

Part 1

KRESI

The day for me and Tshepi to renew our vows was finally here i couldn't even sleep last night thinking about what could go wrong today. I mean we have come very far, and I mean very far. He was not the perfect man for me when i first met him he didn't want anything to do with me and i had to force my way into his life even when he didn't want and kept on pushing me away but I never gave up and here we are now. I know that he has had his ups and downs, i know that he is not perfect and some might not hesitate to call him "heartless" but what i have come to realize with Tshepi is that he is not heartless. Yes he puts on this scary front and carries himself in a very terrifying manner but deep down just deep down there's a lot of good in him. I have no doubt that our marriage has reached that state of tranquility whereas the waters have calmed down after that big storm things are finally looking up.....

I was standing at the sliding door just glancing at the heavy rain, we had initially wanted to have the ceremony in our big beautiful back yard but since from Thursday it has been raining forcing my Assistant Flora to change venues now everything was going to take place at the La'guna hotel one of the best 5 star hotels in our country.

Flora: Mrs Thobekgale?

Not only is she my PA but she is also a wonderful friend to me, she is the closest friend that i have right now after Sammy..

She slightly tapped me on the shoulder.

Her: phone call

Me: thank you

I took the phone..

Me: Hello

Tshepi: I was expecting something like "Mrs Thobekgale the second hello"

I laughed and he laughed too..

Him: How are you doing baby?

Me: i am fine thanks and you?

I haven't seen him since from Yesterday..

Him: Just a bit tired and i have a bit of a hangover too

Me: I told you about that bachelor party thing it was a bad idea

Lightning flashed through the sky it made soo much noise that Flora freaked out too..

Tshepi: I thought that it would've stopped raining by now

Me: it's getting worse

Him: Thanks to Flora who managed to book the hotel at such short notice

Me: and it was expensive

Him: i am not complaining

Me: you should've let me contribute

Him: you make way less money than i do kitty and that's your money i want you to use it on yourself you work very hard for it

The door opened and Naledi came in with her friend Bontle...

Me: Tshepi I have to go your daughter is here and she doesn't look happy

Tshepi: Okay i love you

Me: i love you too

I threw my phone on the bed...

Me: Naledi you not dressed

Her: you not dressed too so what's your point?

Naledi is her Father's Daughter, she has Tpee's attitude to the fullest..

Me: let's not fight please i am not in the mood

Flora: Where are your dresses?

Bontle: in the other bedroom

Flora: then go get dressed girls time is not on our side

Naledi sat down on the bed..

Me: what's wrong with you?

Her: I don't like my dress Kresi okay!

Flora: we designed it the way you wanted though

Her: not exactly how i wanted it

Me: Naledi you cannot always have what you want now go and get dressed

Her: If i can't wear the dress that i want then im not going

Me: should i call Daddy and tell him that?

She kept quiet..

Me: should i?

I looked at Bontle..

Me: go get dressed sweetheart we going to leave soon

Bontle: okay

She walked out..

Me: i am not going to beg you Naledi if you not gonna get dressed then fine we are going to leave you here and Daddy is going to be very disappointed if you don't show up

She took out her phone and started texting..

Me: Flora is my dress ready?

Her: Yes

Me: ill go and get dressed then should I put it on first then after we do the make up or? I don't wanna mess it up it is pure white

Her: we will put a towel over so that you don't mess it up

Me: that's better.. Please pass me my jewellery box

Flora went and got me my jewellery box..

Me: should i put on the Pearls or the diamonds?

My phone rang..

I got it and it was Tpee..

Me: Naledi did you text Daddy?

She started crying...

Me: Naledi??

I answered..

Me: Honey

Him: what's wrong with Poonkie pie?

I put him on loud speaker..

Me: she's crying talk to her..

I handed her the phone..

Naledi: Daddy

Tshepi: What's wrong baby?

Naledi: Mommy had my dress designed in a different way and i don't wanna wear it

I rolled my eyes..

Me: Pshhhh

Naledi: Now she's rolling her eyes at me and making fun of me

Me: Excuse me? Sorry what?? When did i make fun of you?

Her: You are! you busy making fun of me! Rolling your eyes at me i wish they can fall off

Tshepi: Hey! You don't talk to your mother like that!

Her: but she started it!

Tshepi: Naledi!!!

Her: See you even taking her side

She threw my phone on the bed and stood up.. She headed straight to the door.

Flora: Naledi??

Her: No!! Just leave me alone all of you!!!

I took my phone while Flora went after her..

Me: Your Daughter

Him: should i come over?

Me: Please do because really i cannot deal with her it's supposed to be my day and she's just being a brat wanting everything to be about her as always

He exhaled loudly..

Him: fine im coming you and Poonkie pie are going to send me into an early grave the way you guys fight

Me: let me finish up

Him: Okay i am on my way

I put my phone down and went back to what i was doing..

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NISSI

Vic: You look beautiful that dress fits you perfectly

Me: thank you

Vic: are you ready?

Me: do i have a choice?

Vic: Nissi don't be like that

Me: you don't know Tshepi Vic he can be more heartless than the devil

Vic: he has changed

Me: and im afraid that if I do this he might go back to his old ways

Vic: he would never do that he has a daughter now fatherhood has changed him

Me: and being a husband

I lifted my dress up a little and went to sit down..

Me: Vic you don't understand

Vic: Nissi you and Tshepi had a perfect relationship

Me: it wasn't perfect me and him we are toxic for each other if we do this Vic he might turn into that old monster and i am not ready for that

Vic: you worry too much he is not heartless

Me: that's because you don't know him at that state you have never seen him at his worst

Vic: Nissi time is not on our side

Me: i don't feel good about this

Vic: Tshepi loves you, when you die.. I mean when he found out that you were no more he wasn't the same anymore, he was putting a brave front but deep down he was breaking i wanted us to do this sooner but you were not strong enough you were still recovering

Me: It seems like he has forgotten about me can't we leave it like that?

Her: i thought you loved him

Me: i do love him he was the only thing that made me to fight for my life but all of that is useless now he has found someone who makes him happy

Him: Okay let's do this.. We will go to him and tell him the truth, if he doesn't want anything to do with you then you can go anywhere that you want and start over

Me: do you promise?

Him: I promise.. Now let's go i spoke to him he is at some hotel

I stood up..

Me: This is it

Him: This is it.

Part 2

Tshepiso

I bathe and dressed up before going to my house because i know that the talk with Naledi might take longer than expected and i don't wanna be late for the renewal of my vows, I want everything to be perfect. I was still a bit hungover and I had a headache im hoping that Naledi won't give me much trouble because i am not in the mood. I was taken by how heavy it was raining, i thought it would've stopped by now but it hasn't...

I got to my house and i went to my bedroom but i didn't walk in i knocked and called out for Flora, i didn't want to see Kresi not because of the superstitious statements but i just wanna be surprised and taken when she walks down the aisle to me..

Flora opened the door and came out.

Flora: Hey

Me: Eyy

Flora: How are you feeling.. are you nervous?

Me: No i was nervous only that time, when we got married the first time now i don't have a reason to be nervous because we have been through this road before.. How is Kresi?

Flora: She is very excited i won't lie she is looking forward to marrying you again

Me: Is everything planned out perfectly?

Flora: Yes i sat up everything perfectly don't worry

Me: The rain though

Flora: Blessings

Me: Yeah.. anyway where is that brat of mine?

Flora: In her bedroom

Me: Still throwing a tantrum?

Flora: Pretty much

Me: Let me go and attend to her

Flora: okay don't be late

Me: Just make sure my wife looks beautiful as always and don't worry about me

She laughed and walked back into the bedroom, i made my way to Naledi's room...

I knocked and i didn't get a "come in" but i walked in anyway. She was laying on the bed busy on her phone.. I went and sat on the bed.

Me: put your phone away for a few minutes

She put it away..

Me: This better be good Naledi i drove all the way

She played with her fingers..

Me: What's wrong?

She shrugged her shoulders..

Me: Why aren't you getting ready for the ceremony?

Her: I don't like my dress

Me: It cannot be about the dress Poonkie pie what is the real Problem?

Her: It is about the dress Daddy i don't like it

Me: but we talked about this way before that today it's all about Mommy and you supposed to support her and be happy

Her: I am happy

Me: No you not happy you are sad, and i don't like to see you sad

Her: You wouldn't be able to understand Daddy

Me: try me

She shook her head no..

Me: Why wouldn't i understand?

Her: Promise that you won't be angry?

Me: Why would i be angry?

Her: then i won't tell you

Me: okay i promise

Her: There's this boy at school..

Me: a boy?

Her: Yes

Me: How old are you again?

Her: 14

Me: and already there's a boy?

Her: see daddy that's why i didn't wanna tell you

Me: Poonkie pie you seriously going to ruin Mommy's ceremony because of a boy?

Her: but you haven't even listened to the story

I exhaled..

Me: Okay Poonkie pie listen can we make this day the best for Mommy and then we will talk about this boy some other time okay?

Her: Okay

Me: Look you don't need any boy.. We talked about this there's nothing that Daddy wouldn't do for you, as long as Daddy still loves you and treats you like a princess you don't need a boy right?

She nodded..

Me: i love you

Her: i love you too

Come give me a hug, she came and hugged me..

Me: now get dressed

She took her phone and got out of bed..

I stood up and left her room, on my way to my car i called Carl..

Carl: are you calling me to be your therapist? Nervous?

Me: Never

Carl: Then why are you calling me?

Me: I want you to get into my Daughter's phone

Carl: Why?

Me: There's a boy involved now

Carl: she's 14

Me: and she's still my baby girl so i need you to get me information on this mysterious boy

Carl: ill get her phone and see what i can do

Me: Thank you

I don't think i am ready for Naledi to start dating now.

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NISSI

We got to the hotel and my nerves were now at their highest peak, i was literally shaking and i had no doubt that i was going to have an anxiety attack. We got to the reception and Vic talked to the receptionist asking if Tshepi was around, the lady turned into her computer for a while..

Vic looked at me and i flashed a fake smile.

Receptionist: Yes we do have him on the system he checked in yesterday, he is in room number 5A

Vic: thank you

we left the reception and went to the elevator..

Me: Is this the same hotel were everything is going to be carried out?

Vic: Yes

I felt hot, i swear that i was sweating..

The elevator opened and we walked in..

Vic: I know how hard this is for you

Me: You don't know, because if you knew then you wouldn't ask me to do it

Vic: It's for the best Nissi

I ignored him and starred at the door hoping the elevator doesn't open anytime soon..

We got to the 5th floor and made our way down the corridor to find the room, I wish this nightmare could be over already..

We stood at the door Vic looked at me, i nodded.

He knocked and we waited for an answer but we didn't get any..

He knocked again and it was still quite..

Vic: Where could he be?

That was a bit of a relief that he wasn't around..

He took out his phone and called him..

Vic: where are you?... Yes i am at the hotel.. Okay i will wait how far are you?... Okay see you then

He hung up..

Vic: He is on his way

I leaned against the wall..

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KRESI

I looked at myself in the mirror one last time..This is the most important day of my life, it's different from how my wedding was. This time around Tshepi is not forced but he is doing it willingly and it was his idea for us to renew our vows..

Flora: You look beautiful

Me: i didn't think that this dress was going to work

Flora: It fits you perfectly

The door opened Naledi and Bontle walked in...

Bontle: Wow you look lovely

Me: Thank you sweetheart

Naledi: You do look beautiful

Me: Thank you

Flora: are you guys ready to go? We don't wanna be late

Bontle: Yes

Flora: Naledi get the umbrellas behind the door

Naledi: This rain is jealous

Flora: don't say that it's blessings from above

Me: Let's go guys.. Is the chauffeur ready?

Flora: Ready and waiting outside

Me: let's go then

Since i don't get along with my family obviously they wouldn't come, they didn't even come to my wedding. So i decided that i am going to walk down the aisle side by side with my Daughter.. I couldn't wait to marry my husband again..

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NISSI

Tshepi finally showed up and he was surprised to see me, i don't think he recognized me i tried to avoid eye contact. The shooting really left me scarred so i had to go through more than 5 surgeries to do away with the scars.. We walked into the room and he couldn't take his eyes off me his look pierced through my skin..

Vic: Tshepi we need to talk

Him: about what?

Vic: It's very serious

Him: can't it wait? I mean Kresi is already on her way

Vic: Unfortunately it cannot wait

I would steal looks at him when he wasn't looking, and i must say he hasn't changed that much other than that the fact that he got more handsome and looks like he has been hitting the gym a lot too. He still had his intimidating look though, i don't think that would ever change.. He looked great in his formal wear i won't lie he looked very handsome....

Tshepi: What do you wanna talk about?

Vic: Nissi

Tshepi kept quiet for a few seconds and my heart started beating very fast..

Tshepi: you wanna talk about Nissi?

Vic: Yes

Tshepi: Today? On a very special day of my life?

Vic: Tshepi look..

Tshepi: No Vic you look, i don't have time for this shit you dig? I don't wanna talk about Nissi not now not ever!

He clicked his tongue and headed to the door..

Me: Tshepi it's me

At first i wasn't all for this but after seeing him all those old feelings came back again, that old flame that had died out was burning again..

He stopped and turned around very slowly..

When i was at the office that other time i had changed my voice but now there was no need for that..

He looked at me..

Him: what the fuck did you just say?

I started getting emotional..

Me: I know it's crazy but...

Him: It is crazy!!!!

The firmness of his voice frightened me a little..

Him: I don't know what you doing but Nissi is dead!!! My ex Fiancé is dead and buried!

Me: I am not dead

He looked at Vic..

Tshepi: Pops what the fuck is going on cause i am about to get very pissed

Vic: Sit down Son

Tshepi: I don't wanna fucken sit down!! What the fuck is she talking about? My wife is on her way and i am not up for this type of shit

I looked at Vic, the old Tpee was coming back, his dangerous anger was surfacing..

Tshepi: I don't have time for this, and you..

He looked at me...

Him: i don't know what type of shit you pulling but don't do that..

He turned around and walked away again..

Me: Remember when i moved in with you guys when i was the maid, Dora once sent you to give me pain killers and i remember the note you left me after seeing me almost naked it said "Dope titties Nini" no one would know that but you and me

He turned around and dropped his car keys..

Me: i remember when I thought that i had you killed but i saw you after my graduation and you had a card handed at me which said "CongratuFuckenLations" i remember when..

Him: Stop.. Stop.. Stop!!!

He wiped his face with his hand..

Tshepi: Vic what is going on?

Vic: Nissi didn't die that night..

Him: No you told me Nissi died that night you had the life support machine turned off.

Vic: I lied.. I had her transferred to the best hospital when Doctors told me that she has a chance of living and i have been working with the best Doctors from overseas so that they could save her life and they did.. She is here Son, she is back.

Tshepi: Son of a bitch!!!!

He charged at his father..

Me: Tshepi no!

He started punching Vic senseless...

Me: Tshepi stop you going to kill him

Tshepi: All-These-Years!!

Every word went with an agonizing punch, Vic was bleeding profusely..

Me: Ohhh my God Tshepi please stop you going to kill him!!

He didn't stop, he carried on punching his Father repeatedly i didn't know what to do, i was scared that he was going to kill him. I stood there just crying and begging for him to stop..

Part 3

NISSI

I really thought that Tshepi was going to kill Vic he only stopped punching him when Vic couldn't move anymore, he was laying there helpless and bleeding in a very bad way and he was battered beyond. Before he left, he looked at me his eyes portrayed Pain and anger. He didn't say anything, he just stormed out and i rushed to Vic.

Me: Vic are you alright?

I checked his pulse and at least he was still alive, i got up and rushed my way downstairs to the reception so that they can call an ambulance if he doesn't get to a hospital fast i am afraid that he might not make it..

I went back up back to the room with security and we waited there hoping the ambulance comes sooner..

Security: What happened?

Me: Confrontation that ended up badly

Security: We going to need full details

We heard a knock and then the door opened, a gentleman walked in..

Him: my name is Scott i am the manager

Me: I am Nissi

He looked at Vic..

Scott: what happened?

Me: Just a confrontation that ended badly

Scott: we have never had such an incident in this hotel before i am going to need you to give a statement when the cops get here

Me: A statement?

Scott: Yes on who did this and why? This is an assault case

Me: don't you think we should wait for my Father to be fine first before we do something like that?

Scott: This is a serious issue

Me: I know and i understand but please this day has been bad enough already and i don't want it getting more bad

I wasn't going to give any statement the last thing i want is to send Tshepi to jail. I don't promote what he did but i understand where he is coming from, anyone could've acted the same way..

We waited for the ambulance for like 10-15min and it dawned on me that Tshepi stormed off, is he fine wherever he is?. What if he? I cannot let that happen then Vic's pain would've been a waste.

I took Vic's car keys and headed to the door..

Scott: Sorry Ms Nissi but the ambulance is almost here

Me: i will be right back i just need to fix something

Scott: but..

I walked out without giving him a chance to finish his sentence, i picked my dress up and went to the elevator. My dress had blood stains, it must've got stained while i was kneeling down and checking out Vic..

I asked where the ceremony was taking place and they told me, i rushed there hoping that i was gonna find the whole place empty. I opened the door and everyone was seated, Tshepi was standing there at the front with Kresi.. Eyes were on me people were probably wondering why i was late, i took a sit at the last row..

The Pastor proceeded.. I could see that Tshepi was uncomfortable his mind could be telling him a lot of things and i know that my crazy Tpee wouldn't proceed with this..

Tshepi: can i say something?

The Pastor stopped talking..

Tshepi: i didn't mean to cut you off Reverend but i have a lot that i want to get off my chest

Rev: you can go ahead

He held Kresi's hands and i could also see that Kresi was a bit scared..

Tshepi: You came into my life when i was at my worst i didn't want anything to do with love because i was still grieving for my...

He paused for a moment..

Tshepi: I just was at a point in my life where i wanted nothing to do with love anymore i thought that i would never love again and it seemed that way too

Tshepi was never a man of many words, he is more of actions speak louder than words type of Person so i was surprised to hear him say such i won't lie..

Tshepi: I tried to push you away a lot of times but you just didn't wanna stop bothering me do you still remember what i said to you?

Kresi: you said "i am trying to avoid you, be avoided"

Everyone laughed..

Tshepi: We have had our ups and downs our relationship was never the best but you stayed, you put up with me.. All along i have been blinded by Pain and anger i didn't realize that i have the most beautiful, most kind hearted, and the most strongest woman in my life. I love you soo much and i would rather be with you right now than anyone else, ontop of that you gave me the most beautiful Daughter. She is a blessing that came into my life at the right time. I love you and i promise that i would never put you through that kind of pain anymore..

He knelt down..

Him: Make me the happiest man once more, would you marry me again for the second time?

She was overwhelmed with different emotions..

Kresi: Yes

Everyone stood up and started clapping, to me it was as if like more than a thousand coals were burning my heart. How could Tshepi do this to me?

I stood up and rushed out with tears falling, i didn't want nothing. All i wanted was to be out of there i didn't even wanna know what was happening with Vic i was too broken..

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KRESI

Out of everything that could've went wrong today, i am so happy that everything went well.. When Tshepi knelt down and said those words i knew he meant them. I am also relieved that he has made peace with Nissi's death now we can move on and start our lives in a clean slate.. Though i was happy that everyone showed up, but i couldn't see Vic anywhere and that bothered me..

Part 4

KRESI

LATER THAT DAY

The whole ceremony went perfectly well i couldn't ask for more. When Tshepi knelt down and said those words, they truly hit deep and looking into his eyes i knew that he meant them. We have come a long way, i suffered a lot of pain in his hands both physical and emotional pain that i even had to have my uterus removed at one point when he had severely kicked me a few times in my abdomen area. I loved him but at the same time I felt like my love for him was going to lead me into an early grave, Tshepi was always angry always up in my throat and i couldn't leave he didn't want me to leave told me i would only leave in a coffin. My life felt like i had no direction, felt like i was at the end of it and at times i felt like he was really going to kill me. I lived in fear of my life everyday not knowing when he is going to snap and finally kill me, no one could've saved me not even the cops that's how deep the abuse was. He spent a lot of years grieving for Nissi, there were times when he would call me Nissi or compare me to her those were the most toughest days ever. How do you get into a heart that carried a lot of anger, what i have noticed is that Tshepi channels pain into anger and when that happens he tends to hurt those around him so that

they could feel his pain.. At times he would just beat me and the more i cried, the more i screamed, and the more i hurt, the more he found pleasure because then he wasn't the only one hurting anymore.. I came a very long way with that guy,i don't even know why i was patient with him was it because there was no way out??? Probably but all i know now is that I am very happy with the man that he has become...

We had a beautiful ceremony, then we had a delicious 3 course meal the reception was just as beautiful as the ceremony. Though he tried to smile, though he tried to look okay but he wasn't okay i could see that something was bothering him.. My suspicions were confirmed when he suggested that Naledi and Bontle should stay behind at the hotel with Flora babysitting them for the night while he has me all to himself for the night.

I really thought we were going to have a nice romantic dinner again at home and then make love but instead he fucked me, i know that when he resorts to rough sex means there's something bothering him and he is using rough sex to take out all his frustrations. Happens a lot too when i make him angry instead of raising his hand on me he would rather do it the rough sexual way..

So far we had 2 rounds and i was already feeling it, peeing was a great challenge it was burning like hell..

My urine wasn't even coming out fully, was just little by little..

Me: Awww...

It was really painful..

When i was done i went to the bathroom and washed my hands, i was starring at myself in the mirror i had hickeys on my neck and on my breasts.. I went back to the bedroom and he was standing at the balcony, it was cold and he was only wearing his basket ball shorts and sleepers, he wasn't wearing any tshirt only had his chain around his neck.

I slowly made my way to the balcony but i stood there leaning on the sliding door before saying anything.. He was singing..

Him: "Lil Kodak, they don't like to see you winnin'.. They wanna see you in a penitentiary.. I need me a lil' baby who gon' listen.. Girl, I don't wanna be the one you iggin'

My mama told me, "Boy, make a decision..".. Right now I gotta keep a tunnel vision.."

Me: someone is missing Naledi

He turned around and looked at me..

Him: we would be jamming to that song now

Me: and she would be rapping to it while wearing one of your hats

He chuckled and then looked down..

Me: what's wrong?

He looked at me..

Me: and don't lie to me

I was feeling a bit cold...

Me: Come here

I went up to him and he wrapped his arms around me..

I am very short so he rested his chin on my head..

Me: what's wrong?

Him: Nothing is wrong

I looked at him..

Me: spitting on my pussy and then fucking me like i was a prostitute spells out "nothing is wrong"

Him: you shouldn't be complaining how i hit it, you were once a prostitute you used to this

Me: Wow..

I tried walking away from him but he pulled me back to him..

Him: was supposed to be a joke kitty

Me: it wasn't funny

He perked my lips..

Him: you right im sorry

Me: I am not a fool Tshepi i know something is wrong, Vic didn't even show up its not like him and he is not answering his phone what is going on?

Him: Okay let's do this, let's not talk about it at least not for tonight

I didn't say anything..

Him: just for tonight please

Me: i know tomorrow you going to say the same thing again

Him: i love you too much to worry you

Me: Fine then.. Let's get inside i am cold

We walked back in with his hand around my shoulders..

Him: again what's that song you used to sing when you suspected that i was cheating?

Me: What song?

Him: That one that you would play repeatedly just to piss me off more?

Me: "Hold up, they don't love you like I love you.. Slow down, they don't love you like I love you.."

Him: Yeap that one

Me: wait a minute is there another girl in the picture?

Him: No.. Never

Me: wait here i am coming

I went and got my cricket bat in the closet..

Him: When did you get that?

Me: can i see your phone?

Him: why?

Me: because i upgraded

Him: ohw so you local now?

Me: I have always been local.. Come on phone please

He handed me his phone..

Me: "How did it come down to this, Scrolling through your call list.. I don't wanna lose my pride, but I'm fuck me up a bitch"

He started laughing..

Him: and I would start cheating right when we just renewed our vows?

I gave him his phone back without even checking it..

Me: i am just kidding

He laughed and came to hug me while squeezing me tight...

Him: i love you soo much and I would never do that to you

Me: i know

Him: can we get rid of the bat before we hurt someone?

Me: Naaa think im gonna hold on to it for a while might come in handy

Him: Ohh I see

Me: I am serious Tshepi if i ever find out that you having a fling on the side i am going to ring the alarm it wouldn't be fair to me, you should've let me go long time ago before we even had Naledi and another guy would've probably came along than you wasting all those years of my life for lies

He kissed me...

Him: you are the only woman for me, you and Naledi are my world. I wouldn't risk my family for anything or for anyone

Me: not even if Nissi could miraculously rise from the dead?

I said that as a joke...

Him: Not even if my old flame could come back

Me: im glad you finally made peace with her death

Him: I am glad too...

Me: lemme go get us some wine and strawberries with cream

Him: Yeah do that

Me: Plus I miss how you would put the cream on my nipples and then just suck them

Him: then what are you waiting for Mrs Thobekgale, go get the cream

Me: I'll be right back

I made my way out of the bedroom and rushed downstairs...

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While Kresi was out i took my phone and sent Carl a message:

"Nissi is back from the dead, call you later to give you more details when Kresi falls asleep. i am going to drug her with sleeping pills so that i can sneak out at night, I want you to find

Nissi's exact location, i want to know where she is! I am going to kill her for real this time. I wanna shoot her, burn her body, and fucken bury her ashes to make sure she doesn't come back from the dead to fuck up my life again!"

Part 5

NISSI

After leaving the hotel i drove for a while trying to clear my head and also trying to take in what i saw. The picture of Tshepi kneeling down in front of Kresi and saying all those words to her it kept on playing in my mind, and each time it brought about tears. I thought that i was going to be the only woman that Tshepi will ever love, i thought no woman would ever handle the person that he is but then i guess i was wrong. I wonder how Kresi has managed to handle him all these years, i wonder how she managed to steal his heart because his heart only belonged to me..

After driving for a long time i ended up at the Hospital to go and check up on Vic, he was heavily sedated and i remained by his side the whole night that i even passed out..

I woke up in the morning with with an unbearable pain arising from my neck, sleeping on the chair has never been comfortable. Vic was awake and his face was still swollen...

Me: Vic

Him: Nissi

He had an impaired speech because of his busted lip..

Me: how are you feeling?

Vic: My lower jaw

I held his hand..

Me: I am glad that you are awake i was very worried about you...

Vic: did you??.. did he??

Me: I couldn't stop him Vic.. I am sorry

Vic: It's fine

Me: you know at first i was against everything, i was against the whole plan but seeing him again..

I held back my tears...

Me: I love him Vic and it's like he has seriously moved on

Vic: He doesn't love her

Me: You weren't there plus Tshepi would never be with her for soo many if he didn't love her

Vic: He ended up tolerating her because he didn't want be alone and also she gave him a daughter, he might be scared that if he leaves her Naledi would never forgive him

I have seen Naledi's pictures, Vic showed them to me once...

Me: He has a beautiful Daughter

Vic: and she is very stubborn like her Father

I chuckled but deep down i was broken, that could've been me i was supposed to be his wife and give him a child. His mistakes are the ones that got us here, Riley almost killed me that night because of Him.. I am a victim in all of this.

Vic: so where too from here?

Me: i have decided that i am going to stay at least now i no longer have to hide i can leave my life

Vic: I am glad you not moving away far from me

Me: Well i don't want you to be alone

Vic: Just do me one last favour

Me: What is it?

Vic: I want to create a position for you at the company and I want you to have some of my shares

Me: Vic that's huge

Vic: I adopted you, you also deserve to share in my legacy

I leaned back on my chair relieved, i wonder how Tshepi is going to survive having to see me everyday..

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TSHEPISO

I woke up that morning and Kresi wasn't next to me i checked the time it was 10:00am she was at church no doubt, you cannot separate my wife from church. Last night Carl didn't send me Nissi's location, he texted me back and said it's going to be a bit difficult and that he has his hands full he is helping Braga with something. He promised to get back to me so that we discuss this further..

After brushing my teeth i went downstairs and Naledi was sitting at the kitchen table, eating cereal while watching cartoons on the big ass plasma that was on the wall. Almost every room in my house has a Tv, i only got one in the kitchen because I don't want Kresi running back and forth while she's cooking. She can cook then sit down and watch her favorite shows while minding the pots close by..

Me: At what time did you get here?

Naledi: around 8

Me: Why didn't you go to church with Mom?

She shrugged her shoulders..

Me: Where is Bontle?

Her: She went home

I went to make myself a cup of coffee..

Her: Daddy can i visit Bontle's place?

Me: Why?

Her: Bontle is always the one coming here i wanna visit her house for a change

I don't like Naledi visiting Gesh's place since i heard Nokhanya is heavy on the bottle, and also since things aren't good between me and Gesh i don't like her going there..

Me: I don't know Naledi

She frowned..

Me: Why you forcing to go to Bontle's house all of a sudden?

She ignored me..

Me: Fine ill think about it

She smiled..

Her: Thank you Tpee

Me: It's Dad to you

She continued eating..

Her: Dad i tried calling Grandpa his phone is on voicemail

Me: What do you want?

Her: I wanted to remind him he was supposed to buy me something

Me: what is that?

Her: something

Me: what is that something Naledi? It doesn't have a name?

Her: sneakers that will be specially designed for me

Me: how much?

Her: they said they going to charge me R4000

Me: how do you want them designed?

Her: Have my name

Me: and they charging you R4000?

Her: Yes

Me: Why am i sensing a bit of lies

Her: See why i prefer Grandpa he asks less questions

Me: ill give you the cash tomorrow better be not be lying to me

Her: look at this cute face am i capable of lying?

She started blinking repeatedly while smiling...

I laughed..

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KRESI

The morning service was over we were now waiting for the main service which was going to start at 11:00am, it was 10:15am we were on a short recess.. From where i was sitting i

spotted Naledi, Taylor's wife. I haven't seen her in a long time i didn't even know that she was attending the same church as me.

I stood up and went to her, she was holding a cute baby..

Me: Uhm hi

She looked at me..

Me: It's Kresi still remember me? Tpee's wife

Her: Ohw Kresi i have heard a lot about you

I sat next to her..

Me: my goodness look at you, it's been a while

She gave me a confused look..

Me: the last time i saw you.. You were... I mean... Never mind

Her: You talking as if like we have met before

Me: we have don't you remember?

Her: i don't think so if we met i would know, i just know you because Taylor told me Tpee is married to you and Tpee comes to my house every now and then that's how I've heard of you

Me: We once met Naledi at the mental institution when you had a message for me from Tshepi's dead fiancé Nissi?

Naledi: you must be mistaking me for someone else and Tpee doesn't have a ghost attached to him, i haven't sensed one..

Me: You really don't remember?

She shook her head no..

Naledi: We have never met before i promise you

That was strange, that was very strange I know it has been long but how can she forget?

Part 6

NISSI

After seeing Vic i drove to the secret house that i was staying in to get my clothes so i can move back into Vic's house, since there wasn't a reason for me to hide anymore. I was going to regain my life and start over on a clean slate...

The house was still the same nothing has changed, the family portraits still hung on the walls reminding everyone that we were once a happy family. I can stop remember the good and the bad memories that this house Harbours, once upon a time it was me, vic, sheeda, and Tshepi. Today it's only me and Vic, it's surprising how life turns out. I went upstairs to go and check my room, it was still the same too no one bothered to change it over the years and I am glad they didn't.

Life for me is going to be very different without Tshepi, i still have to get used to the fact that he is with another woman and that they living happily ever after. I admit he has changed from how i know him, he is no longer that arrogant Tshepi but he is a husband and a Father. I never once thought that he would grow up..

I heard the door bell ringing, i made my way downstairs to check who it was. I opened the door and it was Kresi..

She was surprised to see me.

Me: Hi

Her: Hi

I stepped back so that she can come in...

Kresi: You are.. We once met in Tshepi's office

Me: Yes we did

Kresi: What are you doing here?

Me: Excuse me?

Kresi: I just didn't know that you knew Vic

Me: There's a lot of things that you don't know

Kresi: Where is Vic?

Me: He is at the hospital

Kresi: Why?

Me: Tshepi beat him up

Kresi: What?

Me: I know

Kresi: Tshepi would never do that

Me: Believe me he did

Kresi: What the hell is going on? Everything is just not making sense

Me: would you like something to drink?

Kresi: No thanks

Me: Okay

She looked at me for a while that i felt a bit uncomfortable..

Me: I was busy upstairs so i..

Kresi: Who are you?

Me: I am Nissi i once told you

Kresi: No like really who are you?

Me: I am Nissi Thobekgale

A light bulb lit up ontop of her head...

Kresi: No you cannot be.. You dead!

Me: I am very much alive

She started getting agitated..

Kresi: It can't be i have visited your grave! I saw Tshepi mourning for you!

Me: It's really a complicated story Kresi but i never died

She was beyond the word shocked...

Kresi: This cannot be happening!

Me: quite the reaction i expected

Kresi: so what did you do? did you fake your death?

Me: I don't really have to explain myself to you

Kresi: where were you all these years? Why are you only showing up now when Tshepi has moved on? What are you trying to achieve?

Me: Does it matter? I mean he has married you and you guys are madly in love aren't you?

She didn't answer me..

Me: Tshepi does love you right?

She cleared her throat..

Kresi: Yes he does love me and we are very happy

Me: i see

How she stalled at first when i asked her that question says a lot..

Kresi: when is uhm.. When is Vic coming back?

Me: I don't know

She nodded while looking around..

Me: If you don't mind i was busy upstairs

Kresi: i hope you not here to start any trouble

Me: Why would i?

Kresi: I don't know your sudden come back is too suspicious

Me: You talk like i am a threat to you

She giggled..

Kresi: why would you be?

Me: exactly! I mean after all you the one with the ring right?

Kresi: Very well i am glad you understand that perfectly

Me: still got more to say?

Kresi: not at all

Me: you have a nice day then

Kresi: you too

She looked at me from head to toe and then she headed to the door... I rolled my eyes..

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TSHEPISO

Naledi couldn't stop nagging me about going to visit Bontle's place, i had her pack a few clothes and her school uniform then i drove her there.. Nokhanya was the one who opened the door when we knocked..

Nokhanya: Tpee?

Me: Hey

Her: What are you doing here?

Me: Naledi couldn't stop nagging me about visiting Bontle for a few days

Naledi: I hope you don't mind Aunty Nokhanya

Nokhanya: Of course not sweetie you always welcome.. Please come in

We walked in..

Nokhanya: but school week starts tomorrow why didn't you come the next weekend?

Naledi: I have my school uniform

Me: Her chauffeur will pick her up from here ill let him know

Nokhanya: you don't have too i will drive them to school

Me: are you sure?

Nokhanya: Yes

Gesh walked in..

Gesh: Who was....

This is the reason why i didn't wanna come here because of the awkwardness..

Nokhanya: Let's go get you settled in

She gave me a hug..

Me: be a good girl okay?

Her: i will

Me: i love you

Her: i love you too Daddy

Nokhanya took Naledi's bag, she then looked at Gesh...

Nokhanya: Naledi is going to be staying here for a few days

Gesh: Poonkie pie is always welcome and i am glad that for a change she is visiting instead of Bontle visiting her house

Nokhanya: Come let's go

They went to the bedroom..

Gesh: do you want a beer?

Me: No im cool

Gesh: are you sure?

Me: i am sure

Gesh: Ayt cool

I walked up to the door..

Gesh: Carl is around

I stopped then turned and looked at him..

Gesh: thought we can all hang out just like old times

Me: i don't hang out with traitors

He chuckled...

Gesh: i am a Traitor?

Me: You are a traitor fucking hanging around with my enemy!

Carl made his way in..

Carl: Tpee

Me: what the fuck are you doing here? Hanging around with this guy?

Carl: Gesh is home boy

Me: You can't fuck with me and fuck with him doesn't work like that

Carl: We used to be tight the 3 of us

Me: Used too.. Now that's over!

Gesh: Yoooh Tpee fuck man! Stop being soo emotional

Me: you two timing!

Gesh: even though i am a blood but i have always been a good friend to you!

Me: Yeah whatever

Carl: You forgetting one thing Tpee this dude right here once saved your life, if it wasn't for him Riley would've killed you that night

Me: so what? I fucken owe him my life?

Gesh: No i did it because you was my homie! I betrayed my own crew just to save your arrogant life!

Carl: Really Tpee you gotta stop being like this to Gesh, both of yall make things very awkward for me

Silence took over..

Me: where yall hitting a blunt?

Carl: just like old times!

Me: well if we going to do it we can't do it in the presence of the girls

Gesh: Awe nja yam'

Carl: I'll drive

Me: Ill drive we going to use my car

Carl: the crew is back

Gesh: Just like old times

Me: Let's go then

Gesh: Let me inform the girls ill find you guys in the car

Carl and i walked out to the car..

Gesh and i we have our differences but then i cannot ignore the fact that he once did betray Riley to save my life, he has always been a good home boy..

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KRESI

I was parked in the driveway of my house crying, i couldn't get out of the car. I cannot believe that my worst nightmare has finally come true she is not dead, she is here and she

might break up my marriage. I looked at my ring for how long will it be on my finger? Why did Nissi have to come back now! I know Tshepi loves her, i know he loves her more than he has ever loved any woman before. I had to compete with her while we thought she was dead, and now that she is alive my life is ruined.

Part 7

KRESI

In the state that i was in i am very glad that Tshepi came home a bit wasted last night so he didn't see how upset i was, when he got back he went straight to bed and slept which gave me time to be alone and think things through. I was hurt i won't lie, Nissi is back who knows what she is back for? I saw the smirk on her face yesterday when i was at Vic's place and it doesn't give me peace. What does she want? It is no secret that Tshepi was madly in love with her, what if those feelings come back again? What's going to become of me?..

I was at the kitchen going through the photo album and it's so funny that Nissi's pictures were also here..

Tpee walked in..

Him: I am never going out ever again

I didn't give him my attention..

He came closer and kissed me on my forehead..

Him: are you alright?

Me: Why are Nissi's pictures in our photo album?

Him: they have always been here you never had a problem with them before

I closed the album..

Me: It really doesn't bother you that you still have pictures of your ex? Your dead ex fiancé??

Him: what's with the sudden attitude? What's going on

Me: I don't know why don't you tell me???

Him: did something happen?

Me: Why didn't you tell me that she is alive?

Him: what are you talking about?

Me: don't make me a fool Tpee i was at Vic's house i saw her!!

He sighed..

Him: i didn't wanna tell you because i knew that it would upset you

Me: for how long have you known that she was back?

Me: she showed up on Saturday at the hotel that's when i learned that she is back

Me: so it is her?

Him: Yes it is

I just needed someone to tell me that it wasn't true, that it wasn't her but hearing Tshepi saying it cut more deep...

Him: you have no reason to be upset

He tried touching me but i pushed him off..

Me: Really?? Your dead ex that you were very much obsessed with is back and you telling me that i have no reason to be upset?

Him: I am with you! I married you Kresi, i love you!

Me: we both know that's not true you just didn't wanna be alone! that's why im here

Him: so now you know how i feel?

Me: Yes i do! and we both know that you don't love me at least not the same way that you love her

Him: It's not a competition

Me: It has always been a competition even when she was supposedly dead!

Him: ever since she got back i never even contacted her because she doesn't matter anymore! She is my past

Me: I don't know what i did soo wrong that i can't be happy in this marriage, my biggest mistake was loving you! (crying)

Him: what am i supposed to do then to show you that i love you? tell me what to do and i will do it because i do love you

I wish i could believe him right now...

Him: I am sorry okay? I am sorry that she is back and causing you this much pain. I love you and i don't enjoy seeing you in this much pain

He hugged me even though I was protesting..

Me: I cannot deal with this anymore! I can take anything but this.. I cannot deal with it anymore (crying)

Him: You don't have too.. Nissi means nothing to me anymore, if she did i would be with her at this moment instead of you

This was too much for me i won't lie..

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NISSI

It was a lazy morning i didn't know what to do or who to visit since i had no friends or family, this house was very big and the emptiness was screaming louder and louder..

I decided to keep myself busy by going through some documents in Vic's study and the company was doing pretty well..

Me: Austin Ngema not just a pretty face

The documents proved that since Austin came into the company, both him and Tshepi made a huge turnover. I was excited i couldn't wait to join the team, i know that with me on their team we going to take this company into another level..

I took the glass of wine and drank from it. I thought about Kresi for a while and how she almost fainted yesterday when she saw me, i laughed a little it's good to know that i intimidate her. This is going to be an easy ride, i don't even have to lift a finger i am going to let her ruin her marriage on her own..

I got up and went to take a long relaxing bath while thinking about what i am going to do with my life from hereon, maybe i can get my own place or just live here with Vic. We will hear from him when he gets back....

I got out of the bathtub when the water was starting to get a bit cold, i dried my wet body with a towel and then took another one to wrap it around.....

I heard my bedroom door closing i made my way out of the bathroom and it was Tshepi, what an unexpected surprise. He stood there and looked at me before saying anything, it was very hard for me too.

Him: why are you back?

Me: sorry?

Him: Why didn't you stay where you were, why are you back?

Me: I cannot live my life hiding anymore i am not a criminal

I tied my weave into a ponytail..

Him: Why didn't you ever try to contact me?

Me: I was fighting for my life i was in a very bad state

Him: all these years and i...

He didn't know what to say..

Me: I am sorry you had to go through all of that

Him: Just go Nissi, disappear!

Me: Is that what you really want? Or is it what Kresi wants?

Him: I want you gone

Me: No

Him: I am not asking you

Me: and i am telling you no!

Him: why don't you wanna go? Are you trying to ruin my marriage?

I chuckled..

Me: Ohhhh please Tshepi seriously??

Him: by tomorrow you must be gone

Me: i am not going anywhere

He came up to me and grabbed my arm in a very rough way..

Him: I really don't want to hurt you but you pushing me

Me: Then don't!

We stood there just starrng deep in each other's eyes..

Me: You don't love her i can see it in your eyes

Him: i have changed over the years since you have been gone

I got closer to him..

Me: really?

I was about to kiss him but he held my pony tail and pulled it back...

Me: Ahh!!!

Him: really

He was still pulling it..

Him: Listen here make sure that by tomorrow you gone because if you not i will kill you and you are going to die, you are going to die real death this time around! You know me i don't bluff

Part 8

KRESI

Me: He is not picking up

Flora: Maybe he is busy

Me: It's a Sunday Flora just after 15:00 he is usually home on Sundays watching Tv

She came to me with a cup of tea..

Flora: It's Camomile

Me: I don't want tea! i want to know where my Husband is

I sat down. Everytime when something is not going right or if i am emotional i call Flora to come over, she is a good friend to confide in..

Me: What if he is with her?

Flora: I know Tshepi can be stupid in alot of things but he would never do anything to jeopardise his marriage and family

Me: After soo long, what could she possibly want?

Flora: Only her she knows what she wants all i am going to say is don't make her think that she is a threat to your marriage

Me: but she is..

Flora: but she doesn't know that

She went and sat down with her stilettos making a clicking sound. Flora: He knew she was back but still went on with the ceremony, he chose you so this chick shouldn't scare you

I chuckled..

Me: you have always been pretty lame at insulting someone

Flora: I wasn't trying to insult her

Me: I just hope that she won't ruin my marriage because really i will kill her

Flora: I will help you bury her body

We both laughed..

Me: Thank you for coming

Flora: you welcome

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NISSI

Me: Same old Tpee who solves everything with killing or violence, marriage never changed you. You still the same old bastard!

He slapped me..

Him: don't push me!

I put my hand on my cheek were he had slapped me and looked at him..

Him: Now i hope i have made myself clear tomorrow you are going to leave

Me: I am not going anywhere

He slapped me again..

Me: I know that you are angry and...

He grabbed my hair...

Him: Angry? No i am beyond that!

He threw me across the room..

Me: I don't understand why you soo mad at me Tshepi i am not the one who lied to you all these years!

He made his way to me and put the sole of his sneaker on my throat, he pressed hard. I tried getting it off but i couldn't, he was pressing hard using all his strength i was at the verge of blacking out and then he stopped...

Him: Damn Nissi!!!

I started coughing..

Him: we were going to get married! I lo.. I loved you with all my heart and then you lied to me! You put me through all that pain while you were not dead?

I slowly got up..

Me: You think i wanted this? You think i held up all those years just to come back and find out that you married with a child?

I put my hand on my throat..

Him: I love my wife Nissi

Me: Then why are you here?

Him: Because i...

He paused..

Me: Look Tshepi i have accepted that you with another woman and that you love her, trust me i am planning on moving on with my life! Not everything revolves around you!

Him: How am i supposed to act like you don't exist?

My cheek still had a stinging sensation..

Me: you have a wife it shouldn't be difficult

I cleared my throat....

Him: why did Vic do this?

Me: That you will have to ask him

We heard the door bell being rang..

Me: excuse me

I made my out of the bedroom and made my way downstairs, i still had the towel covering my body. My throat still hurt a little..

I opened the door and my eyes landed on this handsome guy tapping a brown envelope against his hand...

He looked at me as if like he didn't expect to find me wearing nothing but a towel..

Him: uhm Nissi right?

I nodded..

Him: Otsile

He extended his hand that had a sliver watch for a handshake..

Him: I am Vic's lawyer

Me: ohw

Him: may i come in?

Me: of course, yes please

He walked in..

He looked at me..

Him: I hope i didn't catch you at a bad time

Me: not at all

Him: I was with Vic just a few minutes ago at the hospital and he sent me here to discuss something with you

Me: about my shares and position at the company?

Him: Yes

I put my hand on my throat..

Him: Are you alright? I mean i can always come back tomorrow morning

Me: that won't be necessary.. I am fine

Tshepi walked into the room..

Tshepi: OT?

OT: Tpee!

Tshepi: Been a while man

OT: true that

He gave him a handshake..

Tshepi: Damn man looking all legal now

OT: Yeah i am

Tshepi: do you still??

OT: No.. Never

Tshepi: I see

Otsile looked at us..

Otsile: Did i interrupt something?

I brushed my weave back..

Me: No you didn't.. Uhm Tshepi was leaving

Tshepi gave me a weird look..

Me: Your wife is probably wondering were you are

He sent out a chuckle..

Tshepi: Good seeing you man

OT: You too

Tshepi: See you around

OT: i hope so

Tshepi walked up to the door while giving me a deadly look..

I looked at OT..

Me: shall we go to the living room?

OT: after you

I walked to the living room while he followed me.

Part 9

KRESI

Flora and I ended up playing a fun game sitting on the carpet in my bedroom. We had a tequila, and we took shots but you only take a shot after you have told a dirty secret..

I stopped drinking in my prostituting days until today, i mean it doesn't hurt to have a shot every now and then..

Flora: I had a three some once

She took a shot, licked the salt from her hand, then bit on the sliced lemon..

Flora: And we were all girls

She took another shot as i laughed..

Me: What i am going to tell right now i might as well just drink the whole bottle

Flora: Is it that bad?

Me: It's a bit of a shocker

Flora: Did you kill someone?

Me: Not really

Flora: Then it cannot be bad

Me: Trust me, it is

Flora: Let's hear it

Me: I was a prostitute once

I took the bottle and drank from him..

Flora: get out of here (laughing)

Me: I am not kidding

She looked at me..

Flora: Ohh my Gucci bag! You serious?

Me: not something i am proud of but..

Flora: Wow i... Who would've guessed

I drank again..

Me: Exactly

Flora: Does Tshepi know?

Me: he knows

Flora: He still married you?

Me: Yes

Flora: then you tell me he doesn't love you? Not all guys can do that

Me: I know he is pretty something else

The door opened and he walked in..

Flora: Speak of the devil

Me: Hey honey

I tried getting up it was very difficult, my knees were weak..

Him: What is going on?

Me: We.. Were..

Flora: Playing a game

Him: In the bedroom?

Me: Yes

Flora: I probably should go

She stood up..

Me: are you going to be able to drive?

Flora: I think so if only i can find my shoes (laughing)

Me: Maybe go downstairs and have coffee first before leaving

Tshepi: Can i have a word with you?

Flora looked at us..

Flora: I'll go and make the coffee

She took the bottle and went out..

Me: I called you a few times

Him: why?

Me: Just to check what you up too

Him: where is Naledi?

Me: Isn't she in her room?

Him: Did you bother checking?

Me: No when she's this quiet she is usually in her bedroom

Me: Well she isn't! She is at Gesh's place

Me: Really?

Him: You would know that had you not been spending the whole day drinking! You can't even look after your Daughter

Me: Excuse me?

Him: do you even know she has a crush on a boy? Her first crush?

Me: No..

Him: of course you don't know!

Me: Where is all of this coming from all of a sudden?

Him: All of a sudden?

Me: This is about Nissi isn't it?

Him: That's the only thing you obsessed with!! Nissi is living her life she's taking care of herself she doesn't care about you! She doesn't think about you at all but here you are drinking yourself away because of another woman who doesn't even give a shit about your existence, grow a spine Kresi!!

I slapped him...

He raised his hand up but he didn't hit me..

Me: I'll pack my things, think i should stay at Flora's place for a while.. I'll go and get Naledi

Him: Don't involve Naledi in all of this!

He followed me to the closet..

Me: She is my daughter!

I took my suitcase..

Me: We will give you some peace and some space so you can be with your Precious Nissi!!!!

Him: With your attitude and insecurities, maybe i just might consider it!

I looked at him..

Me: Wow

He clicked his tongue and walked away..

I threw my suitcase on the floor and started crying...

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NISSI

After signing the documents that I will be a part of the company i convinced OT to stay over for dinner, don't blame me i wanted this hunk all to myself. It's been a while since a girl got laid..

I made him taste the oxtail stew..

Him: tastes good

Me: It should

Him: Vic never spoke about you

Me: It's because i have been away for a while

I took the glass of wine and drank from it then put it down..

Him: away on business?

Me: Yes you can say that

I put the lid over the pot..

Him: You very beautiful

Me: i hope you not saying that because you saw me covered in a towel only earlier on?

He chuckled..

Him: not at all

Me: you not bad yourself

Him: so i have been told

I took the glass drank from it and put it down again..

Him: Are you and Tpee exclusive?

Me: Me and.. No he.. He is my Brother, i mean step brother

Him: my bad why didn't i think of that

Me: Yeap

He came very close to me..

Him: so who is the lucky guy?

Me: There isn't

He put his hand under my chin..

Him: That's impossible

Me: I am telling you

Him: Then it won't be awkward if i do this

He leaned over and kissed me, how i have missed being intimate with a guy..

He put his hands around my waist and squeezed me tight to him as we both started to lose ourselves in our abnormal breathing..

Him: should we take this upstairs?

Me: It's too far

He let me go and then switched off the stove, he came back to me and kissed me again while picking me up and placing me on the kitchen counter..

Part 10

NISSI

The following morning i fixed myself up for my first day at work, Otsile unfortunately didn't stay over he left late at night after a few rounds of sex. I woke up sore, has been a while since i last got down and dirty but i don't regret it. I am not going to spend my whole life waiting for Tshepi, i am not going to put myself through that pain again. It hurts to see someone you love with another woman but then i cannot keep on chasing after a married man, i am not going to be the other woman. I waited for him all these years i thought he would never move on but guess i was wrong, his heart doesn't belong to me after all. It was a beautiful morning and i was joyful, i was glowing and nothing could stand in my way. I am going to live my life, i am going to live for me...

I got to the boardroom and everyone was gathered there except for Tshepi. I was on point, wearing my black formal pants, a white shirt, and black heels. I looked sexy and professional at the same time..

Otsile was standing at the front about to address everyone, i went and took my sit..

OT: unfortunately Mr Victor Thobekgale is not here to address the whole staff but..

I chuckled..

OT: Something on your mind?

I looked around and everyone was looking at me..

Me: Ohw no i am sorry just that when you said the whole staff but the CEO is missing

OT: It's pretty clear that he won't be joining us this morning

Me: Looks that way Joys of being a CEO

OT: as i was saying Mr Thobekgale senior has given some of his shares to his daughter Miss Nissi Thobekgale who is going to be joining the team

Austin: What exactly is going on here? i thought Mr Thobekgale's daughter passed on who also happened to be Tshepiso Thobekgale's fiancé

Me: Well i am very much alive

OT gave me a weird look..

Me: I am not going to take anyone's job i just wanna commit myself to the one year trainee program, i will be preparing our graduates for the outside world so that when they get into the working field they don't degrade us

OT: any questions?

Everyone kept quiet..

OT: Suggestions?

Austin: When are we going to hold a press release?

Me: For?

Austin: Vic's dead daughter came back to life i think it's going to make headlines

OT: That will have to be run pass the CEO

He looked at us..

OT: anything else?

Me: I am going to need an office

Austin: You are going to be running a trainee program you don't need an office

Me: Maybe i will share an office with you

Austin: I don't think so

Me: I think so

OT: If there's nothing else we can go back to work

Everyone stood up and left, i was only left with OT...

Me: that went well

OT: why didn't you tell me that you were screwing your step brother?

Me: I don't see how that is meant to be the topic of conversation

OT: We had sex last night

Me: And that's all it is.. Sex

OT: So you used me?

Me: Is there anything else that we have to discuss?

OT: I don't understand something here.. Help me understand wh..

Me: work related

OT: I believe we are done

Me: I believe so too

I stood up and walked out...

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KRESI

I was at work running through wedding plans with my client who is getting married in a week's time..

Me: Anything that you wanna change?

Her: Everything looks good

Me: are you happy?

Her: Yes i am but...

Me: but?

Her: The decor i don't like it anymore

Me: What do you mean you don't like it anymore

Her: I know that we initially agreed on Red but i think peach might work better

Me: Ms Bailey this is the 3rd time you changing the decor

Her: I just have a lot of colours that i like

Me: then choose one!!!

Her: excuse me?

Me: Look this is not a game to me, this is my job! You not the only client i have there's a whole lot of clients that i have to attend too! So would you choose one colour and stick with it please!!!! (yelling)

Her: You don't have to yell

Me: I have every reason to yell because you seem to be having difficulties making up your mind!!! You cannot have both colours, life doesn't work like that so choose one!!!

Flora walked in..

Flora: Is everything alright?

Ms Bailey: I.. I think i should go

She stood up..

Flora: Ms Bailey

Ms Bailey: I will come back tomorrow or just find another wedding planner

Flora: Your wedding is in a week's time you can't find a wedding planner in a week's time

Ms Bailey: We will see about that

She made her way to the door..

Flora: Ms Bai...

She looked at me..

Flora: Okay what's wrong?

She sat down...

Me: He didn't come home last night

Flora: So you think he slept with her?

Me: I was very close to leaving him Flora, last night i was ready to leave but i didn't.. I couldn't..

Flora: Why?

Me: Because it's not fair, it's not fair that i put up with him for all these years only to lose him now! Why didn't he leave me long time ago? Why is he only leaving me now? What am i supposed to do? How am i supposed to move on?

She stood up from the chair and came to my side..

Me: I have never been this heartbroken in my whole entire life before

She hugged me as i cried in her arms..

Flora: I am sorry Kresi, you don't deserve this at all

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TSHEPISO

Yesterday I went out to a bar and drank the night away, i needed to be away from my wife and i needed to get Nissi out of my head too. My life has taken a turn for the worst, i don't even know what to do. I am caught up between two women and i am very confused, i don't know what to do...

After my night out, i drove back home in the morning to bath and prepare for work. I had a terrible hangover, i just wanted this day to be over already..

I got to the office and made my way to the elevator ignoring the receptionist who was calling my name. I need to drink some pain killers for my killer headache...

The elevator opened and i went out, making my way to my office..

I went and sat down on my chair with my eyes closed, i was feeling like hell!!!!!!

After a while i heard a knock at the door..

Me: Come in

I was surprised to see Nissi walking in..

Nissi: Mr Thobekgale i am glad to find you here

Me: What are you doing here?

Her: I just need you to sign these documents for me giving me permission to handle the trainee program

Me: handle the what?

Her: You missed the meeting this morning when I was introduced that i would be joining the team

Me: No you not

Her: Yes i am

Me: I am the CEO and i didn't approve any of this

Her: Tshepi please don't do this

I picked up the phone and called the receptionist..

Me: We gonna have a board meeting at 14:00 make sure everyone is there

I put the phone down..

Her: Why do you hate me soo much? You being unfair i am not even bothering you or am i?

Me: You are not going to work here, not if i can help it

Her: Vic gave me some of his shares

Me: He did now didn't he?

Her: Yes so you cannot dismiss me

Me: I can wanna know why? If Vic gave you some of his shares then that leaves me with the most shares

Her: Tshepi

Me: Your career is ending before it even started, Nissi i don't want you anywhere near me i told you to skip town!

Part 11

NISSI

I went and closed the door so that me and him can talk, we really need to talk about this and put it behind us...

Me: Why are you treating me like this?

He looked at me..

Me: Tshepi i am sorry that my death was faked, stop punishing me please! Stop punishing me because i thought that you also died that night.

Him: get out of my office Nini

Did he?? Did he just call me Nini???

Me: do i still love you? Yes i do! I love you Tshepiso Thobekgale and that will never change but i have accepted that you have moved on. I have accepted that you now with someone else, married with a beautiful daughter. I am not here to cause problems between you and her, do i really wanna go? No i don't wanna skip town because my whole life is here! Stop punishing me please!

He kept quiet for a while..

Him: Everyday i wished, i kept on wishing that it could all be a nightmare. I kept on wishing that one day you would show up in my door step so that we can pick up from were we left off. You never came and i moved on. I love you Nini, i have always loved you. When i learned that you were back i.. I didn't know how to react, all those feelings just came back. I am very angry that you only came back now when i have moved on, i am angry that you only came back now when i am married. I have hurt my wife a lot and I promise you Nini even though i still love you but you not worth the risk, i cannot risk my family for you

Me: And i am not asking you too

I went up to him..

Me: if you ever loved me then you wouldn't do this Tshepi, I swear you won't even see me that's why I decided to commit myself in the Trainee program just so that you don't see much of me

He exhaled...

Him: what if i do wanna see you every day?

Me: Huh?

He stood up and kissed me, i have been longing for him to kiss me again. I have been yearning for this moment for too long now..

He picked me up and placed me on his table..

I wanted him, God knows how much i wanted him..

I wrapped my legs around his waist locking him in, this is wrong but right at the same time..

His hands went and unbuttoned my shirt halfway and then he stopped..

Me: What's wrong?

He looked at me and leaned closer but he didn't kiss me, he stopped himself..

Him: Im sorry i can't do this.. I am a married man

He separated from me and walked to the door, i buttoned my shirt. Maybe he has changed, the Tshepi that i know would've fucked me but he didn't maybe he does love his wife i wish Kresi could know that...

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KRESI

I wasn't feeling well, i thought that i could pull through this day but guess i was wrong. I only worked up until 12:00 and then left, i just wanted to get home drink a few pain killers and then sleep. I had a killer headache, probably it arose from me crying a lot..

I was just confused, I had mixed emotions. I have worked very hard for my marriage to be were it is today, but is it really worth it? Is Tshepiso Thobekgale really worth all the pain? It's not like i didn't know that he didn't love me, i knew very well but i stayed. I was stupid enough to stay.. I laughed a bit while thinking about why i stayed in this loveless joke of a marriage..

Me: Kresi you are more than a fool girl

I am the biggest fool i have ever known, who stays in an abusive loveless marriage? The more he hurt, was the more he hurt me..

I drove into my yard and i was surprised to see Vic standing in my door step, i parked then took my bag and got out of the car making my way to him..

Me: Vic

Him: Kresi

His face was bruised..

Me: What happened to you?

Him: long story

He hugged me..

Me: looks like we have a lot to talk about

Him: That's true

I opened the door and he walked in..

Me: something to drink?

Vic: No thank you

I put my bag on the counter..

Me: Vic what's going on?

Vic: I am sure that you know about Nissi now?

Me: Yes i do, what i don't understand is what's really going on?

Vic: All you need to know is that we didn't mean for all of this to happen

Me: but?

Vic: Kresi you are a very nice girl, you are kind, warm hearted and trust me i have nothing against you

Me: Thank you

Vic: but who are we fooling? You are not good enough for my Son or to carry the family surname

Me: ohw

Vic: You were a prostitute, you have no educational background everything about you is degrading

Me: I am confused vic, i thought you liked me

Vic: I did, i mean i do. This is not personal i just want what's best for Tshepi

Me: let me guess what's best for him is Nissi?

Vic: Money is not a problem 5mill can start you off somewhere

Me: what?

Vic: 10mill?

Me: I am not going to skip town

Vic: You are making this very hard on yourself, Tshepi and Nissi they will find their way back to each other. Look Kresi i am trying to save you all the heartache here

Me: He married me, we have a daughter, i am his wife Vic and that won't change

Him: but he doesn't love you!

Me: If he didn't then he wouldn't have stayed with me all these years!

Vic: He used to beat you, you lost your womb to him

Me: Didn't he beat her too?

Vic: Kresi listen..

Me: No Vic how dare you come to my house and pull this shit?

Vic: watch your mouth!

Me: or what?

Vic: i tried being nice but you are impossible

Me: Get out of my house

Vic: Excuse me?

I went and opened the door for him..

Me: This is my house and i want you out!!!

He looked at me not believing what i just said, he walked up to the door and looked at me one last time before exiting. I banged the door behind him...

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TSHEPISO

I canceled the meeting that we was supposed to have at 14:00,some of what Nissi said was true. Her whole life is here, it's not fair that I should force her to leave..

Austin walked in..

Austin: You asked for me?

Me: Yes i did

He sat down..

Me: i am sure you aware that my not so dead ex has joined the company

Austin: Yes i did

Me: you have any problem with that?

Austin: No i am fine with it

Me: then that's good

Austin: Was that all?

Me: Yes that's all

He stood up..

Me: How are things between you and Laurie?

Austin: Things are good we getting there

Me: I still can't believe you chose her over Nhlanhla after everything that she's done to you

Austin: Not being with her killed me more knowing very well that deep down i still loved her, It wasn't fair for Nhlanhla to stay in a relationship were she was not loved.

Me: Is love really worth it?

Austin: All i know is that if you don't follow your heart you will spend your whole life regretting it.

Part 12

KRESI

I had decided that I am going to leave Tshepi, i cannot keep on doing this with him it's not healthy. I have loved him, i did my best to be a good wife but when Someone's heart doesn't belong to you it doesn't belong to you. I had packed my bags, i had packed some of Naledi's things too i was gonna pass by at Bontle's place and get her then we will rent a flat until we figure out what to do next..

I always keep divorce papers with me for such reasons, i was standing at the kitchen waiting for him while drinking Camomile tea with tears falling. The bags were just right in the room with me. I thought I could fight for him, thought i could fight for our marriage but Tshepi doesn't love me. I was patient with him when we thought Nissi was dead, i was patient with him and thought he would love me but he didn't. I don't see anything changing now that she is back..

I wiped my tears when the door opened, he walked in. I didn't expect him to come back so soon he was two hours early today he usually comes back at 21:00. It was an awkward moment between us, i mean after what happened last night and everything that he has said it was very awkward between us.. He looked at me and then walked away without saying anything..

Me: ummm Tshepi

He stopped then turned and looked at me..

Me: I just need you to sign these papers

Him: What are they for?

I stretched out my hand to him and he came to get them..

Him: Not this again

Me: i have already packed my bags all you need to do is to just sign

He tossed them across the table and walked away..

Me: You not gonna sign them?

Him: No! And right now you pissing me off

Me: If you don't sign them i am going to have an affair

Him: excuse me?

Me: If you don't sign i am going to have an affair

He came to me again, that might work. That might just work..

Him: If i don't sign the stupid divorce papers you are going to have an affair?

Me: Yes

He laughed..

Him: I dare you, i dare you to have an affair!

Me: Your threats don't mean anything to me

Him: It wasn't a threat i am just daring you

Me: I cannot keep on going back and forth with you about the Nissi situation i am tired!

Him: You talking as if like i am with her or currently having an affair with her! I am here with you because i love you! Yes i still love Nissi she was the first woman i have ever loved in a relationship and that i cannot change! But what i know is that she is my past, a past that i don't wanna go back too! We can never be, i love you and i wanna be with you the sooner you get that through your thick skull the sooner we can move on!!!! Kresi i am tired of talking about the same shit everyday! Can't i just for once come back home and find my wife in a sexy lingerie than always talking about a woman who doesn't even give a fuck about you!!!

Him blowing up like that was very unexpected..

Him: May this be the last time we talk about Nissi?

I nodded..

Him: Good!

He made his way upstairs leaving me there a bit dumbfounded..

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NISSI

I was glad to see Vic back at home, he was still bruised but he seemed like he was going to make it...

I was preparing the table for dinner with him helping me..

Him: What did he say when he saw you?

Me: More like how did he react

Him: he didn't have you thrown out of the building?

Me: Unfortunately no he didn't

Him: Are you going to be able to work with him?

Me: I think so

Him: I am glad then that you guys are not letting your issues interfere with how you run my company

I looked at him...

Him: What?

Me: ain't you going to ask if we still going to fix things?

Him: You made it clear and he made it clear that you guys are better off not back together

I slowly put the plate down..

Vic: Change of mind?

Me: Not really just that..

Vic: What's wrong?

The door bell rang..

Vic: I'll get that

He went to get the door and i continued with setting up the table. What happened today between me and Tshepi just confused me, it brought back all those feelings i was trying to bury and confused me more..

Vic made his way into the room, he wasn't alone he was with Otsile..

Vic: Thank you for checking things out while i was gone

OT: always at your service

He looked at me..

Vic: care to join us for dinner?

OT: Yes i would like that

His eyes were still glued to me..

Me: I'll go get the food

I went to the kitchen with my cellphone leaving them to chit-chat a bit, i went through it until i stumbled on Tpee's number. I looked at it for a while then i decided to text him:

"I am still very much in love with you.. Nissi"

I sent the text..

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KRESI

Tshepi was showering and i was putting my clothes back into the closet when his phone started beeping, i didn't want too but i found myself going through it.

"I am still very much in love with you.. Nissi"

I held the phone very tight, my first thought was to throw it against the wall but i didn't i put it back down.

Part 13

KRESI

I was still in my closet trying to keep myself busy from thinking a lot, i was rearranging clothes, my shoes, just doing things that were already done so that i don't constantly think about that text that Nissi sent Tshepi. Do they constantly talk for her to be sending him such

text messages? Do they spend hours talking on the phone? Has he told her those words “Nissi i still love you” i hate not knowing, i hate being in the dark. I closed my eyes and exhaled, i miss my Friend Sammy, i miss those prostitutes if we were still a crew Nissi wouldn’t even be sending Tshepi such texts. We would’ve dealt with her accordingly but then again that would a low blow for me, i would be degrading myself and i don’t think Tshepi would respect me anymore.

Me: Just let it go Kresi, let it go..

It hurts i won’t lie but i won’t act on those unsettling feelings, what i am going to do is to love and respect my husband beyond the pain. I will only leave him when he starts being unfaithful, i should give him the benefit of the doubt. He deserves it as he gave me one too, wasn’t easy loving a prostitute. Someone who has slept with different men regularly with and without protection, can’t even count the abortions i had im even thankful my womb carried on until i had Naledi..

I was disturbed by my phone ringing, i got up from the floor and went to get it. It was on the bed..

I checked the caller ID and it was Naledi..

Me: Hello Baby

Naledi: Mom can you please come and fetch me?

She sounded upset..

Me: Is everything okay?

Naledi: No i just wanna come home, tell Daddy to fetch me! (crying)

Me: Okay i am on my way

Naledi: Now!!!

Me: Yes Naledi i am coming

I heard a voice at the background..

Voice: Give me the phone

Naledi was crying soo bad i wonder what happened..

Voice: Hello is it Kresi?

Me: This is she

Voice: It’s Nokhanya

Nokhanya and i we don't speak that much for me to cram her voice..

Me: Nokhanya what happened to my Daughter?

Her: Naledi and my Son Lwazi they don't get along

Me: What happened?

Her: Lwazi said that they were arguing then Naledi attacked her physically and he attacked back

Me: Ohhh my God did she call Tshepi?

Her: I seriously don't know but all i know is that Lwazi will suffer the consequences for his actions

I noticed Tshepi's phone was still on the bed..

Me: Okay i am coming just try to keep her come

Her: Okay

I hung and checked Tshepi's phone, he had 10 missed calls from Naledi, 5 WhatsApp messages, and 10 text messages..

Me: Eish Naledi!!

Tshepi is not in a good mood, especially since the Nissi situation. This might cause a lot of problems..

I started deleting when the door opened, i put my hands behind me while still holding his phone as he made his way in...

I looked at him..

Him: What?

Me: Nothing

He came closer and starred at the bed

Him: have you seen my phone?

Me: No

Him: i am sure that i left it here when i went to take a shower

I didn't say anything..

Him: I'll just use yours to call mine

He picked up mine and i snatched it with my other hand, while the other hand still had his behind me...

Him: and nou?

Me: I don't have airtime

Him: you get airtime every week, you don't even exhaust it

Me: i exhausted all of it there's always a first time for everything

Him: you exhausted all of it?

I nodded..

Him: Kitty what's going on?

Me: Nothing

Him: Then give me my phone i know you have it behind you

Me: i am afraid i cannot do that

Him: Is this about Nissi again?

Me: No

Him: Then what's wrong? Why are you holding my phone hostage?

Me: what do you wanna do with it?

Him: check my Emails

Me: use your laptop

I walked away to the closet and he followed me...

Him: Kr..

I turned around and snapped at him...

Me: You always don't need your phone to check your Emails just use your laptop!! I am only taking your phone for a couple of hours you won't die!!! Gosh Tshepi not everything is about you and your phone, for once let me handle situations my way!!!!!(shouting)

He looked at me a bit shocked that i snapped at him..

I walked towards him as he stepped back..

Me: And I am going out for a while don't ask me where i am going or what i am going to do understand?

I didn't even realize that i was poking him on his chest with his phone...

Him: I understand

Me: Good!

I turned and Continued walking..

Him: Ummm..

I turned and looked at him..

Me: What????

Him: Nothing.. Ill just go and check my Emails on my laptop

Me: You do that!

He slowly walked away still trying to process what happened..

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NISSI

After dinner OT and i went to stand in the balcony drinking wine..

Him: girls tend to get upset when a guy doesn't call them after they had sex

Me: I am not one of those girls

Him: Why?

Me: Because i am not one of them

Him: because you in love with a married man?

I coughed..

Me: Excuse me?

Him: You think he is going to leave his family for you?

Me: you don't know what you talking about, you don't know what's going on between me and Tpee

Him: You wanna be a mistress i think that's pretty known

Me: You just insulted me.. Tshepi doesn't even love her!

He laughed...

Him: I am so disappointed in you. I thought that you were a woman of class hey but again you had sex with me after i told you my name

I poured the glass of wine at him..

He laughed..

Me: you don't even know me!

Him: he will never leave his wife for you no matter how much he "doesn't love her" i give you 3 months come back and tell me if he left her for you..

He took off his shirt and threw it at my face..

Him: I think vanish can get the stain off

He looked at me one last time before leaving..

Him: He doesn't even love her

He laughed out very loud, that really made me upset. I never wanna see OT ever again!

Part 14

KRESI

I drove to Nokhanya's place to fetch Naledi, i know my Daughter is difficult and very stubborn to deal with she takes after her Father but for Lwazi to attack Naledi back what was he thinking? I don't want this turning into a serious fight between Gesh and Tshepi, you can touch Tshepi with anything just not his Princess..

Nokhanya let me in, i was wearing leggings, Tshepi's hoodie, My Nikey sneakers, and his hat. The hat and the hood were his old brand he doesn't really wear that much anymore "Fresh boyz", i had my gear on for shizzle incase shit pops up.

I never had a stable home growing up, i was on the streets had to raise myself then turning into a prostitute really made me tough. I restrain from unleashing that street side of me, i am married now with a daughter i don't have to be local anymore but people are just pushing me to that point..

Nokhanya: Where is she?

She looked at me from head to toe..

Her: I'll go and get her

She walked away to get her, i looked around and her house wasn't that bad..

After a while i heard someone whistling, i turned around and it was Gesh..

Him: I almost didn't recognize you, you look... Ya you look different

Me: Thank you

Him: I know you with dresses and..i mean you always look.. I..

Me: What did your Son do to my Daughter?

Gesh: You know how kids are

Me: Kids? Gesh you know how this can turn out! We talking about Tpee here

Gesh: Ses'fela ukuthi uNaledi her Father is Tpee vele?

Me: Gesh don't play with me your Son hit my child

Gesh: I just think Lwazi has something for Naledi that's why he is always bullying her

Nokhanya came in the room with Naledi..

Naledi: Where is Daddy?

Me: I am here to fetch you

Naledi: I said tell Daddy to fetch me

Me: It doesn't matter who fetched you at the end you called and i am here

Her: I sa..

Me: Yey Naledi stop it!!! I am not Tshepi okay? I am not going to baby talk you, your attitude is irritating me now! If you don't wanna ride with me then stay here because your Father ain't fetching you!!!

The room went quiet for a few seconds..

Gesh: Damn..

Me: so what is it going to be?

Her: I'll get my bag

Me: Good!

She walked to fetch her bag...

Her: When we get home i am telling on you!

Me: Please do and see if im scared

I clicked my tongue..

I looked at Gesh and Nokhanya..

Gesh: I'll be in the.. I.. Nice seeing you again Kresi

He walked away..

I folded my arms and looked at Nokhanya..

Her: I will go and umm.. Ill see if Naledi is done packing..

She walked away and i was left alone in the room waiting..

Tpee's phone vibrated, i took it out and it was a text from Gesh:

"Dawg what the hell is going on with your wife?"

I put it away....

After a while Nokhanya and Naledi walked in..

Nokhanya: Have a safe trip baby and i am sorry for what happened

She hugged her..

Nokhanya: I love you

Naledi: I love you too

Me: let's go

Naledi handed me her bag, i looked at it and then looked at her..

Me: You don't have hands?

She didn't say anything..

Me: Let's go

Nokhanya walked us to the door, she couldn't wait to have me gone..

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TSHEPISO

I was playing pool while drinking sprite with mint leaves, i am not used not having my phone for this long. I don't know what's happening with Kresi, i don't know why she took my phone and i don't even know where she was. I didn't even see her when she left because i was in the study checking my Emails in my laptop..

I checked the time and she's been gone for a while now, for her sake i hope she's not doing shit that might make me very mad..

I continued playing Pool while waiting for her.

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KRESI

The drive home was very long, i took my own time that Naledi even passed out. I took the most longest route just to have Tshepi worry and question himself were i am, i wanna know how he would feel when the tables are turned...

We finally got home i checked Naledi and she was still sleeping at the back, i got out and left her in the car while locking her in. I will come and get her later in case her Father starts acting crazy..

I made my way to the house, i opened the kitchen door and made my way In. It was a bit quiet from the kitchen, only saw the TV playing in the lounge. I made my way to the stairs then i heard him calling out..

Him: Where have you been?

I stopped and turned, he was laying on the couch..

Me: I didn't see you there

Him: Where have you been?

I got a bit scared, he was mad. Maybe this wasn't the best plan I should've thought it out..

He got up from the couch, he took the glass from the small table and gulped down the contents inside and then put it down...

Him: I am going to ask you this one last time, where have you been?

The Anger flashing through his eyes..

Me: I went out for a drive

Him: Since when do you take drives at night?

He slowly approached me..

Me: Since i...

Him: My phone please

I gave him his phone..

Him: Your phone please

I gave him my phone..

Him: You blocking the way i wanna go upstairs

I stepped aside and he passed through..

I exhaled, that was very close..

Him: I don't hear you following me

Me: Im just gonna hang around in the lounge and watch Tv

Him: I wasn't asking you

I followed him..

We got into the bedroom and put the phones away, then he locked the door..

Him: That shit you pulled earlier now it's not the time to pull it off because I am mad pissed and I might just fuck you up do you get what im saying?

I nodded..

Him: I am not laughing with you i am dead serious

Me: I know

Him: Where have you been?

He opened the sliding door that led to the balcony, shit was real he wasn't bluffing..

I walked backwards until my back came in contact with the door, tried opening forgetting that he had locked it..

Me: I went to fetch Naledi

Him: Don't lie to me!

Me: I am not

Him: where is she?

Me: In the car sleeping

He made his way to me, my heart started beating very fast. This gangster shit might work on anyone but this is Tpee, i forgot that this is Tpee and he might just kill me..

I held his hands, i was literally shaking..

Me: I am telling you the truth you can go and check on her

Him: Then why are you busy pulling shit like this if you were just going to fetch Naledi?

Me: because i wanted to see if you would be upset should you think that i am having an affair

Him: Why the fuck would play such a dangerous game for? Do you have a death wish or something?

Me: I just needed to know that's all

I let go of his hands...

He walked away..

Him: Am i scared of losing you? Yes i am! My life is more complete with Kresi than it is with Nissi

I just didn't know what to say..

Him: I'll go get Naledi

I was still standing by the door as he approached me..

Him: I love you and i hope now you believe me

Me: I do

He took my hands and pinned them against the door, he leaned closer and kissed me..

Nissi might hold on to "He still loves me, i am his old flame" but he loves me too and right now he is here at home with me where he is supposed to be....

He broke the kiss then freed my left hand.. He pressed his thumb against my lower lip.

Him: I love you soo much

Me: I love you too

I started sucking his thumb while he bit his lower lip, his eyes just showed that he was hungry for me....

He took off the hat and then kissed me again, he went from my lips to my neck and then he whispered next to my ear while keeping a strong grip on my hair..

Him: I am going to fuck you soo hard that when Im done i wanna hear you slightly crying in pain when you at the toilet trying to Pee, You will think twice of pulling this shit again!

He picked me up...

Me: Okay honey wait let's talk about this

Him: don't worry we will talk about it

I hate it sometimes when we have to go down this route..

He threw me on the bed and started undressing me, i wasn't in the mood for rough sex tonight.. When he locks me down i can't even fight him off, my strength is nothing compared to his i can't even break free. He managed to undress me tearing up my bra in the process, he wasn't wearing anything that was going to give him some hard time to take off, was just his boxer briefs and vest...

He opened my legs wide and made his way in, it was painful because i wasn't wet. He forced his way deep inside and i couldn't take in the pain..

Me: awwwwwwwww

when he was deep inside he pinned my hands against the bed, then looked at me....

Me: Now we can talk about it

He went for it, I shouldn't have locked Naledi inside the car she probably might have interrupted the moment..

Him: what were you saying?

He wasn't having any mercy, his lips were attached to mine. The more he pumped harder the more i couldn't hold back my screams, was even difficult to talk about the issue at hand. He was doing the talking, and i was doing the screaming..

Him: what happened?

Me: I www..Ahh.. I we.. Tshepi ouuuuch!!

Him: shiiit!!! I swear i don't understand your explanation, let's try again...

He was just making it difficult for me on purpose...

Me: Okay im so... Im so.. Im sorry..

Him: for what?..

He stopped pumping but he was still inside of me..

Him: the sooner we talk about this the sooner I can get off you okay? Right now you saying a lot of things, you screaming i don't understand what you saying..

Me: I am trying to explain th...

He started pumping... This was going to be a very long night.

Part 15

KRESI

The following morning i was still a bit in pain so i decided to skip work, Tshepi only stopped when i told him that Naledi has been in the car for long and she might panic when she wakes up and finds that i am not there. I understand where he is coming from, he is a Person who has always expressed Anger in his own way but what he did was uncalled for. I am not new to that kind of treatment i have been through worse while i was still a prostitute but now I am his wife, and when he treats me like how them other niggas used to treat me it makes me feel somehow. Means he sees me that way and i don't like that at all..

He came down as i was at the kitchen about to prepare something to eat for Naledi, he was all dressed up for work. He looked like he was in a good mood all whistling..

Him: Good morning

Me: Morning

Him: Are you alright?

I shrugged my shoulders..

He leaned against the door fridge with his arms folded and looked at me, his look made me uncomfortable after a while..

Me: what Tshepi?

Him: Still upset about last night?

Me: what do you think?

Him: I think after a while you started enjoying yourself, that scream turned into moaning and if i remember correctly you ended up getting the most intense orgasm which left my back with a few scratches from your big nails

Maybe i did end up getting in the mood and started enjoying but still what he did was not nice...

He came and stood behind me, he put his strong arm full of tattoos gently around my neck and kissed me on my cheek..

Him: I am sorry and i hope that we won't have a repeat of that again, did we learn our lesson though?

Me: What lesson exactly?

Him: should i school you again?

Me: Tshepi..

Him: No really you can go upstairs because i have all the time to school you

He gently bit my cheek and i laughed..

He took his hand from my neck and then put his hands on my hips..

Him: I actually wanna talk to you about something

Me: what is that?

Him: How about we have another child?

Me: don't mock me please

Him: No listen.. We Can get a surrogate

I turned and looked at him..

Him: Maybe Naledi will stop being a spoiled brat when she realizes that someone else is going to be the center of attention

I looked at him..

Me: You serious about this?

Him: Yes i am

Me: Let me think about it then

He perked my lips..

Him: don't take long

Naledi came down with her back pack, she had her headphones on and was singing loud to the song she was listening too..

Her: "Yeah, you're lookin' at the truth the money never lie, no..I'm the one, yeah, I'm the one..

Early mornin' in the dawn, know you wanna ride now. I'm the one, yeah. I'm the one, yeah"

Tshepi moved from me and leaned against the fridge again, we both looked at her as she sat down..

She took off the headphones.

Her: Good morning Naledi's Mother

That was a bit weird..

Me: Morning Baby

Her: How are you Mommy?

I looked at Tshepi then i looked at her..

Me: I am good baby

Her: I am fine thank you

She operated her phone..

Tshepi: am i a tombstone?

She shrugged her shoulders..

Tshepi: what's your problem?

Naledi: I called you last night you didn't pick up, i sent you WhatsApp messages you didn't reply that you should come pick me up

Him: Your Mom picked you up didn't she?

Her: Yes

Tshepi: So what's with the attitude?

Her: It shows you don't care about me and i don't care about you anymore

Tshepi: Did you think of that statement before saying it?

She kept quiet..

Tshepi's voice became firm..

Him: I don't care about you? Do you fucken know how much i spend on you? Who buys you all this expensive nonsense that you don't even need? You living 10times better than other kids do you even know that?

She still remained quiet..

Tshepi: Naledi i am talking to you!! (yelling)

She freaked out a little..

I put my hand on his shoulder that he must tone it down..

Him: You know what starting from today don't ever ask me for shit do we understand each other? Akere we don't care about each other?

I saw a frown on her face..

Him: Don't ever ask me for anything!!

He kissed me on the cheek..

Him: Enjoy your day i love you

Me: I love you too

He looked at Naledi and then clicked his tongue, he put his hand on his pocket and went upstairs. Naledi was now in tears..

Me: Come here baby

She stood up and came to me, i hugged her

Me: I'm sorry

This is my first time seeing Tshepi this mad at Naledi..

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NISSI

I went to the office a bit early this morning i was still very much upset over what OT said last night. He didn't have to be so mean, it's bad knowing that Tpee is with someone else but hearing someone else saying what i have been trying to avoid hit deep. Tshepi and i used to be very much in love i was the first girl that he has ever truly loved, Yes our love has always been toxic but we were in love. What is it with Kresi? What did she give him? Tpee is not the type to just fall for any typical woman. I guess she is stronger than i give her credit for, Tshepi is much attracted to women that don't break down easily. He is difficult so he is always looking for a woman that's going to handle him...

Austin walked in and i got away from those thoughts.

Austin: Morning

Me: Hey

Him: going to be difficult having to accept that i am sharing my office with someone else

Me: It's temporary

Him: Even so

He looked at me..

Him: Are you okay?

Me: Yes i am fine

Him: Okay that's good

Me: Austin

Him: Yes?

Me: You very cute

Him: Thank you

Me: Are you single?

Him: not entirely me and my baby mama we working things out

Me: do you love her?

Him: why are we asking me all these questions?

Me: Just curious

Him: Relationship problems?

Me: I am single

Him: Keep looking

Me: I am not looking i actually enjoy being single

Him: good for you

I looked at the time..

Me: Let me go and check if my graduates have arrived

Him: Good luck

i stood up and fixed my skirt, i then fixed my shirt..

Him: This is going to be very awkward

Me: relax you cute and all but you not my type

He chuckled..

Him: Good to know

Me: see you later

Him: later it is

I made my way out of the office and went to the elevator, i pressed and waited for it. I realized that i forgot my phone in the office but there's no turning back now..

The elevator opened and my eyes landed on Tshepi, he looked at me too.. We looked at each for a while until the elevator started closing, he blocked it..

Him: Morning

Me: Mo.. Morning

He made his way out and i made my way in, i stood there and waited for the elevator doors to close. This was difficult, will i be able to keep up with this? Working with him, seeing him every day knowing very well that i still love him..

Part 16

KRESI

It was 18:00 and Naledi was not back home from school her driver said when he went to fetch her she was not standing at the usual spot, her friends were called and they said that the last time they saw her was when they bid her farewell after school. I had called her teacher and she said that she last saw her at school. My heart was down to my knees, this cannot be happening my only child is missing. What if she was abducted? what if she's laying in a ditch somewhere dead. Those thoughts were in my mind and i didn't know how to get them out..

Flora: Kresi i am sure wherever she is, she is fine

Me: Fine? Flora if she was fine then she would be home!

Flora: We cannot think of the worst, Naledi is smart and i doubt she would get in a stranger's car

Me: Then that means the person must have abducted her at school

Flora: With the other students watching?

Me: Flora i don't know okay? I don't know what to think! All i know is that my daughter is missing and she might be scared wherever she is

The door opened and Tshepi stormed in, i ran up to him and hugged him..

Him: Still haven't heard anything?

Me: No we haven't

We broke the hug..

I'll call Carl he might be able to maybe track her phone or something..

The door bell rang..

Me: I'll get it

I went to open and it was Vic.

Me: Vic?

He walked in..

Vic: Why didn't anyone call me? I had to see on Facebook

Tshepi: What are you doing here?

Vic: My only Granddaughter is missing i have every right to be here

Tshepi: She is my Daughter and thank you Vic but you can go we don't need your help

Vic: Say whatever you wanna say but i am not going anywhere! I love Naledi and I will use every resource available to find her

Tshepi: She is my Daughter i will find her i am his father! We don't need you!

Vic: And i..

Me: Can you guys stop it? My Daughter's life is in danger right now and this is not the time to be arguing!

They both calmed down..

Tshepi: I'll go and call Carl

He made his way upstairs..

Vic came and hugged me..

Vic: Don't worry we will find her

I know how Vic feels about me, but right now is not the time to come at each other i just want to find my Daughter and bring her home safe..

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NISSI

After work i drove straight to a bar to have a couple of shooters, i had the worst day ever and i just wanted to offload everything with a couple of shooters..

I downed my 4th one.

Me: Another one

Bartender: Are you sure?

Me: You supposed to serve me drinks and stop asking questions

He gave me another shooter..

Him: What's wrong?

Me: Why?

He looked at me while wiping a glass..

Me: Life

Him: I am sure it's not that bad

Me: It's worse

I drank..

Me: The man that i am in love with is married to someone else

He whistled..

Me: Yeah.. Give me another one

Him: so why don't you just move on because clearly it seems like he is not in love with you?

Me: He is in love with me!!! I don't know where she rocked up from but i know that there's no love there, he cannot possibly love her

Him: another one?

Me: Yes another one

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TPEE

This is every parents worst nightmare knowing that your child is missing and you don't even know where to look because there's no lead. Every second wasted, every minute wasted, her life is closer and closer to danger. I took her picture from my table in the study and looked at it, this morning we had an altercation wherever she is right now she might think that i don't love her because of how i was with her. If only i kissed her goodbye as always and told her that i love her, If only i knew that this morning was the last time that i was gonna see her i would've made it worthwhile.

My phone rang, it was Carl. I have been meaning to call him when i got here but i got lost in my thoughts..

Me: Carl i was about to call you

Him: You were?

Me: Yeah I guess you already know about Naledi, you read Kresi's last post on Facebook?

Him: Yeah I did

Me: I need your help man you know cops will take time

Him: There's no need to call the cops

Me: Why?

Him: Because she is here in my house

Me: I don't understand

Him: she took an Uber after school and came straight here

Me: wtf?

Him: She is safe

Me: I am going to kill her!

Him: Calm down dawg she feels bad about what she did

Me: I am on my way

I hung up my phone and took my Keys, I am going to kill Naledi!

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NISSI

I was now out of it i have had a lot of booze and the bartender was refusing to give me more..

Me: Another one

Him: You have had a lot now Miss

Me: It's my money okay? I.. I.. I can spend it whenever and however i want get it?? So another one!

Him: Should i call someone for you?

I started banging the glass against the counter..

Me: Do your job and give me more alcohol! I want more booze! It's a freaking bar okay give me more booze!! Give me a cocktail!

When i banged the glass for the last time it broke and cut me..

Me: See what you did???

I look at my hand..

Him: I will get a cloth

Me: you can't even give me a drink but you wanna give me a cloth! You are useless leave it!!

I got up from the chair and my knees were weak..

Bartender: Please sit down Miss i will call someone for you

Me: I don't need you to call anyone because there's no one!!

Bartender: Mam' you are bleeding

I looked at my hand and i was bleeding..

Me: I am bleeding

Bartender: Then sit down please

I sat down again and tears fell..

Me: Nissi what are you doing? He doesn't love you anymore just accept and move on

I wiped the blood off from my hand by rubbing it against my tshirt..

The Bartender was taking forever to get the cloth..

Me: Ouch

I looked at my hand.. I then heard a voice behind me.

Voice: Looks like a pretty deep cut

The person came and pulled the chair that was next to me and sat down..

Him: Can i see?

I looked at him as he turned his cap around, and i got a better view of him..

I extended my hand to him..

He looked at it..

Him: Think you might need stitches

I wasn't even hearing what he was saying, i was concentrating on his perfect lips and his eyes they were a bit different i don't know if he had eye contacts.

Him: Did that hurt?

I didn't even hear him, he ran his thumb on my lips and I came back to reality..

Him: Did that hurt?

I looked at him..

Me: What?

Him: I pulled the piece of the broken glass from your cut it didn't hurt?

I shook my head no and he slightly smiled..

He took off the red bandanna that he wrapped around his wrist and wrapped it on my hand..

Him: It will stop the bleeding for a while

Me: Thank you

He let go off my hand and stood up..

Him: You should go to the hospital for stitches

He started walking away..

Me: Wait

He stopped and looked at me..

Me: Can i at least have your name?

Him: That's your homework

He looked at my hand..

Him: You have something of mine, that's a lead

He winked at me and continued walking away..

Part 17

KRESI

The drive to Carl's house was a very quiet one Tshepi was more focused on the road i didn't even know what was on his mind, he can be very unpredictable at times. His silence can either mean he is in deep thoughts or he is mad pissed and right now i don't know what his silence meant. I was so grateful to hear that Naledi is safe, all i wanna do is to just hold her in my arms we will discuss her disappearing later on and why she did what she did..

Tshepi called Carl when we were at the gate and Carl opened it for us, Tshepi drove in and parked right next to the the garage...

Me: I am glad that she's safe

He kept quiet..

We got out of the car and made our way to the house, Carl was the one who opened for us..

Carl: Evening

Tshepi: where is she?

Carl: lounge

We made our way in..

Me: Thank you Carl for calling

Carl: I am glad she thought of coming here first

Me: me too

We made our way to the Lounge and she was with Jaden together with Terra, Carl's girlfriend..

Tshepi walked up to the couch were she was sitting..

He looked at her and Naledi didn't know what to say, she looked down.

Tshepi: Why did you do that?

She didn't say anything..

Tshepi: I am talking to you Naledi

She shrugged her shoulders while playing with her hands...

There was a moment of silence for a few seconds..

Tshepi: Okay if you not gonna talk i will make you talk

He took off his belt, i saw Naledi getting a bit scared...

Me: Tshepi No

I tried going to them but Carl stopped me..

Carl: This has to happen, let it happen

Tshepi: Why did you do that?

Naledi: Daddy i am sorry

Tshepi started swinging the belt at her, he whooped her and she was screaming very loud that she scared Jaden. Jaden ran to Carl all crying..

Tshepi: You making noise

Naledi: Daddy i am sorry (crying)

Terra came to us and took Jaden from Carl..

Terra: Let me take him upstairs he doesn't have to see this

They walked upstairs...

Tshepi: Why Naledi? Why do you feel the need to always be like this huh? Doesn't Daddy give you everything that you want?

Her: You do

Tshepi: doesn't Daddy love you?

Her: You do

Tshepi: When did you ever ask me for something and i said no?

Her: Never

Tshepi: Doesn't Mommy love you?

Naledi: She does

Tshepi: Then why are you acting like this? If something happened to you what was going to become of your Mother? You are the only child that she has! The only child that i have!

Her: Sorry

Tshepi: You will be!

He continued hitting her and Naledi just cried painful, i felt something moving inside of me..

She tried to get away but he was blocking her...

She was crying and Apologizing but Tshepi wasn't stopping..

Me: Tshepi stop she has learned her lesson!

I looked at Carl..

Carl: Let it happen Kresi i promise you after this she will act right

Carl didn't understand how hard it was for me to see my baby crying like that..

Finally Naledi broke free and managed to come to me, she stood behind me. I looked at Tshepi, I needed him to come closer so he can see my true colours..

Tshepi: I'll be in the car

He walked away and i held Naledi tight while crying too..

Me: I'm sorry baby

Her: It hurts Mommy, my body hurts (crying)

She's light skinned so she had red marks all over..

Me: Ohh my goodness

Was Tshepi trying to kill the only child that i have? I tolerated him hitting me but hitting my child that i won't tolerate.. I looked at Carl.

Me: And you just stood there Carl

Him: It had to happen trust me

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NISSI

I saw Vic sitting close to me reading a book, i looked around and realized that I was in a hospital. I looked at the window and the sun was shining through what happened last night?

I looked at Vic..

Me: Dad

I cleared my throat because my voice was a bit scratchy..

He stood up and came to me..

Him: How are you feeling? Can you see me?

Me: Yes Vic i can see you

He put his hand on my forehead..

Me: What happened?

Him: I was hoping you tell me i got a call this morning that you here

I looked at my hand and I saw a bandage wrapped around it, i also had an IV...

Vic: What happened Nissi? Did you get attacked or something?

Me: I am not really sure

Vic: I am coming

He walked out. I closed my eyes and tried to remember what happened last night but everything was blurry, i just remember having shooters and talking to the bartender..

Vic came back with the Doctor..

Dr: Morning Miss Thobekgale

Me: Doctor

Dr: How are you feeling today?

Me: I am not sure

Dr: Do you remember what happened?

Me: not really

Vic: were you hijacked?

Me: I don't think so

Dr: Well your toxicology report came in and you had a high amount of alcohol in your blood stream

Vic: What?

Dr: we will have to keep you here today you dehydrated

Vic: Nissi?

I didn't know what to say to him..

Vic: were you behind the wheel in your drunk state? Is this why you here? Did you get into a car accident?

Dr: I doubt. She was brought in by some gentleman last night

Vic: gentleman?

Dr: Yes for stitches in her hand i think she passed out from bleeding a lot

Vic: Who is the gentleman?

Dr: Didn't leave a name or number but he did leave a message

Me: What message?

Dr: He said that when you wake up i must tell you to do your homework since you have something that belongs to him

Do my homework? That sounded familiar..

Me: the red bandanna

Vic: red what?

I looked at the Dr...

Me: Did i come with my hand wrapped with a red bandanna?

Dr: I am not sure i will ask the Nurse

Vic looked at me..

Vic: red bandanna? Do your homework? What is going on Nissi?

Me: I wish i knew Vic, i wish i knew.

Part 18

NISSI

I have grown to hate hospitals now i have spent the last years being in and out of hospitals after the shooting that now i don't want anything to do with them. I didn't understand why i was being kept here for another day, i injured my hand which was stitched now i don't know why the Doctor is keeping me here..

At least the Nurse had organized a few magazines for me and I was going through them just to keep myself busy from going crazy.

I heard a knock at the door, i checked who it was and it was that guy from last night. The one from the bar, now that i was seeing him in my sober state he looked more handsome.

Him: may i?

I didn't say anything i just looked at him and he made his way in.

Him: Just wanted to see how you holding up since i dropped you off last night

He pulled the chair and sat down, today he didn't have his snake looking eye contacts on..

Him: how are you feeling?

I closed the magazine...

Me: Who are you?

He looked at my hand..

Him: where is my bandanna?

Me: it's lost

Him: you lost something valuable to me

Me: It's just a bandanna!

Him: Actually its more than that

Me: I'll buy you when i get out of here

Him: don't stress yourself

Me: You still haven't answered my question though

Him: what was your question?

Me: Who are you?

Him: you didn't do your homework?

Me: Stop playing games with me

Him: Okay ill tell you who I am

I looked at him..

Him: my name is Shane Cowen

Me: was that hard?

Him: I guess not

Me: Thank you for bringing me here last night even though i don't remember what really happened

Him: I couldn't let you bleed to death

I looked at my hand..

Him: I have never seen you there before

Me: It was my first time going there

Him: and you drank a lot

Me: I know

Him: and you owe me for saving your life

Me: here we go

Him: here we go?

Me: what do you want?

Him: just a date at my place I'll cook for you

Me: and he cooks

He chuckled which made him look more cute..

Me: I'd like that mr red bandanna

Him: it's a date then

Me: i guess so

He stood up..

Him: I'll go get some snacks from the vending machine

Me: You going to stay for a while?

Him: you look bored

Me: i guess so

Him: ill be back

He walked out. Maybe this just might work, Shane Cowen but what skeletons do you have in your closet?

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KRESI

I didn't let Naledi go to school today instead i took her out we went to the mall to do shopping, she was still broken about what happened yesterday and so was i. She was trying to be talkative, act cool but it bothered her that Tshepi hit her last night and again this morning he didn't even bother talking to her before leaving for work. It must be very difficult for her, she is Daddy's girl and having this issues with Tshepi it's taking a toll on her. I invited Vic asked him to come and meet us at least that will cheer Naledi up..

Naledi walked up to Vic and hugged him.

Vic: you really scared us last night don't ever do that again, Grandpa is old his heart is weak

Naledi nodded..

Me: Why don't you go ahead and

choose a few clothes

Vic: I'll pay for them baby

Naledi: Thank you Grandpa

She went to look at the sneakers first...

Vic: She looks a bit down she's not her bubbly self

I sighed..

Me: Tshepi hit her Last night with a belt

Vic: what?

Me: It was pretty bad

We looked at her..

Vic: Maybe she should visit my place for a while

Me: I think she should remain at home

Vic: With Tshepi like this, trust me i think she should move in with me for even a week at least

Me: There's Nissi at your house

Vic: It's time they meet

Me: I don't want my daughter to be confused by everything

Vic: Naledi is pretty smart she will understand

Me: It's a confusing situation it's also confusing to me that Tshepi was engaged to his Step sister

Vic: The relationship started way before I adopted Nissi

I shook my head no..

Me: I don't want my child anywhere near Nissi

Vic: She is her Aunt

Me: still i don't want

I walked away from Vic and went to Naledi..

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TSHEPI

I was on my way to my office when I passed the reception and saw the graduates there crowding the whole floor, i went to the receptionist.

Me: what's happening?

Her: They supposed to be carrying on with the trainee program but unfortunately Miss Thobekgale is not in today

Me: Where is she? She gave me her word that she will be committed to this program

Her: Mr Thobekgale senior called this morning and said Miss Thobekgale was admitted last night

Me: admitted?

Her: Yes Sir

Me: what's wrong with her?

Her: I don't know Sir

Me: could be something serious did he say which hospital?

Her: Yes Sir

Me: Let me go get my car keys upstairs and then you order a basket of fruits i will take it to her on behalf of the office

Her: on it sir

Nissi was admitted last night? I wonder what happened.

Part 19

NISSI

Shane was telling me some story about his encounter with the law, i was fully concentrating on his lips moving, when he constantly smiles in between the conversation revealing his white teeth, i wasn't hearing what he was saying until i forced myself to come back to earth.

Him: So now shit i am blocked there's a cop car in front of me and there's a cop car behind me

Me: Ohh my word i take it you surrendered?

Him: You think i did that? If i did i wouldn't be here today

Me: What did you do?

Him: i drove and knocked the front car out of the way

Me: No ways

Him: i am telling you

Me: You are insane

Him: So i have been told

We kept quiet for a while..

Him: can i ask you something personal?

Me: Yes

Him: Are your boobs real?

I looked at my chest and then looked at him..

Me: This hospital gown is not revealing anything how did you see?

Him: Saw you last night

Me: Well they are real

He gave me a weird look..

Me: You don't believe?

Him: I didn't say anything

Me: You can touch them

Him: Naa i don't wanna be hit with a sexual harassment case

Me: No seriously i insist

He looked at me..

Him: Okay

He came closer and put his hand under all the way up to my breasts and started gently squeezing them..

Me: And?

Him: Impressive

Me: So you see they are real

He nodded..

We heard someone clearing their throat, i looked at the door and it was Tpee..

Me: Tshepi

Shane got his hand out and then went to sit down..

Tshepi walked in with a basket..

It was surprising seeing him here.

Me: I didn't expect you to come

Him: I got the message this morning that you were admitted last night

Me: Ohw

He put the basket on the table..

Shane: I'll give you some space

Tshepi: No it's fine i am not staying just came to drop this off.. The office wishes you a speedy recovery

Me: Thank you

He gave Shane a serious look..

Tshepi: Hope to see you soon at the office

Me: me too

He walked out..

Shane: am i missing something?

Me: No you not

I looked at him..

Me: Finish the story that you were telling me

He smiled..

Him: Think you should get some rest i will see you tomorrow

Me: i am being discharged tomorrow

Him: Then finally we can have our date

Me: Finally

He kissed me on my forehead..

Him: I'll call you tomorrow then

Me: You don't have my number

Him: Trust me i do

Me: how did you get them?

Him: unlike you i do my homework

Me: I'll wait for your call then

Him: I will call.. Bye

Me: Bye

He walked away...

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TSHEPISO

I was beyond the word pissed! out of all people Nissi decided to fuck with Shane? That motherfucker Shane??

I didn't drive back to the office i went to see Braga at his surgery lucky for me he was not busy..

Him: Tpee fancy seeing you here

Me: Yeah i need to talk to you about something

Him: Sounds serious

Me: It is

I sat down..

Me: Shane is fucking with my ex fiancé

Him: The one who was supposedly dead?

Me: Yes

Him: Austin told me about her

Me: i bet he did

Him: and the problem is?

Me: You didn't hear my last statement? HE IS FUCKING WITH MY EX FIANCÉ

Him: i am trying to find the problem with that

I leaned back..

Him: Why is it bothering you? You married

Me: I can have her date any guy she wants just not him!

Him: how is your Fiancé fucking with my bro.. I mean fucking with Shane concern me?

Me: You don't see it? This means war!

Him: No it doesn't he is not fucking your wife

Me: Nissi was a big part of my life, i want to see her happy with someone else but not Shane

Him: You seem like you still hung up on your ex

Me: I am not

He kept quiet...

Me: so you not going to help? You my alliance

Him: Tpee you know i can come through for you with anything but i am not about to send the whole squad because Shane is fucking with a woman that you not even fucking

I got up..

Me: i keep on forgetting i have the Lion

Him: Good luck

Me: You might see this as fucked up but she means a lot to me more than you know

I walked out..

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SHANE

Last night was not my first time laying my eyes on Nissi at the bar, the first time I saw her was at the hospital some few days back wearing a beautiful dress that had blood stains, she seemed confused she was crying but she still looked beautiful even with her face full of tears. When i saw her i made it a mission for me to know her, i knew from deep within that if the time comes for me to settle down she might be the one. What i failed to investigate was her involvement with Tpee..

From the hospital i drove to Gesh's place he was just about to get into his car..

Gesh: Shane

I approached him..

Gesh: What are you doing here? Is everything okay?

Me: No everything is not okay

Gesh: What's wrong?

Me: I think i just made enemies with Tpee

Gesh: Fuck! you done giving your brother problems now you wanna mess with Tpee? Are you fucken out of your mind? He has a lion on his side! He has Carl it's just the 3 of them but they make a mean team

Me: You think i don't know that?

Him: What did you do?

Me: Nothing really i just asked Nissi out

Him: You what?

Me: i didn't know that there's some history between them

Gesh: Call Riley

Me: Why?

Gesh: Because you have just signed your death warrant

Me: I don't understand why he is worked up by this, he is married

Gesh: Yeah he is but Nissi has always been Tpee's heart this time around you really messed with the wrong one Shane!

Part 20

SHANE

Gesh and i went to see Riley to let him know about this situation. This is my personal affair i don't know why i have to report to him as if like he runs my life, he doesn't have to be for my relationship with Nissi that is yet to start but he has to accept it. He might talk a lot of shit considering the fact that his wife is still hospitalized he is dealing with a lot of shit lately..

He agreed to see us and i let him in on what's happening from his facial expression i could see that he wasn't happy..

Riley: Am i losing my touch? Have i gone soft?

Me: why do you ask?

Riley: Because i have two of my best men betraying me so there has to be something that i am not doing right!

Me: i don't know why this has to be an issue because Nissi and Tshepi are no longer a couple

Riley: I wouldn't care less about that what gets to me is that i killed both of them but here we are today they both still alive!

The only reason why i am with the bloods is because of the benefits that i get, robbing banks pays off well. That's the only reason i am with them..

Riley: You know what fuck Tpee

Gesh: what's the plan?

Riley: he is becoming irritating because he shows up in my world a lot

Me: what are you thinking?

Riley: Both of you Betrayed me now both of you will have to prove your loyalty to me by killing him

Gesh laughed..

Riley was serious he wasn't laughing..

Gesh: I am not going to kill Tpee

Riley: You will if you wanna prove your loyalty to the bloods

Gesh: Bloods have never been loyal

to each other it's money over everything we all about the paper

Gesh stood up..

Gesh: whatever beef you have with him handle it yourself!

We watched him walking out..

Riley: It's only a matter of time before he jumps ships and becomes a crip looks like Gesh is becoming a problem now

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TSHEPISO

I was at Duvenhage's place i had asked Carl to come over too i had explained to them what's going on and i gave them time to process everything...

Carl: How much does Kresi mean to you?

Me: This is not about my wife

Duvenhage: If you still madly in love with your old flame why not divorce the poor woman?

Me: I am not.. Have you guys listened to anything that i have said

Carl: You want us to kill Shane because he is supposedly in a relationship with Nissi a girl you not even dating

Me: I know it sounds crazy but Nissi is a Thobekgale either way i have to protect her she meant a lot to my Mother and now she means a lot to my Father

Duvenhage: we cannot go after the bloods we outnumbered

Me: You a lion

Duvenhage: I am not immune to pain and death trust me i don't wanna face my Brother again and Carl here can't even use a gun!

Carl: watch it! I have taken out a lot of people than those who have guns

Me: Tell me again why the fuck don't you wanna learn how to use a gun?

Carl: Then i wouldn't be unique

Duvenhage: Look Tpee all im saying is that we cannot do this without the skulls

Me: Braga doesn't want to be a part of this

Carl: i don't blame him the whole thing is ridiculous!

Duvenhage: It is ridiculous

Carl: You just have to make a choice Nissi or Kresi that's all

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KRESI

I looked at the time and it was 22:00 Tpee was not back yet, he is with her i know he is with her. I took my phone and called Vic..

Vic: Kresi is everything alright?

Me: Is Tshepi there?

Vic: No he isn't

Me: I know you hate me Vic i know you think i am not good enough for your Son but.. If he is having an affair just be straight with me

Vic: You see why i said take the money and go away? Your heart is starting to break

Me: This is not fair you are not being fair!

Vic: Life is not fair Kresi just take the money and disappear

Me: So they are having an affair?

Vic: Yes! He is at the hospital with her

My heart sank down to my knees...

Vic: Take the money and leave

I closed my eyes and thought for a moment..

Me: Fine just get me tickets, get a ticket for me and Naledi

Vic: You cannot take Naledi with you she is a Thobekgale

Me: I am not leaving my Daughter behind

Vic: You will not leave with Naledi!

Part 21

NISSI

I was so relieved the following day when Shane came to get me i hate hospitals now and that might come from me being admitted a lot when I was shot, i couldn't wait to go back to work and just continue with my life..

Shane didn't drive me straight home we went out to eat, i needed something different hospital food doesn't have taste at all..

Shane: You know that Tpee is after my life?

Me: Really?

Shane: Yeah he thinks that we are dating

I chuckled..

Me: Typical of him

Shane: What really is going on?

Me: with?

Shane: You and him?

I looked at his wrist..

Me: Until you tell me about the red bandanna you will never hear about Tpee

He chuckled with the cup of coffee in his hand...

Me: so are we still going to do that dinner tonight?

Shane: if you still up for it

Me: I am

We continued eating..

Me: So what are we doing?

Shane- Huh?

Me: are we going to get married? Are we going to have kids?

He coughed..

Me: because i cannot have kids

Shane: Calm down we haven't even kissed yet

Me: So we gonna date?

He smiled..

Shane: You putting me in a very awkward position

I drank my coffee..

Me: I am just asking so i know exactly were we headed i am getting old

Shane: How about dinner first and then we take it from there

Me: dinner it is then

He looked at me and laughed a little..

Me: what?

Him: Nothing.. You just

Me: just?

Him: amazing

I blushed a little..

Me: thank you

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KRESI

I prepared myself for work it has been a while since i last showed up at the office, my business could crumble and i wouldn't even know about it because i am too focused on my marital problems..

My phone rang and it was a number that i didn't recognize..

Me: Hello

Voice: Hello

Me: Errr who is this?

Voice: Is this Kresi?

Me: Yes and you are?

Voice: It's OT

I almost dropped my phone..

Me: Otsile?? Wow!

Otsile was my client back when i used to be a prostitute every time he would ask me to marry him and move away to another place so that we can start over, he is very sweet and very caring..

Me: are you still a lawyer?

Him: that's how i got your number

Me: Wow it has been a while

Him: a while indeed

Me: i cannot believe it's you

Him: i am in town for a few months how about we meet up sometime for coffee?

Me: coffee? That sounds great

Him: i will call you

Me: okay

Him: you still have a sweet voice

I giggled..

Him: and that giggle

Me: Stop it!

Him: see you around then

Me: okay

Him: save my number

Me: i will

He hung up. I looked at my phone while smiling..

Me: Otsile who would've thought

I saved his number..

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TSHEPISO

I was at work we had a shareholders meeting Vic was busy talking but my mind was not even there..

Vic: If we can turn to page 30

We paged through..

Vic: You boys did a pretty good job the figures are looking good looks like we going to be getting big fat bonuses this year

Austin: That's what I wanted to hear

Vic: If there's no questions then that's all for today

Austin stood up and left....

Vic: why don't you and the girls come over tonight for dinner?

I ignored him...

Him: You can't ignore me forever i am your father

I took my things and walked to the door..

Vic: Dammit Tshepi! We cannot go on like this

Part 22

KRESI

Otsile and i decided to meet up in one of the restaurants that we used to go too back when he was still my client, i still cannot believe that we going to meet up after this long..

I arrived first and i waited for him, i was a bit nervous we haven't seen each other in a very long time..

I noticed my wedding ring on my finger and i took it off, i took it off and put it in my bag..

He showed up approximately after 10min of me waiting for him, i hardly even recognized him. He looked a bit different, he was more buffed up and more handsome..

I stood up and hugged him..

Him: Look at you

Me: and look at you

Him: You still got it

Me: and you look different

Him: in a good way i hope?

Me: In a good way

I sat down and he sat across me..

Him: again why did you turn down my marriage proposal?

Me: I was making a lot of money back then and i didn't wanna be grounded

Him: so now you married? Someone took you off the game?

Me: I have a Daughter

Him: You do?

Me: Yes her name is Naledi Tho.. She's Naledi

Him: i guess she is beautiful as you are

I blushed..

Him: and she can still blush

Me: Stop it

Him: you still haven't answered my question

Me: what was it?

Him: are you married?

Me: I am stable i run my own bridal shop

He smiled..

Him: so i still have a chance?

Me: I don't know

He stretched his hand out to mine..

Him: I never stopped thinking about you

I looked at him and he was confusing me right now, I am married why am I being confused by my old flame..

I retracted my hand back..

Me: So what are you doing here?

Him: just in town for business

Me: new client?

Him: not really i am handling a few things for Vic

Me: Vic who?

Him: Victor Thobekgale

Me: I see

Him: I don't really like him and his family

Me: then why are you associating yourself with him?

Him: he pays me a big fat cheque, in my line of work you don't say no to money

Me: Business

The waitress showed up..

Her: Good afternoon

We greeted..

Her: can i get you Menus?

Me: uhmm

OT: no need... Just get us a chocolate waffle and a bottle of your good wine maybe two oceans dry red

I looked at him and he smiled..

The waitress walked away..

Me: trying to get me horny? You know what red wine does to me

Him: give me your hands

Me: Okay

I gave him my hands and he held them..

Him: do you have plans after this?

Me: Why?

Him: because i wanna show you something

Me: I'll call my assistant and have her clear my schedule

He kissed my hand..

Him: That's better

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NISSI

Vic: Where exactly are you?

I looked at Shane he was cooking..

Me: I am at a friend's

Vic: a friend?

Me: Yeah

Vic: You don't have friends

Me: I do now

Vic: Nissi what is going up?

Me: Vic i am growing up i am no longer that little girl that you adopted

Vic: I get that but the last time i didn't know where you were i got a call that you were at the hospital

Me: I am safe now

Vic: when are you coming home?

Me: later

Vic: where exactly are you?

Me: Vic bye

I hung up and looked at Shane. He had changed into a white muscle vest, nikey shorts, and he was wearing his slippers..

Me: I like your place it's small and beautiful

Him: thank you

I walked closer to him..

Me: so what are we cooking?

Him: It's a surprise

Me: it smells good

Him: wait until you taste it

I tried sitting on top of the kitchen counter but i couldn't balance with my other hand..

Him: want some help?

Me: please

He came and picked me up then sat me on the counter, my hands were still around his neck and he had his around my waist..

I opened my legs so he can get in between..

Him: can i tell you something?

Me: what is that

Him: i have been stalking you for a while

Me: what?

Him: saw you at the hospital this other time and I felt like i needed to know you

Me: Wow you a creep

He laughed..

Him: I had to take my chances

Me: I am glad you did

Him: me too

He came closer and we kissed..

Maybe Shane is the kind of new start that I need...

Him: were you serious earlier on about getting married and everything?

Me: You wanna marry me?

Him: No.. I mean Yes...actually i don't know but all i know is that i wanna give this dating thing a try

Me: maybe we can give it a try

Him: you think so?

Me: i think so

He kissed me again..

Him: I'll check the pots

He moved from me and went to check the pots, i like Shane and i hope we work whatever it is that we are doing...

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TSHEPISO

I was in my office it was around 16:00 and my cellphone rang, it was Naledi..

Me: Poonkie pie

Her: Hey Daddy i hope i am not disturbing you

Me: not really is everything alright?

Her: Everything is alright but Mommy was supposed to fetch me at 15:00

Me: What happened to your driver?

Her: She told the driver that she would pick me up and she hasn't showed up

Me: did you call her?

Her: Yes even her office but Aunty Flora said she's not around

Me: that's strange

Her: I know it's like she disappeared

Me: Okay give me 40min i am on my way

Her: Okay Daddy

After i hung up i called Kresi and she wasn't picking up, that's unlike her..

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KRESI

OT took me to the rooftop of his place or his old place that he used to rent back when he was staying here..

Him: Still remember?

Me: I still remember we used to have dinner here mostly at night and we would stare at the moon and the stars

Him: drink a lot of dry red wine get tipsy

Me: and horny

Him: then have sex

Me: those were the days

Him: Since i am around i hope that we can have more of those dates up here

He came to me, he was still holding the bottle of dry red wine..

Him: I really want us to pick up were we left off

I wish it was that easy..

He held me then pulled me closer to him and kissed me, igniting those old buried feelings.

Part 23

TSHEPISO

It was 21:00 and Kresi was still not back i was starting to get a bit worried now because she wasn't answering her phone too..

Naledi: do you think Mom is okay?

I looked at her she was sitting at the kitchen table doing her homework, she also looked worried..

Me: I hope so Poonkie pie

I had been calling Carl too and he wasn't picking up, if i know someone good for this job it's him..

Me: What do you wanna eat?

Naledi: Maybe we can do sandwiches

Me: That's a good idea

I went to start making the sandwiches and the door opened, Kresi walked in..

She closed the door then turned and looked at us..

Her: Hi

She walked closer and i could see that she was a bit out of it..

Naledi: Mom are you okay?

Naledi stood up and went to hug her.

Naledi: We were worried about you

Kresi: Sorry baby but i am fine

I looked at her trying to make out what's really going on with her..

Kresi: I went to see an old friend

An old friend? Her only friend is Flora..

Kresi: I'll go and take a shower

Me: is your phone working?

Kresi: uhm let me check

She opened her bag and i noticed she wasn't wearing her ring, it's unlike her to take her ring off..

She took it out..

Kresi: It i.. It is working

Me: we have been trying to call you

Kresi: I am sorry guys it will never happen again

Naledi: I am just glad that you are fine

Kresi: let me go and freshen up

She walked away..

Me: do you know how to make a sandwich?

She nodded...

Me: make one for yourself i will be right back

Her: Okay Daddy

I walked upstairs to my bedroom trying to kill those thoughts that are busy telling me that my wife might be having an affair, Kresi would never do that. She would never have an affair..

I got to the bedroom and looked for her, she was undressing in the closet..

Me: You forgot Naledi at school

She turned around and looked at me, i noticed that she had a couple of hickies on her breasts..

Her: I did?

I concentrated on that area and paid no attention to what she was saying, Kresi is having an affair? She let another man touch her? This is not right, this makes no sense. She cannot be having an affair, my wife is faithful she cannot it's not possible..

She walked pass me..

Kresi: I am going to take a shower

She comes back home tipsy, with hickies, and now she wants to take a shower???

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NISSI

I was laying on the bed with Shane, i was wearing his shirt and he was still wearing a vest and a short. He was gently massaging my feet..

Me: That was a good meal

Him: i know a thing or two about cooking, i am not completely clueless

Me: I can see that

I yawned..

Him: Wanna call it a night?

I nodded..

He moved and came to sleep next to me, he allowed me to put my leg across him. We were facing each other..

He ran his hand on my thigh..

Him: you very beautiful

Me: thank you

We looked at each other and then he came closer and kissed me..

I told myself that I won't give it up so easily with him, but i felt like he is different. Shane is definitely not going to be a one night stand then tomorrow doesn't call me..

We continued kissing and he unbuttoned the shirt while my hand went under his and i ran it around his Abs. He moved his hand and brushed my weave back, we were still kissing..

Him: are you sure about this?

I nodded...we continued kissing and i got ontop of him while taking the shirt off.

Him: isn't it still a bit early for you to take the lead?

Me: I am taking the lead so that if you don't call tomorrow im gonna be the one to say i fucked you and didn't call you

He laughed and put his hand at the back of my neck and pulled me closer to kiss him..

Him: You crazy and i love it

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KRESI

As i was applying the body wash on my body i kept on thinking about Otsile and how he was running his hands on my body at that roof top, i thought of how he was kissing me slowly and gently biting me on my neck. I cheated on my husband, i had two rounds with OT in that roof top after the wine had gotten to me. I can see that Tshepi suspects something, if he finds out about this he is going to kill both me and Otsile..

I sank down while crying with water running on my body..

Part 24

KRESI

After taking a shower i was back to my senses the wine was fading away and now i could think straight. I don't know what made me to cheat on my Husband, i don't know why i had sex with Otsile. My marriage is a mess, Tshepi is hung up on Nissi and now my old flame is back it's just a mess. I quickly wiped my tears as the door opened, i was laying in bed as he made his way in. I couldn't look at him, i felt guilty and very ashamed..

Tshepi: I love you, you know that right?

I looked at him and faked a smile..

Me: I know

He came and sat next to me he looked at me directly in the eye, i couldn't face him. I couldn't look at him especially not after my sinful act..

Him: who is he?

He knows, he knows that there's a "he" ..

Me: there's no one

Him: If there's no one then why are you crying? Why can't you look at me right in the eye?

Tears fell down..

Him: I think it's best i hear it from you because if i find out for myself then I am going to be very mad

I wiped my tears..

Him: do you love him?

I kept quiet..

Him: do you wanna be with him?

I kept quiet..

Him: Have you ever brought him into my house before?

I didn't say anything..

He reached out for my phone..

Me: what are you doing?

I tried to get it back from him but he gave me a death stare...

He went through it..

Him: what is your password?

I shrugged my shoulders..

Him: Okay ill just go to Carl and he will hack your phone

I looked at him..

Him: Akere you don't wanna talk?

He stood up and i got out of bed..

Me: Tshepi please

Him: Please what?? Please what?? (shouting)

Now he was mad..

Me: I am sorry okay

Him: Sorry for what?

Me: I.. I heard you were sleeping with Nissi and..

Him: wait wft? What the fuck did you just say?

Me: Vic told me that you were with her at the hospital the other night

Him: why would i go there? What would i be doing spending the night with her is she my wife?

Me: No

Him: am i married to her?

Me: No

Him: If i am not at home i am at the office or i am with Carl!!! You go and believe Vic over your husband? Kresi i have never cheated on you! This obsession you have with Nissi it's messed up! Look what she's doing? She is messing up our marriage! She has a boyfriend!!

I looked at him..

Him: Yes she has moved on!! We do not want each other anymore we are done!

I didn't know what to say..

Him: I am going to Carl right now and..

He looked at my phone..

Him: You better take the house phone and call him tell him to disappear because what im gonna do to him.. You better call him!

He clicked his tongue and walked out, i sat down on my bed and tried to catch my breath. What did I do? I just put Otsile's life in danger..

I stood up after a while and went to Naledi's room, she was sleeping..

I took her phone but it had a password..

I would use the landline phone but Tpee might check the phone records..

I woke Naledi up..

Me: Baby wake up

She slowly opened her eyes..

Me: Mommy needs to use your phone

Her: what happened to yours?

Me: my screen cracked i can't see anything

I gave her..

She put on her password then gave it to me, Shit!! it hit me that i don't know OT's number...

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TSHEPISO

Right now i was more shocked than angry that Kresi actually cheated on me, i was still trying to process everything..

I arrived at Carl's place and he was just about to sleep..

Him: what are you doing here so late?

Me: Where is Terra?

Him: Sleeping

Me: good i am sorry but this couldn't wait

Him: is this about us going after Shane?

Me: No i am over that

Him: then what's popping?

Me: Kresi is having an affair and right now i need to know the motherf*** that's invading my territory

Him: Kresi is having an affair?

Me: hard to believe but yes

I gave him Kresi's phone..

Him: It's an iPhone

Me: So?

Him: It's not easy to hack an iPhone

Me: you are Carl Shaw you can hack into a bank's system and right now you telling me that my wife's Phone is going to defeat you?

Him: have you thought to yourself that maybe she's cheating because she wants your attention

Me: I give her my attention i am suffering because Nissi came back, i have assured her that i am done with Nissi but she doesn't want to believe me

He exhaled..

Him: If she is really cheating the guy is going to call then we can track his number it's more easier than hacking her phone

I took her phone back..

Me: whoever this guy is, busy messing with my wife he clearly doesn't know me!

Him: should i let Duvenhage know?

Me: Nah I am going to handle this all on my own

Part 25

NISSI

I felt someone kissing me all over my face i smiled before i could even open my eyes, i finally opened my eyes and he was looking at me smiling. His smile is surely going to make my day..

Him- Morning

Me- When did you wake up?

Him- about an hour ago

Me- what time is it now?

Him- around 07:00am

Me- have to go home and prepare for work

Him: no you going to wake up and have breakfast first how is your hand?

Me: It's still fine

Him: go brush your teeth and i am going to prepare breakfast for you

Me: Okay

I got out of his bed as his phone rang and made my way to his small bathroom to brush my teeth, i used his toothbrush. Shane is the best i know that we have known each other for only a while but i want us to go far. I walked out of the bathroom and he had made me a bowl of cereal.

Him- quick and easy

I laughed a little and then rolled my eyes, i went back to the bathroom to finish off. When I was done i walked back...

Me: This is your idea of preparing breakfast?

Him- quick and easy

He walked to the bathroom to brush his teeth..

Him: did you use my toothbrush?

Me: was the only one available to me

I stood by the bathroom door as he brushed his teeth..

Me: do you have family?

Him: something like that

Me: something like that?

Him: I just don't like talking about them

Me: I understand

Him: are you sure you wanna go to work today?

Me: Yes and what are you going to do?

Him: I have a meeting

Me: where do you work?

He came to the door after brushing his teeth and kissed me..

Him: you ask a lot of questions

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KRESI

When i woke up this morning my phone was next to my pillow it didn't even look like he had hacked it. I took it and called OT, i have to warn him...

OT: Kresi

Me: Hey

OT: a phone call in the morning

Me: Yes i wanna talk to you about something

OT: what is it?

Me: i wasn't quite honest with you

OT: about?

Me: I am married... I am married to Tshepiso Thobekgale

OT: i already know

Me: You do?

OT: My question is why did you hide that you married?

Me: i didn't hide

OT: Yes you did.. Do you love him?

Me: I do love him

OT: but you hid being married to him

Me: I..

OT: Kresi i am not going to be in town for that long all i am asking for is for you to leave him

Me: what?

OT: i don't know what's happening in your marriage but what i know is that i don't think you happy

Me: I am happy

OT: i will bring you lunch later on

Me: Ots..

He hung up..

I walked to my closet and got my bag then i walked downstairs Tshepi was eating breakfast and reading a newspaper..

I didn't know if i should turn back or what but i cannot keep on avoiding him, i walked in..

Me: M.. Morning

He kept quiet...

I headed to the door..

Him: You still not wearing your ring

Me: ohw i.. I forgot it in my other bag ill go and fetch it

Him: no need too it's not like you want people to know that you married

Me: that's not true

He folded the newspaper and stood up..

Him: enjoy your day

He took his things and walked out..

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TSHEPISO

It's difficult to find out that your wife is having an affair the crazy me would've killed both her and the person she's having an affair with but i have put Kresi through a lot, she has suffered a lot in my hands. If this is what she wants, if this guy makes her happy and she feels like she wanna be with him then i will let her go but she is not leaving with my Daughter..

Part 26

TSHEPISO

I was sitting in my office when a phone call from the reception came through that i have guests who want to see me, i told my receptionist to send them up and she did. It was Carl and Gesh, Gesh had a tub of ice cream with him..

Me: what are you two doing here don't you have work to do?

Carl: when our Homie is heartbroken work becomes the last thing on our minds

Me: I am not heart broken

They sat down..

Gesh: did you find the guy?

I looked at Carl..

Carl: i had to tell him in case you needed back up

Me: I don't need backup

Gesh: what did he just say?

Carl: I think he said he doesn't need backup

Me: because i am not going to kill anyone

They both looked at each other for a long time, then looked at me and laughed..

Carl: you got us right there

Me: im serious.. Im gonna let her go

Gesh: Let her.. You going to let your wife go?

Me: Yes

Carl: I don't understand

Gesh: i am very lost

Me: I realized that i haven't been a good husband to her, Kresi put up a lot with me and the only thing she's ever wanted was to be free was for me to let her go. It only took me now to realize that i have been selfish maybe another man can appreciate her better, maybe someone else can give her what she wants.

It was quiet for a while..

Carl: great speech but you can't let her go

Me: Carl i have made up my mind

Carl: You two have been to..

Gesh: I think he's right.. He should let her go

Me: I am not going to kill anyone i don't want my Daughter seeing me that way

Carl: you telling me that you moving on?

Me: Yeah I am moving on and staying away from the dating game for a while.. The only woman that's going to be in my life from hereon is my Daughter

Gesh: You accepting that Nissi has also moved on?

Me: she also deserves some happiness

Carl: who are you and what have you done with my homie?

Me: I guess there's a time when people just grow up in life

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KRESI

I was in my office lost deep in my thoughts i am not one of those women who cheat on their husbands, i don't know what happened. I don't know how i lost the ball..

Voice: I hope you sitting there and thinking about me

It was Otsile he had flowers with him...

Me: Hey

He walked in and put the flowers on my table..

Me: Thank you

Him: How are you

Me: I am good and you?

Him: I am fine.. Does he know?

I nodded..

Him: Is he going to come after me?

Me: He might

Him: What are you doing with Tpee?

Me: He is my husband

Him: How did you even meet him? Let alone agree to marry him

Me: Let me guess you don't like him?

Him: The Thobekgale's have been my clients for a long time i know Tpee's dirty secrets because I had to defend him a lot of times as his lawyer and let me tell you something, all the girls he has been with either they die, disappear, or they get damaged. Question is which category of those women do you fall under?

Me: I know Tpee is not the best okay but I love him! There's a tremendous change in my husband, he has changed from what he used to be

Him: don't defend him

He looked at me..

Him: He is a Thobekgale Kresi and that will never change. You deserve way better than him, you deserve someone who is going to love and appreciate you

Me: Otsile you and i we not going to work and i am definitely not leaving my husband for you

He stood up..

Him: Just think about it when i leave town i am not coming back i am dropping Vic as a client, I am moving to Port Elizabeth you and your daughter can come with me

He left...

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NISSI

I was driving to work when i decided to drive in at Engine garage to fuel up, i got out of the car and went inside to get the latest issue of People's magazine. I was busy browsing through on other magazines when I saw Shane standing at the Canteen getting coffee, that was odd when i left he was at his place and said he would leave later to attend some meeting. The most awkward thing was that he wasn't wearing the red bandanna around his arm, i looked closely and he had a gold wedding band in his left finger. There's no way, there's no way that Shane is married. As if that wasn't shocking enough some woman walked up to him, she was beautiful and had a beautiful body he put his arm around her shoulders...

They looked like a nice couple, very much in love. Shane was taking me for a ride!!!

Part 27

KRESI

On my lunch break i decided to go and see Tshepi i had the divorce papers with me once more i have always had them with me, multiples of copies that he has destroyed and this one was the last that i had. OT is a great guy, he has always cared for me and i know that he can treat me right 10 times better than how my husband has ever treated me..

The elevator opened and i walked out, i took a few deep breaths and made my way to his office. I knocked..

Him: come in

He said that without even looking at the door i walked in but stood at a far distance and looked at him, he stopped what he was doing and looked at me. We looked at each other for a while..

Him: Kresi what are you doing here?

Me: Just hear me out

I sighed..

Me: My old flame is back in town Otsile, he was my client back when i was still a..

I cleared my throat..

Me: He is back and he is asking me to go away with him

He didn't say anything..

Me: Otsile has always had a soft spot for me i know that he can treat me better and make me happy

Him: Are you here to gloat?

Me: No.. I am here because i love you, yes he might be perfect in all ways but i love you and i wanna be with you. Our marriage is not perfect but we always try to make it work shouldn't that count for something? I know that i am not Nissi and i can never be her. I am me and I should be enough for you

I walked over to him and gave him the divorce papers..

Me: I just want us to try one last time, i have made an appointment with Darci and i am going there now

I looked at the time..

Me: It's 13:00 if by 15:00 you don't show up then I know that you don't want us to work on our marriage you can sign the divorce papers and we will call it quits

I didn't even wait for him to say anything i just walked out, Darci is our Therapist..

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NISSI

I was soo upset with Shane that i drove up to his place he cannot play me like that, it's not right! When he opened i pushed him off the way and made my way in, he closed the door..

Shane: I was actually on my way out

He was wearing a red t-shirt now and black jeans with black sneakers, he had the red bandanna around his wrist..

Him: Are you okay?

I looked at him i was very mad...

Me: You are a bastard!!

Him: Excuse me?

Me: Why didn't you tell me that you married?

Him: What?

Me: I saw you Shane this morning with your wife looking all Cosy

I looked at his hand..

Me: Why did you take off your wedding ring?

I threw my bag at him..

Me: dishonest man like you make me mad!!! (shouting)

Him: Calm the fuck down i don't know what you talking about!!

Me: Stop lying to me! Stop with the lies!! Tell the truth!

Him: I would tell the truth if i knew what was going on

Me: You married!!

Him: I am not married!!

I attempted to walk away and he held me, i slapped him with the wrong hand and i inflicted pain on my wound..

Me: Ouch!!!

Him: Stop being crazy!!!

I looked at him..

Me: I don't cry Shane and i am not going to start today, i am not going to cry for you..

I got emotional

Shane: Babe i..

Me: You were wearing black okay a Tshirt that had a skull

Him: Ohhh Shit!!

He rubbed his eyes with his hand...

I wiped my tears..

Me: what excuse are going to come up with? That you have a clone or better yet a twin brother?

He put his hands in his pockets..

Me: Ohh my word you do have a twin?

Him: His name is Sean Cowen but known As Braga.. You must've seen him with his wife Funi

That was shocking..

Him: let me look at your hand

Me: No!! Leave me alone!!

I picked my bag up and headed to the door..

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KRESI

Darci and i we were silently sitting in her office it was now 15:10..

Darci: He is going to show up

Me: he was supposed to be here at 15:00

Darci: just 5 more minutes

I waited up until 15:13..

Me: He is not coming

I was broken this means my marriage is over..

I stood up..

Darci: Kresi

Me: Thank you Darci

I took my bag and went to the door i opened it and he was holding the door handle about to open it from the other side, he stood there and looked at me..

Him: I thought that since.. I.. I figured that if we going to work on our marriage you might need this

He took out my ring, i still couldn't believe that he showed up..

Him: Sorry that i am late

Me: You came

Him: I came

I dropped my bag and hugged him..

Me: You came to save our marriage

Him: I came because I love you and i wanna be with you

Part 28

NISSI

I didn't drive to the office my hand was bleeding instead i drove straight to Sean Cowen's surgery. I had Googled him and the results came with his surgery on where it was situated, the address and contact details. I have seen twins but i haven't seen twins who look alike such as Shane and Sean. I was confused and shocked, i mean shouldn't twins be close they supposed to be close but it seems like there's bad blood between Sean and Shane..

It wasn't full it was 3 patients with me being the last one. I sat there and waited for the receptionist to call me to come and open a file.....

I was called to come after a few minutes, i stood up and walked to the counter..

Him: Name and surname please

Me: Nissi Thobekgale

Him: cash or medical aid?

Me: medical aid

Him: consultation?

Me: Yes

Him: address and contact numbers

I gave him..

Him: Consultation is R400

Me: Okay

Him: you can go in while i run your medical aid in through the system

I took the file and made my way to the consulting room, as i was looking around i saw a door half opened. It was written "Dr Sean Cowen" then underneath it had a lot of qualifications..

I knocked..

Him: Come in

I walked in and he was standing at some bookshelf going through text books..

Me: I am here to consult

He turned and looked at me, i swear it seems as if like i was looking at Shane. My jaw was on the floor..

Him: Your file please

I gave him the file..

They had similar voices just that his was a bit scratchy..

I went and sat down as he did too..

Him: what seems to be the problem?

I just looked at him..

Him: Miss..

He checked my details at the front of my file..

Him: Miss Nissi Thobekgale

Me: uhmm my hand is bleeding

Him: You can sit on the bed ill come and check

I went and sat on the bed as he filled out the file..

When he was done he came to me...

Him: Let's see

I looked at him up close and the difference was that they have different eyes.. He had on latex gloves and was taking off my bandage..

Him: Let me guess you are dating my twin?

Me: Huh?

Him: And you came here to see if i really exist?

Me: I came here for my hand

Him: what happened to your hand?

Me: Why don't you guys get along? Brothers get along

Him: We are twins not Brothers

Me: Twins are close

Him: we are different twins

Me: something happened?

Him: maybe you should ask him

I nodded..

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SHANE

I had went to Riley we had to discuss how we going to go about in robbing a bank on Saturday..

Riley: Carl used to make this very simple

Me: so why can't we get Carl?

Riley: He is no longer a blood

Me: I see

Riley: You have been distant what's on your mind?

Me: Nothing much

Riley: Tpee's ex giving you a hard time?

Me: She found out that i had a twin after he saw Cowen with Funi at some garage

Riley: i guess that didn't go well

Me: not at all

Riley: Wait until he finds out you work for the guy who almost killed her

Me: You wanted to kill her?

Riley: Long time ago because of Tpee

Me: Wait so that means you can also kill her should i mess around?

Riley: pretty much

I don't like what i am hearing..

Me: Can it be possible for me to have this as my last heist?

Riley: You wanna leave the Bloods?

Me: It was never intended for me to be one remember?

Riley: She won't find out i won't snitch i don't know about Tpee though

Me: He has a wife i don't think he would interfere in Nissi's business

Riley: For your sake i hope so

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TPEE

After the session Kresi and i went our separate ways he went home and i had errands to run the first one being visiting OT, i might be working on my marriage but I haven't forgiven her for sleeping with our family Lawyer..

I rang the bell and he opened..

Him: Tpee?

I walked in..

Him: what a pleasant surprise

I looked around..

Him: I didn't know we had an appointment

Me: we don't

Him: then??

Me: I am here to warn you to stay
away from my wife

Him: Ohhh

Me: If you contact her i will kill you

Him: You always were big on violence

Me: Stay away from her

Him: no need she chose you anyway

He walked over to the kitchen..

Him: that woman loves you which i don't know why have no fear though i am going out of town

Me: Good!

Him: treat her well and then you won't have nothing to worry about

Part 29

KRESI

After we had dinner that night i went to wash dishes, Naledi was upstairs in her room doing her homework and Tshepi was in the lounge watching TV. We haven't said a word to each other since he got back home, even when we were eating dinner he seemed to not be in a good mood so i let him be..

After washing dishes i wanted upstairs but there's no use for us to be busy ignoring each other so i became the bigger person and went to him...

Me: Hey

I sat down on the couch next to him..

Me: How did you find the session today?

Him: Talking about my wife fucking another guy to a total stranger is not something that excites me

Me: I thought you were all for it

Him: No i am doing it because it's something that you want to do trust me therapy is useless it has never worked for me!

Me: What are you really upset about?

He kept quiet for a while..

Him: Am i that much of a horrible husband for you that you had to go back to your old ways which is prostitution? Sleeping with Otsile as if like you not married! handing yourself that easy to him as a cheap slut?

Me: I don't wanna fight Tshepi, i am tired of always fighting with you. We have been doing this for approximately 14 years, i don't wanna fight anymore i am seriously tired

Him: We fighting because of you! Our marriage was coming along fine until you had to be a prostitute again! The level of disgust that I have for you right now is choking me!

I took off my ring and put it on his thigh..

Me: I am tired i don't wanna do this anymore, this is not how a person should live. I am taking my Daughter and we moving out until you seek professional help for your temper

I stood up and as i was about to walk away he got a hold of me and threw me on the small coffee table that was centered in the middle..

Him: You fuck another man and you expect me to smile about it?

I was starting to get scared i haven't seen him this angry in a long time.

He was raving like a mad person and spitting on me, i was trying to get up all crying when i heard Naledi scream..

Naledi: Daddy stop!!!!!!!!!!

She was standing at the stairs looking very scared, Tshepi came back to his senses...

Him: Poonkie

Naledi ran upstairs, i got up from there and i was in pain. My right shoulder felt dislocated..

Him: Kr..

Me: Don't...Just don't!

I limped my way upstairs to pack my things and my Daughter's things, we are done i am moving out and i am taking my Daughter with me...

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NISSI

I opened the door and Shane was standing there..

Him: Hi

I looked at him and didn't say anything..

Shane: Can i come in?

I still looked at him..

Him: Please

I moved and he made his way in..

He looked around..

Him: Nice house

Me: What do you want Shane? And how did you find my house?

He extended his hand to me..

Him: My name is Shane Cowen, i have a twin and i rob banks for a living

I looked at his hand...

Him: We starting over

I looked at him..

Him: I am sorry i didn't tell you about my twin

Me: It's funny because he also refers to you as his twin and not Brother

Him: We twins not Brothers

Vic walked in..

Vic: I didn't know we had a visitor

Me: This is Shane, he is..

Shane: Boyfriend.. I am her boyfriend

Vic: So you the guy who has been making my Daughter do sleep outs?

Shane shrugged his shoulders..

Vic: Join us for Dinner

Shane: After you

We all walked out of the kitchen to the dining area..

Vic: So Shane Nissi here is a Pharmacist what is it that you do?

Shane: I rob banks

Me: Shane..

Vic: Is that some kind of a joke?

Shane: No Sir it's not

Vic: In other words you are a thug?

Shane: Pretty much

Vic looked at me..

Vic: You sure know how to pick them don't you?

I kept quiet..

The house phone rang..

Vic: I'll get that

He stood up and went, Shane and i looked at each other then laughed..

Me: Really?

Him: I am being honest isn't that what you want?

I smiled..

Him: does that mean i am forgiven?

Me: Probably

He leaned over and kissed me..

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TSHEPISO

Kresi finally took my Daughter and went i couldn't stop them because Naledi seemed scared of me, my own Daughter is now scared of me

I had turned the bedroom upside down i was that angry with myself, on the other hand she told me that she will only come back if I seek professional help. I don't see myself seeing a therapist..

Part 30

[3 MONTHS LATER]

NISSI

I sat there and waited for my turn i was very nervous because Shane wasn't here, he was held up somewhere. I looked at my ring wasn't a wedding ring neither an engagement ring, just a commitment ring. Shane got me a beautiful small diamond ring as his way of committing himself to me. I love him but i don't wanna marry him anytime soon, i think our relationship is good as it is for now and marriage is a big step that i am not yet prepared to take. My phone rang and I took it out, it was him..

Me: Where are you?

Him: I am sorry i can't come

Me: what do you mean that you can't come?

The receptionist called me..

Me: Shane i am about to go in

Him: Just for today i can't come

I hung up my phone..

Receptionist: Miss Thobekgale?

I stood up got my file and went in..

Cowen: You are becoming a regular patient

I went and gave him my file then went to sit on the bed, he opened it and went through it..

Cowen: I am a surgeon, a heart surgeon i am not a gynecologist

Me: So?

Cowen: How far long are you?

Me: two months

Cowen: 8 weeks pregnant you still in your first trimester.. Is there a problem with your pregnancy?

Me: I had an abortion a few years ago and i was told that i can never conceive because my womb was scarred and today i am 2 months pregnant

Cowen: Is this your first pregnancy since the abortion?

Me: Yes

Cowen: look i can refer you to a gynecologist that i trust

Me: do you think I can carry this baby full term without miscarrying?

Cowen: you carried the baby up to this far there is a possibility have you experienced anything out of the ordinary?

Me: No

Cowen: Then you still fine stop stressing

I closed my eyes and exhaled..

Cowen: Is it Shane's?

Me: Yes and you are going to be an Uncle

He chuckled..

Cowen: I hardly think so

Me: Stop it! Stop it right now! You two are twin brothers at some point you will have to squash the beef! You are the spitting image of each other! All this cat and mice game both of you are playing has to stop!

I got down from the bed..

Cowen: Can i give you the gynecologist's details?

Me: Yes Please!!

He wrote them down..

We heard a knock at the door, i turned and it was Cowen's wife looked exactly as how i saw her that day at Engen garage..

Her: Didn't realize you were with a patient

Cowen: It's fine you can come in

She walked in and greeted me..

Her: Shane is sitting at the reception i thought it was you

Me: He is here?

She gave me a weird look..

Cowen: Nissi.. She is Shane's girlfriend

Her: Really? I am Funi.. I am his wife

Me: I am pregnant

Her: Congratulations i guess

Me: My womb is scarred

Cowen: I don't think you need to be telling people that

Me: I am not talking to you, your Brother is at the receptionist you should be going to talk to him

I looked at Funi..

Me: I am inviting you for dinner at our place

Her: You guys live together?

Me: Yes ever since we found out that I am pregnant

Her: You seem really sweet and everything but dinner is not going to work

Voice: You shouldn't even be here right now

Shane walked in..

Shane: Come let's go

I looked at Cowen..

Me: Thank you i will see you around

Cowen: I am not a Gynae

Me: You are a Doctor!!

Shane held my hand and we walked out..

Shane: I know that you are pregnant and a little bit crazy but stop it okay? Stop coming here!

Me: But..

Shane: No buts Nissi!

He contained himself..

Shane: Maybe me and him might make peace somewhere in the near future just not now okay?

Me: Fine

Shane: are we gonna stop forcing the issue?

Me: I guess so

Shane: we should be focusing on you and making sure that you carry this baby full term

Me: I guess so

He kissed me on my forehead..

Shane: You are a piece of work

Me: Can we then go find this Gynecologist

I gave him the paper..

He looked at me..

Shane: don't stress because you are going to carry this baby full term

He put his hand on my tummy, i rested my head on his chest..

Me: I hope so

Shane: I love you

Me: I love you too

If i didn't give up my past (Tpee) i wouldn't have known my future (Shane), sometimes moving on from your past can lead you into a brighter future. I am looking forward to spending all my life with Shane, i am happy with him and I know that this is a start of a new and better life.. Sometimes you have to move on from your past so that you can realize your future..

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KRESI

Once upon a time Tshepi and i were a couple living together and today we cannot be in the presence of each other without our lawyers. It's amazing how life can just take a different turn..

I looked at my Lawyer...

Me: He can have it all i don't even want his money

Tshepi leaned over and whispered to his Lawyer, his lawyer looked at me.

Him: My client is giving you the house because he won't have any use for it, he is moving to London

I felt a sharp pain as if like a needle was piercing through my heart. He is moving to London?

He looked at me..

Tshepi: All i want from this divorce is to still see my Daughter maybe have her fly to London to visit me on June and December holidays, i want to Skype her every day and call her

Everyone looked at me, my lawyer shook me a little..

Him: Are you okay?

I nodded, and cleared my throat..

Me: I am fine... Uhmm he can have that as long as he still continues with therapy

Tshepi: My therapist has given me contacts of a good therapist in London that i can see

It was not supposed to be like this, he has been going to therapy ever since Naledi and i moved out. I thought we were going to fix things, now that he is moving so far away it means that it's truly over...

He took the pen and signed the divorce papers. All those times me serving him with divorce papers and him refusing to sign, but today he is finally hindering my request...

After signing it was my turn to sign, my eyes were full of tears. It is really over...

I signed the papers..

Me: are we done?

My lawyer looked at me..

Him: For today i believe so

I stood up and took my bag then walked out..

Tshepi: Kresi..

He ran after me and grabbed my arm..

Him: Are you alright?

Me: You are leaving?

Him: There's nothing left for me here anymore sometimes it's good to go and start over somewhere else where no one knows you

Me: but i.. I love you and you were getting help

Him: I love you too.. I love you enough to let you go

Me: Don't do this

Him: I am sorry.. I should've let you go long time ago

Me: What about Naledi?

Him: After what happened it's gonna take a while before she can forgive me and trust me again

He wiped my tears..

Him: Goodbye Kresi

He kissed me one last time and then after he walked away, a piece of my heart was taken away from me i should be happy that he has finally let me go but how do i move on from here without him? My life has always been about him. Maybe one day we will find our way back to each other again..

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*****THE END*****