!

When I lowered my hands I threw a punch right across his face. He didn't believe..

He put his hand were I has punched him..

Me: Find a new chill place with your friends

I shook my hand a bit and walked away before I could even make it far I felt someone grabbing me tightly..

Him: You wanna act tough? You think you a man huh? I'll show who the man is

He was squeezing me very tight there was no way that I could break free. He turned around to his friends while still holding me tight...

Him: We have a feisty one quick let's get her in the car

One of them made his way to us he tried reaching to me but my foot was already on his crotch he screamed in agony and bent down. Now I have to act quick before the 3rd one gets involved. I don't know how tall he was but I head-butted him a few times and then he let go of me putting his hand on his bleeding nose.

I took out my gun and stepped back..

Me: I'm not about to catch a case tonight yall better go to your car and get the hell out of here!

Guy3: guys let's bounce

Guy1: This is not over

Me: I bet it is

I lowered my gun and put it around my waist then I made my way back into the club..

Ray: I am done for the night.. Wanna go home and sleep

Me: I'll settle the bill

Ray: That took long

Me: I know

I made my way back to the bar and she was standing there with a stain on her shirt her cheeks and her eyes were red. She had been crying..

Me: Hey

Her: Hi

Me: I wanna settle the bill

Her: Table number?

Me: 5

She printed the receipt..

Her: R30 000

I took out my card and gave it to him I checked my wallet and I didn't have cash on me..

Me: Sorry I can't tip you.. I don't usually carry cash

She smiled while sniffing..

Her: It's okay maybe next time.. Please sign here

Our hands touched when I reached for the pen..

She quickly pulled her hand back and i signed.

Her: Thank you and enjoy the rest of your night

Me: You too Amber



I took my card and met up with Ray then we made our way out..

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Chapter 7

AMBER [ROSE]

"It was difficult to hold it back I mean Thaps and I we've always had each other. In this cruel world and this cruel life we always had each other we hustled together and we were there when things got out of control. Unlike me She came from a home that had both parents Mom was unemployed and her Father was in a wheelchair. They had a good life while her Dad was still working but when he got injured an could no longer take care of his family they had to move from a better

neighborhood to Alex. Her Mother used to abuse her Father she was very physical and verbally abusive to him because he no longer was able to provide for his family. Even at work they didn't pay out for his injury he couldn't take the company to court because he didn't have a good lawyer they only paid him 7 000. Home was very depressing for Thaps too witnessing her father being treated like a dog was just too much for her therefore she took her it upon herself to hustle so that she can provide for them when her Mother left them for another man..

Me: I don't wanna leave you and I don't wanna lose you

Her: Remember we always wanted to make it out of this life? Despite how difficult things were we always knew that one day we would leave

Me: Not like this though.. We were supposed to leave together

Her: Unfortunately I can't leave my Father

Edward: We have to go

She always gave me her best smile no matter how broken she was..

Me: I'll come back for you.. I promise

I have been broken previously in my life but not as much as how I was broken right now. Leaving Thaps was never part of the plan"

I opened my eyes and my bedroom was dark I turned and checked my clock it was 01:30am..

The only light that was provided was from the they moon I could see the reflection of the tree brenches on my wall..

I got out of bed and switched to on the light I went and wore my nicky tracksuit. With all the money the penthouse the cars I'm still not happy. I am incomplete..

I walked downstairs and the lights were on Reggie was laying on the couch watching TV..

Me: Hey

Her: Hey

I sat down next to her while putting her feet  
ontop of my thighs..

Me: Why ain't you sleeping?

Her: Insomnia

Me: I see

Her: You?

Me: Same thing

Her: How is Ray?

Me: He is good

Her: You didn't tell him that I'm here right?

Me: No

Her: Thank you

We both went back on the screen..

Her: Who is Thaps?

I looked at her no one knows about her except for Edward. I never told anyone about her..

Her: I checked on you while you were sleeping.. You were calling out her name in her sleep

I starred at the ceiling..

Her: Someone special?

Me: Was someone special

Her: What happened to her?

Me: I'd rather not talk to her

Her: Have you talked to your therapist about her?

Me: Reggie the group therapy is a nightmare as it is you really want me to talk to someone about my life?

Her: About things that bother you because the same things that don't give you peace are destroying you they the root of your anger

I mocked her statement with a chuckle..

Me: Okay first of all I am good at what I do because of who I am

Her: Good at what you do? What is that again? Killing people?

What I do is not a joy ride I am a professional hit woman and on the side I do heists with Tarquin and Ray heists are the foundation of the De Luca riches all these nightclubs and other businesses we had are a front they are for money laundering and to lead the authorities Astray all the time

Her: You have a lot of innocent blood in your hands

Me: Are we being judgmental? You may not like what I do but at least you have a roof under your head right now

Her: Okay that's not fair I didn't ask for my husband to be a jerk!

Me: You right and I'm sorry.. You will always be welcome here

Her: All I'm saying is that you were already broken up when you came into the family and Edward used that to his advantage

Me: Reggie I went to through a lot things that no ordinary human being could survive I had to kill the angel in me for the demon in me to survive. For me to function as a normal human being I know that I'm not a good person and I'm probably not going to see the Gatesville of heaven but trust me this is who I am! I am not going to change because this life works for me

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AMBER

I was woken up the following day by my phone ringing it felt like I didn't get much sleep especially judging from the fact that I got back from work about 3 hours ago. The

person kept on calling me until I picked up it felt like I didn't get much sleep especially judging from the fact that I got back from work about 3 hours ago. The person kept on calling me until I picked up it was Craig..

Him: Morning sunshine.. Wake up we have work to do

Me: Working?

Him: Homicide

Me: Is it related to the other two victims?

Him: No it's not.. This one wasn't a stripper she didn't have the stamp at the back of her hand and she was found in the bushes not far from the filling station

Me: Can't I pass on this one?

Him: No plus we have your cheque

Me: I'm on my way

Him: I knew that was going to grab your attention.. I'll Sms you the directions



I put my phone down and laid there starring at the ceiling for a few seconds before getting out of bed. I was still very sleepy..

I went to the bathroom the TV was off. That's weird by now my Dad is up and watching TV..

The door bell rang and I went to open it was Vivian..

Her: Sorry I'm late

Me: It's okay

Her: Is he up already?

Me: Uhm no

Her: I'll go and check on him

I made my way to the bathroom and poured cold water on my face I was still feeling like crap. I looked at myself in the mirror trying to move my hair from my face when I heard Vivian screaming my name. I immediately made my way out from the bathroom to the bedroom..

Viv: He is not waking up

Me: What do you mean he is not waking up?

I made my way to him..

Her: He overdosed

She showed me the empty bottle of pills..

Me: No..

I tried waking him up..

Me: Daddy wake up

Vivian: I'll call the ambulance

Me: That's going to take time.. We'll use my car

Her: Go get dressed then

I hurried back to my room..

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MATHAPELO [THAPS]

I looked at myself in the mirror it was bad.

People will see my left eye was swollen and

shut. I ran my index finger around and it was painful..

Me: Ouch (whispering)

I had told myself that I was going to remain at Alex until Angie comes for me but unfortunately when my Father died life got real for me I had to move away and seek for a better life. I thought I found one in the hands of my abusive Nigerian boyfriend Abeo he has no regard for my life whatsoever. We live in hillbrow and he deals with drugs and prostitution but I am in neither he doesn't pimp me. He has a small shop that sells second hand electronics I work there doesn't really make us reasonable money but it's more like something to hide off his dirty deeds. I have tried everything tried running away from him but that didn't work he always managed to find me after all he has a lot of contacts.. He walked into the bathroom with nothing but his boxers I opened opened the

tap and made it seem like I was going to brush my teeth. He lowered his boxers to take a piss revealing his erect black anaconda. He had a gold chain around his neck and gold bracelets around his wrists. He hits the gym every now and then I don't stand a chance he is very buffed up.. Abeo is a very dangerous man everyone around here knows better than to mess with him..

Lost deep in my thoughts I was brought back to reality by his hand around my neck I felt his Anaconda poking my butt. He tightened his grip and made me to look in the mirror his tongue was snaking it's way around my neck his other hand made it's way inside my underwear..

I don't know how I got myself into this situation and I don't know how I'm going to take myself out the only way I'm going to get out of this mess it's in a coffin. Before I knew it he ripped my underwear and then burnt me

down a little he slapped his dick around on my butt before inserting it in. It was damn painful I am still not used to his size..

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Chapter 8

AMBER

I was pacing up and down in the waiting area they were taking too long. I cannot lose my Father too I have already lost my Mom yes he is not the best but I can't lose him. He is the only parent I have the only family I have not counting Craig. I wiped my tears..

Vivian: Do you want coffee?

Me: No I'm fine.. Thank you

I pulled my hair back as always and then sat down next to her..

Me: What's taking them so long?

Viv: They doing the best that they can

Me: I can't lose him Viv

Her: I know and you won't that man is a fighter

I hope he fights this too..

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THAPS

I work at the shop with a guy called Thulane but we mostly call him Thukzin I know that the reason why Abeo gave him this job is so that he can keep an eye on me. Make sure that I don't run away. I don't think Thulane likes this job he is forced to do it because he is scared of Abeo..

My cookie was very sore and my eye was still swollen At least we don't get much customers. This is the only place were I can breath home is very depressing for me..

Abeo walked in holding his car keys he looked at me and made his way to me. I think he didn't expect to find me here..

Him: What are you doing here?

Me: I came to work

Him: Why?

Me: I get bored at home

Him: You know that you not supposed to be here until your eye heals.. What are you playing at?

Me: I am not playing at anything I was just..  
He handed me the car keys..

Him: Go to the car I'm coming I am going to get some papers at the back

I took the keys and walked out to the car.

I unlocked the car and got in I closed the door and waited for me. I wonder if I will even get a dignified funeral should this guy finally kill me or is he just going to throw my body

somewhere where no one will ever find it?  
Disposing me like a dog that I am? This is not  
right 23 years old now and my life has gotten  
worse..

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ROSE [DIAMOND]

I am not a fan of sleep

or is he just going to throw my body  
somewhere where no one will ever find it?  
Disposing me like a dog that I am? This is not  
right 23 years old now and my life has gotten  
worse..

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ROSE [DIAMOND]

I am not a fan of sleep I can sleep late and I  
mean very late but I'll always be up before  
6am.

I only go over that time of I slept drunk or if a  
job brought me back home at 4am..



Today it was one of those boring days I make a donation yearly to some hospital I know that my money is not clean maybe giving money away to where it's needed most might just clean my conscience. That's what I keep on telling myself.. I walked in and made my way to the reception..

Me: Good morning

Receptionist: Ms De Luca

Me: Rose please

She is always so formal with me..

Me: I am here to see Mr Heinz

Her: I'll check him for you

The phone rang she just looked at it and didn't pick it up..

Me: Err the phone

She picked it up..

Her: Harmony hospital good morning.. File number please..

She took the pad and pen..

Her: Intials and surname.. Okay.. Thank you..

Bye

She wrote the initials and surname down too..

Me: Tell me something

Her: Yes Mam'.. I mean Rose

Me: Why didn't you pick up the phone?

Her: I wanted to help you first

Me: You don't do that.. Patients are more important

Her: Yes Mam'.. Forgive me

The stuff has a weird way of trembling at my feet not all of them though.. Those who know me.. Harmony is a private hospital it was at the verge of closing when I saved it it's not everyone who can afford a private hospital..

Her: I'll get Mr Heinz for you

Me: Thank you

I turned and looked around at the people who were queuing and then my eyes went straight to the waiting area. I thought my eyes were deceiving me at first It was Amber. She was sitting there looking all distressed she was holding a cup of coffee and her face was red from crying she was looking down..

Receptionist: Uhm Mam'

I looked at her..

Her: Mr Heinz is ready for you

I nodded..

Me: Okay

Her: This wa..

Me: I know his office

Her: Of course.. I apologize again

I made my way to the elevator..

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THAPS

He grabbed the back of my neck and threw me against the wall..

Him: What mess was that?

I found myself on the floor..

Him: Were you trying to show the whole world what's happening here?

I kept quiet..

Him: Do you wanna go Thaps?

Me: No

I had stopped screaming and what not because it doesn't work I done did that a lot..

Him: Do you want to go and sleep in the streets again? Like a dog? Do you wanna eat from the dustbins? Eat what people didn't want anymore?

Me: No

Tears were streaming down..

Him: Then get your act together!!

He cursed in his language and then walked out locking me inside the flat. I would like to find the strength to kill myself because this is not how a person should live..

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AMBER

The Dr finally made his way to us Vivian and I stood up..

Him: Sorry to have kept you waiting

Me: How is my Father?

Him: He is stable but we need to do more tests

Me: But he is fine?

Him: Yes and he is going to be fine

That was a relief..

Dr: We will be keeping him in here for a few days and we also need to get a Neurologist to run tests see if there isn't any damage that was caused to his brain

Me: That sounds costly

Him: It is going to be a bit costly you can go and leave your details at the reception we will send you the statement of account

He looked at his beeper..

Him: I have to get back to work

He walked away..

I know for a fact that if we cannot afford his hospital bills they going to send him straight to a public hospital...

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Chapter 9

AMBER

Craig didn't wanna budge in helping with Dad's medical bills. I had gone to the reception to enquire and they gave me a quotation the bill is going to be steep and we required to settle it soon before my Father gets discharged. I don't think a government hospital will work for him despite being a different race I don't think he is going to survive and I heard that government hospitals their employees are very rude and uncaring. We are not a rich family and my salary won't cover his bills then rent it just won't happen..

Me: Craig.. He is our Father

Him: Dad is very selfish! How does he overdose on pills knowing very well that he doesn't have a cent to his name hospitals are expensive and I'm not going to spend any of my savings on him. He wanted to die so grant him his wish

Craig and my Father have never seen eye to eye especially after the death of our Mother.

There's a lot of unresolved issues and  
resentment

Me: Despite everything he is our father

Him: Forget it Amber! It's not happening.. I'm  
not paying for him

I felt like throwing my phone against the wall.  
I was stranded how am I going to pay?..

Voice: Coffee?

Was a bit of a familiar voice..

I turned around and it was the girl from the  
club..

Her: Coffee?

I took it..

Me: Thanks

Her: It's the only thing that helps me when I  
feel a bit upset

I chuckled..

Me: Are you following me?



She looked around..

Her: I hardly think so

Me: Our paths seem to cross a lot

Her: Twice is a lot?

I shrugged my shoulders..

Her: And when they cross you always crying

I sniffed..

Me: Here to see someone?

Her: Actually no

She was very good looking no lie. I liked her short curly hair she had beautiful eyes too..

Me: Are you sick?

Her: No.. I make donations to this hospital every year

Me: Ohw

Her: Ya I'm here to make one for this year

Me: You make donations every year? How much?

Her: It's between me and the hospital  
I nodded..

Her: Here to see someone?

Me: My father.. He overdosed on pills

Her: Sorry to hear that

Me: It's okay... He is going to be okay

Her: Shouldn't that make you happy?

Me: I would be if the hospital bill wasn't too  
much

She looked puzzled..

Me: I can't afford it

Her: That's too bad

Me: Yeah.. I guess he will have to be taken to  
a government hospital or public hospital  
however you wanna put it

(Silence)

Her: I can settle his bill

I shook my head no..

Me: Please you don't have too

Her: I want too.. You in trouble and I have the money

Me: What's the catch?

Her: Sorry?

Me: What are you going to want in return?  
Strangers don't just help

She laughed and sipped on her coffee..

Her: What type of strangers have you been meeting?

I still looked at her..

Her: Okay how about something simple..  
Something like dinner tonight?

Me: Dinner? That's all?

She took out her Samsung S8..

Her: You can give me your numbers and I'll check on you

I punched in my numbers and then gave her phone back..

Her: Thank you

Me: You not gonna call and see if I gave you real numbers?

Her: Your Father is sick and you need help..I doubt you would do that

He slightly smiled and walked away..

Me: I didn't get your name

She turned around and looked at me..

Her: Diamond

Me: Diamond?

She nodded and walked away..

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THAPS

"Me: You know what's wrong with the world Today? Rich people feel the need to always mistreat the less fortunate

Her: What do you expect? Rich people are God's of this world

I laughed..

Me: And what are we? The Devils?

Some guy bumped into me and my chips fell the only meal I'll probably have for the day.

He was on his phone and just continued walking like nothing happened..

Angie: Ehh Jo

She followed him..

Me: Angie just leave it!

Angie: Exe

She poked him and he stopped..

Her: Think you owe her an apology

Him: Apology?

Her: Yeah you bumped into her

He looked at us and laughed. I'm not surprised because we always look unpresantable..

Him: ng'cela ungangimosheli iskhathi (don't waste my time)

Angie took out her out..

Me: Angie stop it's okay

I didn't want her inviting eyes for us..

Her: Now you wanna say something?

He looked at me..

Him: Sorry

The knife was pressed against his stomach  
Angie has always been a bit intimidating..

He took out his wallet and took out R50

Him: Here you can buy chips again

Angie took the money and the guy walked  
away she looked at me..

Her: At least we will also get bread and cool  
drink

She has always been around to defend me  
she looked at me..

Her: At least we will also get bread and cool  
drink

She has always been around to defend me  
but not Today"

I heard the door unlocking and opening I was  
still laying on the floor.. I don't even know for  
how long. He made his way in he has this  
scent that you can't really miss..

I heard him putting things on the counter...

Him: Get up

I slowly got up..

Him: I got you something to eat.. Chips  
Russian and bread

Like that meal will make everything okay?

Him: Next time you must listen to me love  
don't do things to hurt yourself

His English was struggling a bit..

I made my way to the counter..

Him: See I provide for you everyday without  
complaining because I love you

I nodded..

He kissed me on my cheek..

Him: I will be back later.. I will bring you some more food

He walked out..

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ROSE [DIAMOND]

My previous PI was just failing to find Thaps for me so now I am turning to the best Anathi. She doesn't usually do personal calls but I'm desperate..

I got in and she had customers the dry cleaner gets busy every now and then..

Her: Do we have a meeting?

Me: No.. I need your help on something

Her: Something?

Me: I need you to find someone for me.. I'll pay

I handed her the piece of paper she read..

Her: That's all you have?



Me: Yeah..

Her: It's going to be difficult

Me: Please I need you to find her for me

Her: Not promising but I'll try.. How old is she now?

Me: I think 23

She nodded..

Her: I'll try

Me: Thank you

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Chapter 10

AMBER

Later on Diamond called me and told me that she will be here in about an hour to pick me

up for our date. The whole day I have been going back and forth trying to find a suitable outfit she didn't tell me where we were going and didn't tell me the status of the restaurant so I was torn in what I should wear. Jim had come by and we were having wine and going over my outfits..

Me: As you can see I don't have much dresses and I don't wanna mention heels

Jim: Moon pie that's why you have me

He picked up my royal blue dress with a slit on the side I wore it once when I was a bride's maid. He picked up silver heels. The dress wasn't long that's what I liked it had a silver lining right around the neck..

Me: I had totally forgot about this dress

Him: Put it on

He walked out and I put on the dress it still fit me perfectly..

Me: Jim..

He opened the door and walked back in..

Him: You should wear dresses more often they suit you

I looked at myself in the mirror..

Him: You don't need a necklace the silver lining perfects everything

I took a deep breath and exhaled while running my hands on the dress..

Me: You really think that I look good?

Him: Good is an understatement

He sat on my bed..

Him: Tell me moon pie.. Why do you care much about how you look? Is this more than a date?

Me: Don't be silly plus I'm not lesbian

Him: But here you are going out with a girl

Me: I am doing this for my Father

Him: Daddy.. I totally understand (rolling his eyes)

Me: Seriously Jim it's for my Dad

I went and took my glass from the dressing table..

Me: I wonder what she does she obviously has a lot of money

Him: Duh?? He is donating money every year to the hospital obviously it's not thousands of but Hundreds

I bit my lower lip..

Me: Or millions

I took a sip..

Him: How bad can it be to be with a girl?

I looked at him..

Me: I don't think I am attracted to the same sex

Him: How would you know when you haven't tried dating the same sex?

Me: The sex won't work for me

Him: But a dildo does?

Me: Pshhh

He gulped down his wine..

Him: Let's get you started on the makeup..

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THAPS

I strongly believed in change I believed that sometimes when life has shown you flames the rain will fall to sooth everything out. I waited for my life to get better and it never did instead it got worse..

She walked with the plate of food..

Her: Here

Me: Thank you

Thandie is one of Abeo's prostitutes she usually comes over every now and then. She's the only friend I have around here she lives two doors away from us. The last time she tried helping me to escape she ended up with her two front teeth being knocked out. She

has false teeth now as a replacement for those two knocked out teeth..

Her: How are you feeling?

Me: Will it ever get better? Will my life get better? I'm 23 now I have been going through this for a very long time now

Her: At least he is not selling you

I chuckled..

Her: I don't know life I am not God

Me: I am probably not his favorite right now

Her: I believe that things change in the right time and you will be fine 23 years old that's still an acceptable age

Me: I'm no longer hurt I'm just tired.. I'm emotionally tired

Her: I understand doll.. I totally understand

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AMBER

We had a knock at the door Jim and I looked at each other..

Him: Are you ready?

I nodded..

I was a bit nervous no lie I don't know why I was nervous I mean I have no feelings towards this person whatsoever but somehow I felt very nervous..

Jim: I'll get the door

He walked away to get the door..

I stood there in my dress and heels while holding my clutch bag my heart was already on my knees..

Jim: Evening

Diamond: Evening

Jim let her in..

Jim: I'm Jim

Diamond: I'm diamond

They shook hands. She was dressed in a very nice outfit thank God I am not the only one who dressed up. She was dressed in style denim Jean shirt pullover jersey and sneakers. The sneakers were red&black with gold spikes..

She looked really good I don't wanna lie..

Her: Wow you look beautiful

Me: Thank you.. You look good too

She came to me and handed me a rose..

Her: This is for you

I took it..

Me: Thank you

I handed it to Jim..

Diamond: Are you ready to go?

Me: Yes I am

Her: After you

I walked out first and she followed me..



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Chapter 11

AMBER

She came with a Ferrari and we drove to one of the most expensive and luxurious hotels in South Africa the Chatwal hotel. Only big names are able to afford such hotels and right now I felt all kinds of important. She came to my side and opened the door for me She extended her hand to mine and helped me out..

Me: Thank you

I am not used to sports cars and I never thought that they were this comfortable..

We made our way in and she went to the reception while my eyes wondered around. I can't believe that I'm here I never thought that I can enter such a place I mean we only see such on TV and fantasize about being here. I wonder what Diamond does she has a lot of money.

Diamond: Amber

I looked at her she was standing with the hostess..

Her: We can go

Hostess: Good evening Mam'

Me: Evening

Hostess: I am Ruth and I'll be your hostess for tonight

I nodded repeatedly like a fool..

We walked to the elevator and she pressed we waited for a few seconds and it opened. We went inside. I was still struggling to breath This doesn't feel real at all..

Ruth took us to the dinning hall it was beautiful.

Me: Wow..

Ruth: This way

We passed all the tables there and all the People we were ushered to a private dinning room just one table. Dimmed lights and soft music..

She went and opened the chair for me I went and sat down..

Ruth: I'll bring in a waitress in the meantime you can enjoy the wine

She walked away..

Diamond: Would you like some wine?

Me: Uhm yeah

She opened and poured..

Me: This place looks expensive

Her: It is

Me: A private dinning area? Must cost a lot

She didn't say nothing just gave me a side smile

Me: What exactly is it that you do?

Her: Errr I think it's too early for that question

A waitress walked in..

Her: Good evening

We greeted her back..

Her: I will be serving you tonight my Name is Ashley

She handed us the Menus..

Diamond: I'll have a capellini pasta

Ash: Capellini

And then their eyes landed on me after Ashley had written Diamonds order..

Me: Uhm..

I looked at the Menu and I didn't recognize anything from the starters other than a chicken salad..

Me: I'll have a chicken salad

Ash: One Capellini and a chicken salad coming right up.. Please give us 4 minutes

Diamond: 4 minutes it is

She walked away while I took my glass of wine and drank from it Embarrassment was burning me..

Diamond: I will call the hospital first thing in the morning with the hospital bill you will text me your Father's information

Me: I will... And thank you again

Her: You welcome.. And thank you for agreeing to the date

I took my glass again..

She looked at me as I drank from it and put it down again she looked at it while it was down.

I suddenly felt a bit hot I couldn't breath..

I looked around

I couldn't breath..

I looked around it's going to be complicated finding a bathroom around here. Everything was overwhelming the music was overwhelming the place itself was just too much

Her voice brought me back to the land of the living..

Her: Are you okay?

Me: Uhm..

I closed my eyes with my hand on my chest..

Me: I'm sorry this is not me.. I.. This is just too much

I got up from the chair and took my clutch..

Me: I'm sorry I can't

I fixed my dress and made my out I walked out as quickly as I could. It was even a stupid move I don't have money for a taxi and I certainly don't have a car. How am I going to

get home? I stood outside and it was a bit chilly now The road was quiet. I was stranded..

While I was standing there not knowing what to do I felt a jacket over my shoulders..

She leaned over and whispered a bit close to my ear with her hands on my shoulders. She was very close to me..

Her: There's a food truck down the road if you still wanna get something to eat

I closed my eyes and tears fell I turned and looked at her..

Me: I'm sorry this is embarrassing

Her: It's okay I understand

She wiped the tear with her thumb..

Her: Food truck? They sell delicious hot dogs

Me: You eat from a food truck?

Her: I have my days

I chuckled..

Her: What do you say?

I looked down the road..

Me: I think I'd like that

Her: It's not that far.. We can walk

We started walking..

Me: Can I get all comfortable?

Her: Why not?

I stopped and took off my heels..

Me: I actually hate these things

She laughed..

Me: Don't laugh I really do

Her: I'll hold them for you.. And the clutch

Me: Thank you

We started walking down the street to the food truck..

We just started talking about random things the awkwardness and the seriousness had fallen she would let out a chuckle here and



there didn't mind listening to my crazy stories. I did all the talking while she just listened..

We got to the food truck and Lucky for us they were still open but about to close soon..

We got the hot dogs and went to sit at some bench..

Me: Are you sure you that you not cold?

Him: Don't worry about me I'm good

We both looked at the sky..

Me: You know.. This is actually nice

Her: Eating hot dogs from a food truck?

I laughed..

Me: Yes.. Best date I've had

Her: Date?

Me: You know what I mean

Her: I don't know what you mean

I rolled my eyes but not to be rude..

Me: Really what is it that you do?

Her: If I tell you then I'll have to kill you right here

Me: Yeah right

Her: Some things are better unknown

Me: Sounds like something dodgy

Her: And you never told me what you do Miss Amber

Me: I work at a bar.. That's my night job

Her: What's your day job?

Me: I'm a consultant for the FBI

She started coughing..

Me: Are you okay?

Her: One second

Me: Well I don't know were we going to get water from

Her: I'm good..

Me: Are you sure?

Her: Yeah I'm good

(Silence)

Her: You must be good.. I mean the FBI just don't hire anyone to be a consultant

Me: I'm okay.. I just have a better eye and I can see what they missed in a crime scene

Her: Wow a consultant for the FBI.. That's unexpected

Me: Why? Have you been behaving bad lately?

Her: Beh.. (chuckle).. Amber you don't scare me

She looked at me..

Me: I shouldn't scare you

Her: Good

Me: Good

Our eyes locked and that piercing on her lower lip was breathtaking what am I saying?

She is breathing. Everything about her is breath taking..

She leaned closer with her hand on my thigh I closed my eyes as I could smell the tomato sauce mixed with the smell of the cold meat from her breath..

Her: Let me take you home.. You shivering I opened my eyes and indeed I was shivering it was cold..

She took my heels and knelt down in front of me she took my right foot and wiped off any dirt from my under with her hand. That Jean must be expensive for her to just kneel with it..

She slipped the heel when she was satisfied with wiping off the dirt she did the same with the other one..

Her: This will have to do until we get to the car.. Your feet are too soft to hurt

She got up and rubbed her hands together..

Her: Let's go

I got up from the bench and we left..

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Chapter 12

AMBER

"I could hear the shower water running the steam making the glass blur to see through. I took a deep breath with a towel wrapped around my naked body this is something I have never done before. Something I shouldn't be doing something I don't know if I will enjoy or not. I slowly opened the shower door with the towel dropping on the floor I made my way in. She faced up to the shower head with the water running down her

caramel face her short curly hair was wet. She wiped her face and then looked at me fear crept in maybe this is a bad idea Maybe I shouldn't have ambushed her in the shower. She looked at my body from my face all up to my feet she extended her hand to mine. I slowly extended mine to her and there way she pulled me closer to her I almost fell didn't think she possessed that much strength. We both stood under the shower head the water was a perfect temperature as it meant my body. She ran her hand on my hair and her other hand was around my waist.

She lifted her other hand from my waist and both her hands were on my cheeks she came closer and then she kissed me. I have been anticipating how a kiss would feel like with that tongue ring on her lower lip

And it was exactly as how I had imagined it"

I felt a gust of wind coming in I opened my eyes and the curtain was making way for the

wind I forgot to close the window. I got out of my bed and went to close the window I gently leaned against it and sighed. What just happened? It's a crazy idea that I need to get out of my head I gently leaned against it and sighed. What just happened? It's a crazy idea that I need to get out of my head I don't think I would get with a female like that. I went and got my cellphone I checked it and I had no messages not even a missed call. I had sent Diamond my Father's information as requested..

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ROSE [DIAMOND]

I was busy throwing a few punches at the punching bag something I do when I can't fall asleep. I took off my gloves and went to get my phone I called Anathi. I had to try her a few times before she could pick up..

Her: Do you know what time it is? (sleepy voice)

Me: I need a favour

Her: Do you know what time it is?

Me: I need you to look up someone for me

Her: It's 3am!

Me: Ohhh I didn't realize (sarcasm)

Her: It couldn't wait?

Me: If it could wait I wouldn't be calling you right now

Her: I don't work for you

Me: You work for the De Lucas I am a De Luca

Her: What is it Diamond?

Me: I need you to look up someone for me

Amber she is a consultant with the FBI

Her: It can wait... I'll do it when I wake up

Me: How is it going? Finding Thaps?

Her: Still a bit difficult but I'll let you know as soon as I find anything

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AMBER

The first I did the next morning when I got to the hospital was to go straight to the reception..

Me: Morning

Receptionist: Morning

Me: Can you please check if my Father's bill has been settled?

Her: Name and surname

I gave her..

She checked for me while I stood there nervously

Her: Errr.. Not yet

Me: Ohw

I was disappointed..

Me: Thank you

Her: We will send the statement of account to you

Me: Thank you

I made my way to his ward.. I shouldn't have trusted Diamond..

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ROSE[ DIAMOND]

I felt some wetness on my face then I felt cold little hands around my cheek. I slowly opened my eyes and Jamal was right next to me busy salivating on my face. I looked at him..

Me: Where is your Mom?

He just looked at me..

I reluctantly got out of bed..

Me: I'm coming

He cried when I made my way to the bathroom..

Me: You got to be shitting me!

I turned around and picked him up..

Me: Dude where is your Mom?

I'm not very good with kids..

I walked out of my bedroom and my way downstairs I saw something that I shouldn't be seeing..

Me: What the??

Regina's husband was eating breakfast at the counter Regina was standing at the stove..

Me: What the fuck is going on?

Regina: Rose it's not..

Me: How the fuck did he get in?

Regina: I let him in

Him: Can you please mind your language when my son is around?

I looked at him..

Regina: Kevin please keep quiet

I went to Regina and gave her the baby I went to the counter and took the dish from him then threw it in the sink..

Me: Come on let's get the stepping

Him: I'm here to speak to my wife

Me: Yow Homie it's early in the morning I shouldn't be catching a case this morning..  
Come on get the stepping

I went over to his side..

Me: Get the hell out of my house

Regina: Rose stop it!

He got up and started walking to the elevator  
I pushed him at the back..

Him: You better stop pushing me

Me: Or what?

He didn't say anything..

Me: Exactly get the fuck out.. If you ever show your miserable ass in my house! Nigga I am going to skin you alive!

He laughed..

I pressed the elevator..

It opened and then he walked in I clicked my tongue and went back to Regina..

Her: I'll get my things.. We will move in with Ray

Me: Just because I don't want him at my house?

Regina was being unreasonable..

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Chapter 13

ROSE [DIAMOND]

It's tradition to eat breakfast with Edward at least twice a week. It's his way of "bonding" with us and checking up on us..

We mostly do this dinners at his house next to the pool or at his vintage dining table. It's always Me Him and Ray since Regina disowned herself from Edward.

Ray: How did he get into your apartment?

Me: I revoked my security system to accommodate her and then she brought him into my place

Ray: Where is she now?

Me: I should be asking you.. She said she was coming to your place

Ray: She hasn't called nor showed up

Me: She went back to him

Edward: Can I say something?

We looked at him..

Him: May I not be made a bad Father from this I tried my out most best to give Regina everything that she wanted but it was not enough she hated me for her own personal reasons

Ray: She doesn't hate you unlike the three of us Regina has a conscience

Edward: Money is money despite where it comes from if Regina wants to come back home my door is always open or at least she should bring the baby

I shook my head..

Edward: I can provide very well for my Grandchild

Ray: Edward do you realize that not everything is about money?

My phone vibrated on the table it was Anathi..

Me: I have to take this.. Excuse me

I took it and walked away..

Me: What do you have for me?

Her: Amber Brooks.. Indeed a consultant with the FBI she has solved more than 20 homicides she's a good profiler and they refer to her as a 3rd eye they believe she has a third eye because she can see what Detectives cannot see in crime scenes

Me: Is it?

Her: I don't wanna lie to you she is dangerous  
you need to be careful

Me: I am dangerous too.. What else you got?

Her: Other than her personal details from the  
FBI data base.. Nothing more

Me: You hacked the FBI data base?

Her: Exactly who are you talking too?

Me: I respect

Her: That's all I got for now

Me: Personal details does it include bank  
account details?

Her: Yes the bank were they pay her

Me: Good please forward that info to me

Her: Yes Mam' Anything else?

Me: What about Thaps?

Her: I am still working on that

I exhaled..



Me: Alright thank you.. I really appreciate

Her: I am not doing this for free

Me: I know that send me the bill

Her: It's on it's way

I ended the call and went back to the table..

Me: I have errands to run..

Edward: Where too?

Me: Bank.. I have bills to pay

I looked at Ray..

Me: Call Regina and see what she says

Ray: on it

Me: And stay away from them strippers  
please you going to get the FBI on our asses

Edward: Speaking of that Ray you need help

I know Edward's words come with a lecture so  
I left them there..

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THAPS

Sitting at the flat and doing nothing was very depressing so I asked Abeo if I could go to the shop and chill there a bit I need to get fresh air I need to see different faces everyday.

Abeo's goons were there as always keeping an eye on me making sure that I don't make a run for it. My injuries were in places that people cannot see other than my red eye making sure that I don't make a run for it. My injuries were in places that people cannot see other than my red eye no one can tell that I was beaten beyond..

Some gentleman walked in and made his way to the counter..

Him: Good morning

I looked at him...

Me: Morning

Him: How are you this morning?

Me: I am very well and you?

Him: I'm well too

He looked around at the goons that were in the store it was two of them. They were looking at us..

Him: I am looking for a phone.. Preferably a second hand S7

Me: Uhm.. You can take a look at the phones we have here

We both glanced down at the glass..

Him: If I may ask? Are you Mathapelo Kunene?

I looked at him..

Him: Don't make direct contact just look at the phones

We looked at the phones..

Him: I work for a friend of a friend of yours and she's looking for you.. Rose?

Me: Rose? I never had a friend by the name of Rose

Him: Think carefully Mathapelo... Rose De Luca

Me: Ross De Luca? That doesn't even sound black.. She knows me

Him: She knows you and she has been looking for you

Me: I.. I am trying to remember but I don't know anyone by that Name

Him: Are you sure?

Me: Yes I am

He tapped on the glass..

Him: Okay... Thank you

He walked away..

Both the goons looked at me..

Me: He just wanted a phone.. An S7

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AMBER

I was in my Father's ward reading a novel he was busy surfing through the channels..

Him: I might live here forever this place is peaceful

I looked at him..

Me: You saying our place is not good?

Him: It's peaceful here

Me: Well unfortunately we cannot afford it here plus it's a hospital a place for sick people

Him: I'm sick

Me: It's not a psychiatric hospital Dad

He went back to surfing the channels.. I went back to reading...

We were then disturbed by a knock at the door..

I looked at who it was and it was Craig funny that he would show up here..

He made his way in..

Him: Morning

Dad and I both kept quiet..

Him: How is he?

Me: He is fine Craig

He looked at Dad..

Craig: You so selfish! Why would you do that for? Do you know that hospitals are costly?

Me: Craig please..

Dad didn't say anything..

Craig: Can I talk to you? In private?

I stood up and we walked out..

Him: When are you coming back to work?

Me: Are you serious?

Him: You know we need you

Me: I can't believe this!

Him: You wanna sit here and babysit him?

Me: Maybe you should leave Craig

Him: Amber

Me: Just leave! Please

I went back inside and sat on the chair.. I took the book and continued reading..

Dad: What was that all about?

Me: Nothing Dad

I felt my phone beeping I unzipped my bag and got it..

A R100 000 was deposited into my account and then a message followed "I told you that I'm not scared of you send my regards to Daddy dearest" I was shocked how did she even get my number?

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AMBER

That was a lot of money I'm sure I can pay off my father's bill and still be left with more than 50k what was diamond trying to pull?. I walked out and called her..

Her: That was quick

Me: What exactly are you trying to pull?

Her: I think the acceptable words are "Thank you"

Me: 100 000 is a lot

Her: You needed money and I offered to help

Me: for what price?

Her: Why does it have to have a price?

Me: You tell me

Her: How about a small intimate dinner at my place tonight

Me: At your place?

Her: I'll have someone come pick you up

Me: Why can't I just drive there?



Her: Trust me it's better when I have someone pick you up

Me: Alright then

Her: Bye

Me: Bye

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CRAIG

The homicide cases of the strippers were given to other agents since Frank and I couldn't crack them it would've been better if Amber was a part of the team. She hasn't been committed to her work lately..

Frank: We just got a call.. A convinient store was broken into

Me: A convinient store? Since when do we do break ins?

Frank: Since your Sister failed us and we failed to crack the homicide cases.. Come on let's go I felt degraded..

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ROSE [DIAMOND]

I went and met up with Anathi.. She had something for me regarding Thaps..

Me: Did you find her?

Her: I thought I did but no

I sat down..

Her: I located someone with the same name and surname as her

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I sat down..

Her: I located someone with the same name and surname as her I sent one of my guys there to ask her a few questions but she didn't know you

I sighed..

Her: I'll continue looking so far I have other two Mathapelos

Me: I wonder if she is still alive

Her: Maybe I can go back to were you guys grew up maybe someone has information.. Or you can do it

I thought for a while..

Me: I'd rather not go back there

Her: Then I'll go you can write down the details

Me: I will

Her: Don't worry I will find her

Me: I hope you do

Her: On another note how is it going with Miss thing? What's her name again? Amber?

Me: It's going okay nothing much to say on that matter

Her: Are you starting to catch feels for her?

Me: I don't know we will see as time goes on

Her: My advice just stay away from her or else you going to find yourself in deep waters she's pretty good at what she does

Me: I'm pretty good at what I do too

She raised up her hands in form of surrendering..

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AMBER

After spending time with Dad I got a phone call from Craig despite our differences I still work for the FBI..

Me: A convenient store?

Him: Welcome to our new case

Me: How did we move from homicide to a convenient store?

He gave me a serious look..

Me: Nvm.. So what do we have?

Frank: Looks like a robbery.. Nothing serious maybe they were looking for quick cash

I nodded..

Me: What is the owner saying?

Craig: Well he is Chinese as soon as we get an interpreter we will understand what he is saying

Me: Can we get a footage from that surveillance camera?

Frank: I'll get one of the guys to look at it

Craig: What else do you see?

I looked around..

Me: I don't know.. I don't see much

Him: Okay what's wrong with you?

Me: Excuse me?

Him: You have lost your focus lately

Me: I won't crack every case Craig I'm human

Him: Bullshit!

Me: What exactly are you doing? This is your job!

Frank: Guys please.. Can we focus here? We have already lost our big homicide cases let's not flunk on this one too if will be embarrassing not to mention career suicide

Me: I'll look again and see if I can't find something

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MATHAPELO

I took my phone and called Thandie..

Her: Girlfriend

Me: Hey can you do me a favour?

Her: As long as it won't land me in trouble

Me: It won't

Her: What is it?

Me: Can you search someone for me?

Her: Where?

Me: These social media things that you guys do

Her: Facebook?

Me: Yes.. Her name is Rose De Luca

Her: someone you know?

Me: I'm not sure.. Maybe

Her: I'll search for you

Me: Thank you

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AMBER

It took me a while to crack the case but I finally did lead them to the right direction All the evidence led to a suspect that the shop owner identified as his old rivalry he said they have been feuding for years now. At the same time though he had a motive he could be not our guy but then I will leave it in Craig's hands and hope that he will do better this time around..

I was very happy I was even singing while taking my bath Diamond really made my day I mean who wouldn't be happy with 100k in their account? This time around I chose a more simple outfit since we were having dinner at her place. Her place I wonder how



her place looks. Maybe it's a Mansion Maybe it's a Townhouse or it could be something simple a beautiful small house. Whatever it is I cannot wait to see it. I wore my blue denim jean my white t-shirt that you had to button all the way down and white sneakers. I tied my hair as best as I could and I didn't apply much make up just an eyeliner a mascara and a lipstick. Then I waited for the chauffeur to pick me up I decided to have a glass of wine while waiting. Dad was being discharged tomorrow morning thank goodness I have a bit of some cash to hire Vivian for some house cleaning too doing all the house chores alone can be damn tiring. 30min of waiting became an hour now I was halfway through the bottle doing all the house chores alone can be damn tiring. 30min of waiting became an hour now I was halfway through the bottle Diamond has a tendency of doing things her own way. I looked at the time again and maybe she has

forgotten I'm not even going to call her and remind her Just because she has money doesn't mean she owns the world. I put the glass in the sink and made my way to my bedroom when I had a knock at the door.

I dragged my already weak legs to open and a gentleman wearing a black suit stood there holding just one rose..

Him: Good evening

Me: Evening

Him: Amber Brooks?

Me: Who's asking?

Him: I was sent to pick you up.. Dinner date with Diamond?

Me: Well she's late so I won't be joining her for dinner but thank you anyway

I closed the door and he blocked it..

Him: You scheduled to have dinner with her and she doesn't take rejection that well

Me: Tough luck!

He looked at me..

Him: We can do this the easy way or the hard way

Me: Well then let's do it the hard way

He took out a gun and pointed it at me..

Me: Whoa! It's just a dinner date can we calm down?

He shot me right in the chest it wasn't a bullet though it was an ampoule type of thing before I could even scream Everything appeared blurry and I went down..

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THAPS

I was back at the flat cooking dinner someone knocked twice then the door opened it was Thandie..

Her: Hey

Me: Hi

Her: What are you cooking? It smells really good

Me: Ahh nothing fancy just the usual  
I closed the pot..

Her: Where is Abeo?

Me: Out and about handling some business  
but he will be back soon

Her: So about what you asked me earlier

Me: Yes how did it go?

Her: Well I searched the name on Facebook  
and..

Me: And?

Her: It's the only account by that name and  
unfortunately there's no pictures..

Me: Only a picture of a ferrari

Her: Seems like the person opened the  
account and neglected it.. All we know is that  
it's a female

Me: That's nothing much

Her: Who is the person?

Me: I don't know but..

Her: But?

Me: Someone came to the shop today and said someone by that name is looking for me

Her: Wow someone is looking for you?

Me: Could be Abeo setting me up.. Maybe he wants to see if I'll runaway

Her: could be

Me: You look good where are you going?

Her: You know my line of work

Me: Well looks like you going to get a lot of money today

Her: I hope so

Me: Thank you for helping me out

Her: Anytime

She looked at the time..

Her: I have to go

Me: I'll see you

Her: Bye

She walked out..

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ROSE[AMBER]

I placed her nicely on my bed..

Me: For how long has she been out?

Him: Since we left

Me: What did the security say?

Him: I placed her at the backseat of the car  
made it seem like she was sleeping

I nodded..

Him: Plus their security is not that strict nor  
tight they let me in after I provided them with  
her flat number and her name

Me: I thought as much

Him: Is that all for tonight?

Me: Yes that's all.. Thank you

We walked out..

Me: I'll call you when I need you Tommy

Him: Yes Mam'

I punched in the code did a facial recognition and voice recognition then the elevator opened for him..

Him: Goodnight

Me: Night

I had to get her here this way I couldn't risk having her know the route to my place while I haven't even come clean to her. It's for her own good..

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THAPS

Abeo walked in I had just finished bathing and I was about to go to bed..

Me: It was getting late.. I was about to go to bed

Him: I know.. My meeting ran until late

He got his wallet and took out a few notes from it..

Him: Tomorrow you can go and do shopping I'll ask one of the guys to accompany you

I took the money..

Me: Thank you

He pulled me closer to him..

Him: You take care of me and I take care of you

He kissed me..

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AMBER

I slowly opened my eyes they were a bit heavy at first and the room appeared white. I don't know what was happening to me I don't know where all this drowsiness was coming from. I forced myself to see everything clear I rubbed my eyes until I was able to view everything in the bedroom and I didn't



recognize where I was. I freaked out with some sharp pain on my chest I started coughing..

I sat up straight and I couldn't remember half of what happened or how I got here..

Me: Where am I?

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AMBER

I pulled through until I got downstairs confusion occupied my mind I kept on turning around trying to find out where I was but I couldn't. The sharp pain on my chest dragged back my memory from the subconscious I remembered an ampoule being shot straight in my chest. I remember the gentleman in the

suit he said he worked for Diamond but why would Diamond pull a stunt like this? Doesn't make sense. Disoriented as I was I looked around again and I noticed roses almost at every place Roses? They must have some significance to her. A big portrait of a rose hung on the wall her couch cushions had a knitting of a rose. She can't just have roses around without a reason..

I made my way to the elevator and pressed the green button on the monitor for the elevator to open..

"Access denied... Please try again punching in the access code"

I pressed it again.. I tried punching in the access code relating the numbers with Alphabets to spell out "Rose"

"Access denied.. Please try again"

I hit the monitor in frustration..

Me: Dammit!!

Voice: You have to go through at least 3 steps before it can grant you access

I turned around she was standing there wearing nothing but a Nickey sports bra Nickey sweatpants sneakers and she had on boxing gloves. She was breathing heavily which indicated exhaustion the sweat went on to her belly button right from the edge of the bra. She took off the gloves..

Her: Would you like something to drink?

I made my way to her..

Me: I can have you arrested for kidnapping me

She sent out a chuckle to mock my statement..

Her: Right

I took out my cellphone to call Craig but there was no signal..

Her: Signal for incoming and outgoing calls is jammed you can't call anyone

Me: Is this some sort of a Prison?

Her: I wouldn't say that

She opened the fridge and stood in front of it for a moment. She had a perfect waist perfect slim body a bit of a broad chest and a 6 pack..

As she couldn't make up her mind I noticed a set of knives at the counter I grabbed one..

Her: We will settle for the old traditional Orange juice I'll squeeze the oranges myself

She turned around and I pointed the knife at her she was holding oranges on both her hands..

Her: Amber put the knife down before you hurt yourself

Me: Why did you have me brought in here like that? No one can have such a tight security system unless they hiding something what are you hiding diamond? Or should I say Rose?

She raised one of her eyebrows..

Me: The roses gave you away

She gave me a side smile..

Her: Impressive

She then retained a serious face..

Her: Put the knife down

Me: Who are you?

Her: I can take that knife from you quicker than you can blink

I remained quiet and in my steady position..

She tossed two of the oranges that she was holding in her right hand she tossed them in the air. Now the eye is the most dangerous betrayal I looked up and that's how she managed to grab the knife from me. She twisted my arm and turned me around pinning my arm against my back with the knife against my throat I don't even know when she let the other two oranges go from her left hand. She is quicker than lightning..

She whispered next to my ear..

Her: Next time when I say put the knife down  
Put the knife down before you get hurt!!

She let me go by pushing me forward and I  
balanced on the counter to prevent myself  
from falling..

Her: I'm going to take a shower.. I'll be back  
She walked up the stairs and then stopped..

Her: Let's not try anything stupid or else I will  
throw you off the balcony

She said that with her back facing me..

I massaged my wrist as it was a bit painful..

This penthouse was very secure trying to  
leave is going to be useless. I waited for her  
while sitting on the high chair busy rubbing  
my wrist

it was red I guess she twisted hard. For a slim  
girl she has strength she's very tough...

She walked down after an hour she was on her phone. She was now wearing a vest shorts socks that she stretched up until to her knees and sleepers..

Her: I'll call you back.. Ayt cool..

She hung up I went back to looking at my wrist..

She made her way to me the smell of her shower gel reached me first before she could..

Her: Let me see

I kept quiet..

She dragged the other chair closer to mine and sat down..

Her: Let me see

I stretched my arm to her..

She ran her thumb around my wrist while poking and squeezing it I flinched in pain..

Her: We will have it checked out

She let go..

Me: That's it?

She looked at me..

Her: You held a knife at me I don't know what you expect me to say

Me: Can you just open for me so that I can go?

I got down from the chair and walked to the elevator she came..

She leaned against it..

Her: This is unfair don't you think? You hold a knife against me but you the one that's mad

Her voice was a bit calmer now..

Me: Do you have a broken wrist?

Her: We not even sure if it's broken

Me: Just get me out of here

Her: Okay I'm sorry maybe I went a little overboard



Me: A little?

Her: I'm sorry

Me: Diamond you just complicated okay? I don't wanna be a part of the complication plus this I don't think it will wor..

She did the unthinkable pulled me by my aching wrist very much close to her with both her hands around my waist. My messy hair was crowding my face. My heart started beating fast from fear I have never felt this way about a girl before and right now I was scared at what was about to happen..

Her: I like you a lot

She cleared the hair from my face..

Her: I'm going to kiss you right now and maybe.. Just maybe we can have dinner after that

She leaned closer and my eyes automatically closed when I felt her lips touching mine. As much as I was scared but the kiss sort of

relaxed me it dealt away with the thinking that "I'm kissing a girl"

She was a good kisser she knew her story with her hands slightly squeezing in my waist..

She broke the kiss leaving both of us breathing fast for a moment the whole world stopped. Only the two of us mattered at that instant my not so injured hand was going through her soft curly hair. Her eyes fixed on my lips as mine were fixed on her lips too..

Her: Dinner?

Me: Okay

Letting go of each other was a bit difficult we kissed again and then she finally let go..

Her: I'll prepare something for us

She walked away and I followed I sat on the high chair again. Not only did the kiss get to me but it got to her too she would bump into things and drop things..

Me: Maybe I should help

Her: You have an injured wrist

Me: I'll manage

I got down and went all the way around to help but the space was not enough for the both of us before I knew it we were kissing against and she didn't even have time to unbutton my shirt. She just ripped it..

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AMBER

A FEW WEEKS LATER

I slowly opened my eyes and my throat was very dry not to mention the throbbing headache Mondays should be canceled from

the calendar. I got out of bed and looked around I swear that I still felt a bit wasted not only was my head throbbing but it was also heavy.

I made my way to the bathroom and brushed my teeth while washing my face..

Me: What time is it?

I looked at myself in the mirror..

Me: Shit!!!

I rushed back into the bedroom and looked at the time it was 10:00am. I was supposed to be at the FBI Headquarters by 7am since we were working on a very crucial case. I found myself rushing down the stairs holding my phone on my right hand and my jacket hanging over on my left hand..

Diamond was in the kitchen making coffee and occasionally taking glances at the plasma TV hanging by the wall the news Channel was on.. For the past few weeks Diamond and I

have been very close and I mean too close. I have spent endless weekends at her place I wouldn't say we in a relationship. I don't know what to call it but we enjoy spending time together..

Me: Nice works on waking me up

Her: Good morning to you too... Coffee?

Me: I'm already late

Her: What case are you working on?

Me: Nice try.. You know I can't discuss my work with you

I put on my jacket..

Me: Please open for me

I made my way to the elevator when the monitor beeped..

Her: Someone wants to come up.. I'll meet you by the elevator

She kissed me on my cheek and then I walked to the elevator while she attended to the

person. No lie I think I'm starting to have serious feelings for Diamond I enjoy spending time with her. She makes me laugh she's so sweet and my days without her are incomplete. I never thought I could feel this type of way about a girl before. I watched her closely as she made her way to me God why do I feel this way about a girl. She put her arm around my shoulders as we waited for the elevator to come. I am scared I am scared that our choices of careers clash each other. I am not really sure what she does but I know that it's not pleasing it's something that goes against what I do. At the end I don't want to be the reason why she will find herself in different clothing than what she's wearing now. She looked at me and smiled I flashed a fake smile and we concentrated on the elevator..

It opened and some girl walked out It wasn't rocket science to see that she was lesbian

too. Her look confirmed that she didn't expect to see me here...

She was also beautiful

most Studs are very beautiful.

Her: Err... Morning

We greeted her back..

Me: I should get going.. The FBI is waiting

Her friend gave me a weird look and Diamond gave me a side smile and a look that clearly said "You didn't just say that"

Diamond: I'll call you

She kissed me After the kiss I made my to the elevator and waved goodbye..

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THAPS

I saw a frown on Thandie's face..

Thandie: Let me help you get out of this misery

I got admitted a few days ago Abeo broke a few of my ribs..

Me: How?

Thandie: I know someone.. A woman she runs a shelter for orphans and abused women

Me: Thandie..

She handed me the piece of paper..

Her: Abeo is out he must somehow have contacts at SAPS look before he comes here probably to finish you off you must be gone. Go straight to this address call her Nono she will understand and she is going to help you I looked at her and she nodded..

When Abeo beat me up and I got admitted I was forced to tell the Dr exactly what happened and a case was opened. I really thought that they were going to lock him up but when you have money and contacts you can buy yourself out of anything and everything..



I cannot go back to Abeo he will kill me.  
Thandie's contact is my only hope right now..

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ROSE [DIAMOND]

Tarquin: FBI headquarters?

Me: What can I help you with?

Her: Are you sleeping with the law now?

I got beer from the fridge..

Me: What brings you here?

Her: Rose do you know how danger..

Me: Of course I know how dangerous it is!  
You think I woke up one day and asked to fall  
inlove with an FBI Consultant?

Her: Wait? She's a consultant?

Me: What brings you here?

(Silence)

Her: I have a name on who runs the diamond  
empire

Me: And?

Her: Her name is Yamkela but she goes by the name of "Braga"

Me: Never heard of her

Her: She's in jail currently but will be coming out soon and we must get to her diamonds before she gets released

Me: What was she arrested for?

Her: Illegal possession of firearms

Me: Before we invade her territory we must get everything on her.. Send a word to Anathi she must get us everything I want to see what I'm up against

Her: I'll do that

Me: Good

Her: You sleeping with FBI?

I looked at her..

Her: I'll be on my way

Me: Good

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AMBER

My car got stuck in the middle of nowhere I kicked one of the tires..

Me: Stupid car!!!!!!! (shouting)

I leaned against it as messages flooded my phone Diamond has since jammed the signal so I couldn't get any call from my phone nor a lousy text. I was supposed to be home at 5am Viv had been babysitting my Father for the weekend and I had to be there early so she could go home and then come back later on..

I exhaled and called Diamond..

Her: Babzie?

Me: Hey..

Her: Is everything okay?

Me: No.. I'm stuck in the middle of nowhere my stupid car won't start

Her: Turn on the GPS and send me the coordinates

Me: I'll do that

Her: I'll be waiting

Me: Thank you.. I'll send them to you

Her: Okay

Me: I lov..

She had already hung up..

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Chapter 18

AMBER

Diamond sent someone to come and check my car they managed to fix it but temporarily fact is it I need a new car this one has ran it's

course. It was a second hand when I bought it it has taken me here and there a few times instead of having it constantly fixed I just have to buy a new one..

I closed the door and Viv was already standing in the middle of the room with her arms folded..

Her: Do you know what time it is?

Me: Viv I am so sorry

Her: I might have agreed to keep an eye on your Dad for the weekend but this weekends is the only time I get to spend with my kids do you understand that?

Me: I do

Her: I shouldn't be working on weekends.. I should be at home with my Husband and kids

My phone rang it was Craig..

Me: I understand Viv and..

Her: Here is what I'm going to do... I'm going to take the whole day off

Me: What? No you can't I have to go to work

Her: Figure something out

She walked to the Door..

Me: Viv..

She walked out..

Me: That's just great!

Craig called again..

Me: Craig?

Him: Where are you?

Me: I have no one to look after Dad

Him: What about that Nurse?

Me: Viv decided to take a day off today

Him: What you going to do? We need you here

Me: What am I going to do? Craig for a change why don't you do something he is your Dad too!

Him: He..

I hung up. Taking care of my Dad seems like a burden now I don't have time to myself anymore and it's not right. Maybe I should just put him in a home..

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ROSE [DIAMOND]

Me: So what do you have?

Anathi: Not much.. This Yamkela person I don't have time to myself anymore and it's not right. Maybe I should just put him in a home..

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ROSE [DIAMOND]

Me: So what do you have?

Anathi: Not much.. This Yamkela person I can't get anything on her

I sat on the table..

Me: How can we go after her diamonds if we don't know what she's about

Tarquin: Since when has that stopped you?  
Ohh I'm sorry I forgot that you sleeping with an FBI Consultant

I looked at her..

Ray: What? You sleeping with the Law?

Me: That's my business

Anathi: Do you know how dangerous that is?  
Diamond where the fuck is your head at?

Me: Everyone shut the fuck up! Why don't we stay out of my business?

Tarquin: Your business might screw us up

Ray: How can you be so careless?



Me: Really Ray? You wanna talk about Careless? How about you killing strippers isn't that careless?

Ray: We not talking about me here

Anathi: Plus Ray's situation is different he is not sleeping with the law

I looked at them..

Me: You know what I can pull this job on my own

Tarquin: Please keep your panties up! Don't..

I approached her...

Me: You better zip it dude I'm for real?

Ray put his hand on my chest pushing me back..

Tarquin: Or what? What you going to do?

Me: Fuck you!! Matter of fact fuck all of you!!!

I walked away..

Ray: Rose

Anathi: Leave her.. Let her calm down

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AMBER

Me: Dad what do you wanna eat?

Him: Where are you coming from?

Me: You wanna eat something?

Him: Where were you?

Me: So you noticed that I wasn't around?

Him: Are you dating? Who is he?

Me: Isn't it a bit too late to play the caring Dad?.. I'll make you Macaroni&Cheese

Him: I hope you using protection

Me: Dad..

Him: I'm just saying

I heard a Knock at the door I went to open..

Craig: Hey

I let him in..

Me: Hey

Him: How are you?

Me: I'm good.. Something to drink?

Him: No.. Thank you

Me: How are the cases going?

Him: We need you

Me: Well Viv left me stranded

Dad: That's because you were not here the whole weekend

Craig looked at Him..

Dad: She has a boyfriend

Craig: You have a boyfriend?

Me: Dad..

Dad: What? It's true

Craig: Who is he?

I looked at them..

Me: It's a.. It's a she

Craig: A she?

Dad: You dating a girl?

Craig: I didn't know that you a lesbian

Me: Me too

Dad: She's dating a girl?? You going straight to hell

Me: And you coming along with me

Craig: Who is she? Someone I know?

Me: No..

Craig: Is it serious?

Me: I hope so

Craig: Wow I.. I'm shocked

Me: Her name is Rose

Dad: At least she has a good name

Me: Her nickname is Diamond

Craig: Wait a minute I know that name

He took his phone out and was on it for a while..

He showed me a pic..

Him: Is that her?

Me: Yes that's her

Him: I'll be dammed.. That's Rose De Luca she is Edward De Luca's Daughter

Me: What?

Him: Soo much for being a profiler Amber!  
You clearly losing your touch.. Way too go on sleeping with the enemy!

I didn't expect that..

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ROSE [DIAMOND]

I got home and went straight to the fridge I got myself a beer. I then went and sat on the couch and watched TV my phone vibrated. I took it out it was a text from Amber..

"Don't ever call me or even text me! I never wanna see you again Ross De Luca"

Me: Fuck!

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### Chapter 19

#### AMBER

Chilling with indoors all day with my Dad was not how I wanted to spend my day but what Craig revealed to me had an effect on my Emotions is Ross using me? If not then why didn't she tell me the truth from the word go? Maybe there's a case I'm working on that involves her or her family and she's trying to shift my focus on something else or totally blinding me with fake love. She could've just been a guy because she has their tendencies of them being lying.

Dad: Look on the bright side.. She didn't leave you with a kid or something like that and she doesn't even have a penis

Me: Dad..

Him: I'm just saying

My Dad is used to this flat it's currently the only home that he knows I don't know how well he is going to do in a home for old age People. Well now there's no reason to put him there because I no longer have a life I'm back to square one..

I heard a knock at the door..

Me: I'll make noodles for us

Him: Why can't you cook?

Me: Because I'm working on a big case

I went and opened the door without even asking who it was I didn't expect her to show up so soon at my door step. She leaned against the door frame with her hand in her pocket..

I tried closing the door but she blocked it with her boot..

Me: What do you want?

Her: I was going to tell you

She had been drinking the smell of whiskey in her breath gave her away..

Me: Classic line from all liars!

Her: I didn't lie Babzie I just didn't tell you

Me: Amber.. My name is Amber

Her: Come on don't be like that

She tried holding my hand but I retracted back..

Me: Don't touch me

She raised both her hands up..

Her: Even if I told you.. You were still going to be angry so it makes no difference

Me: Maybe

Her: Ba.. I mean Amber it's not easy to just blur it out that I'm a De Luca okay? We the most hated people

Me: And that's why I want nothing to do with you!

Her: Agh don't be childish



She tried touching me and I slapped her..

Me: I said don't touch me!!

Her: Okay I'm going to let you have that one Miss FBI when you have stopped being crazy you will call me

Me: I'm never going to call you

She rubbed her eyes..

Me: Did you drive in this state?

Her: You care?

I looked at her..

Her: My car drove me here.. I came with a Tesla

Me: Ohw

Her: I love you

Just like that? She's going to put it out there just like that? Unexpectedly??

Her: Have a good day

She leaned over and kissed me was only then that I also realized she had been smoking weed..

Her: Bye

She stumbled her way through the corridor..

Me: Rose..

She stopped then turned and looked at me..

Me: Coffee?

She gave me her sexy side smile..

Her: Coffee would definitely do

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THAPS

It was 5 of us sharing a ward the hospital wasn't really a fancy one. I know that Abeo is going to come for me I have to get out of here. I took the dress that I was wearing when I got admitted and made my way to the toilet

I have to get out of here. I took the dress that I was wearing when I got admitted and made my way to the toilet my bruises were still fresh and I was in a lot of pain. I took off the hospital gown and wore the dress underneath I then wore the hospital gown over it and walked out. I went and put on my flops then made my way out of the ward the Nurses looked at me

Me: Going to buy something

They went back to what they were doing. I walked out and saw an empty room they had equipment. I took off the hospital gown and abandoned it there. I still had that paper that Thandie gave me I have to find that woman I trust Thandie. I know she won't sell me

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AMBER

Me: Dad this is Rose and Rose this is my Dad  
Mr Brooks

Dad: Are you the lesbian that's dating my  
Daughter?

Me: Dad..

This is going to be an embarrassing moment..

Dad: You look familiar

Rose: I am actually Rose De..

Me: How about that coffee?

She looked at me..

Me: Dad we will be at the kitchen

Not that he is interested Tv is his life..

We walked to the kitchen..

Rose: You don't want him knowing who I am?

Me: We have a bad history with your Father

Her: I understand..

Me: I'll make you that cup of coffee

She grabbed me by my arm..

Her: Hey come here

She brought me closer to her..

Her: I am nothing like my Father

I wish it was that easy why does Love have to be like this? Always going for the opposite..

Me: Are you using me? Because if you are I'm going to find out

Her: I am not using you.. I am true to you about my feelings

Me: What do you do for a living?

Her: Yeah that..

Me: Those cars you have don't come cheap your apartment your lifestyle

Her: Let's talk about that some other time

Me: We going to talk about it now

Her: Okay... I am a thug

I knew that already..

Her: How are we going to work? You on the other side of the law

Her: Amber being a consultant is not really a job

Me: Excuse me?

Her: That came out wrong.. Sorry

Me: We all don't have your type of dreams earning a rich life from crime

She chuckled..

Her: crime? Uhm alright

Me: You still want that coffee or not?

Her: Yeah why not

She sat down..

I wonder how this is going to work between us..

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Chapter 20

THAPS

I have walked pretty far and I was nowhere close to the place getting a lift can be dangerous especially if Abeo knows that I have ran away from the Hospital. I was tired cold and in pain. My main goal now was just to get there get there and see if this woman is going to help me I hope she does help me or else I'm screwed..

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ROSE [DIAMOND]

Me: Something to drink?

Edward: No

Me: What are you doing here so late?

Edward: I was told about you dating an FBI

Me: Of course

Edward: I'm not here to judge you

Me: That's a first

Edward: I heard she's good and that might work in our favour

Me: I am not going to use her Edward

Edward: Look Rose this relationship won't work.. She's for the law and you are on the other side of the law you will always try to kill her and she will always try to bring you down.. The only way you two can work is if you give up this life or she quits

Me: We going to make it work

Him: Yeah I doubt..

Me: Is that all?

Him: How much do you love this girl?

Me: Edward I refuse to believe that you came here to talk to me about that



Him: fair enough.. The crew told me that you stormed out

Me: What are you doing here?

He took out a picture..

Him: 300 000

I looked at the picture..

Me: Who is this?

Him: One of my business associates.. He wants his trophy wife dead

Me: Why?

Him: They married in community of property if he divorces her she will go with a lot and he doesn't wanna share

Him: 150k is yours.. You have 5 days

Me: I'll look into it

Him: Here are her details.. Name surname places she likes to go too

Me: 5 days it is

Him: Maybe tomorrow you can come at my place for dinner.. You can bring her along

Me: I don't know if she will allow.. She hates you

Him: She will have to get used to me.. She has no choice

Me: I'll bring her along

Him: I have to go... Goodnight

Me: Night

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ABEO

I looked at her..

Thandie: Abeo please

Me: Where is she?

Thandie: I don't know where she is

Me: She ran away from the Hospital.. Where did she run too?

Her: I don't know

Me: I think you do!

Her: I don't even know which Hospital she was in I have never visited her Abeo.. Please

Me: It's fine let her go

Him: Are you sure?

Me: I'm sure

He let her go..

Me: If I find out that you lying to me.. I'm going to kill you

Her: I know that

She walked away..

I looked at Thukzin..

Me: Keep tabs on her she probably might try to contact her

Him: I'll do that

Me: Good!

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THAPS

It seemed like forever seemed like I would never get here but I did. It was a beautiful neighborhood she definitely has money.. I pressed the intercom a lot of times until I heard a voice of a woman..

Her: Hello?

Me: Hi..

Her: Can I help you?

Me: My name is.. I am Mathapelo and I was sent here by Thandie.. I am looking for Sis'Nono

There was a long pause..

Me: Hello? Please she said you can help me

Her: I'm coming

Me: Thank you

I was now in pain my bruises were still fresh they haven't healed..

I waited and she came wearing a gown and sleepers..

She looked at me..

Me: Here she gave me this

I showed her the piece of paper..

She looked at it and opened the gate..

Her: Come

Me: Thank you

I made my way in while limping..

Her: How did you get here?

Me: I walked

Her: You walked?

Me: Yes was a long walk

Her: Are you hurt?

Me: Yes I am

Her: Let's go inside

She helped me as we walked inside..

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Chapter 21

AMBER

The next morning I prepared myself for work at least Vivian was around today to look after my Dad..

Viv: You know that your Father won't go to a home

Me: I know but I can't do this anymore Viv I have a life too

Her: I know Baby

Me: I don't know how to break it to him

Her: Find a way

I looked at the time..

Me: Look at the time.. I have to go

Her: See you later

I put the bowl in the sink and took my bag I walked up to the door and opened it.

Diamond was standing at my door step..

Her: Good morning

She looked good even in normal clothing she was wearing black Adidas track pants a white polo gold tshirt black sneakers and a leather jacket. She had a snapback on that she wore the other way around..

Me: What are you here so early?

She put her iPhone away..

Her: I am here to take you out for breakfast

I closed the door behind me..

Me: I already had breakfast

Her: Cereal isn't much of breakfast

Me: How did you know that I had cereal?

Her: You don't look like the type that can stand at the stove

Me: Well cereal is good enough for me..

Excuse me

I walked away and she held me back..

Her: Amber come on.. Don't be like that

I looked at her..

Her: You know that I feel you a lot

She bit her lower lip while still holding my hand..

Her: Come on I'm trying to make us work

Me: Why should I trust you?

Her: You don't have to trust me but you can trust the love that we have for each other

(Silence)

Me: Okay I'll have breakfast with you

She squeezed my cheek..

Her: That's my girl

Me: Let's go before I change my mind



She put her arm around my shoulders and we walked down the corridor..

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THAPS

Voice: Wake up Dear

She opened the curtains..

Her: You should've joined me for a jog

I got up while yawning..

Her: You still look tired

Me: I didn't get much sleep

She came and sat on the bed..

Her: I came and checked on you.. You were having a nightmare you were screaming

Me: I.. My ex boyfriend is giving me sleepless nights

Her: You think he will come after you?

I nodded..

Her: You safe here.. I can guarantee you that

Me: Can I ask you something?

Her: Go ahead

Me: Thandie.. Is she your Daughter?

She looked down while nodding..

Her: Are you her friend?

Me: Yes

Her: How did you figure it out? That she's my Daughter?

I looked around..

Her: Of course this was her bedroom

Me: You seem well off.. Why would Thandie choose such a life?

Her: Not everything is at it seems.. Come on go and bath and then we can talk while having breakfast you can wear some of her clothes

Me: Thank you.. Thank you very much for helping me

Her: Any friend of my Daughter is always welcome here.. How is she?

Me: She is strong.. Thandie is very strong

Her: I wish I can talk to her

Me: I would call her but my ex is probably tailing her hoping to get to me through her

Her: Well we will take it one day at a time something will eventually come up

Me: Thank you

Her: Come on go and bath

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AMBER

Diamond: Enjoying your breakfast?

Me: I am

Her: That's what I wanna hear

Me: Diamond..

Her: Listen I am very serious about you.. I mean it

She took out a small box and handed it to me..

Her: That's how serious I am

Me: Is this a ring?

Her: Open it

I opened it.. It was indeed a big ass diamond ring..

Her: I am taking our relationship to the next level

Me: Diamond I..

She stood up and came to my side  
something will eventually come up

Me: Thank you

Her: Come on go and bath

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AMBER

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Me: Diamond I..

She stood up and came to my side she took the ring from me..

Her: I am very serious about you

She slipped it in..

Her: It's a perfect fit

Me: This is crazy

Her: I love you and I mean it.. This is my way of showing you that I'm not playing with you

She kissed my hand..

Me: You are crazy

Her: What do you say?

I looked at her...

Me: Okay let's take our relationship to the next level

I stood up and wrapped my hands around her neck we kissed..

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THAPS

I joined Nono for breakfast next to the pool.

She was living large this life of hers appears very expensive..

Her: That dress looks better on you

Me: Thank you

I sat down..

Me: Your house is very beautiful

Her: Thank you.. My husband was very rich he left everything to me

Me: "Was"

Her: He is late

Me: Ohw.. I'm sorry

Her: Now I had to take over everything.. His businesses so I'm full hands on you will be alone in the house most of the time

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

Her: Well eat child.. My maid didn't prepare all of this for nothing

Me: Thank you

I was scared to get comfortable I have been burned a lot but Thandie wouldn't have told me to come here if she didn't trust her Mom..

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Chapter 22

ROSE [DIAMOND]

I love Amber a lot but proposing to her was not really part of the plan I did it so that I can win her over on my side. See.. I cannot do what I do if she's still a consultant for the FBI because though I make sure I clean up my mess she can still bust my ass and have me locked up. The engagement will give her time to think about what is really important to her..

Anathi: All the information you need on the trophy wife

Me: Thank you

I took the file..



Her: How are things between you and your law enforcement girlfriend

Me: Are you in the crew?

Her: I am a PI for the crew and the tech person so yes I am part of the crew

Me: How many heists have you done with us?

Her: Where is this going exactly?

I shrugged my shoulders..

Me: I don't know hey.. I just don't know how my personal life would be of any interest to you

Her: Sorry for asking

I slightly hit her with the file on her back..

Me: Stick to what you know

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THAPS

Nono: I am going out for a while.. Business

Me: Ohw

Me: Don't worry you safe here he won't be able to get to you.. My security system is top class

Me: Okay

Her: See you later

Me: Uhm Sis'Nono

She stopped and looked at me..

Me: I don't mean to be forward but I.. You didn't tell me what happened between you and Thandie why did she leave home

She sat next to me..

Her: Thandie's Father passed on when Thandie was very young leaving us with nothing I was a young single Mom and I was struggling a great deal. A year after I met a very financial stable man and we got married then he.. He started sexually abusing my Daughter she told me but there wasn't anything I could do. See he was a very well connected man and was associated with

dangerous People so I.. I couldn't even report him to the police. I failed my Daughter and that's how she ran away from home

Me: That's sad

Her: I know but I'll wait for the day when she's going to come back home.. She has to come back home one day

Me: I'm sure she will because the life that we were living is..

Her: What is it that she does?

Me: She.. Uhm(clears throat) she is a prostitute.. She is being prostituted by the same man who abused me

Her: I thought as much..

She seemed saddened by what I told her..

Me: What happened to your husband?

Her: Don't worry he won't hurt you or any girl ever again

She killed him

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She killed him that statement is clear that she killed him. She looked at the time..

Her: I have to go Dear have to meet a business associate Edward De Luca doesn't like to be kept waiting

She stood up and walked away..

"De Luca" I have heard that surname before..

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AMBER

Craig: So what do you think?

I was lost deep in my thoughts..

Him: Amber

I looked at him..

Him: So? What do you think?

I looked at the crime scene he hasn't seen the ring yet My hands were in my coat pockets..

Him: Is everything alright with you?

Me: Yeah I think so

Him: Victim's name is Pearl 18 years old and the only child born to her parents..

She was killed at her driveway execution style..

Craig: Her Mom came in this morning from her night shift and found her Daughter lying dead on the ground

Me: Enemies?

Craig: Nope.. Her Mom says she was liked and she was an A student was currently doing her matric

I nodded..

Him: Are you sure that you okay?

Me: Yeah I'm fine

Frank made his way to us..

Frank: Murder weapon

He flashed the evidence bag to us..

Me: Let me look at that

He handed it to me...

Frank: (whistling) that's a big rock

Me: Uhm... Thank you

Craig: What the hell is going on? What is this?

Me: I'm engaged

Frank: I didn't know that you were seeing someone

Craig pulled me on a side..

Him: What the hell? Is that Rose De Luca?

Me: Yes

Him: Dammit Amber!! Can't you see that she is using you? She is stringing you along?

Me: I love her and she loves me too

Him: Amber get real here!!!!!!

(Silence)

Me: I can't believe this.. Why can't you be happy for me?

Him: This is a joke!!!

Frank: Guys when you done.. We actually have a crime scene here

Me: Rose is my Fiancé now.. Better get used to it!!

I went back to the crime scene..

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ABEO

She can't have gone far!! She's not that smart!!

Thukzin: We searched her usual places and nothing chief

Me: What about Thandie?

Him: She hasn't done anything suspicious

Me: You need to find her

Him: I will boss.. I'm on top of it



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Chapter 23

ROSE [DIAMOND]

This was going to be a bit harder than I had anticipated This woman she's hardly at home always out going to beauty spa's shopping and expensive hotels. She is never in one place and that's going to be very difficult for me if I have to do this..

Security monitor: You have a visitor downstairs

I closed the file and made my way to to the monitor it was Amber. I let her up..

I went and put the file in the drawer and pretended that I was making myself a cup of coffee. The elevator opened and she walked out I could tell by how messy her hair was that she was upset about something. She usually ties it though she doesn't get of all it

perfectly but she does get a few but today her hair was just all over. Her cheeks were red another indication that she was upset about something..

Her: Hey

She threw her bag on the counter

Me: Hey

She sighed..

Me: Coffee?

Her: No I'm fine

I put my mug down and made my way to her I put both my hands on her shoulders..

Me: What's wrong?

Her: Craig and I got into it at work

Me: What happened?

Her: He is not so much for the engagement

Me: Is it because you got engaged to a girl?

Her: No because I got engaged to you

She turned around and looked at me..

Her: Craig is very sure that your Father was behind my Mother's murder

Me: That's deep.. Does he have proof?

Her: it is no secret that your Father is very ruthless and cunning My Father was an informant for the FBI and he was very close to having your Father locked away for a long time until your Father shut him up by having my Mother killed!! Your family is very ruthless

Me: If so then why are you with me?

Her: Wow!!

She took her bag and left the room she made her way upstairs..

I went back and took out the file..

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THAPS

The house phone rang I went to answer it since I was alone..

Me: Hello?

Voice: Thaps hey

Me: Thandie??

Her: Yes it's Me

Me: Why.. Why are you calling me? Ab

Her: Relax he won't be able to trace the call I promise

Me: How are you? Are you well?

Her: I'm fine was just checking if you have arrived safe

Me: Yes I have.. Your Mom let me stay at her house

Her: That's good

Me: Is Abeo searching for Me?

Her: Yes he is.. You know how he is he is making our lives difficult

Me: Ohh Thandie.. Abeo is cruel I don't want him to kill you

Her: Don't worry about me I'm okay

Me: Why don't you just come back home?  
Your Mom she's a very nice woman she will..

Her: Just because she's nice to you doesn't  
mean she's a good person

she was never a good Mother to me. There's  
this things that woman did to me that I can't  
forgive you out of all people should  
understand

Me: I understand

Her: Just stay by the phone everyday at this  
time if you don't hear from Me then I'm afraid  
something might have happened to me

Me: Okay

Her: Bye

Me: Bye

What's the point of being safe while my friend  
who helped me can die soon it's not fair..

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DIAMOND

Getting on with my work is going to be difficult with all these visitors that I'm having I gave my Father access to come up..

Me: What brings you here?

Him: I can't visit my Daughter anymore?

Me: I'm serious Edward.. What are you doing here?

Him: I am here to talk to you

Me: something to drink?

Him: What do you have?

Me: Glenfidish Jonny Walker Jack Daniel's Ballentines Grant's

Him: Grant's

Me: What do you wanna talk about?

I went and poured him the whiskey..

Him: What's happening with you?

Me: With regards to what?

Him: You have abandoned the crew

Me: I didn't abandon them

I gave him the glass...

Him: I am taking you off the trophy wife case  
you going back to the crew. We need to get  
the diamonds while it's still easy before Braga  
comes back

Me: I might not even do it because I have  
enough money on my side

Him: You don't have a choice now do you?

He took the file from the table..

Him: I want those diamonds

Amber made her way down..

Edward: Who is that? (whispering)

I waited for her to get to us..

Me: Edward I want you to meet my Fiancé  
Amber and Amber this is my Father Edward

Edward: Fiancé?

Me: Yeah

Edward: How do you do Ms Amber?

Edward extended his hand to her Amber just looked at it..

Edward: Not big on handshakes I see..

Amber: I am Amber Brooks I'm sure that rings a bell?

Edward: I don't see how it would

Amber: You had my Mother killed a couple years ago because my Father was an informant for the FBI and you wanted to silence him so you went to what mattered to him the most

Him: Those are serious allegations.. If that was true why am I not arrested?

Amber: I am a consultant with the FBI and I have solved many cases with them and I will put you behind bars for all the nonsense that you about



Him: Let's drink to that shall we?

Me: Edward

Him: What? I have a lot of hits right now everyone wants a piece of me and I am welcoming her into the club she should take a number

Amber: And yours will be up soon

Edward gulped down the whiskey..

Edward: I should get going

He looked at Amber and then looked at me..

Him: You should bring this lovely girl tomorrow at my house I am having dinner with a few friends

Amber: Well I'm not friends

Him: Of course not.. You family now and family comes first to me Ms Brooks

He started walking away then stopped..

Him: Ohh and by the way.. I expect nothing but loyalty from family have a lovely day Ms Brooks

He continued walking to the elevator..

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THAPS

Nono came back..

Her: Hey how was staying at home?

Me: I will get used to it soon

Her: I'm glad to hear that

She handed me a plastic..

Her: I got you this

Me: What is it?

Her: A dress and heels

Me: Why?

Her: Tomorrow I'm having dinner with a business associate I would like you to come along

Me: I.. I don't thi..

Her: Fresh air will do you good.. Come on now go fit the dress I hope the heels will fit I kind of like got your shoe size from the shoes you wearing now

Me: Nono this is.. I don't know what to say

Her: Just say thank you

Me: Thank you

Her: It's time to experience the beauty of love my girl

Me: Thank you very much

Her: You welcome

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Chapter 24

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AMBER

I was laying on the couch watching Tv when Diamond came and sat next to me she put my legs on top of her and massaged my feet. She has a very gentle and tender touch..

Her: What are you watching?

Me: Nothing much just the crime channel

I went back to watching..

Her: Sorry about earlier on I didn't mean it

I didn't say anything..

Her: I'm tired of fighting with you Babzie we should be enjoying our engagement and our relationship

Me: I'm tired of fighting too

She flashed a side smile..

Her: You know I like how you stood up to my Father

Me: I don't know if I should even say thank you

I chuckled..

Her: When are you moving in?

Me: I don't know I can't leave my Father

Her: You should've thought about that before saying yes

She tickled me under my foot..

Me: Stop it!.. (Laughing)

Her: Serious though

Me: I have been thinking about taking him into a home

Her: That could work we could search a few then go check them out tomorrow

Me: Have to find affordable ones though or my salary won't make it

Her: We need to find one that will be comfortable for him I will take care of everything

Me: You have done enough

Her: We a team remember?

Me: Thank you... Thank you very much

Her: I have a better way of saying thank you

She got ontop of me and we kissed..

Me: You so naughty

Her: So are you

We continued kissing..

Me: Can we talk?

Her: Now?

Me: Yes

Her: What do you wanna talk about?

I cleared my throat..

Me: Our sex life

Her: Uhm okay

She got off..

Me: everything is good trust me just that I would like more

Her: I'm listening

Me: maybe getting toys from my side since I am for a dick too.. A dildo will do a vibrator you know spice things up

Her: Ayt we will get that then

Me: Then for now a tongue game will do

I kissed her again..

I am new to all of this considering the fact that I am not lesbian but I surprisingly enough I respond very well to our her touch and our 4play..

I sat ontop of her and we continued kissing while she took off my tshirt..

Her: I love you

Me: I love you too

She kissed me on my neck and then my chest then she went to play with her tongue around my nipple while massaging the other one. I felt the pleasure kick in..

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THAPS

I was at the kitchen making myself something to eat when I felt that someone was standing behind me you the feeling you get when you know very well that someone is standing behind you. I turned around and this handsome white guy was standing at the doorway starring at me I panicked..

Him: I'm sorry I didn't mean to scare you I was still scared..

Him: My name is Ray.. Short for Raymond and my Father is Nono's business partner I'm here with him. They discussing business so I thought I could get something to drink

Abeo has put a little trust on me when it comes to Men

Him: What's your name?

I held on to the water bottle..



Him: Are you related to Nono?

I made my way out of the kitchen and went to the bedroom I locked myself in there and sank down at the door..

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AMBER

She started with only one finger then proceeded to putting two while her tongue played around my clitoris It was very pleasurable a bit painful when she went hard but there was also pleasure at the same time..

I held her hand as she went on and she stopped I slowly let go and she continued. She went on until I was ready to come I couldn't hold back my screams and I couldn't hold still. My breathing seized a little and I squeezed the cushion very hard while letting out a loud moan. When I had finally came I tried catching my breath and then she just went on

to suck in my juices she then came up and kissed me. Making me taste my own come. That was very intense she pulled my hair back and looked at me..

Me: That was intense

Her: It was wasn't it?

She kissed me again..

Me: Would you like some tongue game?

Her: No I'm good

Me: You always satisfy me but you don't want me touching you

She got off me and started dressing up..

Me: What's wrong?

Her: Nothing.. Get dressed so we can get those toys

She kissed me on my cheek and then walked upstairs.

That was weird..

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BRAGA [YAMKELA]

I was outside smoking the sun was going down probably it was hitting 18:00 now..

The Guard came to me..

Me: Want some?

Him: No ngi grand (I'm good)

(Silence)

Him: You getting out in a few weeks time

Me: I can't wait

Him: Any favours that I can do you for you?

Me: No I'm good.. Can I be taken back to my cell now?

Him: Ya sure

He took me to my cell..

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AMBER

Diamond: Ready?

Me: Yeah I'm ready

Her: Let's go

She accessed the elevator and then we made our way in. We were both silent as the elevator went down she directed us to the garage. The elevator opened and we walked out I'm still amazed at the collection of cars that she has..

She took out car keys from her pockets and handed them to me..

Her: This is for you

I took them it was a Mercedes Benz..

Her: It's yours.. The ML 500 it's all yours

I looked at it it was parked there. It was silver..

Me: Ar..I cannot accept this

Her: I am obsessed with Sports cars now and I haven't driven it in a very long time it was actually my first car. So instead of it just parked there and collecting dust you can have it

Me: Ohh my word I can't believe this!! You can be serious

Her: I am

I was soo excited I went and hugged her she picked me up..

Me: Thank you very much

I kissed her..

Me: Thank you I love you soo much

Her: You deserve it Babzie

She kissed me again..

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Chapter 25

DIAMOND

The crew and I met up at our secret location as always to discuss the diamonds and how we going to get them before the owner gets released. Despite my feelings I don't have much of a choice as much as Edward is my Father but he is still my boss too so every job is important. Anathi gave us the files..

Anathi: Gentle ladies and a gentleman presented to you is Yamkela best known as "Braga"

We opened the files..

Anathi: She is associated with a gang called the "Skulls" co-founder and leader is Sean Cowen known as Braga

Tarquin: Braga and Braga? I'm confused

Anathi: Yamkela idolizes Braga so she named herself after him.. Role model type of shit

Ray: Have they yet?

Anathi: Yes

Me: So if this Braga Yamkela person is associated with a gang do we really wanna crucify ourselves? Hand ourselves on a silver platter?

Anathi: She's not part of the gang

Tarquin: That settles it

I threw the file ontop of the table..

Me: I have a bad feeling about this

Tarquin: Since when do you chicken out of a mission?

Me: One that might get me killed! I have a fiancé now I wouldn't wanna put her through that

Tarquin: Just say it! You ditching us over some FBI bitch who might bust your Ass soon!

Traitor!

Me: Excuse you?

Ray: Can yall fucken stop?

Anathi: I was even thinking of getting pacifiers

Ray: We going to do this! These diamonds are worth a fortune not only is Edward benefiting but us too! If we pull this off we set for what? 3 years?

We all kept quiet..

Anathi: I guess we all on the same page now I will pull through the coordinates of the secret location of the diamonds when you guys get there you on your own

Tarquin: I will scan the place before put trackers and cameras so you can guide us

Anathi: Now you thinking

Me: She's still in jail right?

Anathi: Yes.. She'll be out though in a week or two weeks time that's why you cats have to hurry

Me: How about we pin her there for a long time

Anathi: Hmmmm?



Me: Pay a guard to plant coke under her pillow or something

Anathi: Diamond it's not that easy

Me: Why?

Anathi: The guards are loyal to her

Ray: I'm sure we can find someone

Anathi: I'll check

Tarquin: In the meantime you can send me the coordinates to go and scan the place

Anathi: Sure thing

Tarquin: Let me go

Ray: See you around

She walked out..

Anathi: Are you guys ever going to sort your shit out?

Me: There's nothing to solve she's in her feelings

Ray: I'll feel the same way if my best friend was sleeping with law enforcement where is the loyalty

Me: Whatever Man

Ray: So I went to Nono's place earlier

Me: And?

Ray: I saw this beautiful thing

Anathi: Her Daughter?

Ray: I don't think so

Me: So who is she?

Ray: I don't know but I will find out

Anathi: Are you also going to kill her?

I hit her at the back of her head?

Anathi: What? I mean two strippers are dead!

Ray: She's not a stripper

Me: Don't you think you should get help first before you..

Ray: I'm fine

Me: Ayt if you say so

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AMBER

When Diamond went about her own way I also drove back home in my now Mercedes Benz I was very much inlove with it. When I got home I Googled a few homes for my Father and I found at least three of them they were a bit pricy but they came highly recommended..

Viv: I still think this one is good

Me: Me too

Viv: I wonder if he will agree

Me: He has no choice

(Silence)

Viv: You really love this girl don't you?

Me: I think I do..

Viv: You never struck me as a lesbian

Me: Diamond is different she's.. I don't know even know how to start to describe her

We heard a knock at the door..

Viv: As long as you happy.. I'm happy too

Me: I'll get that.. Don't worry you still going to get a 30 days notice and you still going to get paid

Viv: Girl.. I know that I know my rights..

I opened the door and it was Craig..

Me: Craig

He made his way in..

Craig: Viv

Viv: Hey Craig

Craig: How is the old man?

Viv: You know how he is

Craig: Still difficult?

Viv: You can say that

Me: Can I get you something to drink?

Craig: I'm actually not here to stay

Me: Ohw

Him: I am here to give you this

He handed me a letter..

Me: What is this?

Him: The FBI won't be requiring your services anymore

I chuckled..

Me: Is this some kind of a joke?

Him: No

Viv: Craig..

Him: De Lucas are still under investigation for a lot of unresolved cases and you being involved with them will sabotage the case

Me: You just doing this because of Diamond don't you?

Him: Taking us to the CCMA will be useless as you were just consulting on a few cases your contract was due to expire soon

Me: This is so shallow of you you need me

Him: That's what you think but in actual fact we don't.. We can get another consultant

He looked at Viv..

Craig: Good night Viv

Viv shook her head..

I can't believe Craig is doing this to me..

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THAPS

"He pointed his gun at me right against my forehead. My knees were shaking..

Me: Abeo please

Him: After everything I have done for you you think that you could just leave? Bitch I got you from the streets! I gave you a life"

Me: Ab..

Him: Bye bitch!!

He pulled the trigger and then I opened my eyes"

I looked around and it was dark in the bedroom my heart was beating fast and I was sweating. I got out of bed and put on my sleepers I made my way out of the bedroom to the kitchen. I got a glass but it fell as my hands were trembling and that's when the alarm system went off. I don't even remember the code anymore..

Nono rushed in after a minute or two holding a gun..

Me: It's me.. I'm sorry I triggered it by mistake  
She put the gun on the counter and punched in the code..

Her: Are you okay?

Me: Yes I'm fine

Her: Ohh sweety

I was lying I wasn't fine. My tears gave me away..

Her: Come here

I went to her and she hugged me..

Her: Know that you safe now.. I won't let anything happen to you

I held on to her for dear life..

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DIAMOND

"I gave her the bracelet

Me: I got you this

Her: Where did you get it?

Me: I have my ways

I put it around her wrist..

Her: Yintle (it's beautiful)

Me: And so are you

We looked at each other for a while and then out of nowhere we kissed"

I stopped throwing punches at the punching bag I tried catching my breath..



Me: Thaps where are you?

It was frustrating that I couldn't find her I need to find her..

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Chapter 26

YAMKELA (BRAGA)

"Sengikhumbul' ekhaya abazali bami Umama noBaba ngabashiya ngisesemncane"

At least once a week at night it has to be noisy around in the cell just singing and dancing having a good time and forgetting about our problems. Forgetting about the long sentences that await some of us. I don't usually engage in such I just lie on my bed and

be lost in my thoughts sometimes I just watch them having fun..

Cebo: You are no fun do you know that?

She sat on my bed. I was laying on my back with one knee up and my other leg was dangling on the floor. She laid her chin on my knee..

Her: Come and join?

Cebo is a very sweet girl I don't know how she got mixed up with trafficking drugs..

Me: You go on and have a good time I'm good

Warden: Thula sboshwa!! (keep quiet)

She hit the bars..

Warden: Akusemakini la!!! (this ain't your homes)

They started grumbling..

Warden: Voetsek!! Zonke etrasini! (everyone should go to sleep)

Cebo rolled her eyes..

Her: I don't know why she's always this grumpy.. Probably not getting some

She stood up and then came and laid next to me

Me: What are you doing?

She turned her head and looked at me..

Her: Nothing.. Just gazing at the non-existing stars

Me: Cebo..

The bars opened..

Warden: Zonke out!!! (everyone get out)

Cellmate: Zkhiphani manje Fader? (what's happening now)

Warden: We searching this whole cell.. Out!!

That was strange I know they randomly search the cells but never this late..

We all got up and made our way out she looked at me..

Cebo: That's strange.. They never search the cells at night

Me: It's very strange if you ask me

We waited and waited until they were done we then went back in. I sat on my bed and thought for a while then it just came to me that I should check my bed and I did. I found cocaine under my mattress..

Cebo: Is that?

Me: Shhhhhh

I put my hand over her mouth..

I slowly removed my hand..

Her: Do you know that can get you into a lot of trouble? It will interfere with you getting released

Me: I know that.. Obviously the Warden is trying to frame me

Her: What? Why?

Me: I don't know

I looked around..

Cebo: So what are you going to do?

I looked around..

Me: Is slash still giving you a problem?

Cebo: Yes..

Me: I will plant this under her pillow when she has fallen asleep.. You not supposed to tell anyone about this or else I'm going to be your next nightmare understand?

She nodded repeatedly..

Now why would the Warden try to set me up?  
Doesn't make sense

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AMBER

I didn't have a good night sleep I hardly slept last night. This morning I woke up to a bank notification of R12 000 the last income that I'm going to get from the FBI. I don't know why Craig would do this to me Yes maybe I

wasn't for my job at first but it paid the bills.  
He clearly didn't think of Dad..

It was 06:00am and my Dad was watching Tv  
He always gets up early to watch the news  
every morning. I don't know how I'm going to  
break this to him but I no longer have a  
choice. I am unemployed therefore I can't  
maintain the both of us anymore let alone  
pay Viv. Being a bar lady alone won't even pay  
half of our bills..

Me: Dad

He pretended as if like he didn't hear me..

Me: Dad we need to talk

I went in and sat down..

Me: I lost my job

Him: You lost your job? How did that happen?

Me: long story

Him: What's going to happen now?

Me: I.. I will have to put you in a home for a while and elderly home

Dad: You getting rid of me?

Me: Dad it's not like that.. I will get you back when I am well off again

He stood up..

Him: Why don't you just kill me instead?

Me: Dad you overreacting

He walked out..

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THAPS

Me: Good morning

Nono: Morning.. Sit down and have breakfast dear

I sat down..

Her: How are you feeling? Did you manage to get some sleep?

Me: Unfortunately No

Her: He would never hurt you at least not here in my house

She passed me a bottle of pills..

Her: Here..

Me: What is this?

Her: Sleeping pills.. They will help you have a peaceful sleep you should take one now so you can rest because later on we having guests over

Me: Guest?

Her: We were supposed to go to the De Luca residence and have dinner with them but instead it was change of plans they coming over here

Me: Ohw

Her: So you can rest a bit for later

Me: Do I have to show up?



Her: Sweetheart you not a shadow around here you exist so get used to being part of the family

She extended her hand to mine..

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DIAMOND

Me: Is it a must that I should be there?

Edward: It is I want all my children there

I exhaled..

Me: At what time is the dinner?

Edward: 20:00 at Nono's place

Me: Fine I'll be there I'll come with Amber

Edward: I will see you then

Me: Bye

Him: Bye

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YAMKELA

Warden: Phuma sboshwa!! (out you prisoner)

Cebo looked at me concerned the warden looked at me with a smirk on her face. Bloody retard!..

We all went out and they searched the cell..

Slash: This random searches are starting to bore me now!

Cellmate: You can say that again

They searched and searched and then they walked out two of the wardens made their way to Slash..

Slash: What's happening? What is this?

The other warden that wanted to set me up looked at me all mad guess me and her have a lot to talk about. Starting by her explaining why she wanted to set me up..

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### Chapter 27

YAMMY [BRAGA]

Chelsea came to see me Chelsea is a member of the skulls and currently my partner in the diamond business though she's not full hands on. I had called her earlier on to bring me something concrete on the Warden I need to know why she wanted to set me up..

Chelsea: I got you this

She handed me the picture of a little girl.

Her: That's her last born she's everything to her. She goes to a local primary school her Grandmother fetches her after school in the morning she goes with the other kids from the local neighborhood

I looked at the picture Of course I wouldn't hurt a child I just want her Mother to talk that's all..

Me: What's her name?

Her: Khanyisile

Me: Thank you

Her: Do you think she was paid off by someone?

Me: I am not sure but I think so

(Silence)

Her: Well find the sucker who who is framing you so that we can deal with him accordingly

Me: I'll do that and thanks again. It means a lot to me

Her: Anytime

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AMBER

Leaving my Father at an elderly home was hard it's an environment that he doesn't know and he has to get used to being around strangers. He didn't say a word up until we got here he is sure that I'm abandoning him..

Nurse: Sign here too

I signed..

Nurse: That's all.. Thank you

I looked around..

Nurse: Your father is going to be safe here  
don't worry

I exhaled..

Me: He feels like I have abandoned him

Nurse: It always seems so to everyone at first  
but give him time maybe a month he will  
adjust

Me: Thank you

Viv came back..

Me: How is he?

Viv: Still upset but he likes the view from his  
bedroom

She put her on my shoulder..

Her: I am very proud of you go out there and  
live your life.. Enjoy your life

Me: Thank you Viv and thank you for what you have done for me and my Father

She smiled..

Her: I was just doing my job

Me: You did that and more

Her: I'm glad that I could help let's go

We walked out. Diamond didn't come she just sent me money's for the deposit..

I took out my phone and called her..

Her: How did it go Babzie?

Me: It was hard

Her: How is the home though?

Me: It's very warm and very welcoming

Her: He will be fine

Me: I hope so..

Her: I'll see you at home later on

Me: I'll pass by at my place to pack up and I'll give back the keys to the landlord

Her: Do you need help?

Me: Not really I'll be fine it's just clothes since I'm giving most of my furniture away to Viv

Her: Alright I'll see you then

Me: I love you..

Her: I love you too

Me: Bye

Her: Bye

I will be dependent on Diamond for a while just until I can get back on my feet

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THAPS

Nono's pills really helped I slept like a baby. I woke up and went to the kitchen to drink water. It was a bit busy in there food was being prepared by a chef and Nono was giving instructions..

Nono: Dear how did you sleep?

Me: I slept well thank you

Her: You look better

Me: Thank you

She looked at the time..

Her: Only a few hours left before our guests arrive

These guests must be really important people for her to go out of her way in planning such a dinner..

Me: I'll be in the bedroom if you need me

Her: No problem

I got the water and then walked out..

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BRAGA

I went and stood next to the Warden..

Me: That was a stupid move you pulled there

She kept quiet..

Me: Who paid you?



She still remained quiet..

I pulled out the picture and showed her..

Me: Your little girl is so adorable

That got her attention Her eyes even widened..

Me: Would be a shame if something happened to her

Her: Where did you get this?

Me: I need a name

She kept quiet..

Me: You would sacrifice your own Daughter for someone else?

Her: If I talk they will come after me

Me: That's not compared to what I will have done to your Daughter

She looked at her..

Her: I don't know much but I was paid to set you up?

Me: By who?

Her: I don't know.. She didn't tell me her name

Me: Don't lie to me

Her: I promise you she didn't say her name  
She was genuine such people don't give out their names..

Me: It's a she?

She nodded..

Me: When are you meeting her again?

Her: Tonight

Me: Alright you won't be alone

Her: Please don't hurt my Daughter

Me: If you lead my friend to the person who set me up nothing will happen to your little girl. If you fuck me up she will pay.. Do you understand?

She nodded..

Me: Good

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Chapter 28

DIAMOND

I got Amber right were I wanted her. She no longer is with the FBI very much dependent on me and no longer getting along with her Brother. Don't get me wrong I love her but I had to take drastic steps on my safety now I will be able to do my job in Peace..

Me: Are you sure that you don't wanna come?

Her: I have a lot of unpacking to do plus I don't want Edward messing up my mood more

Me: I'm really sorry about your Father but very proud of you

Her: I'm still worried about him.. He is in an environment that he is not used too

Me: If it makes you feel better we will visit him a lot

Her: I doubt that he will even wanna see me

Me: Give him time he will come around

(Silence)

Her: At what time are you going to be back?

Me: Not sure but I'll keep it as short as possible not really a fan of such things

Her: I'm sure you will have fun

Me: Don't mock me

She laughed..

Me: Let me go.. I'm even late

I kissed her..

Me: I'll see you later

Her: Later it is

Me: I love you

Her: I love you too

I took my keys..

Her: When you come back we must discuss the security system around here I don't wanna be in jail

Me: We will have that fixed tomorrow

Her: Okay then

Me: If you get too bored I bought some toys you can play with yourself

She punched me a little on my shoulder..

Her: You nasty

I chuckled..

Me: Let me go

Her: Bye

Me: Bye

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THAPS

I wasn't in the mood for a crowd plus I was very much worried about Thandie she didn't call today. I went downstairs to the dinning room to join Nono and her guests..

Nono: Wow look at you.. You look beautiful

Me: Thank you

She stood up and came to me..

Her: I would like you to meet Mr Edward De Luca and his Son Roy they my business associates but more like family now..

Gentlemen meet Mathapelo but we call her Thaps

Edward: I didn't know that you had a Daughter

Nono: She's more like a family friend.. Dear you can have a sit

Roy: Let me

He stood up and opened the chair for me was very awkward but I didn't wanna seem rude so I sat..

Me: Thank you

Roy: Wine?

Me: Ummm.. Just a bit

He poured wine for me

Edward: You look a bit familiar

Nono: She does?

Edward: She does

Me: Funny enough you look familiar too.. Just don't Remember were I have seen you before

He did look familiar..

Nono: Is Rose coming?

Edward: I hope so..

Roy: She is.. She just has a problem with keeping time

Nono: Should we eat?

Edward: Yes I think so

Nono: I'll alert the chef to bring in the starters

Roy: Are you comfortable?

Me: Yes I am

It was mad hard being in the presence of such rich People I was very nervous. All my life I have been a doormat never expected to share a table with such rich people..

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BRAGA

The Warden escorted me to a private room  
Chelsea gave him money..

Him: Thank you

He took the money and went to stand at the door..

Chelsea: I found the person that paid off the Warden to set you up

Me: Who is it?



She handed me the file I opened it and took out pictures..

Me: Who is she?

Her: Anathi.. She works for the De Luca family

Me: Anathi?? Anathi??.. I don't know her

Her: What would the De Luca family want from you?

Me: Good question

Her: So what's the plan?

I looked at the pictures..

Me: We don't make a move.. Let's see what they up too first

She nodded..

Me: Keep these safe

I gave her the pictures...

Me: We might need them

I'll keep them safe..

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THAPS

The dinner was going well

I opened it and took out pictures..

Me: Who is she?

Her: Anathi.. She works for the De Luca family

Me: Anathi?? Anathi??.. I don't know her

Her: What would the De Luca family want from you?

Me: Good question

Her: So what's the plan?

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THAPS

The dinner was going well better than I had anticipated or was it the wine that kept me at a very relaxing and calm state..

Nono: How did you guys find that?

Me: Was delicious.. Not what I'm used too but it was delicious

Roy: I can't wait for dessert

The door bell rang..

Me: I'll get that

Roy: No let me

He got up and walked to the kitchen..

Edward: What are we having for dessert?

Me: We shall let the chef surprise us

Nono: Did you enjoy your dish Dear?

Me: Yes I did thank you

Roy walked back in first he was arguing with someone..

Edward: It's about damn time!!

Voice: Got held up

The voice sounded very familiar I was glancing down at my plate..

Voice: I'm here now so everyone should be happy

It cannot be.. I looked up and she pulled a chair then sat down. Though she looked a few millions better but it was her it was Angie. I couldn't believe my eyes my emotional guiding state kicked in I was overwhelmed by shock..

She ran her eyes around to everyone until they landed on me her face was also written shock a bit...

Nono: Baby Meet the hard headed one in the De Luca family meet Rose. Rose this is..

Rose: Thaps??

Nono: Yes Thaps.. How did you know?

Rose: Thaps is that really you?

I was close to crying..

Roy: Are we missing something?

Edward: Do you two know each other?

Me: Ex.. Excuse Me..

I stood up and walked out..

Nono: Mathapelo

Rose: Thaps.. Wait

Before I could even make it to the stairs  
someone grabbed me by my arm..

I turned around and we came face to face  
with each other only I didn't have any words..

Her: How did you?.. I am not seeing things am  
I?

I yanked my arm from her grip..

I walked upstairs..

Her: Thaps wait!!

Me: Just stay away from Me!!

Her: Come on

Roy: Is everything okay?

Me: Leave me alone Angie..

She attempted to come close but Roy stopped her..

Me: Stay away from Me Angie or should I say Rose?

I continued walking away..

Her: Mathapelo wait..

Roy: I think you should leave

Rose: I just wanna talk to her

Roy: Dude just leave!!

Nono: What the hell is happening here?

I rushed straight to the bedroom and then locked the door I walked backwards until I got close to the bed and sat down. I was literally shaking..

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Chapter 29

THAPS

I woke up the following morning with swollen eyes I had been crying the whole night. I didn't reunite with Angie anymore because years and years had passed and she never kept her promise of looking for me I waited I had hope and she never showed up. I was living a very brutal life being physically abused and raped at times with my aching body Abeo would force himself on me several times even when my body was aching. Angie living the life that she's living I feel like she had more resources to use and look for me but she

never did she never gave a thought about me..

I joined Nono for breakfast outside in the garden

Nono: Good morning sweetie

Me: Morning

I sat down..

Her: You don't look good your eyes are all puffy and swollen

Me: I'll be fine

Her: I know that it's upsetting but.. I am confused what really happened last night? You and Rose?

I kept quiet for a while..

Me: Rose and I know each other from way back

Her: You do?



Me: Yes.. We were very close we were always there for each other with our fucked up lives we were always there for each other

Her: Then what happened?

Me: We were separated when she was adopted and she promised to come back for me but she never did she went on with her life and forgot all about me then I had to find other means to survive I couldn't survive alone in the streets that's when I met Abeo

Nono: Ohh Mathapelo.. What about home?

Me: Home.. I don't have a home never did

Nono: I'm truly sorry that you went through what you went through no girl deserves to go through such

Me: It's okay.. I survived

Her: You know what? Eat up and then we will go and do shopping it's therapy

Me: I don't know about that

Her: Don't worry about your Ex.. He will never hurt you I'll make sure of that.. I promise

I nodded..

Her: Now eat up.. Don't worry we going to have a good time

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AMBER

I didn't even hear Diamond come in last night

I'll make sure of that.. I promise

I nodded..

Her: Now eat up.. Don't worry we going to have a good time

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AMBER

I didn't even hear Diamond come in last night

I woke up alone and when I went downstairs she was sitting on the couch drinking coffee.

She wasn't even watching Tv her mind

seemed to be very far away. I went behind

the couch and put my arms around her I  
leaned over and kissed her on the cheek  
almost falling over..

Me: Good morning

She kissed my arm..

Her: Morning

I went on the other side and sat down next to  
her..

Me: Are you okay?

Her: I'm good

Me: I missed you last night didn't even hear  
you getting in bed

Her: You were fast asleep

Me: How was the dinner? Did something  
happen?

Her: Not really.. Was very boring as always  
We both kept quiet..

Me: So what are you doing today?

Her: Nothing much just gonna run a few errands and you?

Me: I don't know what I'm going to do seeing that I no longer have a job

Her: Something will probably come up

Me: I hope so

I feel like something is bothering Diamond and she's not telling me anything. We a couple she's supposed to tell me things..

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THAPS

Things like manicure and pedicure were just at the back of my mind I never thought that one day I'll actually be sitting and have someone work on my nails. The salon looked very fancy and very expensive. Nono is a good person and she has been very good to me I really appreciate what she's doing for me..

Nono: So in other news.. Someone really likes you

Me: Huh?

Her: Roy..

Me: Roy as in like.. Mr De Luca's Son?

Her: Yes

Me: I.. Why would he like me?

Her: What does that mean? What makes you think that you unlikable?

Me: To be liked by someone who is that rich and high class it's very hard to believe

Her: Do you know how beautiful you are?  
Have you looked at yourself in the mirror?

I exhaled..

Her: You very beautiful never doubt that..  
Your beauty was almost ruined by that  
monster who used to beat you up

That uplifted my spirit been a while since I  
last had someone tell me that..

Her: We should buy you a phone so that you  
can start living that man tried to break you

but he didn't succeed now it's time to live  
your life

It wasn't that easy especially with Abeo still  
out there..

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DIAMOND

The crew and I met up once more Anathi had  
came up with the plan on how we can access  
the Diamonds. Tarquin had gone to observe  
the place and she brought back reports..

Roy: So what happened between you and  
Thaps last night?

Me: Long story

I still can't believe that I met Thaps last night I  
have been looking for her for a very long  
time. Thaps was very special to me I wasn't  
going to forget about her that easily. I  
couldn't forget about her that easy..

Anathi gave us the plan..

Her: So this is the plan you guys can ask questions if you don't understand anything  
We looked at it..

Me: It's easily accessible

Tarquin: It's a very isolated place you don't really think that someone would come for your diamonds one day especially when you don't think that anyone knows that you have diamonds

Me: Can I be excused for a while?

Tarquin: We have to do this tomorrow

Me: I know but some other things are way too important

I have to talk to Thaps and talk things over..

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### Chapter 30

THAPS

I really felt good with all the beauty spa treatment we did I was inlove with my new hair and the new clothes I bought. Shopping really uplifted my spirit getting fresh air did me good.

Nono: How about we get you a job? Then you won't have to be in the house all the time it gets boring

Me: I don't know.. I just don't want Abeo to find me he is still out there and I'm still not safe

She nodded..

Her: I understand.. Well I hope it will uplift your spirit to know that we will be going to a wedding soon

Me: A wedding?



Her: Your friend Rose... She's going to get married soon she's engaged

The door bell rang..

Her: I'll get that

That wasn't shocking anymore though me and her had a special bond that went beyond just being friends it is a bit hurtful to hear that she has moved on completely..

I took my things and went to the bedroom. If someone told me that my life would be different today from how it was a few months ago I would tell you that you lying. My life has completely changed and I am very grateful for Thandie. She save me from horror if it wasn't for her I would be dead by now..

I heard a knock at the door..

Me: Come in

The door opened and Angie walked in well knowing Rose she doesn't give up easily..

Her: Hi..

Me: Hi..

Her: You look good

Me: Thank you

It was very awkward between us I never  
distance can do this to people..

Her: Thaps look..

Me: I don't wanna hear it

Her: I don't understand what you mad for?

Me: Really? You don't understand?

Her: Yes I don't

Me: That time when you left what did you  
say? You said you was gonna come back for  
me

Her: I did look for you

Me: Well you didn't look hard enough! With  
all the resources you have you didn't look  
hard enough because years passed! I thought  
I meant something to you

Her: You mean everything to me

Me: If that was true then you would've come back for me

Her: Thaps..

Me: When you left it was hard for me in the streets you knew that I was not strong. I met a guy Abeo he abused me day and night.

While you were enjoying your life I was abused sexually

he abused me day and night. While you were enjoying your life I was abused sexually physically and emotionally. He almost killed me! If it wasn't for Nono and her Daughter I would be dead by now!

I was getting emotional..

Her: Thaps look..

Me: No you look we were young okay and we needed each other back then. After you I have never been with another girl. I wasn't lesbian after all!!

She didn't know what to say my first time seeing her speechless. She didn't say anything but made her way to the door..

Me: Don't forget to send me the wedding invitation!!

She gave me the middle finger. I was hurt I won't lie I loved Angie and I wish she could have tried harder to look for me..

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AMBER

Me: Thank you

Him: You welcome

He went to the elevator..

He was here to fix the security system now I can go out and come back whenever I want. The system is only accessible to both me and her only..

It was really boring around the house all alone and doing nothing I should get a job soon but

in the meantime since Rose and I are due to get married soon I can probably start looking at some wedding catalogues..

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DIAMOND

What does one do to wash the pain away? They drink. I was in the club at the bar having whiskey I was broken by what Thaps said I never knew that she was abused like that and I should've looked harder for her..

Edward: No more whiskey

The bartender nodded I should've known that they would call him. This is what I hate about a family business...

He sat next to me..

Edward: Is it the new girl? That's staying at Nono's place?

I kept quiet..

Him: Wait... Is it the same girl that I found you on the streets with?

I nodded..

Him: I did think that I recognized her from somewhere

Me: I messed things up

Him: So what's happening with you guys?

Me: I promised to look for her and I did but I didn't look hard enough.. Tell me something why didn't you take both of us?

Him: Because you wouldn't be who you are if I took both of you I saw from that day that she makes you sane and some of the things that you doing you wouldn't have been so good at them had she been around. That pain of losing her or being separated from her rather is the reason why you this good at what you do!

Me: I never forgot about her

Him: For what it's worth I'm sorry but you did well for yourself without her look at everything you have achieved

I kept quiet..

Him: You have a beautiful fiancé waiting for you at home come.. I'll drop you off at home

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Chapter 31

YAMMY (BRAGA)

2 WEEKS LATER

I was relieved to be back at home back at my place were I don't have to follow any rules. It was a bit dusty unfortunately I don't like no one accessing my apartment when I'm not around when I was arrested my helper wasn't

coming anymore. When I was young My Mother used to frown upon me being a lesbian she is a Christian and she has always thought that I was possessed. On several occasions she would force me to go to church force me to wear dresses my family couldn't accept who I was and in turn a male family member went as far as sexually violating me and my Mother never said anything nor took action against this matter. That whole experience forced me into a life of being independent and being away from home the only person that was affected by this was my Sister Nelly. Nelly is currently in jail she killed her husband because the husband had raped his own Sister when the Sister came to live with them she had been kicked out by her abusive Mother. When Nelly got arrested she asked me to take the sister in her name was Amanda just until she was able to stand on her two feet seeing that she had no one else. I took her in and unfortunately things didn't



work out she went about her own way and became a strong independent woman. We used to keep contact until I got arrested but I know that wherever she is she is doing well. She has a food truck business..

Someone rang the bell repeatedly..

Me: I'm coming!

I went to open and it was Tank Tank is a close friend and my partner in our diamond business...

Him: I didn't think you would be home

Me: I just arrived.. What's up?

Him: I come bearing bad news

Me: What's happening?

Him: Two days ago our territory was invaded and Chelsea got shot

Me: Wait.. what?

Him: They took our whole diamonds

(Silence)

I hit the counter frustrated by what I was hearing...

Me: Fuck!!! What do you mean that our diamonds were stolen?

Him: I don't know what happened

Me: Who fucken knew about our secret place?

Him: I really don't know Yamms

I hit the counter a couple of times again until my hand was painful..

Him: When the alarm went off my phone alerted me then Chelsea called since she was the closest she drove there alone and she was overpowered

Me: What did you pick up from the surveillance camera?

Him: They destroyed it first these people knew what they were were doing. Our only best chance is Chelsea at identifying them

Me: This is not happening..

Him: Do you want me to start with the search?

Me: No first we need to see that Chelsea is recovering then we going to search for the culprits..

Let me get my Keys..

I just got out of jail and already I'm about to catch a case..

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DIAMOND

Two days ago when Tarquin and I went for the diamonds we thought that it was going to be a clean job since we went over the plan a lot of times. I got shot in my arm by some blonde bitch it was a messy situation but I took her out with 3 bullets.

I got admitted because I had lost a lot of blood Roy was standing guard outside and Tarquin was already out and when it was my

turn to go out bitch showed up from nowhere. I'm just thankful I was more faster than her Tarquin was already far to come back and cover me on time. I'm also thankful that she was alone if it was just more than one person I don't know what I would've done...

Amber was very worried I didn't want her to know that I got shot but then again I didn't want her to be worried about me and start sticking her nose where it doesn't belong

Amber: How are you feeling now?

Me: I'm better.. At least I'll be out tomorrow

Her: I'm glad.. I was really worried about you I held her hand..

Me: I'm okay don't worry

Her: I hope they will find the culprits drivebys still exist?

Me: Ya it's messed up

I heard a knock at the door and then Roy made his way in he wasn't alone. He was with Thaps. Edward told me that they now romantically involved and quite frankly they spend a lot of time together.

They were holding hands when they walked in I wonder what Thaps is playing at. A part of me thinks that she's doing this out of spite..

He hugged Amber and kissed her on her cheek..

Roy: How are you doing?

Amber: I'm well and you?

Roy: I'm good

He slightly hit me on the shoulder..

Him: How are you holding up?

Me: I'm good.. I'm getting there

Thaps was looking very good I wonder what Thaps is playing at. A part of me thinks that she's doing this out of spite..

He hugged Amber and kissed her on her cheek..

Roy: How are you doing?

Amber: I'm well and you?

Roy: I'm good

He slightly hit me on the shoulder..

Him: How are you holding up?

Me: I'm good.. I'm getting there

Thaps was looking very good I have never seen her looking this beautiful and dressed nice. Nono is really taking good care of her..

Amber looked at Thaps..

Roy: This is my girlfriend Thaps.. And Thaps this is Amber she is Rose's fiancé

They shook hands..

Amber: Nice meeting you

Thaps: Same here and please send me a wedding invitation

She looked at me when she said that..

Amber: I sure will

This was a messed up situation the more I see her. The more and more those old feelings come back..

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YAMMY (BRAGA)

Chelsea was in a very critical condition they had removed the bullets but she was still in a very bad state. My heart shattered a bit knowing that I wasn't there to protect her and save her we a team. She has always been there for me and I should've been there for her..

Me: When I find the person who did this they going to be sorry..

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THANDIE

Life has not been good for me what Abeo did to Thaps he now was doing to me. He still hasn't given up on looking for Thaps and I wasn't talking. Many might think that I'm stupid by doing this for a friend putting my life on the line for a friend. He pinned me against the wall he had his strong hand around my neck. I was naked and his other hand was down on my cookie forcefully inserting his fingers deep inside. It was very uncomfortable and I didn't like it he has been torturing me for a week now..

I was tired of crying begging him my whole body was aching I had bruises all over. I was tired emotionally and physically drained. I don't know how Thaps survived such cruelty..

Him: Just die already!!! You hear me? Die!!

Tears streamed down..

The door was kicked open he let go of me as I dropped to the floor. Two men walked in..



Abeo: What is this?

One aimed at him and started shooting him I closed my ears while screaming. He fell on the floor bleeding profusely. I was scared when I saw shoes approaching me. I looked up at this white man he looked at the one who shot Abeo..

Him: Get her a towel

He then looked at me and stretched his hand..

Him: My name is Edward De Luca I am here to take you home

I was literally shaking..

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Chapter 32

THAPS

I received a call from Nono letting me know that Thandie was at the hospital. Roy drove me to the hospital and I was scared but also confused at the same time. Where was Abeo? Did Thandie run away from him? I didn't know what was happening and I was anticipating an explanation when I get there. I thought that Thandie wasn't going to survive Abeo but I guess she is stronger than what I gave her credit for. We enquired at the reception and they gave us her ward then we made our way there I could feel my heart beating up to my throat. We walked in and she was there with Nono I made my way to her and hugged her..

Me: I thought I was never going to see you again

Nono: Don't squeeze to tight sweetie she has fresh bruises

Me: I'm sorry I just..

Her: It's okay

I broke the hug. I wasn't happy to see her in that state the swollen red eye bruises she had lost weight. She didn't look like her old self but nevertheless I was grateful that she was alive..

Me: How did you? Where is Abeo?

Thandie: He won't be a problem anymore he is gone.. Forever

Nono: Now you girls can live your lives free from fear

Thandie: He's dead

That sounded a bit too easy I wanted him to suffer I want him to feel what he has put us through. I wanted his sins to catch up with him..

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YAMMY (BRAGA)

This was a serious situation that called for me to inform the Skulls about Chelsea. Chelsea is a crucial member of a gang known as the

"Skulls". I met up with Shabba he is Sean Cowen's right hand man Cowen is the founder and the leader of the Skulls. The Skulls are based in each and every province each province has a leader that is responsible for the Skulls in that area since Cowen cannot be present in each and every province but he still remains the supreme leader for all the Skulls. The Skulls aren't really your typical Gangster crew they a family. Loyalty means more to them than anything else and most of them are professionals you have Doctors Lawyers etc. They very influential..

Shabba: When did you get out?

Me: This morning

Shabba: How is everything going?

Me: Everything is not going well

Shabba: K'hambani? (what's happening)

Me: Someone stole my diamonds not someone exactly.. Some crew stole my diamonds

He whistled..

Him: What crew?

Me: Not sure yet but I think I have an idea of who is responsible

Him: I thought security was tight?

Me: Were the diamonds were situated in it's a place that no one knew about only Me Chelsea and Tank..

Him: Well Chelsea wouldn't have betrayed you she lives by the code Baby girl knows Loyalty means everything

Me: I know and Tank is homeboy he wouldn't betray me

Him: Where is Chelsea?

Me: Ya that's another problem.. Baby girl got shot 3 bullets she's in a very critical state

(Silence)

Shabba: It's terrible that they stole your diamonds but what's more terrible is that how are you going to explain to Cowen how Baby girl got shot? You two were supposed to be a tight clique and always look out for each other.. Chelsea is family and what you telling me now is messed up

I laid back on the chair..

Me: I know

Him: So what are you going to do?

Me: I need to find out how many they are first I am alone since Chelsea is not well and Tank he is not trained well he is more on the tech side.. That's why I asked to meet up with you If it's more than just one I'm going to need your help

Him: How many are they? And how sure are you that it's them who ever they are?

Me: I suspect someone called Rose De Luca she goes by the name of Diamond

Him: Wait did you just say Diamond?

Me: Yes..

Him: Fuck!!

Me: What?

Him: Diamond is a professional hitwoman she has always been trained to kill. She won't even need her crew to go after you she is more of doing things herself. If you wanna go after her you will have to do it alone. This is between you and her you will have to take her down on your own just as she would take you down on her own but whatever happens you got to win you a skull. Losing is not an option you have to outsmart her..

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DIAMOND

Tarquin walked in..

Her: How you feeling?

Me: I'm good

She pulled the bench and sat down..

Her: The diamonds are locked in a safe place next week we going to be shipping them they worth a lot of money

Me: Good

Her: Look I did a background check on this Yamkela chick and I must say she has quite a resume

Me: Oh yeah?

Her: She will come after us

Me: This is my fight I want you and Roy to step back

Her: Ya Rose this is not like taking out a housewife this Yamkela or Braga as they call her she is pretty smart and she has a strong alliance



Me: I think my resume top hers I more dead bodies than the morgue

She chuckled..

Her: For real though be careful

Me: I sure will

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Chapter 33

DIAMOND

I don't do well with hospitals I was feeling a whole lot better other than my aching arm..

I was standing by the window and starrng out while entertaining myself with my thoughts. I heard someone knocking I turned and it was Thaps. She made her way in..

Her: Hi

Me: Hey

Her: How are you feeling now?

Her: I'm surviving

She gave me a slight smile while nodding her head..

Me: You look beautiful

Her: Thank you

Me: What am I saying? You were always beautiful underneath it all

Her: Thank you

(Silence)

Her: Did you?.. Did you really look for Me?

Me: Yes I did... You never left my mind I wondered everyday where you were and if you safe

Her: Everyday I hoped that you would walk through the door I hoped that you would come for me

I made my way closer..

Me: I'm truly sorry.. Thaps I'm sorry about everything that you've been through

Her: It's okay

I went and sat on the bed she came and sat next to me..

Her: Did you finally get everything that you wanted?

Me: You can say that

Her: I always told you that you was going to make it

I held her hand..

Me: I wish I had gotten everything though

She retracted her hand back...

Edward walked in..

Thaps: I probably should go

Me: Okay I'll see you around

She got up and walked out.. Edward looked at me..

Edward: How are you doing?

Me: I'm good.. I'm doing good can't wait to be out

Edward: I'm really proud of you for getting the diamonds

Me: It's what I do

Him: So what are you doing now?

Me: I'm chilling

Him: I mean what are you doing trying to find yourself in a love triangle

Me: I am not in one

Him: What I witnessed a few seconds ago wasn't just nothing

Me: Thaps is more like family to me

Him: Who you trying to fool?.. Rose you have a beautiful fiancé if you lose Amber I don't know what you going to do

Me: You just don't want me with Thaps because you know that she's my sanity

Him: I don't want you with her because she's with your Brother and I don't want you to get hurt you have a good thing going with Amber. Thaps is your past forget about her

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ANATHI

I got in at my apartment and put the take away on the counter

forget about her

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ANATHI

I got in at my apartment and put the take away on the counter I was whistling my through the room to the lounge. I don't own a mansion just a small apartment for one person. I switched on the TV and went back to the kitchen I opened the fridge and checked everything out. I took out the mustard sauce and when I turned around a

gun was pointed at me. I dropped the  
mustard it was Braga..

Me: How did you get in?

Her: I used to pick locks when I was young  
sort of a skill that I mastered

I looked at the gun..

Me: What do you want?

Her: I think you know

I swallowed..

Her: You try to set me up and when that  
doesn't work my diamond go missing so I'm  
thinking you wanted to keep me locked up for  
a long time so that you could completely take  
over my empire

I kept quiet..

Her: Where are my diamonds?

Me: I.. I..

Her: "I don't know"

I slowly nodded..

She bashed me on my forehead with the back of the gun I could've sworn that my skull cracked..

Me: Fuck!!!

Her: Let's try a more easy question

She cleared her throat..

Her: Where can I find Rose De Luca?

I kept quiet again..

Her: If I hit you again you going to have a concussion

Me: I have nothing to do with your dia..

She raised her hand..

Me: Okay!! Okay!!

She lowered her hand..

Me: Hope hospital

She smiled..

Her: This was easier than I thought

She looked at me again..

Her: Ohw and this is for baby girl

She hit me again and it was lights out..

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AMBER

Me: Dad please talk to me

My Dad still hates me for putting him here..

Me: Dad..

I looked at the Nurse..

Dad: Can I go now? It's time for Bingo

The Nurse put her hand on me..

Her: He will come around don't worry

The Nurse walked him to the living room.

I stood up from the couch and out. My phone rang and it was my cousin Claire.

Me: Hey girl

Her: Girl where are you?

Me: Uhm I am around

Her: I am at the airport



Me: You what?

Her: I got your text that you getting married and I know your ass can't plan no wedding you ain't got style and you know nothing about planning a wedding

Me: Uhm.. You should've told me that you coming

Her: To risk you saying No? Girl come get me!

Claire doesn't even know that I'm getting married to a girl..

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Chapter 34

DIAMOND

I was woken up by the sound of someone eating snacks and the irritating sound that the

package made. I slowly opened my eyes to the sight of someone sitting on the small bench legs crossed and eating snacks. I didn't recognize her at all

Me: Who are you?

She looked at me and gave me a side smile..

Her: Finally she's awake.. I thought you was never going to wake up

I tried to sit up straight..

Her: Hold on now before you hurt yourself let me help you with the pillows

She set up the pillows to make my back balance comfortably against the pillows.

She sat down on the bench again..

Me: Who are you? I'm not going to ask again

Her: Of course.. Where are my manners? She stretched her hand to me..

Her: My name is Yamkela but to those who know not to mess with me. They call me Braga

I looked at her hand she retracted it back.

Me: I guess that you heard about the diamonds?

Her: Straight to the point I like..

Me: What did you do to Anathi?

Her: And smart too.. I wouldn't have figured that out of my own

Me: If you did something to her I swear tha..

Her: Don't you think that you in no condition to be making threats?

She pressed on on my injured arm. I moaned in pain..

Her: I'm mad as hell about my diamonds but you know what makes me more mad? You touched someone that I care deeply for

She let go of my arm I bit my lower lip and closed my eyes..

Her: Now I am not the type to beat you down when you already down but know this I am coming for you! As soon as your Ass is out of here I am going to break you!

I opened my eyes and chuckled..

Me: I guess you missed the memo that I was professionally trained to kill from since I was 17.. Give you something to chew on

Her: And I guess they didn't tell you that I'm straight up from the streets the streets taught me what I know. Been doing this shit 24/7 all my life

the streets taught me what I know. Been doing this shit 24/7 all my life now choke on that bitch!!

She took the picture from the chair and looked at it..

Her: She's cute

She threw the pic at Me...

Her: See you around

She walked out. I took the picture and looked at it it was an old pic of me and Thaps. I gotta get out of here before that bitch touches someone that I deeply care about..

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AMBER

Clair: Now I talked to Craig and he told me that you no longer working for the FBI

Me: Did he mention that he is the one who had my contract terminated?

She looked around..

Her: Wow this place is beautiful

Me: Thank you

Her: Very beautiful

Me: Would you like something to drink?

Her: Uhm not yet.. Now tell me what you going to do with your life then if you no longer with the FBI?

Me: I'll find something

Her: Don't be ridiculous! You know that the FBI is your life

Me: No it's not.. I was there to solve a few cases and make Craig look good it had nothing to do with my life

(Silence)

Her: Craig told me that you marrying one of the most notorious criminal in the history of crime

I laughed in disbelief..

Me: What hasn't Craig told you?

Her: We trying to look out for you Amber. This is not you! It's not who you are and it's not your life. I have never seen you with a girl before

Me: Look Clair I love Rose okay? And I am going to marry her whether you support me or not

Her: This girl is using you can't you see that? If Craig says that her and her family are criminals then they using you so that..

Me: Enough!!!.. If you not here to help me with the wedding nor support me then the door is open cousin you can go

She signed..

Her: I wish this won't blow up in your face..  
Where is the guest room?

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THAPS

Me: How are you feeling now?

Thandie: Still feeling pain here and there

Me: I'm sorry for everything

Her: Don't worry about it

A moment of silence got in between our conversation..

Her: Out with it

I looked at her..

Her: What's wrong with you?

Me: Nothing

She looked at Me..

Me: I..

I cleared my throat..

Me: I am very much inlove with someone

Her: Roy?

Me: Roy?

Her: Mom was telling me about him and you

Me: No it's not Roy

Her: I am not following

Me: Life is very difficult to understand and love is almost impossible to predict. I.. This



person we go way back she has always been there for me and..

Her: It's a she?

Me: Yes I don't know but I'm attracted to both genders

Her: You Bisexual? Why you never said anything?

Me: Because I never really embraced that other part of me

Her: Why? Are you ashamed?

Me: No.. Not really ashamed but ever since that day I lost Angie I was hurt to a point that I closed that chapter of my life and now she's back into my life I really don't know what to do

Her: If you really love her then you will sort out things with her

Me: That would be so easy only if she wasn't engaged to be married

Her: Ouch!!

Me: Yeah I know.. I just have to forget about her about us

Her: I'm sorry Thaps

Me: It's okay.. You should get some rest it's getting late I'll see you tomorrow

Her: You know what I think?

Me: Yeah?

Her: I think you shouldn't give up on someone that you love Cleary you love this girl I think you should talk things out with her

Me: If only it was that easy

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EDWARD

I was having dinner with Nono..

Nono: Edward thank you so much for bringing my daughter back home

Me: It was nothing

Her: If there's something that I could do to repay you back don't hesitate to ask

I thought about that for a while

Me: Actually there is something

Her: That was quick

Me: I want you to keep that girl you brought into your house away from my Daughter

Her: You mean Thaps?

Me: Yes.. I want her to stay the hell away from my Daughter if you do that then you would've repaid me

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Chapter 35

DIAMOND

I was relieved to be out of the hospital that environment is not my cup of tea. Amber came to fetch me and she drove me home All I wanted to do was to get there and rest a bit the pills they gave me were making me drowsy..

Amber: Are you feeling okay?

Me: Ya I'm good

The elevator opened and we walked in We were welcomed by a white girl who had taken over my kitchen. She was baking..

Amber: Uhm.. Honey we need to talk

Me: Looks like it

Her: This is my cousin Claire she arrived yesterday. She's here to help me with the wedding

She walked up to us..

Her: Hi.. I have heard so much about you

Me: I have heard nothing about you

There was an awkward moment between all of us..

Amber: I'll go and put your things upstairs

She walked away and left us there..

Me: Let me go and get some rest

Her: What are you doing?

Me: Sorry?

Her: My cousin.. What are you doing with her?

Me: I don't think I understand the question

Her: Amber is very smart and very beautiful she deserves all the happiness in the world and I don't think you can give her that. She is not a lesbian

I didn't have time for such nonsense I have a lot to deal with right now. I made my way upstairs..

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THAPS

Today it was my birthday and funny enough Edward called and asked me to meet up with him at some french restaurant was very shocking that she wanted to meet up with me..

Me: Sorry I'm late

Him: Don't worry.. Please have a sit

Me: Thank you

I sat down..

Him: Would you like something to eat?

Me: coffee would be nice.. Thank you

Him: Coffee it is..

He called the waiter..

Him: Happy birthday by the way

Me: Thank you very much

Him: How's everything going?

Me: Everything is going well

Him: Glad to hear that.. I'm sure you happy that your ex won't be a problem anymore

Me: Yes and thank you for taking care of the situation

Him: Trust me it was nothing

Me: Not to be rude or something but.. Why did you call me here?

Him: Straight to the point I like..

He drank from his cup..

Him: When I took Rose that day it wasn't anything personal I could've taken you with but.. I am going to be honest with you for Rose to be were she is right now was because you weren't there. Had you been there she wasn't going to be what she is today

Me: I don't understand the point that you trying to make

Him: I am sorry that you had to go through what you went through but I need for you right now to stay away from Rose

for Rose to be were she is right now was because you weren't there. Had you been there she wasn't going to be what she is today

Me: I don't understand the point that you trying to make

Him: I am sorry that you had to go through what you went through but I need for you right now to stay away from Rose I don't want any distructions coming her way. She is very important to me

Me: Mr De Luca with all due respect.. I don't think you understand tha..

Her: I don't think you understand me.. I want you to stay away from my Daughter and my Son. You still young and you find your way through life

Me: If I don't stay away from her?

Him: I would hate to see you go back to the streets



Me: Are you threatening me?

Him: No.. Matter of fact if you do stay away from them I'll make sure that financially you taken care of I'll give you a job

He took out a few notes from his wallet..

Him: Enjoy your coffee while you think about what I've said

He walked out..

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BRAGA

Anathi: Her name is Mathapelo but she goes by "Thaps" her and Rose come very far she means the world to her right now she is around the area at the that French restaurant down the road

I looked at the picture..

Anathi: This is Amber she is Rose's fiancé

I looked at her picture too..

Me: She's blessed.. Two hot bitches

Anathi: Anything else?

Me: No thank you.. I'll call you if I need something else

Anathi: How about you never call

Me: Come on now don't be like that after all you the reason why my diamonds are missing. Kill the attitude we going to work well together

Anathi: Whatever!

I laughed as she walked out..

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DIAMOND

Amber: I thought you were resting?

Me: I need to exercise my arm

Her: Babe don't.. You got shot it's going to take a while for your arm to heal

Me: Then I'll force it to heal

Her: What's wrong?

Me: Huh?

Her: Is there anything bothering you?

Me: Nothing is bothering me.. I am fine

I made my way to her and put my arm around her waist..

Me: Though I did miss you a lot

Her: I missed you too

I kissed her..

Me: How about you help me exercise my arm?

Her: I'd like that very much

She wrapped her around my neck and we continued kissing..

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THAPS

It was a bit windy and I was walking down the street from the restaurant with tears streaming down and thinking about what Edward said

"I would hate to see you go back to the streets"

Not everyone can survive the streets it's a very dangerous place and I fought so hard to get out of there. I can't go back there and meet another Abeo. I was so caught up in my broken heart that I bumped into someone and I felt a hot sensation in my cleavage..

Me: Ouch!!

I glanced down and I had coffee all over me..

Voice: Fuck!! I am so sorry

I looked at her..

Me: Couldn't you watch where you were going?

Her: I think you were the one who was looking down

I felt so sticky..

Her: I live two blocks away.. We can go to my apartment and get you a clean shirt

Me: No thank you

Her: Come on

I am trying to be done with all the Angies in my life and here I am looking at one..

Me: Fine.. It's not like I have a choice

She smiled..

Her: This way

We started walking..

Her: My name is Yamkela by the way but you can call me Yammy

Me: Mathapelo but you can call me Thaps.

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Chapter 36

THAPS

Something was a bit weird with Yammy my being here I have noticed some Obsession with the colours Black&white. As it that wasn't weird enough the skull symbol was almost everywhere. Her duvet and pillows black&white with the skull symbols. I heard a knock on the door..

Me: Come in

She opened the door..

Her: Are you decent?

Me: Yes I am

She walked in..

Her: Wow.. The tshirt looks better on you

Me: Thank you again for the tshirt though I still feel sticky underneath it all

Her: You should've showered

This was getting awkward..

Me: I should probably go

Her: You can leave your tshirt I'll have my helper include it in the next load

Me: That's awkward I hardly even know you

Her: Maybe this is my way of contacting you again

Me: Ohw

Her: Have some tea with Me?

Me: I..

Her: It's called Xai tea someone recommended it to me. You look like you could use a cup

I looked at her. Lesbians are cute and very charming until they break your heart I don't wanna have another diamond situation. I don't wanna ruin my life again whilst I just got it back..

Me: I don't wanna create problems between you and your girlfriend

She laughed..

Her: Trust me that won't happen

Me: I really should get going

Her: Come on.. Just one cup

She didn't look like she was going to give up..

Me: Okay fine then.. Just one cup

Her: One cup

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DIAMOND

Amber's cousin was getting on my last nerve so I decided to meet up with the crew at our secret location to talk about a few things and I was surprised that Edward came too..

Tarquin: What exactly did she say to you?

Anathi: I think my face says it all

Edward: Everyone in the room is threatened by just one gangster wannabe?

Anathi: She's not a gangster wannabe she is just as dangerous and smart she's well connected



Edward: We are well connected too.. If you guys cannot take her down let me know and I will give the word to our alliances

Roy: We can take her down

Tarquin: We have always worked well together

Me: This is my fight and I would like everyone to lay back

Tarquin: That's not going to happen did you see what she did to Anathi?

Me: She wants me okay? I want everyone to lay back.. I can handle this

Anathi: This is not a bread and butter situation Diamond Yammy is dangerous

Me: And I'm very dangerous too

I looked at them..

Me: This is my fight.. I want everyone to stand back

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AMBER

Me: I think a small private wedding will do

Claire: Let me make us something to drink

Claire hasn't shown any interest in helping me plan the wedding. I went to her..

Me: Are you okay?

Her: I'm fine

Me: Could've fooled me

Her: Amber this is not you

Me: What are you talking about?

Her: Everything that's happening here

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Me: Are you okay?

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Her: Everything that's happening here your new life? It's not you. Since when are you a trophy girlfriend? Sitting at home and do nothing? You used to be the best at what you do a very good consultant. You put people like her and family behind bars!

Me: Excuse me?

Her: Her family killed your Mother! The amber I know would've avenged her mother's death by putting them behind bars

Me: I don't appreciate you coming here and talking like that

Her: Amber she is playing you! I see no excitement from her about the wedding Why would she force to marry you I doubt she has ever considered marrying her Exes plus this wedding thing was quick!

Me: Stop it

Her: She's playing you so you don't take her family down

Me: Enough!!!!!!.. For your sake I'll pretend that you never said any of those things! If you don't wanna help with the wedding then you can leave!

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THAPS

Yammy: How does it taste?

Me: It takes nice

Her: heard it's a new brand of tea from the china

I looked around..

Me: You have a beautiful apartment

Her: Thank you

Me: I just don't understand the Obsession with black&white.. Or the Skulls

Her: Well they mean something

Me: Something?

Her: I can't tell you

Me: It's a quite dark Obsession

Her: You can say that

We were sitting in the lounge on the carpet..

Me: So what is it that you do?

Her: Aren't you just straightforward with your questions?

Me: Ohh sorry I didn't realise that they were too personal

Her: It's cool.. I am a thug I have a diamond empire

I laughed..

Me: Yeah right

Her: I am not laughing meaning it's not a joke

I looked at her..

Me: Is it illegal?

Her: Very.. It's blood diamonds

I put the cup on the table..

Me: Wow uhm.. I don't know why you telling me this

Her: You asked and I answered you

Me: Wow I..

Her: I have been arrested a few times I have jerked cars..

Me: Have you ever hurt someone before?

Her: depends on your definition of "hurt"

Me: Have you killed someone before?

Her: Not someone but I have united a few people with their ancestors before.. Don't worry they deserved it

Me: Why are you telling me all of this?

Her: You really wanna know?

I nodded..

Her: I have been stalking you for a while now

Me: Stal... Stalking Me?

She chuckled..

Her: Not in that way.. The first time I had seen you you caught my eye. From thereon I wanted to see more of you and that's when I started following you

Me: You sick!!

I got up..

Her: The coffee incident was not a mistake.. I wanted to talk to you

I'm leaving.. She got up too..

Her: Thaps look

She grabbed me by my arm..

Her: Maybe I have a sick way of doing things but that's just me and I would really like to see you again

I freed my arm from her grip..

Me: Stay away from me!

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DIAMOND

I walked up to Anathi..

Me: Are you cool?

Her: Yeah I'm good

I pulled a chair and sat down..

Her: I don't think we should ship the diamonds

Me: The sale has already been made

Her: That's the only leverage we have

Me: You have little faith in me



Her: I just don't want anyone getting hurt let's give her back her diamonds before it gets nasty

Me: Anathi trust me

I put my hand on her shoulder..

Me: This is my fight.. I will make sure that she doesn't hurt you or anyone else again. Trust me!

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Chapter 37

THAPS

I was lost deep in my thoughts when Nono interrupted me..

Her: What got your mind occupied?

Me: It's nothing

Her: I am going to see Thandie.. Do wanna come along?

Me: No thank you

Her: Before I go.. I wanna talk to you about something

She sat down..

Her: Something important

Me: What is it?

Her: We haven't known each other just for a while now but I already love you as if like you were my own Daughter

I hate such statements they come with bad news..

Her: Edward is a very powerful man and a very good friend of mine it wouldn't be nice if he becomes our enemy

Me: I'm not sure that I understand

She held my hand..

Her: Sweetheart I want you to stay away from his kids stay away from Rose and stay away from Roy

Me: Ohw

Her: I know that you and Rose have a history but she's your past now and trust me you don't wanna make an enemy of Edward he will crush you like a roach he is a powerful man

Me: I know.. I already had this conversation with him

Her: Your life is just starting you just recovered from a traumatic experience and I don't want you to go back to that hell life if you don't stay away from Edward's kids he will send you back to hell. The streets are not so friendly

Me: I understand..

Her: I don't want you to go back to that life again

Me: I will stay away from them.. I promise

Her: You will find someone for yourself don't worry

I nodded..

Me: Can I ask you something?

Her: You can ask me anything

Me: Do you know someone by the name of Yammy? Is she somehow related to Edwa also? Or knows him?

Her: I have never heard of such a person before does the person hold some significance?

Me: No.. Not exactly

Her: Are you sure?

Me: Yes.. Please greet Thandie for me

Her: I will

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BRAGA

I seriously didn't expect this Thaps girl to be that beautiful my first mind was to use her to avenge Diamond but after having an encounter with her I am not so sure. She seems like a very nice girl she has a beautiful smile a humble spirit and dope tits. That went perfectly with her tiny body. Diamond was lucky to even hit that if they were getting it on..

I went to see baby girl at the hospital and I was glad to see find her awake. She was a bit off but at the least she was awake..

Me: Look who is awake

She smiled..

I made my way to her..

Me: I was worried about you

I kissed her on her forehead..

Her: I always pull through

Me: How are you feeling?

Her: Like I have been hit by a train

Me: You will get better

She extended her hand to mine..

Her: Sorry about the diamonds I shou...

Me: Don't blame yourself

Her: I should've protected our empire

Me: Your life is more important right now  
don't worry about the diamonds you should  
worry about getting better

Voice: She's right.. You should worry about  
getting out of here

It was Cowen he walked in and pulled my  
hand away from Chelsea's grip..

Cowen: How are you?

Chelsea: I'm hanging in there

He kissed her other hand..

Cowen: You scared me

Her: You know I always pull through

Cowen: I'm wondering how this happened?

He looked at me..

Chelsea: It's not her fault

Cowen: Never said it was

Chelsea: We will fix this

Me: You not fixing anything

Chelsea: You can't take Diamond down alone  
they a crew she has a pretty good crew

Me: Don't worry about it.. I will fix this

Cowen: Exactly how?

Me: In my own terms

Chelsea looked at Cowen..

Cowen: if it's a crew then you will need back  
up

I sighed..

Me: I don't need you to hold my hand  
throughout this war.. I got this!

Chelsea: You can't go up against them alone..  
It doesn't work like that

Me: I am not scared of Diamond

Cowen: We didn't say you scared of her  
she has a pretty good crew

Me: Don't worry about it.. I will fix this

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Chelsea: You can't go up against them alone..  
It doesn't work like that

Me: I am not scared of Diamond



Cowen: We didn't say you scared of her this is about Loyalty and protecting one of our own

Me: If this turns into a gang war then innocent people will be hurt people that we care about

Cowen: True that especially since they alliances with the Bloods

Me: They what?

Cowen: Her Father is good friends with Riley Muller

Me: See more reason for me and her to do this alone

Chelsea: You don't have too though

She held my hand again Cowen looked at Us. I retracted my hand back..

Me: I have to go.. I'll check up on you again tomorrow

Her: Okay.. Be safe

Me: Just concertrate on getting better

Her: I will

I looked at Cowen..

Me: See you around and I don't need you holding my hand through this I got this

Him: Ego talking much?

Me: Im for real

He looked at Chelsea..

Him: Does she know who she is talking too?

Chelsea laughed..

Cowen: We will talk about this over a boxing match

Me: Looking forward to it

I walked out..

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THAPS

My life has always been one of sorrow and pain when you have been in my shoes you bound to go crazy. What I have been through

no human being deserves to go through that. I hate going down memory lane because I get trapped in a state of depression all that I have lost and all that I have been through is heavy on my heart.. The door bell rang I was watching Tv or more like the Tv was watching Me..

I got up from the couch and went to open it was Angie..

Me: What do you want?

Her: May I?

I let her in..

Me: Angie what do you want? I meant Rose what do you want?

Her: Thaps look we don't have to do this

Me: Do what?

Her: The hate and the anger it's not healthy

I folded my arms..

Her: We have found each other again

I chuckled..

Me: Ohhh please

(Silence)

Her: I'm sorry for everything that you have been through and I'm sorry that I wasn't there for you

Me: It's okay I made it through without you and I'm still going to make it through

Her: I'm trying here Thaps

Me: You don't have to try just leave me alone please I am trying to move on with my life

Her: The love that we share for each other you can't just forget about it

Me: You have a fiancé now

Her: That means nothing

Me: Rose please.. Leave me alone

She made her way to me and I remembered the threats..

Me: I've been seeing someone

Her: Roy

Me: No.. I have been seeing someone else

Her: What do you mean?

Me: Her name is Yammy and I.. I have fallen deeply inlove with her

Her: That's bull and I don't believe it!

Me: I have moved on with my life

I went and opened the door..

Me: Please leave

She walked out..

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AMBER

The elevator opened..

Him: Delivery for Ms Brooks

Me: That's me

He handed me a big white envelope..

Me: Thank you

Him: Have a lovely day

Me: I don't sign?

Him: No you don't

After my argument with Claire she took her things and went to Craig's place. I opened the envelope and it had a picture a cosy picture of Diamond and another girl. I looked closely and if my memory serves me right I have seen her before. The picture was taken at the hospital in her ward they were holding hands There was also another picture an old one were they were young. I turned it and it was written "The true love of her life" at the back of it..

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Chapter 38

AMBER

I was hurt no make that I was beyond the word hurt..

I went through my 4th glass of the Grant's whiskey I could feel that it was kicking in. I was sobbing in between and asking myself if I had made the right decision by being with Diamond. She cannot do this to me I have sacrificed a lot for her.. The elevator opened and she walked in I think she was surprised seeing me sitting at the counter and drinking. She still had her arm sling on she made her way to me

She looked at the bottle..

Her: Drinking much?

I looked at her even after all the fuckery she still looks damn cute but my anger deep within took none of that..

Her: Are you okay?

I took the envelope and gave it to her..

Her: What's this?

Me: Delivery that came for me today

She opened the envelope took out the pictures she starred at them for a while..

Her: Who sent this?

Me: Does it matter?

She looked at me..

Me: Why you never told me the truth?

She put them down..

Her: It was a long time ago

Me: Really? Even at the hospital it was a long time ago?

She rubbed her eyes..

Her: Let's not do this.. The wedding is near we should be talking about that

I chuckled..

Me: Wow!

I poured myself another glass..



Her: Okay I think you have had enough

She came and took the bottle..

Me: I am not done!!

Her: No you are

I got down from the chair and followed her as she was putting it away..

Me: Are you fucking her?

Her: No I'm not fucking her!

Me: Give me back my bottle!

Her: Amber stop it

I started hitting her..

Me: Give me back my bottle!!! (Shouting)

She gave me her back so that I don't reach for the bottle..

Me: Give me back my bottle!!

I continued hitting her..

Me: You daughter of a bitch!! You think you can just play me huh? Fuck you!!

When I was tired I stepped back and looked at her she turned around..

Her: Babzie..

She tried getting closer but I pushed her away a few times think I hurt her arm a bit..

Me: I love you and you just gonna play me like that?

Her: I'm not playing you!

Me: I'll show you who I am

I made my way upstairs..

Her: Amber!

I went to the bedroom and started looking for scissors..

Her: Babe you overreacting there's nothing going on between me and her

I got the pair of scissors and went to the closet. I took off her tshirts and started cutting them..

Me: How much does this cost? R2000?  
R3000?

I looked for the most expensive clothes to damage. She stood there and looked at me..

Me: That's how you do me? That's how you do me Rose?

She kept quiet and I started crying I sank down on the floor. I tossed the pair of scissors a bit far and covered my face with my hands..

Me: Do you even know how much I love you for you to be hurting me like this?

Her: And I love you too.. Look I'm sorry okay? But I promise you that I didn't sleep with her. Me and her we done we over. She's my past She went and sat next to me..

Her: I'm sorry

She pulled me closer to her and I grabbed on tightly to her tshirt..

Her: I love you soo much and I would never do you like that

I was seriously hurt by her actions..

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THAPS

I was sitting at the lounge watching TV I was bored and alone in the house. My phone vibrated and I got it it was a message from a number that I didn't recognize. The message read:

"Dinner at my place? I am around I can fetch you. Braga"

How did she get my number? Ohh I forgot she has been stalking me. Put the phone on my chest and thought for a while well I am alone and I am bored. I called her.

Her: sweets?

Me: Where did you get my number from?

Her: I thought we were long pass that stage?

Me: I guess you also know where I live?

Her: Guilty!

I smiled like a retard..

Me: Okay then you can come and fetch me

Her: That was quick

Me: Should I change my mind?

Her: I'm on my way

I lowered my phone I should stop doing this.  
Trusting strangers? It's very dangerous...

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DIAMOND

She had passed out on the floor I should stop  
doing this. Trusting strangers? It's very  
dangerous...

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DIAMOND

She had passed out on the floor Lucky for her  
it was a carpet. I would've taken her to bed

but my arm is still giving me problems..I was sitting next to her and brushing her hair back she was very fast asleep. I saw tonight how much Amber loves me I love her too but I also Love Thaps at the same time. I mean Thaps and I we go way back she was there before everything. When I saw her when I realized that she was back that old flame lit up again. My heart was caught up between two worlds between two people that I am very much inlove with..

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THAPS

Braga did fetch me in her Mercedes Benz E45 AMG it was white in colour. All the way to her place I was stealing glances at her we didn't exchange words that much most of the time we listned to music. She was wearing black track suit pants a white vest and black sneakers. She was really charming with most of her tattoos that her vest exposed most of

them were about the "Skulls". This Skulls thing must mean a lot to her..

We got into her apartment and a song was playing from the lounge those rap songs that I don't really understand..

Her: You can make yourself at home I'll start with the cooking

I stood at the door and looked at her as she was clueless in the kitchen I laughed.

Her: What?

Me: Maybe I should help you

Her: I got this.. You a guest here

Me: I'll cook and you can help

I went to the fridge..

Me: You don't seem to have a lot but we can..

I bent over as I checked the freezer..

Me: Chicken breats.. Okay we can do chicken breats and veges

I got up and she was full blown starring at my Ass I was wearing a skinny Jean..

Me: Should we start?

She cleared her throat

Her: We can start

She boiled the veges while I fried the chicken breasts and made some gravy we talked about random things. She was funny and a bit of a loud mouth at the same time. After preparing dinner we sat around her small coffee table in the lounge and started eating. She poured us wine..

Me: You didn't do bad with the veges

Her: I tried

I laughed..

Me: You tried

As I reached out on what was on my plate my weave came at the front and clouded my face. She got it first before I did..



Her: I think that's better

Me: Thank you

We starred at each other..

Me: I think we should eat

Her: Yeah I think so

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Chapter 39

AMBER

The first thing I did when I woke up was to call my Brother so that we can meet up for breakfast luckily he didn't give me any hard time. He agreed. Other than the hangover that I had I still felt the same way as how I was feeling yesterday with regards to the Diamond issue. I feel like I have invested too

much into this relationship for her to just do me like this for the mere fact that she didn't even tell me about this girl means there's something going on. I am good at reading people hell dare that's how I became a profiler and a consultant for the FBI why didn't I fail to read Diamond? Was I blinded that much by what we call love?

I went down the stairs slowly while holding my bag with each step my headache pounded more and more. I didn't wanna see her but unfortunately I did she was sitting on the armrest of the couch trying to lift off a weight with her non-functional arm. From how she closed her eyes and clenched her jaws I could see that she was in pain. She was forcing as always. I searched for pain killers opening and closing cupboards made her to notice that I was in the kitchen. She put it down and walked up to Me..

Her: Good morning

She was wearing a sports bra and her boxers..

She sat across Me..

Her: Amber

Me: Where do you keep your pain killers?

She got down from the high chair and made her way to me she got closer and opened the cupboard and got them for me

Me: Thank you

I took them from her she held my arm..

Her: There's nothing that's happening between me and her.. I promise

Me: Let me go

Her: I'm sorry that I didn't tell you but right now you upset over nothing

I looked at her hand she got it off my arm.

Her: What do you want me to do?

Me: I'll see you later

She blocked me..

Her: Dammit Amber!! Talk to me

Me: Move out of the way

Her: But I'm not fucking her!!!

I looked at her she was frustrated..

She bit her lower lip and then moved out of the way..

Her: Amber!!

I made my way to the elevator..

Her: Amber I'm talking to you!!!

I presented my print then it opened..

Her: I swear if you walk o..

Me: What? What are you going to do?

I made my way in and then it closed..

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THAPS

I spent a night at her place

she was frustrated..

She bit her lower lip and then moved out of the way..

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THAPS

I spent a night at her place I fell asleep on her bed and woke up alone. I don't think we shared the same bed last night..

Me: Yammz?

She was not around the house was a bit quiet. She didn't leave any note nor texted me anything about going out..

Me: Yammy??

Still nothing. I got the mug and poured myself a cup of coffee when the door opened she walked in with a bag..

Her: Morning

She was breathing heavy I think she had been jogging or something

Me: Where you been?

She took off her headsets..

Her: I'm from the gym

The sweat on her body and vest confirmed her statement.. She looked at me..

Me: What?

Her: You wearing one of my favourite tshirts

Me: Ohw I'm... I'm sorry

She gave me a side smile...

Her: It's okay I don't mind

Me: Coffee?

Her: No thanks.. I wanna shower first

I nodded..

Me: You have to drive me home

She frowned..

Her: I thought you enjoyed spending time with me?

Me: I'm sure they worried about me

Her: Ain't that what phones are for? To call?

Me: Ahhhh..

Her: Ahhhh what?

Me: I don't know

Her: You can call home and tell them where you are

Me: Yammy I don't th-

She got close to me and kissed me in that sweaty self of hers with her hand on my cheeks. She broke the kiss with my eyes still closed..

Her: Please (whispering)

I opened my eyes.. She was right in my face..

Me: I'll see

Her: That's good enough for me.. I'll go and shower

She pulled the tshirt at the bottom..

Me: Stop it (laughing)

Her: Gimme 10

She walked away leaving me in that state of smiling like a retard..

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AMBER

I hugged Craig for a while before we sat down and ordered..

Me: How have you been?

Him: Been good just work keeping me busy

I nodded repeatedly..

Me: Are you succeeding with all your cases?



Him: It's not bad..

Me: Is Claire still around?

Him: No.. She left

Me: Okay

He sighed..

Him: What's going on?

I wasn't wearing make-up so I was comfortable with crying..

He extended his hand to me..

Him: Talk to me

Me: I've been a fool Craig.. I've been stupid

Him: What did she do?

I couldn't talk I was overwhelmed by different emotions..

Him: It's going to be alright.. Hey

I looked at him..

Him: It's going to be okay

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THAPS

I had nothing to wear so I wore her clothes her Adidas track pants and a plain white tshirt. I looked at myself this was not my style. She was on point as always with her body spray filling up the whole room she put her wrist watch on.

Her: Are you ready?

Me: Can we at least go to my place and get a few clothes?

She looked at me..

Her: I think you look nice

I glanced down..

Me: Not really my style

Her: Okay let's go

She took her phone and her keys then we walked to the door..

She tried getting on my back and then we both fell..

Me: You are so childish (laughing)

She laid back and I pulled me ontop of her then we kissed..

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AMBER

Me: Thank you for the breakfast

Him: You welcome

I exhaled..

Him: You know Amber the best revenge that you can have on her is to do the right thing come back to the FBI and finally let's put her behind bars.. Let's finally be done with the De Luca family we owe Mom that much

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Chapter 40

THAPS

3 WEEKS LATER

Him: Excuse me Mam' where should I put this box?

Me: Let me see

Him: It's towels

Me: Ohw you can put it in the store room I'll sort it out.. Thanks

Thandie and I back when we were living in hilbrow we used to run a low down salon we had this friend who taught us how to braid relax and all that but my evil ex shut us down because he didn't want me to be independent. Always thought that when I find my feet he will lose me for good and that was right. He was going to lose me for good..

We have been attending beauty school to learn more we don't just want to be about hair but we also wanna expand a bit. Beauty massages manicure and Pedi and maybe even makeup styling. We were renting in town we

going to open soon just doing some renovations getting stock and putting much effort on advertising. Nono is the one who got us this place she is the one funding us until our business takes off she has been very supportive. We decided to name the salon "O'Nails" a name we just picked up and though it would sound classy..

I looked around at the men bringing in boxes the renovations were almost done just minor details here and there. Thandie was coaching on what should be were the salon looked pretty amazing..

You know not in a million years did I ever think that my life would turn around when I was being abused I thought that it was the end of my life. I had lost all hope in everything I only saw death as my escape but here I am today. My salon is going to take off soon I am in a very good relationship. Yes

Yammz and I we now official and she is the best thing that has happened to me. Despite what I went through if Angie didn't depart from me then I wouldn't have been in a toxic relationship which led to my redemption I wouldn't be here today..

Nono walked in..

Her: Girls!

I looked at her..

Me: Nono

She made he way to me and hugged me..

Her: How are you?

Me: I am good and you?

Her: I am well

She looked around..

Her: Wow.. This place looks beautiful already

Me: Just minor touch ups here and there

Her: It really looks beautiful

Me: All thanks to you

Her: Don't mention it I am glad that I could help. You girls deserve it

Me: Either way... Thank you

Her: You welcome dear

Yammy walked in..

Nono: Uhm I think this is my queue to leave..  
Where is Thandie?

Me: She is at the back

Her: I'll be there

She walked away while waving at Yammy..

Me: Hey

She got to me and kissed me..

Her: How are you?

Me: I'm good and you?

Her: I'm good

She kissed me again and then looked around..

Her: This place is beautiful

Me: Yaa we almost done

Her: It looks very fancy

Me: We trying

She looked at the time..

Her: I was just passing by

Me: Ohw.. Where are you going?

Her: Going to fetch a friend at the hospital..  
She's getting discharged today

Me: Okay then

Her: See you later?

Me: Later

She gently bit my cheek and grabbed my butt.  
I pushed her a bit..

Me: Stop it

Yammy just likes playing a lot she doesn't care  
were we are..

Her: I love you see you later

Me: Love you too



She walked away while putting her hands in the pockets of her black jacket..

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AMBER

I was eating breakfast when Diamond came down..

Her: Babzie

Well I was done eating I went and put my dish in the sink..

Her: What is this?

I went and closed the file..

Me: It's confidential

She looked at me..

Her: I am not happy with you being a consultant again

I was back with the FBI..

Me: It's my job and I love it

Her: Now we have to put the wedding on hold

Me: I don't interfere with your job

Her: I will pay you double what you getting

I looked at her..

Her: Triple?

Me: You know it's not about the money

Her: What is it about then? Are you trying to get back at me with the whole Thaps situation?

Me: Rose not everything is about you okay?

Her: Then what? It has to be something.. I mean you didn't care about this job anymore

I took my things and then kissed her on her cheek..

Me: I'll see you later

Her: Amber..

I walked to the elevator..

Me: Later Rose

Her: This is fucked up!

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THAPS

Thandie: So what do you think?

Me: It's really beautiful

Her: It is... Isn't it?

Me: Very much

The door opened and some beautiful lady walked in our focus was now on her..

Her: Good morning

We greeted her back..

Her: Are you guys open?

Me: Uhm no..

Her: At what time are you guys opening?

Me: We..

Thandie: The place is not open just as yet we still doing some minor touch ups

She put her hand on her chest..

Her: Ohw my.. I.. I'm really sorry I saw the sign outside and I.. My bad

Me: It's okay

Her: My name is Naomi by the way

Thandie: I'm Thandie and this is my Sister Thaps

She looked at me..

Her: nice meeting you ladies

Me: Same here

Her: I should be on my way then

We smiled at her as she walked away..

Thandie: Ya.. This place is going to be a bang!

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DIAMOND

Anathi walked in..

Her: And why am I being summoned here so early?

Me: I just wanted to talk to you

We exchanged greetings through fist bumping..

Her: We don't have a job so what's going on?

Me: I need your help

Her: With what?

Me: My Fiancé

Her: I don't understand

Me: My Fiancé is acting very strange lately that she even went back to her old job

Her: I don't know how that spells strange?

Me: Trust me she's up to something

Her: So what do you want me to do?

Me: I want you to help set up his Brother I think he is the reason why she's acting like this

She whistled..

Her: Diamond I don't know

Me: It's either you help me set him or else we going to smoke him I can't have Amber snooping around.. Whiskey?

Her: Uhm.. Yeah.. Sure

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YAMKELA

Baby girl was recovering very well I really thought that she wasn't going to pull through but she did..

Her: Hey

Me: Hey

I went and hugged her..

Me: You look better

Her: I feel better

Me: Ready to go?

Her: Yes I am

I was driving her home. Now that my life seems more settled now I can go after my diamonds. Most of all I'm going after

Diamond. I want her to pay for stealing my diamonds shooting baby girl and playing with my girl. Thaps told me everything about her and Diamond I want diamond to pay for everything!

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BRAGA

I heard a knock at the door..

Me: I'm coming

I went and opened it was Anathi..

Me: It's about time!

She made her way in and I closed the door..

Me: What took you soo long?

Her: It wasn't easy getting the file It's difficult to bribe an FBI

She handed me the file and I checked it..

Her: Made copies

(Silence)

Her: It's a case that has taken a while Amber's father was working for De Luca and she became an informant of the FBI. When De Luca found out that he had a snitch he didn't go directly for him he had his wife killed to teach him a lesson. Went for someone that Mr Brooks loved dearly. Mr Brooks blamed himself for his wife's death that he had a mental breakdown things between him and his son were rocky too. Craig got into the FBI because he wanted revenge for his Mother and he recruited his Sister who is very smart to help him made her a consultant. They been working on busting De Luca but I guess he covered his tracks well!



Me: But how does that help Me?

Her: What?

Me: I don't care about De Luca! I care about the person who stole my diamonds and shot Chelsea.. That is Diamond!

I tossed the file on the counter..

Her: I am not comfortable with all of this.. If Diamond could find out that I am conspiring with you she is going to toast me!

Me: Either way if you don't get me what I want You toast! I don't think that you have a choice here

She exhaled..

Her: Fine.. Things between Diamond and her fiancé aren't good

Me: And?

Her: Amber is back at being a consultant and Diamond fears that Amber since both her and

Amber are playing on the opposite sides of the law Amber might bust her

Me: Now that's interesting but why would Amber do that to her fiancé?

Her: weren't you reading the file?

Me: I read the file but what I don't understand is how did Amber allow to be engaged to Diamond if she knows that the De Lucas are behind her Mother's death?

Her: I think she's in denial

Me: Huh..

I took the file again..

Her: You not going to get Amber involved in this are you?

Me: That's my business

I heard another knock at the door..

I went to open and I couldn't believe my eyes it was Naomi. She literally threw herself at me..

Naomi: Baby!!

I held her..

Me: Naomi?

Her: I missed you soo much?

She kissed me..

Well Naomi and I were in a relationship if I could call it that and things didn't go well between us but at the same time what really put a strain on our relationship was the fact that she decided to go back to school and I wasn't ready for a long distant relationship..

I saw a bag at the door step..

Her: Wow this place hasn't changed a bit

She looked at Anathi..

Her: Ohw hey..

Anathi: Hi

I got her bag inside..

Anathi: I should probably go

She made her way out..

Naomi: I'll go and take a long relaxing bath

Me: Naomi.. We need to talk

Her: Maybe later

She walked away..

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AMBER

Craig: So Mrs Greenly for how long have you been married to Mr Greenly?

Her: 5 years

She wiped her tears with a tissue..

Craig: And last night you guys had a break in?  
And your husband was killed in the whole situation?

Her: He.. We were in bed when the alarm suddenly went off it has been tripping for a while. So when it went off in the early hours of the morning he went downstairs to check then I heard gunshots when I came down He

was.. He was laying on the ground bleeding  
(Crying)

Craig: I am so sorry for your loss I know how  
difficult this is for you

Her: I just want my husband's killer to be  
caught

Craig: And we going to do our best

Me: Can I ask you something?

Her: Yes

Me: For how long does it take the security to  
respond when the alarm goes off

Her: Err.. 5min the most

Me: I see

Craig: Well Mrs Greenly we are done with the  
questions

Her: So what happens now?

Craig: We will inform you about the case

She nodded. Craig looked at me and then we  
went out

Craig: So what do you think?

Me: She's lying

Craig: She killed him?

Me: No she probably hired someone or had her boyfriend do the job

He looked at me..

Me: I checked her mail and there were divorce papers there's no force of entry so the person who did this had the keys to the house it was planned. The reason why the alarm system has been going off for a week was part of the plan she tried to planned a perfect murder

Craig: I think Mrs Greenly has a lot of questions to answer

Me: Don't bring her in yet not until you get the boyfriend just monitor the calls they will make contact soon.. She probably wasn't going to get anything from the divorce so she might've killed him for insurance

I leaned against the car and exhaled..

Him: Are you alright?

Me: I'm fine

Him: How are thing between you and Diamond?

Me: Are you asking because you actually care or just to mock me?

Him: look maybe I will never wake up one day liking their family but if you happy with her then your happiness is what matters to me me and her we don't have to be best friends but I will be civil with her for your sake

Me: do you mean it?

Him: Yes i mean it

That was shocking..

Him: Dad has been asking about you

Me: You visited him?

Him: I do visit him from time to time and he has been asking about you

Me: now he doesn't take it as if like I abandoned him?

Him: i don't think so.. I think he is comfortable at the home

Me: I'll go and see him

Him: Okay.. Now let's wrap up this case and go

Me: let's do that

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THAPS

It was almost an hour left before Thandie goes for her therapy. We were drinking iced coffee and sitting on some bench at the park..

Her: I don't know why I have to see a therapist while you don't

Me: We deal with situations differently

She sighed..



Me: You still have serious nightmares over what happened and your mother is very worried

Her: How do you get through it?

Me: i have been through a lot most of my life so I deal with situations differently

Her: i just wish that I can forget eveything

Me: You can't forget everything as time goes on you just learn to live with it

Her: i guess so

Her: So tell me about her

I looked at her..

Her: been noticing that singing in the bathroom lately every morning those giggles over the phone and the smile.. You seem happy

Me: Well

Her: And here comes the blush

Me: You talking about Yammy?

Her: Yeap never seen you this happy

Me: She has an influence in my life.. She makes me very happy when I am with her I just forget about a lot of thing including my pain. She makes everything okay

Her: I am happy for you.. You deserve to be happy

Me: Thank you

I don't wanna lie I am very happy with Yammy.

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DIAMOND

Tarquin: This again?

There was blood on the carpet.. A lot of blood

Tarquin: Geez Ray what the fuck is wrong with you man? We don't have time for this shit!!! At least not now!!

Me: Tarquin calm down

Her: You fucken calm down!

We all kept quiet..

Tarquin: another stripper?

Ray: No this one I picked up at the bar a few days ago

I looked at that poor dead girl and somehow I am glad that things between Ray and Thaps never worked out or else that would her on that carpet

Me: Okay you guys know the drill

We heard a knock at the door..

We all looked at each other..

Me: Who is it?

Voice: FBI open!

Tarquin: shit we are screwed!! we are done

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DIAMOND

Tarquin and Ray had dragged the body to the kitchen but the blood on the carpet wasn't going to be cleaned off in a matter of seconds..

They knocked again and I went to open but I didn't open wide enough to let them in it was two FBI agents..

FBI 1: Good day

Me: Good day

Him: Is this the residence of Mr Raymond De Luca

Me: Yes it is

Him: Is he around?

Me: No unfortunately he is not

FBI 2: Who are you?

Me: I am Rose Rose De Luca.. Ray is my Brother

FBI 2: Where can we find him?

Me: Uhm.. I don't know were he is he wasn't around when I got here too

FBI 1: May we come in? Maybe look around?

Me: Look around for?

FBI 2: Just to look around

Me: Do you have a search warrant with you?

FBI 2: Do you have something to hide?

Me: I have nothing to hide I just know how it's supposed to be done

They looked at me and then looked at each other..

FBI 2: We will be back with that search warrant

Me: Maybe by then he will be back

They left and I closed the door I leaned against it and let out a sigh of relief.

Tarquin walked in..

Her: Man this is fucked up!!

Me: I know

Her: I didn't sign up for this!

Ray walked in too..

Tarquin: Ray what the hell is wrong with you man?

He didn't say anything. He sat down..

Me: I'll call Edward

Tarquin: You do that!!

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YAMKELA

I was chilling in the lounge when she made her way in she only had a towel covering her still wet body. I was laid on the couch watching TV I rose up and looked at her. She still looked beautiful what am I saying? She has always been beautiful..

Her: That was good.. I needed that

She came and sat ontop of me she kissed me..

Her: I missed you so much

We continued kissing and I only stopped when things started to get a bit steamy.

Her: What's wrong?

Me: I..

She kissed me again and I stopped her I grabbed her from her waist and got her off me..

Her: Babe what's wrong?

I got up..

Her: What is it?

I looked at her..

Me: I can't do this

Her: Can't do what?

Me: This.. Us?

She stood up and fixed her towel..

Her: I don't understand

Me: Naomi I have moved on

Her: What?

Me: I met someone else

She looked at me for a few seconds and then laughed..

Her: I can't believe this!

Me: I'm sorry but you have to go.. She will be here soon

Her: Yamkela!

Me: Naomi when I get back you should be out!

I took my car keys..

Her: Get back here!!!.. Yamkela!!

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AMBER

Before going home I passed by at the elderly home to go and see my Father. I was a bit nervous I haven't seen him in a very long time. I waited in the garden for him apparently that's his peaceful place.



The Nurse walked him to me apparently that's his peaceful place.

The Nurse walked him to me he looked good but his rudeness was still there because he was scolding the Nurse..

Nurse: And here she is.. She has been waiting for you

Dad: Get your damn hands off me! Told you I can walk by myself

I looked at the Nurse..

Me: Thank you

He walked away..

Dad: Got his damn hands all over me

Me: Hi Daddy

I waved at him..

Him: What are you doing here?

Me: I am here to see you

Him: I enjoy my own space! When no one comes to see me

Me: Glad to see you too Dad

Him: Your Brother says you getting married

Me: Well.. I don't know if I wanna marry her

Him: You have to marry her what else you going to do?

Me: Dad..

Him: You put me here for her now all this will be for nothing! Get your mind straight

He walked away..

Me: Where you going?

Him: Hell dare it's Bingo time!!

I looked at him as he walked away then he stopped..

Him: You coming?

Me: Yeah I'm coming

Him: Next time you come you must bring her alone!

Me: I will try

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## DIAMOND

We were all breathing heavy all this cleaning wasn't doing us good.. Anathi was also here to help..

Anathi: All these bleach smelling up in here it's going to give us away

Tar: Accessory to fucken murder!!!

I threw the scrub against the carpet..

Anathi: I'm going to get some beers in the fridge

Ray had shut down he was sitting on the chair and didn't care about what was happening..

We heard a knock at the door Tarquin and I looked at each other. We kept quiet but the person knocked again..

Tarquin: They got the search warrant so fast?  
(Whispering)

I shrugged my shoulders..

Edward: It's Me.. Open up!!

That was a relief..

I stood up and went to open he made his way in..

Him: Where is he?

Me: He is over there

Edward made his way to him and then he started punching him..

Me: Edward!!

Edward: What the hell is wrong with you boy??

I went up to them and stopped Edward..

Never seen Edward this mad..

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THAPS

We were back at home and I was having lunch with Nono she was not herself. She was very quiet..

Her: So she will come and fetch you?

Me: Yes

I spend most of my nights at Yammy's place and I have noticed that Nono doesn't really like her..

Me: Can I ask you something?

Her: Yes

Me: Maybe it's just me but.. I feel like you don't like Yammy

She kept quiet..

Me: It's just something I've noticed

Her: I just don't want you getting hurt you been through a lot

Me: I understand but Yammy makes me happy I am happy for the first time in a very long time

She smiled at me..

Her: Then I'm happy

I smiled too..

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AMBER

When I got home I decided to cook dinner for Rose after visiting my Father and having that talk with with my Brother I have decided that I wanna continue with Diamond. I want our relationship to be serious long she promises to stay faithful to me..

She walked in and was surprised to see me with an apron and cooking..

Her: Am I seeing right?

Me: Don't be like that

She made her way to me and put her keys on the counter together with her phone..

Her: I don't know whether to kiss you or not seeing that things haven't been good between us

I faced her..

Me: I know that things haven't been going well between us and.. Maybe we should try again

Her: Sounds promising

Me: I love you and I'm very happy with you I don't know if you have the same intentions with me

She held my hands..

Her: I love you.. I love you very much and I mean it

She came closer and kissed me...

Me: Maybe we should go on with the wedding

Her: Are you serious?

Me: Very serious

She kissed me again..

Her: Let me go and shower then I'll come back and join you for dinner.. Can't wait to see what you have prepared

Me: Okay

She went upstairs to shower. I checked the pots and then my eyes landed on her phone I am not going to be that kind of girlfriend. I was smelling bleach all of a sudden it was a strong scent. I smelled my hands and they were smelling bleach they had started smelling like this after Diamond had held them. Bleach? Diamond is not domesticated so in her situation bleach is used to clean a blood stain. What has she been up too??

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THAPS

I spend most nights at Yammy's place I guess that's how new love is I love spending time with her. When I'm with her I forget about



everything she makes me happy she completes me and makes me forget about things that I've been through.. We like spending most of our time indoors

she completes me and makes me forget about things that I've been through.. We like spending most of our time indoors eating out is not what we do. We cook together it creates that strong bond between us.

Tonight it was different we were eating out..

I looked at her as she was playing with her food..

Me: Babe

She looked at me..

Me: Do you want to tell me something?

Her: Why?

I looked at her and didn't say anything..

Her: I don't want to upset you

Me: I don't understand

Her: My.. My ex is back in town

Me: And?

Her: She just rocked up at my place

Me: Huh?

Her: I told her to leave hopefully she is gone..  
That's why we not having dinner at my place  
tonight

Me: Ohw

Her: She doesn't mean anything to me  
anymore we done for good.. I don't even  
know why she rocked up at my place

Me: clingy ex?

Her: Ya you can say that

Me: Did you make it clear to her that you  
don't want her anymore?

Her: Yes I did

Me: Okay

I went back to my dinner..

Her: You know what..

Me: Hmmm?

Her: Why don't we go back to my place after dinner?

Me: Is your ex still going to be there?

Her: I hope not

Me: I don't want drama

Her: There won't be drama.. I promise

—

AMBER

I looked at Rose as we were eating dinner..

Her: This is delicious

I smiled at her..

Me: Can I ask you something?

Her: Anything

Me: What were you doing with bleach?

She looked at Me..

Me: Bleach means one thing in your situation you were cleaning something that you don't want the police to see

Her: Wow bringing your FBI consulting skills at home

Me: I just want to be sure the last thing I want is for you to go to jail

Her: I'm good and the bleach was for nothing like that

Me: I see

She was lying to me and I could see it..

Me: Anyway tomorrow I'm going to see my Father.. Would you like to tag along?

Her: At what time?

Me: 14:00

Her: Okay we'll go together

Me: Thank you

We went back to our dinner..

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CRAIG

Me: Did you get it?

Frank: Judge said tomorrow.. Do you think he will give us?

Me: This girl was seen at the club with Raymond De Luca before she disappeared and when you went to his place something was fishy if you ask me he knows what happened to her and he has People covering up his tracks

Frank: I hope they don't outsmart us clean up the evidence

Me: We will use Luminol to test it will reveal that there was blood even after they had cleaned with bleach

Frank: If Ray is guilty that means he is the one who killed all the other strippers

Me: Meaning that at long last we would've caught him

Frank: Case closed

Me: They very smart so we need to be very careful

Frank: We will get justice for all those girls

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THAPS

After dinner we went to her place and her ex was still there it was the same girl who came to the Salon..

Yammy: Naomi I told you to leave

She looked at Me..

Her: I couldn't leave knowing that we still have a lot to talk about

Yammy: We have nothing to talk about

It was very awkward I stood there not saying anything..

Yammy: Please leave

Her: Yammy I am not going anywhere!

Me: I'll leave

Yammy: No you not going anywhere

Her: Let her leave!!

Me: Please take me home

Yammy: I am sorting this out

I looked at the girl..

Me: I don't think so

Her: If she wants to leave.. Let her leave!

Me: I'm done here.. I'll call someone to come pick me up

Yammy: Thaps wait!!!

I walked out..

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Chapter 44

THAPS

Days passed and I was ignoring Yammy. After that night with her Ex I told myself that I have had a lot of drama in my life and I didn't want more. I could clearly see that the girl was crazy and crazy girls are dangerous. How do you parade yourself in your Ex's place especially when they made it clear that they no longer interested in you had I forced situations she was probably going to hurt me..

The salon was now open for business it has been open for 3 days now so far we have had 5 patients a day. It's a bit below our target but we will get there when the word is out we going to work hard on marketing. Thandie was busy with a patient and I was tidying up a bit. The door opened and Yammy walked in I stopped sweeping and looked at her as she made her way to us. She was still her good looking self with her strictly black&white outfit...



She waved at Thandie since Thandie's hands were busy she slightly bowed her head. She turned and looked at me..

Her: Hey

Me: Hi

She buried her hands in her pockets..

Her: I've been calling you

Me: I know

She looked at me waiting for an explanation..

Me: You know why I wasn't picking up your calls

Her: I don't.. Do enlighten me

Me: Your Ex still crashing at your place?

Her: No she left that night I made sure of it

Me: That's good

I started sweeping again purposely sweeping the dirt to her white sneakers..

Her: That's the best you got?

Me: I was sweeping you found me sweeping  
and you stood there right were I was  
sweeping

She exhaled and stepped aside..

Me: Thank you

She went and sat on one of the chairs next to  
Thandie and her client..

Me: What are you doing?

She took off her cap..

Her: I need my dreads done something light.  
A bit of touch up here and there

Me: We don't style nor treat dreadlocks here  
Thandie gave me a weird look..

Her: As of when?

Me: As of now

She looked at me in the mirror and then  
chuckled..

Her: Fine I'm not going to keep on begging  
you

Me: Thank you

She got up and then walked away but stopped when she got to me. We looked at each other for a few seconds I wasn't going to let her stare me down..

We were disturbed by the door opening I stared her down because she was the one who shifted her attention to the door first.

Me: I think I have a client

I walked away to put the broom in the storage room..

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AMBER

Me: And?

They looked at me..

Camilla: You look so beautiful

I looked at the dress it was red&white. The theme is red&white I wanted another colour

but Diamond insisted on the red since it was her favourite colour.

I had asked Camilla and Sam to go wedding dress shopping with me. Sam is a dear friend of mine and Camilla is Sam's friend we know each other through Sam..

Sam: You look gorgeous

They were sitting on the couch while drinking champagne..

I looked at the shop assistant..

Me: How much is the dress?

Her: This one costs R24 000

we know each other through Sam..

Sam: You look gorgeous

They were sitting on the couch while drinking champagne..

I looked at the shop assistant..

Me: How much is the dress?

Her: This one costs R24 000 but if you rent it for two days it's R10 000

Camilla: Shuuu!! That's a lot of money

Sam: It's not like she can't afford it

Camilla: The wedding venue is expensive as it is I'm sure the ring is worse.. You very lucky girl

Me: I will have to talk to my Fiancé first and see.. Sam can you please pass me my phone

He passed me my phone and called Diamond..

Her: Babzie

Me: Hey Hun

Her: How is it going?

Me: It's going good

Her: Found a dress that you like yet?

Me: Uhm yes but it's a bit expensive

Her: How much?

Me: 24 000 if we buy it cash

Her: That's reasonable

Me: So you don't have a problem with the price?

Her: It's even cheaper than I expected

Me: Really? What is expensive to you?

Her: Don't worry about that.. I will make a transfer

Me: Okay

Her: I love you

Me: I love you too

Her: See you later

Me: Later it is

I looked at the assistant..

Me: I'll take the dress

The wedding was in two weeks time  
invitations have already been sent out..

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DIAMOND

The diamonds that we stole from Braga made us a lot of money. We got a buyer from overseas and we cashed in millions. The money was shared amongst me and the crew except for Anathi. We haven't heard from her for a while now we been to her place and everything was just turned upside down. It was a mess and I have no doubt that she was kidnapped. We didn't inform the authorities the last thing we want is for them digging up in the wrong place and finding out who we are so we going to do this on our own we going to find her on our own..

Tarquin: Shouldn't you be conncertrating on your wedding?

Me: Amber has everything under control my focus now is finding Anathi

Tarquin: Who could've done this?

Me: Who else? I think this is Braga's way of getting back at me

Tarquin: for her sake I hope she hasn't touched her

Me: I hope so too.. We have to find her

Tarquin: We will

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CRAIG

We were all taken a bit when Raymond De Luca walked in he handed himself to us on a silver platter. We put him in one of the interrogation rooms he was chained both his legs and arms..

Frank was going to do the interrogation since this was his case I let it go a long time ago when we struggled to get a lead

Frank: Why?

Ray thought about his answer first..

Ray: I don't know

Frank: What do you mean that you don't know? You killed those poor girls



Ray looked down..

Frank: Why did you do it Ray?

He shrugged his shoulders Frank looked at the window he knows that I am currently standing behind the window and listening..

Frank: Why did you hand yourself in? Do you want us to think that you have a conscience? Showing remorse for what you did?

He kept quiet. Frank hit the table..

Frank: Talk Ray!! You walked in here saying that you ready to confess now confess!!!

I heard noise coming from the corridor before I knew it. Our boss made his way to me followed by Edward De Luca..

Edward: How do you question my Son without his lawyer being present?

Boss: Agent Brookes

Me: Sir?

Boss: How do you conduct an interrogation without his lawyer being present?

He pressed the button..

Boss: Frank I want you out of there now

Frank: Pardon?

Boss: You can't question him without his lawyer being present

Frank: But Sir.. He walked in ready to confess

Boss: Agent I want you out of the interrogation room now

I looked at Edward and he looked at me I wanna come at him and his family with all that I got...

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## Chapter 45

RAY

I was excused from the interrogation room since we were waiting for my lawyer to show up I don't even know why my Father got me one because I feel like this is the right thing to do. If I am not out there then girls will be safe but if I do get out I won't stop what I was doing. I don't know why I was into this I don't know why I was doing it. All I know is that I blackout and what was supposed to be hardcore sex turns into murder. Having my hands around their necks I end up squeezing harder than I should and I could see them dying slowly but surely..

Dad: Ray listen.. You don't have to do this

Me: This is my choice

Him: We can get you the help that you need

I think how I was raised contributed to me being like this I have been a professional criminal from a young age I have been trained for this life..

Dad: I have already lost Regina I can't lose you too

Regina did good by distancing herself from my Father at least her conscience is still clean. Unlike me and Rose

Him: You and Rose are all that I have left  
Sometimes money and power cannot give you complete happiness all the cars the house the nice life I was still not happy. Most parents control their kids in a different manner from my father did to me and Rose he trained us to be hardcore he trained us to be murderers..

Me: I'm just tired Dad.. I'm tired of everything

Him: Ray look.. You not thinking straight right now

The FBI Agents were standing at a far distance looking at us..

Me: I wanna do this

I got up..

Dad: Ray No..

Me: I'm sorry

I made my way to the FBI with Edward following me.

Him: The lawyer is on his way

Me: I don't care

I got to the FBI..

Me: I'm ready to confess on tape

Edward: We going to need some few minutes

Me: I don't need extra minutes... I'm ready

I wanted this to be over I didn't wanna hurt anyone anymore..

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AMBER

Me: I think red velvet will do

(silence)

I turned and looked at her she hasn't touched her cake..

Diamond met up with me for cake tasting but she has been very distant all the cakes that we were meant to taste she hasn't even tasted not even one. Her mind was far away and she kept on starring at her phone..

Me: I can't do everything alone

She looked at me..

Me: Your mind is not here

Her: I know I'm sorry.. Just that I'm very worried about Anathi. It's not like her to just be this much quiet

Me: We getting married very soon and I can't do this alone

Her: I know and I'm sorry

Me: Maybe we should postpone then

Her: That's crazy I don't wanna postpone again.. Invitations are already out and I really wanna do this

She picked up the fork and tasted..

Her: It tastes nice

Me: So you also thinking we should go with the velvet?

She nodded..

Her: And chocolate

Me: And maybe the fruit cake too.. It tastes very good

Her: Vanilla?

Me: Vanilla is too overwhelming

Her: Then we will go with those 3

Her phone rang..

Her: Let me take this it's my Father

She stood up and walked away..

The pastry chef came back..

Her: Would you like to taste some more?

Me: No thank you.. We already made our decision. Velvet Chocolate and fruit cake

She sat down next to me she had her sketching book and her pencil..

Her: So now we can start with the design what did you have in mind?

Rose came back..

Her: Babe I have to go

Me: Go where?

Her: To the FBI... Ray turned himself in

Me: Turned himself in for what?

Her: I'll tell you later

He kissed me on my cheek..

Her: I'll call you

Me: Okay

She walked out.. I looked at the chef and faked a smile.



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YAMMY

Thaps was being very stubborn I have never been put in a position were I really had to beg a girl. I love her a lot and I really want us to work..

I got to my place and got beer from the fridge then I walked into the lounge I picked up the remote from the coffee table and I saw a shadow. Meaning that someone was standing behind me..

I turned around and I had this fool pointing a gun at me...

Her: Don't move

She really moves like a snake I didn't even hear her.

Me: How did you get in?

Her: That's not important

Me: What do you want?

Her: Where is Anathi?

Me: Who are you again?

Her: Forgot to introduce myself.. I'm Tarquin Diamond's friend

Me: So this Anathi person did she say she's coming here?

Her: Don't act smart with me

(Silence)

I attempted to put the bottle of beer on the table..

Her: What are you doing?

Me: I can't hold it forever you know

Her: Fine.. Put it down and don't try anything stupid or else I will shoot you

Me: Not trying anything

I put the bottle on the table and I raised my hands up.

Her: Where is she?

Me: Look I don't even know the person that you talking about

Her: You think I'm fool don't you?

Me: You can go and search for her but she's not here

We heard a knock at the door..

Her: Who is that?

Me: I'll have to check to make sure

We remained standing there and the person knocked again..

Voice: Yammy it's me.. Are you around?

Shit it was Thaps!!

Thaps: It's Thaps

What is she doing here? She didn't even call...

Tarquin: Thaps? Who is she? Someone important?

I remained quiet..

Her: So she is important?

Thaps: Babe are you around?

Tarquin: This is going to be fun

I heard the door opening..

Tarquin: Two for one.. Or maybe I should just focus on her

Thaps: Yamms?

When she got into the sitting room she freaked out and screamed immediately when Tarquin shifted her attention from me I kicked the gun from her hand and it fell. We both looked at it I punched her twice and she took a few steps backwards. When I ran to get the gun she tripped me and I fell Thaps was still screaming. She tried to go get the gun but I pulled her leg and she fell too..

Me: Thaps get out of here right now!!

We were both on the floor and trying to get the gun I crawled my way to the gun and Tarquin held my leg. I kicked her right in face with my other leg and that distracted her I

guess. I got the gun and when I turned around I shot her repeatedly...

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RAY

They set the video cam for the video..

Agent: This is Agent Brooks I have a suspect in custody who wants to confess to the multiple murders of the exotic dancers from the De Luca night club..

He looked at me..

I looked at the video cam..

Me: My..

I cleared my throat..

Me: My name is Raymond De Luca and I am the one behind the murders of the strippers

Agent: What is it that you do for a living?

Me: Nothing just minor operations here and there

Agent: Minor operations?

This was not part of the plan what he is doing was not part of the deal..

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AMBER

I was disappointed and I mean very disappointed at how Diamond is handling the whole wedding situation..

My phone vibrated it was a text message which read:

"We have a situation"

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Chapter 46

THAPS

The first thing I did when I got home was to drink wine a lot of wine. I was worried about Yammy what I saw at her place that was a intense fight between her and that other girl. I wanted to call her but I was scared scared of what I might hear..

Thandie walked in..

Her: Are you okay?

I nodded repeatedly..

Me: I'm fine

She picked up the bottle from the table and looked at it I was already halfway.

Her: I know that when you drink like this something is wrong

I put the glass down and glanced at it for a few seconds..

Me: Yammy might be dead

Her: Yammy? As in like your girlfriend?

Me: Yes

Her: Why? What happened?

Me: I.. Someone..

Her: Okay calm down and tell me what happened

Me: She was caught up in a serious fight with a gun pointed at her

Her: Where? How? What was happening?

Me: I don't know Thandie.. I'm just I'm very worried

Her: Did you call her?

Me: No..

Her: I think you should.. That's the only way you going to find out if she's okay or not

Me: I don't wanna call her

Her: It's better than just standing there and drinking like this

Me: I'll call her later

Her: You mean when you drunk?



Me: Yes when I'm into it I'll be able to handle the news well

She shook her head..

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DIAMOND

I called Tarquin again and her phone took me straight to voicemail..

Me: Voicemail again

I don't know what was happening Ray confessed Anathi is missing and now Tarquin isn't answering her phone..

Me: What the fuck is going on!

Edward: How are the wedding plans going?

Me: You really thinking about the wedding?  
At a time like this?

Him: The wedding has to go on.. Invitations are out already everything is set

Me: What made Ray confess?

Him: I don't know

Me: Do you think he might rat us out?

Him: At this point I'm not sure he bloody confessed anything is possible

Me: This is just one big mess

Him: Do you think someone is behind this?

Me: At first I thought so but after Ray turned himself in I don't think so no one would force Ray to turn himself in

Him: I wish tomorrow they will let us see him

Me: He better keep his mouth shut about everything

Him: We will just have to pray he doesn't

Me: Let me go and find out what's happening no one would force Ray to turn himself in

Him: I wish tomorrow they will let us see him

Me: He better keep his mouth shut about everything

Him: We will just have to pray he doesn't

Me: Let me go and find out what's happening  
I'll be intouch

Him: Okay be safe

Something is going on something that I don't  
like..

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YAMMY

He zipped the body bag..

Him: All done

Me: You going to take care of this right?

Him: Yes

Me: No mistake

Him: None

Me: Good

Him: The cleaners will be here in no time

Me: Good.. Thanks for the help man

Him: You know it

I took my cellphone and called Thaps I don't even know what I was going to say to her. I called several times and she didn't pick up maybe it's for the best. It will give me more time to think of an excuse..

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THAPS

I was getting a headache now not to mention that I was almost out of it so I decided to take a bath and I drank coffee.

Nono was out of the country on a business trip and Thandie spends most of the time reading in her room. This life might be better than the previous one but it is definitely lonely..

The person rang the door bell again..

Me: I'm coming

I went to open and to my surprise it was Angie..

Me: Angie?

Her: Can I come in?

I let her in..

Me: Nono is not around

I fixed my night gown..

She looked at me..

Her: I'm actually here to see you

Me: See me?

Her: Yeah

Me: See me for??

Her: Thaps everything is just falling apart and I don't know what to do

Me: What happened?

Her: A lot is happening.. It's very confusing all of it is confusing

Me: Do you want something to drink?

Her: Something strong will do

Me: We can go to the lounge and talk

We made our way to the lounge..

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AMBER

My phone rang I was busy looking at a catalogue..

Me: Hello?

Voice: She's with her

I put it on the table..

Me: Are you sure?

Voice: Yes I'm sure.. She was followed just as you had asked

Me: Okay thank you.. I'll see to it that you get your payment

Voice: I'll be waiting

I hung up and exhaled I went through my caller ID and called Braga..

Braga: Hey

Me: Hey.. We going along with the plan

Her: What happened?

Me: I.. Let's just go ahead with the plan

Her: She's still running after her? She is still running after my girlfriend isn't it?

Me: I'm afraid so.. Once again I've been made a fool. When will I learn?

Her: It's messed up but you would wanna know that the plan has changed

Me: What do you mean the plan has changed?

Her: I have a better one

Me: I hope it's better than the last one

Her: It is

Me: We should go ahead with it then

Her: Don't worry everything is going to workout

Me: I hope so

Her: I have to go Go and make sure that sorry ass of your fiancé doesn't sink her claws deep inside my girlfriend

Me: This doesn't affect you? The fact that Diamond and her will always find their way to each other they have a history one that we won't understand

Her: The "Her" you referring to has a name her name is "Thaps"

Me: Yeah whatever just make sure the plan works

I hung up and Sighed Diamond will always be a bastard..

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Chapter 47

THAPS

The conversation was really going nice we were catching up on the old times. I enjoyed her company enjoyed revisiting the past. We



were drinking juice she couldn't touch alcohol because she was driving and on my side the headache from wine earlier was really uncomfortable..

Her: This is nice.. Just talking and not being in each other's throats for once

Me: That's very true

Her: Do you think I've made the right choice?

Me: I am not following

Her: Marrying Amber?

Me: I don't know Angie but quite frankly you have changed this is your new life and in your new life it seems right

She chuckled..

Her: Yaa I wonder how life would've turned out if I never left if you and I were..

Me: Stop.. What happened happened. We have different lives and we with different people we should embrace our new lives

Her: Thaps..

Me: Angie please don't.. Don't try and confuse me I have moved on. I am with someone else and she makes me happy

Her: You love her?

Me: Yes I do and I would like for you to respect that

We heard someone clapping we set our eyes right at the doorway and it was Yammy. How did she get in?

Yammy: Look at this.. How nice is this?  
I stood up..

Me: How did you get in?

Her: You underestimate me sweetheart  
She made her way in..

Her: So what's going on? Juice date?  
I looked at the glasses..

Me: It's not what it looks like

Her: Then what does it look like?

I turned and looked at Angie..

Me: Can you please leave?

Angie stood up..

Her: Are you sure? Do you really want me to leave?

Yammy laughed..

Me: Yes

She nodded and walked away bumping into Yammy on purpose..

Yammy: Ouch that really hurt (sarcasm)

Angie turned and looked at her..

Angie: You full of shit do you know that?

Yammy: I never realized

I made my way to her quickly so that they couldn't fight..

Me: leave

Angie: I'm leaving

She left..

I turned and looked at Yammy..

Me: What are you doing here?

Her: I've been calling

Me: And I've been ignoring

Her: Can we stop? I'm tired of this going back and forth fighting

Me: I'm not fighting

She made her way to me..

Her: Yes you are always fighting me.. Don't you get tired?

She squeezed my cheek..

Her: I've missed you

Me: So we going to act like nothing happened? Like today didn't happen?

Her: I'm sorry that you had to see that

Me: How sure am I that I will be safe when I come to your place?

Her: You will always be safe

Me: Yammy seriously thi-

She pulled me closer to her and kissed me

Her: So what do you say we forget about everything?

I looked at her..

Her: Please

Me: Okay just this once

She kissed me again..

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AMBER

I was full hands on the wedding but what I was really worried about was the plan we have one shot at this and if we blow it up. Rose is going to kill us before we even get to her..

I was on the phone with my Brother..

Me: What do you mean he turned himself in?

Craig: I was surprised too but he turned himself in and then confessed right on tape that he is the one behind the killings of the strippers

Me: What? That's sick

Him: The whole family is sick!.. No offense to your fiancé

Me: None taken

Him: How are the wedding plans going?

Me: They going good.. Almost everything is set

Him: I'm sure you can't wait

Me: Yea I can't wait

Him: Let me go Sis.. I'll talk to you tomorrow

Me: Tomorrow it is

Him: Take care of yourself.. I love you

Me: I love you too

I put the phone down. This just keeps on getting better..

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RAY

The following morning I was transferred to Prison after a long time of being interrogated. I was tired I was hungry and at the back of my mind I wasn't sure anymore if I made the right choice or what with turning myself in. I was chained

and at the back of my mind I wasn't sure anymore if I made the right choice or what with turning myself in. I was chained my hands and my legs were chained. It dawned on me that I was going to hell.. Hell that I might not even survive but all that matters is that I am going to pay for my sins I wonder how many years the judge is going to give me.

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THAPS

Yammy slept over last night was her very first time spending a night here...

Her: What do you say that we take a holiday?  
We can go anywhere that you want

We were still in bed..

Me: A holiday? Now?

Her: Yes

Me: I.. That's lovely hun but we just opened  
up the salon and I can't leave Thandie alone

Her: Okay we can go out for a weekend we  
can go from Friday and come back Monday

I looked at her..

Her: I'm trying to be romantic here

She bit my neck and I laughed..

Me: fine we can go then

Her: Where would you like to go?

Me: I don't know

Her: Have you been out of South Africa?

Me: I have never even been to Cape Town

She thought for a while..



Her: well would you like to go to Cape Town then? We can start there

Me: Yes.. Would like to see table mountain and other places

Her: Cape Town it is then.. I'll book the tickets today for this weekend

Me: This weekend?

Her: Yeah.. Any stories?

Me: No nothing.. This weekend is good

She kissed me on the cheek..

Her: I'll book the tickets when I get home

This weekend is Rose's wedding..

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AMBER

Rose came back home late last night she was a bit sloshed She's going to wake up with a serious hangover and maybe hungry so I decided to prepare breakfast for her. Wasn't something complicated just toasted bread

sausages scrambled eggs cheese and mango juice..

She came down when I was just about to take it up to her..

Me: And there she is.. How is the hangover?

Her: I'll live

She made her way to me and kissed me..

Her: Something smells good

Me: I made you some breakfast

She looked at it..

Her: Aren't you going to make a good wife

Me: Well thank you

She looked at me..

Her: I love you soo much

Me: I love you too

Her: After our wedding this coming weekend..

How about we go just go far from here

Me: I don't understand

Her: I'm tired of this place I want a fresh start  
I have enough money

Me: Are you sure?

Her: I'm sure.. I am tired of this life just want  
to start over somewhere else what do you  
say?

Me: I'd like that very much

Her: So after the wedding we going?

I nodded..

Me: Yes we can move anywhere

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Chapter 48

AMBER

THE WEDDING DAY

The day that I greatly looked forward too had finally arrived today it was my wedding day and I was happy but nervous at the same time.

Everything was set up beautifully I checked the venue yesterday as they were decorating and setting everything up. Three colours red white and a touch of black here and there. Rose really spent a lot of money making my dream day come true but then again a mill didn't hurt her pocket..

I only had two Bride's maids. It was Camilla and my cousin Claire despite her dislike for Rose Claire came to support me. My father was around too the home agreed for him to be here but she was with a Nurse they keep a strict leash on them nevertheless I was glad he was here. After all I wanted him to walk me down the aisle...

We were getting ready the make-up stylist was doing a great job.

Claire: Valentino shoes? Wow!

Camilla: Ask how much the dress cost

Me: Guys stop it

Claire: Are you ready though cuz?

I looked at myself in the mirror..

Me: I'm ready

Camilla: We better hurry up then.. We don't  
wanna be late

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ROSE

Anathi was not here Tarquin was not here Ray  
is in jail and Regina didn't come too. On my  
side I only had Edward it was sad I really  
thought that my squad was going to be here  
so now I had to settle with some relatives to  
be my groomsmen..

Edward walked in..

Me: Any word?

He shook his head no..

Me: Dammit!!

Him: We have been under pressure with your Brother confessing and what not everything is a mess but I promise you everything is going to be okay soon. We going to get Ray out and then find Anathi and Tarquin..

Me: I have no doubt that Braga is behind everything

Edward: She can't be that Dangerous.. Don't give her too much credit

Me: Any other explanation?

Him: Rose go get married and then we will sort everything out after the wedding.. Come on you've made this girl wait long enough

I nodded...

Him: At least let this day be fruitful let's be happy today

Me: Yeah you right

He looked at his wrist watch..

Him: It's time... Are you ready?

Me: Yeah I'm ready

Him: Let's go then

He looked at my Cousins..

Him: Let's go boys

I swear after the wedding I'm taking my wife and we leaving this place..

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THAPS

The hotel was really out of this world everything is a mess but I promise you everything is going to be okay soon. We going to get Ray out and then find Anathi and Tarquin..

Me: I have no doubt that Braga is behind everything

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THAPS



The hotel was really out of this world we have been here for two days now and though the weather wasn't very nice to us but I couldn't wait to go and see table mountain and Robben Island. Yesterday we didn't do anything we just stayed indoors and spent some time together just eating and watching movies plus it was raining yesterday. Today it's not raining but it's a bit cold. Angie is getting married today I wanted to be there for her but then again she is my past we will never go back to how things were. A lot of things have changed but I like the change I like my new life..

I walked out of the bedroom Yammy was sitting on the bed and on her laptop. She has been occupied by her laptop and cell phone since from yesterday seems like she was working on something serious.

Me: Hun come on

I looked at her...

Her: Give me 5 minutes

Me: Yammy are you serious right now?

Her: Okay.. Okay.. I'm going to shower

She closed the laptop and stood up she made her way to the bathroom as I rolled my eyes..

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AMBER

She was standing there waiting for me as my Father walked me down the aisle. There wasn't a lot of guests just close family and friends. Less than 50 guests but it didn't matter. I have been waiting for this day for a very long time now..

Everyone stood up as we walked to Rose she seemed happy. I hope she is happy..

We got to her and my Father handed me to her then went and sat down. We smiled at each other..

Pastor: You may be seated

Everyone sat down..

Pastor: We are all gathered here to witness the union of Amber Brooks and Rose De Luca.. Before we start I believe that the couple has written their own vows he looked at me.. Amber you may go ahead

I looked at her..

Me: Rose..

She held my hands..

Me: Remember when we first met? I didn't think that our journey would lead us here. I don't even have words to describe how happy I am nor how much I love you.

I started to get emotional..

Me: I love you soo much.. Soo much that I had to do this

I shook my head..

Me: I'm so sorry

She looked puzzled everyone looked puzzled..

Me: I'm sorry (crying)

Her: Sorry for what?

The FBI walked in..

FBI 1: Rose De Luca your are under arrest for the murder of Tarquin Jensen and the kidnapping of Anathi

Rose: What?

Me: I'm sorry

Rose: Amber what did you do?

Me: I..

Rose: What the Fuck did you do!!

She strangled me but the FBI stopped her before it could get far.

Rose: Is this how you do me bitch? Is this how you do me?

They handcuffed her...

FBI 1: You have the right to remain silent..

I couldn't stand there and witness everything  
I ran out. Ran out to the car that drove me  
here..

Me: Drive!

The chauffeur started driving..

I took my phone that was on the seat and  
called Braga..

Braga: And?

Me: It is done.. It is done!

Her: Good girl!

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Rose petals & Betrayal

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BRAGA

I was in the bathroom Thaps had gone out to the reception by now we were supposed to be on our way to Robben Island but I had to fix the remaining pieces of our plan. I was on the phone with Amber and she was panicking..

Me: Amber calm down

Her: I can't calm down!! What have we done?  
Rose is going to kill us!

Me: Rose is not going to kill you she will be in jail for a very long time

Me: I don't know.. We shouldn't have done that

Me: Amber pack your things.. Take the plane ticket and drive to the airport skip the country the 1.5mill I gave you will sustain you until you can be able to stand on your feet

Her: Edward.. What about Edward?

Me: Edward is depressed to do anything right now he lost all his kids just get out of her place and go before he makes an appearance

Her: I don't I..

Me: Amber get the fuck out of there now!! Take the fucken ticket and go why you gotta be stubborn?

Her: Okay fine.. I'll get my things

Me: Call me when you at the airport

Her: Okay I will

Ever since that day Diamond and her crew wanted to set me up in jail so I get a longer sentence in turn of them stealing my diamonds I knew I had to deal with her fast before she becomes a problem. I was let in on Amber and when I found her broken by Diamond and her family them killing her Mom and Diamond playing her she didn't hesitate to come on board. All along we been working on this plan wasn't easy but with Amber and

her brains it all fell into place. This is for Diamond stealing my diamonds and shooting baby girl in the process I do hope she rots in jail! We made sure that there's too much incriminating evidence against her so much that her Father and her riches can't get her out..

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AMBER

I was so scared so shaken. When the FBI was taking her away what I saw reflected by her eyes I know Diamond is going to come for me with everything she's got.

Me: Come on Amber get a grip on

I took a few deep breaths while packing my things I need to be out of here before Edward comes here looking for me..

I my phone rang scaring me it was Craig. I answered..

Me: Craig?



Him: Where are you? Are you okay?

Me: No I'm not

Him: I'm downstairs can't have access to go up to the panthouse

Me: Wait there I'm coming.. I need to be out of here before Edward comes for me

Him: I'll wait right here

Me: Thank you

Him: Amber

Me: Yes?

Him: I'm very proud of you

Me: I'll be down in a sec

Him: I'll be waiting.. I'll make sure no one touches you

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DIAMOND

They played the video again I seriously don't know how Amber and Braga pulled this off..

Agent 1: Shall we go through this again?

He played it. Well this is an old tape an old tape of us killing someone in my penthouse. What happened is that the tape doesn't really show everything only shows downstairs at the elevators. It shows Me Tarquin and Anathi arguing next to the elevator then it showed us going inside the elevator. Yes that day I got into a physical one with Tarquin she was drunk and starting shit Anathi tried to keep the peace but acting as the mediator. Though they couldn't hear our voices but the body language and the fight proved that we went seeing eye to eye that night. In the elevator up to my Penthouse there's no cameras so they couldn't really tell what happened there it only showed us again when we going out of the elevator downstairs but by then it was just me and Anathi we were looking for a bin to dispose the body of the intruder in my penthouse while Tarquin had passed out on

the couch and couldn't help. It is an incriminating tape but it happened long time ago I don't know how the time and the date was changed to the day when Tarquin disappeared...

The Agent stopped the tape..

Agent: We have Anathi's testimony and she had agreed to testify against you you kidnapped her in hopes to kill her when she wanted to turn you in

This was shit! Why would Anathi do this to me? Why would she split her loyalty?

Agent: I'll make sure that you go down we already have your Brother see now your Sins are catching up with you

He tossed the pictures in front of me..

Him: Tarquin's dead body was found in the trunk of your Ferrari we also found a couple of items. Bleach to clean the blood Shovel what was it for? To Bury her somewhere?

Dammit!! That's all Amber she is the only one with access to my cars..

Him: Basically you don't have a leg to stand on here if I were you I would plead guiltyly for a lenient sentence

I laid back on the chair while looking at him..

Me: Are the chains necessary?

They had chained my hands and legs..

Him: You fucken full of it! You going to jail for a long time and all you care about is them damn chains?

Me: Am I?

Him: Listen here you piece of shit!! Nothing will save you from this hell hole!! You going down it's over! And I'll make sure your life is difficult inside do you understand me?

I didn't say anything.. I hope Edward will be able to get me out of this one if he does I am gunning for Amber she won't know what hit her. I loved that bitch! I trusted her and she

do this to me? As for Braga she won't know what hit her. I am finally going to get my girl back I'm going to get Thaps back..

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EDWARD

I really underestimated this "Yammy" of the person. I underestimated the skulls there's no way she could've pulled this off alone she had to have been helped by the crew that she's in. Heard their leader Sean "Braga" Cowen is really brains you shouldn't mess with. I was in a corner I didn't know how to help my kids. Especially Ross because she has a whole Gangster crew after her. A very dangerous and powerful crew so basically to fight them I will need to be alliances with their rivals and who better than The Sniper himself "Riley Muller"..

Me: I am at my lowest.. I don't know what to do please help me

He drank the whiskey from his glass..

Him: Why should I? This is not my fight

Me: You know the saying "An enemy of my enemy is my alliance" all I need you to do is get my baby girl a reduced sentence and when she comes out watch her breath fire Rose is... She is led by anger and when that anger is spiked up she becomes the devil.. All I need you to do is to get her a reduced sentence

He looked at me for a while..

Him: Anything to piss on the Skulls.. We need to find a judge that's going to be handling this case and then get a good lawyer

Me: I'll pay whatever money that's needed

He poured whiskey in his glass and raised it up..

Him: To being alliances

I raised mine..

Me: To being alliances

Right now it's better to get Diamond out than Ray Diamond is a whole lot better when she gets out.. She will be out for blood..