

Intro:

I woke up to chopper sounds and red, blue and green lights in my room from my window. Before I could even get up to the window my door busted open and I watched more than 5 men with guns walk in my small bachelor pad with guns screaming clear... clear... then one tall guy stood before me Amari?... Amari Thusi?. I nodded and looked at him.

“ kindly come with me” there was silence as I stood there with my pj pants and my baggy top.

“ Uhm... Am I under arrest?”

He moved closer and looked right at me.

“ it’s about your husband” I took a deep breath relaxing cause this is not me. I have no husband.

“ I think you have the wrong Amari... I have no husband” he took out his phone and showed me a photo of myself graduating at varsity.

“ this is you?” He asked. And I nodded.

“ well I got the right Amari, kindly come with us please” I don’t know how I moved but I moved with them and got outside to see a barricade of cars, huge cars that had my neighbours outside. I saw one big one that had SWAT and my heart jumped to my throat. I was silent all the way in a car with four men. I played nervously with my phone and said nothing, tried my best to stay calm.

“ he is in surgery, not sure the extent of his injuries yet but his going to pull through, we couldn’t move him to a military base hospital cause we didn’t want to burn his cover and....”

“Stop please!!!” I mumbled and there was silence as they looked at me.

“I still think you got the wrong Amari!!!” My voice was calm but I had fear beneath that cool outlook I gave. He looked at me for some time as if he believed me but said nothing and then we parked at the back of the hospital and the two guys in suits each one was besides me. And before I knew it people came running out of nowhere and started taking photos and asking questions and all screaming at once as I hid my face from the light and the two guards walked me to the hospital but one of the reporters showed her camera and mic on me with “ how do you know the billionaire Mlungisi Vilakazi?” I said nothing cause I don’t know him other then that he owns half of Johannesburg and he is one private person with no drama and all we know is his business moves, that all he ever shares. My name is Amari Thusi and welcome to my world 🌸

#1

Amari

I had the guards walk me in silence to a private waiting room where I stood there in silence looking at everyone that was in there. Mainly it was people in uniforms and suits and classy dresses. I was the only one wearing morning shoes, my long grey Pep Store pant and baggy white top with grey jersey. My hair was an untidy bun that I usually wear to sleep. It felt like it was an office meeting but I knew it was 3am. My phone was vibrating so I looked to see my best friend Lisa. I moved to the corner and answered.

Lisa: where you?

I told her the hospital.

Lisa: They said you arrested, why the hospital?

“ Uhm “ I looked around to see all eyes on me.

“ i cant talk” I mumbled.

Lisa: I'll be there in 30 min.

“ thank you” she hang up and I turned to look at them not saying a word when the door opened and a tall beautiful woman in a red dress wearing black Sillitoe shoes walked in. She smelt of power and was definitely a woman of power. She walked right towards me then looked at me head to toe and moved to the door that was on the right opened it and moved her head for me to follow and I did and when I turned she was right there looking at me with nothing but kindness and that strong dont fuck with me aura was gone.

“ am Thobeka, your lawyer.. well Mlu lawyer making me your lawyer since you guys are married. “

“ I think...”

Thobeka: Look I know this is new but we were going to finally tell you but we have no time to brief you. ... she opened her briefcase took a box out.

Thobeka: Your ring. She opened it and I looked at her as if she crazy.

Thobeka: You only have 10 minute before the whole Vilakazi clan gets here... wear it please. She grabbed my hand and her perfectly manicured fingers shoved the ring on my finger then she took a box again and took out a chain the tinny diamonds screamed money and then handed me keys and a purse. She kindly moved me around and then put the chain around my neck and turned me around and smiled.

Thobeka: I really wish I was doing this under normal circumstances but I know you have questions and I have no answers just following what I was told to do. You and Mlu are married, legally married, those keys are for the

the house that you stay with him in, I made sure all your clothes are there. That purse has money and cards that you can use to do as you please. I can't force you to be here but he trusts you with all his life and he left everything in your power if anything shall ever happen to him. She stopped talking and I looked at her as she looked at me.

Thobeka: I don't know what made him pick you but his never wrong on people characters. She closed her bag and walked out of the room leaving me standing there with my head spinning and a million questions running through my mind. What the fuck is happening here!!!....

#2

Amari

I took a few deep breathes and walked out the room with the wallet and keys just as black excellence walked in. I say black excellence cause of how they carried themselves. They demanded respect with each step they took, they smelt of intelligence without them speaking and they had an aura of money.

“ who do I speak to about my son!!!” The older woman who was wearing a classy grey dress with pearls at 3 fucken in the morning spoke and the older version of Mlungisi walked closer to her with his head up high looking around the room and just then the doctor came out with a clip board.

Doctor : Amari Thusi?

I don't know how I spoke and raise my hand but I did and all eyes were on me as well as the doctor just as Lisa walked in dressed in pj just like me, making me feel

sane that it's 3am. She held my hand with confusion and I was so grateful for her.

Doctor: I need you to fill in these forms about your husband, the doctor working on him will be out to speak with you soon about his progress. The whole room erupted at once as he handed me the clipboard. I watched the people in suits look at me with new found respect so automatically I knew they work for him. The men in uniform too and then his family all mumbling and Lisa... well Lisa just stared at me and I looked at the board with my hands shaking. I looked at the information that there and sat down then opened my purse and looked through it, then Lisa held my hands that were shaking and I looked at her with tears rolling down my face. Someone walked towards us and stood there looking at me.

Her: I can ask dad to help with that. I looked at the board and nodded as she took it and left to her family where there were all mumbling.

Lisa: Talk to me babe. She whispered.

"I don't know what to say" then two guys walked in and they needed no introduction cause they had police on them just as another Doctor walked out.

"Mrs Vilakazi" I felt Lisa squeeze me. I got up and moved towards the doctor.

Doctor: Your husband out of surgery... we located 4 of the 5 bullets... one is lodged on his left leg, we waiting for it to move since it lodged in an area we can not operate on. That means he won't use his leg for a while but he was lucky that it things we can manage. He looked at me as if waiting for something.

"the other 4 were where?"

Doctor: one punched his lung

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one punched his gut, two his shoulder.

“ the lung?”

Doctor: was repaired and his holding good at the moment.

“ I can see him?”

Doctor: Yes.

“ thank you”

Doctor: his out of it will be for a few hours but every four hours we will check and remove the pipes he currently have on him.

“ thank you” he nodded .

Doctor: Uhm, his insurance has a clause only you and Mpumelelo are allowed in his room if anything was to ever happen to him. I nodded and looked at the kind girl that came for the clipboard, made sense why her though. The rest looked like they are hard ball but what do I know of his family when I don't even know him. I walked behind the doctor and felt a little dizzy and shifted to the wall and I could feel everyone eyes on me. This is not happening to me, I can't be married. The real Amari will walk in now and... I felt delicate hands and I looked up to see mpumelelo the same girl who offered to help with the clipboard.

Mpumelelo: Hey, you heard the doctor. His okay. I gave her a weak smile. And took all my strength and walked the short distance to a room filled with machines everywhere his body was covered in tubes. I moved closer and looked at him then I felt sick as I ran out of the room to the bathroom and started vomiting. This is why I dropped out of Med school. I spilled my guts out and flushed then walked out and found Lisa standing there.

“Am fine”

Lisa: I feel like we dreaming and the cops are out there asking questions and...

“ I don’t know what happening but...” the door opened and one of the Vilakazi walked in and i washed my mouth and walked out of there with the purse and keys. If he doesn’t trust them to come near him when his half dead, then why should I?...

#3

Amari

The cops walked towards me and I looked at Lisa.

Lisa: Can you please come back tomorrow?

The whole room went silent.

Cop 1: it’s my understanding that no one knew of a Mrs Vilakazi until today?

Lisa: we all aware that Mr Vilakazi is a private person?

Tell me his favourite colour? There was silence.

Cop 2: Even his family?

“ we not that close” everyone turned to Mpumelelo.

Mpumelelo: you may see us on magazines or TV or wherever and say “ I wanna be like the Vilakazi’s but we not that close!!!”

Mrs Vilakazi: Lelo!!!! She walked closer took out a piece of paper handed it to the cops.

Mpumelelo: That a copy of their marriage certificate, found it in his house during my last visit there and that how I knew of her. She ain’t a fraud, they have been married for the last 10 years. She was just shy of 18 when it happened.... read that part from a journal he forgot on his desk where I was snooping. Everyone gasped including me.

Cop1: and you carry this?

Mpumelelo: just in case he was dead today, was gonna show it to my family so she gets what due to her.

Mr Vilakazi: Lelo!!!

I felt my heart beat a million times. I've been married for ten years and I had no idea? Ten fucking years? This kid better be kidding, this kid better be taking orders from her brother to lie on his behalf cause I can't be married for ten years and don't know it. I wiped my face and looked at them gasp. And I and a couple of people in the room looked at them confused.

Mpumelelo: She wearing mama ring. I saw tears on her face and I saw the other girl and guy walk towards me as if in a trance. The air was cold and the room was dead silent as they move closer towards me. The other lady about my age lifted my hand and touched the ring then I watched Mr Vilakazi senior come to me and stood before me with tears in his eyes.

“ You must be really special to be wearing this” he touched my hand and lifted it to his lips kissing the ring as if am some queen and I looked at his wife standing awkwardly. okay now am totally confused, why am I wearing his mother ring when his mother is still alive and standing awkwardly next to that water tank?.

“ Malwandethat my name “

I nodded because I had no voice and the guy that looked like her twin looked at me.

“ Mpiyakhe”

Mpumelelo: You know me.

I smiled at her.

Mr Vilakazi: It was rude of our son to not introduce you to us. It's a pleasure to meet you.

Mrs Vilakazi: Thank you for coming through and but I'll like this family to be left alone. She looked at the men and woman in uniform.

I watched the men and woman in uniform leave apart one guy in full army, with a gun and look horrific his the same dude who did all the talking when he snatched me from my house. Lisa sat behind me and I knew she wasn't leaving and so did the two cops. I cleared my throat but what could I say? Hey let me see that copy? Or hey am the wrong Amari or hey this is all messed up? Then what happens? What happens to Mlungisi? He trusted me, trusted me enough to give me his mother ring and..... my mind came back with a piece I read before that Mlungisi survived a car crash that had him and his baby sister Mpumelelo. He was 17 that time and his mom was picking them up from soccer practice. I looked at my finger which had his late mother ring and wiped a tear as I got so emotional.

"Am sorry for your loss, I know she meant everything to you guys " as if the silence could have gotten any more dead. There was utter silence.

Cop 2: do you know anyone who will like to have your husband killed.

I looked around and looked at the guy at the corner that blended with the furniture.

" can we do this tomorrow please" they nodded and handed me a card as they left and I sat on the couch with a sigh.

Mrs Vilakazi: things do get better. I looked at her and a nodded with a polite smile.

Mpumelelo: Remember we left the twins at home alone, it's okay I'll stay here and you guys can go. I watched the other siblings hesitate but give in and left with his

mom and dad. She sat a little far from us with a sigh. And some how I felt some sense of relief and I looked at her.

“ thank you”

Mpumelelo: You must mean the world for him to marry you... after what happened between mom and dad, he told himself he will never get married yet here you are.... she closes her eyes and I swallowed hard and looked at Lisa who looked as terrified as I was for me and I looked at the guy who was hard to miss since he was so silent.

Him: My job is to be in every room that you are in Ma'am. I nodded and got up walking to him.

“ you knew about me?”

Him: For ten years

“ your name?”

Him: Snitch

I looked at him.

“ I doubt your parents named you that”

Snitch: That all am giving you.

“ so much for being a snitch” he smiled with looked weird on his serious face.

“ who do I trust “ I whispered only for us to hear and he looked at me with worry then looked at Mpumelelo and then Lisa and sigh.

Snitch: who are you with right now?. I nodded and walked to my friend Lisa and she hugged me and that all I needed as I cried the tension away....

#4

Mlungisi

I could feel pain all over me and I knew I was alive. I felt heavy and I felt like something was on my chest. I laid there and tried to open my heavy eyes but I couldn't. So I just lay there and kept quiet when I heard someone walk in and by the echo of heels on the floor I knew it was my baby sister Lelo.

Lelo: Hey... Amari...Amari wake up.

My heart quicken... she came? She came and she stayed? Is she wearing the ring? I heard the beep go up and I heard shuffling and a soft touch on my arm as I smelled Flowers. Am not sure what flower she smelled off but it was so heavenly.

“ his heart rate going up, maybe his not okay, should I call a doctor or.....”

I felt the panic in her voice and I smelt coffee and I knew my baby sister was near.

Lelo: I think you need to calm down and you need to get out more. It's been two days and day and night you are here. There was silence.

Amari: The reporters out there....

Lelo: ignore them. She sighed and I heard a chair give in to her weight.

Amari: This is all new to me, I.... she sighed and there was silence.

Lelo: I got you some muffins and coffee... am going to work and I'll see you lunch time.

Amari: Thank you.

Lelo: Think about it, you can't live here, you heard the doctor his doing good.

Amari: Thanks. There was shuffling and then her heels moving away. So she been by my side all along? Never left the hospital? Maybe I should wake up and give her life back.

Amari

My phone beeped and I checked it was Lisa with a clip and I pressed play.

SABC news : two days ago one of the most wealthiest business man Mlungisi Vilakazi was shot 5 times and is stable. A few hours after his admission a woman (a picture of me with my hand covering my face wearing pj was shown) walked in with heavy arms and has been in his room by his side ever since. Everyone is intrigued by this as later that morning his family members left. No one is willing to give us a comment on the woman and a source from inside the hospital...

“ too loud” I jumped and the phone fell as I picked it up and switched it off and slowly walked to the bed to see him staring right at me.

“ your phone is too loud” his voice was calm, his eyes dark greyish. His facial hair growing awkwardly around him.

“ sorry”

Mlungisi: It's okay, I was up. The coffee smell woke me up. I looked at the empty cup that I had hours ago when Lelo was here and I looked at him. We were both quiet.

Mlungisi: You look awful

“ yeah, that what happens when you learn your husband is in hospital and 48 hours ago you never had one or a card that has a balance above R2.14 cent.” He smiled then winced in pain and I moved closer then froze. Why do I bother cause his up.

Mlungisi: Sorry about that.

“ now that you up, you can undo it... I can go back to my little apartment with an easy conscious that I did not leave a dying man to die alone and....

Mlungisi: Is that why you been sleeping on the hospital couch by my side? The fear of leaving a dying man? I kept quiet and looked at him as I see he is sweating.
“ are you okay?”

Mlungisi: Feeling cold...

“ yet you sweating” I lean on him and touch him. He was burning up. I reached for a buzzer just as he started shaking and I felt my heart sink. Oh no way, you ain't dying on me that when machine went crazy and nurses and doctors came running when a nurse pushed me outside and I felt tears all over my face then I felt strong arms and turned to see snitch and I threw myself in him crying and talking.

“ his was up...talking and.....”

Snitch: his okay!! That all he said and but the panicking had me rigid in fear.... He can't die.... he can't die after I was so mean. Oh lord he can't die!!!!

#5

Amari

It's been more then 3 hours since the doctors were in there. Lisa came through dropped lunch and some changing clothes from my apartment which was fixed according to her and left. At some point Mr Vilakazi came through and left to a meeting. Snitch was always there standing guard and being part of the furniture. The doctor walked out looking defeated.

“ his alive?”

Doctor: Yes the bullet moved so we were able to operate and take it out, we not sure of the extent of the damage on the muscle but will be able to do more tests when his up if the leg is mobile or not.

“ okay so what now?”

Doctor: wait for the meds to wear off and then run test and observe all his wounds

“ thank you” he left and I turned to look at snitch grinning and he stood there looking at me as if am crazy.

Mlungisi

I woke up to darkness but a blue light and I looked at her sitting darkness with glasses on looking at the laptop screen reading something.

“ you here?” She turned to look at me and I saw the most beautiful grin ever. She switched off her laptop and walked to the lights and switched it on.

Amari: couldn't leave not knowing you dead or not

“ would have been nice if I was dead, means you become a billionaire without a husband”

Amari: and have your family drag me to court? That made me laugh and she smiled came and sat next to me.

Amari: you took ten years of my life without consent.

“ I had consent just not from you.” I looked at him to continue.

“ not now but there no going back now Amari, the people that want me dead might know about you and want you dead too. So your survival options are better off with me

“ I coughed a bit since my voice was rough and she automatically took a glass of water and helped me drink and I grinned.

“ I see you warming up to the idea of marriage” she snorted.

Amari: Should have let you choke on your cough. I laughed and she smiled. This is better then I figured it will be.

“ am sorry I dragged you into this “

Amari: at least answer all my questions.

“ all in good time... all in good time” she shifted and I saw the uneasiness I moved my hand to cover hers and I touched my mother ring on her finger making me smile and some how I had some sense of peace.

“ I need to know if you in this with me”

She looked at me for some time not saying a word and then wiped a tear.

Amari: your mom already hates me so I guess there is no harm.I laughed at her and she smiled.

“ she something else”

Amari: I noticed. We were both silent for a while.

“ we going to be okay”

Amari: yeah, now teach me how to be a billionaire wife. She arched her back and sat like a statue and I laughed at her.

“ be you... that all I want... you!!!”...

#6

Amari

My 3 days has been me spending all my days in the hospital. I think that Iv automatically moved in here.some days were good and some days were simply awful but in all I stayed and today was that awful day.

Mpumelelo: you cannot ignore them for forever!!! She screamed at Mlungisi who looked at her with a cold face, Iv seen him warm up to her in all her visits but today he was cold, he was distant and it was hard seeing him be this hard ball.

Mlungisi: I think you have over stayed your welcome Lelo.

Mpumelelo: You going to cut me off too?

“ am going to go get something to eat”

Mpumelelo: it's fine!!!... I'll leave... but you punishing dad and he lost a wife too that day!!! She grabbed her bag and left and I stood there feeling out of place.

“ am going to get something to eat” he never said anything just closed his eyes and laid there. I walked out of the room and found snitch there, today he had full black and I saw Mr Vilakazi too.

Mr Vilakazi: he still won't see me?

“ am sorry”

Mr Vilakazi: It's been 15 years since he has said a word to me or ever been in the same room as I. I felt the sadness of his voice.

“ give him time “ he grinned being the exact replica of him.

Mr Vilakazi: Yeah... time... he walked closer touched my hand with the ring and smiled a smile full of love.

Mr Vilakazi: Before I knew about you, I lost all hope, seeing you and seeing that ring on your finger gives me hope that maybe... just maybe he has forgiven me. He walked out of the waiting room and I stood there looking at snitch and he looked away. I made my way to the shop to get something. The staff knows me and they are kind. I ordered our food , today I had on a joggers and a hoodie. I had white sneakers and my hair was neatly combed and within minutes I had reporters and cameras flashed as I tried my best to move out of the way but I couldn't when I felt strong arms snatched me and it was snitch. He moved me in front of him and we walked out of that room and I went into the bathroom and closed the door and screamed my lungs off. When I was done I washed my face and stormed out to his room.

“ am not made for this... I can't have reporters follow me everywhere all the damn time and have questions and have my every fucken move predicted and questioned and..... (I took a deep breath) this is not me... this is not a life I want and this is certainly something I never signed up for!!!!” I looked at him and he said nothing just looked at me. I turned to see snitch standing there looking in.

Mlungisi: his going to drive you home you need proper rest not the hospital couch, he will bring you back later. I stood there and looked at him feeling the tears roll down and he looked at me.

Mlungisi: Am sorry.

“ go fuck yourself...” I turned and left him there and snitched moved I turned fast.

“ you follow me, I'll scream... I know where my apartment is!!!!”

Mlungisi: Uhm...

I gave him one look that shut him up and I walked out... I know going to my apartment is not an option but I wish things could go back to normal, I wish I could go back to my job and my apartment and life before marriage. I wish I could go back to being Amari Thusi, the girl that lost both her parents in a Robbery that went wrong. I wanted my life before I was rudely waken up at 3am in the morning. I stood by the corridor and waited for snitch who I knew would follow. A few seconds later he walks towards me and stood before me.

Snitch: 10 years ago when he told me about you I told him his crazy but look at you... 4 days later you still here and standing your ground. He needs you, he might not tell you in many words but he needs you. I said nothing and he smiled then walked with me to the car that was

outside with the guy wearing a suit and he got in with me and drove off as I closed my eyes. Maybe his right, maybe I need to sleep a proper sleep....

#7

Mr Vilakazi senior

I walked home to find my wife with the twins the last borns who are now 13.

Tshepho: you look tired

Tshepi: yeah dad, you good?

“ am good Angel, come give me a kiss.” She did and they left me with their mother.

MaSimelane: Did he allow you in?

“ nope, Mpumelelo screamed her lungs off and still nothing”

MaSimelane: And the wife?

“ A sweet soul but still nothing”

MaSimelane: His married so there is hope. Things are not as bad as they were a few days ago.

“ but the pain of waking up everyday and knowing your oldest son wants nothing to do with you. He got married MaSimelane, married a whole human being for ten years and said nothing to any of us, he never even invited us to the wedding all because I married you... All because I thought I was doing right by marrying you and giving them a mother figure after the death of their beloved mother instead he packs his shit and leave and never sets foot in his home not speak to the man that fathered him!!!... I know he blames me for Nonhlanhla death but am his father!!!”

Amari

I feel like am in a movie and at some point they going to say cut!!! And everything will go back to normal cause no ways... no ways this is a house. Last saw houses like this on You magazines when I used to read about Angelina And Brad Pitt. The gate opened and we drove through a house that in a middle of a beautiful yard made out of stone and glass. It was like am at some building in Sandton. The car parked and They open the door for me and I walked with snitch who opened the door for me and stood there as I walked in the most beautiful foyer ever. I turned and looked at Snitch. Snitch: the pool house has the staff staying there. The house phone is in the kitchen and next to it is numbers of everyone that you can call to help in the house. Remember everywhere you go, I go.

“ seriously?”

Snitch: Been doing it the last ten years so nothing gonna stop now! I stood there frozen, is he saying his been following me for ten years?

“ Uhm... am not sure if I heard you”

Snitch: My number on that pad if you need me. He opened the door and I stood there as he left. I walked in and my eyes couldn't believe everything that in there. It was the most simplest of interior but elegant and classy. It's was those “ hey welcome to my crib” moments as I touched the reach leather seats, the strong oak furnitures and the marble floors. I walked to the kitchen where I could fit my whole apartment. It's was fully black and looked spotless as if no one has ever cooked in it. I walked towards the two huge black doors and stood there cause I didn't know where to touch to open it and then I watched the glass become clear and I looked right into a fridge. A flippen walk in fridge. I placed my hand

where there was a hand and it opened. He has my finger prints... he has my fucken finger prints. I fished out my phone calling Lisa.

“ I think am losing my mind”

Lisa: I can knock off work early.

“ I know the past few days Iv been asking to much of you but am losing it Lisa, am losing myself and am losing what's real and what not and I feel like am going crazy. I know I can leave and say “ fuck this” and go back to my normal life but something says I must stay... I must stay and see this through but how do you stay when you standing in front of a fridge that has your finger prints to open it??” I heard her laugh on the other end.

Lisa: Send your location, I'll be there. Work can miss me,I wanna see this fridge!!!....

#7

Lisa

I know I should be telling her the truth right now. I know I should be telling her that me bumping into her years ago was no mistake. I know I should be telling her that my boss... that when I say am at work am actually talking about “ VilakaZi arm response “ I know I should be telling her that every month for the past 9 years Iv been collecting a big fat check as her body guard and assistance. But how do I tell her that through all that i became a friend? I valued her friendship and even if the cheques stop coming I'll still be there for her? How do I even begin this conversation? I walked to the door of the home Iv driven too so many times before to give a report

on things and ring the bell. Few minutes later she opened the door wearing a baggy top and shorts. Amari: never mind the fridge let skip to my closet. I laughed cause i helped pick those clothes some of them. We ran to the stairs screaming like kids and got to the bedroom where she ran to the closet like a kid and we got in and laughed and played dress up. As always she gave me a few of her clothes that looked good on me.

“ never change who you are Amari... your soul and forever being kind. Don't” she smiled and looked at me sipping the bottle of water.

Amari: I feel like am dreaming, growing up I used to dream of such and now look at me. Married to a stranger that giving me my dreams in a platter.

“What you think of him?”

Amari: I get cheeky in his presence... it's like everything comes burning down on me and I just become cheeky and obviously I have no filter.

I smiled cause that one thing I love about her.

Amari: I feel like he knows me so well and I know nothing about him. I don't even know what his favourite colour.

“ you just ended things with that ass whole so maybe this is God answering your prayers”

She nodded and looked at me and for a second there I thought she would cry.

Amari: I cheated on my husband. She looked at me and we rolled on the floor laughing.

“ you didn't know you were married”

Amari: if only I knew, I would have let him play me like he did.

“ well now you know... so what now”

She was silent for a while then looked at me.

Amari: I have no family... maybe this is god giving me a chance to create a family that loves and values me.

Maybe this is my chance of a happily ever after. My aunts and grandma never wanted me. If I didn't get that bursary, who knows where I would be? What would have become of me. So I think am giving this a chance. I know how much acceptance means to her. I grinned and looked at her. Will she accept my friendship after she finds out that her husband hired me to be her friend? Will she understand my job? That as an agent you fit in everywhere? Will she understand that she is the reason my family went to sleep with a full belly?

Amari: And I have you I think I'll be okay. I grinned as she side hugged me.

" yeah... you have me...." why do I feel like a fraud at this moment!!!

Mlungisi

After she left I called Thobeka in. She was standing by door looking at me with furry in her eyes.

" I know am the worse husband ever"

Thobeka: She was a mess

" I can only imagine"

Thobeka: she needs to know what she getting into, your family drama. Your agreement with her father.

Everything. You need to lay it out to her even the intervention of you making sure she studies even the Lisa saga. She has to know where she stands with you and how her life is entwined with yours.

" am going to speak to her, all I need to know is where I stand legally with the courts given I was shot doing the government a favour?"

Thobeka: The department of justice is silent but the Flag A team is still operational tracking down the guy that shot you and your wife is safely in your presence and a detail team is on your family just in case they retaliate towards them

“ okay, thanks”

She nodded and looked at me.

Thobeka: am dropping the non disclosure papers at Lebohang after this and the settlement and I'll drop the leak of you being married to Amari for the past ten years with the information you okay to print.

“ cool, hopefully this opens up whoever wants to kill me to come for us so it easier to trap them”

Thobeka: Means when you get out of here you be more human and visible. And of cause pay attention to Amari needs as much as she is paying attention to yours right now.

“ thank you... take care of lebohang saga please”

Thobeka: I'll let you know how it goes with that!!!...

#8

Lebohang

I watched her park her black BMW and I knew that things are about to be serious. Yes Iv signed a million things before sometimes I don't even ask cause immediately afterwards I get a cheque. She got out and walked towards the door and I moved to let her in. We walked to the lounge and she took out her brief case and placed papers on the desk.

“ is he okay?”

Thobeka: Yes

“ the the papers?”

Thobeka handed me a pen and I signed it then she took scans of it as usual leaving the papers for me to read later.

Thobeka: a car will be delivered for you to use, it yours for forever. The drivers will no longer drive you or pick you up. This apartment is in your name and was brought under your name so it will be up to you if you still want to stay here or sell or rent.

“ this feels like a break up”

Thobeka: Read the non-disclosures.

“ is this about the woman? The woman the media going crazy about?” I stood there and looked at her, I've been in Mlungisi life for 2 years now and I can tell you more about him from what I see in the news then from what he shares with me.

Thobeka: Am just his lawyer Lebo.

“ then you know who is that woman who walked in the middle of the night and never left his side. And I who is his girlfriend can't even go near him in public and.....

Thobeka: You knew the rules before you even dated him Lebo

“ yes but....”

Thobeka: It's over... yes but it over... read the papers... the small envelope has a cheque. She grabbed her bag and walked out of my apartment but turned to look at me.

Thobeka: Your results from the doctor came negative with everything. You clean and so he is, you can live life without restrictions now Lebo focus on that!... she walked to her car and walked to her papers and there in black and white **NO COMMUNICATION BETWEEN BOTH PARTIES**. I tore the small envelope R250 000 remuneration for the troubles. I stood there and looked

around the apartment , so I got a home and a car?
Thobeka is right, maybe I should just focus on me and the money of cause. I can maintain the life style he got me accustomed too.

Mlungisi

“ done” was a text I got from Thobeka just as Amari walked in. I knew that asking her to sleep at the house was too much but at least she left this place for a few hours. She had on my black joggers and morning shoes and my white top. Her hair was tied up in a bun that she usually does when she is going to sleep. She was carrying a plastic full of junk and has a projector with her. I watched her move my table and place the projector in a way that both her and i can see. She connected the laptop then grinned.

“ I see going out did you good”

Amari: I wasn't gonna sleep alone in such a huge house, so I thought movie night might be nice.

“ does that mean I get to snuggle with you?” I teased knowing very well that she was gonna sleep by the couch. She grinned and sorted everything out in silence, when she was done she settled on her couch and made sure all the snacks were close by for me to reach. I smiled as she was content and the movie started.

“ hey” she shifted her head looking at me.

“ thank you for this”

Amari: Welcome to married life where you watch movies that your wife likes. I laughed and nibbled on the bolting. This is going to be easy...

Snitch

I walked in to check on them to find them fast asleep. I grinned, he needed this and then took my phone out and took a picture of them and sent it to Thobeka as she asked me to do so earlier. I switched off the projector and walked out of the room closing the door. I went to the couch that in the waiting room and slept.

Amari

I woke up to the doctor and a nurse helping his leg move and he was silent and distance. When they were done the doctor looked at me.

Doctor: he needs to do physio.

“ okay”

Doctor: For now will do 5 minutes walks so he gets use to it. I nodded and they left as I helped him in bed. I looked at the growths on his Face moved to my bag took out a shaving kit and sat across from him.

Mlungisi: Done this before?

“ nope” he shifted uneasy.

Mlungisi: What if you hurt me.

“If you keep talking , I’ll shave off your mouth” he closed his mouth looking at me and i could see the sour mood was slowly disappearing. In silence i shaved him, thanks to my ex boyfriend who taught me how to do this

Mlungisi: Thought you never done this before

“ you talking!” He smiled and i looked at him.when I was done and I wiped his face and lotion it I gave him his mirror to see and he looked at himself then smile. I packed up the things and cleaned up the mess in silence.

Mlungisi: Thanks

“ pleasure” when I was done and everything was sorted I sat by his side.

“ wanna talk about what the doctor said before I woke up”

Mlungisi: I might have a limp

“ oh okay, that better than not being able to walk at all”

Mlungisi: never looked at it that way.

“ you walking 5 min a day and with physio it will help make your muscles stronger too”

Mlungisi: I guess. There was silence for a while.

Mlungisi: I know you have questions about us and how come I picked you. The truth is, I knew your parents. I was young when I meet your father and was having a hard time with my father after my mother death and your parents came through for me in ways I could never explain. When I left home I was young and fresh out of high school doing my third year in varsity with no back up from home. Your parents had kota house on Vilakazi street and I meet them when I went there with friends just to check out the place.

I sat on the chair and looked at him.

Mlungisi: I remember we all decided to go to the most epic Kota place in the whole of Johannesburg and I found your mom busy with other customers and your dad sitting at the back with you looking at a book and trying to figure something out. Your dad was also busy peeling potatoes at the same time. You were so focused on your book, I swear it felt like you going on a test of a life time the next day. You were around 15 or 14 at a time. I moved back to where your mom was helping my friend and stood there thinking to myself. If I ever have a family I want a wife that will hold the front while am busy with work or attending to my kids. I want us to have roles that are like second nature to us but most importantly I want us to live life like a well oiled car. So after we left

and we were done touring I went back to your mom and dad shop. Found them laughing and cleaning the place up and I just stood there not sure what am gonna say to them. I can't just say " hey I saw you working with your wife and also managing life with your daughter and I want that" I stood there and your father came to me and asked how can he help and all I did was cry. Instead of kicking me out, he sat me down had his wife make me tea and do one hell of a sandwich, closed the store and talked to me about anything and everything that he could think off. When I was feeling better I told them how my mother passed away and how I blame myself for what happened and how I hate my father for letting it happen. I told him about struggling with 3 years of grief and how I reached my top when dad remarried the same woman who used to give my mother sleepless nights. Told him about how lonely the world feels but I still have family then I told him about my hunger for success and the little project am starting which needs funds yet every bank is rejecting me. All I needed was 10k... my family could give me but I wanna start something free from them. And you know what your dad did? I wiped the tears away from my eyes.
" what?"

Mlungisi: he looked at his wife and she smiled at him. Walked to a silver box and came with it. They both started counting money from the box, I kept asking what they doing but they never answered just kept counting and when they got to 10k he looked at me and said " son,you really think your project will make you a millionaire by the age of 25?" I nodded shyly and your mom asked " how old are you now?" I told them 22. And they handed me the money and your dad said " my

daughter is weird and a little naive, the world has become too harsh for people of her nature. When you 25 she going to be 18. I want you to Come back here, come back before October 22 and marry her... that all I ask, sure I can leave her this place but she ain't the greatest cook, so this will die. Come back and marry her... I rather she marry a man who can take 10thousand and turn it to millions then marry for love. And you mom shyly added " love will find her in that marriage"

We were both quiet and he was looking at me and I know am a messy crier.

" you went back?"

Mlungisi: I turn 25 on the 8th of March and I went there at 7am in the morning with snitch driving me talking me out of the deal our whole way. I had 10k in my persons and when I got there your mom was laughing about something she stopped talking and ran to me. In those 3 years while I was working hard, they became my family, your father became a man I could vent to about anything. If work was hard I'll call him at end of day and he always put me on loud speakers and we will speak out my problems to them. So me keeping my word meant a world to them. We got all the forms we needed, they signed everything in your behalf you were still 17 at the time a few months shy of your birthday and I gave them back their 10k after I insisted but your mom was so happy she kept on calling me " her silver linings of hope" I help renovate the Kota house as my gift for the love they gave me and the plan was we let you finish writing your exams then we tell you in December and when you made peace with it, we plan a wedding but that didn't happen.

I looked at him as I remember how when the phone rang in the evenings and my dad would be grinning and mom will simply say “ here comes hope” it was him... it was him who made my mom gush and my dad laugh a hearty laugh.

“ are you the one that paid for their funeral?”

Mlungisi: Yes

“ the black car that everyone was talking about?”

Mlungisi: Yes

I was silent and looked at him.

“ then why didn't you come to me after”

Mlungisi: you just lost your parents, your family fighting over you and your had to focus on your last exams. I couldn't add to what you were going through I could only deploy snitch to follow you, make sure you were okay and report if you needed anything.

“ needed anything?”

He shrugged and I knew he was done talking.

“ you should have approached me” he never said anything.

“ the guys that broke in to the shop and killed my parents, they were found a year later dead in their homes with single bullets to their forehead. I remember dancing about it then it hit me that it's the same wounds that were inflicted on my parents. I remember cops asking me about it and testing if I know how to hold or shoot a gun. Did you do it?”

Mlungisi: Don't ask questions when you not prepared for the answers Amari.... that all he said and I felt a shiver go up my spin. Did he personally do it? Or did he hire someone? And if he did it, how do I feel about it!!!...

#10

Mpumelelo

We always have the news playing as background when we eating.

Anchor: today breaking news are inMlungisi Vilakazi is married!!!... oh yes ladies your heard me, his not entertaining those DMs because he is married and for full ten years!!!... oh yes I didn't starter. The lucky private lady is Amari Thusi, she still uses her median name, he meet her doing his third year and she just finished matric and was about to go to varsity. He made his first few millions already hitched to her and she has stuck by him throughout the years. Now you know that the woman that went in there and never left his side is the same woman that been holding his hand as he built his empire from nothing to something. Then a picture of what look like a fun night in hospital with Mlungisi covered in snacks and Amari sleeping by the couch peacefully and what look like a movie.

Anchor: I wouldn't want to leave the hospital too if this is a scene. Well you had it from me from the morning show that the business Mogul is having all the rest he needs and his wife is right there besides him. The whole house was silent and I ate my eggs.

Mom: And now the whole world knows.

" not now ma" she looked at me with fury in her eyes.

Mom: Your brother.... I got up and looked at dad.

" am not gonna sit here and have you talk bad about him in his own home.

Mom: this is my house!!!

" where ever the father of the child is that his home. You can be the madam of the house but home is where the father is and if you hate him so much, you shouldn't

have married a man that has children in the first place!!!” I left before she even said a word and closed the door of my room. Maybe I need to move out, am working and getting paid good money. Just maybe leaving is a good thing. There was a silent knock and I knew it was my father but I was so angry at the situation that I wasn't gonna let him in.

Dad: I'll fix this Mpumelelo yamie... I'll fix it!!!

Lebohang

I sat there and watched the picture and the peaceful look he had on his face and everything made sense. The secrecy of us being together. Him never sleeping over and our relationship only being for sex. It made so much sense that I wasn't even bitter, I wasn't hurt at all. Instead it's flattered me that I could be something he escaped too. I smiled and looked at the guy sitting across from me , his no millionaire but he will do for now... Thobeka did say move on right??...

#11

KwaThusi

Everyone was silent as we watched the news, it's not something that we usually watch but grandma been nagging us about it and we finally gave in.

Gogo: Is that Nontombi daughter? We all looked closer to see Amari sleeping.

Zethembe: Bathi she married to that guy!!! I watched Gogo clap once and laughed her lungs off.

Gogo: Nihluhlwa inthandana?(did a girl without parents out do you guys?)

Khanyo: Kanti i competition?(are we in competition?)

She made a sound with her mouth and we listened to the guy talk about how she been married for ten years. It's been exactly ten years since she has ever set foot at home. And I understand why, the family was so toxic after the death of her parents and they chowed all the money and sold the house without her knowledge. It really wasn't an environment for her until she got a bursary and was able to leave this hell whole that she was in and now she married to a business man, watch them reach out and beg for her attention and I pray she gives them nothing!!!

Mlungisi

Today we finally go home. She wasn't okay, I noticed how she was fussing over little details and how she was tentatively listening to the doctor. When we got in the car and it started moving, she stuck her face to the window not saying a word until we got home where she never said a word too just got out of the car and helped with the unpacking. When everything was set and the team had a new bathing set installed to help me be a little off my feet she looked at me with worry in her eyes.

" you awfully silent" she sat on the love seat next to the window of the balcony and wrapped herself in a fleece blanket then looked at me.

Amari: what the plan? Am quiet cause am trying to figure out what our plan?

" what you mean?"

Amari: us

We were both silent.

" I'll like for us to try us"

Amari: In what way? Do you have an idea of how us will be? What you want us to be like? What you expect from me? You leaving the hospital kind of made me realise

that this is it this is happening and it happening so fast that I think am losing my mind or am in a dream.

“ firstly if you think too much about it, it will get overwhelming. My suggestion is we just be us and see if our personalities fit in and make a puzzle whole again”
She looked at me more worried.

Amari: what if we don't fit?

I limped towards her and sat across from her and she looked at me worried.

“ we not divorcing if that your worry. We have no choice but to make us work. Am a man that never goes back on his word and my word to your parents was you and I are going to be a family. Yes I took years to figure it out but we here now, and we can try”

Amari: I was dating the last few years only been 5 months since I broke up with my ex and I haven't seen him.

I grinned cause am well aware of the relationship she had.

“ I had a sex buddy, I don't date. Terminated my contract with her as of 2 days ago “

Amari: Sex buddy?

“ person I have sex with when the need arises.”

Amari: Oh

“ yep”

Amari: Am not a virgin.

“ I know”

She nodded.

Amari: So we date? Or...

“ you be you... I be me... we mix it up and we have what we have”

Amari: My parents killer? She searched my eyes for answers and I learnt then that she never gives up on things.

“ I was angry...” her hands went to her mouth to cover the scream and she looked at me.

“ they took them away from me... from us and I...”

Amari: Thank you... she mumbled without looking at me and I lifted her head up with my finger underneath her chin and looked right into her teary eyes.

“ am not perfect Amari, at times you will hear things about me but all you need to know is that if am pushed to a corner, I do retaliate!!! And yes, I'll kill for you!!!” ...

#12

Bongo

“ did they follow you here?”

“ No boss”

“ tell me how did you miss his heart?”

“ he shot back... I missed it cause he shot back with all that he has got”

“ where you hit?”

“ no, I lost 3 men

he aims for right between the eyes”

“ then lay low and let see what the next move from higher up but for now you don't leave this place “

“ cool”

Thobeka

I roll onto his chest and he looked at me with his sharp eyes.

“ what”

Snitch: You making me horny

“ all I did was look at you”

Snitch: That all it takes. He grabbed my ass apart and slowly slid in me making me moan as I felt his whole shaft bring me nothing but Joy.

Mlungisi

First night in and i woke up to her snuggled close to me. I could feel her warmth and smell the flowers which made me smile. I didn't shift just incase I wake her up. I closed my eyes and a few minutes later I watched her wake up with a shock then she quickly adjusted her self and I opened my eyes.

“ morning” she looked at me and rubbed her eyes.

Amari: Did I hurt you? I know am not a good sleeper.

“ so far am good” I smiled and watched her blush. Iv noticed that my smile always makes her blush and she shy away from me. So I lifted my hand and brought her closer to me, making her be halfway on top me. I felt her whole body shiver and I grinned making her blush.

“ you okay?”

She nodded but didn't look at me.

“ look at me MaThusi” she went pink and I smiled at her innocence.

“MaThusi”

Her long thick lashes lifted up and I looked right into light brown eyes as she licked her lips giving me the urge to kiss her.

“ am going to kiss you” I whispered to her and before she could say anything I moved my hand to her neck and lifted my head up and brought her to me as I gently kissed her and felt her weight pressing in on me. I felt the urge to do other things and let go of the kiss and looked into her eyes full of lust.

“ Good Morning Ma Thusi” she blushed red right to her hair roots and I quickly rolled her to be underneath me. And kissed her again then lifted my head up to look at her.

“ MaThusi”

Amari: Hmmm

“ Good Morning”

Amari: Morning Mr Vilakazi. She whispered and I felt my shaft jerk and all the blood leave my body and go to my shaft and I rolled off her.

“ greet me like that again Amari and I’ll have your legs wrapped around my neck and you will be screaming your lungs out” I watched her cross her legs and bite her bottom lip and I limped to the bathroom leaving her with that imagine!!..

#13

(18SN) 

Amari

It’s too early to want to rip his clothes off him and have my way. Iv never felt like this before and him being handsome just made things worse. Mlungisi is handsome with bushy eye brows strong features and a smile that softens his whole face. His greyish eyes make you melt especially when they focus on you. His strong cheek flexing while he waits for you to answer. He has a body to die for ripped in muscles and his tall frame making you wanna squeeze yourself in him. I sat there as I felt the juices in between my thighs and grinned at the thought of having him between my legs. I rolled off the bed and made it and watch him walk out of the bathroom dripping with a towel and I said nothing. I

walked to the shower and all I kept thinking about was his lips on mine. After finishing bathing I walked out to find him sitting by the couch we have in our closet. I knew that he sat there on purpose and he thought I might shy away from getting dressed. I wiped myself with his gaze full on me making me hot, I grabbed the lotion and lotion my whole body even though I was nervous about him seeing my whole body then I grabbed the body cone black dress seeing that his in full black joggers and hoodie. I took bra and folded it then took my panty and folded it and threw the dress on my naked skin and it hugged every curve on me. I turned to see him biting his bottom lip and his tent up. I walked slowly toward him and saddled him hiking my dress up high exposing my thighs. I shifted and shoved my panty on his right pocket and shifted again and shoved my tiny bra on his left pocket and looked right into his stormy eyes.

“ am not wearing any underwear today” he made a rumbling sound and looked right at me shifting so he sits as his tent was right before us and he moved his hands on my exposed thigh to under the dress then into my inner thigh then move closer to my secret valleys making my breath catch and then he slowly inserted his finger and I closed my eyes and he stopped.

Mlungisi: Look at me.

His voice was low and rough and I felt my juices spill to his fingers and I could feel my face heat up and I watched the storm in his eyes get worse. He moved his fingers right through me and I moaned as he shifted all around me as if his digging into a jar and scrapping all the contents by the side. He did that for some time and if I close my eyes he stop but if I look at him he continues

and then he shoved his fingers in me fast and roughly making me jump and I felt my body clench and I felt it relax releasing juices as I screamed out grabbing him and shaking then he moved his mouth to my neck and roughly kiss it on the same spot making it burn and his fingers playing with my little clit making me vibrate and squirt out all my juices on him while screaming and I could feel myself coming to the edge then as fast as he could he lifted me up lowered his pants and I watched the most juicy lush thick dick spring out of it prison and before I could complain if it's even gonna fit he grabbed me and adjusted me at his tip and shoved himself right in me making me scream out in pain and pleasure mixed as I came on him hard. I felt the tension leave my body and making me weak as I vibrated it out and he looked right at me with furious eyes and a clenched jaw.

Mlungisi: Don't ever tease me again Ma Thusi!!! That came out as a warning and I felt my body shiver with excitement and I looked at him dead in his eyes.

“ or what?” I whispered and he groan grabbing both my butt cheeks making room and going deeper in me making me cry out as I felt tears spring to my eyes from the pain and then he shifted me and I felt nothing but pleasure swell at my lower abdomen. The pleasure engulf me fast that I felt tears roll down my face. Oh my gosh ... oh my gosh... his making me cry with sex... his driving me to insanity with sex. It's only been a week since I meet him and now here I am sprawled ontop of him with his dick giving me life,awakening my soul and reaching the peak of where happiness is. I heard him groan and he moved his hand to my neck making me look right at him as he slowly squeezed it choking me yet giving me room too... I Could feel he was near cause

I could feel his dick gaining strength the he let go of my neck and grabbed both sides of my waist and moved me fast and pushed me on place with his fingers digging into me and I hear my screams and moan fill the room with his groans.

Mlungisi: Look at me!!! He commanded with a rough voice and I felt myself explode looking at him and he grabbed me harder making me ride out my climax and he groaned like an animal shoving deeper and deeper into me then he exploded looking at me

deep into my soul with sweat all over his face and his chest panting and he let go of me still looking at me. I closed my eyes and he grabbed my boob hard making me scream as I felt myself vibrate ontop of him. And then I just lay on him limp, fucked. That wasn't love making that was me being fucked throughly by a man that knows a woman body!!! I laid there for a while panting with his dick still in me and his chests moving up and down.

Mlungisi: Did I hurt you?

He asked with a serious tone. I was raw and I felt a little pain but what a little pain compared that amount of joy.

“ No”

Mlungisi: Dont lie to me MaThusi

I was silent and he moved me looking right into my eyes and I felt myself blush, we just did the unimagivable.

Mlungisi: Did I hurt you? I licked my lips and moved making him close his eyes in pleasure.

“ look at me Mr Vilakazi” I whispered back at him and I watched his eyes change instantly into raw desire and I felt his dick jerk in me making me shift ontop of him and I moaned and twirl making him shake and close his eyes.

“ you not looking at me Mr VilakaZi” he grabbed me shoving hard on me and this time it didn't pain as juices exploded making me groan and shake. I moved my hand to around his neck and I saw the amusement on his face as I slowly moved enjoying the long feel of him in me as he closed his eyes groaning.

“ Mr V.....” his eyes looked directly at me and i felt myself explode and I rode it out on him. Riding him and panting and crying. Yep, I was crying while choking him with tears rolling down and pleasure rolling all over me. I was shaking as he groaned and I was losing energy when he grabbed deeper and shot me up with energy to ride him fast making me scream as he was now groaning and I felt my body twitch as we looked at each other and watched him come right in me for the second time as I rode him out milking him while I cried and he groaned. Mlungisi: Fuck!!!! He growled and I gave it my all as we both came to an end and laid there panting as if we have just ridden a marathon. This is what being tucked means... this is what Iv read in novels and seen in movies. This it what it means when a person says I'll fuck you... one week... Iv known him one week and I have no idea what his favourite colour yet he drives me insane.

“ Mlungisi” he chuckled and I smiled hearing it vibration. Mlungisi: Now am Mlungisi?

I grinned at him.

“ what your favourite colour?” He grinned wider making me smile loving the softens it gives his face.

Mlungisi: black

I grinned and looked at him.

Mlungisi: You can't wear black as your second skin then don't expect me to react as I did. He chuckled and I grinned feeling him twitch in me.

" did I hurt you?" He roared with laughter and I smiled at him...

PS: I got my morning glory which made me write this...

now go get yours 😊 😊

#14

Mlungisi

Iv been told so many times that am a sex freak and sometimes people back out from the arrangement saying I demand to much but I have never had someone serve me what I gave and make me grovel like how Amari did. We both sat by the bed just being lazy to go make food. I took the phone called the chef of the house to whip up anything that easy and quick. I laid back in bed took the bed cover and covered us from the chill. Funny how a week ago the thought of seeing her naked next to me was way beyond my dreams and now here she is.

" you too quiet"

Amari: thinking.

" about"

Amari: how this is going so far

" oh how is it going?"

She shifted next to me and looked at me. I watched the sheet move exposing her boob. I moved my hand underneath the sheet and she looked at me biting her bottom lip and opened her leg for me. That all I needed to know if she will have me. There was a little knock

then the door open and the chef walked in with a pushing tray. I moved covering her boob and watch Chef Suli walk in and leave. The minute he was out she got up as naked as she was and walked to the tray and got a few things then came and sat by the bed making a light sandwich and gave me half which I ate.

“ the plan was I walk you through my life, business, what we own, how we manage things and you resigning from your job taking a job of being COO of our trust.” She looked at me shocked.

“But I love the exploring our bodies more” she smiled at me making me grin.

Amari: This is real? This is really happening?

“ yes this is really happening” she stretched her leg and let it loosely on mine and I smiled at her sense of wanting reassurance. I know she would have wanted to hear I love you but I can't give her that yet, I can't give her that yet because I don't know if I do!!!

Lisa

“ We had mind blowing sex” that the text I woke up too and her phone has been off and so is his and I figured she still having that mind blowing sex. I grinned maybe things won't be bad if her marriage is going well right? Maybe my betrayal won't hurt her that much. I laid on the couch and looked at picture of us laughing at the Restaurant. I really value the friendship we have built.

Mpumelelo

I walked in my room to find Mpiyakhe standing there not looking good. I stood by the door looking at him look at the pictures that I had up there.

“ I can send you the copies of the pictures” he turned and looked at me while there was silence.

“ what do you need”

Mpiyakhe: Why do you hate us?

“ Hate is a strong word”

Mpiyakhe: Feels that way

“ oh “

Mpiyakhe: you and Mlungisi.....

“ look if you have something to say about Mlungisi, you can drive me to his house for dinner,he won't chase you in front of his wife.”

Mpiyakhe: You would do that for me?

“ yes” I looked at him and saw the sadness in his eyes...

#15

Amari

I had invited Lisa over for lunch just to catch up while he went for training and she came through with our favourite wine. I had the help of the chef since my cooking skills are zero. I walked to the pool area where we going to be chilling by the hammocks.

Lisa: Details

I laughed and felt myself blush as I looked at her grinning.

“ am dickmatised... he makes my blood boil and he makes me ache and he makes me hot all over, am not even going to go into details cause am scared I'll come right here” I watched her roar with laughter and looked at me.

Lisa: His that good?

“ thick, medium and veins to grip on”

Lisa: of my

I brushed the love bite on my neck and looked at her.

“ I want my virginity back to give it to him” she was crying with laughter.

Lisa: Okay I get the picture. We laid there looking up at the shaded screen that looks out to the sun.

“ I think am developing some sort of feeling for him, I know he can't love me now and even if he said it he would be lying but I think there is something for us to explore “

Lisa: Which is good.

“ the wedding band on his left that most people complained about, it's has a diamond that came off my father ring. I remember once asking dad where it went and he shrugged saying he has no idea. He wearing a part of him, my husband is wearing a part of my father.”

Lisa: I know you saying it to early to say the I love you... but based on all that you told me, I think his already there. He may not say it but his already there. Somehow I felt my heart do a little dance and I looked at her.

“ you think?”

Lisa: Yep

now enjoy married life babes and ride that dick... we roared with laughter. When she was gone and I was standing by the balcony looking out to the beautiful view I felt his arms crept behind me and I grinned looking at him. He moved to the seat grabbing me with him as I sat ontop of him.

Mlungisi: How was lunch?

“ good, had fun with my best friend”

Mlungisi: That good, and I hope I wasn't the topic.

“ why would you be?” I giggled and he nibbled my ear making me shift.

Mlungisi: That!!!

I smiled looked outside enjoying this teasing each other.

Mlungisi: I have asked the chef to prepare a perfect dinner so my sister can come by for dinner just so you

mingle with her. That took me back cause he has 5 other siblings why only the one?

“ only Mpumelelo?”

Mlungisi: Yes

“ what of Malwande, and Tshepi? “

I felt him tense up.

Mlungisi: Malwande and I never clicked even before my mother death and when mom who always tried to make us vibe passed we didn't force things. Tshepi is way younger than I and she fears me so I never really gave us much a try. Mpumelelo always bugs me, even before mom death she made sure that she is in every room that am in so it was kind of hard to ignore a tall skinny girl that looks exactly like me but just more bubbly” I nodded cause that was half of what was being said.

“ well she was kind to me during your time our” he laughed making me smile.

Mlungisi: We calling my almost death experience time out?

“ yes” I smiled at him.

Mlungisi: You have a funny way with words love. He smiled and I sat there frozen looking out of the window. Love!!!.... he said love.... called me love... my heart gave a small jump, maybe Lisa was right, he is already there why else would he call me love?..

#16

Mpiyakhe

I was beyond nervous. Mlungisi has always been the one to step up even when mom passed he step up and tried to be there for us. Mpumelelo was to young to see

the trouble that mom and dad marriage was just because of Thembeke who is now my father wife and mother to our young siblings. I was driving and Lelo kept looking at me. I'm 5 years younger than my brother so one look from him keeps me in line.

Lelo: Your issue is you fear him yet you took dad side.
“ I didn't take dad side”

Lelo: You said nothing when he introduced his side chick to us, the same woman that kept him away from his duties as a father that day making mom drive out of a meeting in a hurry come pick us up and get in an incident!!! An incident that caused her life while he was getting lord knows what from her.

“ he waited 3 years, begged us for 3 years. His happiness matters too”

Lelo: that where you and Malwande don't get it, we don't care who he fucks and who makes him happy but don't bring them into our lives especially the woman who you were in between their legs when your wife was taking her last breathe!!! There was silence in the car and she turned and looked at me.

Lelo: None of us got married, none of us are in stable relationships because of what happened and how dad treated mom when he meet her!!! We have fears and the only difference here is that Mlungisi is doing something with his while we are stuck in a home where we are divided all because of one man who couldn't put it in his pants!!! She was Angry and I could see it so I kept quiet and drove to the mansion when we got there they let us in and we parked and walked to the house where mom favourite Beethoven was playing and I stood there felt tears roll and wiped them off quickly. I felt Mpumelelo hand on mine and she pressed the buzzer and there

she was beautiful with her hair curled up in a cute greyish dress wearing mamma chain around her neck and she grinned at us.

Amari: Come on in. She hugged Lelo and smiled politely at me as we walked in and the music engulfed us with it warm. He was on an arm chair playing his head with a smile. This was one of his favourite songs. I remember I'll come back from school to find mamma listening to it and then Mlu will up the volume and they will dance until they were breathless.

“ you always loved this one” I mumbled and he opened his eyes to look at me and I watched his face harden as he lowered the volume.

Mlungisi: the beat is heartwarming. I see Lelo needed back up.

Lelo: whatever makes you sleep at night. We walked to the cosy table that has almost everything.

Amari: I wanna hear every embarrassing thing about him. She grinned and he looked at her with nothing but softness. And it right there I realise that he loves her, something we though we were not capable of given how we grew up. He utterly loves her with all of him and he can't hide it.

“ well I don't wanna be kicked out of this house”

Amari: Your home? Who would dare kick you out of your own home? She gave me a kind smile and I looked at my brother.

“ must I tell her about the peri peri sauce?” We all roared with laughter and there it was, I have my older brother back, the jolly, loving and funny brother!!...

#17

Mlungisi

The girls were in the kitchen while we sat on the couch looking out of the window and drinking.

“ thank you for coming Mpiyakhe “ I watched him grin. I know I have been hard on him but he was also hurting. Mpiyakhe: if I knew I was welcomed, I would have come sooner.

“ you always welcome.”

Mpiyakhe: never felt that way. After mom death you shut us all out apart Lelo, at times I wanted to be in that car with you guys. Maybe you would have recognised that She was our mother too.

“ I know and am sorry.” There was silence as he looked at me and smiled.

Mpiyakhe: Mlungisi Vilakazi saying am sorry? I want her to keep feeding you what she been feeding you. I laughed and watched them walk closer to us with wine glasses I sat up straighter and taped my thigh giving her a signal to come sit on it and she smiled and came sat on my thigh and I watched my siblings smile at me, genuinely smile.

Amari: So, what you guys been talking about that has you grinning.

Mpiyakhe: Was just reminding him how when I was 10 and he was 15 and he had a girl over at our house and we all came home early. We all laughed.

Mpumelelo: I don't remember.

Mpiyakhe: How can you not remember when you the one that made him get caught you were 5

Amari: What happened?

She was laughing.

“ Ngathi uzohamba manje bafo”(you going to leave now)

Everyone laughed.

Mpiyakhe: He managed to hide her in the closet which was cool cause no one knew she was there and came downstairs to come check on us and Malwande and I were helping mom pack things into the kitchen but in that moment Mpumelelo went to go pee. She was 5 that time and loved wearing his hoodies. I guess at some point she went in his room and opened the closet and got a hoodie cause she came in the kitchen and was like “ hey Mlu... there is a girl in your closet” they all laughed. “ I got my sex talk that night when dad came back from work and mom was disappointed “

Mpiyakhe: I remember her buying you that baby toy that was like a real baby to teach you about babies.

“ as if I didn’t know, you cried all the time” we laughed.

Lelo: can’t believe I was a snitch.

Mpiyakhe and I laughed so hard.

“ you were always a snitch. You were the baby of the house and you made sure that we knew and felt it”

Amari

Watching him with his family brought a sense of belonging and how they easily laughed and enjoyed each other company. I never had what he has and somehow I fit in, not once have his siblings made me feel out of place, they were genuinely loving people and loud and joyous and seeing him so free brought peace to my soul.

“ I have an idea”

Mlungisi: Oh no

“ it’s just an idea”

Lelo: Don’t listen to him, share.

“ every Saturday, 8 o clock. Dinner”

Mpiyakhe: here?

“ will start small, be it here and then we restaurant hop and try new things “

Lelo: or we order in and play games like how mom used to before. Every Saturday

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we order in and play games and we all sleep by the lounge on the floor with mattresses and kiddies tent and...

I grinned but saw Mlungisi face change as if we somehow skipping boundaries. It was a good thing that I was on his lap or he would have left.

“ we can start today... I can loan you something to sleep on and Mpiyakhe could wear Mlu things and...

Mlu: Not tonight love

His voice was cold and i could hear the order underneath the coldness. I watched the two look away and pretend like they sipping their drinks. I could see they really wanted this and he was being an ass right now. I got up from him.

“ can we speak privately please” I excused us from them and we got to the kitchen and I could see he was furious as scared as I was I wasn't backing down. He needs this as much as them

“ Am over stepping?”

He was mute and I walked closer to him and stood on my toes and lightly brushed my lips on his lips and looked at him watched his eyes get teary and I froze cause that not something I expected.

“ I know your mom was everything to you and am not trying to be her but they also miss her and they also want to heal from what happened but cutting of family traditions because it hurts to even think of it , that not

healing, that not grieving, that just avoidance.” He said nothing and looked at me and I smiled up to him
“ they don’t say it much but you mean the world to them and they look up to you for guidance. Don’t shut them out”

Mlu: It hurts. 2 simple words filled with so much emotions making me feel the pain that his feeling. I brought him closer and laid my head on his chest as he crushed me in a hug.

“ I know baby... I know but give us this one night love, this one night to just be a family”

Mpiyakhe

Whole night, I watched my brother laugh, smile and have his eye on his wife and I watched how she loved whole heartily, I watched how she interacted with us and whatever she said in the kitchen to him built him. I watched him laugh at my silly jokes and watch us build tents like little kids in the lounge with sheets and laughed our asses off. I could hear Mpumelelo snoring and I could hear the hush sounds of Amari on his chest.

“ you sleeping”

I whispered.

Mlungisi: No

“ thanks for today and all the other days where you stood up as a bigger brother. Thanks for pushing me to varsity and for nagging dad to pay my school fees. I know he gave up on me after I changed my fourth course, thanks for paying for everything and for landing me the job that I currently have “

There was silence.

Mlungisi: How did you know?... that I did all that, how did you know?

I was quiet for a while should I tell him? Oh well.

“snitch, I drove here drunk a year ago with a golf stick. I was angry and the only thing I wanted was for you to notice me as your brother..... anyways he found me breaking that fountain outside and he hit me with some sense after throwing in a few punches... for some time I thought you hated me while all those years you loved me from a distance.” He was silent and I said nothing too but just looked up to the ceiling with tears rolling down my face.

Mlungisi: You my little brother Mpiyakhe nothing could ever change that. My head has been buried in grief for so long focusing on what I lost and never looking at what I have and am sorry for making you feel like I have no love for you...

If I die tonight, am seriously going to die a happy soul.

Mlungisi: I love you too.

I laughed at him trying to make this light.

“yeah I love me too” he chuckled and I turned closing my eyes with a smile if mom looking down on us right now she going to be gushing on her boys.

Mlungisi

I felt Amari move in my hand and brush a kiss on my lips and go back to sleep. She was listening... I looked up and smiled... I couldn't have picked a better woman for myself and my emotional baggage!!...

#18 (SN 🍷)

I woke up to a smell of coffee with half of the beds and the sheets cleaned up. I slowly got up and walked to the kitchen where I found my siblings and wife laughing at something but I think it was the fact that I walked in.

“ if I didn't know better I'll say you guys are laughing at me”

I could see Amari eyes twinkling and she just couldn't hold it in as she walked towards me to the microwave and there I saw the drawing they did on my face. As they busted laughing.

“ I'll catch you guys” I laughed with the fake beard. After having a care free breakfast talking and laughing they took their baths while Amari helped me do the morning routine for my leg. When they were done I could see Mpumelelo wasn't hyped up about leaving.

Amari: Am thinking of having drinks with Lisa tomorrow, if you free you can come.

Mpumelelo: Am definitely free

Mpiyakhe: what about me?

“ while she gone I'll need some company, you can come over and we will figure out what to do. The grin on his face was enough so I bid them well and they left smiling and Amari laughing. It's amazing how she fit in my life and how she made last night eventful for us. I hugged her from behind pushed her to the door that she just closed and I heard her chuckle that sweet laugh.

“ thank you for last night “ she arched her back and I felt the urge rise up so fast that when my dick was poking her back she lifted her head. I moved my hand to her neck and she made a sound then moved my other hand to her front undoing her gown and slid my hand in her pant making her shift her legs apart and slowly moved my hand to her village where I found her ready for me and she groaned.

“ I missed you”

Amari: I was right besides you. She whispered and I slid a finger in there making her shiver.

“ am talking about her” I rubbed her until her breath quicken and I pushed her upper body more to the door giving a perfect arch. I snapped her pants and watched it fall revealing a perfect ass and i smacked her and could feel the surprise from her scream I dipped my finger in her then took her cream and rubbed it on me as she slightly parted her legs again and this time I slowly went in, wanting her to feel the length, the size and the joy as she made sounds. I slightly parted her ass and went fully in making her groan and try to grip the door but there was nothing to grip. I twitched a few times in there and I felt her knees become weak.

“ don’t come yet, hold it baby “ she moved her hand and grip the one on her waist and then I moved closer kissing her neck red while stile inside.

“ am going to choke you to ecstasy” I mumbled and turned her head roughly kissed her and I felt her get juicy and I knew she came so I grabbed her neck and fucked her hard. The louder she screamed the faster I pounded in her. I could hear her ass slapping on me so hard, I could feel her juices on me and her muscles gripping me heard as I groaned and went animalistic on her ass. I moved my hand from her neck and grabbed boom butt cheeks and went in hard 3 times with her screaming before I released into her and we stood there knees shaking and soaking wet. I felt her buckle and I went down with her sitting there by the door with my dick slipping out of her.

“ you okay?” I managed to ask

I know I was rough but I wanted her, needed her and I was hungry for her. She nodded and I moved her closer to me and I felt the cold air make me stiff a bit so I shoved the dick back in as she made a small gasp and

slowly made love to her. Slow steady strokes that reached my soul.

Amari: Am coming baby... am coming.... she whispered shaking and I moved my hands to her boobs and twirl and slowly rode her into her climax and when her creams were all over mine I could feel myself come and I told myself I'll slowly fill her up as all my seeds went in on her and she shivered and moan as I groaned like a satisfied animal. We laid on that floor of the foyer for a while.

Amari: I love you... she whispered in a small voice that was hard to hear but I heard her and I froze. I was silent for a while, I never uttered those words but to my mother only and never thought I'll be feeling the things am feelings right now.

" I never want to lose you Amari, I may not say the words that you want to hear right now but you own my heart, soul and mind!!" She shifted saying nothing and I felt my arm get wet and I knew it was a tear... was it a tear of Joy or did I hurt her feelings... I moved my hand placing it on her belly and she placed her hand over it touching my ring that I've had on for forever.

Amari: One day your heart will be so full of love that actions won't be enough to prove the love but words too will be easy to escape your lips and ease my heart. I felt my eyes get ready and didn't move.

" you are everything to me Amari"

Amari: I know, I can feel it. I kissed her shoulder and she shifted closer to me so I turned her over and looked right into her teary eyes and for the first time in my 35 years I made love to a woman. Slow sweet love that had her and I undressed fully. That had the soft moans between us. The eye communication as I slowly entered her and

slowly kept the pace. The burying my head on her neck and her grabbing my back scratching leaving love marks. The stares and kisses in between that drove me to an edge. The playing with boobs, sucking them until the nipples were like tiny roses and the looking right into each other souls as you release yourself and she takes it all in. I collapsed on her and she held me right.

“ My heart...” I whispered and she kissed the side of my face.

“ my love” she whispered and I felt my heart explode with nothing but love. I love her, I love her with all of my being and I loved her from a distance. I hope I master the courage to tell her as much as I show her. I hope I can utter the 3 simple words that makes the world go around... I love you...

#19

Lisa

I was so nervous about us meeting, I knew it was against the contract I signed but I was going to tell her and maybe having her sister in law will help soften the blow. I sat there sipping the wine nervously as she walked in glowing with Mpumelelo behind her smiling at something she said. They saw me and her grin got wider and I felt myself smile.

“ hmmm I want vitamin D”

She roared with laughter.

Amari: this is his little sister.

“ well I’ll behave but I can see right through you”

Amari: oh well he knows how to serve.

Lelo: I’ll pretend I didn’t hear that. We laughed and ate and had fun that talking about this I was nervous.

Lelo: let me go to the bathroom.

Amari: I can come with.

Lelo: I can manage.

She turned to me and sipped some wine

“ I want to show you something that I've been holding on to for years “

I guess I looked serious cause she looked at me and then I placed my contract on the table and she grabbed it and read it through with silence. Lelo walked in while she was reading it and then turned the page and read then looked at me and all the 9 years I've seen her I've never seen her this shattered. Tears roll down her face.

“ what we have is real and....”

She got up said nothing.

“ please...” Lelo picked up the papers and read a few then looked at me.

“ let me explain!!!”

Amari: You had nine years to do so and you never did!!!

She turned and left me standing there with tears as Lelo followed her.

Mpumelelo

She didn't give me a chance but got in her car and drove off so I drove to her house to find my brothers playing chess.

Mlu: where is Amari?

“ how could you hire a person to pose as a friend to her and not tell her about it?” I watched all the blood drain out of my brother face. And then walked to the side stand taking the keys of his fastest car and left us standing there.

Mpiyakhe: What going on?

“ he hired a friend for her and for 9 years she been collecting a cheque from him”

Amari

I knew that she was going to tell him her version of things and I knew going home wasn't an option so I went to a hotel near by and swiped the card booking a suite for myself then ordered the most expensive champagne bottle ever and swiped for it.

Mlungisi

My phone beeped and I checked the notification and the hotel. I sent the info to snitch to meet me there just in case we having an issue and it kind of helped that I was a 25% share holder of the hotel group. I know I should have told her but the bond their hand and... I hit the brakes as the robot turned red and the car next to me was Lebohang with her friends playing loud music. I tried to ignore her but she hooted and I raised my hand and she lowered her window.

Lebohang: if I didn't know better, I'll say you following me around.

" I'll say you don't know better" the robot turned green and I hit it to the hotel without looking at my mirrors...

#20

Amari

I drank a few glasses of champagne and played some music just so I forget then got in a tub of water and bubbles. Okay this is life, being angry and blowing money like this. I think I like. I switched off my phone and laid there until the water was cold and then got out wrapped myself with a towel then walked out. I picked up the phone and ordered one more bottle with chocolate and junk then sat by the couch scrolling through TV. I had the hotel gown on and sleepers as the

door buzzed and I walked to it and there he stood looking like hell. I wasn't going to even ask how he found me but I slammed the door on him but somehow his walking stick caught in and he pushed the door.

“ i really don't wanna talk”

Mlungisi: Cool I'll just sit by the couch then. And you pretend am not here. He sat there and I took a swing of the bottle of champagne and said nothing. The door buzzed and I walked to it got my champagne and chocolate and junk. I sat there and drank and ate while he kept quiet and said nothing. The door buzzed again and I got up with my glass and opened the door and there stood a tall woman that smelt of channel, had an ass long weave and her boobs were pushing out of her dress. Her thighs were out and she was wearing a heel that even if I dreamt of wearing I wouldn't be able to pull it off.

Her: Mlu??? I pointed to the lounge and watched her walk in as I sipped my champagne.

Mlungisi: what the fuck Lebohang!!! Iv never seen him look this angry all my life.

Lebohang: you sent your lawyer to break things off? Seriously? Then you blocked me... was I really just a piece of meat?

Mlungisi: You knew the terms and right now you violating them.

Lebohang: What you going to do? Arrest me? Or throw a law suit at me? She turned and looked at me stuffing myself with chocolate and champagne.

Lebohang: His married you know... that ring on his finger... his married and won't even bother sharing that little information.... she turned and looked at him.

Lebohang: does your wife know that you buy your piece of meat apartments and cars just so they leave you alone.

Mlungisi: you drunk!!!

Lebohang: does she know you treat a woman like a prostitute pay her for her silence and never share a piece of you?

Mlungisi: enough!!!! He roared and he was super angry as he got up. He moved closer to her with fire in his eyes.

Mlungisi: if you still want to see tomorrow with the little that you have Lebohang... you will turn around right now and leave my wife and I in peace!!!! I watched her face drain of colour as she looked at me and I raised my hand that had the stunning rock on it.

Lebohang: I I.... she started.

Mlungisi: Now!!!! he hissed the word and I watched her leave the room sober and I sat there drinking the champagne as if I was drinking from a bottle of water.

Mlungisi: MaThusi....

“ you said I shall pretend you not here.” I got up and went to the bedroom and closed the door and slid down on it and cried. At this point am not sure why am crying, is it about Lisa? Or his piece of meat? Or knowing he used a woman for his own sexual advances but then again he did say he didn't date but had agreements with people. I sat there sobbing silently and I heard him lean in on the other side and I bit into my gown and sobbed!!!...Do I want this marriage to work? Or am just fooling myself.

Mlungisi

I knew She was crying. By the time Snitch got here, I had him search for Lebohang and make sure she

doesn't come here at all. I alerted the hotel am here making them reverse all the charges on my card. I moved to the bathroom door that connects to the bedroom and walked in to find her sleeping by the floor at the door and picked her up and limped through the pain in my leg. I placed her in bed and snuggled her close to me.

" I never wanted to hurt you but I also couldn't have you wondering through the world alone so I brought Lisa in, not to spy on you but to be close enough to protect you if the need arises." I did her hair loosely as she usually does and I laughed at myself for doing so cause if you would have told me I'll be doing this I would have laughed.

" I love you" I whispered it more for myself then for her and felt my body being at ease. I really do and hurting her is the last thing I'll ever do. I snuggled close to her and slept there with her nicely tucked in my arms after drinking to bottles of a 15k champagne!!!...

#21

Amari

My head felt so heavy and I felt so sick that I woke up and ran to the toilet vomiting all my chocolate and champagne and felt much better afterwards. I sat by the toilet floor felt his hand brushing my back and when I felt a little better I looked at him, he looked worried and touched my forehead that was burning up.

" I really don't feel okay"

Mlu: You look like someone beat the shit out of you. Shower and I'll take you to the doctor. I never said anything and nodded.

Thobeka

I knocked at her door and waited for her to open up which she did. I stood there not moving.

Lebohang: I know I messed up and... I handed her a piece of paper.

Lebohang: this is my house, you can't evict me from my house!!!

" go read page 4 of the initial agreement of the non-disclosure. And can you please pass me the car keys.

I watched tears roll down her eyes.

" I told you, forget about him and just focus on you but nope you followed him to a hotel, budged in a room that had his wife and you had a clause there that you are not to be 5 feet's to his wife!!! And then you throw insults towards him within his wife presence.

Lebohang: I was drunk!!!

" car keys please" she disappeared and came back with car keys and walked me to her car took her belongings and looked at me.

Lebohang: I have no where to go.

" every action has consequences, you should have thought of that before you did what you did!" I got in the car and drove off her place and went to the car dealership and returned it signed all that needed to be signed and got in my BMW and drove to Lisa place.

Lisa

I opened the door and found Thobeka and I knew I was in shit. She the clean up lawyer and the best at it.

" am fired right?"

Thobeka: can I come in?

I moved to the side and she walked in and sat down by the counter at my kitchen and looked at me.

Thobeka: You look miserable.

“ yeah it happens when you fight with your best friend”
she took papers and sat them on the table.

Thobeka: I have a new offer.

I stood there and looked at her.

Thobeka: options.

I looked at her.

Thobeka: new job, new city and more money is option A.

“ what B?”

Thobeka: You stay here repair your friendship with Amari without the interference of the office and her husband and your old job disappear but you get a new office job here with an increase in benefits.

“ I’ll take it”

Thobeka: You don’t even know what the new office job

“ I don’t care, it’s a job that I can feed my family with but it also a job that will allow me to keep the most important friend in my life. So yes

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where do I sign” I watched her looked at me calmly.

Thobeka: You really like her?

“ she is an amazing soul and one would be lucky to even have her as a friend. She nodded and gave me papers to read and sign when I have time.

“ he offered me this?”

Thobeka: Yep, got a text from him during midnight.

“ they okay?”

Thobeka: they would be.

“ her phone is off and ...”

Thobeka: She feeling betrayed and questioning all the moments that you shared with her that were priceless to her if they were real or if it was you just doing your job so once she partially knows the difference, she will come back to you. Now give it time. I stood there and watched

how soft she was not that no bullshit lawyer exterior she always gives.

“One day, you need to open up about your relationship with snitch “ I watched her look at me shocked and turn red.

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

I grinned.

“ it's cute “

She blushed and looked at me.

“ I doubt the boss will have an issue with it “

Thobeka: No dating between agents remember!!

“ and you are a lawyer not an agent “

Thobeka: I collect a check from the company and...

“ you finding excuses of not making him and you permanent... Iv seen how he looks at you when you not looking. His for keeps “ she grinned and packed her things.

“ thanks for making the trip here”

Thobeka: you a good person Lisa. She walked out of the door and went to her car and sat there for a while maybe thinking about what I said and left as I walked in closing the door and just standing there thinking about my next move I can't lose her as my friend, I just can't.

Mlungisi

She looked horrible with each minute. The doctor looked her over and smiled.

Doctor: Drank wine or champagne last night? She injected her and gave her something to drink.

“ champagne”

Doctor: Chardonnay?

“ yes”

Doctor: First time?

“ yes”

Doctor: She is allergic. I heard her gasp and look at the doctor.

Amari: but are champagnes not made out of wines? I drink wine all the time.

Doctor: the sweet ones, your Moscatos and semi sweet white wines.

Amari: Yeah

Doctor: Champagne are made of wines but they mostly have Chardonnay in it and that what you allergic too. I looked at her and she looked amused.

Doctor: I'll give you something for the headache but drink a lot of water.

" thanks"

Doctor: Wanna do a pregnancy test?

Amari: Oh no thanks, just been a few days of sex nothing conclusive will come out of it and I haven't missed my period and..... she froze and looked at me then looked at the doctor and grabbed her bag in panic as she rummage through it and opened up her phone.

" you good?" She had teary eyes and I stood before her and lifted her face to look at me.

" talk to me mon coeur(my heart) " I saw the doctor smiled guessing she knows french.

Amari: My period... I don't think I got it, I lost track of time and..." her phone brighten and she looked at it scrolling to some app and boom 2 days late written in pink.

Amari: Am late... am never late and... I grinned looking at her framing her face with my hands.

" we been behaving like rabbits mon coeur(my heart) and things like this happen.

Doctor: When was your last period. She clicked on her phone and showed her.

Doctor: Wait a week and see if the period comes and if not, come over next week and I'll check to see what might be happening there. For now drink loads of water and you will be fine. I nodded and helped her out and we got in the car she was silent and I started the car and drove her home. I got in and parked and she walked in silently .

“ you shutting me off Amari”

Amari: I want to sleep. She looked like she was thinking I watched her go to our room. I made something warm for us and followed her to the room and found her sleeping and I just got in bed and snuggled her from behind and tugged my hand underneath her dress to her belly and brushed it. “ I got you... I got you with a baby in there or without”

Amari: I can't have babies!!.....

#22

Amari

I could feel my heart beating fast as he shifted behind me, I know what I said might make him question things but it's true... I can't have kids, Am incomplete as a woman.

Mlungisi: how do you know. I shifted and looked at him us laying there instead of pillow talk , talking about our ability of being able to produce.

“ i had a miscarriage two years ago, Iv never told anyone about it but the baby was in my tubes and I had to terminate it so yes I can get pregnant but it get stuck in my tubes”

Mlungisi: never told Lisa?

“ she was telling me for years to leave Senzo

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I wasn't about to tell her that am with his child then later tell her I had to terminate”

We were both silent for a while not saying anything.

Mlungisi: did the doctor tell you that this may result in you not having babies?

“ I didn't have the money to do all the rights test at the time but told me it a good thing we caught on earlier before the tube busted and resulted in my death.”

Mlungisi: so you see, there is a possibility that you might be with child now.

“ what if this is the same thing again? What if I am pregnant and it stuck in my tubes and I might have to lose it again”

Mlungisi:but ...

“ no but Mlu, every ectopic pregnancy results in a miscarriage, it's either i miscarry on my own or I help miscarry but no baby survives this”

He was silent and moved his hand to my belly then looked at me as if looking into my soul.

Mlungisi: I didn't marry you to pop babies, I married you to be my life partner and if babies come along then cook but if they don't then that also fine Amari. There are a lot of kids out there that will love to call you mom and ...

“ I want to carry one... I want to feel life grow in me... see who's eyes will it have... to be surprised when I give birth if it's a girl or a boy... I want to experience that part of life!!!”

Mlungisi: we don't always get what we want but that doesn't make us any less of God favourite.

“ how can I call myself a woman if I can do the basic functions of a woman body, that is to mould life.”

Mlungisi: that just fear talking and the stereotypes of the world we live in... a woman job is not only to mould life Amari and you know that very well.

“ and when you get a baby else where... am I to just accept it since I wasn't able to give you one” that shut him up and he had fire in his eyes as he looked at me and i closed my eyes letting the tears fall.

Mlungisi: you woman enough Amari. Every woman that can't carry or conceive a child is woman enough. I don't care what the society we live in say about them but they are woman enough just as you are woman enough for me. Am sorry we have to go through this but we can look at the brighter side... maybe this time around it lives... maybe this time around we get pregnant and we...

Amari: I just wanna sleep until next week.

Bongo

I read the text again “ hit... two days from now and take off the wife too if she in the way... we want him gone before the state meeting” I stood there and looked at the text. Should I risk it again? Why does the state secretary want him dead? What does he have on him?....

#23

Bongo

His house was a night mare so there was really nothing I could do from the house and I had to change the car 3 times cause the guard writes down the plates of cars driving by his house. I sat there took photos of the place then went to print them out and put them in the envelope

and put a simple note with my number. Rumour say you do not want to mess with Mlungisi Vilakazi and am not going to do that, I missed the first time and I should listen to my ancestors this is a fight that not mines.

Mlungisi

“ yes I’ll be at the state meeting”

Snitch: the team that working on finding out who has it for you, seems like your step mother is clean, hasnt done or be seen with anyone that might wanna cause you harm.

“ so what of the state meeting?”

Snitch: Secretary Williams

“ what about him?”

Snitch: the investigation you did on him? It totally slipped my mind with everything that been happening in my life, am losing the hang of things at the moment and am feeling overwhelmed. I closed my eyes for a while to centre myself.

Snitch: You okay?

I was silent for a while then looked at him.

“ yeah, send everything that needs my attention. I think Iv rested enough and my leg is really good”

Snitch: Sure, right now the focus is the state meeting and the debrief. We running all the political officials that are going to be there and the only one that capable of ordering a hit on you is the state Secretary Williams.

“ I’ll get on it”

He stood there for a while then shake his head.

“ snitch “ he turned and looked at me.

“ I know.... don’t beat your head about it, I know and it’s okay, she just my lawyer”

I watched him not be able to keep a straight face.

Snitch: You know?

“ you may be head of security but I do checks on you too and yes I know” he nodded and grinned a shy smile.

Snitch: I think she the one.

“ I’ll love an invite to the wedding”

Snitch: after you. He laughed leaving my home office and I sat there looking at the portrait of my mother with all of us all around her. There was a light knock and Amari peeped her head in.

Amari: Lisa going to be here in a few minutes so don’t come out please. This is just between us.

“ I won’t “ I smiled and she looked nervous but said nothing as she left the office and I sat there. Do I tell her the extent of what my security company does? And how do I break it to her that the man that wants me dead is very powerful man and might actually pull it off if am not careful.

Lisa

I really didn’t know how to feel about the invitation but to go. So here I was sitting across from her in her kitchen and we were both silent.

Amari: First time in 9 years having weird awkward silence.

“Sorry I lied.”

Amari: you should have told me though.

“ I know I should have”

She was silent then looked at me.

Amari: Iv been hiding something too

Now that took me back so I looked at her.

Amari: Senzo... I was pregnant with his child at some point.

We both kept quiet and looked at each other and am sure she could see the shock in my eyes for a second

but I was shocked she told me, I thought it something she will keep to herself for good.

Amari: You were already telling me to leave him and...

“ I know”

I looked at her.

“You stopped drinking wine and you never give up wine told me about being healthy and reducing stuff”

Amari: Why didn't you say anything to me.

“ you hid it for a reason”

Amari: Mlungisi??

“ you kept it from me your best friend, the one person you call about anything and everything. Why share something that you never even shared with me” I

watched her wipe her tears.

“ the day you went to the hospital, i followed you and I couldn't hold your hand through the process but when you left and got home, I was there. You lied and said periods were showing you flames, I stayed the night, cuddled you through the loss”

I wiped my tears and looked at her.

“ you are my best friend first before the job Amari. What we shared,I couldn't even fake it even if I wanted too” she got up so fast and hugged me crying and I wiped my tears.

Amari: Am scared... am scared that I might go through the same thing now and...

“ you have your husband right besides you to hold your hand and of cause me” we grinned through the tears. Having a friend that you could count on, is everything that a person could ever ask for, life has horrible moment but it's awhile lot more less horrible if you have moments where a friend is there for you even if it just for

a split seconds and that what Amari is for me... a glimpse of peace in a chaotic world...

#24

Amari

I walked in the study after I had a nice lunch with Lisa. I placed the food on his table to find him sitting there just looking at the screen with his eyes red and his jaw flexing, one look at him and I knew that things were going to be hectic. I looked at him and said nothing and then he grabbed his phone and called someone.

“snitch... kindly go to 3450 E, Soweto and grab everyone that in that house. Even if they have a cat, grab it” he hung up and looked at me.

Mlungisi: My mom accident was an ordered hit... he punched something on the keypad then turned the screen and there I saw his step mother handing an envelope to a big buggy guy.

Mlungisi: Tell me my eyes are deceiving me, my father mistress didnt pay for my mother death so she could be promoted to wife... tell me that my father infidelity isn't the reason why we are without our loving mother and that his infidelity isn't the reason why my heart is beating twice it's normal rate right now!!!... I just sat there and looked at my husband with tears rolling down my face cause I knew no amounts of words will change what his thinking and the proof... the proof is too damning!!

Malwande

We were having lunch with Lelo and I could feel she wanted to say something but was just taking her sweet Jesus time.

“ you gonna order dessert or talk to me about what on your mind?”

Lelo: do I look that transparent?

“ you paying for lunch Lelo and that speaks volumes”

Lelo: well we went to Mlu place.

“ and?”

Lelo: we thought we could have game night, how we used to do before.

“ why are you guys sticking to the past? Why do you guys always try to be the difficult kids that just can't let go of the fact that dad cheated mom went crazy and when ever dad wasn't around she always assumed he was with her and that day, things were not any different, she lost it when he forgot about you two, she was also mad that Mpiyakhe and I walked all the way home and when she was picking you guys up she just didn't pay attention and she lost it. Why blame dad? Why blame MaSimelane for everything that bad happening in our lives? Why can't we just let go and try to make the little pieces of life we have fit into a puzzle that we now have?. She was silent and looked at me for sometime then drank the juice.

Lelo: we were thinking Friday nights and we can sleep over do tents likes before then we can all doze off happy and content and satisfied that we are siblings and we have each other back. And before you say anything else that might make me get up here and never speak to you ever again ask yourself “ why the fuck Thabiso doesn't use you as his punching bag anymore and why the fuck he walks on the other side of the pavement when he sees you approaching, then tell me that Mlungisi never cared for you!!!” She got up and stood there.

Lelo: Friday 6:30 be ready we all gonna use the same car and come back on Saturday late. I watched her walk away and I sat there thinking about what she said. My ex boyfriend tortured me and abused me a million times even when I left he made sure that he tortured me then it all stopped. It was like the nightmare that I was in ended. I never wondered why and I never spoke to him to find out why cause I was just happy that it happened but now Lelo mentioning it took me back to the day that Mlungisi came to see me in hospital where I was told I have a broken rib. All he asked was “ did he do it?” And I never answered and he left, maybe him leaving was him going to make sure that Thabiso never does anything to me ever again and I've been angry at him for not allowing dad to move on. How could I have been so mean to my brother when all he has ever done was protect us. I know what he did for Mpiyakhe when dad gave up on him... I know what he did for Lelo when we all thought she going crazy and the twins Tshepi and Tsepho when they were born and needed some bone marrow that only he could provide since they have the same blood type how he gave permission for doctors to give them some even though he and our step mother are at odds yet I still pushed him to an arms length... what kind of a sister am I? Why have I been so set in moving on and shutting out his self righteous ass that in actuality his been there for us... All of us!!!..

#25

Bongo

They were everywhere the man in black. They moved swiftly that by the time I got up they had guns pointed at me and they were looking at me with angry eyes . The

guy that fired 4 rounds that nearly nib me stood before me and grinned the most scariest smile ever.

“ so he sent you?” He never said anything but walked me and cuffed me then threw me at the back of the car with my guard dog.

“ you seriously took my dog too?” No one said anything until we drove a long distance and we got into a room and they took both of us in and there he stood looking like hell on earth.

“ didn’t think you would take me seriously given that you and your step mother are close. Iv seen how she advocate for you”

Mlungisi: I need you to call your boss.

“ and say what?

Mlungisi: tell him am dead.

“ now why would I do that”

Mlungisi: For the same reason you sent the envelope with your number.

“ I sent that to show you that am no longer gonna do the hit”

Mlungisi: The video and picture?

“ that me just doing an interview to be part of your team.

Mlungisi: Where did you get it from?

“ is this an interview cause if it is, then woah”

I watched him look at my dog and swiftly moved his hand aiming a bullet right between it eyes as it effortlessly without hesitation fell to the floor and he turned looking at me his eyes clear.

Mlungisi: it wasn’t doing much of guarding given that you right here so, now that I have your full attention. The tape?

“ a friend of mine gave it to me as insurance@

Mlungisi: and?

“ a bullet between his eyes is what happened to him”
There was silence and i looked at him.

“ your step mother found out about you getting married and giving half of everything you own to your wife so he hired my friend to go shake things up at your in laws and threaten them but things got out of hand and he ended up shooting both of them right on their heads since he was a hit men and you know the rest!!!”

Amari

He walked in close to 5pm and he looked like hell he walked to the bathroom closed the door and a few minutes later I heard some water and sounds and I knew he was crying so I stood there for a while and let everything he was feeling roll off him and when I heard the water I knew he was washing his face so I turned the door and walked in and got naked and got in the shower with him. He didn't turn to look at me so I just stood there and said nothing.

Mlungisi: I don't wanna talk about it.

“ I didn't say anything though”

Mlungisi: I said I don't wanna talk about it.

“ then turn around so I help you forget even if it just temporary, let me help you forget!!!” He stood there not saying anything then he turned around fast smashing his lips painfully on mines and pinned me to the wall and Lord have mercy, Iv never been fucked out of my mind as he did.

#26

Amari

I could feel his hands roaming all over my body and his lips buried on my neck and I knew I'll have love bites all

over. His other hand moved to my happy place and slid a finger in there as I moved. He moved them looked at me and I smiled at him his shaft was full and poking at my billy and I licked my lips under his gaze.

Mlungisi: I don't want to hurt you.

He mumbled.

I slowly move down with the showers on my head and slowly welcomed him in my mouth. It was a first for us to experience that on each other but I wanted him to see am all in. I felt his hand in my hair and I moved as fast as I could sucking him all in and before I knew it he moved me away from him and I watched his seeds spill to the floor and be washed away as I got up and stood there. I could still feel him from the banging he gave me, I could still feel the rawness from his roughness. I washed myself again and touched my bruised lips remembering his lips on mine and I watched him turn and look at me.

Mlungisi: I love you Amari, you don't have to prove yourself to me. I love you and I know you love me. There he said it with me naked in a shower with him and I felt myself move closer to him and tip toe on my toes and lightly brush my lips on him.

" I know.. now Fuck me!!!" And he sure did!!!

Ma Simelane

" what you mean ?"

I took my shirt and put it on and into my skirt and wore my heels then stood by the mirror and re applied the little make up I wear.

Sam Williams: I mean the guy I hired to shoot him is hiding, am not sure from me or his preparing for the kill or....

“ you better fix it, if you want me to marry you the only way that happening is if Mlungisi is six feet under and his wife too and I know he loves his father he will leave almost everything to him and then I divorce him and you and I can control the world!, plus if his dead, no one will know you stealing from the state.” There was silence as he looked at me through the mirror and I could see the hunger but I did just give him my ass without questions. Sam Williams: Am working on it the first time was a miss.

“ i know,if that clause wasn't there I was gonna switch off the machines myself!!”

Sam Williams: I know!!

“ we do this... we set for life!!!... you are the government secretary of governance... we are half way there my love... half way there!!!” ...

Snitch

I took the pictures like crazy, watching them rolling on the floor, fucking like rabbits. After the tip off from Bongo and where they usually meet after the death of his dog and of cause the bombshell he said about Amari parents had Mlungisi leave and i obtained this information. The more pictures I took the more evidence we gathered. Can't believe that woman was so evil to the point that his sleeping with the man responsible for wanting her stepson killed. Maybe just maybe she in on it too? I emailed the photos to Mlu secured line and tried my best to get closer to the window of the BNB and then placed the recorder and there I heard it “if Mlungisi is six feet under and his wife too and I know he loves his father he will leave almost everything to him and then I divorce him and you and I can control the world!, plus if his dead, no one will know you stealing from the state.... I

heard it all and I switched off the recorder and left that place and the minute I got in the car, i converted it and sent it to Mlungisi, let him deal with this!!!...

#27

Amari

I was laying half spread on top of him naked and his arms were running all over me. I knew he was up and I remember how he told me he loves me and kept telling myself not to think too much into it, but I couldn't hold myself.

" I love you too" I mumbled and he chuckled that deep laugh.

Mlungisi: I love you more. I could feel my heart do a dance and I shifted looked at him, even though he was smiling I could see that something was bothering him.

" ready to talk to me about it?"

He closed his eyes for a minute and looked at me as they were all red.

Mlungisi: Give me tonight, tonight to have your soft skin on mine and your heart beating against mine. Just tonight baby and tomorrow we can visit our horrors. I nodded and snuggled closer to him as he wrapped his arms around me tightly.

" am here... what ever it is am here and how ever you choose to react am here!!" He kissed my forehead and i closed my eyes. Whatever it is, am sure we will survive.

Mr Vilakazi

I watched her walk in from work and she kissed my cheek smelling of her coco perfume. Where did I go wrong? What is it about her that my eldest son doesn't like or that makes home hate her so much? I know how

our relationship started but we are older and wiser now and...

MaSimelane: you have a frown on your face.

“ sorry, just thinking”

MaSimelane: About?

“ oh it nothing

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how was your meeting.

She took off her shoes and sat by the couch and looked at me with a grin.

MaSimelane: Productive, just a few more plans and all will be set

“ and you still not sharing much on it?”

MaSimelane: Not yet love... not yet. I sat there and watched her undress then get into comfy clothes and get to bed with a book and looked at me.

MaSimelane: You too quiet... you good?

“ don't worry about me, just thinking too much” I closed my eyes and took deep breathes, what does Mlungisi see in her that Iv failed to see in so many years or is it simply because he blames her for his mom death.

Snitch

I walked in the kitchen to find him laughing with Amari and I knew he hasn't seen my emails.

Amari: have a seat and have breakfast

“ i already had something light”

Amari: Coffee black with no milk or sugar right?

I looked at her shocked she knows.

Amari: I saw you have a couple of those at the hospital. She poured and placed it on front of me with a slice of toast.

“ thank you”

Amari: Pleasure, let me leave you guys, am done anyways. She got up kissed her husband and walked out and I sat there looking at Mlu.

Mlu: You sent me something right?

“ yeah” he nodded and leaned on his chair.

Mlu: More information on her?

“ I think it best you look through your emails bafo”...

#28

Mr Vilakazi

I stood there looking at my second oldest son maybe his joking, Mlungisi have never set foot here in more then a decade.

Malwande

I looked at my brother, did he had to announce it like this?

“ you read his text right?”

Mpiyakhe: Yep... “ if it cool with you guys, I would love to bring Amari home for dinner”

Dad: And what you said?

Mpiyakhe: I said I'll ask you guys.

Mpumelelo: Obviously why not.

MaSimelane

I was silent looking at them not saying a word. Why now? Why after all these years? I looked at Tshepi and Tsepho grinning, I know they love him. As much as he puts a distance on them but what he did for them is something I always been grateful for.

Tshepi: We all going to eat together?

Dad: Yes... tell him we will be delighted to have him and I'll personally make the duck roast he loves.

I watched his children grin and I smiled. Maybe this is him coming to see us just a visit nothing major.

Mlungisi

I walked closer to her and zipped her back and kissed her shoulder. She looked beautiful.

“ you look beautiful “ she turned and looked at me smiling.

Amari: Nervous, you were so angry when you suggest us to go for dinner at your parents home and I feel like you up to something.

“ I am don't trust you can bottle your emotions throughout the dinner hence am keeping you in the dark but I want you to know something.

Amari: yeah

“ all that gonna happen tonight, Iv just found out about it and am not breaking it gently to you right now cause I want your reaction as pure as it would be and I will be right there besides you “

Amari: You scaring me.

“ I know love, but I promise. We going to be okay and I got this all figured out”

She was silent for a while and stood on her toes and kissed me.

Amari: Sometimes people call it murder because they don't understand what took you to go so far as a person. Am not saying kill anyone love but the past few days Iv seen you change. Iv seen anger bubbling in you and felt it in your love making. If you have killed someone, it's okay... ill still love you nonetheless just speak to me okay!

I stood before her as she searched my eyes looking for an idea of what happening or might be happening.

“ your love for me is unconditional, so is mine to you” I kissed her on her lips and felt the urge to make sweet love to her so I lifted her dress up and watched her part her legs for me and I stopped and looked at her.

“ we going to be late “

Amari: You just going to go in for a few minute. She gave me a look full of lust and I grinned and kissed her giving her time to be ready for the sweetest acts of love as I dropped her panty and lifted her up to the wall as I unbuckled my pants....

Mr Vilakazi

Mlungisi is never late and I felt panic grip my throat, maybe he changed his mind. Maybe he decided we not worth..... the lates from the drive thru flashed and I heard the whole room gasp as if they were holding their breathes. My eldest son is in my yard after 15 years of not saying a word towards me!!!.....

#29

Snitch

Iv never been afraid of anything when I was with Mlungisi by my side. But today... today I was scared not because of what will happen to him but of what his capable of doing. I had the team on stand by just in case he needs back up and had the entire house surrounded. Mpumelelo

“Nice of you to finally bless us with your presence.”

I watched him blush and look at Amari who looked away blushing and Mpiyakhe laughed.

Malwande: Oh no! She turned pink.

Dad: You guys wanna share the inside joke?

We all looked at him and the horrified Amari and laughed. This is it, this is what I missed about us. The vibe, the laughter and most certainly the way we know how to read each other without any hiccups and today... today is unexpected and knowing Mlungisi the way that I do, today is no ordinary visit and I know my other siblings know this too.

Amari

I watched the love flowing through the siblings and I felt the love they have for each other even though they seem shy to expose their feelings for each other. I watched the step mother just be in the back ground with a simple smile on her lips and adding her two cents here and there and then I watched my father in law loving ever moment of having his oldest son here and the twins loved him and the little gifts he got for them made it worse.

Mr V: I wish we could have these often. We were now by the lounge and they were drinking some whiskey and the ladies were having wine while I opted for a glass of juice.

Mrs V: Mlungisi is always welcomed here.

There was silence as if waiting for Mlungisi to say anything and I watched his side flex and I knew he was controlling anger.

Mlungisi: How do you do it Yunus? His voice was low and cold as he looked at her right in her eyes.

MrsV: do what?

Mlungisi chuckled that dead cold laughter that people do before slapping the shit out of you.

Mlungisi: Be in the same room with the kids of the woman that you ordered a guy to kill not only destroying the kids lives but also killing the parents of one the kids

wives simple because she married him. Now how do you do it??....

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Mpiyakhe

I could feel my heart beating fast.

Mpumelelo

I looked at Mlungisi and I could see the fire in his eyes.

Malwande

Iv never seen Mlungisi look the way that his looking right now

MaSimelane

“ you came all the way here to accuse me of horrid things or....”

Amari

She didn't even finished her sentence when he laughed that scary laugh that had everyone silent and looking at him.

Mlungisi: My mom was the most lovely person on earth and her downfall was she loved her husband to much, to much that he put her in a position where people like you Yunus...who pry on man who are so dumb at times. She loved my father with all of her and dad... well dad was just being a man... a man that put his wife in a position that his side girl had to hire someone to tempt with her brakes.

Dad: MaSimalane??? He looked at her.

Mrs v: I don't know what his talking about. He took out his phone and called someone and just said “now” and then the door opened and snitched walked in with his huge gun, same gun he had at the hospital placed an file in front of Mlungisi and moved to the back then took out a few photos and passed them around. Everyone was silent looking at a picture of MaSimelane standing

with a dodgy guy giving him an envelope. She got up and threw a tantrum.

Mrs V: Do you hate me so much that you had to photo shop me into your lies? I never hired anyone to kill your mother!!!

Mlungisi: The thing is, you confusing what am saying as if am asking you to verify it but am telling you facts now shut the fuck up and put your ass on the chair and listen to me. He handing us pictures upon pictures and we all said nothing looking at the pictures of her handing money to guys, her half naked on top of a man which had Mr V in tears and her standing next to the Secretary of governance laughing. You could see it was after the deed and then Mlungisi showed a picture of her standing next to the two guys who killed my parents and I felt all the air in my lungs leave me. I don't know when I jumped the table but I did and I was holding onto her neck with everyone screaming and shouting for me to stop but I couldn't. The woman that responsible of me growing up without parents is right here before me and I have to stop... hell no!!!!..

#30

Mlungisi

I never expected Amari to react the way that she did. I moved closer to them and picked her off Yunus and looked at her.

Amari

I was breathing hard looking into Mlungisi eyes who was full of pride. Pride for my actions were Iv just literally assaulted a person. He grinned and looked at me.

Mlungisi: Iv never been so proud of a person.

“ she killed my parents “

He framed my face making me only look at him.

Mlungisi: I have you... I've got your back. I've always got your back!! I felt the tears burn my eyes and I could speak as the pain and the knowledge of being in front of the instigator of my parents murder was too much.

Mlungisi: Breathe love... just try to breathe. I nodded and looked at everyone and it seemed like everyone was standing there frozen, no one helped her. No one said anything. It was like we were all in a movie and just couldn't move but only listen.

MaSimelane

I could feel the tears in my eyes but I wasn't going to cry, I wasn't going to let a deal that I had cooking for close to 20 years fall apart.

“ you lying, you made up all these photos so....”

Mpiyakhe

I never saw it coming, my dad placed one right back hand slap on his wife and the room went even deadlier if there was such a thing. I've never seen my dad lay a hand on anyone. We used to push his buttons growing up and not once has he laid a hand on us and I think the shock from her face clearly shows that she too has never experienced such.

Malwande

You know when you experiencing an out of body experience? That me right now the silence in the house the anger, the frustration and mostly the evidence... the evidence of an evil woman that used my family for years, broke a father and son relationship and I supported her. I supported a woman that took my mother from me. I was an advocate for my mother killer, the very woman that broke and tore my family apart.

“ I trusted you” I whispered with tears rolling down my eyes.

“ I thought all along my brother was holding on to the past and not giving you and dad a chance... I was stupid” I choked on my tears and am not sure when he played a voice note but we all listened to it with our mouths hanging open and all hell broke lose between her and my father!!!

MaSimelane

I can't believe I have his strong arms around my neck that in one night, I have been strangled twice and it both times I didn't see it coming. I saw the tears fall from his eyes as he squeezed the life out of me and both times Mlungisi the same person that made such events happen, saved me. I could hear Danny screams from the other room and I could hear Mlungisi hush voice am not sure saying what to him. I looked at my son Tshepi and Tsepho standing far from me holding on to each other with tears rolling down their little faces

“ I didn't do what they said I did” I spoke with a hoarse voice from the strangling”

Tsepho: his not lying. Our brother not lying.

I looked at his innocent face filled with anger and tears.

“ don't believe him Tsepho....”

Tsepho: I heard you too... the night you found out he was in hospital. I heard what you said to whoever was on the call... he screamed at me and every one looked at him and I felt all the blood on my face drain. I know which day he was talking about and which call....

#31

Tsepho

I could see everyone looking at me and i closed my eyes still holding on to my twin sister. Iv told her about what Iv heard and she has reassured me a million times that am just over thinking it. I looked at her with tears streaming down her Face.

Lelo: Talk to us Tsepho.

“ Mom told whoever on the other hand that “ you couldn’t do a simple task such as killing him, 5 opportunities and not one bullet can nib his heart and make it stop and let me have peace!!!” Every one looked at mom and she looked pale as if she going to faint. Dad was standing by the door and my oldest brother who survived the 5 bullets was looking at mom with so much hate that if looks could kill, she would be dead right now.

“ you were speaking about him... the same brother who made sure we survive... what if we relapsed? What if what we were born with comes back and we can’t have a bone marrow transplant because you killed the guy who offered it for free? How can you want to kill a man that saved your children ma?... I know am young and I don’t know these things but even my brains as little as it is, cannot fathom how does one want to kill some one who has done so much for them and is their husband child!!!”

Dad: i want you out of my house Yunus.. I want you out of my children lives all of them even Tshepi and Tsepho. I want you gone from my life or will kill you with my bare hands.

Snitch: You under arrest for the conspiracy to murdering Nonhlanhla Vilakazi and before you deny it we have footage. Conspiracy to murder Mlungisi Vilakazi adding your own child testimonials things won’t look good and murder of the Thusi family. Anything you say or do will

be used against you at the court of law and.... She grabbed her hand bag and we all watched her grab her asthma pump that she has never used in years with tears streaming down her face then returned it back in her back coming back with a hand gun which she aimed at Amari who was near. We were all shocked cause we have never seen her hold a gun and have never seen one in her bag. She moved closer to Amari holding the gun to her side and looked at us wiping her tears.

Amari

My heart was beating so fast, I've never been hold at gun point in my life and I watched everyone look at us in shock.

MaSimelane: Oh fuck you all!!!!.... fuck the whole bunch of you ungrateful kids!!!

She was spitting fire as she grabbed me tight hurting my hand.

MaSimelane: Your mother deserves everything she got when she removed your father from all of her assets and came to my work and swore me and threw one hell of a fight.... your mother deserved every single thing that happened to her.

And you... she grabbed me tighter.

MaSimelane: Mlungisi investments were all maturing when he was 25 and plus that silly project and your parents thought that giving him a little bit of love and you will have them living like kings while you(she pointed at her husband with a gun and a bullet went through the wall, she laughed and said "oops") I saved your ass, you let her walk over you and give everything you work for to the kids with her silly clauses. Yes you married me but I knew you never loved me like you loved her and all the winning about Mlungisi and how you miss him and shit

all that... I was tired... I was tired of the boring life you gave me. Am tired of you so I found William, a man with a plan and certainly a man that made me feel things that you stopped making me feel when I had the twins.

There was silence as everyone looked at her.

MaSimelane: I never loved anyone of you... none of you are worth my love!!! She spat out the words and I saw the twin tears roll down in ten folds.

MaSimelane: Good luck proving that in court Mlu... you see I wasn't only fucking Williams and his not the only man that wants you dead you know.... she grinned and I watched Mlungisi moved and I saw something silver by his side.

Mlungisi: Who else?

I could smell her and heard her laughter vibrate as she laughed.

MaSimelane: Deputy director of Justice. You see all these cases you are solving are putting him at risk of losing his job so we both have the same agenda and if fucking...

Malwande: You ungrateful bitch!!!

Lelo: Slut

Which made her roar with laughter she jabbed the gun on my side and grinned then moved closer to my ear only for me.

MaSimelane: you pregnant right? The juice instead of wine... you pregnant.

I didn't say anything and he looked at Mlungisi and smiled.

MaSimelane: What you gonna do... try and save your wife or catch me..... then I felt to bullets rip on me fast as bullets flew everywhere with everyone going down apart Mlungisi who was shooting towards MaSimelane

direction a million times as he came to me and I felt my head hit the floor... it felt like slow motion but he was holding me in a few seconds when I felt myself go cold and I looked to the side saw MaSimelane body with a million bullets looking at the sky and I looked at him feeling numb.

Mlungisi: Don't close your eyes.... I saw his eyes getting red and I knew he was crying as my heart beat was feeling faint.

" I love you"....

#32

Lelo

Everything was happening so fast. The bullets flying to Yunus hitting her hard as she went to the floor. Us screaming and Malwande protecting the kids and Mlungisi running for Amari who fell on the floor like a bag of potatoes. It was all to fast and short notice. When the silence fell in the room, Mlungisi screams that was filled in pain filled the room and I watched in slow motion as two guys in full black dropped down next to Amari working fast as blood was oozing to the floor. I saw Mpiyakhe run to go help and watch Malwande run to the twins and I stood there frozen and watched them work fast on her and after some time I heard one guy scream "stable" let go... I think that when I let out a deep breath and felt tears cover my face and I watched them roll her to a stretcher and in minutes the house was buzzing with press and things were hectic.

Thobeka

“ I need you” that all the text said and I knew the next coming days is me putting off some fires.

Mlungisi

The past few hours they had her in surgery until I dozed off on that couch and woke up to find my sister

Malwande walking in the waiting room with a cup of coffee and a bag. The last I spoke to her was when she was in hospital with a broken rib. She sat next to me and said nothing just handed me the coffee.

“ thanks”

Malwande: It’s a pleasure... dad is here too since his bp is too high.

“ I guess his thinking to much.

Malwande: Yeah, we were all blindsided.

There was silence and she placed a comforting hand on my thigh and looked at the door.

Malwande: I never thanked you before for saving my life instead I cut you off and then you come again to save our lives. So thanks.

I turned to look at her.

“ i want us to go back to when you spoke to me and shared your life with me. I know am sometimes hard on you guys but my love for you and our other siblings never altered.

She leaned her head on my shoulder and snuggled my one arm.

Malwande: I know.... we sat like that for a while till the doctor came out.

Doctor: she stable.

“ okay”

Doctor: The pregnancy... we couldn’t save it.

“ okay”

Doctor: The bullet rapture through her womb and we had to stick it up and one of her tubes was snipped and with that being said am not saying pregnancy won't happen but....

“ and the other bullet?”

Doctor: Was lucky for it to lodge in-between her two last ribs stopping it from rapturing organs. We will keep her close by for a while and i can give you a doctor number that can help walk you through your family planning. Am really sorry for your loss.

I nodded and sat there defeated. So she was pregnant and we never even had a chance to know about it

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to experience the joy of knowing about it and too.... I wiped the tears that rolled down my face and I felt Malwande lay her head on my shoulder and we sat there not saying anything.

Malwande: Am sorry

“ even in death, she still manages to take away from me, what did I do to suffer like this!!” ...

#33 continues...

Mlungisi

The drive back to the hospital was daunting but I finally made it and walked to her room to find the nurses busy with her so I kept my distance and when they were done I walked closer to her bed and looked right at her. There really isn't an easy way of telling your wife that right now she not carrying a part of you because my father couldnt keep it in his pants. She shifted and I sat by her side and looked at her as the doctor walked in.

Doctor: Mr Vilakazi

I smiled as he went on his routine then looked at her.
Doctor: I can discharge you now if you tired of looking at my ugly face.

I watched her smile.

Doctor: take it easy and don't do anything strenuous.
We thank him then he asked for us to be excused and I went with him.

Doctor: I can tell her for you.

" it's okay I'll do it at home"

Kwa Thusi

Tv: the business man and the secret service head wife was shot in his family home landing in hospital but 3 days later she is seen being rolled out by her dotting husband. A video of Amari played and we sat there looking at the screen.

Gogo: Where is this?

Zoleka: Johannesburg

Gogo: get your uncle, we going to Johannesburg.

Zoleka: why?

Gogo: she can't be eating those riches alone when I raised her father and...,

Zoleka: You kidding right? You don't even have her address and...

Gogo: Ngithe " call your uncle!!" I walked out of the room and left her standing there.

Amari

The ride home was a silent one. When I got home I took a quick shower with Mlungisi fussing on me then walked to bed and snuggled to the heart shape grey pillow..

Mlungisi: you okay?

" are we gonna talk about what happened?" He looked away and then took a few deep breaths and got besides me making me snuggle on him with the pillow.

Mlungisi: When I agreed to your parents to marry you I really wasn't doing it cause I wanted something from you or them. I agreed to it cause I wanted the love they had and some how I figured if I marry the child of the most in love people that I've ever seen, some how I might get the little dose of that love and no doubt I got it. You are everything that a man can ever ask for and I really love how in such a short time we have connected beyond physically but emotionally too. I really have no other way to tell you this but do know it's doesn't change how I see you nor how I feel about you. We lost the baby...

I heard him, it vibrated in my eyes but somehow my silence was " I was pregnant, I had life in me I had a piece of him and I in me, I was going to grow a human being and now... now it gone"

" could the doctor tell where it was? Was it in my tubes again or it was where it was suppose to be?" He was quiet for some time just holding me right.

Mlungisi: We can see a doctor that specialises in these things, find out where it was, what can be done to help in future if we decide to have one.

So he wants one... he may not have said it in many words but he wants one.

" okay" I blinked away my tears, am not going to break down, am not going to blame anyone for what happened. I lost the baby, I lost the baby and am fine. Am perfectly okay!!

Mlungisi: I love you.

I felt tears fill in my eyes and I blinked then away snuggling more into him.

" I love you too" I whispered and felt my throat close up and he brushed my back and somehow that helped ease the tension that was in the room. I closed my eyes

for a second then opened them to feel a tear on my face. “ am not going to cry about this too... Am okay!!!”...

#34

Amari

1 month

This past month has been the hardest month of my life. The damage that has been done to the family and them trying to reconnect with each other has been a a tough journey. And there is us... Mlungisi and I trying to figure out our marriage and dealing with the loss of our child. I know he thinks I blame him for it but I really don't. I know he wants one hence I went with him to the specialist who gave us some treatment And after two weeks of bleeding told us to let God decide. So now here I was sitting by the restaurant waiting for Lisa to pull through for lunch. With all that been happening in my life we haven't seen each other much. I sat there and dranked my ice tea while I looked out to the beautiful pond outside the restaurant.

“ some say ponds are wishing wells” I turned to the voice and found an handsome man sitting a few feet away. He has a dazzling smile and looks and smells of money in the clothes his wearing and the food right in front of him.

“ not all ponds are wishing wells”

Him: True, but Iv wished for a million things in that pond and they they came true.

His voice was calm and inviting so I shifted and looked at him.

“ Amari Thusi-Vilakazi” I extended my hand with my wedding ring on my finger.

Him: Mcebisi Nkomo

“ pleasure to meet you”

Mcebisi: Pleasure is all mine Mrs Vilakazi. I smiled and turned to my iced tea and my phone beeped and I looked at it to see a text from Lisa.

“ babe, am stuck in traffic. I’ll be there in 30 minutes earliest” I called her.

“ we can do breakfast tomorrow, I’ll go home and you can u-turn at the nearest off ramp.”

Lisa: You sure?

“ yeah, I love you babes”

Lisa: Love you more I’ll make it up to you.

“ I want umgosi!!!” I laughed and hung up and signalled for the waiter so I paid and smiled at Mr Nkomo as I left. Instead of going really out, I went to the shop next door got myself some ice cream then walked to the little pond and took out 5 rands and threw it on the pond making a little wish and turned to find the Mr Nkomo standing there. I walked the short distance with my ice cream to him.

Mcebisi: you took my advice?

“ who knows maybe I might get what am wishing for”

Mcebisi: Wanna share?

“ nope, then it won’t come true” he was silent as I looked at the ice cream.

Mcebisi: Tv makes you look mean. I laughed cause that wasn’t expected.

“ am not a camera person”

Mcebisi: True, it doesn’t do you justice.

“ hmmm, well enjoy your afternoon” I walked away.

Mcebisi

I watched her walk the short distance to her car and get in and after a while drive off. I stood there smiling like a happy kid that just won lotto. This is going to be easy then I expected. Mlungisi watch me destroy the life you built with my tears. I stood there grinning and fished out my phone.

“ you can let Snitch go now” I hang up. This has been easy!!!

Snitch

I knew they driving around aimlessly trying to buy time after they snatched me from the mall that Amari visited. I was so focused on her that I never saw the guy creeping on me. The car stopped and I knew if I had to react now is the time.

Voice: Don't do anything stupid, am just dropping you off.

That it? They snatched me to drive around with me?

That all?. They rolled me off the car and after some time I moved the black net off me and walked the short distance to my car. Undid the cable ties on my hand and took my phone out tracking Amari only to see she is home so I drove there with my throat in my heart.

#35

Mlungisi

I watched her walked in and place her bag on the counter.

“ you back early”

Amari: yeah... Lisa was stuck in traffic so I just rescheduled. Am going to nap a bit. And just like that the door opened and I watched snitch walk in with a terrified

look on his face and quickly compose himself after he gathered his surroundings.

Amari: Will talk when am up, I have a tiny headache. She disappeared to the bedroom and I stood there looking at snitch.

Snitch: Some one snatched me and drove around with me for an.... my phone rang and I saw it Lisa and answered.

“ yeah...”

Lisa

I was shaking and swallowed a few times.

“ a man walked in my house just before I left and pointed a gun at me told me to sit down or he shoots.... I stood there and until my phone rang told me if it's your friend Mrs Vilakazi answer and say you stuck in traffic. Which I did and after that he stood there until he got a call then he left” I could here nothing but utter silence.

Mlungisi: Am sending someone to come draw a sketch of the man so we can try and identify him.

“ cool”

Mlungisi: Ill park a car outside your place or you can come sleep over here.

“ I think a car will do”

Mlungisi: Good call me if you need me. Am activating your tracker now so I can track you if this happens again.

“ cool” he hang up and I sat there looking at my shaking hands. I have a bad feeling about this!!

Amari

My lips were so dry and I felt like my chest was on fire so I quickly got out of my clothes and went in the shower to cool off but instead I got worse and felt dizzy. I grabbed onto the shower scream down and tried to

move it but I couldn't and felt myself fall onto the floor and my vision going pitch black and that when I screamed with my dry throat. Something is wrong with me.... something is really wrong with me!!!

Mlungisi

I heard the faint scream and I ran to my bedroom with Snitch right behind me to the bathroom where there was a shower on and I found her on the floor of it pale and drowsy as if she drunk. I picked her up and wrapped her with a sheet as Snitch and I ran for the car.

“ Amari!!!!” She looked at me with shot red eyes and I felt myself panic.

Amari: something wrong... she whispered her lips white as chalk. I grabbed the water bottle making her drink the water by force.

Amari: My chest is on fire. She whispered I looked around to see that Snitch was basically flying to the hospital.

“ hang in there love, just hang in there” and then I felt wet and looked down to see that she was bleeding and I felt like my heart was in someone hand and that hand was squeezing on it tight.

“We can't lose another baby, let this be something else please... let it be something else” I felt the tears roll down my face as Snitch drove like a crazy person....

#36

Snitch

The minute I parked they were out of the car running in and doctors and nurses were all over him. I stood there with my hands shaking. What the hell is going on?

Mlungisi

I fished out my phone and called my siblings letting them know to be on the lookout of any danger but instead everyone came over to the hospital and waited with me at the waiting room. My heart was beating so fast and I was frustrated beyond words but I kept my cool.

Snitch: Am going to the office.

“ I can't lose her “

We both stood there looking at each other and I felt tears roll down my face and wiped them away.

Snitch: You won't, am going to the office am going to look at footage of what happened in that restaurant and then I'll have answers of what next okay?” I nodded and he disappeared when I felt a hand on my shoulder to see it my dad and for the first time since my mom death I took comfort in him and cried like a baby. I think I cried cause my biggest fear is losing Amari after how she has been there for me.

Mcebisi

I got home and took off the thin layer of a glove I had on and then washed my hands with the chemicals. When I was satisfied about it I walked back to my office and switched on the screen of the screen and sat there looking at the blank desktop. I pulled it off.. I pulled of the first phase of my plans and I pulled it off effortlessly. But I didn't expect to like her, I really didn't expect to like her the way that I did but she going to be okay. This is just a scare to show him that I can get to him, I can easily take away what he loves just as how he did to me. I leaned back on my chair and grinned. “ can't believe I pulled it off!”

Mlungisi

The doctor walked out and I moved quickly to him and looked at him.

Doctor: Mr Vilakazi we managed to charcoal her but this type of poison goes through via the blood stream and ...
“poison?”

Doctor: Yes your wife was poisoned, it's not food poisoning since her belly was empty of it, it's something that she touched with her right hand and a huge amount of it making it deep through her pores. It's a good thing you rushed her here immediately and that she took a shower within 24 hours of being in contact with the poison. We running tests just to find out if any other damage was done to her but so far we looking good. I nodded.

“uhm... we kind of trying for a baby and... Uhm... she was bleeding and I....”

Doctor: Am sorry Mr Vilakazi it was still the fertilisation stages of the pregnancy but with that amount of....
I felt myself fall to the floor and my brother Mpiyakhe holding me as my eyes went blurry with tears.

Doctor: You can see her but she heavily sedated and we still running checks to see if anything else is damaged but for now, she is stable.

Lelo: thank you.

I closed my eyes and cried. We were barely serving the month that we been through and the procedure we just endured for us to go through this again. Why this? Why are we being tested so much? Will she still want me after everything that happening to us? Will she still see marriage as a good idea?

Mpiyakhe: We here.

“we shouldn't have lost another child... we just shouldn't have “ I got up and walked towards the direction the doctor went and stood by the door of her room and saw all those pipes on her and I felt myself slide down the

door with tears clogging my throat. “ this isn’t how I pictured life for us”

#37

Kwa Thusi

“ it’s been weeks”

Malume: Ma, we can’t just rock up at her house, people like him don’t let people like us in easily.

“ did you really write the letter and gave it to the guard?”

Malume: Yes... now wait until she calls or invites you.

Zethembe: Ill die of laughter if she took that piece of paper and threw it in the trash. They both turned and looked at me.

“ die of laughter tonight when I tell them not to dish up for ngoba awuzwa(because you don’t listen to)

Snitch

I sat there watching the security camera at the eating court when I saw her. I was silent as I watched her walk in and sit then a few minutes later a guy sits behind her and orders and eat. There really wasn’t anything bad about the video when he she spoke to her phone after sometime and I watched her turn and shake hands with the guy and turn again minding her business. I watched after some time she went for a walk and the guy ate finished up and walked out and they spoke and I zoomed in the camera after she said her goodbyes and he stood there smiling. I zoomed in and saw his face and nothing clicked in me so I took the picture and sent it to the data base to run all credentials on the person and 5 minute later boom. Mcebisi Nkomo

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I felt my blood run cold, I don't know him but Mlungisi have told me about him. I grabbed my keys and ran out driving to the hospital like crazy while I called the support team.

“ I need everyone on deck, I need eyes and ears everywhere. I need you all to just be on the look out for Mcebisi... I want to know even his pee schedule now!!!!!!”

Mcebisi

Now it time for plan two.I got my guys to drive through his house with a full loaded automatic gun and started opening fire. I had the team video cam everything when it was happening and I watched and laughed while his guards scrambled around to safety and opened fire.

Then I watched the envelope I had to have delivered to the post there and smiled.

“ okay guys, bring it back” I watched them rolled off and smiled. Now there is no way his gonna ignore my demands!!

#38

Amari

I woke up to see the hospital lights and my lips dry beyond words so I shifted and saw a bottle and lots of flowers next to my bed and took it drinking and looked at the guy standing by the door with a huge gun looking right at me. I saw he was wearing the same stuff as snitch and I knew that things were tough, who ever did this to me. Mlungisi was searching the whole world looking for him. I drank my water and looked at him. They must really trust him to have him here with me.

“ Amari”

Him: Lion

I laughed cause his tall and skinny far from being a big angry lion that can harm you.

“ I doubt your mom named you lion”

Lion: my brother snitch calls me it all the time

Aah that makes sense then the only person snitch trust me with is his little brother. I drank the whole water and buzzed the nurse in.

The doctor walked in and looked at my vitals then gave me something to drink and left and I sat there looking at the flowers. I haven't been with him for a year and already I've been in hospital twice. The first time I lost a baby and was shot by his step mom and now am here due to poisoning. I wiped the tear from my eyes and looked at the sunny flower next to my bed and smiled. I know he placed it there cause he knows I love sunny flowers but do I want to still be in his life? Do I want to still be with a person that has so many enemies and issues in life that when we finally in a good space then boom something happens... do I want that for myself? I closed my eyes.

“ the poisoning, was it the restaurant with the drink cause that all I had”

Lion: Look at your left hand.

I looked at it and saw the dry skin around it

Lion: There is a video of you shaking his hand in the restaurant.

My heart stopped beating for a minute and I moved and looked at him.

“ Mcebisi?”

He nodded and i closed my eyes just thinking for a second. His step mom shot him, Mcebisi used me to get his attention. Am his weak point... am Mlungisi weak point!!!

“ my phone” he pointed to the side table and I took it
texted Lisa.

“ I need you”

Mlungisi

The text “ she up” came through while I was briefing the
secret service department and the department of justice
about my old enemy from my army days being here in
SA. Everyone knows Mcebisi, everyone knows his story
and everyone knows about the danger that he is.

Secretary of defence: you telling me that the guy that we
sent you to kill 8 years ago is alive?

“ yes”

S.D.F: and that your wife was poisoned by him?

I showed them a picture of her shaking his hand.

“ that my wife waiting for a friend and as polite as she
was after he said something to her the next thing she
introduced herself which is something she always do
and this, well this time she introduced herself to a man
who has been following us for months if not years
planning this revenge. And a few hours later my house
had bullet wholes all over and this note. “ the president
knows what I want, so make it happen” which brings me
to why all of you are here and why the chief of staff is
sitting there sweating ever since I got you all in this
room”

Finance secretary: Are we safe?

“ do you know where you are?”

Everyone looked at me confused cause I sent out
drivers to pick them up with bullet proof cars and tinted
windows all round in the back seat. They couldn't see
out and if you outside you couldn't see in.

“ now, talk to me, where is Mcebisi brother? And why
does he want him so much? and remember if anyone

lies to me or give me wrong information. Am sending Mcebisi a list of names on the people he should go after, not me!!!” Everyone was silent and looked around each other.

“ I don’t have the whole day!”

Chief of staff: FSB... we gave him to FSB. There was silence in the whole room.

Chief of staff: when we sent you 8 years ago to go after Mcebisi and the weapons he was trying to sell off. It was a distraction. We knew where his brother was hiding and we knew that Mcebisi is just a decoy project.so while you made that arrest and did that investigation we had another team check the lead on his brother and capture him. By the time you were back and Mcebisi ran underground we had Cebolenkosi taken into custody and interrogated which gave us enough information that could lay things out with our government and the Russian government making a solid deal which mean giving them Cebolenkosi. There was silence as I looked at the whole room that made me run an operation that was well above my company pay grade.

“ the team that worked the Cebolenkosi take down “

Justice minister: all dead. The past 8 years weird things have been happening and...

“ and you bringing me in now? For 8 years you knew that Mcebisi is alive and running hell on earth looking for his brother and you guys are only telling me now?”

Chief of staff: we didn’t think...

“ yep you didn’t think... you fucken didn’t think!!!... where is Cebolenkosi now?”

There was silence.

“ am not going to repeat myself.”

Chief of staff: I think you should be having a conversation with the president.

I looked at all the people that make our economy, that make sure our world is safe and is moving not collapsing and they all looked away.

“ if anything happens to my wife, I’ll come for each and every one of you one by one. I’ll bring the whole governance down. I always filled you in my operations, always fought for the better good of this country and the fucken world and one detail... this one detail you forget to tell me... “ I closed the laptop and looked at them.

“ I want full resources on me and on hand, this man has been planning this for 8 years clearly his brother is more valuable than you guys think. I don’t care how you do it and I don’t care who you talk to but I want Cebolenkosi here, in this office, in this room by 9pm tomorrow... You do not want to see me angry “ the whole room erupted as I walked out of the room leaving them talking to each other.

Snitch: Uhm

“ find everything that they hid from us on that operation and find out any dirt you might have on the president that everyone tried so hard to hide. I want it by midnight. And you should have eyes on Mcebisi right now “

Snitch: Hilton’s hotel room 209. 6 guards and has access to the hotel surveillance and has 32 cops in his payroll. Here the list. I took it scanning it to see if anyone I know then boom two of the cops I know are in there.

“ get me these two, put them in a cold room for an hour then call me when it time to take them out. Oh make sure they naked”

Snitch: sure. I walked to my car and drove off. Maybe it time... maybe it time I just let go of things and focus on

my marriage and my wife. Maybe it time I just focus on my life not saving the world from monsters like Mcebisi and Cebo...

#39

Mlungisi

I got to the hospital to find the whole team around with a few officials and my heart was beating fast as I climbed out of the car. I saw lion run to me.

“ Amari”

He looked away and looked at me.

“ gone... she gone “

I felt the air knock out of my lungs and looked at him.

Lion: she left... through the bathroom window while her friend was visiting and she got up to take a shower and after some time both Lisa and I looked for her in the bathroom to find her gone.

“ gone as in taken away, or gone as in gone she left”

Lion: I called the team and when I looked for Lisa to come give her statement, she was gone too... gone like Amari gone. I leaned to the wall and looked at everyone. Is it possible she left? Naah she would never leave me but what if she did, what if she really did leave me and.....

“ I want every one to look for her and find her, leave no stone unturned and the next time I look at you the words out of your mouth should be “ I found her!!!”

Amari

I was feeling faint and tired but I kept my cool, I drank the water and watch Lisa panic.

Lisa: am fired

“ no you not”

Lisa: I helped my boss wife disappear in the middle of a crisis. Tell me how is that not being fired?

“ I don't know but you not and I sent him an email before we left our phones behind.”

Lisa: oh thanks chommie that sorts everything out. What you said in the email?

“ not to look for us and to focus on work and apologised for withdrawing the money that I took”

I hugged the bag and looked at her.

Lisa: Where we going?

“ some place safe and I know no one will find us at, now stop stressing and if he fires you I'll just hire you back”
there was silence.

Lisa:so you not leaving him for good?

“ no, just need a few days away from him and the chaos and....”

Lisa: Danger... the danger

“ yes, the danger. I love him and we are perfect but this part of him... I can't be looking at everyone with suspicion. I can't be going around thinking everyone is after him and am his weakness and we trying for a baby, what happens when it here?”

We were both silent and I looked at Lisa.

“ thanks for risking things with me.”

Lisa: Apart that it my job to look after you but as a friend... I really get where you coming from and maybe this is good for you guys”

“ yep, it’s a war Zone and I just don’t want to be in that”

Lisa: Well we out of JHB now, we can get something to eat at any garage.

“ drive a bit, will stop at Standerton “ she nodded and i looked out of the window watching the trees.

This is good right? Am not messing up by doing this am I? But I sent an email so he will understand...

Mcebisi

“ what you mean the wife is missing”

Polar: that I went to the hospital to inject her with the virus and it was a mess, cops everywhere and people looking for her. She is missing

I put the antidote on the table and looked at him.

“ some one took her? Or he moved her?”

Polar: I think someone took her.

“ find out who it is maybe we can work together “ he nodded and i looked at the anti dote. Okay this is a hiccup but I’ll sort it out. I have to.

#40

Lelo

The look he had was dangerous. He never said anything just walked past us when he saw us and went to his room closed the door shut and all we heard was glasses breaking and painful screams coming from his room.

Mpiyakhe: Iv never seen him like this.

Malwande: When the whole world comes crashing on you... kind of takes it toll.

Mlungisi

I sat on the floor fished my phone out and wiped the tears away as an email popped up at the top left corner. I clicked on it.

“ I love you.... that all you need to know... I love you.... We at a place in our lives where people who never thought of attacking you are now doing so since am in your life and the only way that will end is if am not around.

Am not leaving you for good but am giving us space. Letting you do your thing with constantly worrying about me and my safety. Am gone because I need you to show the world that you married but your power is still there. That any Enemy that might think of double crossing you will have your wrath.

I love you Mlungisi and I know fixing things it in your nature. I'll be fooling myself if I ask you to quit your job and you will be lying to yourself if you think you can just walk away. You are Mlungisi, a fixer by name and a fixer by nature. So deal with this and you can come to us.(oops I said us look in the drawer and you will understand) I walked to her side of the bed look at the little stick with two lines and I felt tears roll down my eyes making it hard to look at the two hurry lines. She doesn't know.... Amari doesn't know that we lost the baby and.... I couldn't breathe,I had pins and needles poking me hard and I held tight the stick. “ breathe” “breathe” I kept whispering but it was too much the pain of knowing we no longer pregnant while she thinks we are brought me to my knees and i cried like a baby. I cried until I couldn't anymore...

Amari

We finally got to the small town of Emerlo and we drove to the little cabin that my parents owned. It was my

mother home that she grew up in before she meet my dad and life got better but they kept it. Renovated it and ever school holiday we would come here and chill. It was still in my late grandparents names and no one knew about it. We parked and walked in the things we brought and got in switched on the switched then I walked to the bird gun that my dad had and loaded it just as he taught me.

Lisa: A bird gun?

“ it can do damage on a human”

Lisa: you do know I have a proper gun?

“ yep, but the intruder won't know this is a bird gun” she nodded and walked to the kitchen warmed us food and took a made hot chocolate.

Lisa: We going to be fine

“ yes”

Lisa: Who's place.

“ I'll have to kill you if I tell you” she looked at me shocked then laughed her ass off.

Lisa: You almost got me.

“ I know... grandparents”

Lisa: Hmmm... well let me go bath and you can read me a story when I sleep.

“ hey, stop worrying please “

Lisa: I pray nothing happens to you while you with me cause then I'll be totally dead.

I laughed off her worries but yes she right.

“ then go bath before I die of fatigue” she grinned and walked to the bathroom and i sat there looking outside. I hope this isn't a bad mistake...

Cebolenkosi

My phone beeped and I looked at it.

“ promise me you won't hurt her?” I grinned at the text and sent a message.

“ I promise”

Then 5 minute later the phone beeped again and then there was a location and it beeped again and I read the message. “ I swear if I feel you going to hurt her, I'll put a bullet through your head” I laughed out loud and replied.

“ if I knew that one day you will have a gun pointed at me instead of protecting me, I would have never trained you on how to shoot” I switched off the phone and stood there looking outside and thinking. This is it... this is my chance to fix things and go back home and be with my family.

Amari

I woke up to find Lisa in the kitchen making some tea and she looked like she was crying but wiped her tears away.

“ you good?”

She nodded and I sat by the tiny table and looked at her.

Lisa: I think I just made a mistake but part of me thinks I had no other choice.

“ am listening”

Lisa: Its okay I can make us eggs and bread.

“ whatever it is, am sure it forgivable Lisa”

Lisa: Yeah, I hope so.

She gave me a half smile and I knew what ever she thinking or whatever bad thing she thinks she did is weighing hard on her. I got up and hugged her and she stood there for a while.

“ you have helped me go through trying times in my life and am sure this too shall pass” she smiled and cracked open some eggs.

Snitch

I looked at the screen for some time and I felt the air that I had in the room to breathe disappear. Lisa is Cebolenkosi ex wife. How the fuck did I miss that? How on earth did we hire the man ex wife to be a confidant and the protector of the wife of a man that helped get his husband sold. How did I miss this? I always do deep dives into who ever we hire and so does Mlungisi . I opened Lisa file and went through all her information and saw that Lisa new name is Lisaphelele Nxunga and her original name is Lisakude Nxulu. She made slight changes to her name giving us all the new information on LisaPhelele which is an ex cop and good private detective that have worked on two stations where by Lisakude was just a wife to the most cruel men on earth that has accumulated so many enemies and so many secrets. I sat there looking at the printing machine while it printed everything and I could feel my heart beat fast. Amari is somewhere in this world with a trusted friend and that trusted friend happens to be an ex of the very same man that have his little brother throwing hell. How the hell are we to survive this? How the hell do I make this make sense and this goes away. The door opened and I looked at Thobeka walk in as if the world came crashing.

“ what?”

Thobeka: the government is pulling sanctions towards Mlu... what did he do? Who did he piss off?

“ this is not good... not good at all”

Thobeka: I need a whole firm to go through all the sanctions and.... the door opened and my little brother walked in and he looked like the world falling apart.

“ I don't wanna hear it...”

Lion: I can't find her... the wife? I can't find Amari and.... dear lord can you make it all stop!!!...

#42

Mlungisi

“ I know I messed up hence this text to you. You have helped me in ways that I never knew I would be helped. Gave me an opportunity to better my life by any means. You have constantly been there and through it all taken care of my family as if they were your own. Am forever grateful for that and if it means helping you settle this then am all in for it. The location is below, Iv already sent the information to Cebolenkosi and I hope you save me again”

I read the message twice just as Snitched threw the papers on my desk walking in with Thobeka and lion

Snitch: Lisa... Lisa is not Lisa.... he was breathing hard and I could hear his heart beating from where I was.

“ sit down please” I watched him sit down and I watched Thobeka look at me as if Iv lost my mind.

Lion: It's like they vanished boss.

“ must I pour you something?”

Snitch

Iv never seen him this calm and cold in all of my life and that made me scared. What is he going to do for him to be this calm.

Lion

Now I understand why my brother was shaking the whole drive here

Thobeka

Iv been in tough situations but right now... right now I wish I wasn't in this room.

Mlungisi

“ ever wondered why I hired Lisa?” I flipped through the pages of what he found. And he looked at me confused. “ the very same information that you have just handed me. I knew one day Cebolenkosi will break free from all the government bullshit and I knew he will come looking for me for whatever reason but mainly because of my ties to the government. What I didn't know is Mcebisi reaction. I didn't know he will poison my wife and i didn't know that in the process of it all I'll lose another child but now here I am. Looking at sanctions that could have me thrown in the deepest darkest whole and have the key thrown away. Here I am with my wife far from home in attempts to protect me and right in front of me the 3 people that I trust with my life” there was silence as they looked at me and I went to the drawer and took out a file gave it to Thobeka.

“ this is why I was the best guy to run the country security my ability to find things. In there is everything that you need to burry a few government officials and clear the sanctions and if I were you, ill start with the state meeting that going to happen and you present that very well” I watched her flip throw the pages and the shock on her face was enough to let me stress less about the sanctions.

“ lion, get a team ready . Hand pick it yourself we leave in 20 minutes”

He nodded and left and I watched Thobeka get up and turn looking at me.

Thobeka: I was the one who was suppose to come with this information and save the day not you.

“ you are saving the day, if I was to attend that meeting, everyone will have a bullet whole right in between their eyes and you will have to plead me a psychopath to get me out” she laughed and walked out and I looked at snitch who looked calmer yet skeptical

“ you didn’t fail me. I hid the information from you “

Snitch: Why?

“ we’re you going to allow me to hire her?”

Snitch: No

“ then today we would have been in shit. Atleast now we know we have Lisa on our side, we know nothing will happen to Amari. No matter how much Mcebisi and Cebo plan around my wife Lisa is on our side.”

Snitch: How can you be so sure?

“ I know how to pick my people Snitch and I know how to pick them well. Now you in charge of snipers we moving out in 20 min and I need you to be you”

I could see he wasn’t convinced so I turned my screen around to show him where I get my confidence from.

Snitch

I stood there frozen as I walked closer to the screen and watched Mcebisi sitting in his study laughing at something one of his men said and I looked at him.

“ you have eyes on Mcebisi?” The shock on my face.

Mlungisi: Yes

“ but..... but... the poisoning and the.....”

Mlungisi: I had eyes on him after the poisoning happened, if I could have prevented that I would have but moving forward I know his every move and he

knows my every move that I want him to know other than that his now officially blind to what going to happen.
“ but....”

Mlungisi: My reputation exceeds me....

I sat on the chair defeated... who the fuck is Mlungisi Vilakazi!!!!..

#43

Zoleka

I packed my weekender as always and walked to the door.

Gogo: Every weekend uya Hamba but lutho umendo(every weekend you are out of here but no marriage proposals)

“ I'll come back Monday after class”

Ma: You okay?

I left them there and took a taxi which drove me a little out of town then dropped off got another Taxi going to the little house cabin that once belonged to My aunt, Amari mother. I walked the short distance into the woods when I saw a car and I froze. Last I came here ,there was a squatter and this is my escape for weekends where I cannot deal with family. I marched to the house and banged opened the door to find a tall lady that looked like a coloured standing there pointing a gun at me.

“ what the fuck???... you in my fucken house and you pointing a gun at me?”

She lowered the gun and I watched my cousin Amari walk in and look at me with such indifferent in her eyes,yes our last conversation was heated.

“ sorry didn't know it was you”

Amari: It's cool.

Girl: anyone else with you?

"nope, just me"

Amari: why you here?

"I just come here when home is tough" she nodded. I looked at the expensive clothes she was wearing and how beautiful she was and ofcourse the glow.

Amari: Lisa made chicken curry and some garlic roll, you can come join.

I looked at the girl that wasn't so pleased to see me.

Amari: she nicer if you have her delicious food. I said nothing but followed her to the tiny kitchen where I sat down and watch the lady look around the house then she sat down.

Lisa: so you Zoleka

"you spoke about me?"

Lisa: Why assume that?

Amari: Oh Lisa stop. Lisa broke into a kind smile and I ate the most delicious food I've ever tasted in my life. Who knew that I'll one day enjoy a simple meal with my cousin again..

Mcebisi

"we need an inside man in that house, his awfully quiet for someone that has a missing wife and the whole government after him."

Polar: I'll work on it sir.

Cebolenkosi

I had a team with me just for back up as I drove through the back roads to get to her. It's been years since I last saw Lisa and I wonder if she is still head over heels with me or simply she has moved on. But my sources say, she has never dated nor had another child with a man. I sat there watching the trees pass by. Is this really the life

Iv envisioned for myself or did greed really get on the way of things leaving me here?? Without a family of my own and my fate being in my wife hands? A wife that Iv tormented more then words could ever explain. Where did I go wrong?

#44

Amari

I sat next to her by the tiny veranda.

“ why you here?

She looked at the little ants that were forming a line packing food.

Zoleka: you know how home gets at times, this have been my escape for awhile.

I nodded because I know how home gets at times and how I wished I had a place to run too when I was staying there.

Zoleka: Grandma saw you on tv the other day and she been trying to reach you.

“ I know”

That took her back a bit making her grin.

“ my husband told me about it”

She turned looking at me as if looking at me for the first time.

Zoleka: Ten years.... you been married for ten years and we didn't know.

“ not like we were a big happy family Zoleka”

Zoleka: But still Amari, you are family. I snorted cause that rich coming from her. I watched Lisa walked out with a suitcase.

“ where you going?”

Lisa: I hate elements of surprise. Am going to put a camera at the tree that walks up here.

“No one knows we here”

Lisa: and yet you sitting with your cousin. She walked out and I looked at Zoleka.

“ are you going to go back home today?”

Zoleka: No

“ I’ll fix the other room for you then” she nodded and I said nothing for a while.

Zoleka: Am sorry about our last conversation.

“ things needed to be said that day

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you said your part “

Zoleka: I said things that will hurt you not things that I meant.

“ Zoleka, if it comes out of your mouth then you meant it” She looked at me and I saw that she was hurt by my words.

“ I needed those words” I mumbled and she looked at me.

“ you yelling at me that am just a regular bitch that was born with a silver spoon... I needed those a words”

Zoleka: they were not true

“ I know but I needed to hear them to help push me to be me”

Zoleka

She looked calmer and if am not mistaken wiser.

“ well, am sorry”

Amari: It’s cool. How’s everyone ?

I snorted and that made her laugh which was nice to see and hear.

“ well you know money drives our family and of cause grandma greed. Our uncles wish they could shake her but you know how she is.

Amari: Yeah, I know.

“Am kind of glad you never answered any of their requests to see you. Would have been painful to watch them pluck you dry.”

She laughed and I smiled.

Amari: I can see her asking me for new couches I laughed cause that all she loves asking for.

“ am glad I came here.”

She smiled and looked at me.

Amari: Me too.

Lisa

I finished setting up cameras in the house and in the forest with the motion sensors and the traps. I sent the activation link to Mlungisi and walked back to the house to see Amari and her cousin bonding. I snapped a picture of them and sent it to Mlungisi.

“ we have a visitor... what should I do?”

Mlungisi

I got the text after I activated the link to all the cameras and sensors. We were already 2 km out of the cabin and just waiting to Cebo to make his move before we go in when I saw Zoleka sitting by the front steps with Amari. I hate how this is playing out...

Amari

The conversation was fire as we sat by the tiny floor lounge and had our dinner was fire. I never knew I would ever enjoy a family member presence as much as am enjoying her right now.

Lisa: We should have brought wine.

Zoleka: That would slap right now. I grinned and looked at them not saying a word.

Lisa: this is where you say “ let go buy some” I laughed at her trying to do my voice in a funny manner.

“ am cutting down on wine so that when we finally decide to have kids, things are smoother” I know I should Atleast tell Lisa but for some odd reason this is something that I wanna keep to my self until I can’t keep it in any longer. Then out of nowhere there was an explosion and we heard screams and I watched in horror as Lisa went into defence mode with Zoleka screaming her head off. I closed my eyes as I went to the ground just incase shooting happens.

Lisa: stay down

I didn’t say anything and did as she said and I moved to Zoleka .

“ stop screaming please “ she looked at me with fear all over her face then the door kicked open and there stood a guy before he could do anything Lisa jumped on him and they got physical with fist flying and kicks then as if they planned it they both grab their guns and aimed at each other breathing hard and I felt Zoleka shake in my hands.

Guy: you still got it

Lisa: Yep and I still know how to use a gun

Guy: a heads up on the explosives would have helped.

Lisa: figured you know that easy was never my middle name. The guy smiled and looked at me and grinned.

Guy: she looks lovely in person.

Lisa: that what my gun is for... you touch her

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I pull the trigger. He laughed looked at her and she looked right at him and my heart dropped. She knows the guy... Lisa knows this guy....

Mlungisi

I wasn't too far as I was dropping down the guys that were on stand by and by the time I got to the door, I could see that they both had guns pointed to each other and Amari was on the floor with her cousin. I had a clear shot but that might put Lisa on the fire line so I moved closer to the foot and quickly placed a gun on his back. " I think you out numbered, now drop it!!!....."

#45

Cebolenkosi

I grinned cause I didn't expect him here but placed my gun on the floor slowly and he moved picking it up while Lisa eyes were fully on mines. I never said anything nor did she but we both know that the trust that we once had between each other is now gone. She sold me out and she better have a good reason to do so.

" so I finally meet the great Mlungisi Vilakazi"

Mlungisi: Your biggest mistake was involving my wife in all of this.

" your biggest mistake was thinking am alone here" I pressed the button in my pocket and my second team started shooting at the house and in the action of it all I grabbed his wife and ran with her while my team opened full fire in them pinning them in the house and out of nowhere I felt a sharp pierce on my right chest and I looked at it to see an arrow. Yep that right, an arrow going straight into my right collapsing my lung making it hard to breathe. I slowly let go of her hand and looked at

the little machine I gifted Lisa more than 15 years ago. My vision was becoming blurry and I watched Amari look at me with fear in her eyes as blood started oozing out of my chest.

“ how ironic that I gifted my wife this as a gift while I used to be away from home a lot so intruders don't go in.”

Amari: You are Lisa ex husband?

I grinned at her.

“ she spoke about me?”

Amari: How you gutted her all those years ago... how you put your own selfish needs ahead of your family and how she finally gave up on you so she can be a better mom for her kids.

“ I did a number on her and the kids”

Amari: Yeah you did...I see the handsome eyes that sucked her in. I chuckled making me cough blood.

“ am dying and for some odd reason am disappointed in how easy my death is” she laughed wiping a tear and looking at me with sadness in her eyes.

“ take the chain on me and give it to your husband. My brother wants me and my information for his selfish needs the least I could do is apologise to the woman that stood by me through it all and me giving you this is me saying sorry to her... can you tell her?” She nodded and I could feel my body go cold and I looked at her. They can figure out the simplicity of the micro card being in there.

“ if it's helps with the friendship she didn't turn against you cause if she did this wouldn't be here” I moved my hand to the arrow in my heart. And I felt the last bit of air leave my body.

Amari

I sat there for a while then moved his head taking the chain out and I heard screams and gun fire. When it was calmer I slowly walked back where I came from when I saw him running towards me with a gun by his side and crushed his whole body on me squeezing the life out of me. I held him tightly until he stopped shaking.

Mlungisi: let me take you out of here

I nodded and saw Lisa standing oddly a little far from us and I walked towards her and stood there for a second. Frankly I understood her, I know how much Cebo meant to her even though she never told me the whole story but I knew they shared a life together.

“ he loved you” that all i could mumble and I showed her the chain .

“ said it’s an apology and it should have Action too.”

Lisa tried to speak but couldn’t and I held her hand looking at her.

“I know you would never betray me” I grab her in a hug that shattered her and she cried on my shoulder while I stood there allowing her to let it all go. I know why she did what she did and as much I wanna be angry at her but then I can because she has saved my life and is saving my life now....

Amari

The ride home was long. I think I was silent because I was going back to everything that has happened so far. Is this really my life? Bullets flying and me constantly doubting the people that are in my life? Is this how life is for real? The second doubts, the fears and most importantly the not knowing if this hitch will be our last hitch? I felt his hand on my thigh and I looked at it for

some time then placed my hand over his and looked out of the window. What will happen when the baby is here? Will we be running for our lives then or we hit the brakes hard and I felt my head spin for a second as I looked outside to see a car blocking our view. As fast as he could he pushed me to the bottom of the car and covered me with his body as bullets started flying all over and glass breaking. After some time there was silence.

Mlungisi: we going to open the door slowly okay. I nodded and he shifted opening the door and more bullets went through that door.

“ am pregnant” I whispered for him and he said nothing for a while.

Mlungisi: We going to talk this through after we survive this.

“ I can't have my baby growing up in this”

Mlungisi: please!!! I kept quiet and a few minute later another car pulled up and all hell broke lose at guessing the second was ours since they were shooting like crazy at the other car.

Mlungisi: stay as you are I'll try and ram the car into the other car. I nodded and watched him squeeze between the seats and I said nothing at all. He revved the car and somehow we reversed back as more bullets ripped through the car and i felt on nib my shoulder. Mlungisi jumped from the seat to the back and dragged me out of harms way and I said nothing until we were completely safe. Cops cars were coming from all direction and we sat there with him trying to dress the wound on my shoulder with what we have.

Mlungisi: Am guessing that Mcebisi I said nothing.

Mlungisi: He...

“ stop please” I looked at him and I could feel the tears burning my eyes.

“ I can't... I can't do this.... I was never made for this!!!”

He looked at me for a second then continued to dress my wound.

“ am not going to ask for a divorce and am not going to ask you to take care of me but we did it for 10 years we can do it for

Mlungisi: You not pregnant. He whispered it and I kept quiet and looked at him not saying anything as my body went cold.....

10 months later

Lisa

The death of both Cebo and Mcebisi came as a shock to the kids but it was something they long suspected and we moved on from it as a family.

Mr Vilakazi Senior

Life with my kids is amazing, Mlungisi haven't forgiven me yet but we have a relationship thanks to his wife Amari who involves us in everything.

Mlungisi

The past ten months have been a pain but we endured. I watched Amari break after she found out that we not pregnant. I watched her deal with her insecurities but also watched her over come them and now here we are at the new home of Thobeka and Snitch and I must say it's looks amazing. Marriage... well marriage is hard and it's needs all of you and I sure have been giving my all. I watched her get up from the couch and walk toward me walking weird.

“ are you that full?” I kissed her forehead.

Amari: I need to go take a big dump. I can feel it pressing on me.

“ ewww”

Amari: Your fats are far worse than my poop.

“ just go please” she laughed and walked towards the bathroom and before she got there she screamed and o watched everyone take their guns out running towards where she is.

“ what wrong?”

Amari: I just pee myself.

We all looked at the floor to see a pond of water and i looked at her and roared in laughter. She didn't drink much but wine and she has had 3 glasses so she wasn't that drunk to pee. Then she screamed loud as if in bed and I watched her go to the floor.

Amari: Something happening and I don't know what it is. Now the whole house was around her and worried.

Dad: Where is the pressure?

Amari: My my....

Dad: Oh I see... I need a towel warm water, and a pillow and a warm blanket.

“ dad???” We all called his name as he went down on his knees.

Dad: I never told you guys this but your mom had you in my car on the way to the hospital and I told myself I'll learn how the giving birth process is cause I want no surprises. Your mom laughed at me but look at me now. Am not sure which I was trying to comprehend, my dad seeing my wife naked or the fact that the last few months Amari been complaining about how fat she is only to find out now that she is pregnant and about to give birth?? How can we miss something like this?.....

“ we pregnant?”

Amari: Oh my I can feel something about to come off me?

Dad: One minute love. I watched him grab her pants out of the way after cutting them and as if in slow motion I watched everyone running around getting everything dad might need and I stood there confused on how we missed a whole pregnancy.

Amari:its coming.....

Dad: take a deep breath and push.... and there I watched my father and my wife half naked as she pushed so hard with my sisters around her and my brothers standing so far fearing for their lives with guns out...

Dad: you doing great.....push... and slowly I watched a human head come out as she pushed screaming her lungs out and then the room filed with the most loudest cry Iv ever heard in my life. Dad: aaaaah

Nkosana!!!!!!.....

“ kill me now.... am a father!!!!!”

The end 😊