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PROLOGUE

PROPHET NKA

I felt like I was laying ontop of something that was moving. As I looked up, bright lights were blinding me. I heard different voices going around...

"He's losing a lot of blood"

.

"His BP is dropping"

.

"Get him to the OP now!!"

.

"Sir can you hear me? Do you know where you are?"

I didn't know what was going on, All I knew I had to close my eyes. They were heavy. That's when the voices became distant, the bright lights. Started shining very very bright. I closed my eyes and opened them, to see Raphael standing over me.. Me: Am I dead?

Raphael: No

Me: Am I dying?

Raphael: Not a chance

Me: I.. I remember being shot

Raphael: Yes

Me: It wasn't random, I'd think of a hijacking but this. This seemed to be personal. He didn't take my

**car, He was alone. After shooting
me he went back to his bike**

Raphael: I know

Me: What happened?

Raphael: Clover shot you

Me: What? I don't understand..

Why? It's impossible! Clover is my best friend

Raphael: Clover is a Satanist, an Anti Christ. Agent of the dark world,

the darkness in your light. What you

are to us, is what he is to Lucifer

Me: Clover is an exorcist,

Clover is

of God

Raphael: Clover is a 666 sent to kill you, hence what happened

today Me: Get out of here

Raphael, if he was I would know

Raphael: You wouldn't have known, He was too close to your heart. As how David was close to God's heart and he sinned

Me: Raphael

Raphael: You listen to me,

Whatever

happens you need to live. Your

wife

still needs you, the girls need you

and the world still needs you.

Those

broken souls out there, they still

need

you. It doesn't end like this, So you

have to live no matter what the

cost.

Now Clover is with the girls, Uriel

is

there. We gonna protect them for

you. Until you get out of here

When Raphael said all those

things,

It made me realize that. Even the

ones we trust wholeheartedly, can
betray us bad the most. For those

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bullets to have not killed me

instantly,

it means I'm still needed.

Therefore I

shall remain!

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01

TIERA MHLABA

A FEW YEARS LATER

It was a Saturday morning, On Saturdays I go visit Nesta at the mental institution. Every Saturday morning before I go on with my day.. I am 21 years old now and in my second year, studying pharmacy. I was delayed because I had to repeat my grade 10 and 11. Not because I wasn't smart but those were the years were depression took a toll on me.

**I greeted the receptionist
and signed..**

Me: How is she this morning?

**Receptionist: Well she's herself,
You know how she is**

**I got used to calling Nolitha Mom
over the years, and Nka Dad. My
birth Mom, I just address her by
her name. I know it sounds
disrespectful but I never got the
hang of calling her Mom..**

**I was told everything, How she
ended up here and with what
happened to me I could've easily
hated her but the beauty of the
situation arose when I was
adopted by a very loving family. If
what happened to me didn't
happen, I wouldn't be here today..
I opened the curtains..**

Me: Good morning

She was sitting on the chair..

Nesta: I thought I took my medication already what are you doing here? I made it clear that I wanted to be alone

Me: Nesta it's me, It's Titi
Surprisingly enough Nesta ended up going mental for real. I feel that the medication also had an impact and what she did is finally catching up with her..

Nesta: Titi.. Ohh Titi.. My Daughter

Me: Yes

I went over and kissed her on the forehead..

**Nesta: You know they say I'm crazy,
but I'm not..**

Me: I know

Nesta: Now I saw a back exit, If we climb down the window and down the

water pipe we can get out of
here! Let's go

She got up and went to the
window.. Me: Nesta

Nesta: Come on, Let's
go I walked up to her..

Me: The window doesn't open

Nesta: What? How? Why? So
where

does the air come in? I'm going to
suffocate. I won't be able to
breath

see they trying to kill me! They
trying

to kill me!!!

I held her..

Me: Come on, Let's go

I walked her over so we could
sit down..

MTHUNZI HLOMUKA

I heard a knock at the door..

Me: Come in

The door opened, One of the
servant girls walked in. She kept
her eyes down. She bowed a
little.. Nonku: "Ngidi,
Bophela, Busane
Fuyane, Mazinga,
Mlalazi kaNoxhaka,
Laka lathengwa ngembuzi,
Imbuzi kwakungeyempongo,
Wena bhaka laseMakhasi,
Wena nyoka zakhwela emthini
zingenanyawo,
Wena nkomo zehla
ngelengiso estikini,
Wen'okandunu mabukwa
yombili abasezitheni
nabasekhaya, Dlokwe
lendlovu, Jiji Mankononkono,
Geza ngenhla abafokazana
begeza ngezansi,

Mnguni!"

**I put my hands in my pockets
and looked at her..**

Nonku: Nkosi yam (my prince)

Me: Nonku

**Nonku: Everyone is ready and
sitted at the table for breakfast**

**Me: I'll be right there, Thank you
She bowed..**

Nonku: Ngidi!

She walked out..

TIERA MHLABA

**I took Nka's surname right after
the adoption was finalized..**

I put the breakfast on the table..

Nesta: Are you married now?

Me: No

Nesta: Why?

Me: I'm.. I'm hiv positive Nesta

Nesta: You were sleeping around??

Where was Nolitha?

Me: No I was not sleeping around, I never even had a boyfriend

Nesta: How are you Hiv positive?

Me: Remember when I was young, Remember Jeff used to rape me? He infected me

Nesta: I should've killed him! I wanted to kill him

Me: You did

Nesta: Good!

I chuckled and shook my head..

MTHUNZI HLOMUKA

I went down to eat breakfast with everyone. At the table was my

**Sister, My Mother, and our
healer.. Me: Good morning
I sat down..**

My Father was a King, a King to isizwe sakwa Hlomuka. I was the only heir to the throne but because I was young when he died, my mother took over just until I grew up and take over. She was protecting the throne for me, from my Father's Brother who felt like he was entitled to it. He is the one who killed my Father, poisoned him for the throne. When our healer caught it, he was executed. My father had 3 Brothers, he was the first born. Only one is left, He lives with us together with his family but not in our house. They have their own house but same yard. I'm 25 years old and I decided to have a life different from what I was meant to

**be. I'm at school, studying
medicine. I didn't want to study
medicine, I just did because it's**

lengthy. It'll keep me away from here..

Our village is a population of 30 000

people, It's not your typical village.

Our people have houses, clean running water, electricity, a mall, Shopping center, 2 hospitals, 5 clinics, 2 primary schools, 2 secondary schools and two prisons

one for

Men, one for

Women. We are a rich village, we have oil and gold. Our village is in South Africa, my ancestors had this land within this country and we are a very respectable group of people because the country

**depends on our money too. We
export to other countries and
contribute to the**

country. We have 3 gold mines, and an oil rig.. My family is worth 15mill.. The only thing missing in our village is universities so we attend the ones in our country..

My Father was an honorable King, He wasn't corrupt. His people came first and their needs came first. Those who are financially challenged get an allowance of R3000 a month, each household, free medical help and their children don't pay school Fees. Kids who go to varsity, The Hlomuka foundation gives them a study loan. No matter which course you do, we take care of your education but when you start working you pay back.

**Some went to work in other parts
of South Africa, Isizwe sakwa
Hlomuka**

is the most admired by even the country itself. Although we don't allow anyone to come and live here, Either you are born here or you came here through marriage. All the villagers, we have marks on our shoulders to show that you are from here, not allowing people from other places to come live here has helped the village to stay rich as it is. Our Law enforcement is very strict no one just comes in here, they get strict orders from us. My family we no different from the President, Just that Isizwe sakwa Hlomuka is ruled by Royalty than the president.. You'll actually think it's a town than a village due to how it has developed over the years.. It's

**separated into two parts, The
town and the village. There's
people**

who are still living at the village
that part that existed for years..
We just kept to calling it a village
because that's how it used to be
before my Father Mthunzi
Hlomuka the 4th made it what it is
today.. Healer: Mthunzi we have to
perform a ceremony for you
before you go back to the city
tomorrow Me: Okay

Ma: I don't even know why he's
going
back

Me: Ma

My Mom is very hardcore, I think
it comes from the fact that she's
the first woman to lead and she
needed that respect from the

people. She rules with an iron
fiest..

Ma: Anyway.. Mthunzi we have to
go down to the Prison after
breakfast. To

**sign off the death penalty for
this month**

**Me: Doesn't it bother you that we
are the only place that still
passes on the death penalty?**

Even South Africa don't have it

**Ma: We are not ruled by the South
African constitution remember?**

**We have our own constitution the
HK constitution that all rapists
and murderers should be shot to
death Our death penalty is
different, Instead of hanging or
the chair. Our prisoners who were
sentenced to death, are made to
stand in an open area and they
get shot at least 10 times each.
Then their families come to claim
the bodies..**

Me: Yes but what about those falsely accused of rape and murder? Where's the justice in that?

Ma: In our village there's no falsely accused, Why would you be falsely accused? Why would a woman lie to you?

Me: Feminist much?

Ma: Do you have a problem with how I rule? Because if you do then you can take the ropes

Amahle: Mom has kept the crime rate of Isizwe sakwa Hlomuka low Shade, She's done her best

Me: Of course! The law favours the women of this village more than the Men, Fuck the Men

Ma: Hey!! I don't accept such language in my house.. I am the

**Queen, Indlovukazi, uDlunkulu
and you shall respect me!**

Me: Apologies her majesty

**Ma: Anyway let's talk about
your marriage**

Me: There we go

**Ma: King Lushaba is very
respectable and he has beautiful
daughters. Ukwakha ubuhlobo
nabo will strengthen our kingdom
too Me: I don't love his Daughter**

**Ma: She loves you that's all
that matters Angithi? I shook
my head..**

Me: Ma

**Ma: You will marry King Lushaba's
Daughter and that is a command
from your Queen, Next weekend
they traveling from KwaZulu-
Natal to come for a visit**

**Me: I'm looking forward to it
(Sarcasm)**

TIERA MHLABA

**Me: I know that my Dr said I can
have children, and my children
can have a different status from
mine Nesta: So?**

**Me: Nesta which Man would be
okay with us using condoms
everyday? I don't wanna make
love with a man scared that he
might be infected, Scared to kiss
me, Scared to touch me if I bleed.
I don't wanna be that burden, He's
obviously going to cheat on me so
why not just stay single? I'm
happy with where my life is.. I'm
happy isn't that enough? Why do I
need a man to be happy? I have
you, a loving family, God, I'm at**

**school aren't those blessings
enough?**

**Nesta: Of course Titi, So long
you happy that's enough**

**Me: Okay I'm playing my card
now,
watch out**

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TIERA MHLABA

**After seeing my Mom, I drove up
to Nka's office. He's a very busy
Person and now the executive
producer of the show "Men of
God" I knocked at his office..**

Dad: Come in

I walked in..

I'm still staying at home, I drive to school everyday. I don't even feel like moving out and getting my own for now, I am happy staying at home with my Parents..

Nka: How is your Mom?

Me: She's doing well, She's fine I sat down..

Nka: I am so proud of you, not many people would do that. Many people would've hated their Parent

Me: There's nothing to hate. Despite what happened, I don't think Nesta stood there and encouraged him to violate me. Where she is today, is validation enough that she acted as a true Mother even though she broke the law

**Nka: I thought that you were
going to grow up and be a bitter
Person but**

**therapy and God helped
you Princess**

**Me: I'm 21, There's no longer a
need for you to call me that Nka:
There's every need**

**Me: Still think I'm going to marry
into royalty? Become a Princess
then a Queen?**

**Nka: I cannot see the future but I
can see a destiny. In yours in
your journey a crown is included.
You weren't named Tiera for no
reason, though spelled differently
but a Tiera is a crown your name,
everyone's name is attached to
their destiny. It holds a nature of
the Person and in yours, You
have been a princess. You've
been acting like one and I know**

**you will get married to someone
who has a royal blood**

Me: In SA? Or England?

We both laughed..

Ella: Wad up family!!

Ella and I we the same age, she's just older than me with a few months. We have been close ever since, She's very protective of me. If you didn't know better, You'd actually think we are blood sisters.. Ella is a lingerie model, She signed a contract with a company that gave her a lingerie line, She travels a lot and she's doing well..

A Prophet's Daughter because now we consider ourselves their kids, posing in magazines in her underwear. Man and boys alike probably mastubating to her pictures is a shame, But Nka has

**always encouraged us to follow
our dreams.**

He says it all the time, He's the Prophet and we not. We not subjected to live under the rules, we can live our own lives so long we respect ourselves.

I got up and hugged her..

Me: When did you get back?

Ella: I just passed by at home, Tell me is the Saturday lunch still tradition?

Since Nka is a busy man, he has always made it a tradition that every Saturday from since we were young we go out for lunch.

Me, Him, and Ella.. Me and Him we've always kept that tradition, since Ella is always busy.

**She went up to him and hugged
him, She was wearing a very
short black**

leather skirt but with stockings underneath..

Nka: Ready to go?

Ella: Let's roll!

MTHUNZI HLOMUKA

Commissioner: 5 Prisoners who will

be put to death

Ma: Only 5? We making progress

Commissioner: Indeed we are, I need you to sign them off
Ma: No problem

Me: Can I say something?

Commissioner: Of course Me:

What steps were taken in proving that indeed these Men were guilty and they deserve the death penalty? May I see their files?

**He passed them to me. I looked
at them..**

Me: Look at this one, Now I'm not saying that an Ex can't rape but his Baby Mama claimed that he raped her

Commissioner: Yes, She went to the clinic. They did a rape kit.. No semen was found in her because..

Me: She said in her statement he wore a rubber

Commissioner: Yes but there was evidence of penetration

Me: Did you at least investigate her background? Their relationship before they called it quits? Is he supporting financially? Do they have bad blood? Is he with another woman and she probably got jealous?

Commissioner: Are you trying to protect a rapist?

Me: I'm trying to make sure that innocent men are not put to death Ma: Mthunzi!!

Me: What about this one? He's been a breadwinner at home. Got married and when he focused on himself his sister claimed that he raped his Niece, The Sister's Daughter

Commissioner: So to say, You think these women are lying?

Me: I think we should lift the death penalty from them and then investigate further. The characters of these women, and if they innocent we let them go, if they guilty then maybe. I feel a death penalty is extreme, I think rapists and murders alike should

be jailed for 15-25 years with no possibility of parole to make

sure that we not putting innocent
Men to death

Commissioner: I have been a
commissioner for years and the
royal family has been always
satisfied with the work of my
station, unless otherwise

Ma: Forgive my Son

Commissioner, Attending varsity
in South Africa. Johannesburg,
has messed up with his mind,
He's bringing forth the mentality
of white people. Reopen cases,
Investigate further

Commissioner: I understand hee
majesty

Ma: Please show me where I sign

Commissioner: Yes Mam

TIERA MHLABA

Nka: We'll have our usual

Waitress: Yes Prophet

She walked away..

Nka: Ella how is it going?

Ella: It's going good just a lot of work and long hours, I'm just glad I won't be working out of South Africa for this year

Nka: Still went back to your old apartment?

Ella: Yes.. I've been paying rent all along to keep it and my helper has been keeping it clean for me

**Me: Too trusting
Ella: She's 55 years old what can she do? Bring her 60 year old boyfriends? I laughed..**

Ella: She's a good woman

Nka: Clover is being released, He's

served his time

Ella: What?

Nka: He's served his time Ella

Ella: He shouldn't be released especially after we know what he is

Me: Yes he almost robbed us of a Father figure years ago

Nka: I don't control the law..

Clover
will be released

Ella: Wow

Me: So what's going to happen?

Nka: Nothing, We just continue living our lives. We'll be fine

The waitress came with our

orders.. Ella: I like how fast this restaurant is

Waitress: Will there be anything else?

Nka: No thank you
Waitress: I'll be by the counter if you

need anything

She walked away..

Nka: Ella how is it going with you?

Me: How is your boyfriend?

Ella: We broke last month

Me: Why

Ella: Long story.. I am happy though he was suffocating me

Me: I'm sorry to hear that

Ella: Don't be.. I'm good dating. I don't believe in marriage, marriage is for you

Me: Well I'm not getting married

Nka: Titi

Me: It's how it is

Ella: Give me your fork

Me: Why

Ella: Give it to me

I gave it to her. She ate with it..

Me: You really don't have to do

that Ella: I have lived with you, shared everything with you

since we were kids. I'm still

negative. You not a curse Titi

**Nka: Ella is right.. You should
open your heart to love**

Me: At least if he's like me too

**Nka: Things have changed.. You
can marry someone who is
negative and live happily ever**

after Ella: That's true

Me: We'll see.. Can I have my fork

Ella: Use mine

MTHUNZI HLOMUKA

**We walked out. 2 bodyguards at
the front and two at the back of
us.. We got outside..**

My Mom looked at them..

Ma: Leave us

**They walked and stood a distant
from us..**

My Mom slapped me..

**Ma: You shall never and I
mean never embarrass me
like that..**

Sometimes I ask myself if you really have the makings of a king one day! The only reason why your Sister is not going to take the throne is because of your father, if ancestors weren't involved I promise you. Amahle would be the next Queen and the blood line changes, but keep pushing!

She walked to the car, I followed..

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03

NOLITHA

After what transpired with Cloover, I took it upon myself to continue doing what we were doing. Now I work with a catholic priest that exorcizes since I am not ordained to carry out any exorcisms. I dated back to research about his charges and found that he wasn't exorcizing them, he was giving them demons It puzzles me how we never saw this coming, how he fooled me and my family..

I was on the net when Mike's video just popped up randomly on my search. It's been years I'm surprised the videos of him confessing are still on YouTube..

**I closed my laptop and laid
back thinking about
everything that has**

happened in the past years
until now...

MTHUNZI HLOMUKA

My Mother was eating lunch, I
went to her..

Me: Can we talk

Ma: Mthunzi I am not going to
fight with you

Me: I'm not fighting

Ma: Sit down

I sat down..

Me: May I ask why I need to marry
in royalty?

Ma: It has always been like
that, to protect our kingdom
and make alliances

Me: Marrying in the Lushaba
clan isn't that Incest? You have
the royal blood from there?

Ma: It's not taboo for royalty to marry cousins. Kholisiwe is a distant cousin of yours

Me: I see

Couldn't wait for tomorrow to come so I can go back to Johannesburg... TIERA MHLABA I preach at church every now and then. Nka and Nolitha don't have kids of their own, With Nolitha having an encounter with the succubus, Her womb was scarred somehow. It's not something that bothers them, or maybe they trying hard to keep it together for Ella and I. Not having an heir, I will be taking over from Nka one day. I'm totally fine with it, I don't

**have the gift yes but I love the
Lord. I'm gifted in preaching and
in prayer..**

The church loves me, They
even warming up to me.. Ella:
Noli we home!

Me: Ma??

We made our way to the living
room, She was sitting at the
table.. Noli: Ella!!

Ella: Hey

Noli: Come here.. When did
you arrive?

Ella: This morning

They hugged..

Noli: Look at you

Ella: No look at you, You don't
age Mother

Noli: It's good to
see Nka walked
in..

Nka: The hard working lady
He went up to her and kissed her..

They married now, have been for years..

Noli: We shall prepare a welcome home dinner then

Ella: That would be lovely Noli looked at

me.. Noli: How is Nesta?

Me: She's fine

Noli: I'll go and see her some time next week

Me: Let's prepare dinner

Ella: Don't ask me for help

Noli: We were never going to ask you

MTHUNZI HLOMUKA

I stood over the balcony and read what she has posted:

"God is always at work in your life, his silence doesn't mean

**ignorance. Sometimes you have
to go through certain things to
achieve what you**

have to achieve. Not all struggles and hardships are of witchcraft, Some of them are meant to lead you into your destiny"

I am not much of a spiritual person, I grew up in an environment where ancestors played a huge role..

I liked.. TIERA MHLABA, Prophet Nka's Daughter. We go to the same varsity, I've seen her a couple of times. She's in the school of pharmacy, their course and ours share a building most of the time. She's very beautiful, I like how she carries herself. She has dignity, you can't just walk up to her umphaphela.. Not even once have I ever seen a picture of her half naked, She has

**tremendous self respect that I
like.. I don't think she knows I
exist**

though I follow her page of Facebook and follow her on Instagram.. Amahle: What are you doing?

She walked up to me. I don't know why she needs to be followed everywhere by her girl servants even indoors..

Me: Nothing

Amahle: We going to the mall, Do you wanna join?

Me: No

She walked away..

Me: Tell me something Amahle:

Yes?

Me: How do you feel about having a husband that's been chosen for you? Amahle is my younger sister,

She's 20 and at 25 she will be getting married. A husband chosen for her. She has to marry a Prince that will be

a king so she can be a queen of that kingdom..

Amahle: I feel okay, It has always been like that

Me: I see

Amahle: Just marry the girl and stop

giving Mom a headache please.

Kholisiwe is a princess and beautiful

Me: Bye Amahle

They walked away..

TIERA MHLABA

Noli: Baby I need to talk to you about

something

Me: Okay

Noli: Your preaching is offensive sometimes

Me: Is it?

**Noli: You can't be preaching
that ancestors don't exist,
Especially**

when we have members at church who believe in ancestors

Me: I didn't mean for it to come off as offensive I just don't believe in the analogy of ancestors being more than people who lived once and are dead waiting for judgment day. Many people are made to suffer because of this, buy a goat. Things aren't working out for you because your Grandmother needs a goat when the same Grandmother died knowing very well that you are unemployed. Why do demands have to be made first so you can succeed? Noli: Titi!!

Me: I'm just saying

Noli: What if you marry someone who believes in ancestors and traditional healers?

Me: I'd rather die

Noli: Careful

Me: God doesn't have a dark sense

of humor, he'd never do that to me

Noli: Any boys that you like at school?

Me: No

Noli: Awukahle Titi (wait a

minute) Me: Why does anyone want me in a relationship?

Noli: Are you lesbian?

Me: No.. I'm perfectly fine I just don't wanna date that's all

Noli: I am praying for

you Me: Thank you

MTHUNZI MHLABA

I walked out to my Father's grave.

Our ancestors graves are not far

**from our house. Heavily guarded
too, that**

cemetery is only for our family. If you are of royal blood..

I have the horn necklace, passed on from my Father to me. To symbolize that I'm the next future king. It protects me and connects me to my ancestors. If you steal it from me, you will die.. I always gotta have it, Only take it out when I'm bathing.. I crouched on his grave..

Me: Dad

I looked at his tombstone.. Me:
It's me, It's Mthunzi.. Just
Stopped by for a chat before I
leave for school tomorrow
TIERA MHLABA

Nka: This death sentence thing at the Hlomuka village is absurd!

Noli: That village seems to be very strict and unfair

**Me: Why do they even call
it a village, It's developed**

Nka: Their laws are brutal

Me: Yaa but they rich at the end

Noli: Very rich

**Ella: I don't see myself marrying
there, African royalty requires**

much Me: I would never

because they too invested in

ancestral worshiping Ella:

What's wrong with that? Nka:

Here we go

**Noli: Let's talk about something
else**

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**This was last night's bonus, I was
low on data. Daily coming later
then tomorrow we continue with
sponsored bonuses**

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04

**MTHUNZI HLOMUKA A FEW
DAYS LATER Pharmacology
remains the most challenging
module in health sciences. Having
my fair share with it, I decided to
take it upon myself and be a
tutor.. I don't get paid for being a
tutor I just do it to help other
students, not all the students who
are here and would need help will
be able to pay. Not every
university student comes from a
well financial stable background..**

**I was at the library waiting
for a student who had called
me and**

wanted to know more about my services...

NOLITHA

I looked at her, It's been a while since I was last here. I've been very busy.. Me: Nesta the plan was to act like you have gone crazy to avoid jail time not actually go crazy

Nesta: They telling me I have gone crazy because they trying to keep me here

Me: You almost broke the window trying to escape

Nesta: I am not crazy!!!

Me: Okay calm down

Nesta: They said I killed Jeff.. That is

not true, I would never kill another human being

Me: I know

Nesta: I'm going to get out of here the first chance I get, I'll be out!!

Me: Okay let's talk about something else.. Titi is doing well, She's all grown now

Nesta: Yes she comes here

Me: You must be proud of her

Nesta: She looks like she's doing well

Me: She is, I thought she was going to struggle with what happened to her but with God's grace.. She's making it, just a few barriers to get over then she'll be fine

The guard walked in..

Guard: Time up, she needs to eat lunch then take her meds

Me: Okay thank you.. Nesta look, I'll

come and see you again maybe

next

week okay?

Nesta: Okay

I got up and took my bag...

MTHUNZI HLOMUKA

I looked at the time, 30min left on my lunchtime. I looked around and no one was coming to my side. I hate when someone makes an appointment and not keep the time.. I paged through my text book.. Voice: Hi

I closed my book and looked up, Tiera Mhlaba. In a million years, I wouldn't have guessed it.. Her: Mthunzi?

Me: Uhm yes

Her: Tiera.. I called you earlier on

Me: Ohw yes.. Please sit down She sat down opposite me..

Tiera: Sorry I'm late, I got held up at the lab

Me: No it's okay.. I just got here myself

Lies! I have been here waiting for 30min..

Tiera: That's good, it's rude to keep someone waiting

Me: It's okay you good

Tiera: Is it true that you got 98% on pharmacology?

Me: In my course last year.. Yes

Tiera: Wow.. Which course are you doing?

Me: Medicine.. 4th year

Tiera: Just 2 years and you'll be done

Me: I believe so

Tiera: You guys still do pharmacology?

Me: It's compulsory now, I'll be doing it until I graduate

**Tiera: At least that torture
doesn't only fall on us**

**B.pharm students Me: This is
your?? Tiera: Second year**

Me: 2 more years to go too

Tiera: Yes.. Nice neck piece

Me: Ohw my necklace

**Tiera: What does it
symbolize? She doesn't
know who I am and that's
good..**

**Me: It's nothing.. I was in town
and some woman was selling
some traditional accessories and
I bought it Tiera: It's really nice**

**Me: Thank you.. Well it seems
like we don't have much time so
we can schedule, I usually do
tutoring in the afternoons**

Tiera: My last class is at 14:00

Me: Okay then we can meet up then,

I'll text you when I'm done

Tiera: No problem

Me: It was nice meeting you

Tiera: You too

PROPHET NKA

I looked at him as they brought him in..

His hands and feet were cuffed..

He sat opposite me..

Clover: Privileges of being a well known Prophet, It's not visiting hours but here you

I looked at him..

Me: Does it bother you that I'm still alive? That you couldn't kill me and that I know exactly who you are Clover: It doesn't bother

**me, matter of fact I sleep better
at night**

Me: Evil has never reigned

Clover

Clover: Why are you here?

Me: Why? Why did you choose the dark side?

Clover: When I was 14, still a teen. I was troubled by this dream where I would be sitting in the lounge watching TV and this man would walk in. Many times he asked me to worship him, I never answered until one time when he asked.. By then my Father who was a catholic priest had died. He performed an exorcism and the demon attached itself to him, and it tortured him. One morning he never woke up. It was then I realized that maybe there isn't a God, how does a priest ordained an exorcism be killed by demon

**possession. When that man came
again and asked me if I**

wanted to worship him, I said
yes without any hesitation He
leaned forward..

Me: At least you can see the knife
when the devil stabs you, At least
he

is what he is and doesn't hide it.

It's

better than God standing behind
you,

looking like he's protecting you
only

to find he's lodging a knife on your
back. He betrayed me when he let
a

faithful servant of his be killed by
the

same evil that we are told cannot
consume us

He got up..

Clover: My only regret, was not shooting you more than 3 times!

He walked out followed by the guard.. TIERA MHLABA

Mthunzi is such a gentleman. A handsome and humble one for that

matter. He walked me out of the library..

Me: Enjoy the rest of your day

Mthunzi: You too

I fixed my bag and went to the shop to get myself a quick meal since I didn't have much time left anymore on my lunch break... .

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05

TIERA MHLABA

As much as I have my reasons why I wouldn't settle for a relationship. That situation though

**doesn't stop me from admiring.
It's that thing of having a**

crush on someone you know very well that you can't have. Mthunzi is attractive yes, has a beautiful smile too and well spoken. I'm sure someone like him has a girlfriend if he's not playing girls. He is my tutor and that's that..

Hlengi: So how much are you paying him?

Me: Zero.. He does it for free

Hlengi: Is he bored?

Me: I don't know

Hlengi: But what you need a tutor for?

Me: My final mark last year. I got 50% on the dot for Pharmacology, anything less I would be repeating my first year

Hlengi: Ya that's true

Me: I don't wanna fail, At least not pharmacology

Hlengi: I understand you I looked at the time... MTHUNZI

HLOMUKA

Nurse: She's reacting better to the medication ever since she was admitted

Me: I can see that.. Could it be that at home she wasn't taking her medication?

She pulled me away..

Nurse: She says she lives with her Grandchild who is very naughty. She takes her pension government money and go drink it with friends and also buy drugs instead of buying groceries, so

**she stops taking her medication
at home because she**

**doesn't wanna take medication on
an**

empty stomach

I nodded..

**Me: Then we have to contact the
representatives if it's like that,
see if we can switch her from
getting it in cash to getting a
food parcel or something like
that**

**Nurse: I'll take it with the
supervisor**

Me: Thank you

**I looked at the time, I have 2 more
patients to attend too before I call
it a
day...**

NOLITHA

Ella: I am leaving, It was good spending a night here and the dinner was very lovely

Me: It was good having you around.. Tell me have you spoken to Titi? Ella: Define spoken

**Me: I worry about her at times,
Titi refraining from dating scares
me that she might slip into
depression Ella: Despite her
fears, Titi has a
good heart. If it was someone else
they would be sleeping around
infecting everyone especially
since
she got infected through a very
painful experience but instead she
is
scared of infecting someone else
of
being a burden to someone else
Me: I know.. She's doing well
though,
She has been doing well. Taking
her
meds, leading a healthy life**

Ella: Ya she has except for that time when she got that terrible cough and it we thought it was TB. I am scared myself that even though she is taking good care of herself one day she might just fall gravely sick and die. I

sleep everyday with the fear that she might mysteriously die.. I'd never recover

Me: Me too.. You girls mean more than anything to me, losing one of you I might need to be locked up like Nesta

She chuckled..

Ella: I just want her to be happy. I know deep down she wants to get married and have kids but can't because of what she's living with Me: She should open her heart to love, I mean she'll be graduating soon and what not

Ella: Let's be there for her.. Let's not pressurize her

Me: True

TIERA MHLABA

Hlengi: So if you guys happen to fall in love then get married.. A pharmacist marrying a Dr, ya'll going to be rich

Me: Except for the fact that we never going to date, I don't know how you jumped into marriage

Hlengi: Aghh please

Me: Plus word is out that Doctors cheat a lot with Nurses because of their unstable working hours

Hlengi: True.. And they have a high rate of getting infected with Hiv I stopped walking..

Hlengi is my closest friend. We've been friends since from our first year, which was last year. She doesn't know that I'm positive. It's

not something I tell people more often..

Hlengi: I'd rather die than to live with hiv

Me: Okay.. Here we are, The bus is almost full

Hlengi: I hate this tutor now he has taken my ride back to res, now I have to go with the bus

Me: It won't be everyday We hugged..

Hlengi: I'll see you tomorrow

Me: Bye

Hlengi: Bye Babe

I watched her as she got into the bus..

I took out my phone and texted Mthunzi that I'm on my way to the library...

NOLITHA

She walked out..

Ella: I'll call you

Me: Okay baby

Nka walked in..

Nka: Leaving already?

Ella: Yeap.. I'll call you later

Nka: Okay bye

Ella: Love you

Me: Love you too

He walked in and closed the door.. Me: How was your day?

He kissed me on the

cheek.. Nka: I went to see

Clover Me: Why?

Nka: I just wanted him to look me in

the eye and confess that he did it

Me: And?

Nka: He did

Me: So he's coming out soon?

Nka: Yes but we good.. We'll be good I nodded..

Nka: And what's wrong with you?

Me: Nothing

Nka: Try harder than that

Me: I just want Titi to be

happy Nka: Why do you think she's not happy?

Me: I can see it sometimes Nka:

Titi is going to be fine..I promise,

and I don't want you and Ella tip

toeing around her too often I

don't want her thinking she has

to be pitied

Me: I understand

He kissed me on my forehead..

Nka: I think we should go out

tonight

Me: I'd like that

MTHUNZI HLOMUKA

I drive a charcoal Jaguar F-pace,

plated my surname "Hlomuka". I

**also drive a white Mercedes Benz
A45**

AMG. The Merc was my very first expensive car I left it at home.

I hardly drive it because of the number plate, I am trying so hard to not reveal my identity and where I'm from, I just want to be treated ordinary no different from another human being..

I rushed to my car taking off my coat. I was also texting Tiera, She was at the library.

I think it'll be best if we meet at the cafeteria. Get something to eat whilst discussing everything, It's been a long day. Especially from my side..

I got to my car and reversed. The

hospital where I do my practicals
at is
next door our varsity. Gorge
Mukhari
Hospital..

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TIERA MHLABA

We were at the cafeteria having something to eat. We got lost in the conversation that it started getting dark..

Me: So you from here?

**Mthunzi: No.. I'm actually from..
I'm from Kzn**

Me: That's nice

Mthunzi: And you?

Me: I'm from here, Born and Bred

**Mthunzi: That's good too.. How
does it feel being the Daughter of
a Prophet?**

Me: Ohwwwww

He chuckled..

Me: It's good.. I know that being a PK many people think we live by religious rules and what not

Mthunzi: Something like you have to know the Bible From Gen to Revelations

We both laughed..

Me: Yeah but where I grew up, the home I grew up in that is not enforced on us. My Father has always encouraged us to

live our lives, Do what makes

us happy Mthunzi: Even being a stripper?

I laughed almost choking on my food..

Me: I don't think so

Mthunzi: Just checking, I don't know much about him but from what I've

read and watched. He seems like a good man and a good religious leader

Me: That he is

Mthunzi: And you are good with this preaching thing, I've seen your videos too on social media

Me: Wait what? You've been stalking me?

He looked at me...

Me: Shade!!!

Mthunzi: I wasn't stalking you, Saw your comment on the School's page and checked you up

Me: Liar!!!

Mthunzi: Either way

He glanced at my plate..

Mthunzi: Not a fan of butternut?

Me: I don't like how this was prepared

Mthunzi: Let me taste

I passed him my plate..

Mthuzi: Uhm.. I'm going to need a fork too

Me: I'll get you one

Mthunzi: It's okay I can use yours

Me: Uhm

Mthunzi: Trust me my Oral Hygiene

is very clean

Me: Okay

I handed it to him, he ate using it..

Mthunzi: You right, It's terrible!

Me: I told you

He closed up the plate..

NOLITHA

Nka: Titi texted that she's still at school

Me: This late?

Nka: Something about tutoring

**Me: I don't like it when she drives
out at night**

Nka: It's only 19:00

Me: When will she be done?

Nka: I don't know, I'll check up on her

Me: I'll check up on her

Nka: I'll check up on her

Me: Why can't I?

Nka: Because I know you, Titi is 21 cut the surrogate umbilical

cord Me: It's not safe out there for a girl child

Nka: It's a 45min drive

Me: Too much traffic, They will see her driving alone.. A lot of things happen out there

Nka: How was your day? How is it going with your work?

Me: Clover did more damage than good

**Nka: He does hold the Pandora
box that has all 7 sins**

Me: You think that he knew how to exorcize the succubus?

Nka: Yes.. He didn't want too because The succubus is of lust, and lust is one of the 7 deadly sins.. Thanks to your Mother for coming in

Me: Yaa I'm telling you, It's a mess Nka: So wanna order?

Me: Let me call my baby first

Nka: I should have never told you

Me: I'll be right

back TIERA

MHLABA Me: Wait

you single?

We were now eating ice cream..

Sharing the tub but different

spoons.. Mthunzi: Is there a

problem with a guy being single?

Me: Not entirely just never thought someone like you

would be single Mthunzi:
Someone like me?

Me: I'm sorry I didn't mean it as an offense

Mthunzi: None taken

Me: Why are you single?

Mthunzi: Why are you single?

Me: Can't answer a question with a question

Mthunzi: Well I need someone grounded, Someone who is ready for a commitment

Me: A wife material?

Mthunzi: No a best friend before anything

Me: Huh?

Mthunzi: Any girl can be a wife material if she wants, She can act like a wife. I want a best friend, Someone I can have fun with who shares the same

**interests as me Me: What do
you like doing?**

Mthunzi: I'm a very boring Person. I wake up every morning at least an hour before school and I go out for a jog, I like mountain climbing, biking, swimming and also staying in doors watch a good series here and there maybe also read a good book

Me: Excluding for the extreme part of it. I exercise too, I love staying in doors. I love reading

Mthunzi: What do you know

Me: I was never a good fan of exercising though

Mthunzi: Yeah? What made you like it?

Me: When I.. I just watched some video on YouTube and they said exercising is good I started

**exercising Mthunzi: We should go
out jogging sometime**

Me: Probably

My phone vibrated..

Me: I'm sorry

I took it out..

Me: It's my Mother

Mthunzi: It's okay

Me: Ma

**Noli: I hear that you are doing
some tutoring?**

Me: Yes something like that

Noli: Why didn't you tell me?

Me: I just signed up today

**Noli: Titi! You know I don't like you
driving at night, If something
happens to you what's going to
become of me?**

Me: I'll be fine

**Noli: Okay when are you driving
back
home?**

Me: Soon

Noli: Soon when T-

Me: Ma!

Noli: Fine.. Text when you start driving

Me: Okay

Noli: I love you bye

Me: I love you too

I hung up..

Me: I'm so sorry about that

Mthunzi: I think you should get home,

I don't want the SAPS walking in here

Me: I'm truly sorry

Mthunzi: It's okay.. We'll discuss the tutoring later over the phone

Me: Is that your way of saying you wanna call me?

Mthunzi: Maybe

We got up..

**Me: Okay than
We walked out...**

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TIERA MHLABA

I don't know if he was a gentleman in nature or he was pretending, because he drove behind me as I drove home. When I drove in, he drove away.. My Polo vivo felt cheap to his Jag. For someone who seemingly comes from a wealthy background, he is humble. Not once did he hold himself on a high pedestal as we were talking

**nor made me feel like I should
worship him..**

I texted my Mom as soon as I got home so she doesn't keep to on being a lump on my throat..

I ran myself a bath, It was my first time having a lengthy conversation with a guy. I always try to escape that part of my life. He really got to me, I experienced that side of life. That side that scares me so much, and it was presented to me beautifully...

MTHUNZI HLOMUKA

I looked at the time, it was time for the family video call.. I laid back on the couch..

Amahle is doing nothing with her life, Just enjoying the perks of being a Princess..

Ma: Did you just get home?

Me: Yes

Ma: Mthunzi I don't know why you doing to us and doing this to yourself. You were born rich, You are a Prince. You don't have to study anything, you were born with privileges. You are meant to be the future King, you should be learning the ropes instead of wasting your time in

Johannesburg Me: What's the agenda of today's video call?

Ma: The Princess, They'll be expecting 50 cows for lobola. Nothing less

Me: That's an estimation of what? 400k or so?

Ma: She's a princess not a commoner

Me: Can we hold off just for a second

Ma: You will marry Kholisiwe

**Amahle: We can't keep on doing
this**

Ma: Amahle is right, We can't keep on discussing the same thing over and over again. If my own Son cannot obey my word then what? How are the people meant to respect me?

Amahle: Unless you are seeing someone there

Me: There's no one

Ma: Then that's good because it'll never work. You are forbidden to marry a commoner let alone a city girl, someone with no morals

Amahle: Doesn't know how a Princess should hold herself

Me: There's no one Ma: That's good

TIERA MHLABA

**The Parents finally came
back.. Ma: I am glad you
home**

Me: I was going to be home

Ma: I know you feel like I'm being difficult but it's not safe for a girl child out there

Me: Ella can travel overseas alone without you saying anything

Ma: Ella is gangster, She can walk from your school at 23:00 and get home safe

We both laughed..

Ma: You are the baby of the family, It has always been like that

Me: I know

Ma: How old is the tutor charging?

Me: He's free

Ma: He.. Wow

Me: He's just my tutor nothing more

Ma: I'm not saying

**anything.. It's a he, he's free and
he's tutoring until at night**

Me: He's busy Ma, he's doing medicine at the hospital most of the time

Ma: And he's doing medicine..

Might really like this tutor

Me: Nothing is happening

Ma: of course.. I'm off to bed then

Me: Goodnight

MTHUNZI HLOMUKA

These rules are the main reason why I hate being royal. You can't just do anything that you like, there's a code of conduct to follow.

I met Kholisiwe maybe once or twice, She's beautiful yes but she's not for me. I don't love her, And I don't see her that way..

**I stepped out of the shower, I've
given her enough time to get
settled.. I called her..**

Tiera: Hello

Me: Do you know the meaning of your name?

Tiera: Who is this?

Me: That frog you spent a few hours with who might magically turn into a handsome Prince one day

Tiera: Ohh that one

(Laughing)

Me: That one

Tiera: Magically turning handsome maybe yes, A prince I don't know. That seems far fetched

Me: I'm glad you think that way

Tiera: Did you arrive safe?

Me: Yes

Tiera: Where are you renting?

Me: Somewhere in Johannesburg

Tiera: I hope I didn't delay you

Me: No it's okay. I'm fine

**I am not renting where I stay,
Actually got the apartment
through the Galencia property
group which was 1.5mil. I've been
staying here ever since I moved
down to Johannesburg. I really
didn't care where I lived, My
Mother was the one who enforced
the apartment situation. It's
actually 2 bedrooms, Kitchen,
Lounge, bathroom, single garage,
and a pool. I have a helper too..
Me: Maybe we can talk about the
Tutoring and find suitable time.
Even if it's on weekends it's fine, I
don't wanna keep you till late. I
don't wanna disrepect your
Parents nor make it unsafe for
you to drive back home**

Tiera: That is so sweet, Saturdays can work. Sundays I'm not too sure, I have church. Two services

Me: We'll meet up once a week and then on Saturdays too Tiera: I'm good with that

Me: And maybe everyday for lunch

Tiera: Part of tutoring?

Me: Yes.. Heavy part of it

Tiera: Okay then let me study a bit and then go to bed

Me: I'll see you tomorrow

Tiera: Tomorrow it is

I have a helper who takes care of the house and the cooking, then I have another male helper who takes care of everything outside and also run errands for me. I came with them from home, They

**loyal servants to the royal blood.
They took an oath of**

loyalty as my ancestors are my witnesses so any betrayal from them will result into death. I don't even consider them my helpers anymore, they are like family. It's a couple and they have a servant's quarter, they only have one child but he's back at home.. I went out at the back to their place..

The lights were on.. I knocked.. It's just the kitchen, bathroom and lounge just close to the pool. Had to butt heads with management to actually have this servant's quarter.. The door opened..

Muzi: Nkosi yam (My Lord)

He bowed a little.. I don't usually invade their privacy, unless it's important..
Me: Muzi I need your help

He nodded..

Me: I need 21 bouquet of red roses tomorrow morning

Muzi: You starting a rose

garden? Me: No.. I need you to send them to this address

I had written it down on a piece of paper. I took a picture of her house as I drove her, went on Google image search. Took me a while to get her address..

He took the paper..

Me: I don't know at what time they open but by 8am the roses need to be at the gate

Muzi: Yes my Lord

Me: Good night

Muzi: Any message you want written?

Me: Nothing just "Happy belated birthday"

Muzi: Yes my Lord

Me: Thank you

Her birthday was a week ago according to her social media, Unfortunately by then we weren't talking..

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TIERA

This morning we woke up to the realization of roses outside our

**gate. Dad is the one who usually
goes out**

first, He was the one to stumble upon them. Not just 21 red roses, but 21 bouquets of red roses.

Each bouquet was composed of 10 red roses, and the card saying "Happy belated birthday". Didn't say who they were from, and I was shocked myself.. Noli: You didn't tell me that you had a boyfriend

Me: I don't have a boyfriend
Our helper helped us to take the roses inside the house..

Noli: Then what is this? Who are they from?

Me: I have no idea

Noli: This is a beautiful Titi

Me: Creepy beautiful if you ask
MTHUNZI

Muzi: Nkosi yam (my lord)

Me: Muzi you can call me Mthunzi

Muzi: I don't think I'll ever get used to that

He followed me to the lounge..

Muzi: You will be happy to know that the roses were delivered

Me: That's good.. Thank you for your troubles Muzi, I'll see to it that you get an extra 1k on your pay this month

Muzi: Someone special? Me: Yes

Muzi: Someone Royal?

Me: No

Muzi: That's a bummer, She means a lot to you?

Me: She's special, She's someone truly special. Someone I feel I might have been searching for, she's nothing I've seen before. Someone I would be proud to call my wife

Muzi: Intliziyo ayiphakelwa, we can't help who we fall in love with. I'm happy you at least found happiness in your life

Me: Yes but then it will be short lived

Muzi: Love triumphs everything, Maybe if the queen sees that you truly love her she will make her heart softer towards her

Me: Do you believe that?

Muzi: No

Me' She's a commoner, That's how she'll be treated whether my Mother accepts her or not. She'll be excluded, She'll be isolated, won't engage in any royal thing. Won't be able to sit with other brides, They will make her not

**belong and she will feel it. I might
as well just give up the throne**

Muzi: You can't.. You were born with a royal blood, you were chosen from birth to be the next King. It's your birth right

TIERA

**Who would send me flowers?
Someone from church? There are guys from church who would do this.. But this one in particular must rich, I searched the florist. She charges R4000 for a bouquet of roses.. Basically I had 84k outside my gate.. Noli: 84k**

We looked at them..

Me: 84k that's going to die soon Noli: Maybe they last longer that's why they expensive

**Me: 4000 a bouquet, She's
crazy expensive**

Noli: She's rated the best in the country

Me: Yaa

Noli: Who has 84k that you know? Who doesn't mind to throw it in flowers?

Me: I have no idea

Noli: 84k

Me: 84k

MTHUNZI

I took my keys and looked at the portrait. It was me, my mom, and I Amahle. Mom's was sitting on the chair with her, we looked so royal.. Me: Muzi

His wife showed up..

Her: Sir

Me: I need that portrait taken down and placed in the garage, I need

anyone around here that
spells royalty to be moved to
the garage Her: Uhm.. That's
extreme

Me: Thank you Thoko.. You are a
life saver, I'll see you later Her:
Enjoy your day Sir

Me: Thank you

TIERA

I called my Dr..

Me: I will be coming
tomorrow morning at
around 9am, before school

Dr: I'll let my receptionist note
that down

Me: Thank you

Dr: Are you okay?

Me: I'm fine

**Dr: I'll see you tomorrow then
when you come to get your
treatment Me: Thank you**

Dr: Bye

Me: Bye

I hung up...

MTHUNZI

I was driving to school...

"I never fall out with the bro

Hate when your family turn into

foe We had a penthouse on the

road Interior decorated with

the h-Just like a multiple-choice

getting chose

My n- like "Eenie, meenie,

minee, moe"

Scoop up a dime-piece like

we homeless

Then we gon' send 'em back

pigeon-toed

Out of the concrete was a rose

and windows was cold

**Had to go over and stand by
the stove**

**We from the Southeast, n-
know" I recieved a call from
my mother.. Me: Ma**

**Ma: Can you believe that one of
the house servants is Hiv**

positive Me: Okay

**Ma: I'm going to have her arrested
death sentence**

Me: Why?

**Ma: Dishonesty. She was not forth
coming with her status, She
could've**

gotten us sick

Me: Ma

**Ma: I don't want a sick Person
working for us, such a sickness**

**is a shame! A curse and that's
what she is**

Me: Maybe if the royal house made it a day to actually get a medical professional to come educate you guys more about Hiv you will see that you have nothing to worry about
Ma: It is a shame for a royal servant to have that, It is a curse and a crime
Me: She didn't have to disclose her status
Ma

Ma: She was supposed to have done that, I can't have hiv walking up and down in my house

Me: Such a shame you think like that, You know I wouldn't mind marrying a woman who is positive so long she discloses

Ma: I would rather die before I see that happening! Having a

**Grandkids who are.. You know
I'm glad Kholisiwe is a virgin**

Me: We'll talk later Ma

Ma: Okay I love you

Me: I love you too..

Bye I shook my head

.

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TIERA

When I got to school, our first classes. I told Hlengi about the flower situations. She was so interested, we ended up talking about it almost the whole time until our last class before lunch..

**Hlengi: I don't think it's anyone
from church, definitely not the
church**

Brothers. Trust me, they charm you with the word not 84k worth of flowers

I laughed..

Me: Don't say such things that's wrong

Hlengi: Believe me unless it's an older version of Brothers in

Christ Me: I just can't think of anyone who would buy me flowers

Hlengi: We will find him.. Let's go to

our next class

NOLITHA

We have never had this situation before or this type of possession rather. The poor lad was tied up, he had scratched. He had hurt himself so bad, his face was

**covered with Scratches. The
wall he had been scratching it..**

Mother: We've tried everything, we've tried getting him medication. They said it was a mental illness but.. Nothing helped

I looked at the wall, the writings..

Me: Hebrew

Mother: Excuse me?

Me: It's in Hebrew

Mother: He doesn't know any foreign language

Father: It translates too..

Me: The fallen Angel, meaning Lucifer

Father: The cross is upside down, meaning antichrist

Mother: Ohh my goodness

Me: He is possessed

Father: We'll wait for him to wake up

MTHUNZI

I was going to my next class with my best friend when I bumped into Tiera she was with a friend..

Me: Hey

Tiera: Hey

Me: You guys are from attending?

Tiera: Yeap

Me: You look happy

Tiera: Yes.. Hlengi and I we were talking about

something.. I got flowers

today, Roses Me: That's sweet

Tiera: Yeap would be more sweeter if I..

Friend: Mthunzi.. Mthunzi

Hlomuka?

Me: Uhm yes

Friend: Ohh my goodness!! You are..

Me: Mthunzi Hlomuka

Friend: Yes but..

Tiera: Excuse me guys, I have to take this. It's my Sister She walked away...

Friend: The Prince I looked around.. Me: You know me?

Friend: Of course

Me: Someone told you?

Friend: No I recognize you from.. You were on the news last year with your family I looked at Tiera..

Friend: You don't say.. You the one who got her the flowers? I looked at her...

Friend: You are the secret adm-

Me: Not so loud

Friend: Titi doesn't know?

**Me: No and you not going to tell
her**

Friend: How are you going to hide that you are a prince?

Me: You don't breath a word to her

Friend: Why? Are you ashamed?

There's nothing to be ash-

Me: If you know about royalty then you know to be discreet.

Loyalty is important to us

Friend: I know and I won't say anything, it's none of my business Titi walked up to us..

Friend: Might wanna hide your horn necklace

I always do, didn't know today it was out there..

Tiera: Should we go?

Friend: Okay

Me: Was good seeing you again

Titi

Tiera: You told him about my name?

Friend: Woow!! This is the best thing that has happened to my life Sean: Shade!

Me: I have to go ladies I walked away... NOLITHA

Mother: I had no idea what Clover was about

Me: You wouldn't have.. They don't tell everyone who they are

Mother: I can't believe he gave my boy a demon

Me: Demons.. Legion

Mother: Ohh Lord

Father: We will help you, the exorcism might take longer but we will help

Me: You should know a couple of things. Your Son might be still alive

because of the demons
still supporting his body

Father: He seems to have a few
broken bones

Mother: Meaning?

Me: Meaning your Son might not
be

there anymore, after the exorcism
there's a possibility that he might
not

make it, his body would've
sustained

too much trauma to contain his
soul

She sat down..

Father: I'm sorry

TIERA

Me: Are you okay?

Hlengi: Uhm yes.. Why wouldn't I
be?

Me: I don't know.. You look like you've seen a ghost

Hlengi: Tell me what's your deal with Shade?

Me: He's my tutor

Hlengi: Do you like him?

Me: Well he is a good guy but I don't wanna fool myself

Hlengi: Why don't you just try it?

Me: What if he doesn't like me?

Hlengi: I think he does

Me: How do you know that? Did he say something to you?

Hlengi: Yes.. He said he likes you a lot, I think you should give it a go he seems like a nice guy .

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QUEEN HLOMUKA

I had an afternoon meeting that I needed to get too, before that I decided to have a light meal. My Daughter was in the living room watching TV, some church service of a girl that I don't really like..

Me: Amahle, you know how I feel about this girl

Amahle: I was actually waiting for Prophet Nka, he's sermon is following Me: You shouldn't even be watching him and his Daughter. The Daughter is very judgemental concerning people who are for ancestors Amahle: It was just one sermon Ma, it's even over plus she didn't really really judge

**Me: Why are you even defending
this girl? She's against our kind**

Amahle: I was thinking we could invite them here, most of our people adore him. You know I heard from one of my servant girls that they planning a trip to go visit his church Me: So they can die? You really trust him? The next thing you know he's sacrificing our people

Amahle: I don't think Prophet Nka is like that Ma, he do perform miracles let alone fake them. He is not even invested in preaching, he teaches and heals with words

Me: God forbid he becomes a Modern Jesus

Amahle: I think it's a good thing, I will go too

**Me: When you die there I'll be
looking down on your coffin and
say "I told you so"**

Amahle: I will go down next weekend with a few of our people, rather be in a warm place than to see you and Mthunzi butting heads with his future in laws

Me: I even doubt you will be accepted at his church

Amahle: Well I've sent in an email to his office requesting him to accept my presence with my people at his church

Me: You already sent the email?

Amahle: Yes and if they say yes, I'll have to go. I have to honour my word

Me: Can kids in this house actually respect me? What's next? You and his Daughter are going to be friends? She's

**everything why people hate
Christianity.. Too much
judgemental, She thinks she's
deputy Jesus. I see**

how she handles herself thinking she's better than anyone

Amahle: I would really love to see you guys cross paths one day
Me: Over my dead body, If she knows what's good for her.. She wouldn't be crossing paths with me, Didn't her Mother marry an evil Bishop? Cheated on him with this Prophet? Divorced and then jumped into the Prophet's bed? For religious people they have too many overwhelming scandals

Amahle: Goodbye Ma, enjoy your meeting

Me: So long you don't go there then bring back oils and his picture framed and a t-shirt of him

**Amahle: They don't even use oils
and he doesn't have t-shirts of him
he**

forbids that. They have t-shirts of
the church not him in particular
TIERA

My lunch with Mthunzi today
was different, We drove out to
town to have lunch.. I couldn't
stop thinking about what Hlengi
said. Mthunzi taking an interest
in me? There's nothing
interesting about me other than
the fact that I am a Prophet's
Daughter

Mthunzi: You seem rather quiet
today I looked at him..

Mthunzi: What's on your mind?

Me: Agh it's
nothing He
looked at me..

**Me: Hlengi.. My friend she thinks
that
you..
Mthunzi: I'm?**

Me: Let's forget it.. Thinking about it, It's stupid

Mthunzi: I wanna hear it

Me: She thinks that you l-

Manager: Good day, I'm sorry to interrupt you. My staff have bad manners

Me: Our waitress has been nothing but sweet

Manager: That's good to hear but they should have gotten you a much better table, far from everyone else

Me: Why?

Manager: Well since we have r-

Mthunzi: We good.. Thank you

Manager: Yes Sir, please find the lunch on us

Mthunzi: Thank you

She walked away..

Me: That was weird

Mthunzi: It's not everyday that one hangs out with a Prophet's daughter Me: You think the special treatment comes from that?

Mthunzi: I think so, everyone is just making it difficult for me. First the flowers now this, how is a guy supposed to impress when everyone is just out there to overshadow me Me: I think you are impressive just the way you are

Mthunzi: That sounded a bit condescending I laughed...

Me: Well you don't have to try hard, It's the little gestures that really get to me

**Mthunzi: That's good to know,
then maybe we can have more of
these lunches if we are going to
eat for free**

**Me: Well don't get used to it,
People**

are in business

Mthunzi: I know

PROPHET NKA

**Gugu knocked at my office, She's
my**

assistant..

Gugu: Sir

Me: Come in

She walked in..

Gugu: You'll never believe this

Me: What?

**Gugu: We've received an Email
from Princess Amahle Hlomuka,
requesting her presence at our
church this coming weekend Me:**

Are you serious?

Gugu: Yes I'm serious

**Me: Well then we will accept
the invitation**

Gugu: I'll Email her back

**Me: Thank you
Gugu MTHUNZI**

**Titi: Can I please be excused,
I'm going to the rest room Me:
Okay**

She got up and left..

**I got up and went to the
counter.. Mananger: Sir**

**Me: Thank you for the respect
and the warm welcome**

**Manager: It's not everyday in
the restaurant we have a
Prince I took out my card...**

**Me: I'm paying the bill of
everyone that's here now**

**Manager: You don't have too Sir,
It's truly our pleasure to have
you. Your family is helping a lot
with our economy too, we are**

**able to keep running our
businesses, working**

because the economy is not
so traumatizing anymore

Me: Please.. I
insist She
nodded..

Me: May you do me one last
favour?

Manager: Yes Sir
PROPHET NKA

Gugu came back..

Gugu: Sir

Me: Gugu

Gugu: I sent the Email, She
replied back. She's coming she's
going to be attending the Sunday
service

Me: That's beautiful hoping they
will have a good stay

Gugu: I thought you were going to help offer your house to accommodate them

Me: I would, and I'd be honored too but unfortunately royalty just doesn't

trust anyone nor sleep anywhere
so

my family and I we don't have any
ties with them as yet, they don't
trust

us. We no more than strangers
who
might harm them

Gugu: Ohw I see

Me: She's probably going to stay
in a
hotel

TIERA

I walked out of the bathroom
and made my way back.. We
were on dessert now..

Me: Sorry about that

Mthunzi: No problem, I've
already ordered dessert

Me: How do you know what I like?

**Mthunzi: I took my chances
The waitress came back with
our dessert..
Plates that were closed..**

Waitress: Oreo cake dessert topped with vanilla ice cream and an oreo sauce

Me: Sounds delicious

Waitress: Enjoy

She placed the plates before us.. Mthunzi: Hope you will enjoy it

I opened the lid, to be welcomed and be surprised by a message "Be mine".

I looked at him, there was even a rose without a stem..

Me: Wait did you...?

Mthunzi: Happy belated birthday Princess

Me: Princess?

Mthunzi: You are a tiera right? I remember my Father's words. Always saying I'm

**meant to be a princess, maybe
he didn't mean it**

literally. Maybe he meant it that I'm going to be someone's princess one day in a relationship.. .

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TIERA

A FEW DAYS LATER

Following our last lunch when he asked me to be his, basically asking me to be in a relationship with him. I said yes. I don't know how but I said yes.. He went as far as getting me a wedding band ring, I wear it on my right

**hand. On my index finger, It's a
symbol of my being his girlfriend.**

I

don't know why the gesture but I find it cute.. He has a way of doing his own things, a way that is very sweet...

It was a Friday morning, and he won't be around for this weekend. He left yesterday late and went home, Said something about a family function of some sort that he had to attend...

I was home too, There's an SRC meeting concerning students who are using NSFAS. They shut down attending today..

I was out shopping with Ella, Spending some quality time with her.. Ella: You should tell him while it's still early. It'll give him time to process it. Telling him late

**about your status and he feels like
he doesn't wanna be**

with you. It'll hurt more, First
heartbreaks are the worst
Me: It's not that easy trust me,
opening up like that. I can't even
tell

Hlengi because she's judgemental
Ella: Yaa that one is none of her
business, You don't have to tell
her.

You don't owe her anything but
Shade you do owe him honesty
Me: I know.. I'll tell him, let him
enjoy
at home

MTHUNZI

The house was busy, Servants
were going up and down
preparing for tomorrow..
The Lushaba family will be
arriving late today, They are on

**their way.. Coming here has also
made me find out that Amahle is
going down to**

Johannesburg, to attend
Prophet Nka's church..

I pulled her closer..

Amahle: Hey

Me: We need to talk

Amahle: Okay?

Me: So you going down
to Johannesburg?

Amahle: That statement is true

Me: I need to tell you something

Amahle: Make it quick

Me: I am dating Titi, Prophet
Nka's Daughter

She looked at me and

laughed.. Amahle: Yeah right

I took my phone and showed her
the pictures we took..

Amahle: Wait what? You serious?

Me: It's important that you don't mention that both you and I are related

Amahle: She doesn't know that you are a Prince?

Me: No

Amahle: This is Mom's karma

Me: What?

Amahle: Your future wife will be here

later on today, to discuss your marriage

Me: I know

Amahle: Your Mother is going to kill you

Me: I know that too

Amahle: You really love this girl?

Me: Yes.. I do

**Amahle: Fine I won't
mention anything about
you I hugged her...**

Me: Thank you.. Thank you very much

TIERA

These other two gentlemen approached us..

Guy 1: Good day ladies We looked at them..

The other one gave me flowers..

Me: Uhm..

Guy 1: From Mthunzi

Ella: Wow this guy is bald

Me: Uhm thank you

They stood there..

Me: Thank you?

Guy 1: We cannot leave until we are certain that you are home

safe Me: What?

**Ella: Who is he? The
President's Son?**

Guy 1: It's our duty

Guy 2: Don't worry we won't be in the way, you won't even notice us

Me: This is very unnecessary Ella pulled me to the side..

Ella: Who the fuck are you dating? The president's Son?

Me: Not that I know of.. This is ridiculous let me call him MTHUNZI

Ma: Mthunzi.. Come here I walked up to her...

Ma: Did you get the ring?

Me: Huh?

Ma: The ring? The engagement ring?

Me: What engagement ring?

Ma: They will be here to

**discuss lobola and she has to
leave with something that
Me: I thought we were just
going to talk**

Ma: Do you actually want this marriage to happen or not?

My phone vibrated.. It was Titi..

Me: Excuse me

Ma: Mthunzi

I walked away..

Me: Princess

Titi: Hlomuka what's going on?

Me: Why?

Titi: There's these two men following me and my sister around at the mall
Me: Ohw ya don't mind them

Titi: Don't mi.. We in the underwear

department and it's embarrassing

Me: What? You want them to fit the underwears?

Titi: It's not funny

**Me: Look you my princess and
I'm going to treat you like that
Titi: Okay fine but just for today**

Me: Just for today

Titi: How is home?

Me: Well it's not with you so..

Titi: It's that bad?

Me: It's okay

Titi: I have to go.. We'll talk later

Me: I love you

Titi: I love you too Hlomuka

I hung up...

TIERA

**Ella: Did you ask him if he's
the president's son? Me: He
is not**

Ella: I'm just saying

Me: If he was I would know

**Ella: I like the gesture,
Masculine protection**

**Me: It is kinda charming,
Shade is very unpredictable**

Ella: An unpredictable guy is a good one, I really like my in law. He makes an effort
Me: He does no lie

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MTHUNZI

They drove in, with their black SUVs. We stood at the palace entrance ready to welcome them. It was Me, My Mother and our servants..
Ma: You look handsome
Me: Thank you

A praise singer was also in our mist, welcoming them by their clan names. They were beating drums too..

If I agree to this whole situation, our marriage will be publicized. The last thing I want is what I have with Titi to be ruined by this. I don't think there's any great pain than her finding out about this in newspapers, social media and TV. It will break her and I will be on the list of Jerks!!

Kholisiwe got out, She held her Father's hand. She's beautiful no lie, But beauty alone doesn't win the heart. At least not mine..

King Lushaba had 3 wives. One passed on, Kholi's Mother and she was the most loved hence

**he loves his Daughter more
than his other children..**

Ma: King Lushaba

King: Queen Hlomuka

They hugged and he kissed her on her cheek.

Ma: Kholi

Kholi: Queen

Mother They

hugged too.. King:

Prince Mthunzi

Me: King Lushaba

We exchanged a handshake..

Me: Princess Kholi

Kholi: Prince

Mthunzi I kissed

her hand..

Ma: We welcome you into our palace, Please come and have lunch with us We all walked into the house, Our healer followed us.. He was following me..

Healer: If you going to pretend at least make it believable

Me: I'm trying

His loyalty has always been for the Kingdom than my Mother as an individual..

King Lushaba opened the chair for my Mother. Now I was forced to carry out the same gesture for Kholi.. I opened the chair for her..

Kholi: Thank you

NOLITHA

He was awake now, or at least they were..

Me: Why have you come to torture this body?

The way he turned his head to me was not normal, it was quick and a normal human being would've strained their neck.. Me: Who are you?

Him: "Who are we" is the preferable term for we are many, we are legion The mother lost her mind..

Mother: What do you want from my Son??

Father: Don't speak to him

**Mother: Leave him you hear?
Leave him alone!!**

Legion: Get the hypocrite out of here!!!!

The priest took the Mother outside... I looked at them as they walked out and closed the door, She was screaming so loud. When I turned back, Legion had broken himself from the ties. He was sitting up straight and looking at me.. He grabbed my arm and

**pulled me closer.. He looked at
me.**

**Legion: Sweat, Racing heart
beat, fear!**

**Me: I have tattoed the pentacle
on me, It serves as protection
you can't hurt me!**

**Legion: I wouldn't even if I
wanted too!**

I yanked my arm from him..

**Me: Why? Why are you in this
body?**

**Legion: Let's rather talk about
how you have married your
current husband under lies I
looked at him..**

**Legion: Poor Prophet thinks the
succubus ruined you, in actual
fact you had an abortion years
ago when you were a teen before
first husband sacrificed his
manhood. That abortion was**

**brutal, it scarred your womb I
looked down..**

**Legion: Prophet doesn't know
does he? Then they send a damn
Delilah to exorcise me?? A
hypocrite just like the mother out
there screaming for her Son. Now
she's loving, concerned and
fearful meanwhile she hated her
own Son. She abused him, Wished
he was never born! He grew hate
for her Mother, in that manner he
invited me in**

**Me: You tricked him.. You made a
promise that if he allows you in,
you will help him deal with his
demons meanwhile you were the
demons! Legion: He was an angry
young man, internally conflicted!
His hate and anger burns me with
pleasure.. He was going to**

**commit suicide.. I made him
special**

The priest walked in.. He was holding the holy water and sprinkled it at legion..

Priest: In the name of the Father, The Son, and the holy spirit. I command you to leave this body
Me: Father no!!!

Legion got pissed, how he moved from the bed and jumped on the priest I can't even explain. The priest fell back and Legion was ontop of him...

Legion: The priest who is sickening to say the least, the one who gets drunk off the church wine and preach drunk at times

I took out my Jesus cross necklace.. Me: Legion!!

I held it against him..

He turned and looked at me..

He hissed and got off the Priest,
He then ran through and jumped
out from the open window..

I went to the Priest and helped
him up...

Me: Are you okay Father?

Priest: I'm okay.. Thank you my
child

MTHUNZI

Lushaba: I am so happy that we
are continuing to form a bond and
a relationship with the Hlomuka
people. Ma: We've always been
strong alliances, I'm glad my Son
saw a beautiful flower from your
garden and is going to pick it out

Lushaba: He has all the makings
of a great King

Me: Thank you his majesty

Ma: Kholi how do you feel about the marriage?

Kholi: I feel good, I've always liked Umthunzi from way back. I'm blessed to have been picked as a suitable princess for him

Ma: Blessed my child

Lushaba: Mthunzi how do you feel?

Me: I.. I feel good

Lushaba: It's not about love from your side, it's about keeping this kingdom safe and sheltered from it's enemies. You need a strong woman by your side

Ma: I agree

Lushaba: Where is your

Daughter? Ma: Forgive my

Daughter, She's not around. She went to visit Lushaba: Fresh air

is good TIERA

I'm always amazed by Sister's place. It's like I'm coming in for the very first time..

Me: Your place is amazing

Ella: You say that all the time

Me: Because it is

Ella: What a long day.. I'll open the bottle of wine

Me: Juice for me

Ella: I know you don't fancy alcohol Titi

Me: Just reminding you

NOLITHA

The mother looked at me..

Mother: What do you mean that you lost him?

Me: He went out through the open window

Mother: How? How? You guys are supposed to be the best! You come off highly recommended

Me: You haven't been forthcoming with us, why didn't you mention you had a broken relationship with your Son

Mother: My broken relationship has nothing to do with this

Me: It actually is because it's where it all started

Priest: If we going to help you, At least tell us the truth so we can be able to help

She shook her head and sat down.. TIERA

I checked my phone. It's been almost 3 hours since Mthunzi and

**I last spoke. I was missing him,
how he**

**makes me laugh and always
makes my day..**

**I decided to call him but he didn't
pick
up..**

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NOLITHA

**One thing I will fall on to hate with
regards to this, is how demons
know how to play their cards
right. The abortion situation, No
one was meant to know except for
me because I never told anyone.**

**Even Mike didn't know about it. I
was a teen, pregnant**

with my Step Father's baby. By then, we weren't even married..

Nka: How did it go today?

Me: It was a tough one, the kid was possessed by Legion

Nka: That's brutal, Is there hope? Me: I doubt.. I don't think the kid is still in there

Nka: I can't believe Clover was hurting people like that

Me: Me too

Nka: I can't believe I even trusted him

Me: It's not your fault

Nka: I hate betrayal, I hate lies and dishonesty

I looked down..

Me: I know

MTHUNZI

**The healer walked in and closed
the door..**

Healer: If the Queen finds out I'm conspiring with you behind her back. He will have me beheaded

Me: I can't engage this girl, I can't marry this girl

Healer: We have established that

Me: I need your help

Healer: You already have your head on the chopping block now you want mine to be there too?

Me: I wouldn't be asking you for help if it wasn't important

Healer: Let's hear it

Me: This won't happen before we consult the ancestors, I know you head that department. I'd like you to uhm.. Make it seem like ancestors aren't for this

**Healer: You want me to lie to
the Queen? Lie on the
ancestors?**

Me: Please just stall this for at least 3 months, I'm sure by then I would've thought of something

Healer: Mthunzi

Me: Please I'm desperate

Healer: Only because I believe in you

and that you will make a better king,

I'll see what to do

Me: Thank you

TIERA

He sent me a text message that we'll talk later on, They are busy slaughtering and what not..

I went to help Noli prepare dinner..

Noli: There she is Miss 84k flowers

Me: Don't start

**Nka: Did you end up finding out
who
it was?**

Me: Yes

Nka: Who?

Me: It's still early to tell, for now I don't wanna say anything and jinx it

Noli: Okay then

Nka: The princess from Isizwe sakwa Hlomuka will be at our church on Sunday

Noli: Really?

Nka: Yes.. Princess Amahle Hlomuka

Me: That's great

Noli: Is that even allowed? I heard that family is deeply rooted in tradition. Ancestors and what not, plus her mother is said to be a dictator

Nka: Well she's coming, She's sent us an Email

Me: Will she be staying with us?

Nka: I highly doubt

**Me: I don't know much about
that family**

Nka: You should give yourself time to research about them

Me: Ahh.. I doubt it's something I'll be interested in doing because they don't affect my life in anyway

Me: I also just see them in passing,

on TV and on the newspaper

Nka: They are a very important part

of SA, you guys need to check them

out

MTHUNZI

Amahle called me..

Amahle: I've arrived

Me: That's good

Amahle: I'm noticing at your house, there's no traces of us

**Me: As you saying.. My house
Amahle: Mthunzi just tell the girl,
what you ashamed about? You
are a Prince**

**Me: Titi fell in love with me
without even knowing who I was,
the very first girl to be real.
Others knew that I was a Prince,
She didn't and that's the realist of
them all**

**Amahle: Maybe she was
pretending,
Everybody knows us**

Me: She didn't

**Amahle: Okay but then now you
need**

**to tell her, It's not like you
cheating or
it's something bad**

Me: I'll tell her

Amahle: How is it going?

Me: Horrible..

Amahle: Thank goodness I left

Me: Ya.. Thank goodness in deed

TIERA

**I took out the roasted chicken
from the oven, I heard my phone
ringing..**

I placed it on the stove and took off the gloves then went to get my phone..

It was a call from Ella..

Me: Hey

Ella: Titi I just searched this boyfriend of yours

Me: Okay

Ella: He's a prince I laughed..

Ella: Mthunzi Hlomuka? Isizwe sakwa

Hlomuka? Hello?

I sat on the bed..

Me: It can't be, Mthunzi can't be a Prince. I mean, he.. This can't be Ella: I've sent you some information on whatsapp..

Check him out Me: Okay

MTHUNZI

I went down to the kitchen, I wanted to sneak out of the palace to call Titi.. I bumped into Kholisiwe.. Kholi: Prince Mthunzi

Me: Princess

Kholi: I went out for a walk

Me: Okay.. I need to go outside for a couple, I'll come back before dinner time

Kholi: Okay

I went out..

TIERA

Me: Ohw my goodness!!!

His call came through, I took a deep breath.

Me: Hlomuka

Mthunzi: I hope I'm not into too much trouble

Me: Not at all, A prince has responsibilities

I heard him exhaling..

Mthunzi: I was going to tell you Me: When?

Mthunzi: I don't know.. I just enjoyed being loved for me without anyone knowing who I was, But that's not an excuse.. I should've told you Me: It's okay

Mthunzi: Wait... You not angry?

Me: No.. At least it's not something big

I am keeping a whole lot of a big secret from him..

Mthunzi: Are you sure? I was about to send flowers again

Me: We are okay what makes it easy for me to forgive you is that you didn't flash your status at me or use them to manipulate me into being in a relationship with you

Mthunzi: I'm so relieved

**Me: Mthunzi I'm.. I have something
to
tell you**

Mthunzi: Okay

**Me: I just don't know how to tell
you**

**Mthunzi: Then I don't wanna hear
it**

Me: It's important

**Mthunzi: If it's something that's
going**

**to make me lose you, then I don't
wanna hear it**

Me: Mthunzi

**Mthunzi: I need to go, dinner is in
10.. Can't wait to see you, can't
wait for this weekend to end.. I
love you Ntombi yakwa Mhlaba**

Me: I love you too Hlomuka

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MTHUNZI

We were woken up by the sound of the horn. When that happens, It means it's not good.

Something is happening that is not good..

We led out by the palace guards. We were all still in our Pajamas..

Ma: Kwenzakalani? (What's going) We were led out to the kraal.. The healer was there..

Ma: Thokoza

Thokoza: Ndlunkulu

Ma: What is going on?

Thokoza: Come see for yourself

We walked closer. There was a python next to the calabash. It wasn't moving. The calabash had broken and the traditional beer inside of it was spilled all over. The incense was dying out too dispensing a black smoke..

Ma: What is this?

Thokoza: It's sad that I should inform you. The ancestors are not happy with the union of Prince Mthunzi and Princess Kholisiwe. King: Ini? (What)

Ma: That's impossible

Thokoza: It's safe to hold off

Ma: Hold off until when?

Thokoza: Until further notice?

King: What are you saying?

Thokoza: I'm saying there won't be any wedding

Ma: This cannot be!

King: We traveled all the way from Kzn just so my Daughter's heart can be broken?

Ma: There has to be some kind of a mistake or something because this is not it!

King: Kholisiwe, go get your things we leaving!

They walked away..

Ma: Thokoza there has to be a mistake

Thokoza: I don't make mistakes

Ma: This is a nightmare She walked away..

I looked at Thokoza..

Me: The Snake was a little bit too much

Thokoza: I lied on the ancestors

Me: For a good course

I walked back to the palace..

TIERA

**I was up helping My mom
prepare breakfast. The
Princess will come have
breakfast with us so we can
meet her officially...**

Me: What does royalty even eat?

Ma: They humans right?

Me: Yes

Ma: So they eat food

Me: Yes but what kind of food?

**Ma: Are the sausages coming
alright?**

Me: Yes

**Ma: In a million years I never
thought your first time dating, it'll
be with a Prince.. A real Prince**

Me: Me too

**Ma: So long you happy and he
treats you with respect**

Me: He is a good Person, Hoping it's not all an act

Ma: Talk and continue working MTHUNZI

I didn't even sleep when I got back into the Palace. I bathe and started packing up..

There's no reason to stay here anymore, What I came here for is not happening..

My Mother is losing her mind I know, She panicks very easy..

Servant: Prince Mthunzi

Me: Yes?

Servant: They are saying Goodbye to the King and Princess, Your presence is requested to bid the King and the Princess goodbye.. Me: Thank you

I went down to them.. My Mother was there still trying to plead her case.. Ma: We will fix this

King: There's a lot of boys who would wanna marry my Daughter, So if this doesn't pull off. I will be talking to others

Ma: It is going to workout just give us some time

The King looked at me.. King: Prince

Mthunzi Me: His Majesty

King: What do you say about all of this?

Me: It is sad how the situation turned out, I wish it could turn out better but.. King: Be good

**Me: Thank you his Majesty,
Princess Kholisiwe I'm sorry
Kholi: It's okay**

Ma: I'm truly sorry about this

King: Let's go

Kholisiwe They

walked out...

AMAHLE

Thoko was helping me dress

up.. Me: My Servant girls can do

it, You don't have too

Thoko: I was once your Nanny, So

I'm used to this

Me: Thank you

Thoko: You welcome

Me: So Mthunzi is.. He's in love

with someone else. The same girl

that I'm going to meet

Thoko: I haven't met her but she

seems to make him happy, I

haven't seen him like this before

Me: At least he's courageous to stand up for what he believes in
Thoko: Wanna talk about it?

Me: No it's okay, you can finish up

Thoko: Eyeing someone?

Me: Well..

Thoko: Well?

Me: The herdboy

Thoko: Sunny?

Me: Yes

Thoko: You two liked each other since from when you were kids
Me: It'll never be, He's a herdboy after all

Thoko: Almost done MTHUNZI

I walked up to my Mother to say goodbye..

Me: Ma I'm leaving

Ma: Mthunzi.. This wedding is going to happen, One way or the

**another Me: The ancestors don't
approve**

Ma: I will make it work, Thokoza will make it work

Me: Well then, I have to go

Ma: You haven't met someone else right?

Me: No

Ma: That's good because it'll never happen. Worse a city gold digger, A commoner. A girl with no morals, No schooling and doesn't even know what it takes and means to be a princess! Now you can play around with the girls but don't think you'll marry one of them

Me: I know

TIERA

After bathing.. I called the Mental institution. They gave me

**hell first because the calling
time is at 11am,**

but I needed to talk to Nesta so they brought her to the phone..

Nesta: Titi

Me: Nesta

Nesta: It's calling time already?

Me: No.. I just wanted to talk to you

about something.. I have a boyfriend,

He's a Prince.. Prince Mthunzi

Nesta: A prince?

Me: Yes

Nesta: You didn't have a boyfriend?

I chuckled

.. Me: No

Nesta: How does he feel knowing that you are hiv positive

Me: I haven't told him yet

Nesta: Are you going to tell him?

Me: I will

**Nesta: If he dumps you it's
okay, Some people fear hiv**

Me: I know Nesta, I know

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TIERA

She showed up at my house, with her two female companions.. She is beautiful no lie.

We welcomed them in, Was just awkward that the servants had to stand there..

Nka: Thank you so much for gracing us with your presence, We are honoured

Amahle: I am honoured for the warm welcome

Noli: You are beautiful

Amahle: Thank you.. The food smells nice

Noli: Titi prepared the food

Me: Don't exaggerate you helped

Amahle: Either way, the food smells nice

Me: Thank you.. Mthunzi told me that you had a ceremony at home

Amahle: You know my Brother?

Me: It's okay, He told me that he is a Prince

Amahle: Thank Goodness I don't have to pretend.. Yes we do but it's not important for me to attend. I watch the church on TV and I felt compelled to attend Nka: I'm speechless

**Me: Thank you for coming, I
didn't know we were that well
known**

Amahle: You are

Noli: Maybe soon we can visit

Isizwe sakwa Hlomuka

Amahle: I will talk to my

Mother Noli: That would be

lovely MTHUNZI

I kept on calling Titi she didn't pick up. I called Amahle, She didn't pick up. I called the house, Thoko picked up..

Me: Is Amahle there?

Thoko: She went to the Mhlaba house, to have breakfast with them Me: What?

Thoko: They invited her over

Me: Amahle was supposed to go to church, Now what excuse will she give about her not attending the family function?

**Thoko: She's still there so
that's a good sign**

Me: I'll be there soon

**Thoko: I'm sure she'll be here by
then**

Me: Fine I'll call again

Thoko: Okay

TIERA

**Amahle: This food is indeed
delicious**

Nka: It is

**Noli: Not that you are
being ambushed**

Princess Amahle Amahle:

Amahle please

**Noli: My Daughter is dating your
Brother, We have no idea of how
royalty is.. How is life going to be
for**

her should they get serious

**Amahle: Well it is different from
the
normal life
Me: Like?**

**Amahle: How you dress, Sit,
and walk**

Nka started coughing..

**Nka: There's a way you should
walk?**

Amahle: Yes

Me: How?

**Amahle: You can't just drag your
feet,**

**wave your hands around. You
walk**

with dignity

Me: Woow

**Amahle: You can't talk like you
walking down the stairs. No
swearing, and you always respect
the Queen.. She's above you**

Me: That seems like a lot of work

Noli: How is your Mother?

**Amahle: My Mother is strong
willed, grounded, tough, strict**

Me: Sounds intimidating

Amahle: She is the Queen after all

Me: This is interesting though

Noli: Very

The kitchen door

opened.. Ella: Family!!

Sorry I'm late

She walked in, in the living room..

**Ella: Who are these G-.. The
princess is here**

Me: Easy Ella

She walked up to her..

**Ella: Hi.. My name is Ella, I'm
her Sister**

**Amahle: Nice to meet
you Ella extended her
hand..**

Amahle stood up and hugged her..

**Amahle: We don't shake hands
with**

women, We hug

Noli: Take Notes

Me: Ma

Ella sat down..

Ella: So where is the Brother?

**Amahle: The brother is at home,
we have some family function**

**Ella: Okay.. So are you and my
sister**

**not supposed to hate each other
or**

something?

Me: Ella!!

Ella: What? In laws hate a lot

**Amahle: I like Titi, She's
beautiful. Well spoken,**

**Respects herself, and good with
preaching. She might not be of
royal blood but she can fit in**

Ella: Hear that?

QUEEN HLOMUKA

**Thokoza: Her
majesty**

Me: I need you to throw the bones and check for me what's going on Thokoza: We have done that Me: I need this to work. The Lushaba's are our alliances, strong

alliances and well respected.

Powerful too

Thokoza: My Queen if I may

Me: Yes?

Thokoza: There's a way we can
trick

them

Me: How

Thokoza: I see another woman
here

Me: Another what?

Thokoza: The one that has his
heart, The one that they approve

Me: What are you talking

about? Thokoza: That's the
one they in support of

Me: Mthunzi can't marry anyone
who is of no royal blood

Thokoza: Mthunzi is the soon to
be King, He can change

**everything when he becomes a
King and if you don't support
this. He can act banish**

you from the kingdom, It's his birth right

Me: Mthunzi can never know he holds that much power, All that Mthunzi knows is that I should die first before he becomes a king Thokoza: If you don't support this then I'm sorry but it'll be the end of you

Me: This ends between us

Thokoza: You have my loyalty

Me: Or Mthunzi will know that you had a hand on his father's death, he will put you to death

Thokoza: I know

Me: So here is the plan

TIERA

**I checked my phone as I passed
to go to the bathroom. I had 3
missed**

**calls from Mthunzi.. I called him.
He canceled my call and called
back.. Me: HI-**

**Mthunzi: I've called you like 3
times Me: Ohw I'm sorry.. I left my
phone in the bedroom, I didn't
wanna be rude.. Your sister is
here**

**Mthunzi: Okay you almost gave
me a scare**

Me: Are you driving?

**Mthunzi: Yes on my way back Me:
Aren't you supposed to be
attending the ceremony or
something like that?**

**Mthunzi: Yeah the other royalty
didn't show up**

**Me: Okay then can't wait to see
you**

Mthunzi: How is the breakfast going?

Me: It's going good, Your Sister is very lovely

**Mthunzi: She's not bothersome?
Not troubling you? Not
Me: Not at all, She's sweet
Mthunzi: Okay I'll see you
later, I miss you so much Me:
I miss you too
Mthunzi: See you later
Me: See you later Hlomuka**

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**EBUKHOSINI
TIERA**

**Me: Thank you for coming,
Thank you for having
breakfast with us Amahle:**

**Thank you for being wonderful
hosts**

Me: I just hope that we will do this sometime

Amahle: Me too

Me: Here.. It's nothing much, but it's gratitude

Amahle: This is beautiful, I'll wear it

always. It's a beautiful bangle

Me: Safe drive

Amahle: Thank you

The breakfast even took longer than

expected. Nka even left, So did Noli.

We just talked and talked until it was

midday..

MTHUNZI

I looked at the time, It was

15:00.. Me: What a long

breakfast, Thought she would be
here when I get back Thoko: It's
a good sign Me: I hope so
Thoko: How was your trip?

Me: It was good, I drove back safely My phone rang, It was Mom.. Me: Excuse me I walked away to answer..

Me: Ma

Ma: Mthunzi, Have you arrived?

Me: Yes

Ma: Safe?

Me: Yes

Ma: I had time to think as you left, Thokoza helped too

Me: Ohw yeah?

Ma: Yes.. Maybe the ancestors have

declined the wedding because they

want you to choose someone whom

you love deeply

Me: You think so?

Ma: Unfortunately it's not like in our times anymore. I have been so sunk into keeping this kingdom strong I

didn't want our enemies to us as weak, So much I got addicted to it and I forgot that my children are not the people from here. It's not fair and was never fair for me to control you. You are an adult and you are capable of making your own decisions, mistakes too.

Mistakes is how we learn after all isn't it? Me: I suppose so

Ma: So I will lay off. You are old enough, and you should choose whom you want to be with. I'm sorry I pressured you

Me: Are you feeling okay? Ma:

Whether the marriage is arranged, If you don't love Princess Kholisiwe she'll feel the pain, burdened and what not. I

**don't want another child feeling
that way**

Me: I see

Ma: So long it's someone who is respectful and will respect that we carry ourselves

differently Me: She is respectful

Ma: So she exists?

Me: I've been trying to tell you, That's why I didn't wanna marry

Kholi Ma: I understand.. So who is she?

Me: Her name is Tiera, Tiera Mhlaba

Ma: Catchy name

Me: Prophet Nka's Daughter

Ma: Doesn't ring a bell

Me: She's a very lovely girl

Ma: I'm sure she is.. You should come with her next weekend so

**we can meet her only if you are
seriously into her**

Me: I am.. I wanna marry her

Ma: Well then, That's good..

Can't wait to meet her

**Me: And Mother.. If you become
anyhow to her I'll know. If you
chase her away by any means I'll
know, If you mistreat her.. I'll
know then you and I we going to
have a serious problem**

**Ma: Mthunzi I'm really trying
here.. I know I'm not well known
for good things but, I'm trying**

Me: Okay we'll see

Ma: Where is Amahle?

**Me: She actually went to have
breakfast with Tiera and her
family Ma: Is it?**

**Me: Yaa the church she'll attend
it's Prophet Nka's**

**Ma: Then it's a must we know her,
She knows where you come from.
Seeing that her family know us too**

Me: I'll bring her next weekend

Ma: Thank you

Me: I have to go we will talk later

Ma: I love you

Me: I love you too

TIERA

Ella: So it wasn't bad

**Me: Not at all, I expected it to
be a nightmare**

**Ella: You are a sweet Person,
It's difficult for you not to be**

**loved Me: Royalty is actually
not bad Ella: Well I don't know**

**Me: I need you to help me pick
an outfit. Mthunzi is taking me**

out Ella: Sex out?

Me: No.. I have to preach tomorrow for the first service

Ella: So?

Me: I can't have sex if I will be preaching tomorrow

Ella: Don't tell me Mthunzi has to marry you first before he could get you in bed?

Me: No.. Not at all.. At least if it was Friday

Ella: So you will sleep with him?

Me: We dating Ella

Ella: Have you told him?

Me: No

Ella: You going to tell him when?

Me: I don't know Ella okay?? It's not an easy thing to address. I would never deliberately infect Mthunzi but it's not something I

**can just openly say it to him over
dinner**

Ella: This is a mess

Me: I know and I'll tell him

Ella: Okay

QUEEN HLOMUKA

I don't think I've ever been this angry at my kids before. I was burning inside and when Mthunzi told me that, I felt like going off at him. He went for one girl that I

hate with all my heart, Now

Amahle is all up in there having breakfast meet ups with them?

Are these kids trying to send me into an early grave??!

Me: Where is the whiskey

The servant girl ran to me with the bottle and glass..

Me: What took you so long?

Her: Uxo-

Me: Give me that!!!

I snatched the bottle from her..

Thokoza walked in..

Thokoza: You asked for my presence?

Me: Sit down

He sat down on the floor as I sat on my chair.

Me: Now clearly witchcraft is off limits, Her father is a Prophet there's no way we going to get away with it

Thokoza: That's true

Me: So we are going to have to break them up without witchcraft

Thokoza: How?

Me: We are going to make her hurt him, and we are going to make him hate her.. I know there's something. I know we can get it done. There's no way this

**girl is going to be a princess and
then future Queen.. I'll have to**

die first.. We going to make it unbearable for them .

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TIERA

Mthunzi did make it up to me for his absentia. For the weekend away he went home, by taking me out later on. I've had a great day no lie, from the breakfast with Amahle to this now..

Unfortunately I don't think this outing will end well, because I am about to confess my truth to

Mthunzi. He did his part by coming clean about who he is, It's time to do my part too and

come clean. It's unfair to him and for him, to not know the truth..

Mthunzi: Are you okay?

Me: I'm fine

I put the napkin on my thighs..

Mthunzi: You've been awfully quiet ever since I picked you up from home

Me: That's because I have to tell you something

Mthunzi: What's "Something"

Me: I love you and if this is promising

to go somewhere, Then I want us to

start on honesty or with honesty.

You

did your part by coming clean, I should do mine

Mthunzi: Sounds serious

Me: It is

**He poured the wine..
Mthunzi: Let's hear it**

Me: Nolitha and Nka are not my biological parents

He didn't interrupted me..

Me: They adopted me after a tragic experience. See my Mother moved in with this other boyfriend of hers, We moved in with him. My mom, me and my sister

He looked at me, very interested in what I was about to say.. Pay attention, Being attentive and all..

Me: His name was Jeff and.. I don't remember the details of it thoroughly, my therapist said that's normal. The trauma was too much Mthunzi: It does happen

Me: He.. He started sexually abusing me Mthunzi

His eyes widened....

Me: One day my little Sister noticed and she.. She was ready to tell our Mother but he killed her, in front of me

Mthunzi: Tell me this is not true

Me: Nolitha and my Mother were close friends and Nolitha was having it hard so she came to live with us for a while, and she noticed something wasn't right. She told Mom and took me. My mother killed him and that experience took her to the mental institution

Mthunzi: This is.. I don't know what to say

I took my bag and opened it. I took my pill schedule container. It's dated M, T, W, T, F, S, S..

I put it on the table..

**Me: He was Hiv
positive**

He threw the napkin on the table..
Me: I have been.. I am hiv
positive. He took my innocence,
took my life, took who I was. He
took everything from me, Being
hiv has made me.. I've never been
in a relationship before because I
was scared. Scared it'll never be
normal, scared I'll be a burden.
You are a great guy and you
deserve a great woman. A wife
who will give you babies, a
woman you will spend your life
with. I live on borrowed time. Yes
I take my meds, I lead a normal
life but we don't know when the
clock will stop ticking. You
deserve someone worth more me,
worth more than what we doing. I
took the pills..

**Me: I'm sorry.. I'll call an Uber
I took my bag and walked out...**

AMAHLE

I was on the phone with my Mother. She was for what was happening between Mthunzi and Tiera. It was unbelievable, Makes me wonder if she is okay. My mother is a predictable woman, She doesn't like you she doesn't. She likes you then she does. There's no in between, no today I hate you then tomorrow I'll like you..

Me: They are nice people Ma. Titi is a lovely girl

Ma: Look at that, Pet name bases

Me: You will love her Ma, she has all the makings of a good princess. She might not be royalty but she will make a good princess

**Ma: I just can't wait to meet
her, or them**

Me: Mthunzi loves her Ma, If you love him you will love her too

Ma: This is why I'm giving her a chance before I judge

Me: I'm glad

Ma: Tell me more about her family

Me: Okay

TIERA

It was cold outside. I've been trying to get an Uber but the app was tripping. I was about to call Ella to fetch me when I felt something warm around my shoulders. I glanced over my shoulder, and it was Mthunzi. He had put his jacket over me with his hands still on my shoulders..

Mthunzi: You spoke.. I listened, May I speak?

Me: Of course

He turned me around..

He held my hands..

Mthunzi: First and foremost, I admire your honesty. What you did back there, I.. It made me to respect you more and love you more if that makes sense. What hurts is your trust in me, for you to think I would actually leave you because of this.. It wasn't your fault. You didn't wake up one day and asked for this, therefore it's not your fault. It happened because it happened, I'm not much of a religious person but doesn't things happen for a reason? God's will? Maybe if this didn't happen then you wouldn't be here. Some blessings are attached to pain and that's life. I love you and that's all that

**matters, I chose to love you and I
won't stop just because our union
is going to be**

different. You die tomorrow so what? I will go through the pain because I chose to love you and my choosing to love you is not a mistake. You are not a burden, you are a woman and you deserve love too. If this wasn't written in stone, then we wouldn't be standing here. If you want this then we go back inside, Enjoy our dinner. If you don't want this I'll take you home

Me: Are you sure about this?

Mthunzi: Yes

Me: Then I'd love to have dinner wi-Before I could even finish my sentence he pulled me closer to him and kissed me..

QUEEN HLOMUKA

Guard: Her majesty,

**the commissioner is
here**

**Me: Please let him through
He bowed and made his way out..
He came back with the
commissioner..**

Com: Her majesty

Me: Please sit

I looked at the servants..

Me: Leave us

They left..

**Com: You requested my
presence?**

Me: Yes commissioner I did

**Com: I am always at your
service Me: My Son has fallen
in love with I gagged....**

**Me: Sorry.. Thinking about it
makes me nauseated.. Anyway,
he is in love with some girl and I'm
not happy about it**

Com: How do I help?

Me: I need the best PI you can find me in Johannesburg to do a background check on this girl

Com: That can be arranged

Me: That's where we start, I need to know the enemy coming into my territory

Com: I will make a few calls

Me: Good

Com: Is that all?

Me: That's just a start

Com: The end result?

Me: Death!

TIERA

He was standing behind me, I was standing at the window looking at the sky. The stars came out to play tonight, and the moon was out there too.. A full moon..

Me: You didn't have to hire the whole private area

Mthunzi: Be glad I didn't hire the whole restaurant for the night

Me: That's just unnecessary, I want us to be normal

Mthunzi: This is normal.. I wanted it to be you and me, just the two of us
Me: It's peaceful and quiet, I like it
He kissed me on my neck..

Me: Is your Mother going to be okay with me?

Mthunzi: My Mother doesn't have to

know about your status if you don't

want her knowing. You won't be sleeping with her

I chuckled..

**Mthunzi: Which reminds
me, Probably have to buy
a lot of condoms**

I turned around and looked at him.. Me: Mthunzi you saying it so casually Mthunzi: Am I supposed to be say it in another way?

Me: You not scared?

Mthunzi: I am a med student, if you had cancer yaa I'd be scared this moment wouldn't last

Me: I don't know what I did to deserve this, to deserve this

I placed my hand on his cheek..

Me: I love you so much

Mthunzi: I love you too

QUEEN HLOMUKA

Com: You going to kill this girl?

Me: We did it before with my husband. You, Me, and Thokoza. We've put a lot of

people to death you and I this
should be a piece of cake,
what's nice is that she's from

there and we from here.. We
get someone to do it
Com: Killing a girl and I don't
have to personally do it.. Fine by
me

Me: I'm glad we understand
each other

Com: As always

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TIERA

God works in mysterious ways,
and the devil works hard. God's
blessings are never clear, they

**never straight. If they were, then
it wouldn't be his will.**

Mthunzi was right when he said sometimes your blessings are attached to pain. Sometimes God let's pain dribble you, tackle you and kick you so that when he comes through when you least expect it. You will see his faithfulness, his grace and his love..

That's what my sermon was about this morning. The morning service from 9am-11am..

Mthunzi was here, Amahle was here. I felt very blessed this morning to have the complete crew of people who love me come through...

Me: Life doesn't take a break, Life is not merciful. Life doesn't say

ohh you lost your job, ohh you
don't have a job. Shame, I'll leave
you alone. It doesn't do that, it
keeps on hitting

you. Blow after blow and that's how it's going to be for the rest of your life, the life that you were given. In the mist of it, God's mercy is always sufficient. God will never let you be tested beyond what you can handle, What you going through now is fit for you no matter how much of a heavy obstacle it is on your shoulders. You don't succumb to defeat, you don't go down on your knees and surrender. Yes faith without actions is useless, If you want a job you have to send out applications but what people don't know is that you need faith first before the action. How are you to keep on sending out applications if you don't have faith. They will

get declined, They will be thrown out. Faith is more important first, than the

action. Disappointments will be there, Yes they will decline you 50 times before accepting you.

Evaluate the challenge, Evaluate the struggle "God if my not getting employed is not part of your plan then I refuse! I don't care if that witch who is blocking me is said to be strong and powerful but there's no human being that never created me has been given authority to block my blessings!"

The church started clapping..

Me: I don't think I am being heard. I'm saying there's no witch under this sun who has been given authority to block your blessings! Don't accept it! Don't embrace it.. Speak to the situation speak to it!!!" if you are not sent to me by

**God, Go back! I don't accept you,
you are not mine".. Stop**

accepting things that are not yours, stop being given things that are not yours, return them back! They not yours. That curse is not yours, return it back to the sender, to the owner through prayer. Don't laugh "Enough is enough! You are not mine, go back to your owner". Give back to ceaser what belongs to ceaser! It's not yours!

They clapped again...

Me: I can't do it! I can't tolerate it!

"Ohw yes at home the women don't get married, It's a family thing. It's a generational curse". It's not a family thing, It's not your curse send it back!!.. Keeping things that don't belong to you is a crime. Embracing that curse,

that witchcraft is a crime. It's not yours. Send it back.. However

not every suffering is born of evil. Check yourself. You want a job but you are the most prideful person ever! If God is going to bless you, He has to make you over. He has to strip you off that pride! God cannot bless you with a job where tomorrow you will be going around looking down on those who are beneath you. Using God's blessing to hurt others, No.. No my dear God doesn't work like that. God has to put you down first, down to the lowest level so that tomorrow when you make it you will know what it felt like to have nothing so you won't go around using God's blessings to hurt others..

**They stood up and started
clapping... QUEEN HLOMUKA**

Something wasn't making sense here. I am of the lushaba royal blood. When I married my husband, we had no problems where ancestors were concerned. They accepted the union and it was also an arranged marriage. My husband didn't love me, At least not as much as I loved him but because of the royal code, tradition and beliefs. He married me, He had no choice.. The Lushabas and the Hlomukas have always been united through marriage, The Hlomukas don't marry anywhere else. Life with my husband was difficult. It had it's ups and downs, Killing him wasn't an easy choice but I had to so that I could secure my place in

**this kingdom. Mthunzi is acting
exactly like his father, He was also
in love**

with another woman, A
commoner! A woman with no
class and no characteristics of
being a queen. I knew she was
going to bring her here and I
couldn't have that. I couldn't
share this with her.... TIERA

Amahle: That was a beautiful
sermon

Me: Thank you

Amahle: I had goosebumps

Me: Please.. You over
exaggerating

Mthunzi: She's telling the
truth though, That was
beautiful Me: Thank you

Amahle: And the church was
so welcoming, I fit right in

Me: I'm glad you enjoyed

Mthunzi: Shall we?

Me: Yes

We weren't going to attend the second service, Didn't feel like straining them. Sometimes long sermons can be draining plus Amahle had to leave. So Mthunzi and I, Together with Amahle we were going to have lunch and then see Amahle off..

QUEEN

HLOMUKA He walked in..

Sunny: Her

Majesty

It was one of the

Herdboys.. Sunny: You asked to see me? **Me:** Yes please He sat down..

**Me: Sunny I need you to go
and search someone for me**

Sunny: Okay

**Me: I know your Mother
is a traditional healer**

Sunny: Yes Her majesty

**Me: I need you to go and ask
your Mother where I can get a
Somandlakazi**

**Sunny: I thought the royal house
had healer**

**Me: I am your Queen. You don't
ask me questions, You do as I
say Sunny: Yes her majesty**

**Me: Go I expect to get a
response from you by
tomorrow Sunny: Yes her
majesty**

**Me: You can leave
He stood up and
left... TIERA**

**Amahle was speaking with a
few church members..**

Mthunzi: We will never leave

**Me: I think it was rude for you to
not wanna engage with church
members**

**Mthunzi: I came to church
not to flaunt my royalty I
chuckled..**

Mthunzi: So you preached

Me: I did

**Mthunzi: Now that it's done,
Am I allowed to ask you to
come and spend a night at my
house? Me: Really?**

**Mthunzi: We dating now, Sleep
overs should be frequent I
nodded..**

**Me: Then will pass at my house
and I'll pack a bag**

**Mthunzi: In that case let me
get Amahle**

**He walked to get his sister, I
laughed whilst shaking my head..
QUEEN HLOMUKA**

Me: I trust that your loyalty lies with me

Thokoza: As always my Queen

Me: Prove it

He looked at me..

Me: This girl is coming next weekend. I need you to poison her

Thokoza: I thought we spoke about that, She is from a religious background it will be seen before it happens

Me: You telling me that a powerful healer can be defeated by a Prophet?

Thokoza: Her majesty I walked up to him..

Me: If you don't poison this girl I'll know that your loyalty doesn't lie with me

Thokoza: I'll do it her majesty

Me: Good

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MTHUNZI

Me: I am going to miss you

Amahle: Ohw please, I'm sure

you happy that I'm leaving Me:

A little

Amahle: Hold on to her, She's

good Me: If you say so too, That

means she's good for real

Amahle: She is

We shared a hug...

Me: Get home safe

Amahle: I will

Me: I love you

Amahle: I love you too

I watched her as she went to the car.. The driver opened and she got in. I waved at her as they drove out..

I walked back to the house when my

phone rang, I checked. It was Thokoza..

Me: Thokoza

Thokoza: Mthunzi

Me: Is everything okay?

Thokoza: Yes.. Why?

Me: Just wondering why you calling

Thokoza: I need to talk to you

Me: I'm listening

Thokoza: My loyalty has always been with your father, when he

**passed on. I was subjected to
show my loyalty to the queen**

Me: I know Thokoza

Thokoza: I respect you and I am loyal to you as the future king, I respect the ancestors that chose you. I know that Isizwe sakwa Hlomuka will be a better place for everyone who lives here when you become a King. You will be a fair and just king. You are warm hearted and your people will love you

Me: What happened?

Thokoza: Your Mother I think she's on to us, I think she noticed that we played her. You know she stops at nothing to make sure that she gets what she wants

Me: I know and you've risked so much for me

**Thokoza: I would do it again my
king**

Me: Thokoza what is this about?

Thokoza: The Queen has asked me to do something that I couldn't say no.. She asked me to poison your girlfriend upon her arrival

Me: Of course.. I was a fool to trust her

Thokoza: I said yes

Me: You had no choice, She is what she is

Thokoza: I thought I should give you a heads up so we can see what do next

Me: That means anything and everything that Titi has to drink or eat will pass by me first

Thokoza: Mthunzi you can't do that Me: I am not going to have Titi die at my house

Thokoza: Obviously your Mother is going to stop you and will know I told you

Me: I don't know what to tell you Thokoza but I'm not going to have my girlfriend die there

Thokoza: I understand.. I will tell you how she wants me to do it

Me: Thank you for telling me, I appreciate your honesty Thokoza: His majesty

I hung up....

QUEEN HLOMUKA

Servant: Her

Majesty Me: Yes?

Servant: Sunny's Mother is here to see you

Me: Let her in

Servant: Her

majesty She
bowed a little..

Sunny's mother walked in..

Her: Her majesty

Me: What can I do for you?

Her: my son told me about
your request

Me: Can you find me
a Somandlakazi?

Her: I can't my Queen

Me: Excuse Me?

Her: I can't because I
am a Somandlakazi Me:

I'll be damned

I got up from my chair..

Me: All along I had a
Somandlakazi in my village and I
didn't know? Humour me. I've
known a Somandlakazi to be
powerful and rich. You are a
nobody

**Her: I was born from the
bloodline of the Somandlakazi
witches. When the**

last one died, The spirit of
Somandlakazi located me until it
found me so that I could be the
next Somandlakazi

Me: Legend has it, That a
Somandlakazi can be defeated
but cannot die

Her: That is true. A
Somandlakazi can be defeated
by a good and powerful
spiritual being

Me: How do I know that you
not tricking me

Her: The ancestors never
disapproved of the union between
The prince and Princess
Kholisiwe. Thokoza faked and lied
on the ancestors to help your son,
so that your Son can marry a
woman that he loves. As I'm

**kneeling before you now,
Thokoza has let your Son in, on**

the plan of the lady Tiera
being poisoned

Me: My suspicions were true.. He
has been double crossing me Her:
I'm afraid yes

Me: In that case.. Can you help me
destroy this girl?

Her: I can help you

Me: She is said to have a father
that is heavenly protected

Her: Not by blood. She was
adopted, and yes Prophet Nka is
powerful only because he has the
protection of warrior angels

Me: In that case how would you
feel about having a place here,
I'm talking about being the new
Thokoza of the royal palace?

Her: I'd be honoured

Me: Send word for Thokoza to be brought here

NOLITHA

I was looking at Titi's photos.

When she was still Younger..

I can't believe she's grown, dating and doing sleepovers..

Nka: I heard that Titi's sermon was good today

We couldn't go to church, We had a funeral to attend of a Pastor that we knew. A pastor that was close to us.. We just got home.. Me: I did too

Nka: Happy that she's growing in preaching

Me: Me too

(Silence)

**Me: I can't believe she's dating
and dating Royalty for that
matter**

Nka: I think you shouldn't get ahead of yourself

Me: What did you see?

Nka: Mthunzi is a good young man with a big heart no lie, but he doesn't have a good mother.

Their love story won't be an easy journey. They'll be tested beyond what they can endure

Me: Titi has been through a lot
Nka: Titi is strong spiritually. Titi is strong spiritually because her faith in God has not been tested as yet

Me: Why this way? There's no greater pain than the one that love brings

Nka: We need to trust and believe that she will conquer and still have her faith remaining in God no matter what

Me: I hope so

QUEEN HLOMUKA

**They brought him to me, They
threw him down on his knees
before me.. Me: I gave you a
place here, I made you a
somebody after my husband
died and this is how you repay
me? He kept quiet..**

**Me: I am your Queen and I'm
talking to you, have you nothing
to say? He didn't say anything,
Just stared down.**

**Me: You leave me no choice but to
find you guilty of treason. You
shall be kept in the royal Palace
prison cell for the night and be
beheaded first thing tomorrow
morning. Take him away
The guards took him away...**

TIERA

Mthunzi's place was beautiful. Even if I could wake up tomorrow a registered pharmacist I still wouldn't afford such a place. It was absolutely stunning ..

Mthunzi: What are you doing?

Me: I'm preparing dinner Mthunzi: I can't have that, There's someone who is paid to do that Me: Isn't that sweet? Well I shall not have another woman cook for my man when I am around. Prince or not Mthunzi: Scared she's going to charm my way into her heart through my stomach?

Me: uSis'Thoko? Be serious He laughed..

Me: She's a very lovely woman though

Mthunzi: She is

Me: Tell me.. When I visit your family next weekend can my parents come? Mthunzi: Only your mother and your sister, your father can't step foot at the palace until you are Mrs Hlomuka He poked my nose..

Me: You think your Mother is going to like me? I heard she's a bit difficult. I don't want us being enemies and you being caught in the middle Mthunzi: If she doesn't like you then that's her loss because you are a wonderful woman

Me: Well I think me and her might get along well, I have faith

Mthunzi: Yaa I hope so too

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TIERA

We had a delicious dinner and then after dinner, We went to take a shower. A shower together..

I knew exactly what was happening, Where this was leading too. I was nervous. All I kept thinking about as we kissed was that I shouldn't infect him. I didn't wanna infect him.. I know that a condom can, and will protect us but still. I have that fear of infecting him.. He was relaxed, He was calm and seemed to be enjoying the moment. The way he ran his hands on my soapy body, It

also turned me on. I was starting to get seriously turned on, and I got lost in the moment. I'm not going to let my status get in the way of my enjoying my relationship with my boyfriend who loves me to the moon and back.....

PRINCESS AMAHLE

I snuck out of the palace with a cup of coffee. I went to the stable where Sunny was feeding the cows..

Me: Hey

He turned and looked at me..

Sunny: Princess Amahle

Me: I.. I thought it was late and it's cold, So I made you a hot cup of coffee. I hope you don't mind

Sunny: I don't mind, I actually appreciate it. Thank you, But you didn't have too

Me: It's just a cup of coffee, nothing much

I handed it to him..

Sunny: I heard you went down to the city

Me: Yes..

Sunny: How was the trip?

Me: It was worth it

Sunny: How is Johannesburg?

Heard it's beautiful

Me: It is, and very busy

I looked at him..

Me: Thinking of going there?

Sunny: Yes one day, Just move down there

Me: I'm sure you'll like it

Sunny: I hope so

He drank his coffee..

Sunny: Thank you for the coffee

Me: It's nothing.. I should go back,

Inside

Sunny: Yes before they come out

looking for you

Me: Good night

Sunny: Goodnight Princess

Amahle

I walked back inside..

TIERA

**We kept on kissing, and he kept
on running his hands on my body..**

**His lips went down to my neck, all
the way down to my chest. He
cupped my breasts and snuck his
hand in between my thighs. Water
was still running down on us. He**

came back up and we kissed as
he played around with my clit...

I ran my hands on his chest..

He picked me up and and we
walked out of the shower..

Me: Don't drop me (laughing)

Mthunzi: You a big girl you can
handle it

We walked to the bed and he laid
me down..

He came ontop of me and looked
me in the eye..

Mthunzi: I love you so much

Me: I love you more

Mthunzi: Marry me

Me: I'd love to marry you

He smiled and kissed me..

PRINCESS AMAHLE

I walked in and closed the door, I leaned against it and smiled alone like a retard.

Ma: Amahle

I looked at her, She walked in..

Ma: What's with you?

Me: I.. I was locking the door

Ma: Why? You don't lock the door, There's Guards outside

Me: I know but I came down and the door was wide open, I closed it and then locked

Ma: I see

Me: I was on my way upstairs, Good night Mother

Ma: Good night Amahle

That was very close...

TIERA

He ran his tongue on my belly button, His finger deep inside of me. How he was working it inside touched a place I wasn't familiar with. A certain place that made the pleasure more intense. 3 times than how I was feeling.. I felt my body vibrating, an electric shock surged throughout my body..

He kept on going and I was really turned on, I was in the moment..

Me: Ohhh Hlomuka

His index finger was inside, and his thumb was massaging my clit..

My legs vibrated even more, I lifted my butt a little. He moved up and sucked on my tits still finger fucking me..

Me: It feels so good...

He kissed me on my lips and pulled the lower lip a little. He had a condom on now, and it made me comfortable..

He spoke with his lips still attached to mine..

Mthunzi: Want me to put it in?

Me: Yes..

He stopped finger fucking me..

He grabbed his hard dick and thrust in. He kept on gently putting it in and out, not all of it in.

When he furthered in, He stretched me and it was a bit painful.. He kept on playing around there until he pushed it further in without a warning..

Me: Ahhhhh Mthunzi!!

I pushed him off a little with my hands on his chest..

Mthunzi: I'm sorry

Me: That was painful

Mthunzi: I know I'm sorry..

He calmed me down with a kiss..

Mthunzi: Askies

NOLITHA

It was after our midnight prayer when we were about to sleep I received a call from the institution..

Me: Hello

Voice: Good evening, You speaking to the night Nurse at the institution

Me: Okay

Voice: I am calling you with regards to Ms Nesta

Me: Why? What happened?

**Voice: She tried hurting herself,
The Dr has put her on lockdown.
She won't be allowed any visitors
until the new medication that they
prescribed for her starts taking
over**

I exhaled..

Me: I understand

**Voice: Apologies for calling so
late, Thought of letting you know
beforehand, incase you had plans
of visiting**

**Me: No it's okay.. Thank you for
letting me know**

TIERA

**I was laying flat on my stomach,
with a pillow underneath. He was
taking it from the back and to be**

more safer, He changed the Condom. The condom didn't make it uncomfortable because we were also using a lubricant.. He kept on squeezing my ass and spanking it as he continued.. I had my face buried on another pillow trying not to scream loud.. I was happy to know that he was enjoying, Judging from how he was groaning.. It felt good, I didn't want him to stop. The pain wasn't intense to actually make me wanna stop him. Just didn't know how he kept on going and going, He had a lot of energy and stamina for it.. He just kept on..

QUEEN HLOMUKA

I was having one last glass before retiring to bed..

Somandlakazi walked in..

Me: Dammit you scared me!

Som: My apologies Her majesty

Me: What can I do for you?

Som: I was in my consulting room and I had an idea

Me: Yes?

Som: Instead of touching this girl, Why don't we go for your Son

Me: Are you Mad?

Som: I'm sorry.. I didn't think you loved him that much, Seeing that he's not your biological Son

I walked up to her..

Me: If you say that sentence again I will have you thrown into the cell

with Thokoza.. Do you understand me?

Som: Loud and clear her majesty

Me: I asked you to help me, Not to Google me

Som: My apologies

She walked out..

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QUEEN HLOMUKA

After what Somandlakazi said to me last night, I had troubles sleeping. That's one secret that we've worked so hard to have it swept under the carpet. My

husband had a child with the commoner, the woman that he loved with all his heart. Since he couldn't marry her because she was a nobody they continued with their affair until Mthunzi was born. Her pregnancy was kept a secret from our people, We had to isolate and hide her. When it was founded that she was carrying the Hlomuka Heir, That's when I had to fake pregnancy. The people weren't much alarmed seeing me "Pregnant", because the dresses I wear they assumed hid my pregnancy very well until I started "Showing". When Mthunzi was born, I opted she must be killed but she vowed to secrecy

provided that she witnesses the growth of her Son from a distant. She took an oath and we spared her life. She became Mthunzi's nanny and later on Amahle's nanny, then also moved down to Johannesburg to be her Son's maid. Yes, Mthunzi's Mother is Thoko.. She remarried, and has since remained silent..

I wasn't going to have a commoner claim the kingdom, Worse she had a Son and I had a Daughter...

I went to Somandlakazi's chamber. She was moving into the palace since Thokoza will no longer serve the royal family..

Som: I thought you would be present and watch Thokoza's execution

I looked around..

Me: I never knew that the chambers were like this

Som: Any home is a home for the struggling ones, we are only servants our livelihood doesn't matter much

Me: I need to talk to you about last night

Som: It was not my place to speak out of turn

I walked over to her open window and glanced outside. I saw the Guard placing Thokoza's head on the chopping block. One Guard picked up the Axe, Another one

sent signal that the Axe should be lowered. It was lowered and it beheaded him with people crying out loud. His wife threw herself on the ground crying terribly..

Som: Shame poor woman has no place around here anymore, She'll have to be banished from the village

Me: Law keeps order. Committing treason is unacceptable

Som: So basically your Son is your enemy? Because treason is conspiring with one's enemy to bring forth defeat

Me: Somandlakazi if I can do this, to a powerful healer. Imagine what I can do to you, should you betray me

Som: He handed himself freely to you, because of guilt. The guilt he carried for killing the King, Conspiring with you

Me: That doesn't matter, What matters is that you will take an oath of secrecy

I walked up to her..

Me: You may be a Somandlakazi, but I am Queen Hlomuka and you have no idea just what I'm capable of!

TIERA

Unfortunately Mthunzi had to leave early for school. I wasn't going to go to school today, I was very tired and I needed to rest.

Not to mention how sore I was. I looked at myself in the mirror and

smiled, last night it was very special. I thought that trauma would get in the way of my enjoying an intimate moment with my Boyfriend, but it didn't.

Everything went well..

I freshened up, brushing my teeth and washing my face then I went to the living room. I was wearing his t-shirt and his shorts. I found Thoko preparing breakfast, She was singing. She seemed to be in a good mood..

Me: Good morning Ma

She looked at me with a smile on her face. I only met her yesterday but I already like her. She has a calm and humble spirit with her, I

don't know but there's just too much calm surrounding her..

Thoko: Good morning Titi, I just finished preparing breakfast

Me: You shouldn't have

Thoko: Please it's my pleasure

She picked up the bouquet of flowers from the table..

Thoko: This arrived for you, From Mthunzi

I took them..

Me: The flowers I have, I might as well start a garden

Thoko: You need to get used to this flower treatment

I sat down..

Me: Please join me

Thoko: I would love too, But I have a lot of work cut out for me

Me: Please.. I'll help you

She sat down..

Thoko: You should get used to having people do things for you, A princess can't be seen doing chores

Me: I'm glad that I'm just Titi for now

Thoko: Are you ready? And up for royalty?

Me: I don't know much about royalty, all I know is that I am me

Thoko: Being royalty is not easy, your normal life changes. One minute you know yourself to be Titi, next minute everything has changed for you

Me: All I know is that I love Mthunzi

Thoko: Loving a Prince is not easy, There's going to be a lot of challenges. Sometimes love alone is not enough, you will go above and beyond. You'll have to sacrifice a lot

Me: Now you scaring me

Thoko: Mthunzi is a good boy, I've been his nanny from when he was a baby. He is like a Son to me, and I am so happy to see him being true to who he is and doing things that make him happy. I can see how much you make him happy

Me: Funny enough, You and him look alike.. One would swear he is your Son

Thoko: I get that a lot Dear

Me: Thank you for the breakfast again

Thoko: You are welcome

PRINCESS AMAHLE

I went to my Mother..

Me: I'm going out for fresh air

Ma: Don't you have duties today?

Me: I'm canceling my schedule

Ma: Why?

Me: I don't feel up to it

Ma: Amahle there's times when I don't feel like doing anything, but I push myself. I am a Queen, I have duties

Me: I just don't think having

Thokoza beheaded counts as one having a normal day today

Ma: Thokoza committed treason

Me: I feel you could've handled the situation better than death,

Thokoza has served us for years even when Dad was still alive

Ma: Treason is punishable by death Amahle, That is the law

Me: I th-

Ma: I don't care what you think!

I kept quiet..

Ma: Now you can go and take out for your fresh air, But tomorrow you will carry out your duties understand?

Me: Yes her majesty

Ma: Good

I turned back and walked out, Bumping into Sunny's Mom at the door..

Her: Princess

I ignored her greeting and walked out..

Ma: Don't mind her, She's on her periods

TIERA

I was helping Thoko carry out her house duties, She was telling me a very fascinating story....

Thoko: She was his heart, They were very much in love

Me: Love is beautiful

Thoko: It is, When you share it with the right person

Me: That's true

Thoko: Pass me that I passed it to her...

Me: So what happened to your Sister after her husband died?

**Thoko: She re-married. She's
happy now with someone else**

**Me: That's what I fear most, losing
someone you love through death**

**Thoko: It's life, Death is set for all
of us**

MTHUNZI

**My sister can be very dramatic at
times, I was on a call with her. She
was crying..**

Me: Amahle calm down

**Amahle: She had him beheaded
just like that**

**Me: He was said to have
committed treason**

**Amahle: Do you think Thokoza
would do that? He has served us
for years**

**Me: I know but Mom is not
irritational, Yes she's hard headed
but not irrational. She wouldn't
have done this if she didn't think
he was guilty**

**Amahle: I wish I could run away, I
can't stand her**

**Me: Don't be crazy.. You are a
Princess Mom would turn the
world upside down looking for
you, She will contact her alliances**

**Amahle: I have to go, we'll talk
later**

Me: Okay I love you

Amahle: I love you too

PRINCESS AMAHLE

**I hung up when I saw Sunny in the
fields with a horse. We have 5**

horses that. I walked up to him with my servant girls..

Me: Hi

He turned around and looked at me. He was in his green overall pants, black boots and a hat only. He wasn't wearing any t-shirt. He had a strong firm body, he has too. He deals with animals a lot, He has to be strong..

Sunny: Princess

Me: What a coincidence

**Sunny: A coincidence indeed
He looked at me..**

Sunny: Are you okay? You look like you have been crying

Me: I'm good

Sunny: Maybe you can ride the horse and tell me all about it

Me: I don't wanna fall

Sunny: It's alright

He helped me to climb the horse..

Sunny: Are you okay?

Me: Yes

He held the belt and we started walking the horse slowly..

Sunny: So what are the Scandals of the royal house that got you crying?

THOKO (MTHUNZI'S MOTHER)

I took the laundry basket outside to hang the sheets..

My husband Muzi came to me..

Him: I see you are getting along well with the lady

Me: She's very lovely and respectful

Him: She looks very lovely

I started hanging the sheets..

Muzi: What's wrong?

Me: My Son is finally happy and his happiness will be short-lived

Muzi: Maybe that Queen will have a change of heart, They are going down there this weekend. That's a good sign

Me: Queen Hlomuka doesn't love Muzi, She has always abused my Son. Only because he reminds him of the affair

Muzi: Despite that, At least Mthunzi wasn't killed nor hidden. I know it's hard to watch your Son grow from a distance, As a mother not being able to have a relationship with him but Mthunzi is a good boy. You should be

**proud and one day, he will know
the truth. The truth always comes
out**

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TIERA

A FEW DAYS LATER

**Me: "God may you please be with
us, especially me as I take this
journey. Be with us from the
starting point, all the way to our
destination. I don't know the home
I'm going too, I don't know where
I'm going but you I trust in your
word that I shouldn't fear, for you
are with me. May the angels of
heaven be our security patrol,**

fighting every evilness set in our path. I pray for a safe journey and a safe weekend visit. Amen"

Ma: Amen

I didn't even realize she was standing at the door..

I got up, I was on my knees..

Ma: I never saw this day coming, My little Titi not being so little anymore.. Remember when we used to talk about dating and you'll say "I'll never date". Look at you now, not only are you dating, but you happy in your relationship. See, When God comes through. He stitches the wound, Yes the stitches will be visible but there won't be any bleeding. The stitches are there to

remind you that you were in this situation, and you conquered. It's a battle wound, to show you that you fought, you got hurt but you conquered. We may not foresee the future, But one thing I know is that with my blessings and your father's blessings, and the blessings that your mother gave you will always be with you. You might not remember but Nesta blessed you when you two separated, Her blessings are Manifesting. I'm proud of you, and I thank God for the day you came into my life. I love you as if like I gave birth to you, you are my daughter and I am proud of you. Go there and be true to yourself,

It's a different family don't forget your morals. No matter what his Mother is, even if she doesn't like you but never disrespect her. You have never disrespected me, I don't expect you to disrespect other elders.. No matter what, Always remember it's his Mother. Whatever issues they have, Don't intervene. His mother will always be his Mother, When you upset him he will go back to the Mother that he spoke ill of. Be you, Stay true to you and represent us well.. Don't forget to pray, If we had other ways of fighting back then you would use them, but.. You know, We only fight on our knees through prayer, That's our only

weapon and it has always worked for us. If you don't go well nor comfortable with what they believe in. You don't judge, Awugxeki you just be present physically if needed and deep down pray. God you brought me here, I don't understand this, I'm confused but I trust in you. I'm here physically but spiritually I'm not connecting. Mthunzi chose you, and you accepted. That means his traditions are yours if you two are planning on marriage..

Me: Wow I don't wanna cry..

Thank you so much Ma

Me: I love you with all my heart

Me: I love you too

She walked up to me and we hugged...

QUEEN HLOMUKA

The house was busy, Mthunzi is coming with the girlfriend. It'll only be the two of them. We have to meet her first before meeting her Parents.. I went all out to fake this welcome, deep down I still hate the girl..

Servant: My Queen, Here is your dress. It has just been delivered by the tailor. She couldn't stay for the fitting but she gave word that it will fit perfectly

Me: Go put it in my bedroom, I'll be up there to fit

Servant: Yes her majesty

Me: Where the hell is Amahle???
She knows the commoner is
coming

Somandlakazi is always by my
side..

Som: She said she's going down
to the salon

Me: Since when? The salon comes
to her not the other way around,
now she won't be around when
the commoner gets here

Som: Maybe we shouldn't use the
word "Commoner"

Me: Find Amahle before the
commoner gets here

She bowed..

Som: Her majesty

She walked away..

Me: Can someone bring my bottle of wine upstairs? Do I have to kill before I get it. I'm still the Queen, my needs come first!

MTHUNZI

Me: I'm actually loading my luggage in my car

Titi: Okay I'll be waiting

Me: I'll be there soon

Titi: Okay

I hung up and exhaled.. I'm very nervous about this weekend. I want Titi to enjoy, I want her to be loved..

Thoko: I don't like that frown I faked a smile..

Thoko: Here.. My beef stew and dumplings

Me: You know I can't say No to your beef stew

Thoko: I know you young ones like to eat out but I am nervous too, I cook when I'm nervous

Me: Thank you

Thoko: Your Mother is what she is, That will never change baby. Titi has to see her for who she is, So that she will know what she's getting into

Me: Whatever happens.. I'll choose Titi, I'll give up the throne. It doesn't matter much to me, my happiness matters

She fixed my collar..

Thoko: You are a better man than your father

Me: Thank you for always being there for me

Thoko: I'll always be here

Me: You are more of a Mother to me than my own Mother

Thoko: Go, I want you arriving early

I kissed her on the cheek..

Me: See you on Monday

Thoko: Call me when you get there

Me: I promise

PRINCESS AMAHLE

We were sitting on the big rock, staring at the tress and the thick bushes..

The air here and the sun it was refreshing..

Sunny: We should go back

**Me: I wish I could stay here
forever**

**Sunny: It's not about the Queen,
It's about your Brother**

Me: I know, and I love him to death

**Sunny: I am sorry Amahle, I didn't
think royalty was this difficult**

**Me: Will it be impulsive of me to
say if you go to Johannesburg, I'll
run away with you?**

Sunny: Amahle

**Me: I don't wanna stay here, I
wanna be with you.. My heart is
with you**

**Sunny: What life will you have with
me on the run? This is the only life
that you know**

Me: I don't care

He held my hand..

Sunny: Let me take you back, We discuss this later. It's about your Brother this weekend

Me: Okay let's go

TIERA

Nka: There she is

Me: Thought I'd leave without you saying goodbye

Nka: That would never happen

Me: I'm scared

Nka: I know, This is called growing up. There's challenges in life that you will face alone, Where I won't be there but God will

Me: I know

Nka: Come here

I walked up to him and we shared a hug..

Nka: I love you

Me: I love you too

QUEEN HLOMUKA

Me: Pour me another glass

Servant: Yes her majesty

Som: If I may be given a chance to speak

Me: Speak

She looked at the servant..

Me: Leave us, We can handle it

Servant: Yes Mam'

She walked out..

Som: Her majesty have you considered my statement?

Me: I'm not hurting my Son

Som: Destroying this girl will cause Mthunzi pain, but playing with Mthunzi will hurt her

Me: Mthunzi has the protection of the previous Kings

**Som: I understand.. I'm not saying
let's kill him, Not that you haven't
considered it**

Me: He is still my Son

**Som: I understand and I wouldn't
do anything to anger the
ancestors**

**Me: All I want is for them to be
broken up**

Som: I understand, Believe in me

Me: I believe in you

Som: Her majesty

TIERA

**Mthunzi finally came to pick me
up..**

Nka: Take care of my Daughter

**Noli: She's not that beautiful but
she's still ours**

We all laughed..

Mthunzi: I promise

**Noli: In that case.. We will see you
on Monday**

Me: Monday it is

I hugged them..

Noli: Have a safe trip

Me: We will

Mthunzi: Are you ready to go?

Me: I'm ready

Mthunzi: Let's go

PRINCESS AMAHLE

I walked in..

**It was busy, They were preparing
for the arrival of Titi..**

Som walked down the stairs..

Som: There you are!

Me: Did she notice?

Som: Of course she did, But she's stressed.. Come.. Let's get you ready

Me: Okay.. Thank you Som

Som: Thank me later, now come!

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TIERA

The journey to Isizwe sakwa Hlomuka was long. I slept, and woke up we were still on the road. We took minor breaks and headed back to the road. I have never traveled a long distance, This one. Was 4hr30min..

When we drove in, I was fascinated by how beautiful the place was. I don't even know why they say it's a village, because it's very developed...

We drove to the Palace, I have never seen anything like this before. It looked like I was walking into another city, within a city.

They occupy a lot of space, I wonder how much it costed them to build the palace and how long it took them. Already Amahle was standing at the door, Alongside the Queen. She looked beautiful, Just a bit short. She was wearing a gold dress, gold doek, jewellery with a tiger skin over her shoulder. She was holding a stick

too, a gold one with the head of an Eagle. As soon as Mthunzi opened my door, and took me out. They started ululating, Drums were making noise. Clan praises were being called out from a praise poet.. I put my hand under his arm..

Mthunzi looked at me with a smile on his face..

Mthunzi: Are you ready?

Me: I'm ready

Mthunzi: You look beautiful by the way

Me: Thank you

Mthunzi: Just remember, When you greet the Queen. You bow and touch her feet or her shoes, She will put her hands on your

shoulders. Then you rise up and kiss her on the cheek. Don't look her straight in the eye, you look down..

Me: Thank you

We walked up to them, We stood in front of them. The noise died down....

Mthunzi: Mother

Queen: Mthunzi

Mthunzi: This is Tiera Mhlaba, Titi this my Mother. Queen Hlomuka I broke away from his grip. I held my dress and touched her heels. She put her hands on my shoulder, I rose up and kissed her on the cheek..

Queen: We welcome you into our home, Into our village

Me: It's such an honour, I bowed whilst looking down

Queen: I would like to announce that, Tiera Mhlaba has been welcomed into our home. She is our future princess

The people made noise..

Amahle: Hey Sis

Me: Hi

We hugged..

Queen: This way please

She walked in first, We followed then Amahle followed..

The inside was breath taking..

These people are richer than I thought..

NOLITHA

**Ella: I read through about royalty
Ma, They believe in ancestors.**

They worship ancestors

**Me: Ella don't lie, They don't
worship ancestors they**

acknowledge their ancestors

**Ella: I just don't want Titi to sign
herself up for heartache, Titi
appears strong but she's fragile
deep down Ma**

**Me: Titi loves Mthunzi, If we don't
support her she will hate us.. Even
when she goes through it, We
have to be here and support her**

**Ella: Support.. I'm pulling up at the
village, I'm pulling up correct**

**Me: Then you more stupid than I
thought my baby, The Queen will
have you killed**

Ella: I don't care, They abuse my little sis I'm there

Me: Same age

Ella: I'm older with months

Me: Titi will be fine.. I pray she will be, She knows they are different.

She knows how it is, She'll be okay

Ella: Okay but I'm still pulling up on them if they give her a headache

TIERA

We sat at the dining table, The other long table had food lined up. It was a lot of food.

The server started us off with wine and water..

Server: Infront of you are menus, please look at the appetizers.

The menu was just one page. We picked it up..

Me: May I please have a green salad?

Others placed in their orders too as if like we were in a restaurant.. I don't know, but Mthunzi's mom. It felt uneasy, is it maybe she's a Queen that she's intimidating. You know that intimidating aura, She had that and it made me uneasy. I really want me and her to get along, for the sake of Mthunzi...

Mthunzi: Who is this?

Ma: This is our new healer,
Somandlakazi

I looked at the woman..

A Somandlakazi is a spirit of a diplomatic witch that doesn't die

but lives on. I know because Dad's friends. The likes of Prophet Zaine Radebe, Prophet Faziel Badru have dealt with her before.. Does the Queen know? Or She just hired this woman not knowing?
Mthunzi: I still don't understand why Thokoza had to be..

He looked at me..

Queen: Killed? Beheaded
I drank my water..

Queen: He committed treason

Mthunzi: What treason?

Queen: He was conspiring with my enemy to bring about my downfall, treason is punishable by death.

It's the law and there's nothing anyone can do about it

Server: Here's your green salad

Me: Thank you

Queen: And I'd do it again, if someone is found to be conspiring against me and this kingdom

She said that whilst looking at me..

Som: I hear you are the Daughter of Prophet Nkanyiso Mhlaba

Me: Yes.. He adopted me when I was 8 years old

Queen: Where are your real parents?

Me: My Mom is not well, She's in an institution

Queen: What happened?

Me: I.. She..

Mthunzi: Ma..

Queen: What about your Father?

Me: I never knew him

Queen: So you don't have a sense of belonging? You are not connected to your Maternal and Paternal ancestors?

Mthunzi: I don't think that matters Ma

Ma: It matters to us. We respect culture and tradition, Someone who doesn't know her roots tend to be problematic. Sibika kuphi?

Amahle: She has parents Ma

Som: Not by blood, Prophet Nka didn't even introduce her to his ancestors. This child has no protection of ancestors at all and that's dangerous. Her ancestors don't know her

Mthunzi: Where do you get off talking to my girlfriend like that? A

future Princess? Where is the respect? You are a healer not royalty

Som: That's true but I'm also the advisor of the Palace

Mthunzi: Who made you that? If you are be an advisor to others, then leave me and mine alone

Queen: Hey! Bamba ugcobo! (hold your horses)

Amahle: Can we just enjoy dinner?

Mthunzi: Are you okay?

Me: I'm fine

Mthunzi: I'm really sorry about this, If you wanna leave it's okay

Queen: Leave because we questioning her truth

Mthunzi: That's enough Ma!!

Som: You don't yell at the Queen

Mthunzi: She's my Mother before everything

Queen: Accept my apology if offended you

Me: You had every right to ask her majesty..

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TIERA

I didn't expect my first day to go like this, didn't expect the Queen to be this verbally challenging.

Bringing forth things that need to be discussed at a later stage...

The dinner was a drag, I couldn't wait to be away from her presence..

I checked Mthunzi's room out. It was big, possibly the same size as our living room at home..

Mthunzi walked in..

Mthunzi: I am so sorry for what happened at the dinner table

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

He came and wrapped his arms around my waist..

Mthunzi: It was disrespectful

Me: It's okay.. She wouldn't be your mother if she didn't make things difficult for me

Mthunzi: I am embarrassed

Me: Don't be.. It's okay

He kissed me..

**Me: I'm going to need our bags,
Need my medication**

**Mthunzi: Forgot about that, Let me
go have them taken up**

Me: Thank you

NOLITHA

I recieved Titi's call..

**Me: I was starting to get worried,
Did you guys arrive? Are you
okay?**

**Titi: Yes we arrived, couldn't call
you because we were having
dinner**

Me: How is it?

**Titi: Not the welcome I expected,
but it's okay. Didn't expect her to
like me from the word go**

**Me: Is this that bad? I wanna come
home bad?**

Titi: I will be fine, But here's an interesting development

Me: What's that?

Titi: There's a Somandlakazi here, She is the Queen's right hand woman. The royal healer

Me: What? Thee Somandlakazi?

Titi: Yes

Me: So another one walks the earth?

Titi: Yes

Me: Becareful Baby, Pray for protection

Titi: I will..

Me: I'll tell your Dad

Titi: I wonder if the Queen knows who she is

**Me: We will never know, Just
becareful. Don't eat nor drink
anything given to you by her**

Titi: I won't.. I promise

MTHUNZI

**Before getting the bags upstairs, I
called Thoko..**

Thoko: Did you guys arrive safely?

Me: Yes we did

Thoko: What's wrong?

**Me: Mom, She was rude and
offensive to Titi. It was
embarrassing**

**Thoko: She's the Queen, She can
say anything she wants**

**Me: I didn't expect her to be like
that now, To be herself**

**Thoko: I hope Titi didn't find too
much offensive in that**

Me: She says she's okay but I'm very embarrassed

Thoko: At least you guys won't be there for long

Me: Yaa

Thoko: Just keep calm for the weekend

Me: I will

TIERA

Mthunzi was taking a bit longer, I decided to go find him.. Just when I was about to enter the kitchen, I felt a hand pulling my arm. She pinned me against the wall, It was Somandlakazi..

Som: Did you tell Mthunzi about me?

Me: No

Som: And you won't tell her

Me: What are you doing here?

Why are you here?

**Som: That's not your business,
Mind your own and leave mine
okay.. Understand?**

Me: I understand

She fixed my dress..

**Som: Then we won't have to cross
paths in a bad way**

**The kitchen door opened. Mthunzi
walked in..**

**Som: Thank you so much for the
prayer**

I looked at her..

Me: Uhm you welcome

**Som: Keep her, You have a good
one here**

She walked away..

Mthunzi: And then?

Me: She.. I was praying for her
Mthunzi: That's strange.. Here's
your bag

Me: Thank you

PRINCESS AMAHLE

I fixed my royal blue long sleeve
gown, I walked out of my bedroom
and closed the door. I upped my
pace as I was heading for the
staircase..

Ma: Where are you going?

My heart jumped. I turned around
and looked at her..

Ma: Where are you going?

Me: I need some fresh air

Ma: Don't you have a window in
your bedroom?

Me: I do

**Ma: I hope he is royalty, Because
if he's not. I'm going to have him
beheaded**

I swallowed..

**Ma: But most of all, I hope you still
a virgin**

Mthunzi and Titi walked upstairs..

Me: I have to go

Ma: Take a Guard with you

Me: Yes Mother

I walked down the stairs...

TIERA

**I watched Titi walking down the
staircase..**

**Queen: Speaking of Virginity, Titi
we have to test you too**

Me: Huh?

**Mthunzi: That won't be necessary,
I broke her Virginity**

**Queen: Ohw well we hope you are
fertile.. Good night
She went to her bedroom..**

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TIERA

**The following morning, we were
up very early. There was a
traditional ceremony that had to
be carried out for me. Ancestors
had to be consulted and
communicated with, with regards
to my arrival. I wasn't feeling too
well with the situation. You know
when you not used to such things,**

When you not for them. A part of you feels uneasy, I was feeling uneasy about it all...

We were out of the palace by 5am, I had prayed before we went out. I was happy that they told me about it, So I could spiritually protect myself. Especially since it was carried out by the diplomatic witch Somandlakazi...

It was cold, but Mthunzi made sure I was warm. We took a blanket from the room..

Somandlakazi started to burn the incense, She called out their clan names and carried the process..

Mthunzi: Are you okay?

Me: I'm fine

He was rubbing his hands against my arms, on the blanket..

Somandlakazi shook her head..

Queen: What? What do you see healer?

I shook my head laughing on the inside. Healer? Maybe in the old days yes Somandlakazi had the gift, but she never used it genuinely. She used it for darkness and dark purposes, Hence the situation..

Som: The ancestors don't have a problem with their union, But..

I'd be damned if she actually said something good without any negativity attached..

Som: The ancestors want Mthunzi to take a second wife, he needs to

have two wives. One of royal blood, and Titi

Mthunzi: What?

I separated from him..

Som: Titi is not royal, She's not a princess. Therefore to balance, for peace and to appease the ancestors. He has to ask for a hand in marriage of someone who is royal, She'll be the first wife. Titi will be the second wife

Mthunzi: No.. I don't want a second wife, I don't wanna have two wives

Queen: It's not your call to make, The ancestors have spoken. Plus, you know us to respect ancestors. They mean a lot to us

Mthunzi: If I don't?

Som: Then your union with this girl won't be recognized by the ancestors, let alone even bless it. Not forgetting that she has problems. You need another wife so that she can be able to have kids were both sides run on royal blood

Queen: What problems? She assured me she's fertile

Som: She's sick.. She's hiv positive

Queen: What????

Me: May I go inside? Please take me inside

Mthunzi and I walked back inside..

NOLITHA

My husband was already up.. I needed to talk to him..

He was sitting at the table, In the living room reading his Bible..

Me: Good morning

He looked at me..

Nka: You okay?

Me: Yaa are you busy?

Nka: No.. Not anymore

He closed his Bible and moved the chair back. I went and sat ontop of his, We were facing each other.

My arms wrapped around his neck.. His hands on my butt..

Nka: What's troubling you?

Me: Titi says there's a Somandlakazi in the village

Nka: It's not that.. There's something else

Me: I just need to know th-

Nka: That I'm not going to divorce you after finding out that you had an abortion?

I looked at him..

Nka: I had hoped that you would tell me

Me: I'm sorry, I should've told you about it

Nka: So we didn't lose our child because of me? Because of what I did to you? We actually lost our child because you can't hold a baby full term?

Me: Yes.. I should've told you, I'm truly sorry

He hugged me..

Nka: It's okay.. At least now it's out in the open and off your chest.

**You don't need to keep on
carrying the burden**

Me: So you not angry?

**Nka: No I am not, It's something
that happened a long time ago. I
was just waiting for you to come
clean because the guilt was
eating you up. I didn't wanna
come forth and say it because I
didn't wanna make you
uncomfortable. It's something you
had to tell me on your own**

**Me: You watched me accuse you
of killing our child**

**Nka: What can I say, despite the
issue of the baby I did hurt you,
mistreated you and you had every
right to get everything out of your
chest**

**Me: I wonder sometimes if I
deserve you**

**Nka: I wonder myself if you truly
deserve me**

Me: What about Titi's situation?

**Nka: I will call her and ask how it's
going down, Despite the threat of
a Somandlakazi but she will be
fine.. She just needs to be strong.
This is her own Personal journey,
and she needs to got through it
TIERA**

Mthunzi: Baby wait..

**I was beyond the word hurt and
upset..**

**When we got to the bedroom he
closed the door and grabbed my
arm..**

Mthunzi: Let's talk about this

Me: I don't wanna talk, There's nothing to talk about. You've heard it, You've heard everything that was said

Mthunzi: It doesn't matter what was said because I'm not going to take another wife

Me: It's not up to you, for the mere fact that this was done on my visit shows that the decision of you taking a second wife is very much dependent on the ancestors

Mthunzi: Ancestors or not, I am not going to marry someone that I am not in love with. I love you, and I wanna marry you. That's good enough for me

Me: Now she knows my situation that I'm sick, How is she even going to look at me?

He hands..

Mthunzi: It's going to be okay

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TIERA

Somdlakazi had no right to put my business out like that. Confidently so, saying that I'm positive. That's a seriously private matter, Something that I needed to tell the Queen about at my own time. I felt disrespected, Naked and

humiliated in front of the Queen.

Not forgetting her look..

I am not a Person that cries easily,
or maybe it's because I'm
surrounded by loving Parents and
a warm home that they complete
my world..

For the first time in a long time, I
needed this moment to myself.

This moment to actually cry...

Mthunzi was crouching before me,
holding my hands. I was sitting on
the bed..

Mthunzi: If you want us to leave,
We can leave

Me: I don't wanna leave, it'll only
make your Mom dislike me

Mthunzi: Titi I'm not going to have
another wife

Me: Seems like you don't have a choice

Mthunzi: I do have a choice, It's my life and I can do whatever I want with it. I can choose who I want to be with. I don't want to be with anyone else other than you, I love you and I don't want to be with anyone else other you

Me: You are the future King, Tradition and Culture means a lot to you and who you are

Mthunzi: I don't care about the throne, I'd give up the throne for you

Me: I don't want you to do that! It's who you are, I don't want you to give up who you are

**Mthunzi: Then what do you want?
Because I wanna be with you Titi..
What do you want me to do? How
do you want me to handle this
situation? What do you want from
me?**

**Me: I just want to be happy in my
relationship! I don't want to lose
you too and I can't bring myself to
see you with someone else. I am
not built for polygamy (Crying)**

He stood up..

Mthunzi: Come here

**He held my hand and pulled me
closer to him for a hug..**

**Mthunzi: I am not going to marry
someone other than you, I'm not
going to hurt you like that.. I love
you with all my heart**

QUEEN HLOMUKA

Me: That went well

Som: Mthunzi is not going to let this girl go, He loves her. I've felt his love for her it's genuine, It's there and it exists

Me: She's hiv positive!! What the hell does Mthunzi want with a girl who is like that? I don't understand!

Som: Love knows no status, Love knows no colour, and love knows no discrimination

Me: To even think my Son has slept with her! It makes my stomach turn

Som: Isn't he doing Medicine? I'm sure he knows how to protect himself

Me: She will trap him with her status, Matter of fact.. I need you to talk to Mthunzi about the importance of marrying Princess Kholisiwe while I go talk tho this girl

**Som: Her majesty
She walked out of my presence...**

NOLITHA

Ella and I decided to go out, She was feeling sorry for me since Titi wasn't around..

Ella: how is she there? How is it going down there?

Me: She says it's going well but there's a little hiccups

Ella: What hiccups?

**Me: Ella Titi is dating Royalty,
There's going to be hiccups.. It's
not going to be a smooth ride**

**Ella: So long they don't abuse her,
I'm fine**

**Me: Titi would've said if that's the
case**

TIERA

**One of the Servant girls came and
told Mthunzi that Somandlakazi is
requesting his presence, He left.
Soon after he left, The Queen
made her way in..**

Queen: Can we talk?

Me: Yes

**Queen: I don't know what you
were thinking, Thinking that you
could be in a relationship with my
Son then marriage and it's all**

going to go well? Whatever happens. Whatever Mthunzi tells you, He's always going to be a Prince. He has the royal blood in him, it runs deep, Whether he gives up the throne for you or not, He's always going to be a Prince and his ancestors will bring him back and bring him correct, Basically you will never win. If I was you, I'd accept the situation as it is. If you truly loved him, You'd accept this fate. In your case you even lucky, back in my days. be killed for being a commoner and dating a Prince, Let alone being hiv positive! We are willing to take you, We are willing to accept you but under

certain circumstances. You will have a sister wife, and she'll be the first wife. If you can't take that, Then leave because clearly fight this. Forcing him not to marry her etc will result in you having unbearable pain.. You think about it!!

MTHUNZI

Som: I know that Thokoza tricked the situation at first, So that you don't marry Kholisiwe

Me: I don't want to marry her, I don't love her

Som: You are a Prince, It doesn't matter if you love her or not. What matters is that she loves you, That's what the kingdom is going to stand on. Her love for you

Me: I don't want to put Titi through that, Polygamy is not easy for other women. I don't want her and Kholisiwe to start having jealousy for each other and end up hurting each other. End up being toxic towards each other. Then witchcraft and all that

Som: You have me, The royal healer. To make sure that such doesn't happen, They won't hurt each other. No witchcraft will be introduced here. Talk to Titi, She has to agree. It's better knowing where your Husband is than always wondering

Me: I never chose this life

**Som: You never did I know.. It
chose you. Accept it! It's who you
are and it'll never change**

NOLITHA

**Me: I can't believe you just walked
in there and bought shoes only**

**Ella: It's not my boutique, It's not
where I'd usually buy clothes.**

They don't have my taste

My phone vibrated..

Me: Look it's Titi

I answered..

Me: Hey baby

I heard her sniffing..

Me: What's wrong?

**Titi: I love Mthunzi but I don't
wanna do this**

Me: What happened?

Ella: Loud speaker

Me: Ella is here, I'm putting you on loud speaker

I put her on loud speaker..

Me: What's wrong?

Titi: Everything is messed up, Everything got messed up! The ancestors want Mthunzi to have two wives. One that is of royal blood and then me, Somandlakazi went and blasted my status out

Ella: Wtf? Where is Mthunzi?

Me: Wait Ella

Titi: Somandlakazi called him to talk to him

Me: Do you wanna come back home?

Titi: I don't wanna tell him that we should up and leave, It'll make the Queen hate me more

**Ella: If you can't leave, We'll come and get you! Fuck the Queen!
Fuck all of them!**

Me: Ella awume tuu (Ella please)

Titi: I can't take it Ma, I won't be able to take it. Seeing the Man I love busy with another woman

Ella: That's not going to happen, They keep their Mthunzi then if it's like that

Me: But why are such things being discussed with you? I don't know how Royalty works but this is not it

Ella: They ambushed you! Naso lesilima sakho sithini? (What does your fool say?)

Me: Ella!!

Titi: This is not what I imagined

Me: Titi do you wanna come back home?

Titi: I don't know

Me: Do you want Dad to talk to Mthunzi?

Titi: I don't want to bring Dad into this, It's going to be a big thing

Me: Manje what do we do baby?

Titi: I'll call you guys later

Me: Okay I love you

Ella: I love you

Titi: I love you too guys

She hung up..

Ella: What did I say?

Me: Don't start

Ella: If it gets too much she must call we'll go and get her

Me: We will

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NOLITHA

**After the long day I had with Ella,
When we got home I decided to
talk to Nka with regards to Titi's
situation whilst preparing dinner..
Ella didn't stay for that long too,
She left and went to her place..**

**Nka: This situation is difficult.
Despite how I feel about it, but Titi
loves this boy. We can come down
raining on the situation but at the
end of the day she will remain with
him and see us as enemies. We
can't fight for Titi in this situation,**

We can only protect her. She has to make that decision all by herself and decide if she wants to continue with him or not. It's a good thing that she's there, It's a good thing that true colours are being shown. If Titi can tolerate and handle whatever circus is going down there for this weekend, She will probably tolerate that family in marriage

Me: Titi is young to be burdened by this. Polygamy is even difficult for older people

Nka: That's how you learn in life, by making mistakes. This might not be a mistake but it's a situation she'll take the

experience from it when it's all
said and done

Me: I'll call her later on

TIERA MHLABA

There's nothing hurtful like sitting
around the dinner table with

People who hate you. Dining with
them like nothing is happening, It

hurt me. Tore deep inside. The

Queen has this conniving smile,

It's not sincere. It's not warm, It's

evil and conniving..

Mthunzi: Are you okay?

Me: I'm fine

Queen: I don't mean to break

whatever sweet romantic moment

that you two have going on but, I

have a question. The weekend is

almost over, you guys will be

going back soon. My question is,
What is the way forward?

Mthunzi: I don't understand how
ancestors can make such
demands

Som: Your ancestors mostly
protect you when you are in
danger. There's no danger
surrounding you, right now they
accepting Titi. They understand
the beautiful relationship that you
two have, but what they can't do is
break the code of how royalty
operates. There's no King, before
you that ever married a
commoner. You'll be the first, but
under the condition that you have
a wife that has the royal blood
running through her veins. She'll

be the first wife, and Titi will be the second one. You cannot marry Titi on her own, They won't approve

Queen: Titi if you truly love my Son. You won't make him choose between you and his family.

Wouldn't it be nice to know that there's another woman and your man is not cheating, not going out to sleep with other women outside? Only focused on two women who know each other?

She was cornering me...

I got up..

Me: Excuse me

I walked out..

Mthunzi: Really Ma?

I made my way upstairs..

PRINCESS AMAHLE

**Sunny and I we were in the
Servant's courters kissing. He ran
his hand under my dress all the
way up to squeezing my boobs..
He pushed me back a little to the
bed..**

**Me: Stop it.. Please stop
We stopped..**

**Sunny: I'm sorry if I've made you
uncomfortable**

**Me: There's nothing wrong you've
done, I just.. I can't**

Sunny: I understand

**Me: My mom has this thing where
she takes me for Virginity testing**

Sunny: Ohw I see

Me: I should go.. It's late

Sunny: Okay I'll check if there's no guards lingering near by

TIERA MHLABA

I got into the bedroom and closed the door, Mthunzi pushed it back. Didn't even know he was following me..

Mthunzi: Titi wait

Me: I don't want you anymore

Mthunzi: What?

Me: I don't want you anymore, I'm not built for this.. Whatever it is that your Mother said

Mthunzi: Titi come on

Me: No you come on! I don't want you anymore

Mthunzi: Wait.. You breaking up with me?

Me: Yes

**Mthunzi: Do I have a say in this?
Can I partition the break up?**

**Me: Mthunzi stop!! This is not a
joke, my feelings are involved
here... I didn't sign up for this**

**Mthunzi: I didn't sign up for it
either! I didn't wake up and chose
to be a Prince and you not going
to leave me, What about my
feelings? You leave I'm going to
bother you for the rest of your
beautiful life. You date someone
I'll make sure it doesn't last a
week, I'll use my Prince privileges!
That's when I'll put them into play.
If you wanna leave me do so for
your own Personal reasons,
Because I'm not treating you well
or something not because of this**

Kholisiwe situation.. I'm not going to accept that Titi, and stop making yourself a full victim in this.. I am too, I'm basically being forced to marry someone I don't love and I'll do it, if it means I'm doing it for us

I got up from the bed..

Me: This is it! I'm leaving! I'm calling my Mom to come and fetch me

Mthunzi: Titi sit down

Me: Goodbye Mthunzi

I took my phone and walked out of the bedroom..

NOLITHA

Nka turned and placed his arm on me..

Nka: You still at that?

Me: I am just trying to get to know them, What kind of a family they are

Nka: I thought we know them already

Me: Not the way I want to know them

Nka: Nolitha if Titi was in danger or something she would call

Me: I didn't say she's in danger, I just wanna know more about this family hence I decided to Google them

He shook his head..

TIERA MHLABA

I opened the door and 2 Guards were standing at the doorstep..

Me: May I please go out? I wanna make a phone call

Mthunzi: Sieze her

They walked in and held me..

Me: What are you doing?

**Mthunzi: Lock her up in the
dungeon for the night**

Me: Are you crazy?

**Mthunzi: She needs some time to
calm down and be alone with her
thoughts**

**He walked up to me and took my
phone..**

**I tried to break away but they
were holding me tight..**

They walked me to the dungeon..

Me: Mthunzi what are you doing??

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MTHUNZI

Locking up Titi was not something I had precisely planned. It was the heat of the moment decision, Brought about fear of her walking out.. I knew if she walked out, Made that call. She's never coming back, I was going to lose her.. With regards to the ancestors wanting me to be in polygamy, I am willing to do it. Going against their wishes would rain terror upon my life, Terror I'm not ready for. Despite the setup, My marital setup there's no way I'm letting Titi go. Even if it means using conditioning learning to

subject her to this arrangement I will..

I knocked at the door and waited..
The door was opened after a few minutes..

Som: My Lord

Me: May I?

Som: Yes.. Please come in
I walked in, It was dark..

Me: Sorry to just come in so late
announced

Som: You are always welcome in
this corner of mine

She closed the door..

Som: Is all well?

Me: Where is your Son?

Som: Sleeping

Me: That's good

I turned and looked at her as she switched on the light..

Me: The previous Thokoza his loyalty was with me

She chuckled..

Me: Something funny?

Som: If only you knew what I knew

Me: What do you know?

Som: Well before we get to it, I need a blood oath from you

She fixed her blanket that was over her shoulders..

Me: At what price?

Som: The price is, You become King and I become your advisor

Me: I will become King when I'm done with my studies

Som: And you think Mom is going to let you?

Me: Something you wanna say?

Som: Blood oath first

Me: I am not being tricked right?

Som: How I wish but you have the protection of the previous Kings, I'm only here for my benefits

Me: What benefits

Som: For you to be King right away, My being your advisor and for my Son to marry the princess. If you agree to those 3 terms I'll tell you things you thought that you would never know

I looked at her..

TIERA MHLABA

My hands were somehow chained up to the wooden ceiling.. The chains around my wrists were tight like cuffs. It was partially

dark because the guards were standing by the door with fire burning on the stick torches.. To be tied like this for the whole night was going to drain me, Put a strain on my wrists and wear me out. Not forgetting how cold it was..

The Guards were ignorant to my plea, Kept on hearing rats making noise..

It is true when they say no matter how sweet someone seems, but there's a monster behind. We are all capable of being monsters, We just don't act on those thoughts. Mthunzi acted on them, He used the power he had over me. The

same power that he frowns
upon....

MTHUNZI

She pricked my finger, Drops of
blood dropped straight to the
bone that had a black wool tied
around it.. She put it in a small
box..

Me: What are you going to do with
it?

Som: Bury it somewhere

Me: So you wanted to tell me
things

Som: I will keep to the end of my
bargain. Mthunzi the thing is,
When I tell you this. You don't act
out irrationally, You just claim
what's yours and have her killed

Me: Why? Why would I have my own Mother killed?

Som: The thing is.. Your Mother is not your mother

Me: Come again?

Som: Your Mother has always been under your nose, loving you from afar. Your Father fell in love with a commoner, As much as royal can't marry a commoner a child was born from that relationship. Which was you.

Seeing what happened, They had to hide the shame. Your Mother agreed to keep this under the radar if her life could be spared.

She has kept it a secret and what saved you was that you were a boy. An heir to the throne, Had

you been a girl. You were going to get killed with your Mother, uThoko.

I sat down..

Me: What exactly are you saying to me?

Som: Your Mother killed your Father

I shook my head..

Me: No

Som: By the help of Thokoza.

Thokoza gave her a poison, She fed it to him because she wanted the throne

Me: Stop

Som: The Coroner report was forged to make it seem like he passed on from something else,

and not the true nature of his death

Me: I said stop!!!!

She kept quiet for a few seconds..

Som: She's not worthy of the throne, you need to come back
PROPHET NKA

When Uriel flies up in the sky, because he's a warrior angel. He is always engulfed in fire. Blue and red flames. You'll never see him unless your 3rd eye is open.. He made his way to where I was standing, The fire siezed..

Uriel: You summoned me?

Me: Yes

Uriel: About Titi?

Me: I can't feel her energy, My Daughter is full of life. Always

energetic, I can't feel her energy..
Can you locate her and make sure
she's okay?

Uriel: I can't

Me: Excuse Me?

Uriel: I can't because I also can't
feel her energy

Me: What do you mean you can't
feel her energy she's not dead
right?

Uriel: She's still very much alive, If
she was. I would see her in spirit
I sighed in relief..

Me: Thank you Uriel

Uriel: Always at your service

MTHUNZI

Som: I know it's a lot to take in, I'm
sorry you had to find out this way

Me: Are you sure about this?

Som: I have lived for centuries, I am older than I look revelations don't get misinterpreted to me I nodded..

Me: I want us to claim the throne first, I'm taking the Queen out

Som: That's a good idea

Me: I will marry Kholisiwe, I want to marry Titi too.. Tell me you strong enough to make it happen

Som: With a father like hers, It won't be too easy but her love for you will make her do anything.

After all, This girl is hiv positive and that has made her give up on love. We can't use spells on her but we can brainwash her into thinking that no man will ever love her if she leaves

Me: Do what you need to do, I need to get some rest

Som: Yes my Lord

TIERA

Me: I need to pee

They kept quiet..

Me: I need to pee!!!

I saw one moving away from the cell door, Came back with a steel bucket..

Me: Ohh God, I'm a human being!

Can I get a decent way of offloading my bladder?

Guard 1: You are in a dungeon, Therefore you will be treated like a prisoner unless the Prince sends word for your release

Me: May I speak with him?

Guard 1: Clear instructions were given that you will be released in the early hours of the morning

Mthunzi: That won't be necessary, Please open

I exhaled and closed my eyes with my head tilted to the side. They opened and he walked in..

He made his way to me..

Me: Why?

Mthunzi: Because you were going to leave me, and I couldn't let that happen

Me: So you decided to chain me up like a criminal?

Mthunzi: Remember when we first met, The spark. The chemistry, we clicked right away. We may have not been together for too long but

I love you and losing you is one thing I'm not prepared to do. Titi just agree to the marriage arrangement, It won't be your typical polygamy marriage. The only difference between you two is that I love you, not her. You'll always have my heart, and I need you to understand that before I release you

Me: I understand that you not the person I thought you were I spat on his face..

Mthunzi: Clearly you still need some time to think my love, I'll check up on you in the morning He looked at the bucket..

Mthunzi: She won't be provided any form of a toilet, If she can spit

then her bladder can hold her
urine

He walked to the door and then
turned..

Mthunzi: You might get a bladder
infection from holding in your
urine but look on the bright side at
least it won't be a kidney infection.
He casually walked out..

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SOMANDLAKAZI

I gave him the bowl..

Sunny: Thank you

I sat down opposite him..

Sunny: It's amazing how royalty eats good and we are here eating oatmeal everyday, Whilst the villagers are the ones slaving every day to make sure that they get everything

Me: Soon my Son.. Soon

Sunny: Are we winning?

Me: Mthunzi and I made the deal last night

Sunny: You did?

Me: He's working on claiming the throne then we will be fine

Sunny: That's good news

Me: I hope you still holding on to your side of the deal

Sunny: The only problem is that I don't love the princess, I'm doing it be-

Me: I know.. I know because you two will have a child and she will carry through the spirit of Somandlakazi, It's about time we get out kind in higher places.

Somandlakazi was the most powerful witch, Her spirit has to continue through. I'll make sure it's royalty now

Sunny: That's good

Me: Will you be able to keep up? The facade? With the princess because you two have a long way to go

Sunny: I'm ready

Me: Good

TIERA

I walked down the stairs to join everyone for breakfast. My body

was aching, my throat was sore.. I was taken out of the dungeon sooner than I thought, and I was made to sleep in the house..

At the table was the Queen and the Princess.

Me: Good morning

Amahle: Good morning

I sat down..

Queen: Where is Mthunzi?

Me: I am not sure, He wasn't next to me when I woke up

Amahle: Are you okay? You look like you didn't get any sleep

Me: I am okay

Queen: Did you even take your medication? Last thing we want is you getting sick here and dying

then your family saying we killed you!

Amahle: Ma!!

Me: I'm okay

I was glad that today we were leaving..

Mthunzi walked in..

Queen: There he is

He kissed me on the cheek and sat down next to me..

Mthunzi: Good morning

Ma: Mthunzi

Amahle: You guys are really leaving today?

Mthunzi: Yes but I'll be coming back

Amahle: School?

Mthunzi: I'm dropping out

Queen: Huh?

Mthunzi: Dropping out and coming back to take over

Queen: What do you mean taking over?

Mthunzi: To be the King

Amahle: I'm confused

Queen: You said you not going to be doing that until you finish school

Mthunzi: I have thought about it, And I'm ready

Queen: You can't just come back when it suits you, There's still a lot to learn. It's not as easy as you think it is

Mthunzi: Well it's in my blood

Queen: Why now?

Mthunzi: Why not now?

Queen: Excuse me

She stood up and left the room....

Amahle: Woow!!

NOLITHA

I rushed in.. I had received a call from the institution..

Me: Good morning

Receptionist: Good morning

Me: I recieved a call this morning, About Nesta

Receptionist: Yes.. I'll put you through to Dr Khura

Me: Thank you

She picked up her phone and called him..

TIERA

There's nothing I hate like a toxic environment. This environment was toxic, I've only been here for a weekend but it had disturbed my

peace in ways that I cannot even begin to explain..

Mthunzi: Titi

I was packing up my things..

Mthunzi: I'm sure you can't wait to go back, I don't blame me. We might get to Johannesburg and you won't even wanna see me again and I understand because I've messed up. I have a messed up family

I shook my head..

Mthunzi: The thing is.. I was made known that my Father was killed by the Queen. The same woman who banished my Mother from here and took me as her own. She's not my real mother, My Mother is Thoko

I stopped packing..

Mthunzi: Hence why I'm coming back to reclaim the throne

Me: How did you find out?

Mthunzi: Somandlakazi

Me: You believe her?

Mthunzi: Despite everything she is a Seer and she saw it all

I sat on the bed..

Mthunzi: I'm truly sorry.. Shouldn't have made you a substitute for my problems

Mthunzi: It's okay, You'll tell me when you done then we'll leave

QUEEN HLOMUKA

Som: Calm down

Me: Why now?

Som: It was always going to happen, He was always going to claim the throne

Me: Not like this! He never cared about the throne, This is so sudden I don't like it

Som: What do you propose we do?

Me: I never thought I'd say this but..

Som: But?

Me: Kill him!

Som: Her majesty I know that you are losing it now but killing him

Me: He's not my Son and I'm not going to let him ruin my plans.. Kill him!!

NOLITHA

Dr: Thank you for coming

Me: What's wrong? Is Nesta okay?

He sat down..

Dr: Unfortunately No

Me: What happened?

Dr: She hanged herself using the Sheet from her bedroom

Me: No.. That doesn't make sense

Dr: I'm truly sorry, She was found this morning

Me: Nesta is.. She's not dead

Dr: My deepest condolences

MTHUNZI

I placed the horn back on the small table. I looked around with my hands deep in my pocket. I was standing in my Father's study, The only room he spent most of his time in.

How can we be such a powerful family and have so much dirt under the carpet..

Amahle: Is all well?

Me: Yes

Amahle: Such a sudden decision, taking over

She walked in..

Me: I know

Amahle: Did something happen?

Me: No.. It was just time

She nodded..

Amahle: I know you'll make a great King

Me: Thank you

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TIERA MHLABA

The drive home was quietly awkward. You could cut through the tension with a knife. A lot happened over the weekend, A lot that wasn't meant to happen at all. The honest truth, Despite it all. My love for Mthunzi deep down still remains. I love him and that's no lie, I wish what was relieved, Could've been revealed at a later a stage. Or a stage where I wasn't around.. He pulled over, So we could talk..

Mthunzi: I love you Titi and that's not a lie. I hate what I did to you, How I mistreated you. I have no

excuse whatsoever but the fact remains. Despite it all, I love you and I wanna be with you

Me: How does it work? The polygamy thing?

Mthunzi: Ancestors are very tricky, In our blood line. Hlomuka Kings never married a commoner. It was a way to keep the Kingdom from falling, a way to maintain dignity and respect. Marrying Kholisiwe too will be me making the ancestors to be linient on you, It's a culture and traditions that we have always lived by
I nodded..

Me: What I am, Being positive. I know I can live longer but I don't

want you to feel burdened on
certain things

Mthunzi: Titi you need let that go,
It's not your fault and it changes
nothing between us. My love for
you will always remain the same

Me: Let me finish.. I am willing to
try it out, I can't misjudge

something I haven't tried out. I
might say it won't work, then it
does work. I am will to try out

Polygamy, only if you marry me
and her. Only the two of us. I still

wanna finish school and I will
move down to the village

permanently after graduating and
live down there with you guys. I

need your word on respect, your

word that the dungeon will never happen again

Mthunzi: I promise

Me: Are you certain you wanna give your life up in the city?

Mthunzi: I'm certain

Me: Then I'll support you

He held my hand..

Mthunzi: At least one thing is going well

PRINCESS AMAHLE

Sunny: So Mthunzi is taking over?

Me: Yes.. I'm glad he is. He will make a good and just King. You and I will finally be together without worrying about getting caught and the repercussions of it

Sunny: That's a good one

**Me: When Mthunzi becomes King,
We should get married**

**Sunny: I don't think I have the
money to pay lobola and marry
Princess**

**Me: It's not about the money, It's
about what you can afford to ask
for my hand in marriage. Then in
so, We can finally spend our lives
together**

**Sunny: I hear you, But
unfortunately it's not up to you
Princess**

Me: I'll talk to Mthunzi

**Sunny: So what will I be? When we
get married**

**Me: Well you are not of royal
blood, You definitely won't be**

**crowned a Prince, You'll just be
my husband**

**Sunny: I'm good with that, So long
I'll be with you**

QUEEN HLOMUKA

The Commissioner walked in..

Com: Her Majesy

**Me: I have asked you to do things
that were out of your scope,**

Things that could land you in jail

Com: Agreed

**Me: Now I need you to do
something for me, One last thing**

Com: I'm listening

**Me: I need you to get a hitman
from Johannesburg and kill my
Son!**

He looked at me..

Com: Her Majesty that is.. You know I don't mind helping you with anything, You know I'm good for it but killing your own Son

Me: You still enjoy staying in this village and working here right?

Com: Yes

Me: Then you'll do it.. I want it done before he comes back

Com: My Queen

TIERA MHLABA

My phone rang, It was Noli..

Me: Ma

Ma: Hey baby still at the village?

Me: We actually driving back

Ma: Okay that's good

Me: Are you guys at church?

Ma: I didn't go

Me: Are you okay?

Ma: I'm good.. Give Mthunzi the phone so I can greet him I handed it to him..

Mthunzi: Ms Noli.. Yes she's fine.. Yes Mam'

There was then a long pause from him, He turned and looked at me..

Mthunzi: I'll do so.. Okay bye.. He hung up..

Me: What was that all about?

He handed me back my phone...

Mthunzi: I need to tell you something

Me: What?

Mthunzi: Your Mother passed on at the mental institution, Suicide

Me: Wait what?

Mthunzi: She hung herself using her bed sheet

**Me: No.. It doesn't make sense,
Yes Nesta was not okay but killing
herself? That's wrong!**

He pulled over..

Mthunzi: Baby listen

Me: I need some fresh air

**I got out of the car and walked it
out..**

QUEEN HLOMUKA

Som: Is it wise to kill the Prince?

**Me: I can't lose it all, Something
I've worked hard for**

**Som: I understand, but.. May I
remind you Mthunzi does have the
protection of his ancestors. The
Hlomuka ancestors are mostly the
strongest when it comes to
protection. I feel like Trying to kill**

him will and I repeat. Will land you in hot waters with them

Me: I would rather try and fail than failing to try.. Can't you do something?

Som: I can't touch what is of spirit, I can't do nothing to them. I am not that powerful

Me: Then we go ahead with the plan

Som: Very well my Queen

TIERA MHLABA

My Mother and I, We may have had a rocky relationship yes but she is my mother. Nesta had her own faults and she rectified them.

I am broken that I had planned so much for our lives, I wanted her to see that the little girl she

protected grew up and became something. Something good..

I was sitting on the rock when Mthunzi came and sat next to me..

Mthunzi: Death is always unpredictable and unexpected, I'm sorry. Losing a loved one is not easy, I might not know much about your Mother but I'm sure there's moments that you guys cherished that you need to hold on too

Me: I just didn't expect this

Mthunzi: You never expect Death I wiped my tears..

He pulled me closer to him..

Mthunzi: It's okay, It's going to be okay.. I'm here

QUEEN HLOMUKA

Me: The first disappointing thing he did was to bring along a girl who is hiv positive. The second disappointment was when he wanted to marry this girl, The 3rd disappointment is him wanting to take over

Som: Well he has agreed to marry Kholisiwe too

Me: How will Kholisiwe feel having umchakisane, who is sick. She'll fear for her life

Som: Mthunzi is doing medicine, I'm sure he knows how to protect himself. Plus, They have already slept together

Me: Now I'm just going to have little hiv positive grandchildren

**running around and coughing in
the palace**

Som: I'm sure it's not that bad

**Me: I hope this girl doesn't agree
to the marriage**

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To be continued

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