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Prologue

A psychiatric disorder is a behavioral or mental pattern that causes significant distress or impairment of personal functioning. It's symptoms can range from depression anxiety mania paranoia to psychosis. A nervous/mental break down that was brought about by clinical depression takes away a part of your sanity even if they can put you on medication and therapy then you seem fine but as time goes that part of your sanity will never return back to you. It's a devastating situation were your own mind betrays you you're incapable of controlling

your own thoughts that at certain times you will need the assistance of medication just so you can stay right. Deep in your mind there's a dark room a room filled with all thoughts that aren't appealing to the human mind. I refer to that room as the "Pandora box" it unleashes all the evil of your mind. I don't understand I don't understand how your own mind can suddenly control you. Yes in most cases our external environment is the biggest factor

pain inflicted on us emotionally and physically become the root of our mental illness. Why? Why are we subjected to pain when clearly we are not whole enough to withstand

matters of the mind? Why are we obliged to go through such cruelty? Why? Why? Why?

My alarm went off waking up is the hardest thing to do especially if the weather outside is not so friendly. I stretched my hand to his side of the bed and he wasn't laying next to me I turned and it looked like he never came to bed last night. I rose up from the pillow very much worried he didn't come home last night? I took my phone and checked I had no missed calls not even a bloody text message!. Eric cannot do this to me Dear God is this happening already? Am I a magnet for bed things as always?

I got out of bed and walked out of the bedroom mentally disoriented and worried thank goodness that his presence caught up with me in the lounge. He had passed out on the couch I can now breath. Should I breath? Well at least he made it home even though he couldn't make it to the bedroom after all his second job is demanding I should understand but then again a lot might've happened last night or I'm just being paranoid as always..

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My childhood is one that doesn't hold good memories my mother passed on when I was only 6 years old. It was a hit and run she was crossing the road on a normal day after work when a crazy driver ran her over and it was the end. She didn't die on the spot she died the a few days after at the hospital following complications from her surgery..

My sisters and I struggled a lot with accepting her death especially me because I was the youngest all of a sudden days passed without my Mother being around and I couldn't

understand why. I have two sisters my parents only had 3 kids first born is Zenzi second born is Zane and there's me Nora. Life pretty much went downhill after my Mother's passing my father became a nightmare in our lives. Apparently in his family they practice a sickening act. It was said that when Men in his family have daughters Before their daughters could give themselves away sexually to a man they have to give up their Virginities to their fathers and my Sister's might've survived that sinister act but I didn't. My Father was supposed to sleep with them right when they turned 16 or 18 but since my Mother was around he couldn't do it sometimes I feel like he is

the reason why my Mother is not here. I am very sure that he is behind the hit and run him and his brothers are behind it. They killed my Mother just so my Father can take our pride. My Father couldn't get to Zenzi because she had already given her virginity to her boyfriend it angered my father so much that he put her out. She was forced to find shelter with her boyfriend and was the last I heard of her. My other sister Zane was just a bit out of control. She was wild and hardly around at home quite frankly we never thought she would amount to anything because of her behaviour she used to party and club a lot. When she learned about what was going to happen she

made a run for it never to be heard from again leaving me behind with our Father. That's when my childhood and innocence was taken away from me started when I was maybe 8 or 10 and it never stopped it wasn't a once off thing. It was so sinister that my Uncles would give me hungry looks too when they came around I wasn't allowed to have privacy my bedroom door was taken away the bathroom was also taken away so there was no privacy at all. I knew that I wasn't going to survive what was happening to me so I ran away from home to my Aunt's place told her what was happening and she let me live with her and her family. My maternal Aunt never took me to the Dr

nor did she open a case against him she just let the matter died out. The only thing she did was to contact my Father and told him that if he could ever come for me she will turn him in. I was never even taken to therapy for what happened everyone just acted as if like everything was okay. I thought life at my Aunt's place was going to be better but it wasn't she treated me bad as time went on. She treated me different from how she treated her other kids. She wouldn't buy me the same things that she bought her kids and she would constantly tell me that I shouldn't compare myself to them because they her kids and I'm just her niece she's not forced to buy me things

and that I should be grateful for the roof over my head and the food I get from her everyday. When they went out I had to stay at home I used to wear clothes that her kids didn't want anymore and the clothes were big because her kids were a bit bigger than me. I lived with them up until my teen years as I grew up she took more advantage of me and started making me their maid. She was working at the municipality and I really don't know what happened to the father of her kids though they had different fathers. They were a well financial stable family she was able to provide for her kids. She had 4 kids 3 girls and one boy. Life became more and more hard her kids

started treating me bad too it was a nightmare. My life whole life was a nightmare that I wanted to wake up from. I thought of running away but where would I go? So when I completed my matric I looked for a job I got one and moved out. I lived on retail jobs my relationships circled around money most of the time. I was dating guys that had loaded wallets just so they can help take care of me. With everything that happened to me here I am today things got better. I am currently engaged to a very handsome and wonderful guy Eric Melendez. Eric and his family are originally from Spain they came here when his parents divorced. Well not all of them some of

his siblings and his Father are still that side he only came here with his Sister and his Mother. I don't really know the full story on why they came here and how they became so successful they have a few businesses here and there Eric is currently working at the Melendez car dealership and on weekends he does gigs he is a DJ. That's basically how we met his part time gigs are the reason why we getting married soon. My current employment is at a Paeditrician clinic I work there as an admin which is not that far from our place. As much as life seems better but nightmares of my past they still haunt me..

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FLASHBACK

We were at the barber shop I looked at myself in the mirror my afro was going to be shaved off at school they had instructed me to shave it off because I couldn't keep it clean. I couldn't wash it nor comb it thoroughly. I looked over at my female cousins they were sitting next to my Aunt they both had box braids that were done yesterday at some salon..

Me: Aunty

She looked at me..

Me: Nami bengicela ukwenza inywele zam' zifane nezabo Khanya (Can I also have my hair done just like my cousins)

She stood up from the chair and walked up to me..

Her: Ayikho njalo phela Sisi.. Wena uMamakho ushonile ubabakho akanandaba nawe. Impilo yakho ngeke infane nempilo yabanye abantwana aba nabazali abakhathalayo (It's not that way. Your mother passed on your Father doesn't care about you. Your life will never be the same as the one with kids who have parents that care for them)

She pat me on the shoulder and went back to the chair. I watched as the

barber put the apron around me he told me to be comfortable and that it won't hurt. He gently combed my hair and then took the machine to shave it all off. With every piece of hair falling I felt like my beauty was taken away from me my cousins were even laughing and making silly comments saying I will look ugly that people will think I'm a boy. I remember crying and my Aunt tried scolding them but she also ended up giggling here and there they made a joke out of me and killed my self esteem. I swore from that day on that when I have money I will never look that ugly again ever again....

Hands hugging me from behind brought me back from my distorted

memories he placed his lips on my neck. Eric is 2 years younger than me he is 25 and I'm 27. We have been together for a year and 6 months now and about 2 months ago we got engaged then I moved in with him at his place. Circumstances of how we met aren't really a shock I was out with a friend who knew a lot of people. We were out in some club having drinks and Eric was playing there for the night. Lettie my friend knew some of Eric's friends later on they joined us for drinks and ya that's how he took an interest in me. I wasn't sure about our relationship at first I mean looking at Eric he came across as that guy who just wanted to have a good time with

different girls every now and then I never thought he would do a serious relationship guess I was wrong. He really fell hard for me. He is very sweet very caring funny annoying at times humble and kind. I love him I love him with all my heart and I can't wait to marry him..

I was standing at the balcony it was cloudy and very cold. Looked like it wanted to rain. I turned around and looked at him this is what I wake up too everyday. He was shirtless on his lower body he had his nikey shorts on had on his socks that kept his feet warm he didn't have his sleepers on. Well his Nikey shorts weren't exactly hanging around his waist his V line was

exposed and I found the hair that extended a bit below his belly button all the way down to be very sexy.

What am I saying though? All of him is sexy

He leaned over for a kiss but stopped and looked at me with his eyebrow raised...

Him: Are you drinking coffee?

I glanced down at the mug that I was holding..

Me: Yes

Him: You drinking coffee you standing here in this cold weather while wearing nothing but a silk night gown

He took the mug from me and I followed him inside he put it in the sink..

Him: I'm too exhausted to go to the emergency room you need to start giving a fuck about your anxieties

I like it when he cares about my well-being it's very sweet..

Me: You didn't come to bed last night

Him: Yea I got home in the early hours of the morning and passed out on the couch

Me: You were drunk?

He folded his arms..

Me: Thought you don't drink when you on the job

Him: I made an exception last night

He wasn't home for the whole weekend he had a gig somewhere..

Me: I could've sworn that I heard the water running.. Did you take a shower when you got back?

Him: Why do I feel like I'm being accused of something?

I kept quiet he had a frown..

Him: Am I being accused of something?

I shrugged my shoulders..

Him: By the way.. Why aren't you at work?

Me: Called in sick

Him: Are you sick?

Me: No.. Just nervous about tonight

Tonight we going over to his Mother's house for dinner he had a frown..

Him: Am I being accused of something?

I shrugged my shoulders..

Him: By the way.. Why aren't you at work?

Me: Called in sick

Him: Are you sick?

Me: No.. Just nervous about tonight

Tonight we going over to his Mother's house for dinner going to be my first time meeting his Mother and his Sister..

Me: Thought maybe shopping would take my mind off things

Him: Shopping is going to help you with your nerves?

Me: I hope so

He chuckled while shaking his head..

Him: Are you really nervous or you just using this to get my credit card?

Me: I'm serious.. Shopping for new shoes and a matching bag can be therapeutic

Him: You got shoes last month you have so many shoes and clothes that you eating most of the space in the wardrobe.. I feel like I'm going to be living of a suitcase soon

Me: You over exaggerating

Him: Should we go and check?

Me: Well..

He hit me a bit on my forehead..

Him: Exactly.. Let me go and shower then sleep while you go shopping and you only getting R3 000

Me: fair enough

He spoils me every now and then with everything that I've been through he tries his best to always make me happy. He has been here for a year and a half now he has witnessed how tense my depression can be at times. It's easier to get through each day when you have someone who is always there for you trust me there were times when I couldn't even get out of bed..

He kissed me on my forehead while grabbing my butt he moved to my nose bridge and finally ended on my lips. We sometimes have soo much sex that I

don't think it's normal I always make sure that he is satisfied in all ways my biggest fear is having him getting it somewhere else. He picked me up and I wrapped my legs around his waist we didn't go to the bedroom he placed me on the couch. I wasn't wearing anything under I only had my silk gown on. He got ontop of me and we continued kissing I am currently on a pill though I am very much obsessed with babies we both agreed that we will have one maybe next year or the other year. It gets more intense when he whispers dirty things next to my ear and explore every part of my body..

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ZENZI

Ever since my little Sister Nora ran away my Father's health was never the same again. Nora was my Mother's golden egg unlike me and my other sister Zeni my Mother loved Nora more than anything they had a very close relationship. When Mom passed on Nora struggled a lot with accepting that Mom was gone as she grew up she became worse. The very first time when Nora attempted suicide was at the age of 13 she was holding a kitchen knife right to her chest and her words were "I wanna go to were Mom is" we tried getting her help but she didn't budge instead she got worse. Things went left when she had a mental breakdown claiming to see and hear

Mom my Father saw fit in sending her to go and live with our Aunt in hopes that maybe she will feel a mother's love when she is with my Aunt. That was the biggest mistake that we did Nora started lying on my Aunt. She created an abusive story that never existed she deliberately hurt herself and said my Aunt did it. My Aunt almost even got arrested because of that and when her lies started catching up with her Nora ran away from my Aunt's place. We never heard from her ever again. She even went as far as telling stories about our Father saying that he raped her which wasn't true our Father was hardly around. He was still in the military back then and he

was hardly at home. She hated me and Zane soo much and I never understood what the hate was all about..

Although Nora has caused us soo much pain we still love her and her absentia in our lives hurts a lot. Wherever Mom is she wouldn't like it knowing that we divided..

What we praying for is that wherever she is she hasn't hurt anyone. Nora is suffering from a severe type of psychiatric disorder that I hardly doubt she's taking medication for on top of that she is a pathological liar she can act out a sad story that you would believe her she can even break down and cry that you would believe her..

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NORA

I enjoy it very much when we make love it strengthens the connection and the love that we have for each other my legs had locked him inside of me the couch didn't provide enough space for us it was small but somehow we were able to make it work...

I closed my eyes while moaning he sucked me on my cheek and then his hand on my chin..

Him: Look at me

I opened my eyes and looked at him as he increased the pace I got a bit louder. He moved his hand to my throat and squeezed me a bit as he was close to coming. He brought his lips very close to mine but we didn't kiss he moaned

even louder as he was about to shoot his load inside of me. After releasing he kissed me and tried catching his breath morning glory is always the best.

Him: I love you

Me: I love you too

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NORA

I met up with Lettie our usual Italian restaurant known as "Osteria Francesca" that we often go too we were meeting up for breakfast first before our shopping. I was wearing a simple flower short dress and my heels

they complimented the dress very well. I drive a Grand i10 I have had it for a while now. I know it's not considered the best car but it gets me to work and other places. When I go out I usually use Eric's BMW he borrows me only if he won't use it. I doubt he would go anywhere he is still exhausted from last night he probably will be sleeping most of the day. Lettie and I have been friends for a while now she is the one who introduced me into this nice life. She is all about the nice life and right now she is with a man that provides well for her he is not attractive at all but hey his wallet is. Unlike me she is not employed but she is trying to start her own business. To my surprise she

was sitting with some lady at the table I immediately felt some type of way. We don't have a lot of friends our circle of friendship is very small mostly because most ladies can't afford the life that we live. It's a drag when we plan a trip and you hear excuses like "It's too expensive I can't afford to go". She didn't look like she was financially struggling but still she's just going to taint our image. I made my way to them while being greeted by one of the waiters..

Him: Buongiorno signora (Good morning Mam)

Me: Mattina (Morning)

Him: May I say you look lovely this morning

Me: Thank you very much

Him: Table for one?

Me: I am meeting up here with a friend

Him: Please enjoy our breakfast meal
and don't forget to rate our service

Me: I'll definitely do that

I made my way to their table Lettie
stood up when she saw me..

Lettie: and there she is

We hugged..

Her: How are you?

Me: I'm good and you?

Her: I'm well

I looked at the "Friend"

Lettie: Please meet Nhlanhla.. And
Nhlanhla please meet a very close

friend of mine Nora she's more like a sister to me

Nhlanhla stood up and hugged me..

Nhlanhla: Nice to meet you

Me: Same here

We all sat down..

Me: Have you guys ordered?

Lettie: Not yet we were just waiting for you

Me: Okay

I opened the menu..

Nhlanhla: This restaurant seems expensive

Lettie: It is expensive

Me: Can't afford?

Nhlanhla: Well I am not a very big spender.. I'm just a simple person

Me: We could've just gotten hot dogs from a food truck then how about that?

I mocked her with a smile..

Nhlanhla: I think I'll be just fine

Me: I hope so dear wouldn't want you to overspend your simple life

Lettie cleared her throat..

Her: I am sorry did we start on the wrong foot?

I looked at her..

Me: I didn't say that just th-

Lettie: I think we should change the topic.. How is Eric?

Me: He is fine just exhausted.. He wasn't home for the weekend he had a gig

She looked at Nhlanhla..

Lettie: She is engaged to Eric Melendez the DJ

Nhlanhla: Really? Wow I.. I didn't think that he could do a serious relationship

Me: Excuse me?

Nhlanhla: I'm sorry it's just that.. Well..

Me: Well what? Do you have something to say about my Fiancé? Something negative? Like just because he is a DJ he sticks his penis everywhere?

Lettie: Friend I'm sure she didn't it mean it that way

Me: No let her speak!

Nhlanhla: I.. Maybe I should leave

Lettie: Come on Nhlanhla

Me: Let her simple life leave!

She stood up and took her bag then left

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left Lettie followed her trying to bring
her back..

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ERIC

I was disturbed from peaceful sleep by
my phone ringing it was my Mother..

Me: Mamá

Her: He estado intentando localizarte durante los últimos minutos Ricky (I've been trying to get a hold of you for the past few minutes Ricky)

She calls me Ricky instead of Eric everyone just has their own version of what they call me..

Me: estaba durmiendo (I was sleeping)

Her: You were out again?

Me: Es mi trabajo (It's my job)

Her: Ya tienes trabajo (You already have a job)

I exhaled..

Her: Real estate.. The family business

My Mom can be very annoying at times..

Her: Anyway I called to find out if you still coming to dinner with her

Me: She has a name

Her: I forgot it

Me: Nora

Her: ¿No podrías conseguir una chica de casa? (couldn't you get a girl from back home)

Me: Don't say such things around her she's very sensitive

Her: Problema (trouble)

I laughed. My mom has a loose tongue taking whatever she says personally will give you a headache she doesn't mean no harm though just talks a lot...

Her: Are you going to be at the office tomorrow?

Me: Yes

Her: I can't wait to see you tonight

Me: me too

Her: Hasta luego te amo (see you later I love you)

Me: También te amo (I love you too)

She hung up...

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ZENZI

I am a paramedic by profession and I am married with two kids. I got married when I was a bit young think I was 20 years old and my Father wasn't happy but she allowed because I was already pregnant with my first baby by then. I didn't become a paramedic straight away I was a housewife at first

then I decided not to be a housewife for the rest of my life anymore. I was off today so I went to see my Father he lives alone and I don't like how he is living. He drinks like a fish most of the time my mom's passing and Nora disappearing got to him very bad not to mention the sudden passing of my other sister Zane. She was involved in a car accident last year that took her life and the lives of her other two friends..

Me: Daddy??

Him: In here

I went to the garage..

Me: What are you doing?

Him: Nothing much I'm just fixing my car.. I would hug you but I have oil all over

Me: It's okay.. Did you eat something?

Him: I'll eat later

Me: I'll make you something to eat

Him: No I'm fine

(Silence)

Him: Any word on Nora?

I shook my head no..

Me: Nothing yet

He stopped what he was doing..

Him: We should've understood her condition better I thought it was something that was going to go away after a while but..

Me: I just hope she's okay wherever she is

Him: I hope she hasn't hurt anyone

Me: Me too.. Should we put flyers? Get more people to work on finding her

Her: No that will draw too much attention to her I want her protected the world can be cruel

Me: We should've sent her for therapy after Mom's death

Dad: I thought she was coping with the loss same way as how you and Zane coped with it

Me: She will be devastated to hear that Zane is no more

Dad: We have to find her.. We have to reunite

Me: I'll find her.. I promise

He nodded..

Me: Come let's I'll make you something to eat

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NORA

Shopping wasn't nice this time around
Lettie was in my throat constantly
annoying me about how I've been rude
to her friend I don't think I was rude.
This Nhlanhla of a person was

definitely out of our league what was I supposed to do Lie to her? I think I have a way with speaking my mind and People don't like it but nonetheless I don't care it's not like she's going to influence my life in anyway.

Eric and I were getting ready to go to his Mother's place for dinner. I was wearing a black dress that was just a bit below my knee level with heels I can say that my makeup takes more time though I don't put much of it. I had just finished putting my earrings and now Eric was helping me with my wrist watch it was silver in colour. It complemented my wedding ring perfectly There's scars that don't go away scars that will remind you of your

pain. Mine was on my wrists I used to cut myself when the pain got too much. Eric ran his thumb on the scars I retracted it back seeing that it made him feel uncomfortable. He doesn't know my Dad but he already hates him he hates him for what he put me through..

Him: How was shopping?

Me: This time around it wasn't good

Him: Why?

I turned and looked at him as he seemed less interested in what happened I don't even know why he asked..

Me: Lettie decided to bring one of her friends and she wasn't very nice

Him: In what way?

Me: When she found out that I'm engaged to you she started throwing sly comments

Him: such as?

Me: "I didn't know that a guy like Eric could be committed to any woman he is a one night stand type of guy and he's done fucking bitches. You should watch out because he is going to bring you a lot of heartache I know him and I'm warning you. Save yourself from a long life of tears. Marrying is confiding yourself in a prison of nothing but everyday tears"

He raised his eyebrow as always..

Him: That's a mouthful to say about
some that you don't know

Me: You a DJ almost everyone knows
you

(Silence)

Me: So that's how girls know you?

Him: Excuse me?

Me: Seems like you have created quite
a reputation for yourself

Him: What exactly are you on about?

Me: Nothing I'm just wondering why
would someone say such about you if
they don't know you at a personal level
I don't think she's that crazy to li-

Him: Nora I don't have time for this
don't take what you and your friends

talk about then bring it here because
I'm not part of it

Me: You are part of it! Exactly what
happens at this gigs that girls think you
a fuck boy Er-

Him: Hey!! (shouting)

I kept quiet..

Him: If you going to put me in issues
that I don't know about then stay at
home and don't have friends! I don't
always have to explain myself for
things that people assume about me. I
am with you and I have never cheated!
I am not even planning to cheat on you
the sooner you get that through your
skull the less of this useless arguments
we going to have!!

He looked at the time..

Him: Let's go.. We even late and drop the attitude when we get there

Eric gets irritated very easily when he's irritated he will just say anything that comes into his mind..

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LETTIE

Something is not right about Nora
Something about her is just off. At first I thought it was nothing serious but now I'm starting to think otherwise..

After shopping I went to Nhlanhla's place to check up on her she poured me a glass of wine. She was preparing dinner and I was sitting on one of the high chairs so that we could talk.

Nhlanhla is a young single Mother of two kids she has worked hard to be where she is today. She works in this other marketing company as a graphic designer it's a job that didn't come easy. After graduating she spent a great deal at home looking for a good enough job while working retail and franchises she is also a motivational speaker..

Me: Thank you friend

I sighed..

Nhlanhla: I just want to understand what I said to her that was so offensive she is also a motivational speaker..

Me: Thank you friend

I sighed..

Nhlanhla: I just want to understand what I said to her that was so offensive I didn't even speak ill about her fiancé. I just put out the fact that I knew Eric and that's all

Me: Ya Nora is just somehow I don't understand her at times

Her: She had no right to talk like that about me she doesn't know me and she doesn't know how hard I've worked to have what I have now.

Me: I'm sorry I'll talk to her

Her: No it's okay.. I don't think that me and her we ever gonna cross paths again. She's not a good person and I'm fine with her

Me: When it comes to Eric she's a bit obsessive

Her: She should loosen the ties a bit because seriously this Eric of his will leave if she continues acting like a lunatic

I laughed..

Me: I love her she's my friend but she can be too much sometimes and I don't really understand her that well.

Somethin is off about her

Her: In what way?

Me: She's very manipulative always plays victim and she lies a lot. She likes twisting things

Her: She sounds mental unstable

I picked up the wine glass from the table..

Me: I'm starting to think so too

Her: Just watch out for her she seems dangerous

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ZENZI

I am the only child that my Father has now Zane's death took a toll on us. My Father and I were never this close back then when I fell pregnant he kicked me out of home. My boyfriend had to show him how serious he was with me by asking for my hand in marriage that's when my Father started cooling down. He was a bit strict with us maybe it's because we were girls and

he didn't want us to be out of control but all in all he was a good father. I remember when he kicked me out after about 3 days Nora called me crying saying why did I leave. Why did I leave her with our father because he is not a good person. She had this theory at the back of her mind that our Father was going to rape her those thoughts were lodged in her mind to a point that she started believing it. She believed that our Father raped her. My Aunt took her to the hospital for examination and she was fine there was no sign of sexual abuse. When that happened I knew that something was wrong with Nora something serious..

Me: "pathological lying has been defined as falsification entirely disproportionate to any discernible end in view may be extensive and very complicated and may manifest over a period of years or even a lifetime"

Voice: Still on your laptop?

I took off my glasses..

He came and stood behind me while massaging my shoulders..

Him: Pathological lying?

I exhaled..

Me: I'm trying to get to the bottom of my Sister's condition I wanna know exactly what is wrong with her.

Pathological lying is mostly telling white lies you know just small lies

Him: Not only that but Pathological liars can also tell lies for personal gain and satisfaction they can act like victims all the time

Me: I'm really worried about her where is she? Has she hurt someone yet?

Him: Hey don't stress yourself.. We will find her I'll get someone on it asap

Me: Thank you honey

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NORA

We arrived at his Mother's house it was a beautiful town house in a flashy neighborhood. We rang the bell and I was holding flowers to give her. The door was opened by some lady..

Her: Eric!!

Eric: Hey Sis

We made our way in and he hugged her..

Her: It's soo good to see you

Eric: It's so good to see you too you've grown an inch since the last time I saw you

Her: Stop it (laughing)

I stood there as if like I didn't exist..

Eric: I want you to meet someone

He took my hand and pulled me closer to him...

Eric: This is my Fiancé Nora and Nora this is my Sister Kimberly

She looked pretty no lie..

I put the flowers down as she hugged me..

Her: Nice to meet you

Me: Nice to meet you too

She cleared her throat..

Her: Fiancé?

Eric: Yes we engaged

Her: Wow I..

Voice: Thought I heard a voice of my only son

Eric: Ma

She walked in..

Ms Mel: Eric

She hugged him..

Ms Mel: I've missed you soo much

They broke the hug and she squeezed his cheek..

Eric: I've missed you too

Ms Mel: Let me look at you

She looked at him. The Melendez family have good genes..

Ms Mel: You look so skinny.. Are you not eating well?

Now she's mocking me. Kimberly laughed..

Eric: Ma I am eating well trust me.. I want you to meet someone

They focused their attention on me..

Eric: This is my Fiancé Nora

She looked at me..

Ms Mel: Fiancé?

Eric: Yes we engaged

Ms Mel: How are you Nora?

Me: I am well and you Ms Melendez?

She shook my hand..

Her: I'm well too

(Silence)

Ms Mel: Let's go and eat then..

I think a hug would've been more appropriate. I don't think me and her are going to get along well..

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05

NORA

The dinner started off bad and I mean really bad but as time went on we started being comfortable with each other. What I have noticed is that Eric's Mother talks a lot she is funny and is not scared to speak her mind

I just was a bit jealous with the relationship between Eric and his Mother they were very close and she loves him. She loves her son. I wish I had that too I wish I experienced a mother's love. Seeing them like that triggered something deep within it triggered the pain I've been struggling with for many years the pain of losing my Mother. I watched them as they engaged in minor conversations

between the two of them there was just too much love between them

Me: Uhm can I please be excused?

They all looked at me..

Me: Can I please use your bathroom?

Ms M: Yes of course

I stood up and went to find the bathroom when I found it I walked in and locked the door. I looked at myself in the mirror with tears in my eyes..

Me: Come on Nora.. Don't let it get to you

I took a piece of toilet paper and started wiping my tears..

Me: Come on Nora it's his Mother.. He loves you too Eric loves you too

I continued wiping my tears..

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ERIC

We were done with the main course
we were now going to have dessert..

Kim: Err.. Should I take Nora's dish too?

I looked at it..

Mom: It looks like she is still eating..

I'm not sure

Me: You can take it

She took it..

Me: Do you want me to help you?

Kim: I think I can manage

Me: Thanks for the dinner Ma.. It was
very delicious

Mom: You welcome baby

(Silence)

Mom: So Nora seems like a nice girl

Me: She is

Mom: And you two are engaged

Me: Yes...

Mom: Are you ready for marriage? I don't want you to make the same mistake that your Father did

Me: That won't be me and Nora

Mom: As long as you happy then I'm happy.. But please think about it first don't jump into marriage if you not ready

Me: I'm ready

She smiled..

Mom: I'm so happy that you here

Me: I'm happy too

Kim brought in the dessert..

Kim: dessert is served

Mom: Thank you very much Kimmy

Kim: Nora is still not back?

Me: I'll go and check on her

Mom: I hope my food didn't give her
upset stomach

We all laughed..

Me: I hope not

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NORA

I was sitting on the floor hugging my
legs and crying

don't jump into marriage if you not
ready

Me: I'm ready

She smiled..

Mom: I'm so happy that you here

Me: I'm happy too

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NORA

I was sitting on the floor hugging my
legs and crying the voice in my head

didn't wanna stop talking. I was fully convinced that Ms Melendez will try everything in her powers to break us up she doesn't like and I feel like she was pretending to me at the table. She didn't even talk to me that much she doesn't like me at all. Why wouldn't she like me? She doesn't even know me that much to not like me. Why is she being like this to me?

I heard a knock at the door..

Someone turned the door handle but the person couldn't open since the door was locked..

Eric: Nora??

I kept quiet..

Eric: Amor(love) open the door

I still kept quiet as he turned the handle..

Him: Nora please open the door

I closed my eyes and collected myself.

Me: "Come on Nora open the door.. Don't embarrass him at his Mama's house"

I got up and wiped my tears then I went and unlocked. He opened.. He walked in and closed the door behind him..

Him: What's wrong?

I shook my head no..

Me: Nothing.. I'm fine

I wiped my tears... He lifted my chin up so I could look at him..

Him: What happened? Did something upset you?

Me: No..

I couldn't stop the tears..

Him: What's wrong? Talk to me

Me: Nothing (crying)

He pulled me closer to him and hugged me..

Him: You wanna go home?

Me: Yes

Him: Okay let's go home

He broke the hug and wiped my tears that's what I want. To have him all to myself..

He kissed me..

Him: Let's go home then

He held my hand and then we walked back to the dining room Ms Melendez and Kim were eating dessert..

Eric: Mom..

Ms Mel looked at us..

Her: Is everything okay?

Eric: We going to have to leave

Her: Why? What's wrong?

Eric: Nora is not feeling well

Her: Ohw

Eric: Ya...

Me: Thanks for the dinner it was very delicious

She stood up and they walked us to the door.

Ms Mel: I am sad that you guys are leaving so soon I mean Eric I hardly see you

I could see that she was broken but she really needs to know that I'm the first woman in Eric's life now things have changed...

They hugged..

Eric: I love you

Her: I love you too

He also hugged his sister..

Ms M: Bye Nora

Me: Bye

She still didn't hug me battle lines have been drawn..

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06

NORA

Eric was sitting on the couch and watching Tv He has been frozen on that couch since we came back from his Mother's house. I could tell that he wasn't alright each time when he sits on the couch and watches Tv for hours something is bothering him. I went and sat ontop of him..

Me: You okay?

Him: I'm fine.. How are you feeling now?

Me: I'm okay too

I was a bit worried what if he talked to his Mom on the phone when I was bathing and she said something that was unsettling. I get scared at times that someone will poison him against me then he will see me some other way most people don't understand the person that I am.

The only thing that I could think of whenever he is upset is to have sex with him get his mind off things. It always works hope this trick won't get old some day because sex is somehow therapeutic for me. Releases tension and it helps me to relax..

When I kissed him I was relieved to have him respond to me there way that

I wanted him too then again do guys ever say no to sex?

He took off my night gown I wasn't wearing any underwear and bra underneath. I don't usually go to bed with those I like being free.

He laid me on the couch and put my legs on his shoulders then he started muffing me. Other than the D that's my second best part. Having him eat my cookie..

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MS MELENDEZ

Me: I want you to get me everything on this girl don't leave anything out. Deep down my Motherly instincts tell me that this girl might not be good for my

son something is just off with her. She has some bad aura that surrounds her one that I don't like.. I had called my PI over so that he could help me get something on this Nora girl. I have never used him for something this personal I usually use him to get me something on my clients. When my husband and I divorced he left me with nothing I had signed a prenup. If I knew that his lousy ass was going to leave me for his +10 PA I wouldn't have signed that damn prenup. I wanted to be very far from him and South Africa was my only option when I got here I started a small business that later on gave birth to more and more

businesses. Currently I have 3
businesses that are doing very well..

I got her picture and some of her
personal information from her
facebook account..

Joseph: Give me maybe two weeks or
so

Me: Thank you.. I will be waiting

Kim walked in on us..

Kim: Morning Joseph

Joseph: Morning Kimmy

Kimmy: What are you doing here so
early?

Joseph looked at me..

Me: Thank you Joseph call me when
you find something

Joseph: I'll do that

He left..

Kim: What's going on?

Me: Nothing much

Kim: What is Joseph doing here?

Me: Kimmy mind your business and stay out of mine

She looked at me..

Me: I asked him to check Eric's girlfriend

Kim: What? And it's his fiancé.. Why would you do that? You know Eric is going to be very furious when he finds out

Me: If he finds out

She shook her head..

Me: One day when you have kids
Kimmy you will understand it's my duty
to protect him at all times

Kim: Let me go to work

Me: Now that's a good idea

Kim manages our lodge..

Kim: You going to regret this it's my
duty to protect him at all times

Kim: Let me go to work

Me: Now that's a good idea

Kim manages our lodge..

Kim: You going to regret this I promise
you

Me: Bye Kimmy and have a nice day

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NORA

I go to work first I knock in at 7:00am and Eric knocks in at 9:00am. When I left he was still sleeping I hope he will be in a better mood today. He knocks off at 17:30 and I knock off at 16:00 but because of traffic he sometimes gets home a bit late..

I got to work and started sorting out the files and assisting a few patients that were already waiting. I love kids a lot which in turn makes my job very much enjoyable..

I work with a nice lady named Mercy we work well together haven't had any problems with her. She is very friendly has a big heart and enjoys laughing..

Mercy: Muffin?

Me: Thank you

I took one muffin..

Me: Baked them yourself?

Her: I wish.. I bought them from the coffee shop down the street

Me: Okay

Her: Are you okay? You seem down

Me: Last night I met Eric's Mother

Her: Ohh I even forgot how was the dinner?

Me: Not so good

Her: What happened?

Me: She is not a nice person at all

Her: Huh?

Me: She refused to even hug me when Eric introduced me to her made me

feel some type of way. She hugged everyone in the room except for me

Her: That's not nice

Me: Tell me about it.. I don't think me and her we going to get along I just think at some point Eric will be forced to choose between me and her

Her: I hope it won't come to that.

Mother in laws are a nightmare at first but as time goes on their attitude changes just give it time

Me: It's affecting Eric.. Maybe he is even better off without me

Her: Now you being crazy

Me: I don't want to be heart broken or anything like that I don't want drama. I'm even thinking she has a problem

with me being black probably wanted her to marry a spanish girl

Her: You overthinking things give it time and see if her attitude changes. Even if she doesn't accept you it's fine at the end of the day her Son loves you she will have to accept your relationship with him

Me: I hope so.. I truly hope so

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ERIC

There was a time when Nora and I had a fallout it was in the early stages of our relationship before the engagement and living together. I had a one night stand and she found out I don't know how but she did and then

we had a fallout. I just let things be then I got a call from her friend Lettie a few weeks later that she hurt herself she was admitted. That day I realized how deep her love for me was and that's when I stopped fooling around and I became serious with her. As time went by I noticed that she is an emotional unstable person when she gets into that state she loses her rational thinking and she doesn't think twice about hurting herself. What happened last night at my Mom's house scared me If I didn't go to check on her I don't even wanna think of what might've happened. Am I even ready to live like this? Always worrying about her right now I am at work and

she is going to knock off before me
what if she gets home and tries to hurt
herself? It's almost as if like she doesn't
even think about me..

I heard a knock at the door..

Me: Come in

AJ walked in..

Her: Coffee?

AJ is the receptionist and also a very
good friend of mine..

Me: You know I don't drink coffee

Her: Thank you

She sat down across me..

Her: Is everything okay?

Me: Yes everything is fine

(Silence)

Her: Is it Nora again?

I looked at her..

Her: I'm not quitting my job just because she's not comfortable with having me around you you like a brother to me I have no intentions of fucking you

I laughed..

Her: Your girl has some serious issues that she needs to work on

Voice: Hello??

Me: Think there's a customer

She stood up..

Her: I wouldn't be surprised if she's jealous of your Mother being close to you that girl got serious mental issues

Me: Hey that's my Fiancé you talking about

Her: I'm just saying

She walked out..

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08

NORA

When I knocked off I drove to checkers supermarket to get the ingredients for Eric's favorite spanish dish that he taught me a while back with all the tension last night I wanted to surprise

him with his favorite home cooked meal just to make him happy. Yes sex is all good and what not but cooking for him is also important and right now I want to make it up to him. I was going to cook him a dish known as "Croquettes" it's not a complicated dish and not very difficult to prepare. It is a breadcrumbed fried roll containing ground meat I use beef mostly. Ham shellfish cheese and mashed potatoes with a few other ingredients like eggs onion milk beer brown sauce and onions. I know it sounds unpleasant but when all those ingredients are cooperated together give birth to a delicious Croquettes.

My plans were short lived when I saw the door opened in our apartment and I heard a few voices. I made my way in because I thought that maybe Eric is home early and he brought his friends over only to find our landlord with an electrician..

Me: Good afternoon

Landlord: Good afternoon

Me: Afternoon what's going on?

Landlord: I am sorry to let you know that we fixing the wiring for every flat one of my tenants had an encounter with a faulty wire and it didn't end well

Me: How long will it take?

Landlord: maybe a week or two

My eyes widened..

Me: What?

Landlord: I have already called Eric and told him that I will refund you guys this month's rent and you can find a temporary place to stay only for a week or so

Me: I can't believe this.. I seriously can't believe this

Landlord: I apologize but after what happened I am not willing to put the rest of my tenants in danger

I walked out and took called Eric this is a disaster..

Eric: Amor

Me: Love the landlord tells me that we have to move out because of bad wiring something like that

Eric: Yes he did tell me I am actually on my way there what you can do is pack your most valuable things and go to Lettie's place. I'll call you when I get there

Me: Okay I'll do that

Eric: I love you.. Bye

Me: I love you too.. Should I pack your things too?

Eric: Yes Amor I would appreciate that

Me: Okay I love you.. Bye

I went back in defeated..

Me: How do I know that our things won't turn out missing when we get back?

Landlord: Please take your most valuable

and any damage caused to the furniture we will replace it but I promise you that nothing will be damaged

Me: I don't like being inconvenienced

Landlord: I apologize again

I made my way to the to pack our things..

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ERIC

I passed by at my Mom's office so that I can talk to her about this. My plan is that we should move in with her for that course of 2 weeks I really want my Mom and Nora to get along. I sensed some bad vibe between them yesterday I want that to end..

Ma: Eric.. What are you doing here?

She got up from the office chair..

Me: I came to talk to you about something

She came and hugged me..

Her: Is everything okay?

Me: No.. My landlord called and told me that they fixing some wiring at the flat so Nora and I we going to need a place to stay

Her: Ohw

Me: Just for a week or two

She smiled..

Her: You can move in with Me and Kimmy you know that you always welcome at home

Me: "We"

Her: I meant her too

Me: Ma I'm sensing that you don't like
Nora

Her: It's not that I don't like her I just
don't know her that well

Me: But you can get to know her that's
why instead of getting a temporary
apartment I decided that we should
move in with you and Kimmy so that
you can get to know her better

She looked at me..

Ma: She is that important to you?

Me: Yes she is

She put her hand on my cheek..

Ma: Okay I'll try

Me: Thank you

Ma: I'll call home and have the helper prepare the guest room for you and Nora

Me: Thank you very much

She walked up to her desk to get her phone..

Me: See you later

Her: See you later Son

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NORA

I packed all our valueble things and drove to Lettie's place she gave me an attitude that I didn't like. She wasn't her usual self..

Lettie: Moet or juice?

Me: Juice please

She poured mango juice for me..

Me: Thank you

(Silence)

Me: Is everything okay?

Her: Why?

Me: I'm sensing some vibe from you

Her: What do you expect? Especially after treating my friend like that the other day

I rolled my eyes..

Me: I should've known

Her: Nora just because you engaged to Eric and he does everything for you doesn't mean that you better than everyone else you able to afford what

you can afford because you don't do much with your salary. Eric covers everything

Me: If I knew that you were going to be like this I wouldn't have bothered myself coming over here

Her: Then why are you here?

Me: Wow so you going to choose a nobody over me?

Her: Nhlanhla is a young hard working woman

Me: I thought our friendship meant something

Her: It does but if you going to act like this then I you and I won't get along

My phone alerted me of a message Eric was at the gate..

Me: Eric is here so I'll just leave

Her: Bye

I wasn't going to beg Lettie if she wants to act all bitchy then she can go ahead. I won't beg her. Eric was leaning against his car I went up to him and hugged him..

Me: Please tell me that you found us a temporary place because this day has been a nightmare

Him: Yes I have

I broke the hug...

Him: We going to move in with my Mother and Kimmy

Me: Are you serious?

Him: It's time for you and her to get to know each other better

This was a very bad idea.. Eric wants me and his Mother to kill each other

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08

MS MELENDEZ

I was getting my things and preparing to go home when Joseph walked in..

Joseph: Glad you still around

Me: Is everything okay

He had a file with him he handed it to me..

Me: What's this?

I took it and opened it..

Him: My search led me into this

Me: What is this about?

Him: The girl.. I got that from her Dr it's not everything but at least the little information there will shed some light on who she really is

Me: That was a long time ago he still kept the file?

Him: That's just parts of her condition that the Dr was able to retrieve he went through great lengths to get me that

Me: Let me see

I read a bit..

Me: Patient is suffering from a rare form of psychiatric disorder

Him: The Dr also mentioned that she was brought in a lot of times for minor injuries of which she said her Aunt was abusing her but only to find that it wasn't true. She would hurt herself and say her Aunt did it

Me: What?

Him: Also she once accused her Father or raping her only to find out that it wasn't true they checked her and there was no evidence of sexual abuse. The time she claimed the sexual abuse her Father was out of the country he was in Burundi. Her Father was a soldier

Me: Ohh my.. She's sick

Him: The Dr couldn't provide me with her address or next of kin

Me: "Patient was brought in today with a broken arm Patient claimed that her Aunt broke her arm"

Him: If all this is true.. You need to watch out Melendez she's considered dangerous your family might be in danger

Me: Ohw my word..

Him: What?

Me: She's at my house right now.. I have to go home

Him: And please don't lose or show anyone that file the clinic will be sued and the Dr will lose his license

Me: I won't and thank you.. Now we just have to find her family

Him: I'm on that

I took my things and left..

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NORA

Kimmy and I we were preparing dinner.
I must've misjudged her she is not as bad as I thought she was. She is a very nice person..

Kimmy: That's why I choose not to have friends there's just too much drama

Me: Like I can't believe it my own best friend taking a stranger's side

Kimmy: She wasn't a true friend to begin with

I was telling her about what transpired between me and Lettie..

Kimmy: Maybe you guys should talk and fix things that's only if you still care about your friendship with her

Me: I'm not going to beg her.. She can stay with her new friend

Kimmy: let me go and put this on the table

I was hurt at my fallout with Lettie I was mad that she let a nobody get in between us.

Eric walked in he was taking a shower..

Eric: Ladies I have to run somewhere

Me: Where?

Eric: I'm meeting up with some club owner

he was taking a shower..

Eric: Ladies I have to run somewhere

Me: Where?

Eric: I'm meeting up with some club owner he wants me to play this weekend at his club

Kimmy: I thought being a DJ was a hobby seems like now it's going to become your career

Eric: Well it pays the bills so

His outfit was on point his cologne filled the room. Why would he shower then wear his cologne for a business meeting? Unless of course it's not a business meeting..

He came to me..

Him: You going to be alright?

I faked a smile..

Me: I'm going to be fine

Him: Seems like you and Kimmy are getting along very well

Me: She's a good person

Him: I'm glad that you guys are getting along

He kissed me on my forehead..

Him: I won't take long.. I promise

Me: Okay

He kissed me..

Kimmy: Can you go already?

Eric: I will be back soon

He walked up to the door..

Kimmy: Well seems like everything is set

Me: Can you please excuse me?

Kimmy: Uhm yes..

I walked to the bathroom and locked the door. I wanted to scream I wanted to break things. I was very upset Eric is definitely cheating on me. I sat ontop of the toilet seat and covered my ears busy rocking myself back and forth that little voice in my head kept on telling me that Eric was cheating.

Voice: Nora

I raised my head..

Voice: Nora I'm here

I looked around and couldn't see anyone..

Voice: Nora I'm here

I looked around and I still didn't see anyone.

Me: Please stop.. Just stop

Voice: I'm in the mirror

I stood up and went to the mirror I saw my reflection in the mirror. I raised my hand but my reflection didn't..

I shook my head no..

Me: You not real

Her: I am real.. I am you

Me: No!!!.. You not real!

Her: If I wasn't then why are you talking to me?

I closed my eyes..

Her: I am here to help you Nora just like how it was back in the day

Me: You in my head.. Dr Raphael said you not real he once said you in my head

Her: Ohw Please Nora!! Dr Raphael betrayed us! He never believed us!! Remember when Dad touched us and Dr Raphael didn't believe? Remember when Aunty Sesi used to beat us? No one believed us! They said we crazy!!

Me: Stop!!! Just stop okay!! Stop confusing me!! You not real!! Stop!!!!!!!!!!

I heard a knock at the door..

Kimmy: Nora are you okay?

Me: I'll be right there

Her: Just that I heard some screaming

Me: I'm coming

Her: Okay

I looked at myself in the mirror again
and the tears had ruined my eyeliner I
then washed my face..

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MS MELENDEZ

I got home and made my way in..

Me: Kimmy?? Eric???

Kimmy showed up..

Her: Mom

I put my things on the counter
including the file..

Me: Baby where is.. Where is Nora?

Her: She's in the bathroom

I pulled her so that we could talk in a
more private area...

Me: Where is Eric?

Her: He went out

Me: Are you okay?

Her: I'm fine.. Are you okay?

Me: Listen to me.. I know this is going to sound somehow but...

Her: But?? Mom you scaring me

Me: Listen Nora is crazy

Her: Huh?

Me: She has a psychiatric disorder and she is very dangerous.. She falsely accused her father of rape and her Aunt of abuse

Her: What?

Me: Joseph tracked down some Dr who used to treat Nora when she was young.. Look I have a file that proves everything

We went back to the kitchen so that I could get the file but somehow the file had disappeared..

Me: I had it.. I came with it

Kimmy: Mom this is ridiculous!

Me: I had the file okay!! I came with it it was here

Nora walked in..

Nora: kimmy I'm done we can ea-

She paused when she saw me..

Nora: Ms Melendez I didn't hear you come in

Kimmy: Let's go and eat please

Me: You took the file didn't you?

Nora: I'm sorry what file?

Me: You heard us talking and you took the file didn't you??

Nora: I was in the bathroom I seriously don't know what you talking about

Me: You not going to get away with this

Nora: Get away with what?

Kimmy: Can we please go and eat?

Me: Shut up Kimmy!!

Nora: Maybe I should go to bed.. Good night Kimmy

She walked away...

Me: She took it!! I know she took it

Kimmy shook her head..

Kimmy: Maybe you the crazy one here
Mom if you don't stop this nonsense
you going to lose your Son
She then walked away..

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09

NORA

When I went to the kitchen from the
bathroom there was no one there and
then on the counter next to Ms
Melendez bag I saw a file with my
name written on it I just took it and
went to hide it in the lounge under the

couch. It was a split second thing and I guess I was lucky because right after I hid it I heard them going to the kitchen from the balcony. I then later on fetched it from under the couch when they were in their bedrooms I wanted to know what was written in the file. I was in the guest bedroom going through it while waiting for Eric to come home it angered me to find that she is researching about me. She opening a can of worms making me to remember things that I didn't want to remember. When I told my Aunt about the sexual abuse she took me to the hospital late after a few months and the Dr is someone that she knew very well. All of them covered the rape up

and the Dr diagnosed me with a psychiatric disorder just so it can seem that I was insane and made things up. That's why I ran away because no one was believed me about the rape and the abuse I endured from my Aunt..

I closed the file and put it under the mattress of the bed I started pacing up and down asking myself why would Ms Melendez be researching about me? Why couldn't she ask me about my past I could've told her..

Voice: You know that she's going to ruin everything

I focused my attention from where the voice was coming from and the other me was standing there..

Her: We cannot let her ruin everything that we have worked so hard for

I sat on the bed..

Her: If she keeps on digging in our past there's a lot that she's going to come back with and she's going to fill Eric's head with nonsense

I sighed..

Her: Don't let that old hag ruin our perfect life our happiness and everything that we have worked for

Me: I don't know what to do

I heard a knock at the door..

Me: Who is it?

Voice: Melendez

I stood up and went to open for her then she walked in.. She looked around for a moment..

Her: Who were you talking too?

Me: I was on the phone

I closed the door..

Her: I know you took that file

Me: Again Ms Melendez I don't know what you talking about

Her: You know exactly what I'm talking about! You took that file because the information written in there about you was true!

Me: You don't know anything about me or what I have been through!

Her: I know enough to protect my Son from you! I will take you down I am not going to let you be with my Son

Me: Exactly why do you hate me so much?

Her: Because you're a horrible person you accused your own Father about something that never happened!

You're crazy you need to be locked up

Me: Don't say things that you know nothing about!

She looked at me from head to toe..

Her: I won't rest until I have made sure that you not a part of my son's life anymore

She clicked her tongue and walked out..

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ERIC

After talking about business with the owner of the club we decided to have some drinks and just have a chilled night. I looked at the time it was 22:00..

Me: I have to go home

Him: So early?

Me: Some of us have work tomorrow

Him: Ayt man looking forward to have you play here this coming weekend

Me: Just get my check ready and I'll play the whole night

He raised his glass up to me..

Me: I will be see you this weekend

Him: Have a good night

—

NORA

I couldn't sleep I had a lot in my mind. I was scared that Ms Melendez might just ruin my relationship with Eric

you accused your own Father about something that never happened!

You're crazy you need to be locked up

Me: Don't say things that you know nothing about!

She looked at me from head to toe..

Her: I won't rest until I have made sure that you not a part of my son's life anymore

She clicked her tongue and walked out..

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ERIC

After talking about business with the owner of the club we decided to have some drinks and just have a chilled night. I looked at the time it was 22:00..

Me: I have to go home

Him: So early?

Me: Some of us have work tomorrow

Him: Ayt man looking forward to have you play here this coming weekend

Me: Just get my check ready and I'll play the whole night

He raised his glass up to me..

Me: I will be see you this weekend

Him: Have a good night

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NORA

I couldn't sleep I had a lot in my mind. I was scared that Ms Melendez might just ruin my relationship with Eric after all she is Eric's Mom and he might believe her over me.

I held the kitchen knife I could slit her throat right now and just end her life but that would be messy. If I'm going to fight this woman I will have to be very smart about it..

I was at the kitchen for hours just thinking about this whole situation when Eric walked in he checked the time..

Him: Amor why aren't you sleeping?

I looked at him..

Me: I couldn't fall asleep

Him: Why?

Me: It's nothing

He made his way to me..

Him: Sorry that the meeting took longer than expected

I could smell that he had been drinking though he wasn't drunk he moderates his drinking. He stood behind me and put his hands on my shoulders..

Him: What's wrong talk to me

Me: I.. I think that you and I should just break up

Him: What?

I turned around and looked at him..

Me: While you were out your Mother came back home and she accused me first about stealing her file

Him: A file? I don't understand

Me: I was on my way to the kitchen from the bathroom and she was standing over there with Kimmy then she started saying things like "You took it you took the file" I had no idea what she was talking about but she was all up in my face you should ask Kimmy. I didn't even eat dinner I went straight to the guest room then later on she came to attack me there.. Eric she brought up my past and accused me of lying about the rape she said I was crazy and that I should leave you

Eric: I can't believe this! I can't believe she would do something like this

Me: My past is something that destroyed me and it's something that I don't wanna date back too why couldn't she just ask me about my family and everything than to go behind my back and dig up my past.

Now I'm really scared of her if she could dig up my past like that there's no telling what she can do next

I could see that he was very upset about this.

Me: She is your Mother and she carried you for 9 months I am not here to ruin your relationship with her I just wanted to be a part of the family. I just wanted to know how it feels like to have a

Mother I just wanted us to be good friends I wanted her to get to know me

Him: I know and I'm very sorry.. I'll fix this

He tried touching me but I stepped back..

Me: I'll just go get my things then leave I walked away..

Him: Nora..

I walked away to the guest room..

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ERIC

I was beyond upset.. How can my Mother do this? I made my way straight to her bedroom. I knocked a few times until she opened then I walked in..

Her: Eric? What time is it?

Me: How could you?

She switched on the light..

Me: How could you dig up Nora's past

Her: Ohw that... She told you

Me: So it is true

Her: Eric that girl is crazy.. She accused her Father of raping her! That was not true I had a file on her an-

Me: Mom just stop it! This is absurd! You don't know what she has been through! Now understand you being a little concerned but this? This is ridiculous!

Her: Eric you my son and I will protect you always

I shook my head..

Me: We'll be moving out first thing tomorrow morning

Her: Eric!

Me: Goodbye Mother

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MS MELENDEZ

A few days later

I was in my office on the phone with Eric he left two days ago for a gig he will be back next week Monday..

Me: You should just say that you want to be a full time DJ now so I that can find another person to take over the real estate business

He laughed..

Him: How are things at home? How is Nora doing?

Well that night after he came into my room and threw a fit I decided to humble myself and Apologize to them. I was mostly doing that because I didn't want to lose my Son obviously this girl has her claws on him. If I'm going to beat her at her own game I will have to be smart. Constantly fighting with her is just going to affect my relationship with my Son..

Me: She is okay.. We are okay though I can see that she's not over what I did

Him: She will come around.. I hope you not digging up anything from her past again

Me: I'm over that.. I've promised you that I won't interfere in your relationship with her

Joseph knocked..

Me: I have to go.. A client just walked in

Him: Okay I'll call you later

Me: I love you and have fun

Him: I love you too

I put my phone down as Joseph made his way in..

Me: Make me happy Joseph give me some good news

He sat down across me..

Him: I found her sister

I looked at him..

Him: She is married has two kids and she's a paramedic

He gave me a piece of paper..

Him: That's her home address and also the name of the hospital were she works

I looked at the Paper..

Him: Her Name is Zenzi

Me: Wow this is.. This is good

Him: Becareful this time around

Me: I will be

He stood up..

Me: Thank you very much

Him: You welcome

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NORA

Ms Melendez and I decided to put our differences aside and try to get along for the sake of Eric she seemed genuine in her apology but I still don't trust her. Ever since that night until today we have been civil towards each other and there has been peace in the house but I still don't trust her.

Eric left I think on Wednesday for some Gig at Capetown he is supposed to call me every night but yesterday he didn't call. I am now very sure that he is

cheating on me he is supposed to call me every night but yesterday he didn't call. I am now very sure that he is cheating on me his behavior is weird. Since when does he leave for more than 3 days for a Gig he will be back next week Monday something is not right..

Mercy: Your phone is ringing again I looked at it it was him..

Her: Are you ever going to pick up?

Me: No

Her: Why not?

Me: He didn't call me last night and he was replying late to my WhatsApp messages until he stopped replying all together

Her: Maybe he was busy or had an early night

Me: He is cheating and I can feel it deep inside of me

Her: Nora don't be like that

Me: I am not going to be made a fool if Eric wants to play games then he can! I just wish that he could've shown his ways earlier before I gave him my heart

Her: Talk to him and find out what happened

Me: No.. He can continue fucking those bitches there and leave me alone!!!

I accidentally dropped the files on the floor.

Mercy: I'll get them.. Why don't you go out for a walk get some fresh air and come back later

Me: Thank you

I took my phone and walked out..

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MS MELENDEZ

I tried the numbers that were written on the paper I hope this is really Nora's sister..

Voice: Zenzi hello?

I kept quiet..

Her: Hello?

Me: Uhm hi.. Hello

Her: Who is this?

Me: I am.. You talking to Eric's Mother

Her: Who is Eric? I don't know any Eric

Me: Eric is my Son and he is dating
your Sister Nora

There was silence..

Me: Hello? Are you still there?

Her: Is this some kind of a joke?

Me: No it's not a joke.. Please my Son
might be in danger I really need your
help

Her: If you are pulling a stunt with me
it won't work my S-

Me: They getting married soon and I
want to make sure that she won't harm
him I have.. I carried out a minor
research and found out that your Sister
has a psychiatric disorder she is very
manipulative and she lies a lot

Her: Who are you?

Me: I told you that I am a Mother who is just trying hard to protect her Son
I heard her exhaling..

Me: Can we please meet?

Her: Well it's my day off today so..

Me: We can meet later on say at around 15:00 in the afternoon?

Her: Rather make it 12:00 in the afternoon

Me: 12:00 it is.. You can text me any restaurant that's close to you

Her: Okay I will do that

Me: Thank you.. Thank you very much

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NORA

Eric called again while I was standing outside this time around I answered..

Me: Hello

Him: I've been calling you

Me: I am at work.. I'm busy you supposed to call at 13:00 that's my lunch break

Him: What's with the attitude?

Me: I don't have an attitude I'm just glad that at least you realized that you have a fiancé

Him: Nora what are you talking about?

Me: I'm talking about you not calling last night

Him: I didn't call last night because I had an early night.. Hence why I'm calling this morning

Me: Please! You really expect me to believe that?

Him: Maybe I should call you later when you have calmed down

Me: Don't even bother calling!! Matter of fact don't ever call me again!! Find yourself another girl wherever you are and leave me the fuck alone!!!!

Him: Okay

He hung up..

Me: Eric?? Eric??

I lowered my phone and collected myself...

I didn't even realize that I was making too much noise. I took off my ring and tossed it on the road then I made my back inside the building..

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ERIC

There's nothing more frustrating like someone accusing you of something that you not doing something that is even far from your mind. I love Nora and cheating is the last thing on my mind I mean we getting married soon. Why would I wanna ruin that? I am at a point in my life were I wanna settle down and start a family but she's making that very hard. I don't know

how much I have to prove myself to her. I went out for a couple of drinks with one of the DJs that is going to be relieving me his name is Ace and he is a very big fan of house music. The club has just opened and it has been busy it's going to continue being busy for the whole week since alcohol is going to be sold at an affordable price..

Ace: Are you ready for tonight?

My genre is mostly house and a mix of Rnb here and there. I usually start playing from 15:00-17:00 then from 17:00-20:00 Ace will play. I will then take it from 20:00-21:00 and he will play from 21:00-23:00. He mostly plays more because People are too much

into house music especially when the alcohol takes over

Me: I'm ready.. How much are you pocketing from this Gig?

Him: 40k in total and you?

Me: 25k

Him: Haven't gotten that much before for a gig

Me: I have

We waitress brought us our beers..

Her: Here you go gentlemen

Me: Thank you

This is an all expense paid trip drinks and what not outside the hotel comes from our own pockets..

Ace: Had any hook ups since you got here?

Me: Naa not any

Ace: A pretty boy like you? Or you just not looking for any?

Me: I'm actually engaged

Him: Now I know why

Me: Ya

Some ladies came to us..

Lady1: Good day I am very sorry but are you Eric? Eric the DJ?

Me: uhm yeah

Her: I knew I recognised you.. Not to be rude or something but can we please take a picture with you?

Me: Ya of course

I stood up and took a picture with them
Ace took the picture..

Lady2: Thank you very much

Me: You welcome

Lady2: You very cute by the way

Me: Thank you very much

I sat down again to enjoy my beer..

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NORA

I went home early because I wasn't okay this thing with Eric was affecting me very bad. I was all alone Kimmy and Ms Melendez were still at work. This gave me enough time to just be depressed alone. I was in a state of mind that was very unsettling I am going to lose Eric and there's nothing

that I can do about it. He usually calls when we have these stupid arguments to try and talk things over but now he is quiet no text or call from him and it was driving me mad. I checked if he was active on Social media and he did post something on Facebook it was a few minutes ago. The post was "Chilling with DJ Ace before we play" they had a few comments and one comment in particular caught my attention some girl posted a picture with the caption "Finally met my crush". I wasn't upset over the picture but I was upset that he had time to entertain his female fans than talking things out with me he was not being fair..

Something inside of me snapped I completely shut down and started throwing things around while screaming. I walked over and got the kitchen knife I looked at it for a while not sure if I should just end miserable life or not. I was hurt
I was very hurt..

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MS MELENDEZ

I was a few minutes late for my meeting with Nora's sister. I walked in and looked around she had told me what she was going to be wearing and I think I spotted someone who was wearing the same outfit. I made my way to her..

Me: Zenzi?

Her: Ms Melendez?

Me: Yes.. I am very sorry that I'm late
I gave her a handshake and then sat
down..

Me: Thank you for not leaving

Her: It's okay.. At least you here now

Me: Thank you for meeting up with me

Her: I can't believe that I found
someone who knows where my Sister
is.. She has been missing for a while
now

Me: Have you ever tried looking for
her?

Her: Yes but we were very private
about it

Me: Why?

Her: If she found out that we were looking for her she was going to move far away Nora doesn't want anything to do with us

Me: Why?

Her: For how long has she been with your Son? Do you have a picture of them together?

Me: Yes I do.. My Son uploads their pictures on his Facebook account most of the time

I took out my phone and checked the pictures for her..

Me: Here

I passed her my phone..

She looked at the pictures..

Me: You can just swipe to the left for more

I could see her getting emotional..

Her: Wow.. She's very beautiful she has grown up

Me: When was the last time you saw her?

She wiped her tears..

Her: It was a very long time.. Can you please send me the Pictures I wanna show our Father

Me: I will send them to you

Her: You sounded a bit concerned on the phone

Me: Yes.. Nora and Eric are getting married soon but I'm not sure about her I noticed that something wasn't

right when she tried to make my Son
and I fight

She closed her eyes and then opened
them again..

Her: Has she hurt anyone as yet?

Me: Not that I know of

Her: Nora is not well.. After our Mom
passed on she she was never the same

Me: If Nora is that dangerous then I'm
going to need your help I am sorry but
I'm a Mother. My Son's safety matters
the most to me

Her: I understand.. She can live a
normal life only if she could be on
medication and attend therapy

If Nora decides to get help then that's good for her but for now I want her out of my Son's life...

Me: We have to be careful though because this might just bite me in the ass if the cards are not played right your Sister is very manipulative

Her: I understand

Me: Thank you.. Thank you very much

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KIMMY

I knocked off early today and just went straight home. I was supposed to go and see my boyfriend but I just got lazy so I will see him tomorrow.

When I got home something was off the kitchen was a mess. Things were

broken and out of place it was almost as if like someone had broken in but there was no sign of forced entry the door was even locked. I got scared so I got my phone and called my Mom but she didn't pick up. I heard water running in the bathroom I slowly made my way there. I heard the shower water running I gently opened the door and what I saw was enough to drive me insane for the rest of my life. Nora was in the shower naked and covered in blood..

Me: Nora!!!

I ran to turn the water off and she was laying on the floor not even moving.

I took my phone out and called an ambulance..

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MS MELENDEZ

Me: Thank you again for meeting up with me

Her: You welcome

Me: you will definitely be hearing from me soon

Her: I will be waiting

I gave her a hug and then walked to the parking. When I got my car keys out I also took out my phone in the process and I had a few missed calls from Kimmy. I called her..

Her: Mama

Me: Hey Kimmy

Her: Mama it's Nora

Me: What about Nora?

Her: She.. You have to come home

Me: Kimmy talk to me

She hung up...

Me: Kimmy? Kimmy? Dammit!!

I know the cops were going to take forever after calling them I also called Joseph to go and check what was going on since he was the closest to my house..

I hope that crazy bitch hasn't hurt my baby.

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ERIC

I got a call from my Mom informing me that Nora was rushed to the hospital because she got stabbed on her lower abdominal area she had lost a lot of blood and she was in surgery. I didn't know the full story but it was believed that someone might've broken in robbery went wrong. I was scared confused and I blamed myself. This happened just a few hours after our fight she must've left work early and went home. She fails to think clearly when she's upset. I made sure that I got the first flight out the next day the gig wasn't important. Not as important

as my Fiancé's life. I didn't walk away empty handed though they gave me R7000 for the few days that I've played there.

My flat was in the morning at 11am counting the traveling generally I arrived at the hospital no later than 15:00 in the afternoon..

I actually called my Mom when I was at the entrance and she came to get me..

Her: Lo siento bebe (I'm sorry baby)

She hugged me..

I always say that I love Nora and today I realized how much I truly loved her I was scared. I was scared of losing her..

Her: Estás bien (Are you okay)

She broke the hug and put her hands on my cheeks..

Me: Solo quiero verla (I just wanna see her)

She nodded..

Her: Okay.. Let's go and see her

She held me by my hand and we went to see her..

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ZENZI

He looked at the picture for a few seconds and I saw tears streaming down..

Him: It's her.. It's really her

His hand was even trembling he was just overwhelmed and so was I. I mean I didn't think that we were going to find

her anytime soon my Father had given up all hope. He was slowly convincing himself that Nora was also dead I think that made it easier for him to get through each day..

Me: I found her Daddy

Him: How? I mean.. We have been searching for her

I sat down..

Me: Some woman she.. Some woman contacted me and said that her Son is Nora's fiancé she's engaged

Him: She's engaged?

Me: Not only that but she's also working at a pediatrician clinic

Him: That's good news her life is better than we both imagined

We didn't think that Nora had a normal life we always thought the worst of her..

Him: Wow I'm.. I'm very proud of her

Me: Me too

Him: So this woman found out that we were looking for her?

Me: Yes she did

That was a lie seeing how happy and proud he was of her I didn't want to spoil the mood for him..

Him: Is she okay? Is she taking medication?

Me: Yes.. She's taking medication

Him: I can't believe this.. I can't believe that we found her

Me: It is shocking but that's her

Him: Should we even meet her? I mean Nora sees us as horrible people. She has done well for herself I don't want us to confuse her and set her back I don't want her to relapse

Me: We will take it one day at a time I'll make sure that we don't overwhelm her

He wiped his tears..

Me: Now you can sleep better at night knowing that she is safe

Him: I wish that your Mother was here to see her

Me: I'm sure that wherever she is she is proud of her

My phone beeped I took it from the table It was a message from Ms Melendez which read:

"Nora was stabbed yesterday she's in hospital"

That came in as a huge shock..

Dad: Is everything okay?

Me: Yes.. I.. I just gave to fetch the kids from school

Him: Okay

I stood up..

Me: I'll call you later

Him: And thank you thank you for finding your sister

Me: You welcome (smiling)

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ERIC

I walked in her ward and she was laying there with her eyes closed. She had an oxygen mask covering her mouth and face she had the sheet up to her chest. The EKG was beeping she didn't look good..

Mom: She was in surgery for at least 8 hours the knife cut deep and she had lost a lot of blood. The Dr said that she's in a very critical condition and water got in her lungs.

If kimmy didn't find her in time she-
I went up to her and held her hand..

Ma: I'll give you some time with her
I looked at her as emotions took over I can't lose her..

Me: Hey sweetheart

I put my other hand on her forehead..

Me: I'm sorry.. We shouldn't even had that stupid fight

I kissed her hand...

Me: I'll be here.. I'll be here until you wake up

I kissed her hand again..

Me: Just come back to me.. I love you I love you so much

—

MS MELENDEZ

The most difficult thing about being a parent is to see your child breaking and not knowing how to help Eric was hurt. I have never seen him like this he truly loves this girl. My phone rang I moved

away from the window and answered the call..

Me: Hello

Voice: Ms Melendez.. It's Zenzi

Me: Zenzi hello

Her: I got your message.. How is she?

Me: She's in a critical condition

Her: What happened?

Me: Someone must've followed her into the house it was a robbery gone wrong. She was stabbed

Her: This cannot be happening just when we found her

Me: Police are on it.. I'll keep you posted

Her: Can I come to the hospital to see her?

Me: I don't think that's a good idea..
Maybe we should try and let her recover first

Her: I understand.. Please keep me posted

Me: I will

Her: Thank you and bye

Me: Bye

I hung up and made my way in the ward. Eric was now sitting down on the small bench holding on to her hand for dear life..

Me: Eric

He looked at me his eyes were red..

Me: Don't you wanna go home and refresh? Maybe get some rest?

Him: I wanna be here when she wakes up

Me: I know but-

Him: I don't want her getting confused when she wakes up I don't want her getting upset when she doesn't see my face. I want to be here with her

Me: It's okay.. I understand

Him: How did this even happen?

Me: It is believed that someone followed her to the house and when she unlocked the door they walked inside with her. The kitchen was a mess and-

Him: And what?

Me: Kimmy found Nora in the shower naked and bleeding the water in the shower was running

He closed his eyes and bit his lower lip in frustration...

Me: The Dr said that there was no sign of her being raped

He got up from the small bench and kissed her on her forehead He then made his way to me..

Him: All that security system in your house couldn't protect my Fiancé?

Me: I'm also confused Eric it's a very safe neighborhood

Him: Cleary it's not safe enough!!
(shouting)

He turned and looked at her then he looked at me..

Him: I want the person or people responsible for this to be found

Me: Joseph is on it and so are the cops

Him: Fuck the cops they going to take forever! I want Joseph to find those people

Me: I'll make sure that he does

Him: You better!!

He went back and sat on the bench..

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MS MELENDEZ

A FEW DAYS LATER

It's been days now and Nora wasn't waking up she was bad than I thought. Eric was a mess he was skipping work and he seized going to the hospital everyday. He wanted the People or the Person who did this to be brought into justice Nora's case was a hard one. Joseph is good I trust him a lot and I had asked him to look into Nora's case but he came back with nothing the cops also came back with nothing. That after Joseph came to see us about a new development he had retrieved the security footage from our surveillance camera that covers the drive way if

someone really followed Nora or got into the yard before Nora did then the footage will show. Joseph played it from the previous day just incase the person came through the previous day up until the following day when Nora's car drove in..

Eric: This doesn't make sense

Joseph: No one came in you can see Nora coming home alone and no one came in up until the time Kimmy came home

He looked at the tape..

Me: We have ran the tape at least 5 times Eric

Eric: My Fiancé was found stabbed in the shower everything was turned

upside down in the kitchen Nora was attacked someone must've come in

Joseph: The only other access is through the neighbours and I don't see anyone gaining via the neighbours house because they have dogs

Me: And not forgetting that the only prints that were found were Nora's

The landline phone rang..

Me: I'll get it

I went and picked it up..

Me: Melendez residence good day

Detective: Ms Melendez it's Detective Shaw

Me: Good day Detective

Him: I got the results

Me: Okay

Him: Again we only found Nora's prints on the knife that was used to stabbed her

I looked at Eric and sighed...

Me: So what happens now?

Him: So far everything leads to the victim only her prints were found. The surveillance footage doesn't show any suspicious activity and there was no force of entry the only thing left now is to just question the victim when she wakes up

Me: Okay.. Thank you very much

Detective

I put the phone down and went back to them.

Me: That was the Detective

Eric: And?

Me: Only Nora's prints were found on the knife that was used to stab her

The room went quiet..

Joseph: Everything leads to her.. I'm starting to believe that she did this to herself

Me: could be possible

Eric: Nora would never stab herself

Me: Eric Nora is not the person that you think she is

Eric: You starting again

Me: be in denial all you want son but Nora needs help she needs psychiatric help she's sick

Eric: I don't have to listen to this!

He took his car keys..

Me: Where are you going?

Him: To see my Fiancé!

Joseph looked at me..

Joseph: What now?

Me: I will have to contact her family..

Maybe when Eric meets her family and hears from them he might just take everything seriously

Joseph: This girl sounds sick

Me: She is and I'm worried about my son if she could hurt herself like that there's no telling what she can do to others

—

NORA

Upon opening my eyes everything appeared blurry for a while. I looked around and I could clearly see that I was in a hospital ward I could feel the oxygen mask covering my mouth. I lowered it and then looked around again I was all alone in the ward I felt drained and very drowsy. I tried to move but I felt an excruciating pain arising from my lower abdominal area I ran my hand there and I felt that I was operated in that area. I tried to gather my thoughts and think hard about what happened but I couldn't remember my thoughts were just disoriented. What happened? Why am I here?

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MS MELENDEZ

After Joseph had left I drove up to Nora's home or her Father's house rather. Zenzi had texted me his address a few days ago and told me that her Father wants to see me he wants to know more about his Daughter's whereabouts. It was a beautiful small family home I liked the flowers in the garden more and how clean the yard was. For someone who lives alone I liked the flowers in the garden more and how clean the yard was. For someone who lives alone he really knows how to care of his house. When I introduced myself and told him who I was he welcomed me in I waited in the

living room as he went to get us something to drink. I walked around and noticed some family picture around the TV stand they sure did look like a happy family.

Him: I hope you like guava juice

I put the picture down..

Me: Guava juice is fine... Thank you

I went and sat down..

Him: I don't get much visitors so I don't do groceries that much to be honest my Daughter is the one who buys me food when she comes to visit

Me: For how long I have you been staying alone now?

Him: For a while now.. After my Wife's funeral the girls moved out also my

first fell pregnant and she moved in with her boyfriend then my second born was just a lost soul she would disappear every now and then

Me: And Nora?

Him: Nora was very young when her Mother died and since her sisters were just all over and only cared about themselves I had to leave the military and take care of her as she had no one to look after her. I tried to have my sister take her but Nora didn't like it there she said that she was abused

Me: Was she abused?

Him: At first I believed her because each time when I came back and checked up on her she had bruises and she claimed that my Sister beat her

that's when I left everything and took her to come live with me

Me: What happened next?

Him: As time went on I noticed that something was not right with my Daughter she would come home from playing with her friends and said that they hurt her she just was telling a lot of lies. I thought that it was harmless lies at first you know how kids are but as time went on the lies and manipulation started getting worse. At some point she claimed that I was raping her I remember being in a holding cell for allegedly raping own Daughter. I couldn't believe it I couldn't believe Nora would think of me that

way. I couldn't believe that she saw me as a monster

I could see that he was breaking
visiting that memory was difficult for
him..

Him: Tests were done and there was no
sign of sexual abuse after that my
Sister took her again she lived with her
up until she ran away by then she was a
teen

This was very difficult for me to
comprehend

Me: Was she physical with anyone?

Him: My Sister claimed that at some
point Nora used to attack her physically
by then she was a teen and at one time

she stabbed my Sister with a knife on her shoulder

Me: Ohh my word

Him: I don't know what happened to my Daughter I shouldn't even be here right now

Me: Why do you say that?

Him: When she started dating he manipulated his boyfriend into killing me said that there's a lot of fortunate that she will pocket if I died

Me: That's horrible! Your own Daughter did that?

Him: Yes.. After her mom's death she was never the same again

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NORA

Dr: How many fingers am I holding up?

Me: Two

Dr: Good.. How are you feeling?

Me: A bit dizzy and in pain

Dr: You will be fine and in no time you will be going home

Me: Thank you

Eric made his way in He couldn't believe when he saw me all awake..

Him: Nora

Me: Hey

He made his way to me..

Eric: Good day Dr

Dr: Good day

Eric: When did you wake up?

Me: I.. A few minutes ago I think

Dr: A nurse will monitor your IV you need to eat so that you can be able to get your strength back

Me: Yes Doc

He looked at the time and then looked at Eric..

Dr: 5min.. After that she needs to eat and rest

Eric: Yes Dr

The Dr walked out Eric made his way to me..

Him: Do you know how much you scared me?

Me: I'm sorry

He leaned over and kissed me..

I now remember what happened my own stupidity happened..

Him: Are you okay? Does it hurt?

Me: I'll be fine

He kissed me again..

Me: Eric what happened?

Him: You don't remember?

I shook my head no..

Me: No I don't remember

Him: It's okay.. What matters is that you okay

He kissed me on the forehead. I was lying I remember everything that happened..

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MS MELENDEZ

I was very taken by what I was hearing now I noticed that there was something wrong with Nora I just didn't think it was this deep.

Him: How is she holding up? I heard she's done pretty well for herself

Me: She is working at some clinic as admin

Him: That's very good.. I'm glad that her life turned out better than I thought

Me: But there's something

He looked at me..

Me: Nora is in hospital

Him: What happened?

Me: She claimed that she was stabbed

Him: Claimed?

Me: Her and my Son moved in with me for a while because they fixing something at their place so a few days ago when Nora came home she was stabbed Detectives investigated and I also had my PI look into the matter but they came out with nothing. The prints that were found on the knife were only hers there was no sign of forced entry everything just pointed to her

He looked down and shook his head..

Him: Is she okay?

Me: I think she's going to be fine

(Silence)

Me: Mr Ngwenya my Son loves your Daughter very much and as a Parent I am very worried about him

Him: I totally understand

Me: I am not saying that they should break up because obviously that's not going to happen anytime soon but.. If Nora is really sick and somehow there's a way that she can be helped I would appreciate it if we could work together into helping her

Him: Of course I.. I want what's best for my Daughter all the time

Me: Right now it might not be advisable for you to meet up with her so when she gets discharged I will invite you over for dinner

Him: That would be good and thank you for stopping by I appreciate it a lot

Me: You welcome

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NORA

Me: I'm full

Eric: Just one more bite

He should be gone by he insisted on staying.

I regret what I did if I didn't make it I don't know what's going to become of him..

The Dr walked in with someone..

Dr: I don't like everyone bothering my patient she should be resting

Gentleman: I promise it won't take long

Dr: Nora this is Detective Shaw he would like to talk to you

Eric held my hand..

Eric: It's fine

The Detective came closer he looked at Eric.

Me: This is my Fiancé Eric

Shaw: I won't take much of her time

Eric: It's okay

Shaw: I'm here to ask you about what happened that day you got attacked

He had a pen and a pad with him..

Me: I wish I could remember Detective

Him: You wish you could remember?

Me: I don't remember anything

He looked at the Dr..

Dr: It's normal for the patient to forget about a traumatic experience I am sure that as time goes on she will remember what happened. Everything is just disoriented

Detective: In that case we will speak again when soon

Me: Okay

They walked out...

Eric: Don't worry it will all come back to you

Me: What if I don't wanna remember?

He looked at me..

Me: It was a traumatic experience
reason why I'm here I don't think I
wanna relive that day

Him: I understand

He kissed my hand..

Him: I can't wait for you to get
discharged

Me: Can we go back to our place?

Him: They still fixing some things

Me: Even now?

Him: Yes.. But if you not comfortable at
my Mom's house then..

Me: It's okay

Him: I should go and let you rest I'll
come back and check up on you

Me: Alright

He stood up and kissed me..

Him: I love you

Me: I love you too.. And I'm sorry

Him: About?

Me: I'm sure that you had to cancel the gig for me

Him: You way too important

Me: Thank you for being here

He kissed my hand..

Him: Get some rest

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MS MELENDEZ

When I got home I poured myself a glass of white wine

I heard a lot today that really took me by surprise. Kimmy walked in..

Me: I thought that you were at work

Her: I don't feel well

Me: What's wrong?

She threw herself on the couch..

Her: Just not feeling well

Me: Did you see the Dr?

Her: No

Me: What's wrong Kimmy?

Her: Ever since what happened to Nora
I've been feeling very paranoid like
what if someone comes in and attack
us

Me: Baby that won't happen

I went and sat next to her..

Me: Nora attacked herself

She was shocked..

Her: What?

Me: Everything leads to her

She shook her head..

Her: No Ma.. Who would do that?

Me: Baby Nora is sick she is not well mentally

Her: I don't think a person could be that crazy to stab herself?

Me: I know how it sounds but.. It's the truth Nora did this to herself and I'm very worried about Eric

Her: I can't believe this

Me: It's okay because I'm going to fix this soon

Her: Ma I hope you won't do anything stupid

Me: No.. Eric loves this girl and unfortunately there's nothing I can do about it so we just gonna get her the help that she needs

Me: I didn't think that a mental sickness was this serious

Me: Me too I'm grateful that none of my kids have it

I looked at her..

Me: Don't worry ill never let anything happen to you you safe

Her: I know

I hugged her..

Me: I love you

Her: I love you too

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ERIC

I was at the bar having some beer and thinking about a few things with all the things that have been happening I'm starting to believe that Definitely something was wrong with Nora. I love my Fiancé a lot but what she's going through is more than just depression I mean all the evidence leads to her. I was very confused I didn't know what to think I love a lot and I don't wanna leave her. Maybe it's time I consider getting her professional help..

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NORA

Him: Daddy is going to run his fingers around your honeypot to make sure that no boy has violated you

That was the very first time he molested me I was around 9 or 10 by then. I don't quite remember. I was laid back on my bed and he opened my legs a bit wider I felt his finger going around my honeypot until he inserted his finger deep inside me and it was very uncomfortable. I didn't enjoy what he was doing and I don't know why he thought it was right for him to violate me like that my own Father. I turned my head and wiped my tears.

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MR NGWENYA

I picked up the phone and called my sister while looking at the family picture..

Her: Hello

Me: Gloria it's me

Her: How are you?

Me: I'm well.. I had an interesting visitor today

Her: Who?

Me: Some woman she claims to be Nora's Mother in law

Her: So they really found her?

Me: Yes it looks that way

Her: What's the next step? Do you think she told them everything? Do they believe her?

Me: I am not sure but all that matters is that we found her

Her: She knows how to hide

Me: I know

Her: Keep me posted about everything

Me: I will

Her: Bye

Me: Bye

I put the phone down..

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ERIC

Days passed and Nora was recovering very well though she still had no memory of what happened to her that day she got stabbed. Today she was

getting discharged and Kimmy was the one who was going to fetch her since I went back to work one of us still has to pay the bills. I wasn't taking any Gigs as yet I wanna make sure that she recovers very well first before I start traveling again. We still going to be staying at my Mama's place up until she goes back to work just to save on rent for a while. We hired a Nurse that's going to take care of Nora at home while she recovers she's not just a typical Nurse she also majored in psychiatry. My Mom is the one who extended a helping hand in Nora's issue as soon as Nora is well enough we going to make her start therapy.

Her case wasn't going anywhere since it was suspected that she hurt herself if it is true which I strongly believe that it is I want her to get psychiatric evaluation immediately..

My receptionist walked into my office with some man that didn't look familiar..

Her: Eric.. This gentleman is here to see you

I looked at him..

Her: Should I get you anything to drink?

Me: uhm no...

Her: I'll be at the front if you need anything

Me: Thank you

She walked out..

Me: Can I help you?

He was holding a file..

Him: I am Mr Ngwenya I'm Nora's
Father

I got up from my chair..

Him: It's good to finally meet you Son
I went to the door and closed it..

Me: What are you doing here?

Him: I have been keeping in contact
with your Mom she is the one who told
me that you work here

My Mom is still sleek I should've known
better than to trust her..

Me: I must commend you for showing
up in my office like this especially after

what you have done!! You have the balls I give you that

He stretched his hand so that I can take the file from him..

Him: Before you judge me any further I opened the file and read it was a medical report which stated that there was no evidence of sexual abuse when Nora was taken to the hospital for examination

Him: I have never abused my Daughter in anyway

There was also information about her psychiatric evaluation it was stated in detail that she suffers from a rare form of psychiatric disorder which is also accompanied by hallucinations. There

was a lot that was written about her it went on to further state the observations upon her seeing a psychiatrist that she portrayed a manipulative behaviour she was extremely aggressive and lies a lot. I closed the file..

Him: Whatever your feelings might be for me can you please put them away just a second Nora needs serious help I threw the file on the table...

Me: How do I know that what's written here is the truth? Where my Mom is involved anything is possible how do I know both of you didn't plan this?

He sat down..

Him: My wife died a long time ago and that destroyed our little perfect family already I was an absent father because I was in the military. Nora was very young by then and she loved her Mom more than anything my first born fell pregnant everything was just going left. My second born was a stranger at home she used to go and sleep with around weeks would pass without her even calling and informing us where she was. My kids were spiraling out of control after their Mom passed on each one of them tried to resort to something just to do away with the pain. Though Zenzi and Zane found their way in life unfortunately Nora got more and more worse. Last year I lost

my Second born in a car accident my first born is already married and Nora she.. She ran away. I have spent so many years looking for her

my first born is already married and Nora she.. She ran away. I have spent so many years looking for her I had sleepless nights I couldn't eat. I lost myself as a man but most of all I blamed myself for everything that was happening to my Daughters. I have already lost one Daughter I don't want to lose Nora too. I want to be reunited with my Daughter

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NORA

Kimmy came to get me from the hospital I was happy to be out of here. Hospitals can be draining at times..

Kimmy: How are you feeling?

Me: Much better and glad to be out of here

She was wheeling me out though I use a crutch most of the time..

Me: You know Kimmy you shouldn't have

Her: I'm the only one with a less demanding job so I had to fetch you

Me: Thank you

Her: You welcome

It was good to breath fresh air the sun was even shining very bright as we made our way to her car..

Her: Do you want us to pass by at Spur or somewhere and get something to eat?

Me: No thank you.. I just wanna get home and rest

Her: Okay let's go home then

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ZENZI

I was at my Dad's place looking for some documents I had taken a few minutes off from work because I needed the documents for something important. He wasn't around but I have my own key for this type of emergencies. When I called him he didn't pick up so I'm assuming that she's with my Aunt or something. I

looked at the time and it was getting a bit late for me I have to go back to work..

Me: Where is it?

I went to his bedroom to search and I found a lot of documents that I had to go through. As I was going through them I stumbled upon a white envelope. I opened it and got the document out the document was folded. I unfolded it and checked what it was about then I got the biggest shock of my life. It was a results for a paternity test dating back to 1996 stating that my Father wasn't Nora's biological father. There was no match Nora was 3 to 4 years old by then. Really it came as a shock because I

always thought my Mother was perfect
I mean she was a good Christian
woman and now this? Does my Father
even know? Seems like our family
wasn't soo perfect after all there was a
lot of secrets. Then who is Nora's
biological father? My Mother
committed adultery Zane and I do we
even have the same father? Exactly
what's happening here?

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NORA

The ride was a bit uncomfortable for
me not to mention the seatbelt I got
relieved when we got home..

Kimmy: We home

Me: Finally

She helped me out and gave me my crutch.

Her: Let's go in

We walked to the kitchen door she was also holding my bag for me. When we got in Ms Melendez was at the kitchen cooking. Whatever she was preparing smelled delicious she even had an apron on..

Melendez: And here she is

She seemed happy to see me she wiped her hands and made her way to me. She gave me a hug not a tight one..

Her: Welcome home sweetheart

Me: Thank you

Her: How are you feeling?

Me: I'm a bit better

Her: Glad to hear that

Kimmy: I'll go and put this in your
bedroom

Me: Thank you

Melendez: Come and lie down on the
couch for a few minutes and then
when I'm done I'll prepare something
to eat for you

Me: Thank you very much

I went to the living room to lie down on
the couch for a while..

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NORA

It was nice spending the day with Ms Melendez she was very nice. She fed me a lot that I couldn't even move anything that I wanted she would get it for me. She didn't allow me to even put my foot on the floor the only time I got off the couch was when I wanted to go to the bathroom. For the first time since my Mother passed on I felt the closeness of a mother's touch through her though she will never replace my Mother but I was glad that she was giving us a chance. That's all I ever wanted for her to give me a chance...

Me: And then what happened next?

Her: I had a attack right there

I laughed..

Her: I don't know what he was thinking driving my car straight to the wall

She was just sharing Eric's childhood with me the funny and naughty stories. I laughed so hard that I even felt pain arising from my abdomen..

Her: Don't you think you should drink your pain killers?

Me: I think so too

Her: I'll get them and get you a glass of water

Me: Thank you

She went to get the pain killers. I hope she's being real with me I don't wanna be blindsided by her anymore. She got me the pain killers and a glass of water then I drank..

Her: I think you should rest too you haven't rested since you got back

Me: If I sleep now then I won't be able to sleep at night

We heard the kitchen door opening she looked at the time..

Her: It must be Eric

Indeed it was Eric..

Melendez: Eric I'm glad you home

He came to me..

Him: How are you feeling?

Me: I'm feeling well thank you

He kissed me..

Him: At what time did Kimmy fetch you?

Me: Early in the morning

Melendez: Can you sit down.. I wanna talk to you guys about something

He sat down next to me..

Melendez: I want to pay for your wedding it can be a private thing between family and close friends

That came as a shock..

Me: Are you serious?

Her: Yes I'm serious

Me: Wow that's.. Uhm..

I looked at Eric..

Me: What do you think honey?

He held my hand...

Him: You know that I love you right?

Me: Yes

Him: I love you more than anything

Me: I know that

Him: But I can't marry you

The room went quiet I didn't understand what he was saying..

Me: I don't understand

Him: Nora you sick and you need help

Me: Excuse me?

Melendez: Eric..

He put his hand on my cheek..

Him: I'm not going to marry you until you get help

Me: I don't understand what are you saying?

Him: I think you know

Me: Is there someone else?

Him: No.. There's no one else I just need you to get some help if you love me and care about our relationship then you will get some help Nora

Me: I am not sick Eric

Him: You are.. No matter how much you wanna deny it but both of us know that you stabbed yourself and you also lied about your childhood and how you grew up

I felt a hot poker being shoved down my throat..

Me: Eric..

He kissed me on my cheek..

Him: I'm going to move out for a while and if you serious about us then you

will get help.. I love you but we cannot keep on doing this it's not fair Nora

He stood up..

Me: Eric!

He walked away and I looked at his Mom..

Melendez: Calm down Dear I'll talk to him I'll go and talk to him

She went after him this is not happening..

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ZENZI

I folded the paper and put it in my pocket when my colleague Khanya got in I didn't put it back where I found it I just took it with me.

This is a big secret that was kept from us which makes me wonder what else has been kept from us...

Khanya: You have the address?

Me: Yes

Her: Okay let's go

I didn't know whether to confront my Father about this or not but why did they keep it a secret? Did my Mother even know that he tested Nora? I mean I never witnessed any tension between them we were just one happy family..

Khanya: Are you okay?

Me: Ya I'm fine.. I thought I was riding with Themba

Her: Ya he is suddenly not feeling well think it's something he ate during lunch

Me: Okay

Her: Are you sure that you fine?

Me: Yes I'm fine

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NORA

I had limped my way to the guest room where he was packing all his things Ms Melendez was trying to talk sense to him but he didn't budge. When she saw me she excused herself. I don't understand why Eric was doing this to me..

Me: Eric please

He turned and looked at me..

Him: Nora I can't do this.. This is not the life I want to live you sick and all

I'm asking you to do is to get help! No sane person would stab herself

Me: I didn't sta.. Eric please

Him: Your Father came to see me today

Me: What?

Him: You told me that he sexually violated you when you were a child but.. He had the medical report Nora

Me: What do you mean my Father came to see you that's impossible.. My family doesn't know where I am

Him: Yes they do.. My Mother tracked them down and I'm glad she did

Me: Your Mother tracked them down?

Him: Nora you need help.. Your Father loves you

you have hurt your family and now
you hurting me

Me: Eric you don't understand.. My
Father and his Sister they very
vindictive! My Aunt her Husband was a
superintendent that's why they were
able to get away with everything. They
faked everything from the police report
to the medical report he never paid for
his sins because the case was suddenly
dismissed

Him: Nora stop!!

Me: Eric please

Him: I'm trying here okay.. Just!!

He calmed himself down..

Him: Just get help baby okay? If our relationship mean that much to you get help

He took the bag..

Me: Eric please.. (Crying)

I blocked the doorway..

Him: Nora move I don't wanna hurt you

Me: No! I'm not letting you leave

Him: Move!!

Me: Eric no!!

He forcefully moved me from the door and in so doing I fell and hurt myself..

Me: Ahhhhhh!!! (screaming)

Ms Melendez came rushing in..

Melendez: What happened?

Me: Eric please (Crying)

He just looked at me and then walked away..

Me: Please (Crying)

Melendez: Nora you bleeding.. We have to get you to the hospital

My heart was broken into a million pieces..

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MR NGWENYA

I looked at the Lemon tree it was big. Bigger than how it's supposed to be the lemons were ripe and they were big. I walked closer to it and touched one lemon my wife's body is buried under the lemon tree. The story of her being hit by a car was a lie the kids never

really understood because they were young. We buried an empty coffin and told them that they can't see their Mother because she was badly hurt. I don't think one with understand the trauma that soldiers go through especially when you go to war. I saw my fellow partners being killed I was once even held hostage and tortured. I held on I held on because of my wife and my kids only to find out that my wife had been cheating on me.

Following Nora's birth just before she came clean that she's pregnant I caught her in bed with another man I almost killed them right there. I suffered from PTSD (Post traumatic stress disorder) as if like that wasn't

enough I found out that my wife was cheating on me. I glanced down at my wedding ring. I couldn't bring myself to love Nora she was the reason why my marriage fell apart. She was a product of our perfect family falling apart. I wasn't treated for the PTSD and in turn I self destructed my priority was to do away with Nora for good just like I took care of that lying whore wife of mine..

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NORA

I could feel that I was laying on top of something that was moving I was starring at the bright white lights in the ceiling. I heard a lot of voices and they didn't make sense everything was just spinning. I felt very dizzy and very weak

at the back of my mind all that I could think about was Eric..

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ERIC

I stopped at some bar to get something to drink I will admit that the decision I made affected me too. I love Nora I love her a lot and I was sick and tired of her lies I just want her to get help. I hope she will get help I hope our relationship will motivate her enough to get help that she needs.

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ERIC

The following morning and I felt drained I still felt a bit drunk and I had a headache. I looked around and I this room didn't look familiar the room was full of empty bottles of wine whiskey and champagne. Clothes were scattered around and I noticed a pair of heels which caught my attention. I turned and some girl was laying to me I freaked out. I don't remember the events of last night and how I ended up here. I got out of bed and put on my pants then I went to the bathroom. I now realize that it was a hotel room I looked at myself in the mirror. I looked like shit!..

Me: What the fuck happened last night?

I ran the water and washed my face...

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NORA

I can't believe that Ms Melendez went this far I thought that she had let this issue go but she kept on poking her nose in affairs that had nothing to do with her. I am not going to let this go she is going to pay for this and she is going to pay greatly. She doesn't understand what happened to me for her to just hook up with my family like this and bring them back into my life her careless actions is the reason why her Son left me. This morning when I woke up at the hospital my heart was

very heavy it was the very first time
were I woke up with Eric not around. I
am used to him not being around
because of work but this time it was
different he left me and I don't think he
is going to come back. Kimmy made
her way in

Her: Morning

Me: Morning

Her: I wanted to check up on you
before I went to work I actually
thought that you would still be sleeping

Me: I can't sleep

Her: Mom told me about Eric I'm
sorry.. Give him some time he will
come around. Eric loves you

Me: Thank you

I looked at her..

Me: Please tell me about that day when you came in and found me unconscious

Her: Do we really have to go back there?

Me: Yes please..

Her: I just came in and the kitchen was a mess I thought we had been broken into too. Then I called for help as I proceeded I found you in the shower bleeding very bad. You were naked and the shower water was running I turned off the water and called an ambulance I thought for a while..

Me: Thank you.. If it wasn't for you I wouldn't be here

Her: You still don't remember what happened?

Me: Unfortunately no I don't remember a thing

Her: I don't blame you.. It was a traumatic experience

Me: If Eric and I don't make it please know that you were a good sister in law

Her: Please don't say that.. You and Eric are going to make it. Just give him time he will come around

She looked at the time..

Her: I have to go.. Mom will come and see you

Me: Okay

She hugged me and then she left..

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ERIC

When I went back to the main room after taking a shower I found her dressing up she was very beautiful..

Her: Hey

Me: Hi

She came to me..

Her: At what time did you wake up?

Me: hasn't been long

Her: I had a great time last night

I couldn't say the same because I don't remember what happened last night..

Me: What happened last night..

Her: Means nothing.. I know and I understand you made it clear a lot of times

At least she's not clingy..

Her: I gave you a service and you supposed to pay me R500 this morning

Me: Wait! You a prostitute?

Her: A stripper we hooked up after you couldn't take your eyes off me

Me: I'll transfer the R500

I went and got my phone to transfer the cash

Her: Thank you.. If you ever in town again you know were to find me

She kissed me on the cheek and picked up the almost empty wine bottle and left. I called my Mother..

Mom: Eric

Me: Ma

Mom: Where are you? I have been worried sick about you

Me: I'm fine.. How is Nora doing?

Mom: I'm on my way to see her actually I just arrived

(Silence)

Mom: Baby come home I know that you love her and care for her Nora is sick already as it is she won't survive without you

Me: You right.. I'll come back

Mom: Thank you and know that I love you I will try by all means to help her but it won't be possible without you

Me: I know I'm on my way

Mom: Okay I will let you know how she's doing

Me: Okay.. I love you bye..

Her: Bye Baby

—

NORA

Ms Melendez walked in I swear I felt like stragglng her to death. This woman is very too faced..

Her: Good morning

Me: Morning

Her: How are you feeling?

Me: I'll be fine

Her: Nora I'm sorry.. I know this is too much for you and I don't want you to

see us as an enemy we only trying to help you

Me: I know

She smiled..

Me: That's why I.. I wanna see my Sister

Her: You do?

Me: Yes please.. I would like you to call her to come and see me but she should come alone

Her: Why don't you just talk to her?

Me: Okay

She called her and then gave me the phone..

Zenzi: Ms Melendez

I looked at Melendez..

Me: Can you please give me some space

She nodded and walked out..

Zenzi: Hello?

Me: Zenzi it's me

She kept quiet..

Me: It's Nora

Her: Ohhh my word.. Nora that's you?

Me: Yes it's me

Her: I.. I can't believe that I'm hearing your voice

Me: I know.. Look I am at the hospital and I would like you to come and see me

Her: Hospital? Are you okay?

Me: I'll explain when you get here

Her: Okay I'll come

Me: Please come alone don't come with Dad

Her: I'll come alone

Me: I'll text you the name of the hospital

Her: Okay and Nora thank you for reaching out

I hung up. I went to her WhatsApp and I got into her conversations with Kimmy in the morning of that day when I attacked myself Kimmy sent her Mother pictures. Fully body pictures of her outfit I forwarded those pictures to myself and deleted the evidence. Ms Melendez walked back in..

This woman hasn't tasted my Rage I'm going to show her what I'm made off..

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ZENZI

I still couldn't believe that Nora contacted me I can't wait to go and see her. I starred out of the window and looked at my father watering the lemon tree he loves that tree. He says that it reminds him of our Mother.

After what I found out I am starting to question myself about him My Dad doesn't seem trustworthy anymore..

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SEASON FINALE

NORA

I thank God that with my slight injury from falling that didn't cause a lot of damage on my operation it was a slight bleeding and a alot of pain though the stitches almost came off. I thank God that they didn't or else I would be required to stay here for a very long time. I was just too hurt and confused with everything that's going on Ms Melendez might have had good intentions about everything but she went about it the wrong way. She should've talked to me first than Eric about this and hear my side of the

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MR NGWENYA

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all the trauma I have been through at the military to come back and find out that my wife has been having affairs left and right broke me it broke me because I found her in the pit of hell. She came from a broken home they were struggling and I made her who she was then that's the thanks that I got? All I wanted was for her to be faithful. That's all..

Her: We have a problem

Me: What problem?

I closed the door..

Her: Apparently someone came to the hospital earlier asking about Nora's medical reports

Me: Someone?

Her: Dora said it was a female and they talked to our new receptionist. He told the person that there wasn't any records of Nora or a Dr Mabuza

Me: How the hell did that happen? Who is this new receptionist? Where was Dora? And where were you? We paying you a lot of money to cover this up

Her: I was in theater

Me: I thought that Ms Melendez was on board I thought that she was done digging up the past since she believed me

Her: I'm sorry Sir

Me: It was a female asking for Nora's records?

Her: Yes Sir

Me: It definitely has to Nora there's no one else

Her: What do you suggest we do Sir?

Me: Well you do nothing! And next time handle it!... As for me it's time I meet my Daughter and see what she is up too

Her: Yes Sir

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NORA

Eric walked in again he had gone home to shower and eat. Then he came back..

Me: Eric you don't have to be here

Him: I want to be here

He held my hand and kissed it..

He gave me my phone..

Him: Fully charged

I took it..

Me: Thank you

I looked at it..

Me: Can you please tell me about what happened that day? What did the police find?

Him: Do we have to go there?

Me: Please

Him: They found your prints everywhere even on the knife

I bit my lower lip in frustration and nodded..

Him: Even the Cameras outside proved it no one came into the yard that day other than you and Kimmy

I thought for a while framing Kimmy will just backfire..

Me: I need to tell you something

Him: Yes?

Me: I stabbed myself

He gave me a confused look..

Me: I was scared that you were going to leave me after that argument..

Tears fell..

Me: You right I need help and I would like you to stay away from me until I get help

He shook his head no..

Him: I'm not going anywhere.. We going to this together okay?

Me: Okay

Him: I love you

Me: I love you too

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MS MELENDEZ

My cellphone rang it was Mr Ngwenya..

Me: Hello

Him: Ms Melendez

Me: How are you?

Him: I'm well and you?

Me: I'm good

Him: I am calling to ask about my Daughter.. How is she holding up?

Me: She's good though she is at the hospital for the second time

Him: What happened?

Me: It's a bit of a long story to discuss over the phone but she will be out tomorrow

Him: That's good.. I need a favour from you

Me: What favour?

Him: I would like to see my Daughter

Me: Mr Ngwenya we have discussed this

Him: Please.. My Daughter is getting in and out of hospitals I need to see her because she self destruct

Me: I will have to talk to her first

Him: I greatly discourage that.. If you ask her she won't agree

Nora hates me in her mind I am nothing but a monster

Me: I understand.. Well you can come over at my house for dinner tomorrow night

Him: Thank you very much

Me: I'll text you the address

Him: Thank you very much and God bless you

Me: Thank you Sir

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NORA

Eric finally left and immediately when he walked out I called an old friend of mine or should I say ex boyfriend.

Spitjo is a guy that once sheltered me when I had nowhere to go he wasn't attractive at all and that made him very shy because he couldn't get a girlfriend. I only dated him because I needed a place to stay I had nowhere to go until I met someone and then I ran away. I left him.

Spitjo: Hello?

Me: Spitjo.. It's Nora

He kept quiet..

Me: Spitjo?

Him: Nora?

Me: Yes it's me

Him: How is it possible? I.. All these years I've been looking for you until I gave up

Me: I know and the truth is that I got kidnapped

Him: You got what?

Me: I got kidnapped by some Spanish family a very powerful family and I somehow got away

Him: I don't understand

Me: Can we meet up because right now I'm at the hospital but I'll be discharged tomorrow We can meet up then

Him: Yes we can.. Err Nora I can't believe this

Me: Are you using this number on WhatsApp?

Him: Yes

Me: I'll send you pics to show you that indeed I'm at the hospital

Him: Okay no problem

Me: I still love you

Him: I still love you too

Me: I'll call you tomorrow

Him: Okay

I hung up and looked at Kimmy's picture Ms Melendez will regret the day that she ever met me..

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MR NGWENYA

I could still hear the gun shots the bombs and my mates dying right next to me. I could see myself hiding it was a very traumatic experience. I don't even know how I survived.

I took the bottle of whiskey and threw it against the wall my sanity seemed to be leaving me at that time. I remember being held hostage they tortured me day and night and I held on. I held on for my family only to come back home and find my wife in bed with another man. I went and took her pictures then looked at it..

Me: See what you did? You did this to us!! (shouting)

I threw the picture down..

Me: You ruined us!!

I made my way outside to the lemon tree I started digging out with my hands. The ground was dry and it was painful it was painful that my fingertips

started bleeding. I wish I could kill her a lot of times

Me: You did this to us!!!

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SEASON FINALE

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Eric was the one who fetched me at the Hospital that morning I was feeling a whole lot better and I'm glad that no serious damage was done when I fell. The Dr said I should take it easy..

Eric: Are you comfortable?

Me: Yes

Him: You will be happy to know that
done at the flat

Me: That's good to hear

Him: We should move back

Me: That's different

Him: I just want it to be me and you
again.. Just us

He leaned over and kissed me..

Me: Uhm Eric

Him: Yes?

Me: I will be going somewhere later on

Him: Where?

Me: To Lettie.. Things between us
aren't very good so she called and said
I should come over so that we talk

Him: Do you think that's a good idea? I mean you just got discharged

Me: I'll be okay.. It's not something deep Dr said I'll be fine

Him: He also said that you should take it easy

Me: Eric please.. The house is a bit depressing I just wanna be out for a bit

Him: Okay I'll drive you there

Me: It's okay I'll drive myself

Him: What exactly is going on?

Me: You hurt me that day Eric and right now I.. I just want some fresh air

Him: That's why you no longer wear your ring?

I looked at my finger...

Him: I'm trying to work things out here
meet me halfway

Me: Then can you please give me some
space just for today? I just need to be
with my friend

Him: It's okay Nora.. You can go to your
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I know deep down he doesn't want me
to go but then I don't really care his
Mom started this war..

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ZENZI

I received a text from my Father's
neighbour letting me know that I
should come check up on my father
because something might not be right
with him. I called her and she told me

that late last night she heard sounds coming from the backyard said she tried to call out but my Father didn't respond and she couldn't go and check because the gate was locked. Before going to work I passed by there and indeed his Neighbour had every right to be worried because I found him on the floor. My Father gave me a spare key to his house for such situations incase of an emergency. He suffers from PTSD but I thought that he was getting better I think that I was wrong. His eyes were wide open but he was non-responsive his finger tips were very bruised and his nails were chipped. He had cuts also on his lips I have never seen him in this state. I

noticed a few lemons scattered around that was weird my Father doesn't want nothing with his lemon tree he didn't even want us to get lemons from there..

Me: Daddy

He didn't say anything nor moved..

Me: Daddy it's me.. It's Zenzi

I waved my hand around his eyes and they didn't follow through he seemed like he was in shock..

Me: Daddy??

Him: She deserved to die for lying to me

Me: What?

Him: I loved her and she took my love for granted

Me: What are you talking about?

Him: She deserved to die

I took my phone and called my colleague we need to get him to the hospital..

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NORA

Ms Melendez gave me a hug...

Her: Welcome home again

Me: Thank you

She gave me a smile she is such a snake. I know that it seems as if like she's doing this from the goodness of her heart but

Ms Melendez is conniving. She's doing this for her own selfish reasons! How can she reunite me with the hurtful

part of my life? How can he she be soo mean???. I closed that chapter of my past and I had no intentions of going back until she took it upon herself to be vindictive..

Eric: You didn't go to work?

Melendez: No

Eric: Why not?

Melendez: Nora can I please talk to you
I looked at her..

Her: We going to have a guest tonight
for dinner

Me: Ohw

Her: It's.. It's your Father

My heart sank..

Her: He called me and asked to see you
he really wants to see you Nora

Eric: You should've discussed it with
Nora first Mom

Her: I thought that Nora wants to make
peace with her family both parties
should be present at the wedding I
really want us all to have a good
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Eric: But Ma-

Me: It's okay

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Me: I'd love too but.. I am meeting up with a friend

Melendez: A friend?

Me: Lettie.. It's a long story but I'm trying to mend the relationships with the people who are close to me

Melendez: That's good to hear

Me: I'll go get my car keys

I walked out to the bedroom..

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ZENZI

They admitted my father right away he had a mini stroke. I don't understand what really happened? Things that he was saying didn't make any sense. I didn't remain at the hospital I went back to his house to check a few things. My life is starting to spiral out of control and it's now interfering with my job I don't really care though. My family is the one that I care about at this moment. I went outside to the lemon tree and looked at it most of the lemons had fallen and I noticed that he was trying to dig around it. I really didn't understand what was going on

what is it with this tree? He has a serious obsession with it..

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He couldn't stop looking at me..

Him: I can't believe this I seriously can't believe it's you

Me: It's really me

Him: I.. What really happened?

Me: It's a long story but I need your help Spitjo

He looked at me..

Me: Please.. I need to get revenge on these People they truly broke me

Him: Let me see her picture again

I went through my phone and showed him the pic again..

Me: For old time's sake?

(Silence)

Him: Give me details

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MS MELENDEZ

Kimmy: At what time is the dinner?

Me: At 19:00.. Don't be late

Kimmy: I won't

Me: Okay I love you.. Bye

Her: Bye

I put the phone down and Eric walked in..

Me: Kimmy will join us too

Eric: She has too.. She lives here

I looked at him..

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He sighed..

Him: I don't know.. I feel like Nora and I we falling apart

Me: Just give it time and give her some time to come around

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SEASON FINALE

KIMMY

It was now around 19:15 and I was very late for the dinner I walked to where I parked my car while greeting the security guard at the gate. I was the last one to leave and I know that my Mother is going to kill me when I get home. I got in my car and called her before driving I had parked a bit far away and in a very isolated dark place. I usually park here when I'm lazy to go all around to the parking lot. Her phone just rang until I gave up I tossed

mine on the passengers seat. It was very dark I won't even be able to see my makeup I'll just get home and freshen up a bit. As I was ready to go I felt something hard against my right rib I screamed..

Voice: Shhhhhhh let's try to be calm

He was at the back seat I didn't even realize that someone had gotten into my car. That's just how dark it was..

Me: Who ar-

Voice: Just drive I'll direct you where to stop and if you hell dare pull any stunts you are going to die do you understand me?

I nodded..

Voice: Your Mom won't see you ever again

I should've parked inside maybe the security guard would've noticed something. I read about such stories and never not even once did I think this was going to happen to me..

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NORA

We were gathered around the dinning table and having dinner two of our guests were missing. Kimmy and my Father.. Melendez looked at the time again..

Her: I wonder what's keeping Kimmy so long

Eric: Did you call her?

Her: I don't even know were I've misplaced my phone

Me: I was talking to Zenzi on the phone a few minutes ago.. She says that our Father won't be able to come he got admitted earlier today. He had a minor stroke

Eric: That's bad is he going to be okay?

Me: He'll survive

Melendez: How bad can this day gate
She stood up..

Her: I'm going to find my phone so I can call Kimmy

Eric: So how did things go with Lettie?

Me: What things?

Him: weren't you going to see her?

Me: Ohw ya.. Things went good okay
we fine now

Eric: That's good to hear
I faked a smile..

Eric: I wanna do gigs again

Me: That's good love

Ms Melendez came back to the room..

Her: I found her missed call and now
she's not answering

Me: Excuse me

I stood up and took my plate..

Me: I'm just going to put this in the sink
and call it a night..

Melendez: Good night

I walked away from the table..

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KIMMY

We drove up to this scary looking abandoned place in a very isolated place..

Him: Get out

I opened the door and got out he still had the gun pointed at me. Even if I could run I won't get far before he puts a bullet through me..

Me: Please my.. My family has money and

Him: Shut up!! This is not about money I couldn't see his face because he had on a balaclava..

Him: Take off your heels

I took off my heels..

Him: Start walking

I started walking with the gun against my back. He kicked the door open and pushed me in

I fell on the floor. He closed the door and Walked up to a corner where there was a backpack. He unzipped it while monitoring me and he took out a ligature rope and a cloth. He came to me and tied me up..

Me: Who are you and why are you doing this to me?

Him: Shut up!!!

I looked around and this place was dark and smelling of urine..

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ERIC

Nora was acting very weird From her response it is clear that she lied about meeting up with Lettie. Our relationship is no longer the same anymore it's like we more than strangers now..

Melendez: I didn't know that Kimmy took off the tracker from her car

Me: Did you call her boyfriend?

Her: Yes he doesn't know where she is.. I'll drive to her workplace and see if she's not there

Me: Okay

Her: I'll see you later

Me: Later it is

I wonder if Nora is having an affair..

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KIMMY

A bit of light came from his torches that he had with him He had 3 big torches. He still had on the balaclava and I sat against the wall at the corner with both my hands and feet tied up. The ligature was even cutting through my skin that's how tight it was..

He was whistling while taking out other things from the backpack..

Me: What do you want?

He ignored me..

This was frustrating we have never been in such a situation before right now I can only think that maybe it's one of my mom's business rivals doing this.. He stood up and went outside I

tried to loosen the rope but it didn't budge..

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NORA

Him: I got her

I closed my eyes while breathing a sigh of relief..

Him: I'm keeping her in some place where I used to smoke weed with my friends but it's just a temporary solution up until you know what to do with her..

Me: Thank you soo much.. I owe you a lot

Him: Just doing a favour for a special friend

Me: Either way.. Thank you

Him: I'll hear from you

Me: Yes you will

I was scared that he was going to mess it up but he didn't..

The door opened and Eric walked in I got up from the bed..

Me: I'm going to take a bath

Him: I have an idea.. Let's take a bath together

He came close and put his hands around my shoulders but I pushed him back before he could even kiss me..

Me: Not now Eric I'm tired

Him: Nora come on

Me: I'm from the hospital Eric you heard the Dr said I should take it easy

He nodded..

Me: Thank you

Him: I'll go and watch tv

Me: Okay

He walked out..

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KIMMY

He came back from outside and I was still in that position while crying..

Me: Please

Him: We going to play a game

Me: What game?

Him: It's called sending your Mom a present we will start with a toe

Me: No.. No please

He got the sharp and walked up to me I was terrified..

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SEASON FINALE

NORA

Ms Melendez was devastated she hardly slept last night not knowing where her Daughter was. I didn't think that my Partner in crime was going to pull this off perfectly but he did. I won't lie I was enjoying seeing her in this state this will teach her never again to

interfere in affairs that have nothing to do with her. I have no intentions of killing Kimmy she is a good person but then again she is suffering because of her Mother's sins. The following morning Eric went to work and Melendez was at home contacting friends and people who are in high places to help her because the cops are going to take their time. I left her and drove to see Kimmy since I was not a suspect or anything no one bothered to follow me. My plan was just perfect..

Kimmy looked like hell she also looked like she hasn't slept her eyes were swollen I had no doubt that she cried the whole night. She was shocked to

see me and I had brought her lasagne that's her favourite dish..

Her: Nora?

Me: Hey

He: I don't understand.. What are you doing here?

Me: It's quite obvious isn't it?

This place was a bit filthy I have no doubt that it gets cold at night. There was a worn out mattress and a blanket she had a rope on her ankle that was tied to the thick pole.

Her: You are the one behind this?

I tossed the lasagne to her direction..

Her: Why? Why would you do this?

After what I did for you? I saved you!

Me: And I am grateful but.. Kimmy this is not about you. This is about your Mother!

She shook her head..

Her: What?

Me: Your Mother is the reason why this is happening to you! She shouldn't have poked her nose where it didn't belong

Her: You sick!!! You need help!!!

Me: So I've been told.. Look Kimmy I know that this is too much for you but trust me it will be over soon

Her: What do you mean it will be over soon? Are you going to kill me?

Me: That depends on how your Mother plays her cards

Her: My mother is going to find me and she is going to deal with you

Me: You in no position to be making threats

I glanced down at the lasagne..

Me: Eat your food before you starve to death because you only going to get a meal twice a day

Her: I wish you rot in hell

Me: Hell I've been there a lot of times

Her: Just to think that I felt sorry for you

Me: Kimmy please cut me the bullshit!
You think this is a joke?

Her: No do you think this is a joke?

Have you seen this place? Prison is way

better! And that's where you going to go when they find me

I laughed..

Me: Ohh please.. I am mental unstable remember? They will take me for a psych evaluation.. Now eat your food spitjo will come and check up on you

I took my car keys and left locking her inside..

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ERIC

I was worried about my sister it was now clear that something had happened to her. I could be home but how is it going to help? It won't help just sitting at home and worrying more. I was standing by the window and

thinking about a few things everything was falling apart. Things aren't going well between Nora and I now my sister is missing. What's happening??

I heard a knock at the door I turned and it was Joseph..

Me: Please come in

I had called him to come because I needed his help..

Me: Thank you for coming

Him: You sounded serious on the phone

Me: Yes it is a serious matter to me I went and sat down..

Me: How is the search going?

Him: Nothing so far but I believe that I will find her

Me: Please do

He nodded..

Me: I know that you have a lot on your plate right now our main priority is Kimmy but.. I just need your services for a while

Him: What's wrong?

Me: Something is off with my Fiancé I am suspecting that she might be having an affair

Him: What makes you think that?

Me: I don't know hey but she lied. She said she was meeting up with a friend and I just called the friend to ask she said they never met she's acting very weird so I need you to tail her for me

Him: No problem I'll do that

Me: Thank you

He stood up..

Him: Well then I have a lot to do

Me: Good luck

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ZENZI

I went and spoke to my father's neighbour Magret to find out what's been happening with my Father..

Her: Here you go tea and biscuits

Me: Thank you

Margret is in her mid 50s

her husband passed on a few years ago and her kids are old. They have their own places now..

She has been out neighbour for a very long time now and she knows us very well..

Her: How is he holding up?

Me: He is a bit better now

He shook her head..

Me: I've never seen him in that state

Her: It is not secret that he suffers from PTSD but..

Me: But?

Her: When I am at the back I usually put a bucket against the fence and climb it so I can see what's going on next door and..

Me: And what?

Her: The lemon tree.. Your Father is obsessed with it

Me: Ya he said my Mother loved lemons he planted that tree in memory of her years ago and he said it makes him feel closer to her

She shook her head no..

Her: Child what I see is not pleasant that tree is not a memory but more like pain

Me: You have lost me

Her: At times he would take a machete and start hitting it against the tree it's even close to falling. He yells a lot at it saying things like "You did this" and that night he was digging around it with his hands saying things like "face me come out and face me"

That was strange..

Her: If I were you I would uproot that tree I think that his mental instability is because of that tree

Me: He would die without that tree

Her: Trust me.. It's for the best

I drank my tea and thought for a while..

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MS MELENDEZ

I looked at her picture tears fell down my cheek. My baby is out there probably scared only God knows what she's going through I don't even wanna imagine what they putting her through. A parent's worst nightmare is to have your child missing especially with the cruelty of this world. I am trying to think of someone who could do this

and I can't think of anyone if they holding her hostage for ransom then why haven't they made contact?

The phone hasn't rang no note was sent just nothing. I put her picture down..

Me: Joseph give me something

He exhaled..

Him: I am trying my level best but..

Me: I don't wanna hear excuses

Him: I'm starting to this that this is not about money it's personal. If it was about money they would've long made contact if they made contact it was going to be better

We heard the kitchen door opening and closing...

Me: She might be scared wherever she is what if she is-

Him: I'm going to find her.. I promise

Nora walked in..

Nora: How is it going?

Joseph: We still looking

Nora: Ms Melendez can I make you something to eat?

Me: No.. All I want is to find my Daughter

Nora: If there's anything I can do to help please let me know

Me: Thank you

She walked away..

Joseph: I will go back to her workplace and ask around again

Me: Find her!

Him: I will

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KIMMY

The guy came back to come and check up on me I wish I could be out of here. I wish my Mom could find me. The living conditions in this place are horrible my toilet is a small bucket it's just crazy. It's very disgusting..

Him: Did you eat something?

Me: Why are you doing this?

Him: Did you eat something?

Me: Why are you helping Nora? What's your relationship with her?

He kept quiet..

Me: I can't believe she's doing this to me! After everything that my family did for her Eric is going to kill her when he finds out

Him: Eric?

Me: Yes my Brother.. She's engaged to my Brother

Him: What?

Me: Nora is my Sister in law but after this she will be history

Him: wait a minute.. Your family didn't kidnap her?

Me: Kidnap her? That's absurd! You can even go and check her on Facebook she's engaged to my Brother He thought for a while...

Me: What exactly is happening?

He took his backpack..

Him: I have to go

Me: wait.. Please come back!

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ZENZI

I looked at the lemon tree for a while and thought about what Margret said I took my phone and sent my husband a text..

"Come to my father's house and get someone to take a tree down for us"

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SEASON FINALE

ZENZI

The tree was uprooted and what was discovered smeared shock on my face. Human remains were discovered cops were immediately alerted. I can't say I was confused because honestly I was beyond that why would human remains be found in a house that I once called home. A house that once captured soo many memories has now captured a horror scene. I cannot say this was a work of a stranger difficult as it is I know that my Father might be behind this. I mean the lemon tree was his life he had a love and hate relationship with it. Forensics

transported the bones to the lab so they can do some tests and hopefully identify the victim. Never in life say that you know someone I thought that I knew my Father but clearly I didn't. I took my phone and texted Nora that we should meet up I had to let her know about this..

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KIMMY

I am failing to understand why Nora is doing this all I know is that she is a sick individual and she needs help. The friend came back I got up from the floor..

Him: I'm going to let you go

I didn't expect him to say that. He walked closer to me as I stepped back..

Him: I don't want you to implicate Nora in this

I kept quiet and listened to his reason..

Him: If you do..

He took out a knife..

He then squeezed my cheeks..

Him: I won't come for you only but I will come for you and your family

He still had the knife in his hand..

Him: For insurance

He cut me on my cheek it was a sharp sting that cut through deep..

Him: Do you understand?

I nodded just so that I can get out of this situation alive..

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NORA

I received a call from Zenzi that we should meet up I had texted her back the name of the restaurant and I waited for her. She arrived exactly after 30min..

Her: Hey

Me: Hey

Hugging was still difficult between us..

Me: You wanna get something?

Her: No I'm good

Me: So why did you wanna meet up?

Her: You said I should go and do research of my own

Me: That's true

(Silence)

Me: What's happening?

Her: Nora I.. I think I believe you

The hair at the back of my neck stood up..

Her: Dad is not who we think he is

Me: Why do you say that?

Her: You remember that lemon tree?

Me: The one that he cared a lot for?

Her: Yes

Me: What about it?

Her: I had it removed

Me: Why?

Her: Because it was driving him crazy
and I know why

Me: Why?

Her: Human remains were found
underneath

Me: What? Are you telling me that
someone was buried under there?

Her: Yes.. The bones were taken to the
lab and we should have results soon on
who it was

I laid back on the chair..

Me: I can't believe this.. I mean.. You
think Dad had something to do with
the bones?

Her: Yes.. I have no doubt

Me: Shuuuu!!

Her: Nora I'm truly sorry.. I'm sorry that you went through that and no one believed you

Me: I understand.. I mean Dad and Aunty Gloria made it seem like I was insane

Her: I don't even know what to say. I'm hurt I'm cobfu and I'm ashamed. You were a child back then

I'm cobfu and I'm ashamed. You were a child back then I should've known that you would never lie about something like this

Me: It's okay... Where is he now?

Her: At the hospital.. He tried to hurt himself

Me: And here I was.. I thought I was the insane one

Her: After we find out who the remains belong too he has to pay

Me: This is shocking for real

I could see that she was breaking she tried to keep it together but she was breaking..

Me: Are you okay?

Her: I still can't believe that my... Our Father could be capable of such things I thought that we were a happy family.. All this time we were pretending he was pretending!

I would comfort her but we not used to each other like that a lot has happened between us..

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ERIC

Joseph came to see me I was packing my things and ready to go home..

Joseph: Glad I caught you before you left

Me: Do you have something for me?

Him: Yes I do

He made his way in..

Him: I followed her

Me: And?

Him: I took some pictures

He tossed the envelope my way I took it and opened it. I found some pictures it was pictures of her and her some

lady at the restaurant. I couldn't clearly see the lady's face..

Him: There hasn't been any suspicious behavior from her

I threw the pictures back on the table..

Eric: Then why is she acting like this?

My phone rang I picked it up and I didn't recognize the number but I answered anyway...

Me: Hello?

Voice: Eric??

Me: Kimmy??

Her: Eric please come and get me!!

Me: Where are you?

Her: I am not sure.. I..

Me: Okay who are you with?

Her: It's some Engen garage

Me: Okay who are you with? Give someone the phone who knows the direction

I couldn't believe that Kimmy made contact..

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NORA

After my meeting with my Sister I felt a bit relieved a bit happy. Happy that at least someone believes me..

I got to the secret location and it was empty there was no sign of Kimmy. I panicked...

I took out my phone and called Spitjo..

Him: Hello

Me: Spitjo! Where is she?

Him: It's over Nora

Me: What do you mean that it's over?

Him: I let her go

Me: You did what?

Him: I let the girl go.. It's over!

He hung up..

Me: Spitjo?? Spitjo??

I lowered the phone..

Me: Fuck!!

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KIMMY

Eric did come to fetch me and I was relieved to be back at home. First thing my Mother did was to take me to the hospital even though I told her several times that I was okay. I understand she wanted to be sure that I wasn't violated in a sexual way. I thought about what that guy said he said that if I tell on Nora they going to come for me. Keeping quiet won't do I can't see her face everyday and pretend as if like nothing is happening knowing very well what she did.

Me: It was Nora

My Mom was surprised..

Me: Nora was angry that you contacted her family in turn she had her friend kidnap me to get back at you Ma

Her: What?

Me: She told him that our family kidnapped her

Her: What kind of sick individual is she?she's going to pay for this!

I shook my head no..

Me: Her friend told me that if I report Nora they going to come for me you and Eric. I can't afford to lose you guys

Her: Kimmy

Me: Please Ma

Her: Okay.. I understand. You safe now

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ZENZI

I went to the hospital to see my Father he was going to get discharged

tomorrow I don't know how it's going to go with him and the police considering what was discovered at his house..

Me: How are you feeling?

Him: I am feeling a bit better

Me: You getting out tomorrow

Him: Yes I am

Me: Excited?

Him: I wouldn't say

(Silence)

Me: After your accident I had the lemon tree removed

He looked at me with disbelief..

Me: Human remains were found who is it?

He looked like he was going to have a heart attack..

Me: It's over Dad.. You might as well come clean now

He thought for a while..

Him: Nora is not my biological child I doubt Zane was too. Your Mother had endless affairs even after I had forgave her she continued

Me: Who is it Dad?

Him: Th.. There was no accident she wasn't hit by a car.. I killed her and buried her at the backyard then planted the lemon tree

I couldn't believe what I was hearing..

Him: I'm sorry Zenzi

Me: Did you? Was Nora right about you and the abuse?

He slowly nodded..

This was too much for me to take I ran out of the hospital..

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NORA

My mind was frozen should I run away? If I run away then it will prove that I'm guilty. If I stay what if Kimmy spill the beans? My phone rang It was my sister. I answered..

Me: Hello

She was crying..

Me: What is it?

Her: Dad.. Dad confessed

Me: Confessed to what ?

Her: To everything

Me: Zenzi you will have to be more specific

Her: It's Mom.. He killed Mom and buried her at the backyard

Me: What?

Her: He is a monster Nora He has always been one

I let go of my cellphone and it dropped to the floor I couldn't believe this..

I heard the door opening and closing I'm sure that it's Eric. While I was sure that it was Eric Ms Melendez showed up...

Me: Melendez?

She looked very angry. She unzipped her bag and took out a pistol she pointed it at me..

Her: You have messed with the wrong woman!

Before I could even beg for my life she pulled the trigger..

CURRENT DAY

DR LENDY

The Nurse escorted her inside my office

every week I do a one on one session with the patients. One patient that has interested me is Nora Ngwenya. Nora has been with us for quite a while now and I am a bit happy with her recovery.

She was brought in after killing her Father her Father used to abuse her both physically and sexually following the death of her Mother. One day she thought that enough was enough because the abuse had been going on for a while. From since she was 10 up until she was 18. We had an encounter with her when she was brought in here up until today she's 25. She killed him and stayed with his body in the house for weeks she is quite a different case an interesting one. What others asked was why didn't she run away why didn't she report but it wasn't easy. They lived in an isolated place and she was always locked up she was treated like an animal and that greatly affected

her mentally.. When she was brought in for a psychiatric evaluation I knew that I couldn't let her go I couldn't let her stand trial. She needed help and this institution was going to give her a reason to wanna be normal again ethics went out of the window. She needed saving and I made this her home when I sent the report that she has a mental disorder and wouldn't be able to stand trial. I am glad I made that decision.

Me: Nora how are you today?

Her: I'm good

She sat down..

Me: Another scene?

Her: No.. Nora's story is finished now

Me: Finished? You have been writing that story for a while now

Her: I know but... It had to come to an end

Me: So what happened?

Her: Nothing much.. Melendez killed Nora after finding out that she was involved in Kimmy's kidnapping

Me: Wow that's intense

Her: I know but

Me: But?

Her: At least Nora died knowing that his Father confessed to abusing her and that he also killed her Mother and buried her at the backyard

Me: Wow.. So now what are you going to do since the story has come to an end?

She shrugged her shoulders..

Her: I don't know

Me: Why not write another story

Her: I only have one life.. I wouldn't know what to write in another one

Me: May I?

She handed me the book I opened it. I paged through from the prologue to the chapters and I can't believe that finally she had finished writing the story. It was titled "Nora: The Psychopath"

Me: Such a deep title

Her: It portrays her as a psychopath because of her behaviour

Me: Does the Nora in the story somehow relate to you?

Her: In a way

Me: In reality you don't have sisters you only have a Brother. Why you never included him? Why create sisters that never existed

Her: He was my Father's Son.. He wasn't different from him

Me: Do you see men as monsters?

Her: Yes

Me: What about Eric?

Her: He was the only man that Nora could trust the only man that was different

Me: I see.. Tell you what?

Her: Yes?

Me: I know a friend she is an author..
Would you like me to contact her
maybe have the story published? Have
people read it?

Her: I think that would be nice

Me: I'm very proud of you Nora when
you first came here you were a mess
but look at you now

Her: Will I ever get out of here?

Me: I believe so

Her: Will I go to jail? For killing my
Father

Me: Between you and I.. I'm trying to
make it seem like self defense yes it's

been a long time but I will get you out without any consequences

Her: This is like home to me now the institution is all I know

Me: There's a life outside these walls.. Though promise me something

She looked at me..

Me: Don't stop writing even when you out because it makes you a better person. Writing makes you function like a normal person it's therapeutic for you

Her: Yes Mam'

I glanced down at the note book. I suggested writing for her when she first came never really thought she would do it. She wrote this story to

escape the trauma that she went through wasn't easy for her to write it as some parts were based on her life but she managed to finish it... I hope when it's published everyone will enjoy reading it..

"Nora: The Psychopath"

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THE END