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Prologue

PROLOGUE

Aunty: Siba I come back from work to still find my house dirty?
What have you been doing all day? Just sleeping?

That is my Aunt Rose on my case right now busy shouting on top of her voice for the whole neighborhood to hear!

My name is Siba and I'm 23 years old. My Father met his unfortunate death when I was just 12 years old. My mother on the other hand passed on when I was 9 years old leaving me to the care of the only relative that agreed to foster me at that time. My Maternal Aunt Aunty Rose. My Parents deaths is something that still haunts me to this very day I try my hardest to push that pain at the back of my head and keep it moving. I know little to nothing concerning their deaths other than that they were both HIV+ . Daddy was the one who was unfaithful to his commitment they weren't married but they had a good thing going or so I thought.

Aunty Rose is a Nurse and she was only blessed with one child

CHAPTER 1

I don't understand why she's even complaining because the house is always clean. I do 100% of the work around here so I am entitled to a bit of rest every now and then I need to rest.

Katlego doesn't help that much she mostly cleans her room then cooks. That's how far she goes with her chores. As she was busy changing in her room I decided to defrost the chicken pieces so that I can start cooking I'll be done soon.

Aunty: Siba!

I quickly made my way to her room.

Me: Yes Aunty?

Aunty: We need to talk

I leaned against the door frame and looked at her she was only left with her bra and skirt.

Me: I'm listening

Aunty: What are you planning to do with your life? You 23 years old now and I won't be taking care of you forever!

I know that and God knows how much I'm trying to get my life together.

My memories in this house are painful I remember when I was a teen and I had come back home late she kicked me out. She kicked me out and I slept in the outside toilet because I had nowhere else to go. I will never forget that night how cold it was. How my tears warmed my face how I prayed for God to give me back my Mother because it was too much. This life was too much to deal with. I always do wrong in her eyes nothing I do is ever right. I try my best to make her proud! I'm 23 and living like a Nun. I am still a virgin I am currently not dating and

I'm mostly indoors. Even with that she still finds a way to see wrong as an excuse to throw hurtful words at me.

Her: Katlego is going to varsity next year and I don't have to tell you how expensive varsity is.

There she goes praising her daughter who really is not looking forward to doing anything with her life. I am even surprised that she completed her matric

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who really is not looking forward to doing anything with her life. I am even surprised that she completed her matric Katlego has designed her future into sucking a rich man's wallet. She gives not interest no energy and no thought in getting up and getting her own. She is the perfect example of a disappointing

child but in her Mother's eyes. She is more innocent than a newborn baby

Me: I understand Aunty

Aunty: Had you worked hard at school you'd be the one going to varsity next year. You probably would've gotten yourself a bursary or if your results were impressive enough I would've killed myself with bills and applied for a loan so that you could further your studies

I wanted to pass my matric to her satisfaction how could I have done that if I was told on a daily basis that I wasn't going to amount to anything in life? She talks as if like she was there encouraging me but in all honesty. She was there putting me down.

Her: God almighty knows I've tried with you instead of you doing good you wanna follow in your mother's footsteps. She dedicated her life to nothing but alcohol and a thrill she died and had nothing to show when it came to success. I am at peace that I have a funeral cover so that when you start being a ghetto trash then die I will peacefully bury you. Your life is headed exactly to where your Mother was. Generational curses are following you you will always be a disappointment and a burden to all those who cross their paths with you. I'm sorry but that is the honest truth!

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CHAPTER 2

Tears streamed down as I started preparing dinner. You wanna come for my life I understand. Just don't add salt to my

bleeding wound by bringing up my Mother in every conversation. She was the black sheep of this family the most disliked Sister and I know that parts of her life are haunting me. I am walking in her footsteps. She never amounted to anything and I won't amount to anything either I know that very well!

As I was reliving my Mother's last moment in this world while busy cooking I heard a knock at the door. I dried my hands with the swab and went to open it was my other Aunt. Aunty Jo she is the last born. I let her in...

Jo: Siba how are you?

Me: I'm well Aunty how are you?

Jo: I'm well

I closed the door.

Jo: Where is Rose?

Me: She's in her bedroom changing

Jo: Rose!!!

Rose: Ngiyeza (I'm coming)

Me: Would you like some tea?

Jo: Yes please

I made her a cup of tea whilst checking on the pots too. Aunty Rose walked in.

Rose: Jo Mntaka Ma (Jo my sister)

Jo: Kunjani Sisi? (How are you)

They shared a hug.

Jo: I'm well and how are you?

Rose: I'm well just tired

They both sat down.

Me: Aunty Rose would you like a cup of tea too?

Rose: Wena ucabangani? (What are you thinking)

I made her a cup too.

Jo: Aich maan! I am having a problem with my Son Kagiso

Rose: He is still doing drugs?

Jo: Ngithi uthengise kwa ironing board (He even sold my ironing board)

Rose: Hai cha Sesi hlala edolweni (Sister pray)

Jo: I am heart broken to even think how smart he was at school

Rose: I blame witchcraft

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I never trusted the woman that your ex husband married she is very evil and malicious

Jo: She really got me with my Son

Rose: Mina la endlini ngihlushwa nje wu Siba (Siba is the only one giving me a problem here)

Jo: Wenzani? (What is she doing)

Rose: I came back from work tired as hell and found her sleeping what time is it now? She only started cooking now

Jo: Hai kodwa nani Siba niyahlupha (Siba you are tiring)

Rose: She doesn't pay rent she gets fed for free and the only thing I want from her is to just help around that's all!

Jo: If Rose can kick you out where will you go?

Rose: Her peers are working driving nice cars and married. Yena she's still here under my roof sleeping her life and future away

Jo: Kodwa Siba awenzi kahle (Siba what you doing is not right)

Me: Ngiyaxolisa Aunty (I'm sorry Aunty)

The door opened and Katlego walked in..

Kat: Siba I need you to accompany me somewhere

Jo: Wee Katlego am I a tombstone?

Kat looked at her..

Kat: I'm sorry Aunty Jo I didn't see you how are you?

Jo: I'm well my sweetie how are you?

Kat: I'm well too

Rose: Siba is cooking

Kat: Aww Ma siyabuya nje manje (We coming back now now)

Rose: You can't go after she's done cooking?

Kat: Sothenga nje iAirtime Ma (We going to buy airtime that's all)

Jo: Bayabuya Sisi (They coming back now now)

Rose: Fine you girls can go I'll watch the pots in the meantime

Thank the heavens Kat saved me.

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CHAPTER 3

Sipho aka Sika is a well known fuck boy in our hood. I am still cracking my head on how such an old guy could find pleasure in having unnecessary affairs with girls around here whilst he's

married. Why consider such a commitment if you know very well that your penis still wants to poke many holes? It's disgusting and immature!

He owns a pub&grill that is very busy and he drives a Polo TSI. I don't know how many girls have shared the front seat well it's an honour for them because hood rats around here their biggest goal is to have that front seat.

I may sound very naïve right now but my dignity and principles come first I have made a promise to myself that I will die first before I let any guy play me like that. Why can't girls respect themselves? Why ride the same boat that another girl is riding? Where are your morals? I would rather be called Itiya (a girl that is playing hard to get) than to be played like that!

Me: Mara what do you see in this guy?

Kat: He has money that's what I see!

The Pub was busy as always the smell of meat being grilled was the first thing that welcomed us in. The music had almost everyone on their feet bottles were being exchanged and hoop earrings became was a whore's code in such a place.

Sika was at the front helping around you can't miss him with his Versace t-shirt and that annoying gold tooth.

We stood there as a few eyes scanned us such places make me very uncomfortable. These drunk men are here poaching girls and betting nothing but a 6 pack of brutal fruit ciders they don't see a problem with that because it's their daily lifestyle.

One lady that caught my attention was dancing in a mini skirt behind her was a guy who was busy playing with his hand around her thighs. Pink lipstick behind her was a guy who was busy playing with his hand around her thighs. Pink lipstick a dirty tangled wig and blue eye shadows. What a wrong alignment of makeup to impress a guy into buying her alcohol. Let's not forget her old looking black carvella shoes..

I ran my eyes around again to be met by some low life staring at me he was drunk I could see..

Sika made his way to us we all walked out and stood outside. At least now I could breath.

Without saying anything his hand floated above Kat's head. She must thank her ancestors that she ducked on time or else her face would have a red mark now. He was furious and for the fact that he missed it made him more angry. Kat knew that this situation was turning ugly she held his hands.

Kat: Kanti yini manje? (What's wrong now)

Sika: Kdala ngik'bhelela wena nonkroyi! (I've been calling you)

Kat: My phone was on silent what's with the drama?

She tried to hold her composure but her trembling voice gave her away that she was scared.

Kat: Yeka izinto ezi snax (Stop with your nonsense)

What is it with these guys who play girls not wanting to be played?

Sika: Ng'dedele Katlego (let go of me)

Kat: As'khulume ngalendaba (let's talk about this)

Sika: Ng'the Ng'dedele kanti mele ngiziphinde? (I said let go of me or should I keep on repeating myself)

I am a coward this whole situation was getting to me.

Kat tried to move closer than she was to calm him down with a kiss.

Kat: Yeka lento oyenzanyo bheka manje ung'fakela amehlo (Stop with what you doing look now you embarrassing me)

She tried to kiss him but he was not having it.

Sika: Eyy ungang'ciki. Kok'qala angazi nokuthi lomlomo wakho bowukuphi (Don't annoy me I don't even know where your lips were)

Kat: Kanti why wenza so? (Why are you doing this)

My phone vibrated as they were busy arguing I checked the message and it was my Aunt:

"Uhlale lapho ukhona" (Stay exactly where you are)

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CHAPTER 4

Fear crept in We needed to leave and we needed to leave right away!

They were still arguing Katlego's pleading and begging was clearly falling on deaf ears. Sika wasn't having it he indirectly wanted Kat to confess that she's having an affair with someone else. I didn't have time for this! Knowing my Aunt she's throwing a fit right now!

Me: Kat please let's go

Kat: Siba yima kancance (Siba wait a minute)

It was dark now I looked at Kat again.

Me: I am leaving

She ignored me what mattered to her was smooth talking her way into this bastard forgiving her. I buried my phone deep in my bra and started walking home. The phone that I'm currently using is a mobicel R6 was given to me by Kat after her Mom bought her an iPhone on contract. It's not the best phone but it's better than nothing. I don't remember the last time I actually went inside a clothing store to buy myself some clothes no scratch that it was when I was still working. I wasn't even

earning a lot and my Aunt was on my throat demanding my every last cent I had..

I arrived at home and she was already done cooking from the door all the way to the lounge my fear was making me dizzy. I am scared of this woman her anger is over exaggerated

Sha was sitting on her couch fuming her eyes were on the TV. She was watching the 19:00 news.

I swallowed first before saying anything to her.

Me: A.. Aunty

She gave me the silent treatment.

I walked to my bedroom and sat on my bed I tried my outmost best to calm myself down.. It didn't take long for her to make her way into my room she banged the door behind her and in a

matter of seconds. She had grabbed my hair and dragged me out of the bed to the floor..

Rose: Uqalisa ubufebe la kwami (You bringing your bitch tendencies in my house)

She was hitting me everywhere. She grabbed the pair of scissors that were on the dressing table and then sat on my bed. She grabbed a handful of my braids and dragged me closer to her she locked me inside her thighs and started to cut off my braids.

Aunty: Yiyo lenyaka nyaka eyenza umuntu ukuthi angalaleli (These braids are the reason why you failing to listen to me)

How is any of this my fault? Kat is the one who asked me to accompany her I did nothing wrong!

I didn't have any words to defend myself what's the use? Even if I could try to defend myself she's still going to come at me. Her little princess cannot do any wrong in her eyes!

She didn't cut all of them though just a few to taint my image.

Aunt: You teaching my Daughter your disrespectful ways!

Is she serious? How can I teach a very well known loose cannon any disrespectful ways?

She put the scissors next to her and started slapping me my arms were locked in between her thighs. I couldn't defend myself all I could do was just take in those painful slaps and cry.

Rose: I'm tired of you I want you out of my my house right now!

Me: Ngiyaxolisa Aunty (I'm sorry Aunty)

She got up.

Rose: Pack everything of yours and leave!

Me: Where am I going to go? (crying)

Rose: To your boyfriends! I don't care I'm not going to take care of you when you HIV+

Here we go again

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I'm not going to take care of you when you HIV+

Here we go again same old attack.

Rose: When I come back to check this room you better be gone!

She walked out. I looked at my braids on the floor and continued crying.

One thing about this woman is that her word is her law she wanted me out and she's not going to go back on her word. I got up after a few minutes and went to take the refuse bag I heard her yelling over the phone. I am dead sure that she's talking to Aunty Jo. I went back to the bedroom and put my clothes inside the refuse bag

Where will I go? This is the only home that I know. She has kicked me out a lot in the past but only just for one night. She has never told me to take my clothes I think now she has had it with me..

With my refuse bag and my tears still streaming down I found myself walking down the street. I didn't know where I was going and it was getting late. The streets are not safe for a girl child to be walking around this late.. I decided to retire and sat on the big rock that was at the corner It was embarrassing crying in public like that with everyone passing and staring at me. I'm sure some people wanted to ask me what was wrong but they didn't. They just passed

In such situations tears don't fail you I didn't have anything but I had my tears. They supported me even though I didn't invite them.

A familiar voice made me to raise up my head it was Sis'Phindi. She was my Mother's best friend back in the day.

Phindi: Siba yini? Wenzani la ebusuku so? (Siba what's wrong? What are you doing here so late)

Me: UMam'khulu ungixoshile (Aunty kicked me out)

If she was someone else she would be shocked right now and asking a lot of questions.

Phindi: Okay Sisi asambe (Let's go)

I got up from the rock and took the plastic we made our way to her house.

Phindi is a very nice woman. She wanted to take me after learning how I was severely oppressed at my Aunt's house but that didn't go too well. My Aunt verbally attacked her since

they go to the same church My Aunt even threatened her that she will report her to their Pastor. Phindi being a Person who doesn't like drama she just let it go. I told her everything as we made our way to her house she wasn't shocked about what Kat was doing.

We got to her place and the first thing that she did was to take my plastic to the bedroom. She owns a 4 roomed house it's not fancy but it's hers and she's brothering no one. She has her own hair salon so basically she's not struggling that much.

Phindi: Make yourself at home Sisi

Me: Ngiyabonga (Thank you)

She only has one child too Thato.

Phindi: I don't think I'm going to cook tonight thank goodness we have bread. I'll make you something to eat

Me: Thank you for letting me stay here

Her: You welcome Sisi

Thank God tonight I won't be sleeping at the toilet.

CHAPTER 5

It has been 2 days since I moved in with Phindi and her Son. I cannot even begin to describe the peace that was here for the first time in a long time I was even able to sleep peacefully without worrying about my Aunt yelling or kicking me out.

Thato was helping me to clean the house I live here for free the least that I can do is to help around. Thato is a cool guy he is a bit older than me and he has come a long way. He used to be on drugs getting up to no good and causing his mother endless chest pains. He finally got his shit together and started working at the pub he grills meat..

Thato: Eish yazi le yakini uKat ay' maan no skeem (your cousin I don't like her)

Me: Kat is her own Person skeem

Thato: Mina I'm just glad ukuthi you not like these girls from around here eyy badliwe maan

I laughed.

Me: It's life everyone chooses their own path

Him: Kunjalo (It's like that)

We continued cleaning whilst gossiping here and there I didn't know that guys also gossip.

After cleaning Thato made us breakfast.

Me: Dankie Skeem

Thato: Yizo

We continued eating in silence until a knock disturbed us. Thato got up to check who it was I heard by the voice that it was my Aunt and Kat.

Rose: Uphi uSiba? (Where is Siba)

Thato: Eh nayi ndaba (here we go)

Thato let them in and that Sandwich wasn't going down smoothly anymore

Aunt: Sowuhlala la? (You now live here)

I didn't say anything.

Aunt: Qoqa okungokwakho sihambe (Take everything of yours and let's go)

I was frozen on that couch.

Kat: Siba I know that as a family we have our own issues but this is not it!

What is she actually trying to say? I am the one who's getting more blows at home.

Kat: Look there's a post that is out at the Marè attorneys they looking for a PA and I think that you should apply. There's nothing much that's needed so long you have experience and matric. I know that you don't have any PA experience but hey it is worth a try

Aunt: Landa izinto zakho! (Get your things)

I looked at Thato he shook his head.

Kat: You going to stay here for how long? Phindi is going to get tired of you. You cannot choose strangers over family we are your family

Deep inside of me I knew that this was not going to end well the last thing I want is for them to keep on coming here and create unnecessary drama everyday Phindi doesn't deserve that. She's a very wonderful woman.

With my feet not wanting to move I forced myself to get up and go get my things I said my Goodbyes to Thato and asked him to extend my gratitude to his Mother for letting me stay here.

The walk back home was a depressing one with my Aunt shouting I'm used to that now and I try so hard to block her painful words from my heart. We got home and I took my documents then Kat and I made our way to the Internet café.

I don't know how this job situation is going to go but then what's the harm in applying? I will also apply for more posts just so I can leave my Aunt's place.

I drafted the my CV scanned my documents and attached everything. I didn't even certify anything because I had no faith. This was just "Zama sibone" Type of situation.

Kat: Submitted it went

Me: Thank you

Kat: Now we will wait the closing date is tomorrow

Me: I doubt that they going to consider my application

Kat: There's no harm in trying

Me: That's very true

We searched for more vacancies in different companies and I submitted I'm only hoping for the best.

When we were done we didn't go straight home we passed by at the pub and got something to eat. Sika was not around.

Me: And then wena? Uphelelephi izolo? (Where did you end up last night)

Kat: Agh these Men are all the same just give them pussy and then all is well

Me: I wouldn't know anything about that

She chuckled.

Kat: One day you will meet someone who is going to sweep you off your feet then you will understand

Me: With where my life is right now I don't think so. I am mostly focusing on getting my own so that I can move out from your Mother's house a boyfriend will just waste my time. Plus I don't think there's any guy who is going to accept me with all this bargage

Kat: Nawe you won't be dating izinto ezi serious moss. Once you go in with your heart it's game over. All these men are the same no matter how sweet and good he is Sis. He is still going to cheat on you unless you have a herb that will make your pussy do wonders

Me: You see? Why would I apply for heartbreak? I'm already going through a lot

Kat: Just get someone who is going to bless you with money nothing serious phela hai your braids all the time. Sis you have to change your hairstyle

Me: I'm not trying to impress anyone and I'll never change for any guy. This is me he will have to accept me for who I am

Kat: Ucabanga ukuthi kukuphi la? (Where do you think this is)

I looked at her.

Kat: Weave and makeup are the way to go Sis you can't be always dull that's when he's going to cheat. You have to

impress all the time he has to find you attractive all the damn time! You have to top his Exes you have to be a worthy upgrade

Me: Hai cha Kat awungiyeye (leave me alone)

Kat: I so wish that you could find someone who is going to drive you crazy so much that you will forget about how strict your Aunty is

Me: That will never happen

Kat: I'm blessing you right now! Siba you will meet him may he stress you and turn you into something that you are not

We both laughed.

Me: Keep on dreaming!

CHAPTER 6

Unfortunately nothing changed being fetched from Phindi's place back to my Aunt's place. My life was still the same. Full of pain endless tears and a lot of verbal abuse. She didn't start mistreating me today it has been going on ever since I moved in with them after the passing of my Mother. One would say I should be used to it by now but I wasn't. Each time when those words were expelled from her mouth they pierced through my heart until I bled out profusely. That type of pain reflects from the heart to the soul it's changes you. It alters with your emotional and mental state.

I am soaked into my pain so much that peace and happiness seems to be far reached I am battling to accept my reality accepting that some people might be destined for misery until they die. Probably I'm one of them

Today my Big Brother came around for a quick visit he lives in town with his annoying wife. Ever since he started working he

changed his ways towards us. We hardly talk and I even stopped asking him for money because he had excuses. It was an excuse after another excuse that I ended up letting him be. They get along very well with my Aunt even though she gossips about him every now and then but they get along.

Rose: Unjani uLinda? (How is Linda holding up)

Lunga: She's okay

Rose: When is she going to come and visit?

Linda coming here? I wanna live to see that day. I heard they met at school and Linda dropped out in her second year of studying due to financial reasons. She failed 2 modules her bursary dropped her and her Parents didn't have money to carry her through that year. She couldn't even get a Loan nor NSFAS that's how bad her reality was at that time. After that whole incident she never went back home she stayed with my Brother in his flat. He also had a bursary that was funding him.

After graduating he went straight to the mine to work Linda knowing that tomorrow he might wake up and leave her because she had nothing. I think she consulted with a

traditional healer or something because after that my Brother loved her more than he ever loved us. When Linda says no he can't send me money he doesn't if she says no I can't visit he doesn't say anything to partition her word. They got married after 2 years of him working she even chose where they should stay and he bought that house with the help of a bank. He is into a lot of bills she even chose where they should stay and he bought that house with the help of a bank. He is into a lot of bills even their wedding was way too expensive for my liking just unnecessary bills.

Lunga: Kodwa how are you guys holding up?

Rose: Sikahle nje except for your Sister

Lunga: What has she done now?

Rose: We had an altercation then she went and moved in with uPhindi imagine the humiliation!

Lunga looked at me.

Lunga: Is this true?

I looked at my Aunt.

Lunga: What was the altercation about?

Rose: She left the pots and went gallavanting

Defending myself would be useless he's going to believe her anyway!

Lunga: Gallavanting?

Rose: She should be fixing her life but uSiba spends most of her time in the streets or sleeping then when I talk I'm a bad Person

Lunga: Siba you 23 now uAunty cannot be supporting you forever! At your age I was already working

Rose: At least you here to talk to her she's your sister after all

Lunga: Yazi at work young girls like you are already driving getting their own money and making it work. They independent and wena you busy gallavating trying to come back with an unwanted pregnancy

Rose: Or worse getting infected

Lunga: Do you know that if Aunty can die tomorrow you'll be on your own?

Rose: She doesn't know that and when I do tell her she thinks that I'm abusing her

Lunga: Don't even consider me I worked hard to be where I am today nothing was handed to me I had to get up and get my own

They were suffocating me I needed a breather!

I got up from the couch.

Rose: Where are you going? We not done talking

Me: I just need a breather that's all

Rose: See what I'm talking about?

Lunga: Siba sit down

I attempted to walk away.

Lunga: I said sit down!

I sat down. I am not stupid nor People's punching bag! I know my life is not impressive right now they actually telling me things that I know. Things that I'm aware of.

I am not sitting on my ass I try a lot to get up and get my own. I have sent endless applications without any luck I have applied for every post that crossed my path and I never got a response. What am I supposed to do now? Go sell my body because that's the only thing that I haven't considered!

Rose: When you tell her the truth she starts crying

Lunga: Yey angeke sizwe ngawe (We won't be controlled by you)

Me: Kodwa ngiyazama nje (But I'm trying)

Lunga: Is gallavanting the streets trying? Just know that if you come back pregnant I will support Aunty kicking you out for good!

I wiped my tears.

Just to think that Lunga and I used to be very tight and then one day he suddenly changed without any explanation.

I couldn't sit here and take all of this it's just going to drive me crazy. I got up again and walked to my bedroom I locked the door.

Lunga: Siba!!

I sat on the bed and hugged my legs I am trying. God knows that I am trying

Lunga knocked on my door I closed my eyes as my tears fell.

Lunga: From hereon don't ever ask me for anything! You and I we done! You don't wanna act right then fuck you! I don't need you plus you nothing but a burden! I don't wanna get a call from you nor a text message

Just sit by and watch life pass you by it's okay but one day you will regret do you hear me?

He banged on the door scaring me.

Lunga: I said do you hear me?

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Chapter 7

I held the pills in my hand debating if I should take them or not. What's the use of living when all you know is nothing but pain? I have been praying tirelessly to God but he doesn't hear my cries. Why should I continue praying if God doesn't wanna have mercy on me? All that I'm looking for is peace I wanna live my life without the absence of fear. All I want is to breath and never worry about losing a place I have called "home" almost all my life. Why is it that good people people who don't harm others get to be shown the cruel side of this world? It's hard keeping faith when all you have been dishd for has been

nothing but pain. I don't know what death has in store for me but it has to be better than life.

My Aunt gave me peace for the rest of the day I have been in my room the whole time. I didn't have strength to eat anything I didn't have any appetite. With the glass of water I downed the pills. I drank them with tears streaming down and looking at my Mother's picture. At least we will be reunited in death because clearly I'm suffering because she's not here. After drinking the pills I held her picture tight against my chest and closed my eyes.

KAT

I woke up the next day at about 11am it was quiet around the house. Usually Siba is up by this time cleaning and singing loudly. I heard about her altercation with my Mother and her Brother yesterday sometimes it pains me knowing that she's going through this. I can't even talk to my Mother about how she treats Siba because she won't listen. I got out of bed and yawned all the way to her bedroom I knocked and I didn't get any answer.

I opened the door and walked in she seemed peacefully sleeping.

Me: Hau Siba?

I looked closely and saw the pill container on the floor I quickly made my way to her and she had foam coming out of her mouth.

Me: Siba!!!

Ambulances are a disappointment they are slow as fuck so I called Sika whilst brushing my teeth and washing my face I then changed my Pajams and put on something else.

Sika didn't disappoint he arrived and we took Siba to the hospital. He had to come because my pussy is not for free

As we sat there and the Dr was busy with her I decided to call my Mother to let her know about this incident.

Rose: She didn't die?

Me: No Ma

Rose: She should've died!

Me: Don't say that

Rose: Siba is nothing but a burden and a disappointment! I even regret taking her that day when her Mother died. I had high hopes with her I thought that she was going to make something of herself and that maybe later in life she would be able to help me but here we are. Siba is cursed her Mother's curses are following her and there's nothing we can do about it. Mina I'm

opting for her to die because her life is always going to be filled with misery. She is doomed!

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Chapter 8

[5 DAYS LATER]

I was being discharged today after my suicidal attempt the Dr suggested that I should go for therapy. I declined that offer what's the use of talking to someone if the root of the problem is still there? Not that I am undermining therapy but I feel like it won't change anything until I move out of that toxic environment

Knowing very well that I was going back to that toxic environment made me disappointed that suicide didn't work.

My Aunt only came to visit me once with that she only came to yell at me in front of the other patients. She was stating that next time when I consider suicide I should make sure that it works because I'm wasting her time. She could've used that time for something more important than coming here I didn't even ask her to come. Kat was the only visitor that I enjoyed seeing she even brought me food..

She was the one who came to get me we were going to take a taxi home since the hospital was a walking distance. She was busy jiba jabbing about her and Sika my mind was very far away and my heart was broken into a million pieces.

When we got home I went straight to my bedroom and she followed me.

On the bed I noticed an envelope I picked it up. It was from the Marè attorneys. I looked at her..

Kat: It came a few days ago when you were still at the hospital

Me: Why didn't you tell me?

Kat: I just wanted you to be surprised when you got home at least have something positive

I looked at it.

Me: I can't open it you should

Kat: Bring it here

I handed it to her.

Me: Don't tease me please just get straight to the point

She nodded.

She opened the envelope and then got the letter out she started reading it.

My heart was on my sleeve I had hot flushes and my mouth was dry.

She looked at me.

Kat: It's okay Cuz something will come up one day

That was a disappointment.

Me: Thank you

Kat: I'm going to borrow you an outfit because tomorrow you going for an interview

Me: What?

Kat: You one of the candidates that were selected for an interview tomorrow

I started screaming..

Me: You lying!

I got the letter and read through she wasn't lying.

Me: They selected me!!!

We both started screaming.

I was even shaking this was unbelievable.

Kat: Okay let's calm down

We calmed down she looked at me.

Kat: We should've done something with your hair

Me: My hair is fine

She shook her head.

Kat: That hair relaxer is wearing off

Me: Well I don't have any money

Kat: I will pay for you you'll pay me with interest when you get your first salary

Me: I haven't even gotten the job

Kat: Let's stay positive

We went to our local salon they braided my hair. Nothing fancy just the normal carrot cornrows with a hair piece. I went for all black can't be mixing colours for my big day tomorrow. When we were done at the hair salon we went to the pub. We bought a plate of grilled wors chicken Pap and chakalaka. Kat bought a 6 pack of brutal fruit ciders.

Kat: Let's celebrate

I am not familiar with alcohol but hey today it was a good day to drink.

She downed 2 cans while I was still nursing my first can. The cider was too sweet for my liking..

"I do I do my darli

Two by two s'bambane

Ha e duma e a tsamaya

Buza kush' ubani uNjandini

Vuku vuku vula ejar'dini

Vroeg ng'vuka ngine bhari

And ng'suthi ngikhule neyihlathi

Ngi no [?] sivuthe neyinkabi

Buza kush' ubani uNjandini

Vuku vuku vula ejardini"

The pub always has a good vibe Kat started dancing slowly to the song. She forced me to join her I got up and we danced as a few eyes landed on us. I was really having a good time no lie.

Our moment was interrupted when Sika and his wife walked in. Kat frowned. Sika's wife is what we call icheri ye pantsula. She likes wearing blue denim shorts a white golfer tee white all star sneakers and a white cap. She has gold rings on all her fingers and a gold chain hanging from her neck not forgetting all the gold teeth that she had. She is very light in complexion so all that gold compliments her. Kat looked at them as they disappeared to the back she clicked her tongue and took the can from the table. Her wig was long almost touching her behind I don't even know why she hides it off with a hat..

Me: Do you want us to go?

Kat: No ngeke sambiswe unjandini

I laughed.

We stayed there until 18:00 when we were done drinking we walked home. She drank most of the cans and I had a headache from the one that I had drank.

We got home and Aunt Rose was cooking she looked at me.

Rose: Hau ubuyile? (You back)

Me: Yes

Rose: I see

Kat: How was work?

Rose: Work was good

She looked at me again.

Rose: Siba..

Kat interrupted her before she went any further.

Kat: Siba is going for a job interview tomorrow morning

Rose: Ohw.. Where?

Me: Marè Attorneys

Her eyes widened.

Rose: Do you have money for transport?

Me: Kat was going to give me

Rose: I'll give you tomorrow morning

Me: Okay thank you

Rose: I'm almost done cooking

Kat: Okay we will come and dish up

We walked to my room.

Me: Was she nice or I'm just imagining things?

Kat: Forget about that!

She took out her phone.

Kat: Let's check out your soon to be Boss

She went to Instagram and searched Neo Marè. He has 500k followers and was only following 50 people. We went through his pictures and obviously he was your typical rich fuck boy.

Kat: Shuuuuuu! I would so do him

Me: Of course you would

Yena he was very hot I won't lie but guys like him usually play girls like there's no tomorrow. They know they hot so they take advantage of that.

Kat looked at me.

Kat: Hai maybe we should've bought you a wig

Me: Why?

Kat: This one will obviously consider a slay queen first he looks like the type that fucks his PAs and wena you don't meet his requirements

Me: I need to be a slay queen to get the job?

Kat: Hai sizabona khona (we will see)

God knows how much I need this job!

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Chapter 9

I don't think that I have prayed like this before I didn't sleep much I even woke up and prayed at 3am. If there's ever anything that I needed in life is this. This breakthrough.

Anxiety is not new to me from when I was taking a bath to dressing up my heart was not at ease. My nerves were shooting up straight to the roof I didn't even feel like having breakfast.

My Aunt gave me the taxi fare she actually even gave me extra so that I can get myself something to eat. She was actually very nice and I am not naïve it's because of this job offer..

When I walked to the taxi rank it was still dark I wanted to get the first taxi. I'd rather be early than late. I had taken the letter with me..

The first taxi left at 6am the interview was said to start at 9am. I wonder how many candidates are going to be there I am assuming we going to be a lot. Some of the candidates will

definitely be more experienced than me. They will have better qualifications honestly speaking I don't think I stand a chance.

The taxi dropped me off at the taxi rank I didn't know where to go so I asked the Driver for directions. I have heard that Johannesburg is not safe you can't just ask anyone for directions. It's a good thing that I left my phone my taxi fare money was buried deep inside my bra. I could've asked Kat to come with but I wanted to be alone if I get bad news I wanna go back home alone lost in my thoughts and probably cry alone along the way.

It was exactly 8am when I arrived the building was beautiful. I checked the cars at the parking lot and these people drive nice cars they probably earning a lot of money. It wasn't a big building though nevertheless it was state of the art. I showed the security my letter at the gate then they pointed at the entrance and I walked there. The receptionist was standing at the door she greeted me and took my letter then she gave me a card which was written "candidate 20". She told me where to go and I made my way there. Already the other candidates were sitting I scanned them all and they made me more nervous.

Their outfits were on point they were dressed up really well and I was wearing Katlego's dress together with her heels that were suffocating my toes. I didn't care I have to take in the pain it's just for one day.

I sat down next to this other girl I greeted and then faced my front..

Her: My name is Pat

Me: Siba

Her: You look very nervous

Me: I am... Aren't you?

Her: Just a little

I nodded.

The door opened and the candidate came out a lady stood at the door instructing another candidate to come in.

Me: These people look experienced

Pat: They make my 2 years experience look cheap

At least she had experience I didn't have any.

Pat: How much experience do you have?

Me: Uhm.. Just one year experience

She nodded.

Pat: It's better than no experience at all

Me: That's true

She looked around.

Pat: I really need to pee

Me: Okay

Pat: Can you please come with?

Me: I.. I don't know

Pat: We still far don't worry

I looked around.

Me: Okay let's go

We stood up and made our way to the bathroom.

Me: You can go in I'll wait here outside

Pat: Okay

I offered to stand outside because I wanted to see everything that was happening in the waiting area I didn't want the queue to skip me. I wanna be very vigilant.

She was taking a bit longer than expected but also the queue was moving a bit slow. I bent and took off my heels to free my toes

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I didn't want the queue to skip me. I wanna be very vigilant.

She was taking a bit longer than expected but also the queue was moving a bit slow. I bent and took off my heels to free my toes when I came back up I saw Neo making his way to the

waiting area. He was glued on his phone if someone was walking down this corridor they would've bumped into each other. He looked exactly like he did on his Instagram pictures Kat would've lost it right now if she saw him.. He passed me as if like I didn't exist what did I expect? People like me don't exist to him. I shook my head whilst laughing. He stopped then turned and looked at me.

Neo: Something funny?

I looked at him and my anxiety got worse. I slowly shook my head.

He looked at me from head to toe then he shook his head and continued with his journey.

Pat came out of the bathroom.

Pat: Sorry I took long I'm on my periods

Me: It's okay

We made our way back to the waiting area. We held a random conversation to push time in a matter of an hour the waiting area was already filled with candidates.

Lady: Next please

Pat stood up.

Me: Good luck

Pat: Thank you

She walked in. I sat there and closed my eyes I prayed from deep within the pits of my stomach whilst also trying to breath in and out.

Pat walked out after 10min. Then I made my way in when the lady called out to me. Inside the room it was Neo and his father. I recognize his father from the pictures that Neo shared

in his Instagram. The lady remained standing next to the door. I sat down.

Neo looked at me and then he went back to his phone letting his Father to conduct the interview.

Him: Ms Siba La..

Me: Siba Langa

Him: I'm John. John Marè

Me: Nice to meet you

John: This is my Son Neo Marè

Me: It's nice to meet him too

Neo chuckled.

John: You seem nervous please relax

Me: Yes Sir

John: You worked at an internet café before?

Me: Yes Sir

John: How was your experience?

Me: It had it's ups and downs

John: Please elaborate

Me: It was more challenging when it got busy used to type at least 15 CVs on a busy day. Everything had to be typed correctly and at times when you thought that you were done. The client would want to change something. Some other clients were very impatient they didn't want to wait

John: When you get such a client how did you respond?

Me: Every client is important and they should be treated as such. No client should be given any preference over another client. Although incase of a client that had to Email their CV to

beat the closing date because they came late we usually speak to the other clients and if they don't want then unfortunately the client will have to wait their turn

He nodded.

John: What about professionalism at work?

Me: We were a team and we had boundaries. We had to adhere to the code of conduct and working ethics

John: How so?

Me: Dressing appropriately we mostly wore t-shirts that weren't revealing a cleavage. We also had to wear Jeans so we don't expose our thighs. Relationships with colleagues were forbidden and corruption was not allowed. Might sound hectic for an internet café but I enjoyed working there

John: Wow uhm..

He turned to his Son.

John: Wanna ask something?

Neo: No I'm not interested in asking the candidate anything

John: if we to hire you what are your long term goals in this company?

Me: To work my way up the ladder and end up in a more satisfying position than forever being an assistant

John: Short term goals?

Me: To learn as much as I can so that the skills I acquire from this company will help me on my next job

John: Are you a team player?

Me: I worked with 3 other people and we had a good working relationship so yes I'd like to think that I am a team player

John: Being an assistant is a bit different from what you were doing so why should we hire you?

Me: My job wasn't that much different from being an assistant. In a situation where it was quiet other than just sitting and doing nothing. I used to help my colleagues at times I would go as far as getting them lunch and running a few errands for them. With my experience at the internet café I strongly believe that I can be an asset to this company. Given a chance to prove myself I will never disappoint

John: Thank you very much Ms Siba in 2 days time we will be contacting you. If we don't please know that you didn't get the job

Me: Thank you very much Sir for the opportunity

He nodded slowly. I got up and made my way out. 10

Chapter 10

For the next 2 days things at home were super better. My Aunt was very nice she even asked Kat to help me with chores. I was in a better place everything was peaceful and looking up.

Kat and I were at the mall.

Kat: Are you ready for your first day tomorrow?

Yes! Yesterday I received an Email from the Marè attorneys company informing me that they were impressed with my interview. They told me I got the job and I'm starting tomorrow. When I told my Aunt she gave me R3000. To buy a few clothes and a new phone. I know she will make me pay for it..

I went for an affordable phone Huawei Y5. It was R1 5000. With the rest of the money I bought clothes.

Kat was going to help me out with taxi fare money until I get paid..

Kat: I'm so happy and jealous at the same time jealous that you will be working for the most handsome and popular spoiled brat!

John is stepping down because of health issues his Son will be taking over. It was on the papers hence why so many changes were made in the company.

Me: I'm happy he finds me unattractive I'll be mostly focusing on my work and nothing more

Kat: Obviously he is going to find you unattractive I mean the girls he's been with before. You not in their league no offence!

Me: That's what makes me happy no unnecessary issues

Kat: I think this skirt is nice

Me: It's too short

Kat: You are young Siba don't scare him away

Me: Fine we'll take it

My phone rang it was my brother I looked at it. I exhaled and answered.

Me: Lunga

Lunga: Little Sis

I kept quiet..

Lunga: Rose told me about the job offer

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congratulations I'm proud of you

Me: Ohw thank you

Lunga: I'm going to send you R500 for transportation

Me: Thank you

Lunga: You doing good I'm really proud

Me: Yeah.. Thank you

Lunga: I'll call you again. Bye

Me: Bye

This family and being proud Lunga will never apologize. He's just going to act like nothing happened.

When we were done with our shopping we went and got something to eat then after our lunch we went straight home I just wanted to lie down a bit. My plans were short-lived when I saw my other Aunt Jojo.

Jojo: Ninjani? (how are you)

Kat: We good Aunty Wena?

Jojo: I'm good

She looked at me.

Jojo: Siba

Me: Aunt Jojo

Jojo: We very proud of you Ntombazana

She came and hugged me.

Me: Thank you

Jojo: It's better now. Uzosinceda siyi family (you will help us as your family)

I faked a smile.

Jojo: You girls can relax I'm going to cook

We walked to the lounge.

Me: Aunt Rose must've told everyone

Kat: She's proud of you

We both looked at each other and laughed.

Kat: But honestly mina I'm proud of you

Me: Ngiyabonga (Thank you)

I'm planning to save up a lot of money with this job and also get my own place that will be closer to work I want to be a bit far from Aunt and this toxic environment. I'm not going to let her bully me Yes I know she took me in and what not. But my happiness comes first. She's working and I shouldn't be required to give her a lot of money I think R1000 will be good enough just to help here and there. When it comes to Aunt Jojo she shouldn't even think about it. I'm only gonna give her money just now and then not even a lot of money. R500 will be enough maybe once in every 6 months.

If circumstances allow I wanna register at UNISA and do a part time course maybe in business or so. That will also depend on my future with the company I wanna use this opportunity to better myself first more than anything. I am not going to let this family take advantage of me never!

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Chapter 11

I went to bed early I needed to get enough rest as my day was going to start early. I had to be one hour early so I can sign the contract and everything else that needed to be done. I thought I was going to pass out immediately when I laid down but the excitement deep within stopped me.

For the first time tears of Joy and gratitude streamed down my face.

Our Pastor always said "The devil can strip you off everything but don't let him strip you off your faith". Faith is a positive manifestation of things you hope to achieve. God is a respecter of no Man but he respects faith.

The next morning I prepared myself I wore the skirt that Kat picked out for me. It was shorter than my usual wear. She picked out short things for me and very tight formal pants. I may not trust her in a lot of things but I trust her sense of style. I wore a black skirt a white short sleeve shirt and heels. I need to get used to heels because they included the dress code in that Email heels are compulsory.

My cornrow braided hairstyle was still fresh instead of going crazy with makeup I put on an eyeliner and mascara to enhance my eyelashes.

I arrived at work at 6:55. The main receptionist was the one who was going to walk me through everything. I signed the

contract with HR after reading thoroughly. The HR also explained the Do's and the forbidden.

I was to work an 8:00-17:00 shift with 1 hour break. My fixed salary was R6 500 and I'll be getting R7 000 when I am required to put in extra hours. I get two day offs a month a 2 weeks annual leave and I also had benefits.

A pension fund and a medical aid.

My table was facing Neo's office. I was furnished with everything that I am going to need. A computer Stationary and a telephone. Attached to the telephone were the codes. A code for every department..

Khethi(Receptionist): He's going to walk in any minute now go get his coffee. No cream no milk. Black with 2 spoons of sugar

Me: Okay

I made my way to the Canteen and got his coffee then I went to put it on his table. They have changed his Father's name from the door to "N.Marè".

I went back to my table and went through the files that Khethi gave me.

I need to call the clients and set up meetings with them

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at least 5 clients a day and I was holding 15 files.

The Marè attorneys come of as the best legal representatives they hardly lose cases. My phone rang I picked it up..

Me: Marè atto-

Person: Waar is my laaite? (where is my boy?)

Me: Uhm sorry?

Person: Who is this?

Me: I am Mr Marè's personal assistant my Name is Siba

Person: I see what are you wearing?

He had that deep Coloured accent.

Me: Excuse me who is this?

Person: Tell him Gestapo called

Me: I'll do so

I put the phone down. I was still wondering who just called when Neo walked into his office without looking at me never mind greeting me.

I got up from my chair and went to his office.

Me: Good morning Sir

He put his things on the table.

Me: I just received a call and I have a message for you

He looked at me.

Me: Gestapo called

He still looked at me.

Neo: Go back out and knock

Me: Ohw sorry

I walked back out then knocked. He picked up his coffee and started drinking. I knocked again and he ignored me. I ended up walking in.

Neo: I didn't say "Come in"

Me: But I've been knocking an-

Neo: But I didn't say come in

I looked at him.

I walked out and back to my table.

Neo: Sydney!

I went through the files.

He stood at the door of his office with his hands buried deep inside his pockets.

Neo: I was calling you

I looked at him.

Me: My name is Siba

He chuckled while nodding.

Neo: Sydney I'm ha-

Me: My name is Siba

He nodded again without a chuckle.

He walked up to my table.

Neo: I don't care what your name is you will respond to any name that I call you with! If not you will get a written warning

Me: Just because I corrected you?

Neo: No! Just because you annoying me and I don't want you being my assistant. I had a perfect candidate and I'm going to make sure that you screw up so bad until I fire you! Already this

is a verbal warning for just budging into my office without knocking. That's a basic principle and I shouldn't be teaching you what has your experience taught you?

I bit my tongue.

Me: I apologize Sir

Some lady walked in.

Neo: Verbal warning!

Lady: So this is the girl who stole my position?

Her shirt was way too revealing that cleavage was out of order.

Neo: Don't worry she'll be gone soon

Lady: I'll be in the office

Neo looked at me.

Neo: I shall not be disturbed for an hour I don't care how important it is

Me: Understood

He walked back into his office and closed the door.

This is going to be hell for me!

I sat there setting up his meetings with the 5 clients I have already called them and told them about the times that they should come through.

After an hour the Lady walked out fixing her skirt her lipstick was smudged. She looked at me.

Her: Don't get too comfortable

She then walked away. I got up and went to his office with his diary he was tucking his shirt in.

I knocked. He looked at me.

Him: Get in already! What are you waiting for?

Me: I was waiting for "Come in"

He laughed.

Neo: You so stupid I swear I'm going to enjoy breaking you!

I walked in.

Me: I have already set up a meeting with your clients the first client is on her way

Neo: That won't be possible I'm meeting up with Gestapo

Me: But I already set up the meetings

Neo: You should've asked me first before planning my life

Jerk!!

Neo: You will have to call and cancel with all of them Sonia

Now I'm Sonia?

Neo: I'll be out the whole day

He walked to the door. He turned and looked at me.

Neo: I really wanna see how you going to handle this client situation! Good enough to fire you! You don't play with clients like that!

He walked out.

I'm fucked!

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Chapter 12

I wasn't screwed I was fucked! How can Neo be so ruthless? I did nothing wrong to him! I'm just trying to do my job and do it to the best of my abilities but he is making it impossible for me. Just because I'm not like the girls he fucks and not interested in him he thinks that he can just walk all over me? Why is it that rich People always wanna treat the less fortunate horrible..

I heard a knock at the door I was in the bathroom crying..

Khethi: Siba sweety?

Me: I'm coming

I wiped my tears and flushed. I opened she looked at me.

Khethi: What has he done?

Me: He is going to fire me Khethi he is making my life miserable on my first day. I can't lose this job I need it! It's not fair

She sighed.

Khethi: I'm going to help you just this once

She took my hand and then we walked to my table. She picked up the phone and dialed some number.

Khethi: Watch and learn

We waited.

Khethi: Mr Marè it's Khethi here. You are needed in the office
Yes Sir he is at it

She looked at me.

Khethi: Yes Sir.. Bye

She put the phone down.

Me: Did you call his Father?

Khethi: Yes

Me: Now he's going to fire me!

Khethi: Sit down

I sat down.

Khethi: Stop panicking!

She leaned over the table.

Khethi: Where is he?

Me: He went to see Ges.. Something

Khethi: Gestapo?

Me: Yes

Khethi: Okay we not going to mention that to his Father we going to say he went out to see one of his whores

I nodded.

Khethi: Listen carefully

Khethi talked to me for at least 10min telling me how I can beat Neo and turn the tables around at him. I hope it works I hope it really works.

Khethi: Now go fix your face the first client is here

Me: Thank you Khethi

Khethi: Don't mention it

I walked to the bathroom to fix my melting eyeliner I looked at myself in the mirror and took a deep breath.

I went back to my table and asked Khethi to bring the first client. I waited in the passage as she made her way to me.

Me: Mrs Naidoo

I bent a little and touched her feet.

She put her hands together.

Naidoo: Namaste

I did the same. She was wearing a beautiful blue and pink Saree.

Me: My name is Siba I looked at myself in the mirror and took a deep breath.

I went back to my table and asked Khethi to bring the first client. I waited in the passage as she made her way to me.

Me: Mrs Naidoo

I bent a little and touched her feet.

She put her hands together.

Naidoo: Namaste

I did the same. She was wearing a beautiful blue and pink Saree.

Me: My name is Siba I am Mr Marè's PA

She smiled.

Naidoo: I'm going to like you

I smiled.

Me: This way please

I ushered her to the office. Khethi briefed me a little about her apparently she's an old client of the firm.

Me: Mr Marè will be with you shortly in the meantime I'll get you a cup of Chai tea

Naidoo: Ohhh thank you Dear

I walked out. I bumped into John in the passage.

John: Siba

Me: Sir

John: Where is he?

Me: He went out with one of his Wh-

John: Whores?

I nodded.

Me: Mrs Naidoo is here

John: For how long has she been waiting?

Me: She just walked in I'm getting her a cup of Chai tea. Her file is already on the table

John: Impressive

Me: Can I get you your usual Earl Grey tea?

John: Yes please

I went to the Canteen feeling very victorious I got the tea and took it back to them.

John: Thank you very much Siba

Me: If you need anything else I'll be at my station

John: Thank you

I walked to the door.

Naidoo: Such a lovely young lady

John: That she is

That comment made me to smile like a retard I went back to my table and checked the other clients. I called Khethi for some more info on our clients.

Neo walked back in when his Father was seeing the third client. The door was closed. He passed me as usual then opened the door after seeing them he closed the door and looked at me.

Neo: You called my fucken Father?

Me: We had clients that needed to be attended too. Unfortunately the firm needs their money and I wasn't going let them consider other representatives

Neo: You are so fired!

I shrugged my Shoulders.

John walked out with the client.

Client: We should go golfing sometime

John: Very well.. Maybe this Sunday?

Client: Yes

The Client looked at me.

Client: You are such a humble young lady if only I was your age

I smiled and got up.

Me: Thank you

Client: John keep this one

John: She's going to here for a long time

Client: Neo you have big shoes to fill

Neo: I know and thank you Mr Davidson

Client: Enjoy your Day Gentlemen and Lady

He then walked out John looked at his Son.

Neo: Dad I..

John: Do you know how much you have messed up?

Neo: I just went out for a while

John: I don't care! Get your priorities straight these clients are our old clients! They bring us a lot of money. What's the point of having you around if I have to do everything?

Neo: I'm sorry

John: You have to thank this young lady if it wasn't for her your head would be on the chopping block

Neo kept quiet.

John: Should I stay for the last clients?

Neo: No I'll handle it

John: Siba thank you very much

Me: It was nothing Sir

John walked away.

Neo looked at me as if like he was ready to eat me alive.

Me: Look at that.. One for me and 0 for you!

He grabbed my arm roughly.

Neo: If you fucken do that again I'm going to fuck you up! I'm going to make your life a living hell!

I yanked my arm from his grip.

Me: I'd like to see that

Neo: You are so dead!

Me: And you are so screwed!

Chapter 13

After that intense talk with his father Neo stood by his word to seeing the remaining clients that we had. He allowed me to sit through the meeting with his first client for today.

This rich spoiled brat was actually good in this law thing. I was even surprised to learn that he actually went to school and obtained a law degree. I always thought that maybe he was taking over because it's his father's company but in actual fact he wasn't a stranger in this industry.

When the client walked out I looked at him while busy pulling my skirt down it gets shorter when I sit down.

Me: That was a good meeting

He ignored me.

Me: I never thought that you actually went to school for this you really did well. I'm proud!

He looked at me irritated but that irritation was wiped off his face when he saw me busy pulling my skirt down..

Neo: Pulling it down won't make it any longer

Me: Huh?

Neo: The skirt why did you wear it if you not comfortable with short things?

Me: There's no harm in trying out something new I will probably get used to it

The door flung open and some guy made his way in..

Neo: Razor!

Razor: You sly dog!

Neo: When did you come back?

Neo stood up.

Razor: 2 days ago

Neo: And you never called?

Razor: Just wanted to surprise my Dog

Neo: Well I am surprised

They fist bumped.

Neo: It's good to see you Man

Razor: Me too

I got up.

Me: I am going back to my station

Razor: Hi

Me: Hi

He extended his hand.

Razor: Razor

Me: Siba

Razor: He hasn't fucked you right?

Me: Sorry?

He shook my hand.

Razor: Well that's good news

I was confused by that comment.

I walked out and went to my station.

I spent the next 10min just surfing through the internet and waiting for my lunch break when the clock struck 13:00 exactly I got up and took my phone. Razor walked out of Neo's office..

Me: I'm going on my lunch break

Neo: See you at 14:00

Razor: Wait

I looked at him.

Razor: I was actually going to get something to eat myself

Me: Ohw

Neo: Becareful she doesn't know how to play nice

Razor: See you later man

Neo: Cool

Razor and I went to the Canteen since he was not a staff member he had to pay for the food.

Razor: So for how long have you started working here?

Me: Started today

Razor: How are you finding the environment?

Me: It's okay

Razor: You'll get used to it

Me: What is it that you do?

Razor: I'm actually working overseas

Me: That's nice.. Where?

Razor: The UK

Me: Very nice

Razor: But I'm thinking of coming back to SA

Me: When?

Razor: When I get a reason to come back

Me: Ohw I see

Razor: This will sound awkward but.. I'm having a party at my place this coming weekend I would like you to come

I looked at him.

Me: You want me to come?

Razor: Yes

Me: I don't think I'll fit in with your kind of People

Razor: Elaborate please

Me: Never mind

Razor: So are you going to come?

Me: I don't know I'll see

He is Neo's friend probably another rich and mean brat underneath. Maybe that's why they even friends.

He surprised me though for that 1 hour by not being a jerk I was waiting for him to say something that was going to turn me off but he didn't. He was well spoken

Sponsored

I was waiting for him to say something that was going to turn me off but he didn't. He was well spoken polite and very funny. His smile never left his face.

Razor: So ya.. That's why I'm single

Me: Girls cheat on guys like you?

Razor: Everyone can get cheated on there's nothing special about me

Me: I don't understand why people cheat if you no longer happy in your relationship why not let the person go

Razor: That's a very good point she should've just ended the relationship

Me: Maybe it's because you moved away she couldn't handle the long distance

Razor: I think so too

Me: I'm sorry

He smiled.

Razor: It's okay that happened 3 years ago

Me: You have been single ever since?

Razor: Yes.. I just keep myself with a lot of work. After the breakup I started getting lost in my work and fortunately when that opportunity came about I didn't decline it I moved and went to the UK. Had she not fucked up I probably would've chosen her than to accept my job offer

Me: Wow.. You were truly in love

Razor: I did love her with all my heart

Me: I can tell

Razor: Are you seeing anyone?

Me: No I'm not

Razor: What's the story?

Telling him about my Aunt being the reason why I never considered dating would be an embarrassment. My first relationship was back in high school but I never slept with him. Since I didn't wanna sleep with him he broke up with me after that I never was interested in relationships.

Me: He was a Jerk just a long boring story

Razor: I get you

I looked at the time.

Me: I have to go back to work

Razor: This was nice

Me: It was very nice

He bought me a vanilla ice cream topped with caramel then walked me back to my station. I was laughing out loud from the corridor all the way to my desk.

Razor: We should do this some other time maybe tomorrow I can visit you again during your lunch break

I nodded with a smile.

Me: I think I'd like that

He smiled too.

Razor: Well then enjoy the rest of your day

Me: You too

He walked away but then stopped he looked at me.

Razor: Would it be awkward if I asked for your number?

Me: Uhm.. I don't think so

He took out his phone and then I gave him my number.

Razor: I'll call you or text you

Me: Okay

Razor: Bye

Me: Bye

He walked away I walked back to my station with a smile on my face.

My phone rang I took it out and answered.

Me: Hello?

Razor: Just wanted to see if it's working

Me: You thought I would give you a wrong number after you bought me an ice cream

Razor: It's possible

Me: Are you happy that it's not a wrong number?

Razor: Very Happy

Me: Okay then I have to get back to work

Razor: Bye

Me: Bye

Chapter 14

We were forced to see our last client outdoors. We met up with him at a restaurant. The meeting didn't interest me so I was on whatsapp busy chatting with Razor throughout as Neo handled everything. When we were done the client left.

I was so caught up chatting that when I rose my head up Neo was looking at me.

Neo: Where is the Professionalism?

Me: The client seemed not to mind

Neo: Who are you even chatting too? You've been smiling like a retard

Me: Razor

Neo: Are you guys dating now?

Me: No.. He invited me to his house party

Neo: You don't come across as someone who goes out

Me: I don't.. It'll be my first time

He shook his head.

Me: What?

Neo: Nothing.. Let's go back to the office

We returned back to the office and I spent the afternoon settling the cases for tomorrow. Before I knew it it was time to knock off. I took my bag and went to Neo's office he was busy. I knocked.

Me: I'm going home

Neo: See you tomorrow morning

He said that without even looking at me. My first day wasn't a total nightmare I really enjoyed work. It'll be a good place to unwind and forget about the stress I go through at home.

I arrived at home at 19:00 my Aunt was around and Kat was watching TV.

Rose: How was work?

I sat down.

Me: Work was good

Rose: That's good to hear

I sat down.

Rose: Tomorrow I'm starting my night shift I want you guys to behave

Me: I'll be at work so...

It's nice when my Aunt has a night shift it's very peaceful around the house.

Me: I'll go and change

Rose: Your food is in the microwave

Me: Thank you

I went to my room to change when I received a call from Razor.

Razor: Just calling to make sure that you got home safe

Me: Thank you

Razor: What are you doing?

Me: I was just changing what are you doing?

Razor: I am at the gym

I laid back on my bed as we continued talking.

NEO

My phone rang it was my Mother.

Me: Ma

Ma: Are you still at work?

Me: Yes Ma

Ma: You knew we had dinner arrangements with Mahlodi and her family

Me: I won't be able to make it I have a lot of work to do

My Mother is trying to set me up with some girl named Mahlodi. Her family and my Family are good friends. She also has a law degree but working at a different firm. She's a very lovely girl but I'm not feeling her. My Mom being hard headed as she is she doesn't wanna hear it.

I won't lie and say my childhood was a nightmare. I grew up privileged I come from a very wealthy family. That wealth belongs to my father my Mother is just a spoiled irritating housewife. Ever since they got married she never worked a day in her life. I only have 1 brother he tragically passed on a few years ago. Gang related violence he died when his fiancé was still pregnant. He never met his Daughter Lethabo so I'm playing the Father role to her since they live at my house.

It took a great deal for Pat to recover from that Pain if it wasn't for their Daughter I think she would've long committed suicide. For that very reason if it wasn't for their Daughter I think she would've long committed suicide. For that very reason I'm a bit scared to fall in love. I mean fall very hard when that Person is gone. You are left to pick up the pieces of your broken sanity and put it back together all on your own. Don't get me wrong I've loved before but not to a point where I lost myself.

I looked at the chair where Siba was sitting I imagined her sitting there and taking down notes busy pulling her skirt down. I found myself laughing alone. The way she stood up to me the way she didn't take my nonsense. If it was one of those bimbos that I've hired before they would've been sucking my dick right now trying to please me into keeping their job. With Siba it was different she fought for her job without having to lower her standards to me.

SIBA

Kat was in a very bad mood.

Me: What's wrong with you?

Kat: Can you believe Sika's wife attacked me?

Me: What?

Kat: Like physically attacked me?

Me: That's brutal why?

Kat: She found out about me and Sika

She laughed.

Kat: She literally threatened me with a gun to leave him alone and Sika stood there without defending me

Me: It's his wife he's always going to defend her

My phone beeped Razor had sent me a picture of himself on whatsapp at the gym. His sweating well taken care of body made me smile a little.

I replied:

"Shuuuuuu too much sauce"

I looked at the picture again he was still online.

Kat snatched my phone from me.

Me: Hey!

Kat: My my my what do we have here?

Me: Give it back!

Kat: Wow who is he?

I took my phone back.

Me: It's no one

She looked at me.

Me: It's just a friend

Kat: A friend that hot?

Me: I met him at work he's Neo's friend

Kat: Already!

Me: We just good friends nothing more plus he invited me to his house party this weekend

Kat: We are so going!

She took my phone again and looked at him.

Kat: This guy really had an interest in you?

Me: I believe so

Kat: Honestly speaking he just wants to fuck you that's all

Me: Here we go

Kat: No offence Cuz but why would a guy like that fall for a girl like you? It doesn't make sense. Think about it

I thought about it for a moment.

Kat: Good going though at least you won't lose your virginity to some scumbag

Her comment really had a tick on my self esteem. Why wouldn't a guy like him go for a girl like me? What's wrong with me?

His message interrupted me.

Razor: "Thank you a lot sweets"

I looked at Kat she was back to watching TV.

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Chapter 15

Work became a place where I escaped everything that was happening at home. Even so I must admit that things at home were starting to be very peaceful. Peaceful in such a way that one would never believe that I've been through hell and back. If there was ever a time where I truly believed without a shadow of doubt that God exists it would be now. He changed my

situation around he blessed me so much as if like I've never been through any tribles and tribulations.

Things were looking up at work there was peace between Neo and I. We weren't friends but we were very civil with each other. Yes he still has an attitude but it doesn't bother me that much anymore I'm slowly getting used to him..

It was a Friday afternoon and I couldn't wait for tomorrow. It would be my first time attending a party. My Aunt even approved Kat was going to come with me..

Neo: Before I forget tomorrow night we attending dinner

Me: Dinner?

Neo: My client invited me over for dinner tomorrow night

Me: Tomorrow night I can't I'm attending Razor's party

Neo: The party can wait this is important

Me: Isn't it between you and the client?

Neo: He's a new client I want you to learn a bit about him

Me: I see what's the case about?

Neo: He was accused of murdering his side piece

Me: That's big will you be able to handle it?

Neo: It's easy because he's guilty

Me: Wait.. You going to defend a guilty person? Doesn't he have to pay for his crime?

Neo: He will we just going to make sure that he doesn't get a harsh sentence

Me: Wait I don't get this.. Why would you defend a Person that killed another human being? Don't you have morals?

He put his pen down..

Neo: There are no Morals when it comes to the law if the client pays then we get the job done. In this line of work you leave your morals at the door

Me: I'm not comfortable with this

Neo: I don't care this is your job. You signed up for it if you don't wanna work here anymore just say it

I looked at the time..

Me: I have to go to lunch

Neo: See you after lunch

I got up and left his office.

On my way to the canteen I bumped into Razor at the corridor. He pulled me closer and kissed me. I don't know what happened but things between us were progressing. He is

always here either bringing me breakfast or taking me out for lunch.

Razor: How is my beautiful lady doing today?

I put my hands on his chest.

Razor: I know that look what happened?

Me: Neo and I we attending some dinner tomorrow night a client invited us

Razor: So that means you won't be at the party?

I nodded..

Me: I don't even know why Neo is tagging me along I'm not comfortable with the case

Razor: Why? What's wrong?

Me: Some guy murdered his side chick and he's guilty. We have to make sure that he doesn't get a harsh sentence

Razor: Welcome to Law Baby

He squeezed my cheek..

Razor: I'm just disappointed that you won't attend my party

Me: I'm sorry about that

Razor: It's not your fault

He kissed me on my forehead..

Razor: Let me talk to Neo about something I'll meet you at the canteen

Me: Okay

I walked away..

NEO

Razor knocked at my door.

Me: Come in

He closed the door and made his way to me.

Razor: Wtf?

Me: What?

Razor: You knew that Siba and I had plans for tomorrow

Me: She's my assistant I need her there

He hit the table..

Razor: Bullshit!

I looked at him..

Razor: What is this really about?

Me: Siba is a very wonderful woman she's not like the girls that we play

Razor: Who said I'm going to play her?

Me: You my best friend isn't that what we do?

Razor: Why do you care anyway? You've never cared about any girl that I've been with

Me: Because they not like her

Razor: Look I dig this girl tops! I'm not going to play her this is real

Me: Then I'm sorry Man but work comes first

Razor: You doing this on purpose aren't you?

He looked at me..

Razor: I'll be damned!! You have hearts for the hun? Why now? What's with the sudden interest? You didn't care about her when she first got here! You were ready to squat her!

Me: Siba is my assistant I want her focused all the time. I don't want any breakup tears and moods it will affect her job and she's really good at it

He shook his head..

Razor: We both coloureds so you know that if you fuck up it's not going to end well

Me: I don't know what you talking about

Razor: Leave my girl alone! ek waarsku jou bro!

With that warning he walked out of my office..

SIBA

I got myself a glass of juice in the meantime as I was waiting for Razor. Thabo made his way to me he is one of the junior partners at this firm..

Him: Good afternoon

Me: Afternoon

Him: How are you?

Me: I'm well and you?

Him: I'm good.. Sorry to bother you but I've been seeing you around here everyday. Heard you Neo's assistant

Me: That I am

Him: My name is Thabo

Me: I know you

Him: Hmmm so you did your homework

Me: Kinda

Him: I'm impressed

Me: Thank you

Him: Can I join you for lunch?

Me: I am actually waiting for someone

Him: That's sad for me

Me: Yeah.. Sorry

Him: It's okay

Razor walked in and made his way to us..

He tapped Thabo on his shoulder.

Razor: Kick rocks

Thabo: Pardon?

Razor: She's with me

Thabo looked at me..

Thabo: It was nice meeting you Siba

Me: Was nice meeting you too

He left...

Razor sat down..

Me: Are you okay?

Razor: I'm good

Me: you not going to get something?

Razor: No I'm good

I could see that he wasn't okay he seemed upset. He held my hand..

Razor: I am really into you I think I'm falling for you. I know it's way too soon but.. I am really into you

I smiled..

Me: The feeling is mutual I guess

He kissed my hand..

Razor: I really want you to stay true to me no matter what!

Me: You don't even have to ask

He smiled..

Him: Glad we on the same page

He looked around..

Neo walked in he looked at us..

Razor: How about we go and eat out today?

Me: I don't mind at all

We both got up and walked out with Neo looking at us..

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CHAPTER 16

SIBA

Kat was highly disappointed to hear that tomorrow we won't be attending the party anymore. I don't wanna lie Neo irritated me a lot with that. I don't know why I have to be there tomorrow night it's not like I will be the one asking the client questions..

Kat: I thought I was going to get me someone rich guy to fool around with at the party tomorrow

Me: I know I'm sorry

Kat: How is the meeting with the client important to you?

Me: I really don't know

(Silence)

Kat: Things between you and your boyfriend seem to be getting serious

Me: We are getting there

Kat: Maybe I was wrong about him you guys seem to be hitting it off pretty well

Me: He's a good guy I don't wanna lie

I let a moment pass by..

Me: How are things between you and Sika?

She shook her head.

Kat: With his crazy wife I'm scared. She might just shoot me

Me: That's very serious Cuz stay away from him

Kat: I will

NEO

I was working late on some case when Gestapo's call came through..

Me: Ges..

Ges: My Laaite

Me: Hoe gaan dit? (how are you)

Ges: Ek is goed (I'm good)

Me: How are you able to call so late? Prison privileges?

Ges: You know how I partially run things here

Me: For a moment there I forgot

Ges: Luister (Listen).. I'm having some merchandise delivered sometime next week

Me: What Merchandise?

Ges: Kalashnikov

I sighed..

Me: You can't do that

Ges: Yes I can and you going to help me with it make sure it gets to my client safely without any interruptions

Me: You getting out soon do you really want to do this?

Ges: Just make sure my package gets delivered smoothly

He hung up.

Gestapo is a gangster The leader of a gang that my Brother was involved in. It was founded that my Brother owed him a lot and here I am paying for my Brother's debts. If it wasn't for him those bastards wouldn't have only killed my brother they would've killed us too me and my family. Gestapo made sure that doesn't happen unfortunately at home no one knows about this except for me. It's best they don't know anything the less they know then they won't find themselves in danger.

SIBA

Since my Aunt was doing night shift Sis'Phindi stopped by to see how I was doing

Phindi: It's been a while

Me: Yes.. I'm sorry that I haven't been able to get back at you

Phindi: Don't worry yourself

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I know how it is

I sat down..

Phindi: So you found a job?

Me: Yeap.. The Marè Attorneys

Phindi: Look at God! I am so proud of you

Me: It's truly God's grace

Phindi: What did Rose say?

Me: You know how she is her attitude changed completely

Phindi: Expected

Me: I'm just waiting to get paid so I can start saving and move out

Phindi: I think that's good you need your own space

Me: Yes I need a breather from this house

She checked her phone..

Phindi: My Son said he will come and get me don't know where he is let me call him

Me: Okay

She called him..

NEO

After the call he sent me a text with the necessary details of when and where the merchandise is going to be delivered. I looked at the text and heard a knock at the door it was Mahlodi. She made her way in.

Her: Good evening

Me: Evening

Her heels made noise as she walked in..

Her: Heard you working late thought I should bring you some dinner

She put the food on the table..

Me: Thank you

She sat down..

Me: What is it?

Her: Mutton stew butternut creamy spinach and mashed potatoes

Me: Sounds delicious

She took everything out..

Me: Thank you

Her: Don't mention it

We started eating..

Her: Heard tomorrow you going to some dinner tomorrow night new big client

Me: That is correct

Her: Who is your plus 1?

Me: I'm taking my assistant with

Her: Assistant?

Me: I would've asked you but you work for the competition

She chuckled..

Her: I understand so long nothing happens with the Assistant

Me: Even if something could happen it's not like you and I we in a relationship or something

She frowned..

Me: Only our Parents are pushing this thing no make that my mother is pushing this thing

Her: Is there someone that you currently seeing?

Me: I'm not seeing anyone

Her: So why can't we just try something?

Me: Because I don't want you getting hurt along the way if it happens that I find someone and you have already caught feelings

She nodded..

Her: I understand

Me: I'm sorry

Her: No it's okay.. I understand don't apologize

She looked around..

Her: Your office looks different

Me: My assistant re-arranged everything. At first I was mad but now..

I looked around..

Me: I like it there's more space and everything is where it's supposed to be

Her: You talk a lot about your assistant you two are hitting it off on the side?

I chuckled..

Me: Siba is not like that she would never

Her: Siba.. What a beautiful name

Me: It actually is

We continued eating..

Me: Thank you for the dinner

Her: Don't even mention it

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CHAPTER 17

SIBA

Saturday morning Razor surprised me by fetching me at home so that he could take me to the salon and have my hair done for tonight's dinner invitation. I was surprised that he also

wanted to buy me an outfit for tonight not that I'm complaining though. Plus I didn't have any money to buy anything I had initially planned to wear an outfit from my cousin's wardrobe.. When he asked me for directions on whatsapp last night I didn't think that he was actually going to come. I thought he was just fooling with me but he actually came through.

I was scared of how my Aunt was going to react and Razor didn't wanna meet me somewhere. He actually wanted to come in and get me from home he forced and I couldn't say no.. We were all in the kitchen when I opened the door for him my heart was on my sleeve. He walked in and hugged me such a bold move from him to do that in front of my Aunt..

Him: How are you?

Me: I'm well thank you and how are you?

Him: I'm good too

He looked at my Aunt and Kat.

Me: This is my Aunt Rose and my Cousin Kat

He started with my Aunt and gave her a handshake then went to my cousin.

Rose: Your real name is Razor?

Him: No Mam' my name is Adrian

Rose: Ohw

Kat: You very handsome

Him: Thank you

He looked at my Aunt.

Him: Thank you for borrowing me your beautiful Niece for the day

Rose: Are you the one going out with her tonight?

Me: No I'm going to a work dinner meeting

Rose: What is it that you do?

Him: I have a business in the UK

Rose: You stay there?

Him: Yes Mam'

Rose: How is it going to work between you and Siba? I'm sure you not expecting her to move down to the UK

Him: That's not my intention. I can come back so long he gives me a reason to come back

Kat: Wow..

Rose: Well she doesn't come for free don't think that you will impregnate her without paying lobola first

Him: I'd never do that

Me: We can go

Him: It was lovely meeting both of you ladies

Kat: You too

I opened the door and we walked out.

Me: I'm sorry about my family

Him: They care about you I understand

Deep inside of me I laughed. We got to his car his charcoal BMW GT. He opened the door for me and I made my way in.

People from here really love gossip already neighbours were gathered at their gates checking everything out. Wondering how the innocent Siba went and got herself a boyfriend.

Him: I don't remember getting a Kiss from you

I leaned over and kissed him.

Him: That's more like it!

He started the car..

MAHLODI

I was out having breakfast with Neo's mother Lorraine..

Her: How are things between you and Neo?

Me: Neo has his eyes set on someone else

Her: Who might that be?

Me: His new assistant Siba

Her: Ohw it will blow over. It's nothing new Neo has had endless affairs with his PAs affairs that went nowhere

Me: This one seems different

She looked at me.

Me: I think he is falling for her

She laughed.

Her: That's absurd! Neo knows very well that a girl who is below our standards is not welcomed into our family there's no future for a PA in our family

Me: Well your Son doesn't think so

Her: Mahlodi you are educated. You have a degree you can't be intimidated by a nobody. What's a PA to an attorney? This is a fling that's going to die very soon plus those PAs he just hires them for fun. They beautiful without brains. You have nothing to worry about you will be the only Mrs Mare. I'll make sure of it

I nodded.

SIBA

Never did I imagine that one day I'll be walking in a mall with a boyfriend

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you will be the only Mrs Mare. I'll make sure of it
I nodded.

SIBA

Never did I imagine that one day I'll be walking in a mall with a boyfriend a very worthy boyfriend for that matter. I'm glad that

my patience when it came to dating paid off though a lot of girls dissed me but who has the last laugh now?

We walked into some boutique holding hands I wasn't sure about this because it looks like this place has expensive clothes.

Some woman walked up to us..

Her: Good morning

We greeted her back.

Her: May I help you with anything today?

Me: I'm looking for a dress

Her: What's the occasion?

Me: Just some work dinner

Her: Then you came to the right place

We followed her..

Her: These are our short dresses since it's not a big occasion like a wedding or something of that nature. I would advise you to settle for a dress that you won't wear just only for tonight

Me: I understand

Her: How about this one?

She pulled out a red short dress it wasn't that short though..

Her: Let's see how it will look on you

She handed it to me I looked at Razor. He nodded.

Her: Fitting rooms are this side

I walked to the fitting room. The first thing I checked was the price tag it was R4500. That's very expensive for someone like

me I fitted it anyway. It was a good fit I liked the side split. It hugged my body perfectly I looked at myself in the mirror for a couple of seconds. It was sleeves at least the weather is still welcoming even at night...

I walked out so that they could see the dress.

Razor: Wow

Assistant: Beautiful we just need to throw in a belt and some matching heels. What size are you?

Me: A 5

Her: I'll be right back

I looked at Razor..

Me: It's expensive

Him: How much?

Me: R4500

Him: Not bad

Me: With the shoes and a bag it's going to be very pricey

He walked up to me and held my hands.

Him: I've got this don't worry

He kissed me on the cheek.

The assistant came back with the heels.

Her: Here try these on

I sat down. Razor took the heels and crouched down he helped put them on. They were very high I hope I won't fall.

NEO

Pat and I took Lethabo to the Zoo this morning before my dinner tonight.

Me: How are you holding up?

Pat: I'm holding up well even though there are those days you know when I feel somehow

Me: Therapy still working?

Pat: It's coming alright and the medication is coming alright too

Lethabo: Mommy look!

Pat: Excuse me

She walked up to her. I got my phone out and went on Instagram the first thing that I landed on was a picture of Siba in a beautiful dress and heels. It was uploaded by Razor. I looked at it for a while she looked beautiful no lie. I liked it..

Lethabo: Uncle Neo look!

I put my phone back in my pocket and made my way to them..

SIBA

He bought me the dress shoes and a clutch bag. When we were done at the boutique he took me to a hair salon..

Me: Thank you so much for the outfit

Him: You deserve it

We walked into the salon and went to the reception since he didn't wanna wait for he paid upfront then kissed me and went out about his business. Said he will come and pick me up later when I'm done.. I gave him the outfit to put in his car before I lose it.

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SIBA

I had a great day with Razor at the mall.

When everything was done he drove me back home so I could prepare for the evening dinner. I didn't go home empty handed we bought a few groceries and my Aunt was very impressed. Why wouldn't she be though? This woman can sell me off to the next rich man and not worry even if I'm abused. So long money comes in from the guy...

Neo fetched me exactly at 18:00. Kat was the one who opened the door for him. Neo is always on point I haven't seen him in any clothing that doesn't look good on him.

He was holding a single rose.

Neo: This is for you

Me: Thank you

Neo: Just a token of appreciation for agreeing to be my companion tonight

Me: You shouldn't have it's a work related dinner

He shrugged his shoulders..

Neo: Are you ready to go?

Me: Yes I am

Kat: Please before you go may I take a picture with you?

Neo looked at her..

Kat: I'm sorry if it's out of order but I follow you on Instagram and I would really like a picture with you

Me: Kat!

Kat: What?

Neo: It's fine we can take a picture

Kat gave me her phone and they stood next to each other. His arm around her waist and her head on his chest..

Me: I took it

Kat: Thank you very much

She got her phone from me..

Kat: Would you guys like a picture together?

Me: No.. It's inappropriate

Kat: You guys are dressed nice the picture would be very beautiful

Neo looked at his wrist watch shaking his head..

Me: I'll see you later

I made my way to the door..

Kat: Ohw Neo please follow me back on Instagram

Neo: Should I perhaps send you an Ewallet whilst we at it too?

That was unexpected Kat remained quiet.

We walked out and went to his car..

Me: Sorry about my cousin she can be annoying at times

Neo: Yeah whatever

He opened the door for me his mood was a bit off tonight. I know he's rude and all that but tonight he was on another level.

We drove to the client's house without saying a word to each other only the music was playing..

"Yeah roll another one cause I'm winning

In my four door looking real photogenic

Gentleman attire in threads that won't expire

I'm in a class of my own my teacher got fired

Money getting long pussy rate keep rising

Versace outfit cost me 3000

From the P houses did it from the wee hours

Selling that chicken no lemon pepper no sweet and sour"

I kept myself busy on social media to push time until Razor's call came through..

Me: Love

Neo chuckled..

Razor: Did he show up?

Me: Yes we on our way has the party started?

Razor: Not yet Babe wish you were here

I smiled..

Me: Wish I was there too

Neo increased the volume a bit. I lowered the phone and looked at him.

Me: Do you mind?

Neo: It's my car

I decreased the volume he increased it again

Neo: Do you wanna walk all the way?

I put my phone next to my ear again.

Me: Love we almost there I'll call you later

Razor: What is he doing?

Me: Nothing.. I'll call you later

Razor: I love you

Me: I love you too

I hung up. I didn't say anything to him because I'm sure he was expecting an altercation with me. I let him be..

We drove into this big beautiful house security opened the gate for us after Neo had showed them our invitation. He drove and parked next to the other cars. I opened the door and got out I waited for him outside. He got out and locked the car he made his way to me and put his arm around my waist pulling me closer to him.

Neo: Next time wait for me to open the door for you Razor doesn't do that for you? He's not that gentleman enough?

He removed his arm and put my hand under his arm and we walked to the house.

RAZOR

I put my phone away and laid back on the bed as she got ontop of me..

Her: This is awkward? We about to have sex after you have just said "I love you" to your girlfriend?

Me: We just having sex it's not like we going to get married later

She put both her hands on my chest..

Her: I hear you

Me: Show me a good time

She slid down and removed my briefs. She rubbed my cock until I was hard then she took it in. I pushed her hair back.

SIBA

After the door was opened for us we were ushered to the main dining area. It wasn't a lot of guests present. We waited until some white gentleman made his way to us. He looked like he was in his late 50s.

Him: Neo

Neo: Mr Mahome

Mahome: Thank you for honouring my invite

They exchanged a handshake..

Neo: Thank you for inviting me

He turned to me..

Mahome: Who is this lovely lady?

Neo: This is my assistant Siba

He gave me a hug and kissed me on my cheek..

Mahome: You look beautiful my Dear

Me: Thank you

Neo: This our client that we supposed to seal our contract with tonight

Mahome: Please come I'll introduce you to my wife and the rest of the guests

We followed him..

RAZOR

I squeezed her breasts tight as she went up and down on me screaming..

I always hit it with a glove I'm not about to get no whore pregnant. I turned her and laid her on the bed. I got ontop of her she wrapped her legs around me. With her hands wrapped around my neck as I slid in. She closed her eyes and bit her lower lip.

I took her hands and pinned them against the bed as we continued. She looked at me as I looked at her busy pumping in and out slowly until I started increasing my pace.

She gave me that moan that I've only heard from pornstars. What did I expect? She's skilled in this. She's a call girl. At a party it's very important to have a call girl hit it with her the whole night especially when the alcohol gets to you.

SIBA

I glanced down at my plate sea food. This was an embarrassment for me. I took small bites to not seem rude.. Mahone's wife was the one leading the conversation. Talking about her traveling all over the world. A certified rich housewife with a big rock on her finger. Looking at her she had a boob job done. Her nose and lips done. I'm sure it's her way of trying to keep her "youth". Even with all the work done you could tell that she was old. The wrinkles on her face and her wrinkled hands.. I could never fit in here a bunch of spoiled rich housewives!

Neo fixed my napkin on my things..

Neo: Are you okay?

I looked at him..

Me: I'm fine

Can't Razor save me with a call or something?

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SIBA

When we were done eating our entrée Neo and Mahone excused themselves to go and talk. Since I wasn't feeling those women I took my dessert and went to sit outside and ate it there. I didn't care what they were going to say nor think of me. The truth is that I didn't belong and I wasn't going to force the situation. It was a bit cold outside I really thought it was going to be warm it has been warm these few past nights. I tried video calling Razor to see how it was going with the party but he didn't pick up so I left him.

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Me: Why? I mean you were so adamant to sign him not so long ago

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He looked at me..

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I didn't know what to say.

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We both stood up and went to the car..

RAZOR

The party was starting to get very lit everyone who needed to be here was here. We couldn't play music too loud because of my neighbours but I'm sure they will start with complaints because of the noise that people were making whilst drunk. Screaming and all that walking loudly at the back of the the backyard..

I rolled the R100 note and sniffed the cocaine with it. Rosetta took it from me and did her part too..

Rosetta: This feels good

I do cocaine every now and then it's a habit that I have failed to let go off. Thank Goodness for me I don't work for anyone I am my own Boss. I can do my cocaine in my office at any time of the day.. That's the beauty of it all..

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Neo: Open the gate for me

Me: Cool

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I took a glass and drank water as Neo walked in..

Neo: Damn! It was indeed a party!

Me: It was Lekker

I turned and looked at him..

Me: How was the dinner date?

Neo: It was good

Me: How is my lady?

Neo: Sy is goed (she's good)

Me: Wat het gebeur? (What happened)

Neo: Niks (Nothing)

Me: ek hoop so (I hope so)

Neo: How was the party?

One of the ladies walked in the room wearing one of my shirts..

Her: Wee were waiting for you t-

She paused when she saw Neo.

Her: Hi

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Me: Hey

I looked at her..

Me: Go back to the bedroom I'll be there

Neo shook his belief..

Neo You'll never chest

With that being said he walked to the door

SIBA

We were preparing for church. I was still feeling down that he hasn't called or texted

Rose: Siba

Me: Auntie?

Rose: I want us to discuss something before we go to church

Me: Okay.. What is it?

Rose: Remember it was my money that erected that tombstone so now that you working. I don't it's only fair since you working. The charged me for it R8000 so I would like it SIBA

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They charged me R8000 for it so I would like it back. You will choose if you want to pay me in installment or cash upfront

I can't believe this woman right now!..

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SIBA

Days passed and I was thinking about what my Aunt said. I am grateful for what she did for my Mother but there's no way I'm going to let her use me like that. If I give her the money she's going to come back for more and more until she eventually sucks me dry.

What I did following up on my first pay was to secretly get myself a new place in town.

Closer to the firm. It was a bachelor's flat. R3200 a month It's a bit expensive but way better than staying in a toxic environment.

Yes she did curse me when I went to fetch my clothes that was highly expected of her. That's the person she is and unfortunately I can't do anything about it...

Neo: I need that file

I got it and handed it to him

Neo: Thank you

Neo: Are you okay?

Me: I'm fine

Neo: How are things between you and Razor?

Me: We are okay

Neo: I'm glad to hear that

We weren't really okay but I'm not about to put my business out there.

He walked away and went to his office. I took my phone and went to Instagram. Razor had uploaded a picture of the party I went to a few comments and clicked on a few people who seemed to have been at the party judging from their comments. Some had posted pictures of the party and I was shocked when two or three pictures of Ray surfaced with some girl. On the others they looked cozy there was one picture where he was kissing the girl. I took a screenshot and sent it to him then I typed:

"Great party I see"

He read but didn't reply..

I kept myself busy with work to avoid overthinking about my Aunt and Razor Razor was indeed too good to be true. I'm not too shocked about this..

The door to Neo's office flung open as we were in a meeting. Just him and me though no client. Razor walked in followed by Khethi

He looked at me..

Razor: I need to talk to you

Khethi: I tried stopping him Neo

Neo: It's okay

Khethi: Should I call security?

Neo: No it's okay thank you

Khethi walked out..

Razor: I need to talk to you

Me: There's nothing to talk about

Razor: There is something to talk about

Me: I have nothing to say all I'm going to say is that we might be done

Razor: So you were looking for a reason to dump me?

Me: Why look when the reason just fell on me from the sky? I thank the heavens

He walked over without saying anything then he grabbed my arm and made me stand up.

Razor: I'm not having that

Me: Let go of me

He shook me..

Razor: I said we need to talk!

Neo: She said she doesn't wanna talk to you! Razor: Bly hiervan Neo! (stay out of this)

Neo: I don't think so... This is my office and you harassing my Employee

Razor: You enjoying this aren't you?

Neo: Why should I enjoy you manhandling a woman?

Me: Tell me something did you sleep with her?

Razor looked at me for a while..

Razor: It wasn't serious it just what happens in Parties. Just having fun!

Me: Well if I was at that party and slept with someone

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Me: Well if I was at that party and slept with someone were you going to like it?

Razor: This is not about you is it?

Neo: Razor leave

Neo: I said stay out of this!

Neo picked up the phone and dialed Khethi..

Neo: We might need that security after all

Razor let go of me..

Razor: We not done

He clicked his tongue and walked out...

Neo: Are you okay?

I sat down again..

Me: I'm fine

Neo: Not the reaction I expected

Me: Yelling and crying what is it going to change? It's not like it will undo the deed

He smiled a little..

Neo: That's very true

I looked at the time..

Me: It's my lunch break I have to go and get something to eat

Neo: Yes of course.. See you later

I ate lunch alone when Kat's call came through..

Me: Hey

Kat: Hey

(silence)

Kat: Are you alright?

Me: I'm okay

Kat: Don't ever think what you did was wrong If I was in the
your shoes I would've long left

I chuckled..

Me: It was about time

Kat: I'm sorry for everything my Mother put you through

Me: It's okay.. It's not your fault

Kat: So how is your new place?

Me: You should come by this weekend and visit

Kat: I'd like that very much

Me: Yeah.. See you Friday then

Kat: Okay Cuz

Me: Bye

Kat: Bye

After my lunch I went back to work Neo was swamped..

Me: I thought you would've long left for lunch

Neo: I'm still a bit busy

Me: Lunch is important

Neo: Thank you I'll consider that next time

We looked at each other and laughed..

Me: I'll go get you something what would you like?

Neo: Anything just surprise me

I went to the canteen and got him some juice and a sandwich.
Then I took it back to him.

Neo: Thank you

Me: If you need me just shout

Neo: I'll do so

I walked out and went to my station..

NEO

What Siba earlier on made me speechless. A woman who knows what she wants and doesn't second guess when it comes to her dignity. Mostly a woman would just lose it after finding out that she got cheated on but she handled it well she knows her worth.

None of the women I've been with ever did that they just cry for that second and then come back to you. With a Person like Razor I expected her to cry and cry but she didn't. Didn't care about him his status and money. She dumped him on the spot and didn't care.

I looked at her through the glass she was reading something. Fully focused on whatever it was she doing. She would occasionally tuck her hair back when it got in the way I was really impressed with her today..

RAZOR

After doing that coke I looked at myself in the mirror. No girl has ever dumped me before who does she think she is? Girls I've been with would only throw a tantrum then collect themselves after a few minutes..

She dumped me! Didn't even care about my explanation. I punched the mirror several times until my hand started bleeding.

Chapter 21

SIBA

When I knocked off later on I passed by at some fast food joint to get me something to eat since I didn't feel like cooking. Well to be honest I don't have much to go on with around the flat. I haven't bought everything that I needed just a bed and a few basics that were going to help me. Everything else I was just going to have to purchase month end. Even with that it won't be much that I'm going to get.

Honestly speaking I'm not bothered much by not having everything that I need. I'm just happy to have my own place an environment that is peaceful. I even sleep better at night.

This step I have taken it's beyond me. If I lose my job I don't what I'm going to do because there's no way my Aunt is going to take me back not after what transpired between us that day when I moved out.

I bathe and then ate whilst reading a few online novels to keep me entertained until I eventually fall asleep. I was disturbed by a knock at the door. That's strange usually when you have a visitor security will call you to come downstairs and sign in your visitor. Especially if that visitor shows up announced

I heard the knock again and I started to get a bit scared. Could it be management? It's late for management to be knocking at our doors

Is it an emergency of some sort?

I tied my night gown as I made my way to the door..

Me: Who is it?

Voice: It's Razor

What is he doing here so late? Why didn't he call? How did they allow him in?

Me: What do you want?

Razor: I wanna talk to you

For the mere fact that he didn't call nor text it proved that he didn't come here for a sincere talk..

Me: I don't wanna talk to you

Razor: Open the door!

I kept quiet..

He banged on the door..

Razor: Open the fucken door or else I'm going to get security to open it for me with the spare key that they have

I slowly walked up to the door and turned my key to prevent someone from the other end to force their key in. I quickly went to my bed and got my phone as they tried to open.

Neo's phone call came through right when I was about to call the Police..

Me: Hello

Neo: Hey I'm still at the office and I wanted to ask where you put thar document

The banging at the door took all my attention

Neo: You still there?

Me: Razor is trying to break into my flat

Neo: What?

Me: I was about to call the police

Neo: Text me the name of the flats then call the police I'll come too

Me: Okay

I hung up and texted him then I called the Police..

It was so disappointing at how lightly the police was taking this matter they gave me a lot of shit before eventually agreeing to send out a van. Meanwhile I was checking the door hoping that they don't come in..

It suddenly went quiet for a couple of minutes until I the phone rang. Security alerted me about Neo and I asked them if they can bring him up..

I heard a knock at the door.

Neo: Siba it's Me

I exhaled and went to open indeed it was Neo with one of the security guards. They made their way in..

Neo: Are you okay?

I nodded..

The security guard looked at me..

Guard: Apparently someone was knocking at your door?

I nodded..

Me: How was he able to be let in without me signing him in?

Guard: Did you see who the security guard was?

Me: I never opened the door

Neo: How can that happen?

Guard: Cleary there's some corruption that's going on

Neo: At the expense of your tenants?

Guard: I will look into it

Neo: You better or else I'm going to shut this whole building down

His walkie talkie went off alerting him that there's police at the gate..

Guard: Copy that

He looked at us..

Guard: I'll bring them up

He walked out.

I can't believe Razor would actually resort to something so messed up. Yes he's crazy but this is I never imagined from him it's very insane..

Neo: He didn't say what he wanted?

Me: I never let him in nor held a lengthy conversation with him I was just scared that if he broke in. He was going to hurt me

Neo: It's okay

Now the fear of what happened started to kick in tears streamed down..

Neo: Come here

He pulled me closer to him and hugged me.

Neo: You did good by not opening I will talk to him

Me: I'd appreciate that very much

We broke the hug..

Neo: I'll get to the bottom of this and also see which security guard was bribed this is ridiculous! With the rate of women being brutally killed in this country the security from here just allows everyone to walk in without the proper procedure. That's very unacceptable and dangerous

The Police came through it was a female and a male..

They did nothing much but just take my statement and then told me that they were going to follow up on the matter. They seemed uninterested from when they walked into the door even when they were asking questions you could just tell that this whole situation was boring them. They probably thought I wasted their time or something.

Especially since the situation involved an ex they thought he was just being a jealous ex boyfriend and Neo being here didn't help my situation. With how they looked at me they thought I was dating Neo and probably that's what ticked my ex off. A love triangle situation what a disappointment from law enforcement..

Neo: Maybe I should stay here for the night just so that you can feel safe. Quite frankly I don't trust these security guards

Me: I appreciate that but you really don't have to stay

Neo: I want too it'll make me feel better to know that you safe.
It's very hard finding a good PA these days

I chuckled..

Me: I only have one bed and I don't have a couch

Neo: We will improvise

Yes I was scared of sleeping alone in my flat after what happened I was scared that Razor was going to come back and break in with the security guard that he bribed.

Neo humbled himself and took the floor at least I bought two duvets. They were on special. He folded it up a bit and put it down then he laid down and I gave him a pillow.

Me: You comfortable?

Neo: At least your flat is warm so

He only had his pants and shoes off. He was to sleep with his shirt and briefs on..

Me: You still didn't have to do this

Neo: I wanted too

(Silence)

Neo: Why the fuck did you decide to date Razor?

I chuckled..

Me: He seemed sane

Neo: I didn't want to say anything didn't want to be seen as the jealous type

Me: Well we learn the hard way

He got up from the floor.

Neo: I'm going to take a piss I'm coming

Me: Okay

It was very awkward seeing him that exposed with the tightness of his briefs they weren't shy to portray his manhood

NEO

I have never been in the presence of a woman that was not related to me and we share the same room without me fucking her. Now things are a bit crazy for me since it's been long without getting some..

Siba wasn't making it easy for me especially when she took off her night gown to be left with her silk night dress. She wasn't

wearing a bra and those small boobs with her pointy nipples just messed me up. It got a bit harder as she laid in bed with her thighs partially exposed. Razor once hinted that she was a virgin what I would give to actually be the one to take that innocence from her not forcefully though. Thinking about me being inside of her with my hard dick struggling to go in and her feeling all of me made hard.

So much that I had to turn on the tap in the shower and make it as if like I was taking a shower just to masturbate whilst sitting on the toilet seat.

SIBA

In the morning Neo woke up very early to go home and prepare for work he told me that he was going to send a driver to come and fetch me so that I get to work safe. I still don't understand why Razor is angry I'm the one who is supposed to be angry he cheated on me. I'm glad that even though I don't know much about Relationships but I do know a bit about Men judging from Kat's previous relationships..

Indeed the driver showed up and drove me to work I arrived safely..

Neo: Good morning

Me: Good morning

Neo: I see you arrived safe

Me: Yes I did and thank you

Neo: No problem

Me: I'll get you coffee

Neo: Would you like to go out for dinner tonight?

I looked at him..

Me: Are you asking me out on a date when I have just broken up with your best friend?

Neo: Possibly

Me: Well I do like to eat

Neo: Is that a "Yes"

Me: It's a "I'm thinking about it"

He smiled and shook his head.

Neo: Go get my coffee

I went to get him coffee bumping into Khethi in the corridor..

Khethi: Siba

Me: Yes?

Khethi: Delivery

Me: For Neo?

Khethi: For you flower girl

I took the flowers..

Me: Ohw thank you

Khethi: So they from who?

I took the card and read..

"I hope this will be motivation enough for you to say Yes to the dinner"

I smiled..

Khethi: So?

Me: No one important

Khethi: I left my desk for this

Me: Goodbye Khethi

I went to get him his coffee and then walked back to give it to him..

Neo: Thank you

Me: How did you know that I was going to say Yes

Neo: I had a feeling

Me: Well I will go out with you to dinner only because I don't feel like cooking tonight

Neo: Perfect

Work resumed as usual that morning until my lunch break when I had an unexpected visitor. It was Kat..

Me: Ohh my word what are you doing here?

Kat: I've come to see you

Me: This is a very nice surprise

Kat: This place is beautiful

Me: Too much

We walked to the canteen to get food..

Kat: How have you been?

Me: I've been good what about you?

Kat: I've been good too

Me: How is Rose?

Kat: You know how she is she doesn't wanna see you again

Me: What she did was not fair

Kat: What can we say though I'm just glad you doing well for yourself

Me: Me too

She stayed for the whole entire hour when it was time to go back to work she left. I gave her R300 Kat has always been good to me and also helping me financially at times. I can't wait for her to come over this weekend.

I knocked off later on and the driver drove me back to my place
I saw this other lady standing at my door step..

Me: Hello?

She looked at me..

Her: Hi

Me: Can I help you?

Her: I live on the next floor my roommate just moved out

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rent is steep. It's a two bedroom flat rent is R4200. If I get a roommate we'll be paying R2100. How much are you paying for this one?

Me: About R3000

Her: You going to save a lot

Me: That's true

Her: Kimmy

Me: Siba

Her: Nice knowing you

Me: Me too.. You very beautiful

Her: Thank you.. Take my number

Me: Ohw yes

I took her number..

Me: I'll call you

Her: No problem

I went in and prepared for my date tonight I didn't wear anything extreme. Just my skinny jeans heels a shirt and a jacket. It was a bit cold.. Neo did show up to fetch me..

Neo: You look lovely

Me: Thank you.. You don't look bad yourself

Neo: Ready to go?

Me: Yes

Neo: Let's go

We left..

We went to this other restaurant it looked nice I won't lie and a bit expensive. They were doing a 3 course meal Appetizers Entrée and dessert. They started me off with a caeser salad and a glass of sweet red wine..

Me: This is a nice restaurant

Neo: It is

Me: I wonder what your girlfriend is going to say

He chuckled..

Neo: This wouldn't be happening if I had one

Me: The rude spoiled brat doesn't have a girlfriend?

Neo: Was I supposed to have one?

I shrugged my shoulders..

We had a nice dinner date the food the company the conversation. Everything was just nice for the night..

After the dinner date he drove me back to my place I didn't eat my dessert so I took it home with me..

Me: The dinner was delicious.. Thank you

Neo: Are you going to be okay?

I nodded..

Neo: Good night

He put his arm around my waist and then kissed me on my forehead..

Neo: Bye

Me: Bye

He walked away.

Chapter 23

SIBA

[A FEW DAYS LATER]

I moved in with Kimmy I was so shocked to learn that he's actually gay. She looks so beautiful one would swear she's a girl. She told me she's on hormones they working well for her. I liked that I had my own room it's a 2 bedroom flat and I'll saving about R1000 a month. She's a good flatmate so far she's very clean. It's good to have someone around and she's lots of fun.

It was a Friday afternoon when my cousin came for a visit I had knocked off early for that particular reason. I was so happy to see her I've missed her a lot. Kat and I we like Sisters and best friends.

Kat: Wow this flat is beautiful

Me: It is

Kat: How much are you paying?

Me: R2100

Kat: Affordable

Me: Very.. I have a roommate Kimmy

Kat: I hope she won't mind

Me: She went to visit her boyfriend for the weekend wo we will be alone for the weekend

Kat: Perfect so what plans do we have?

Me: Neo invited me.. We going to a club with his friends

She looked at me shocked.

Kat: Thee Neo?

Me: We good friends

Kat: You slut! Have you slept with him?

Me: No I haven't

Kat: After breaking up with Razor no crying no healing you moved on like nothing happened

Me: It wasn't that deep so it was easy to move on

Kat: I like your weave

Me: Thank you

Kat: Glued to your hair?

Me: Yes got it for R1500

Kat: Where?

Me: a colleague knows this other woman who sells them

Kat: It suits you

Me: I like that it's short I can breath

Kat: It's very beautiful

Me: I can get you one month end

Kat: I'll hold you to that

Me: No problem

For the rest of the afternoon we just ate and caught up. She was telling me that my Aunt was now turning on her calling her

useless. Telling her that she doesn't want to amount to anything.

Kat: She's literally comparing me to you

Me: In what way?

Kat: Telling me how can I be beaten by you what you have it should've been me in your shoes

I rolled my eyes..

Kat: She's right about one thing though

Me: What?

Kat: I'm not going to amount to anything

Me: Don't say that

Kat: Look at me Siba I even failed matric. I have nothing to show for anything!

Me: Something will come up just don't give up in the meantime why don't you go and rewrite the subjects you've failed and then take it from there

Kat: I'll see

Me: You know I got you at all times

Kat: I know Cuz

Neo texted me later on and told me that he will be here soon with a friend it was good that Kat was here so I won't get bored with only him and his friend. We dressed up put on make up. Kat is good when it comes to that so I trust her a lot. Yesterday I got paid R1500 for the overtime I put this week at least I had something in my account. I will start paying rent here month end when I moved in Kimmy had already paid rent for this month.. We heard a knock at the door

Me: I'll get it

I went to open it was Neo and his friend.

They made their way in..

Neo: Wow you look beautiful

Me: Thank you

The friend looked a bit familiar..

Neo: This is my friend Dante Dante this is Siba

Me: Hi

Dante: Hi

Me: I'm sorry you look a bit familiar

Dante: Might have seen me on Tv

Neo: He's a soccer player

Me: Oh yes.. I thought you were going overseas some team bought you

Dante: Next month

Kat walked in..

Me: My cuz came to visit me hope you don't mind that she will be tagging along

Neo: Not at all

Me: Her name is Kat I don't know if you still remember her

Neo: I remember the face

Me: Kat that's Neo's friend.. Da

Kat: Dante

Me: Yes

Kat: Wow.. I love you

Dante: Thank you I guess

Kat: No I meant the team you playing for is my current favorite team so saddened that you leaving what's the team going to be without you

Dante: They will survive I guess

Neo: Are you ladies ready to go?

Me: Yes we are

I took my bag and keys

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I locked the flat and then we left.

I was sitting at the front whilst Dante and Kat were at the back.
They were holding a conversation of their own..

Me: Which club?

Neo: You'll see

Me: I've never been to a club before

Neo: You'll enjoy.. It's a lot of fun

Me: I hope so

Already the club was starting to get full we were ushered to the VIP section. Neo booked it yesterday apparently for tonight. Already we had alcohol on our table. Hennessy Moet champagne cool drinks water and cigars.

Kat enjoyed the attention how people looked at us when we walked in all the way to the VIP section. It was a bit far from the everyone from what was happening in the general section..

"Oh my God

Let me laugh with you

I will love you

Love you forever

Even under the weather

I'mma treat you better

Under the moonlight

Baby let's dance together

Sha!

Nechekane

Nechekane

Nechekane

Sha!"

Music was already playing and it was a nice vibe I won't lie..

I leaned over to Neo..

Me: This is fun

Neo: It is fun when you here with the right people

I laughed..

Me: Don't get full of yourself

Neo: I'm Just being truthful

I saw a few girls walking up to us the rope that was around our section prevented them from entering.. The security guard walked closer to them they spoke for a while then the security guard walked up to Neo and whispered to him. Neo shook his

head then the security guard walked up to the ladies and talked to them. They threw a few sly comments and walked away..

Me: What was that about?

Neo: They wanted pictures

Me: So?

Neo: I don't want to take pictures I'm sure Dante doesn't want too either

Me: It's just pictures what's the big deal?

Neo: Well I don't want to take pictures with them

I rolled my eyes..

Neo: Don't roll your eyes at me

Me: You just full of yourself

Neo: I don't wanna take pictures how am I being full of myself?

Me: I was just saying

Neo: I don't want too if you so much wanna take pictures with them then go and take them

Me: They didn't ask me for pictures

Neo: Exactly!

Kat: Do you wanna dance?

Me: Ya sure

I gave Neo my bag..

Me: Hold this for me

We got up with our glasses and went to dance but we were dancing in our section.

Kat: I don't know the last time I was in a vip section I am always down there

Me: It's even my first time being here

Kat: What do you bath with?

Me: huh?

Kat: Usually Slay Queens get this kind of treatment and they pay for it

Me: Well.. I told you Neo and I we just friends

Kat: I see

Me: I need to urinate

Kat: Now?

Me: Yeah now

She sighed..

Kat: Let's go

We walked to the security and told him that we wanna use the rest room he walked up to Neo then I saw Neo getting up..

Neo: I'll walk her to the bathroom

Kat: Okay

Neo: Let's go

He held my hand and we made our way to the bathroom passing through the crowd. I heard his name being called here and there but he ignored and we continued walking to the bathroom. Just when we were at the door Razor walked out with Vanessa. Vanessa is a junior attorney at our firm.

We stood there and looked at them Razor looked at us too..

Vanessa: Siba

Me: Hey

Vanessa: Neo

Neo: Vanessa

Razor held Vanessa's hand and they walked pass us Razor bumped into Neo.. Neo chuckled and shook his head..

Neo: Okay

Razor turned back busy sniffing and rubbing his nose..

Razor: You saying something?

Neo looked at him Razor got really close to Neo..

Neo: Back up

Razor: Or what??

Me: Neo let's go

I pushed him back..

Razor: Yeah listen to her and go

Me: Let's go

This was not worth it Razor was not worth it!

Chapter 24

SIBA

Though Razor acted like a dick but I wasn't going to let him ruin my night. He's a dick and looking for attention I'm not going to give him that time of day or night. Neo was still very upset with what happened Razor was sitting on the other VIP section with a few friends and girls. Though it was dark but Neo kept his eyes and focus on him..

Kat and I continued dancing and drinking Dante tried to hold a conversation with Neo that didn't go very well. Neo was very much consumed by his Ego right now to even notice anything that was going on around him. Kat hinted that she wanted to go to the rest room Dante offered to accompany her. She took her clutch bag and they went to the bathroom. I went and sat next to Neo taking off my heels..

Me: You okay?

Neo: I'm fine.. Are you having a good time?

Me: I am

(Silence)

Me: You shouldn't let Razor get to you he's a dick looking for attention

Neo: Yeah whatever

Me: I'm serious people like him you just let them be.. Don't stoop low to his level

Neo: I don't need a shrink Siba

I sighed..

Neo: I'm sorry

Me: No need to apologize it's not it's your first time being rude

Neo: I'm not rude

Me: You very rude but it doesn't get to me anymore. See how you throw shit at me and I just brush it off? That's what you should do with Razor. Brush shit off

He chuckled..

Neo: With guys it's different

Me: I've noticed

He looked at me one last time..

Neo: You really are beautiful

I smiled at him..

Me: Thank you

He lifted my chin up and made me to look at him he leaned over and kissed me. I froze for a second. With everything that has happened today this was the last thing I expected..

He pulled out..

Neo: Thank you for agreeing to come

Me: It's okay

He kissed again and this time around he moved down to my neck. It was ticklish and I couldn't help but laugh.. He laughed too

Neo: What a way to ruin the moment

Me: It's just ticklish that's all

Neo: You want me to do it again?

Me: No it's fine

He kissed me on my neck again without my approval I laughed and leaned back on the couch with him still kissing me..

Me: Stop it's ticklish

Neo: You just way too playful aren't you?

Me: If it's ticklish what am I supposed to do?

He looked at me..

Neo: What would you say if I told you that I'm feeling you?

Me: I'd say unfeel me fast

We both laughed..

Neo: I'm actually serious

Me: You my boss and.. I just got out of a very bad relationship

Neo: You shouldn't even call it a relationship that thing lasted for 30 seconds

Me: Even so but... I don't want drama I'm not looking for drama

Neo: I'm drama?

Me: Too much

Neo: I'm offended

Me: But on a serious note keep trying hard maybe one day I'll eventually give in

Neo: Why not give in now?

Me: There's a lot of things you need to work on

Neo: Like?

Me: Stop being selfish

He hit me on my thigh..

Neo: I am not selfish

Me: You very selfish

Neo: What else?

Me: I'm definitely not like the girls you've dated before I won't crumble at your feet nor will I accept any bullshit just because you Neo

Neo: Okay that's a mouthful

I wiped his lips..

Me: When I see that you really can think of someone else I won't crumble at your feet nor will I accept any bullshit just because you Neo

Neo: Okay that's a mouthful

I wiped his lips..

Me: When I see that you really can think of someone else other than yourself then maybe I will give you a chance

Neo: No girl has ever refused me

Me: Work on that too

Neo: I'll definitely do

He kissed me again..

The next few minutes went by with us just talking and kissing here and there it was a very beautiful moment.. Kat and Dante showed up 30min after even forgot about them..

Me: Hey where have you been?

Kat: Ladies room I told you

Me: For this long?

Kat: Yes

Me: That doesn't make sense was it full?

Neo whispered in my ear..

Neo: They were fucking

Me: Ohw

I looked at them..

Me: Ohw woowoow

Kat: Pass me my glass

I passed it to her..

How does Kat think? How can one just have sex with someone they've known for 3 seconds? Well I shouldn't even be shocked by anything that she does anymore..

We walked out of the club at around 1am I was tired sleepy a bit cold and a bit drunk. I had a pounding headache and all that I wanted to do was to get to my flat and sleep.

We walked to the car with Neo's arm around my shoulders he was holding my bag and heels..

Razor: Siba!

We turned and looked at them. He was with his two friends..

Razor: Can I talk to you?

We were at the parking lot..

Neo: I don't think she wants to talk to you

Razor: I wasn't talking to you Bro

Neo: And I was talking to you

Razor: Stay out of this it's between me and her

Me: I don't wanna talk to you

Razor: Ek gee nie om nie I'll do the talking and you will listen..
Verstaan?

Dante: Guys let's just go

Razor: No one is going anywhere Dante not until I talk to Siba

Dante: Look I have no beef with you okay?

Razor: And I have no beef with you too

Me: Fine let's talk

Neo: What?

Me: It's fine

I walked up to them..

Kat: Cuz??

Me: It's fine Cuz

I walked up to Razor and his friends..

I looked at him..

Me: Let's talk

He smiled at me and took out a gun..

Neo: Wtf?

Dante: No no no..

Neo walked up to us..

Razor: Stand back!

Neo stopped halfway. Was I scared? Yes I was..

Razor: Get in the car

Me: Razor..

Razor: Get in the fucken car or this is going to turn ugly

Neo: Razor come on Bro

Razor: I said stay out of this!!

Me: I thought we were going to talk here

Razor: You thought wrong!

I shook my head..

Me: Razor please

He grabbed me by my weave..

Razor: I said get in the fucken car!!!

Just at that moment Neo took a few steps towards us. Razor did the unthinkable he shot Neo twice.. Kat was the first one to scream..

One of Razor's friends lost it..

Friend: What the fuck you do that for?

Now all senses came back to Razor..

Razor: Fuck!

Friend: Let's get out of here

Razor looked at me..

Friend: Let's go!

Razor turned back..

Friend: You just fucken shot Neo Marè are you crazy??

I walked over to Neo and my cousin Dante was already calling and Ambulance.

He was laying there bleeding I knelt next to him and put my hand where the blood was coming from..

Me: Hey look at me... Look at me

I put my bloody hands that were trembling on his face..

Me: You going to be okay you hear me? You not going to die..
Not like this!

The scene invited a crowd people were that heartless to take pictures and videos..

Dante: Where the fuck is your humanity? Taking videos of such a gruesome scene?

I sat flat on the cold pavement and rested his head on my thighs. I didn't even realize that I was now crying..

Kat: What do we do? What do we do?

Dante: The Ambulance is on it's way

Me: You going to be okay

Security came to us Dante alerted them to help move the crowd from us..

Things just started playing off in slow motion. This was not happening!

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SIBA

I was pacing up and down at the waiting room Kat and Dante were sitting down.

How did things get out of control so quickly?

I had Neo's blood on my dress. I had washed my hands since they were also bloody..

It was now 4am and sleep didn't visit me. I was worried the Doctors weren't telling us anything.. It was a mess one big mess. Dante had called Neo's Dad as soon as we got here told him briefly about the shooting. Razor is more crazy than I thought who does that? I mean he is the one who cheated on me he is the one who fucked up our relationship. He didn't respect me as his partner he couldn't keep it in his pants..

Later on as we were waiting Neo's Father walked in together with his Mother. I noticed her from the pictures Neo uploaded on his Instagram of her. When they noticed us they made their to us..

John: Dante

Dante: Mr Marè

Mrs M: How is my Son? What happened?

She looked scared and concerned.

Dante: They still busy with him

Mrs M: What happened?

Dante: Uhm.. Razor shot him at the club

Mrs M: What? Razor and Neo have been friends for years they best friends. Why would he shoot him? It doesn't make sense

Dante looked at me Mrs Marè looked at me too..

Mrs M: Dante.. What the hell is going on?

John: Dear calm down

Mrs M: Don't tell me to calm down! My Son has been shot I deserve to know what happened

Dante: He.. Neo was trying to protect Siba from Razor then
Razor shot him

She looked at me..

Mrs M: He was protecting you?

I swallowed..

Mrs M: Who the hell are you to have my Son protect you?

John: Siba is Neo's PA

Mrs M: He risked his life for a PA? Why was Razor even trying
to kill you?

Me: I.. We.. We were dating and broke up he couldn't handle
the break up

Mrs M: Were you playing friends?

Me: No Mam' Neo and I we not dating

Mrs M: I don't understand this.. Why were you at the club with my Son in the first first?

I kept quiet..

Mrs M: Ngikhuluma nawe maan dammit! (I'm talking to you)

This woman was coming at me guns blazing I didn't know what to say..

The Dr showed up with the cops John walked up to them. Mrs Marè came to me..

Mrs M: If my Son dies or has any permanent damage of some sort believe me I'll be coming for your life!

I swallowed again. She bumped into me on purpose as she made her way to the Dr and the cops..

Dante: Come.. I'll take you guys home

I don't think I'll forgive myself if Neo doesn't pull through

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believe me I'll be coming for your life!

I swallowed again. She bumped into me on purpose as she made her way to the Dr and the cops..

Dante: Come.. I'll take you guys home

I don't think I'll forgive myself if Neo doesn't pull through he was trying to protect me.

I was quiet all the way to the flat even when we arrived I bathe and went straight to bed.

My eye lids were heavy but my mind didn't want me to sleep I couldn't stop thinking about Neo. I laid on the bed crying and checking his pictures and videos on Instagram. Life is amazing one moment you happy the next moment shit like this is happening. I was broken I don't wanna lie..

I don't know at what time I passed out but I woke up the following day at 10am. I woke up thinking that it'll all be a nightmare but it wasn't. It was all a reality. Neo got shot and I don't know if he's going to pull through or not. His Mother seems to want my head on a silver platter right now. I finished brushing my teeth and washing my face I walked to the lounge and Kat was watching TV..

Kat: Hey

Me: Hey Cuz.. How are you?

I shrugged my shoulders..

Kat: How did you sleep?

I shrugged my shoulders again..

Kat: Neo is trending they uploaded the video and pictures of him

Me: People are so insensitive how can they post such?

Kat: It's bad

Me: I don't wanna see

Kat: I think it's best you don't see

We heard a knock at the door..

We looked at each other.

Kat: I'll go see who it is

Me: Ask who it is first

She nodded..

Kat: Who is it?

Voice: It's the police

She opened two officers made their way in followed by security..

Officer 1: Good morning

We greeted back..

Officer 1: I am detective Nkosi we here with regards to the shooting at the club last night

I nodded..

Officer 1: Please tell us what happened last night

Kat looked at me..

Me: Well we.. We were at the club

Officer 1: Start from the beginning

Me: Neo called me and asked me if I wanted to go to the club with him and his friend

Officer: Please continue

I explained what happened told him exactly what happened..

Kat also told him what happened we also gave him our names and numbers.. We learned that Dante was the one who directed them here they started with him first..

Officer: Thank you very much we will call you if we need you again

Me: Sorry detective did you find Razor?

Officer: Not yet.. He's still on the run

Kat: And Neo? How is he?

Officer: He's still in a critical condition

Kat: Thank you detective

Kat walked them to the door..

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Chapter 26

SIBA

That Monday morning I walked into the office with eyes on me. The stares made me very uncomfortable I made my way to my working station without greeting anyone. I sat down and looked at Neo's office imagining him walking in an hour after I have arrived at work. I pictured him standing at the door looking at me laughing and smiling or just him being his rude self as always. A tear streamed down I wiped it..

Khethi walked up to me..

Khethi: Ohh my word Siba are you okay?

I looked at her..

Khethi: I saw on Twitter the video and the pictures. Must've been a traumatic experience for you

I nodded repeatedly without saying anything.

Khethi: I'm so sorry Babe and I'm glad you were there

Me: Thank you

Vanessa walked in..

Vanessa: Ladies

I looked at her..

Vanessa: Siba how are you feeling? I saw everything on Twitter
it must be hard for you

Me: Where is Razor?

Vanessa: Sorry?

Me: You were with him at the club where is he?

Vanessa: I don't know I left because he was being a jerk.. I took an Uber

Me: Where the hell is he? He shot Neo!

Vanessa: I don't know!

Khethi: Vanessa you were seeing Razor?

Vanessa: No of course not! It was our first time going out

Khethi: Razor shot Neo?

Me: Yes!

Khethi: What?

Vanessa: I hope they find him

John walked in he greeted us..

Khethi: We will talk again be strong

Me: Thank you

They left..

John: Siba

I got up and went to the office..

John: Please sit down

I sat down with my heart already on my sleeve what if I lose my job? His mother was angry at me..

John: Have you seen the papers?

Me: No Sir

He sat down..

John: It's all over the papers front page

I let out a sigh and closed my eyes..

Me: I'm truly sorry

John: You shouldn't be because you are a hero

I looked at him..

John: They didn't get your name since it was a bit dark your face is not clear but nevertheless you were made out a hero

Me: I'm no hero if I was.. Neo wouldn't be laying at the hospital right now

John: It was a traumatic experience for all of you and thank you for not leaving his side. Getting him to the hospital and actually being there throughout

I nodded..

John: If you want I can give you a few days off. Maybe 2 weeks off I'll get a temp

Me: Thank you Sir but I'm fine I don't need some time off

(Silence)

Me: How is he?

John: Would you like to go and see him?

I looked at him..

John: The driver will take you there

Me: I would like that very much

He smiled..

John: I'll call the driver

The driver drove me straight to the hospital. In the car I was sitting at the back going through social media. I had a lot of mentions on Twitter how did they find my account so quickly? How did they validate that it was me? My suspense was short lived when I saw that Kat was the one who posted our pictures at the club with the message:

"To think we were having a great time that ended in tragedy.

Be strong Neo 🤖"

She had mentioned me and Dante on that tweet. People who asked about us she didn't shy away from giving them our identity.

A few people had tweeted me:

They actually thinking that Me and Neo are an item. They were being very sympathetic and telling me to be strong

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that ended in tragedy. Be strong Neo 🙏"

She had mentioned me and Dante on that tweet. People who asked about us she didn't shy away from giving them our identity.

A few people had tweeted me:

They actually thinking that Me and Neo are an item. They were being very sympathetic and telling me to be strong then there were those who were critical. This was all messed up...

We arrived at the hospital and I enquired at the reception. I was surprised to see my name on the list of people who were allowed to see him the Nurse took me to the intensive care to go and see him. He was laying there with machines helping him to breath. He didn't have a t-shirt on just bandages covering half of his body.

I pulled the chair and sat down I looked at him and took held his hand. I had so much to say to him but tears failed me..

Me: Hey it's Me

I wiped them..

Me: I'm sorry about what happened it's all my fault

It was difficult to see him in that state I kept on hoping that he would wake up and be rude to me as always..

Me: You need to pull through imagine not having anyone that would irritate me

I chuckled..

Me: Remember what you said to me? If you pull through I might just give you a chance. Don't know how it's going to work between us seeing that you are irritating and full of yourself

I chuckled..

Me: I wonder how it's going to workout

I got up and kissed him on his forehead...

His Mother walked in..

Mrs M: What are you doing here?

I looked at her..

Mrs M: Who allowed you in here?

Me: Uhm I..

Mrs M: What are you doing here? Obviously trying to get him killed at the club was not enough? Now you want to finish him off?

Me: I just came to find out how he is holding up

She walked up to me and slapped me across my face she then pulled me by my weave. I fell on the floor and she dragged me out with it..

Mrs M: You have no shame! You have no shame at all

When she had dragged me out she let go of my weave I got up and fixed myself..

Mrs M: If you come here again! I'm going to kill you myself! I want you to stay away from my Son? Do you understand me?

Me: Yes Mam'

She spat on me and then walked back inside.

I wiped myself and walked away to the driver so he can drive me back to the firm..

The rest of the day was heavy on me especially considering the fact that I hadn't gotten any good sleep ever since the Neo saga..I was dozing at the canteen..

Khethi: Hey

Me: Hey

Khethi: Coffee?

She handed me the coffee..

Me: Thank you

I took it she sat down..

Khethi: I can only imagine how difficult this is for you

Me: I just want him to be okay

Khethi: Neo is going to pull through that bastard is strong!

I laughed..

Me: Bastard?

Khethi: Ohh how I wish he could die

I laughed again..

Me: Don't say such things

Khethi: We won't have to deal with his spoiled brat ass anymore trust me I won't even miss him

Me: I miss him already it's no longer the same without him

Khethi: So you two are dating?

Me: No

Khethi: Serious?

Me: Yes but if he pulls through... I'll give him a chance

Khethi: Wow!

Me: Before the shooting he actually asked me for a change I told him that if he could become selfless I'll date him

Khethi: Ohw so he decided to get himself shot

Me: No Khethi kanti unjani? (laughing)

Khethi: What can I say phela Neo is crazy

Me: It was a selfless act Razor would've killed me

Khethi: They will find that bastard

Me: I hope they do he must rot in hell

My phone started ringing it was my brother.

Me: I have to take this it's my brother

Khethi: Okay see you later

She left..

Me: Hello

Lunga: Siba how are you?

Me: I'm well and you?

Lunga: I'm good.. I read about it

I exhaled..

Lunga: Are you sure that you good?

Me: It's hard but I'm pulling through

Lunga: I didn't know you were dating Neo Marè

Me: We no..

I paused..

Me: It is hard to believe

Lunga: Very.. How is he?

Me: He's in a really bad state

Lunga: That's sad

Me: Ya

Lunga: Where are you?

Me: I'm at work

Lunga: How about you come and visit us for the weekend just to clear your head

Me: I'll see

Lunga: I'll hear from you then

Me: Okay

Lunga: Sharp

Me: Sharp

SIBA

ONE MONTH LATER

Work was still going good working with Mr Marè wasn't a total drag. He's a very friendly and Polite Person.. Unfortunately Razor was still on the run they haven't caught him as yet and I haven't heard anything about Neo. Couldn't even go to the hospital because his Mother has it out for me and I didn't bother asking his father because it would be somehow. I tried my level best to not think much and concentrate more on work and it helped I don't wanna lie.. Today it was pay day my money had clocked in the early hours of the morning. It was R7000 with the extra hours I have put in. First thing I did was to

pay my part of the rent I'd rather be short with anything else but rent is more important. I sent Kat R1000 since I promised her that I was going to buy her a wig then put R1500 in my fixed account. I have started saving up last month I'll be saving up at least R1500-R2000 a month. Life is unpredictable anything can happen so I need to always have money saved up on the side at all times

KAT

I sat on the toilet seat and glanced at the pregnancy test two lines. I dated back to that night when I had sex with Dante when we said we going to the rest rooms but in actual fact we snuck out to go and have sex.

Everything happened so fast that night with Neo getting shot and the aftermath. I even forgot to get a morning after pill the

next day totally slipped my mind. I was confused Dante is currently overseas and it was just a hook up nothing more.. I was so looking forward to making something of myself seeing Siba flourishing like that and I'm just stuck in one place is not nice. It hurts deeply

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and I never thought it would hurt this much.

Things are going well for her she has a good job possibly have something going on with Neo and I'm sure she might even buy a car soon. Where does that leave me? Nowhere.

That struggling Siba is making it I even regretted telling her about the post honestly I thought she was never going to get the job. Never thought they were going to hire her..

Money has totally bathe her she dresses smart. Though her clothes don't seem expensive but she dresses well. Her physical beauty is even starting to show the same Siba who used to wear my clothes that were torn. Now she knows how to even buy expensive wigs. Something I never thought she would afford. After getting the notification I sent her a text:

"Thank you"

She probably thinks that she's better than me now...

SIBA

The phone rang I picked it up..

Me: Marè attorneys Siba speaking good morning

Neo: Once upon a time I acted as a hero trying to protect this other beaut! From getting shot and she totally forgot about me

Me: Ohh my word Neo!

Neo: Ohw now she remembers me?

Me: Are you okay? It's good hearing your voice

Neo: Really?

Me: I did come to see you but your Mother wasn't happy with it

Neo: No surprises there

Me: I am so happy to hear your voice how are you holding up?

Neo: How about you come and see how I am holding up?

Me: But your Mom?

Neo: Don't worry about Lorraine

Me: I'll come during my lunch break

Neo: See you then

I put the phone down with a smile on my face..

KAT

I got into his inbox and typed a message but deleted it after. So funny how we didn't even exchange numbers that day. My mom walked in..

Rose: Katlego!

I looked at her..

Rose: Have you spoken to Siba about her getting you a job in that company?

Me: Not yet

Rose: Umeleni? (What are you waiting for)

I exhaled..

Rose: You can't be beaten by Siba I refuse! Siba is beneath you! She is nothing! What were you even thinking getting her the job? You should've gotten yourself that job! Uyisilima Katlego (You are a fool)

Me: I didn't think she was going to get that job okay?

Rose: You transferred your blessings to someone else!

Me: I really don't need this from you right now

Rose: Do you know how embarrassing it is for me? uSiba prospering more than my own child? Hai maan!

She left the room..

SIBA

During my lunchtime I asked the Driver to take me to the hospital he did. I enquired at the reception and they told me his

ward. I made my way there at least he was out of ICU. He was sitting on the bed with pillows supporting his back he was on his laptop.

I made my way in and he closed his laptop.

It was good seeing him doing well I don't know how I would've felt like if he died knowing that he died because of me..

I put my bag on the chair and hugged him..

Neo: Okay that was unexpected

Me: Don't ever scare me like that again

I squeezed him tight..

Neo: This is very sweet but I still have problems breathing let's not send me into ICU again

I broke the hug..

Me: I'm glad you okay

He wiped the tear that streamed down my cheek..

Neo: Didn't know you cared that much

Me: Stop it! Stop playing

Neo: I'm fine.. I'm going to be okay

Me: You have too.. We miss you at the office

Neo: Thought you would be happy getting rid of me

Me: Don't start

Neo: I'll be back soon.. Are you happy now?

Me: Maybe

I sat down on the chair..

Me: Remember what we talked about at the club?

He looked at me I took a deep breath..

Me: I have decided to give you a chance

He raised his eyebrow..

Neo: So I had to get shot for you to give me a chance?

Me: Don't be like that

Neo: Do I now get a kiss?

I got up and kissed him..

He ran his hand on my butt then moved down to sneak it under and up my skirt..

Me: Don't

Neo: This relationship is going to be difficult I can't even improvise

Me: So you want us to have sex in the hospital?

Neo: Never my plan but since you've said it

I wiped his lips..

Me: Don't even try it

I laid my head on his shoulder he had his arm around my waist..

For the next coming weeks Neo was recovering very well at the hospital with him being back life became more and more easier. Our relationship is still fresh but it was way better than the short relationship that I had with Razor. Nothing was forced everything was flowing smoothly. He was still the rude jerk that he has always been but the way that he cares for me makes me smile makes me happy and actually make me enjoy the relationship. Was the best moments ever. We can never understand God's way they are mysterious indeed. Not even once did I think I would be in a relationship with the most loved and hated brat ever even when I started working at the firm I never saw us reaching this level..

Neo: How about this one?

Me: I don't like it

He let out a sigh of defeat and irritation.

Neo: Make up your mind woman!

Me: I don't understand why you want to post me on Instagram?

He hit my thigh gently..

Neo: I didn't know this relationship was private I didn't know that I had to hide you?

Me: I'm just saying you have a lot of followers and I'm not the kind of person who is used to such publicity

Neo: It's my Instagram I can post whatever I want

Me: Whatever Neo

He kissed me on neck..

Neo: I love you too

Me: Post this one then

Neo: She finally makes up her mind

He uploaded it with the caption:

"If it doesn't end with a ring then I would be the most stupid guy ever on earth"

I laughed at that..

Me: You are so dramatic

Neo: I am being discharged tomorrow was thinking you can come and spend a weekend at my place

Me: With your mother who hates me?

Neo: You not visiting my Mother you visiting me

Me: I don't know Neo

Neo: Spending a weekend together would be nice you might actually like it

I thought about it for a second..

Me: I accept the invitation

Neo: Was that difficult?

He pulled my skirt up a bit we were both laying on his hospital bed...

Me: Stop it this is a hospital

Neo: Which will make it more fun

Me: I'm not going to have sex with you at the hospital on your hospital bed it's not right

Neo: How would you know that it's not right if you haven't tried it?

I looked at him..

Me: And have Nurses coming here thinking something is wrong when they hear my screams?

He laughed..

Neo: Then don't scream

Me: I have never had sex before but seeing a few naughty scenes from movies women scream

Neo: They exaggerating to make the movie entertaining

He kissed me..

Neo: It won't be that bad I promise

He got out of bed and went to lock the door then he closed the curtain blinds..

Neo: We have a few minutes until the Nurse comes to bring me my lunch

Can't believe that we were going to have sex in his ward..

KAT

My phone rang and I looked at the caller ID it was a very long number. I took a breath and said a short prayer. Then I picked up..

Me: Hello?

Dante: What was that? That you said in my DM?

I decided to gather a lot of strength and DM him the pregnancy test and that I'm pregnant

Dante: How do I know it's mine?

Me: I never slept with anyone since our encounter at the club

Dante: And I'm supposed to believe that? What took you so long?

Me: I couldn't believe it myself and I didn't know how to tell you

Dante: I have a girlfriend I love my girlfriend and this is going to ruin my relationship

I swallowed..

Dante: I'm going to send you money for abortion

Me: Abortion?

Dante: You didn't plan on keeping the baby did you?

Me: I haven't thought that far but an abortion is too drastic.. You don't have to be a part of the baby you can just provide and I promise that I'll keep quiet

He laughed..

Dante: Was this your plan? To fall pregnant and milk me financially?

Me: What if I don't want to abort?

Dante: Then you on your own! I don't want any part of this and if you hell dare think of going public with this.. I'm going to ruin your pathetic life! I'm going to send you money for abortion I'll send extra! Now save my number and whatsapp me your details so we can see how you get the money

With that being said he hung up..

SIBA

My heart was beating fast I've thought of this day once but going ahead with this now made me very nervous. I was laid back on the bed and he was ontop of me I liked how he gently bit my neck and left wet kisses there. I like how he gently massaged my breasts then had a tight grip on them then go back to massaging them and running his thumb around my

nipple. He had easy access with no restrictions because I was wearing a skirt. He unbuttoned my shirt and squeezed my breasts as they were still hiding behind the bra

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his lips came up again to meet with mine. My body was slowly starting to relax that nice feeling was starting to overpower my nerves. He took off my bra and the feeling intensified when his mouth endeavored one of my nipples. The softness and warmth that arose from his tongue programmed my brain to adapt to the pleasure and block out any negativity that I had surrounding this situation.

As the moment proceeded it hit me that we had no condoms..

Me: Babe we don't have any condoms

Neo: Don't worry about that

Me: I don't wanna fall pregnant

Neo: I know... Just trust me

He continued to kiss me all the way down to my belly button then finally took off my skirt. He went on to take off my underwear. He was in a more simple part of clothing the hospital gown of which can be easily taken off. He parted my legs more and I had my hands covering my face. He's literally going to have his tongue down there and see no problem with that. I never understood why Men muff when they know that a vagina is a self cleansing oven.. I had expected him to be the sly Neo and probably throw in a few but he went on without saying anything. It seemed like he was enjoying licking and sucking me as if like he was having his favorite dessert. I found my hand at the back of his head with my legs trying to misbehave from the position that they were in. My back arched a bit as more and more pleasure kicked in. My reaction to what his doing and my moans were spontaneous. Something that I couldn't control..

Me: Ohhh Neo...

He balanced his hands perfectly on my thighs keeping them further apart I moved my body uncontrollably because I didn't know what to do with myself. He made everything worse when he snuck his finger deep inside of me and moved it in and out and around gently whilst his tongue was still sucking on my clitoris. I bit my lower lip hard to prevent myself from being loud..

KAT

I sent him my Fnb account number then he sent me a screenshot when he was done sending. He had transferred 10 000ZAR. My Emails also notified me of an email that I checked

and I followed the link to confirm my details. When I was done I was notified on when the money will be on my account.

He called again..

Dante: Sent

Me: I saw

Dante: It'll be up to you but know that this will be the first and last money that you going to receive from me. If you don't go ahead with the abortion then that's your choice but please know that I will not be able a part of the pregnancy and raising of the baby. So think carefully about this I don't want to be a part of any scam that you have going on..

SIBA

When he did those things to me it felt very nice I actually felt so good that I couldn't wait for us to do the deed. I thought that the deed would also be flawless with no hiccups. It was not until when he pushed in I started to feel the pain the pain got more tense as he pushed in further. So much that I pushed him back a little...

Neo: Do you want me to stop?

I shook my head no..

Me: It's just painful

Neo: I know but it'll get better I promise

He kissed me..

He continued pressing in going more deeper with a soft moan escaping his lips..

Neo: Fuuuck you very tight

I rested both my hands against his chest and he lowered his hand to massage my clit whilst kissing and gently biting my neck.

Now I was starting to get confused with what I was feeling it was painful but also nice at the same time. After what seemed like forever he was finally in I took the whole of him in. They weren't lying when they said a vagina can stretch.. He stared deep in my eyes as he started pumping he brought his hand back up and went his fingers and went back to massaging my clit. His changing facial expressions made the moment more relaxing to me. From his moans to him biting his lower lip and narrowing his eyes. He was really enjoying this he was enjoying me. He leaned over and pushed my wig back as he picked up the pace now I was feeling it raw as he gave it and pain crept in..

Me: Neooooo

He responded with his seductive soft voice..

Neo: Yes Baby?

I didn't wanna scream loud so I dug my nails deep on his back and rested my lips on his shoulder as he continued..

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SIBA

Unbelievable! I just lost my virginity on a hospital bed something that never crossed my mind. I'm surprised we even

pulled it off without anyone disturbing us we actually had sex at the hospital..

Nurse: Here drink this

I took the pill and the glass of water..

Me: Thank you

I drank the pill. The Nurse looked at Neo.

Nurse: First and last time I'm doing such a favour

Neo: Thank you

Nurse: A clean pantyliner

Me: Thank you

She pointed at us and shook her head then she walked out. I looked at Neo..

Neo: How are you feeling?

Me: I'm in pain if it was up to me I would just go home

He pulled me closer to him..

Neo: It was supposed to be more rounds than 1 but the environment doesn't allow us too

He kissed me on my forehead..

Me: I never wanna have sex anymore

He laughed..

Neo: Don't be dramatic

Me: Let me go and put on the pantyliner then go back to work
I'm already late

He kissed me..

I walked to the bathroom to put on the pantyliner then I went back to get my bag.

He walked me to the door then kissed me.

Neo: Have a good day.. I love you

Me: I love you too

He spanked my butt as I walked out..

MAHLODI

I looked at the picture that he had uploaded on his Instagram of her. I took the phone and dialed his Mother..

Lorraine: Mahlodi

Me: Have you seen the picture that Neo uploaded on Instagram?

Lorraine: What picture?

Me: Please check

Lorraine: I'll do so

I hung up...

SIBA

I got to the office and Khethi gave me a weird look then kissed me.

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SIBA

I got to the office and Khethi gave me a weird look I walked to the elevator..

Khethi: Wait a minute

I stopped..

Khethi: I know that look when I see one

Me: Huh?

She walked up to me..

Khethi: You were doing the deed didn't you?

Me: I don't know what you talking about

Khethi: I know that walk when I see one

I looked at her..

Me: Fine! I did the deed

She clapped her hands..

Khethi: During working hours?

Me: No ways.. During my lunch break

Khethi: Woow! How was it?

Me: I was still a virgin

Khethi: What? At your age?

Me: I have to go to my station

I pressed the elevator..

NEO

I read through the comments on the picture that I posted of Siba and I. I had 500 comments and 20 000 likes so far. The comments weren't that much rude..

My Mother walked in..

Ma: Neo what the hell?

I looked at her..

Ma: How can you embarrass us like that? Tarnish our family name like that?

Me: Nice to see you too Ma

Ma: Your assistant? I know you fool around a lot with them but to start a relationship with her then post it? What's special about her?

Me: There's everything special about her

Ma: Mahlodi is a very nice woman very educated and she comes from a good family

Me: You like Mahlodi I don't I'm not going to lead her on

Ma: Stop it!!!

I put my phone away..

Ma: I won't let you embarrass us like that

Me: How am I embarrassing you?

Ma: She's an assistant she's clearly after our money and status!

Me: Siba is not like that

Ma: Siba is exactly like that! A township trash how did she even get hired?

Me: You should ask your husband

She pointed her bag at me..

Ma: You will stay away from this girl and I mean it!

SIBA

I was sitting at my desk minding my own business when a delivery man came holding flowers..

Him: I'm looking for a Miss Siba Langa?

I stood up...

Me: I am Siba

Him: This is for you

He gave me the flowers and a box..

I signed..

Me: Thank you

Him: Enjoy your day

I sat down and read the card it read:

"To the woman who made my day

Love Neo"

I smiled and opened the box. It was a perfume and chocolates. I took my phone and texted him..

"Thank you I received the flowers"

KAT

I looked at the picture that Neo had posted. People commented on how beautiful she was and how great they looked together.

I liked it and sighed my heart bled a little.

I won't lie it was painful seeing my Cousin making it before me. I didn't think it was going to be this painful. I called her..

Siba: Cuz

Me: Cuz

Siba: You good?

Me: Yes I am.. You?

Siba: I'm good

Me: So you and Neo are now official?

Siba: Yes

Me: And I had to find out on Instagram?

She laughed..

Siba: I was going to tell you

Me: Can I come for a visit tomorrow?

Siba: I will be visiting Neo tomorrow

Me: Ohw

Siba: Maybe the next weekend?

Me: Okay

Siba: I have to get back to work

Me: Okay.. Bye

I bit my lower lip..

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SIBA

The only thing that was on my mind and the only thing that I looked forward too was spending the weekend with Neo. Exciting as it seemed but another part of me was dead nervous. Neo's family is a well known and respected family they very successful and I wish that his Mother could give me a chance. I may not have a law degree I may not have a degree that's up to their satisfaction but I am working my way through the ladder

of success. I am not here to extort them I am just here to share my love with their Son and that's all. I wish she could accept me because it would be difficult for Neo to witness us not getting along.

That Friday afternoon after knocking off the driver drove me to my flat so that I could freshen up again and wear something more appeasing. Something that his family won't fault in. When I was done we drove straight to his house. All the while he kept on texting me and asking if we have arrived yet..

KAT

Aunty Jojo was around her and my Mother were having me for the day. Gathered around the kitchen table doing the same thing that they used to do to Siba. Now I know how she felt I

don't know how she kept on. There's nothing more painful like harsh words.

Jojo: Kodwa Kat how can you embarrass us like this? We had faith in you that you were going to beat Siba. We thought that she was the one going to be begging you

Rose: Kat wasted her time by helping Siba get her life together whilst hers was on a stand still. Remind me again who gets someone a job when you don't have a job yourself. What level of stupidity is that because I'm very lost?

I didn't know what to say to them if I try to defend myself it's going to look like I'm being disrespectful. I was under a lot of stress I am pregnant for crying out loud! I am already going through a lot and I definitely don't need this from them! Aunty Jojo shook her head.

Rose: Kodwa uSiba yena one day is one day. I took her in when no one wanted her I raised her and now she's working she can't even send a cent home?

Jojo: I knew that she was going to turn on us but fear not. She will be back she didn't leave this house with any blessings but only curses

Rose: This perfect girl persona she has it's because of me. If it wasn't for me Siba would've been a nobody. Probably living in racks with 5 kids. I taught her manners I taught her how to behave herself and this is the appreciate that she gives me?

Jojo: I'm not surprised at all this was bound to happen. Most people forget where they come from when God has finally blessed them. Fear not my Sister your cries will haunt her. Nothing of hers is going to go well

Aunty Jojo clapped her hands and spat on the floor..

Jojo: From this day onwards I curse her

My Mother wiped her tears..

Rose: She hurt me a lot

Aunty Jojo looked at me..

Jojo: Get her a glass of water

I went to get my Mother a glass of water.

SIBA

Neo's house didn't dissapoint it was exactly as how he posted it on social media. A fountain in the middle with cars parked around. Nicely trimmed flowers and grass it was big. Big and beautiful. He made his way to the car as I stood there and admired everything about it..

Neo: I'm glad that you finally here

He kissed me whilst arching my back.

Me: Stop before I fall plus you not 100% well

The driver took out my bag..

Neo: Thank you

The driver bowed a little and then went back to the car. Neo carried my bag for me with his other arm around my shoulders..

Me: Your house looks beautiful and expensive

Neo: Wait until you see it inside

It was no different from the houses you see on TV. Could rate it with Harriet's house from the Queen or even Lindiwe's house from the River. We walked in and I couldn't believe my ratchet ass was actually in a house that looked like this some other people are really living the life out there. Whilst some of us are just accompanying them and breathing through the wound. It was so clean that I was even scared to touch anywhere.

Me: Wow

Neo: My room is upstairs

We made our way upstairs.

Me: Such houses I only see them on Tv

Neo: Now you will spend a weekend in one of them

Me: That's very true.. Thank you for inviting me

Neo: You don't have to thank me you my girlfriend

Me: I know but still..

We walked into his bedroom and it was also lovey. Touring around his bedroom I liked his closet more and his bathroom. He actually had a section for everything in the walk in closet. His sneakers were one side you my girlfriend

Me: I know but still..

We walked into his bedroom and it was also lovey. Touring around his bedroom I liked his closet more and his bathroom. He actually had a section for everything in the walk in closet. His sneakers were one side boots and formal shoes one side everything was just in it's place. Nikey push ins and Men's sleepers one side his jeans t-shirts pants. Everything was where it belonged. I moved to the bathroom and looked at myself in that big mirror that occupied the whole wall. It was more clearer than the small one that Kimmy and I have in our bathroom. He leaned against the door and looked at me.

Me: I could swear that this is a hotel room or something

He walked in and closed the door he made his way up to me and hugged me from the back.

Neo: If I remember correctly we have some unfinished business

I knew what that meant so long he has condoms them I'm game..

KAT

When Aunty Jojo left I decided to prepare dinner.. My mother had walked her out.

I really didn't know what to do with the pregnancy I haven't made a decision yet.

All I know is that Dante doesn't want a baby.

I heard a knock at the door then the door opened. Lunga and his wife Linda walked in.

I was surprised Linda doesn't really like this place. Though she's from the ghetto but she doesn't like the ghetto anymore apparently she's "too gold" for the ghetto now..

Lunga: Kat

Me: Hey Cuz

I walked up to him and hugged him..

Lunga: How are you?

Me: I'm well and you?

Lunga: I'm good

I moved on to hug Linda.

Me: Skwiza

Linda: Skwiza

Me: You well?

Linda: Yes I am

Lunga: I'll take the bags to the room

Me: Use Siba's room

He took them there..

Linda: Speaking of Siba how is she?

Me: She's good

Linda: Told Lunga we should visit her tomorrow morning

Me: She's not at her place she's visiting Neo

Linda: Vele it's true with her and Neo? Phela I saw the picture he posted on Instagram

Me: They are dating

She clapped her hands.

Linda: I'm shocked! Our Siba is dating Neo?

Me: I know that it's difficult to believe

Linda: She has even changed she's very beautiful now

Me: Money can upgrade a Person now she thinks she's better than us

Linda: Siba? That's unlike her

Me: Hmmmm you don't know Siba anymore she has changed she's no longer that Siba we all knew

Linda: It really doesn't sound like her

Me: Wait until all this life comes down crumbling wait until Neo cheats on her with one of his girls. Uzonya

Lunga came back..

Linda: Babe apparently it's true that Siba and Neo are dating

Lunga folded his arms..

Lunga: I don't even like that guy he's full of shit

Kat: When we talk it'll be like we jealous we know Neo. We know how he's like when he gets bored by her.. He's going to leave her he's going to fire her

Linda: Hai this is unbelievable let me go to the toilet to pee

SIBA

I thought that maybe it would be less painful now seeing that we were intimate yesterday but it was still painful. Not too painful to the point of making the whole experience unbearable. I was sitting ontop of the bathroom counter and as he pleased himself I glanced down at what was happening and I could see his dick going in and out of my really tight coochie.. We were using a condom..

Me: Ahhhhhh!!!

I squeezed his arms for dear life..I was trying to be brave but it hurt..

Me: Ahhh ahhh ahhh Neo

Neo: Do you want me to stop?

Me: It's just too painful

He stopped pumping..

Neo: It's because you tense and already told yourself that it will be painful try to relax okay?

He kissed me..

Neo: Should we try it without a condom?

Me: I don't wanna fall pregnant

Neo: I won't come inside of you

Me: Okay.. We can try

He slipped it out and rolled out the condom. He rubbed my clit with the head of his dick whilst kissing me. He moved down and rubbed himself at the entrance of my coochie whilst still kissing me. He moved his other hand and gently massaged my clit as his dick was still being rubbed against my entrance and him still kissing me. He pushed in slowly and I flinched..

Neo: Nana relax.. Trust me tuu

I decided to try and let go and as we proceeded it started to get better. It wasn't that painful no more or maybe the condom was the one that made it more painful.

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SIBA

I woke up later on and I was laying alone in bed. I got out of bed and went to freshen up. Rinsed my mouth washed my face and put on my dress since I passed out naked. I passed out after we moved from bathroom counter to the bed and he laid next to me.

When I was done I made my way downstairs to look for him. He was in the lounge watching cartoons with this other little girl on his lap and laying her head on his chest. She had even passed out and he was dozing too.. I cleared my throat and he looked at me with his sleepy eyes..

Neo: I was about to join you

Me: I just woke up

Neo: Did you have a good rest?

Me: Yes I did

I looked at the little girl..

Neo: This is my Niece Lethabo

Me: She looks very cute

Neo: She hijacked me into watching cartoons with her

Me: And she had passed out

A lady walked in..

Her: There you are I've been looking everywhere for you guys

She looked at me..

Her: You must be Siba?

Me: Yes

Her: Pat.. Neo's Sister in law I was married to his Brother

Me: Nice to meet you

Pat: I've heard a lot about you

Me: I've had nothing about you

She looked at Neo Neo shrugged his shoulders.

Pat: Let me take her to bed and give you guys some space

She walked over and took Lethabo from Neo.

Pat: Here we go

Neo: I'll see you guys later at the dinner table

Pat: We will see you then

She walked pass me..

Pat: It was good meeting you

Me: Me too

I walked over to Neo and sat next to him on the couch he wrapped his hand around me and I laid my head on his chest..

Neo: You can change the channel

Me: Your sister in law stays with you guys?

Neo: Yes.. Since my Brother passed on she's been having a difficult time

Me: I can only imagine I don't know what I would do if you could die

He squeezed me tight..

Neo: Don't even think about it

Me: I love you

Neo: I love you too

KAT

We had dinner that night with Lunga and my Mother discussing Siba. My mother was running her mouth as always Lunga was agreeing with her here and there.. Then the conversation changed into her bashing me

Linda: Why don't you go back to school?

Rose: Awumubuze (Ask her)

I don't know why Linda felt the need to a part of this conversation when she is currently not doing anything with her life. She's eating Lunga's money she doesn't even have a job..

Me: I'll go and register to rewrite my matric

Lunga: That's a good thing it's never too late to go back to school

I ignored that statement..

Lunga: I'm going to call Siba and tell her to come back home. I'm not happy with how she moved out

Rose: She's bound to be followed by curses she has to come back. Apologize

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she has to come back. Apologize and make things right

Lunga: Let me call her

He got his phone and called her.

Lunga: She's not picking up

Rose: She's ignoring your calls that means she wants nothing to do with us

Linda: What she is doing is very wrong

Rose: She will learn the hard way don't worry

SIBA

Neo's peaceful sleep was interrupted when his Mother came through. I know that she was boiling inside seeing me here..

She was dressed beautifully probably her outfit can buy my life right now..

Mrs M: What is going on Neo?

Neo held my hand as we stood before her.

Neo: You remember Siba right?

Mrs M: Yes.. The PA

Neo: She's more than a PA she's my girlfriend

She looked at me..

Mrs M: Well this is so sudden I mean you have always had something with your PAs are you sure that it's not infatuation that's going to pass soon?

Neo: No it's not.. I love Siba

Mrs M: Love is a very big word. I don't know if I should take this seriously I mean. You had a thing with all your PAs and at the end you realized that you really didn't love them you were just taken by their short skirts and them exposing their cleavages

Neo sighed...

Neo: I'm serious Lorraine

Mrs M: Well then.. What can I say? Who am I to even say anything?

She looked at me..

Mrs M: Siba welcome to our home

Me: Thank you very much you have a very beautiful home by the way

She faked a smile..

Mrs M: Probably the only beautiful home you'll ever find yourself in

Neo: Ma

Mrs M: Please join us for dinner I'm sure your father will be thrilled by this

Neo: We will be there

She walked away and left us.. Neo faced me and held both my hands..

Neo: I'm so sorry about that

Me: It's okay she's your Mother.. She's only looking out for you

He kissed my hands..

Neo: It doesn't matter what she thinks nor what she says what matters is that I love you.. Do you get me?

I nodded..

Me: I love you too

Neo: Let's go upstairs so I can freshen up

We made our way upstairs.

As Neo was taking a shower I checked my phone and I had missed calls from my brother. I exhaled and called him..

Lunga: Siba

Me: Hey I got your missed calls

Lunga: Ube ukuphi? (Where have you been)

Me: I was busy

Lunga: With what?

Me: Ubuthini? (What did you want)

Lunga: Phuza ngokudelela (Stop being disrespectful)

I kept quiet..

Lunga: Just because you working now that doesn't mean you have to be disrespectful

I still kept quiet..

Lunga: Aunt Rose told me what happened I'm not happy with how you moved out

Me: I moved out because of my mental state I wasn't happy at all. The environment was getting more toxic

Lunga: Now you are speaking like that because things are going well for you. Don't forget home don't turn away from your family. This new life of your can come down crashing like a plane home is what you will have left. You need to come home so we can all talk

Me: Okay I'll let you know when I'm free

Lunga: I will be waiting

Me: Bye

I hung up and laid back on the bed..

SIBA

Things were very awkward around the dinner table with Neo and his family getting through that fork and knife tradition as if like it was a walk in the park I found myself struggling to get through it. It's not everyday a girl uses a fork and knife. I wasn't a total amateur but I was struggling to move in sync with them. Lorraine looked at me..

Lorraine: Siba are you finding it difficult to use a fork and knife?

I looked at her..

Lorraine: Since you are a part of this family this should be easy for you. Imagine we attending an important dinner event and you struggling it would be very embarrassing

Neo looked at me and smiled.. He squeezed my cheek..

Neo: I actually find it cute

Lorraine: I'm just saying

Neo switched my plate with his..

Neo: It will be easier since I have already cut through my meat

Lorraine: Should we get a bottle of champagne in the process to celebrate this petty gesture?

John: I don't know why a fork and knife should cause all this commotion

Pat: We trying to get through dinner in Peace

Lorraine: Oh I'm sorry if table manners are no longer important in this house I missed the memo

Neo: Relax it's just a fork and knife she's not trying to burn down the house

Lorraine: Thank goodness for that

John: My dear you can even use your hands if you want as long as you comfortable

I smiled..

Me: Thank you

(Silence)

Lorraine: I'm inviting Mahlodi over for dinner tomorrow

The whole table went quiet..

Lorraine: It's been a while

She looked at me..

Lorraine: Has he told you about his fiancé?

I looked at Neo..

Neo: There's nothing to tell she's not my fiancé

Lorraine: The ring on her finger doesn't say that

John: Lorraine don't start

Lorraine: Are we going to pretend like this is normal? Neo bringing her over knowing exactly that he has a fiancé?

I looked at Neo..

Me: What fiancé?

Neo: It's nothing I promise you

Lorraine: She's pregnant

I put my fork down..

Neo: Dammit Lorraine!

Me: Excuse me

I got up...

Neo: I'll never forgive you for this

I made my way upstairs..

Neo: Cup cake wait

When we got to the bedroom he held me..

Neo: It's not what you think it is

Me: So you don't have a fiancé?

Neo: I can explain

Me: It's a simple yes or no question

Neo: Yes

I nodded..

Me: That's all I needed to know

I walked to the closet..

Neo: So my explanation doesn't matter?

Me: You have a fiancé you have just confirmed it

I took my bag..

Neo: What are you doing?

Me: I was hoping you could drive me to my flat

Neo: I'm not driving you anywhere at this time of the night

Me: I don't wanna do this with you

Neo: Then don't

Me: Drive me to my flat

Neo: Stop it!

Me: I will Uber don't worry

I went to get my phone on the bed he snatched it from me..

Me: Please..

Neo: You are not leaving because you only heard a part of the story

Me: My phone please

Neo: You not leaving and I'm serious

Me: My phone

Neo: Say it

Me: My phone

Neo: I'm going to flush it down the toilet

Me: Give me my phone!

Neo: I hate repeating myself

He walked to the toilet and flushed it..

Me: Neo!

Neo: Happy fishing

He kissed me on the forehead before walking out. I glanced down at it Neo is very childish!

KAT

I sat in the living room the light was off. I was thinking about my situation and I am not going to abort. Abortion is dangerous it can mess up my womb. I won't go to the hospital either because Nurses are rude they will give me a lip. I put my hand on my stomach..

Me: What am I going to do with you?

I've seen guys preaching that they don't want babies but when the baby is born. They change their minds. I'm hoping I will be that lucky too...

SIBA

He was laying in bed and concentrating on his MacBook. After bathing and putting on my sleepware I walked to the bed. He looked at me as I got in. I laid down and faced the other way..

Neo: No good night kiss no goodnight sex?

I fixed the pillow..

Me: Go and ask your fiancé

Neo: Do you want to check my phone?

Me: What for?

Neo: To check messages between me and my fiancé

Me: You could've deleted as I was bathing

It was too early for me to overreact and get emotional over this situation. Lorraine has made it clear that she doesn't like me

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she might have fabricated the story or she might be telling the truth. I was more confused and angry that Neo didn't tell me about the "fiancé"

Neo: So what's going to happen?

Me: Tomorrow I'll find a way to go back to my flat and when I leave it'll be over between us

Neo: Wouldn't you like that? Just because Razor was a jerk that doesn't mean all guys are jerks

Me: Says the biggest jerk of them all

I felt the impact of the pillow on my head..

Neo: I'm not your friend limit on the attitude

Me: At least Razor was a jerk enough to portray his business

Neo: Uzokhala Siba.. I'm warning you I'm really close to losing my shit with you

Me: Good night Neo

Neo: Turn around and face me

I ignored him..

Neo: I seriously don't have time for this!

I heard him getting out of bed he pulled me by my leg..

Me: What are you doing?

Neo: We going to talk!

When I was at the edge of the bed he picked me up and put me over his shoulder..

Me: Neo stop it!

I hit him on his back..

Me: Where are you taking me?

Weirdly enough he took me outside at the back of the house and threw me in the pool.

I can't swim I was lucky that it was not deep enough. I surfaced..

Me: What are you doing?

Neo: I am not with Mahlodi and you will stay there the whole night until you get it through your thick skull woman!

The water was damn cold and the pool was long..

Me: Stop being a jerk!

Neo: You are not getting out of there until you learn how to speak to me!

Me: This is not funny!

Neo: If you wanna get out of there I never wanna hear a word about Mahlodi and you will drop your attitude! Or else otlo bloma daar die hele nag!

It was dead cold and he was serious..

I waited for a few seconds trying to toughen it up but my stubbornness wasn't helping..

Me: Fine!

Neo: Askies Wat het jy gesê?

Me: Fine I won't bring her up nor will I give you an attitude!

Neo: Good girl

He walked over and stretched his hand out to me I walked over to grabbed it. He helped me out. I had a lot to say right now but he will push me back inside. He got closer and put his hand under my chin then he kissed me.

Neo: Let's get you warmed up

He put me on his back and we walked back into the house..

KAT

The next morning I woke up early feeling a bit sick to sweep the yard..

Me: "Soze ndimfumene omunye ondiphambanisa njengawe Wena uphethe intliziyo yami.. Ooh la la la" (Singing)

I stopped and held the broom as I felt dizzy the sun was starting to come out. I exhaled and continued. Linda should be the one doing this chore after all she's the Makoti. But her lazy ass was still sleeping..

SIBA

I looked at Neo as he was peacefully sleeping. He was facing up with the duvet covering his crotch and leg his other leg was leaning over at the edge of the bed. His hand was on his chest the other one was over his head. I bit my lower lip whilst smiling as I looked at him

I got out of bed to brush my teeth then I made my way downstairs to drink a cup of warm water. I always drink a cup of warm water in the morning. I was in his t-shirt and his sleepers since my sleepware was wet from last night. I got myself the cup of warm water and started drinking as I stood at the kitchen sink morning dreaming..

My thoughts were interrupted by the sound of heels. I checked and it was Lorraine she was all dressed up as always..

Me: Good morning

She gave me a disapproving look..

Lorraine: I'm trying to be very nice to you

I put the mug in the sink..

Lorraine: You are not good enough for my Son and you will never fit in here. Do both of us a favour and leave my son before I make you leave him! Which won't be nice at all

John walked in all dresses up too..

John: Oh Good morning Dear

Me: Good morning

John: We going out we will be back later

I nodded..

He held Lorraine's hand and they made their way to the door with Lorraine bumping into me on purpose.

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SIBA

Neo and I spent the whole afternoon at the mall doing some shopping. He had to buy me a phone after ruining mine last night. I chose a Huawei P30 pro and he was forcing me that I should take an iPhone. After navigating it at the store I found it a bit difficult to use. Though he said it was the easiest phone one could own. I was happy with the one I chose it was very pricy. 10k I wouldn't have afforded it if I had to buy it from my

own pocket. He paid for it without any sweat as if like he didn't just lose a lot of money over a phone..

We went to eat at some restaurant couldn't keep my fingers away from the phone. I noticed that on social media I was getting a lot of requests ever since Neo went public with our relationship. I was getting requests mostly from girls..

Me: You really shouldn't have bought me such an expensive phone

Neo: I'm the one who bought it stop complaining

Me: Well then.. Thank you

Neo: You welcome

Me: Looking forward to tonight's dinner with the fiancé

He was silent for a moment..

Neo: What I should be asking you is if you ready

I shrugged my shoulders..

Me: I'm used to drama I'll be fine

Neo: Lorraine is going to throw nails that are going to hurt

Me: I still don't understand why she doesn't like me she barely even knows me

Neo: Coming from a rich family is shit all your relationships and even marriage are planned

Me: Why you never considered marrying her?

Neo: Mahlodi is a very lovely woman but not my kind of woman. Guess I was waiting for you

Me: Whats so special about me?

Neo: Nothing I just got bored and decided to try this relationship thing

Me: That's another nice way of putting it

He chuckled..

Me: Are we ever going to get married?

Neo: You wanna get married?

Me: Just asking

Neo: I was thinking of a baby first before marriage

Me: I'm not giving you a baby any time soon

Neo: Yeah we'll see about that

Me: What does that even mean?

Neo: Nothing.. Just making conversation

KAT

My phone started ringing it was an international call. I answered..

Dante: What the fuck are you talking about that you keeping the baby?

Me: So you got my inbox

Dante: I sent you money to abort

Me: I'm not aborting

Dante: Do you realize that you'll be a single parent? A baby is no child's play

Me: You are a coward!

Dante: Just because I'm not ready for a baby?

Me: Just because you don't wanna own up to your responsibility

Dante: A responsibility that I told you to take care of you choosing to keep the pregnancy and that's your problem. Just don't expect me to be present if I want a baby I will have a baby at my own damn time and not being emotionally black mailed. When I do decide to have a baby I will make sure that it's with someone that I want to have a baby with

Me: This baby is going to come out looking exactly like you. I don't know what the papers are going to write a soccer star that doesn't wanna take care of his baby. I can already imagine the headlines you going to sell a lot of papers

He didn't say anything..

Me: Cat got your tongue?

Dante: You don't know who you messing with

Me: We shall see because you also messing with the wrong woman!

He hung up... Linda walked in with her hand covering her mouth..

Linda: I hope I heard right

Me: What are you doing eavesdropping on a private call

Linda: Not so private now

Me: Well don't tell anyone

Linda: So who is this big soccer star

Me: Dante

Her eyes almost popped out from her socket.

Linda: Ke hore you and Siba are living it big you are having a baby with Neo's friend and she's dating Neo.. Well done girls!

Me: Dante doesn't want the baby you are having a baby with Neo's friend and she's dating Neo.. Well done girls!

Me: Dante doesn't want the baby he sent money to abort

Linda: So you trying to trap him?

Me: Yes.. If he doesn't step up I'm going to ruin his life

Linda: He might just ruin yours. Dante just signed a deal with an international soccer team he has all the money to make your life miserable

Me: Thank you for the vote of confidence

Linda: I'm just saying.. I hope you know exactly what you getting yourself into

SIBA

We were back at home Lorraine and John were back. John was feeling a lot under the weather he was vomiting and feeling weak.

Pat: Could it be what you ate when you guys went out?

John: I've eaten a lot of times at that restaurant it's one of the best. The health inspector even gave them an A they wouldn't make that mistake

Pat: This is very unusual you should go to the hospital

John: My stomach hurts very bad

Neo: You should definitely go to the hospital

Lorraine: No

We all looked at her..

Lorraine: It's just a minor stomach bug it will go away eventually

Neo: He's vomiting he is weak!

Lorraine: If he goes to the hospital paparazzi is going to get a story we going to make the papers for at least a week

Pat: Do you actually care about anyone other than yourself?
And what people say?

Lorraine: Even after my Son died I let you live here. I afforded you the best therapist because of your depression. Take your meds Pat and stop annoying me

Neo: Dad needs to go to the hospital

Lorraine: He is not going anywhere! If our competitors find out that he is sick they going to use that against us

Neo: I'll call the family Dr then

Lorraine: I'll call him

She walked out.. What woman would actually refuse for her husband who was in so much pain to go and see a Dr? I know if Neo was sick. Even a little cough we would be on our way to the hospital. She is heartless if she could be this heartless to the man that she loves what about me?

KAT

I knocked at her door..

Rose: Come in

I opened and walked in..

Me: You wanted to see me?

Rose: Tomorrow we are going to see some woman I think you need cleansing

Me: Cleansing?

Rose: To be rid of this bad luck that you have

Me: I don't have bad luck

Rose: Yes you do.. Your useless cousin got a job with her lousy qualifications! A very good job and you can't even get a job as a cashier? That is bad luck. I won't have you embarrass me like that! I won't let you be defeated by that Siba! It's wrong in every level

Me: Ohw

Rose: Tomorrow we are going that's final!

SIBA

I decided to give them some space with this family matter I really don't wanna get involved. It's none of my business.. Pat came as I was dipping my legs in the pool. She sat next to me..

Me: How is he?

Pat: Still in a bad shape they waiting for the Dr

Me: That's better

Pat: You know she's poisoning him right?

Me: Huh?

Pat: A widow that stands to inherited all this fortune should he die

Me: Lorraine is something else but I doubt she's that sick

Pat: Open your eyes dear not everything is at it seems. I just don't know how she's doing it

Me: You have to tell Neo

Pat: No.. Accusing her without proof is dangerous accusing her with proof is deadly. I bet you R500 the Dr is not going to pick it up because she has been sleeping with him ever since she came up with this plan

Me: I thought rich people didn't have problems

Pat: What we should worry about is what's going to happen to us should John die. We will be stuck with a wicked Mother in law

I didn't realize how hard it could be to keep such a secret from Neo. What Pat told me was crazy If I tell Neo it might backfire. This is his mother we talking about you can't just say something like this. The Doctor did come to John's aid and the whole afternoon just went down south. With John being ill to the dinner being prepared for the most anticipated guest Mahlodi. I felt the pressure.

I wore my long summer dress for the dinner nothing to impress. I didn't feel like impressing I didn't even put on makeup. Just my simple flowery summer dress. Mahlodi on the other side together with her Mother and Lorraine were on point. You would swear that we were eating out at one of their fancy restaurants. Don't get me started on the food the chef went all out for the important people. I kept my peace and let them lead the conversation they weren't my kind of people. I didn't feel the need to jump in..

Mahlodi: Work is going good just signed an important client and rich too

Lorraine: Hmmmm Neo did you hear that?

Neo: We will catch up

Mahlodi picked up her glass of wine..

Mahlodi: We left a huge gap

Lorraine: We will catch up don't worry I believe in my Son

The said to be "Pregnant" Fiancé was drinking..

Neo: I'm not shaken no pressure at all

Mahlodi: Definitely no pressure

Neo: Let the games begin

Mahlodi: The gloves are on

They looked at each other and laughed..

Mrs Manala: This is so sweet

Lorraine: I've always known that they had a chemistry ever since from school

Mrs Manala: I agree from when she used to sneak him in at her flat

Mahlodi: I did not!

Mrs Manala: You thought I didn't know but I knew a Mother always knows

Lorraine: Even here.. You would find Mahlodi walking in her lingerie I knew from then that they were destined for each other

Mahlodi: That was very embarrassing

Neo: But you liked it though you wanted my Mother to see that

Lorraine: Confirmation that they were sleeping together

Mahlodi: Our Mother's talking about our sex life that's so embarrassing

The wine was bitter but I didn't care it was the only thing helping me through this..

Mahlodi: I am still mad though that you beat me with that test

Neo: I got 95% and you got 90% you weren't too far ahead

Mahlodi: Still you beat me!

Neo: Then catch up

Mahlodi: I'll take my chances

Mrs Manala: Are you two ever gonna stop competing?

Mahlodi: He is the one who is always competing with me

Neo: People who lose always say that

They all laughed...

Mrs Manala: We are so rude we have a member at our table and we not including her in the conversation

Lorraine: My bad.. Siba which tertiary did you go too?

I looked at them..

Me: Uhm.. I studies IT at a college

They all kept quiet..

Mrs Manala: It's not impressive enough but it's something

Lorraine: It got her the PA position so..

This was Frustrating..

Lorraine: And opening her legs too

Mrs Manala: Ohw

Mahlodi: I hate when women do that open their legs to get a job

Me: I never opened my legs

Lorraine: But you here

Me: Wow

Neo didn't say anything didn't come to my defense..

Me: I think this dinner is not meant for me

Lorraine: You only realizing that now?

I got up..

Me: Good night

Lorraine: If you can't stand the heat leave the kitchen

I did just that.. Pat saved herself all the drama by not attending the dinner..

I took a bath and that was a perfect time for me to cry it all out. They made me feel small made me feel stupid and Neo didn't say anything. He just kept quiet and they grilled me. After bathing I went straight to bed.

Neo showed up after a while didn't even say anything to me. He went and took a shower then switched the light off and got in bed..

Me: How did it all end?

Neo: They left

Me: I wish you could've said something in my defense

Neo: Exactly what? I told you that the dinner was going to be crazy it was expected and you allowed my mother to get under your skin

Me: Your Mother made me feel so small they all did

Neo: Dammit Siba what did you expect me to do? I thought by now you weren't going to let her get to you. You don't have to take everything she says to heart you already know how she is. She did that on purpose! Please can you stop with the sulking? Can't I get a peaceful sleep for once?

Me: Wow okay.. I'm sorry that I'm bothering you.. Good night

Neo: Night

KAT

My Mother wasn't playing when she said that she was going to take me to some woman.

We woke up that morning and went to see her.. I still think this is ridiculous!

My Mother made it clear what our intentions were asked the woman to give me something. Something that will give me fortune and be rid of the "Curse" that was following me. She gave me some herbs to bath with

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asked the woman to give me something. Something that will give me fortune and be rid of the "Curse" that was following

me. She gave me some herbs to bath with and a bunch of other things that I can use.. I hope this is going to work so that my Mother can stop being on my neck..

SIBA

The following morning I woke up bathe and took an Uber straight to my place. Neo was still sleeping when I left. What happened last night made it clear to me that I didn't belong there I possibly could've taken Lorraine's shit but Neo being an Ass that hurt me more. He was insensitive and I couldn't stop thinking about his moment with Mahlodi. The way that they were talking and so comfortable with each other it showed me that there was something there. Something that I can't break. Something that existed way before I came into the picture. The rich and educated side of him came out that was his world and I didn't belong in that world at all...

Kimmy was cleaning when I walked in she showed interest in wanting to know the details of my weekend through her facial expression. I didn't wanna talk about it I was hurt. I even broke down when she asked "How was it" that's how bad it was..

She came and hugged me..

Kimmy: What happened?

Me: I made a complete fool of myself I should've never went there from the first place. They not my people I have never felt this embarrassed before

Kimmy: Ohh sweety I'm very sorry

That level of embarrassment tore deep inside..

NEO

When I woke up Siba was not next to me. When I went to the bathroom her toiletries weren't displayed on the counter. It dawned on me that she left.. Siba is very emotional and sensitive I mean she knows Lorraine by now and she shouldn't have let her get to her like that. That's what my Mother wanted to break her like that and she allowed. Seriously I had important things to worry about than her tantrums. Like my Father being very sick I did not have time for her tantrums..

KAT

Rose: Yazi nje I expected her to do more maybe move your bad luck to Siba or something

Me: She gave me what was necessary that's all that matters

Rose: I hope you will follow her instructions well this has to work Kat

Me: I will Ma

Rose: Good!

Lunga was trimming the flowers when we got home it even looks like he swept the yard. There was no sign of Linda helping him my first thought is that she was either sleeping or watching TV. I'm starting to think that she gave him something Lunga literally crumbles at her feet. She has gotten him by his balls and there was nothing that we could do about it this was a love portion at it's best

NEO

I walked down to the kitchen for breakfast my Mother was making herself a smoothie.

Ma: Where is the girlfriend?

Me: She left

Ma: Without even saying Goodbye?

Me: You really expect her to say Goodbye to you? After what you did last night?

Ma: What did I do? You might be angry but you definitely had fun. I saw some spark between you and Mahlodi you still have something for her. I don't know why you can't marry her

Me: I'm not going to marry Mahlodi because I don't love her

Ma: Good and independent women are hard to find these days compare Mahlodi to Siba. Mahlodi is very bright she's is a good lawyer. She is independent someone who can help you build a good life and a good family one day those are the qualities of a good woman. You will learn to love her along the way love will come later

SIBA

Neo didn't bother calling me for the weekend he never even texted me didn't say anything since I left his house. He was very quiet..

That Monday morning I walked in feeling very drained knowing that he will be back since he's father is sick and won't be coming anymore. Honestly speaking this day is going to drag and I wasn't prepared for it.

I put his coffee on the table as always I then went to check the files that we had. Today we didn't have that much clients it was just two of them. One for this morning and the other one will be coming in later on..

He walked in as I was busy on the computer.

Neo: Good morning

Me: Morning

I took the file and followed him I stood at the door and knocked. He looked at me..

Neo: You can just come in you don't have to knock

I walked in and put the file on the table..

Me: A client

He picked up the file..

Me: She will be coming in shortly

He looked at me instead of opening the file.

Neo: You look good

Me: I'll be at my table

I walked to the door and before I could walk out he gently pulled my arm..

Neo: No we not going to do this not now please

I turned and looked at him..

Neo: I'm sorry.. You were right I should've defended you.. I'm sorry

Me: Then why didn't you?

Neo: You seem to not let get to you I thought you had it under control

Me: It's one thing when she does it but it's another thing when she does it in the presence of People

Neo: I'm sorry I promise it won't happen again

Me: Why didn't you call me yesterday and apologize?

Neo: Siba when you get Angry you get angry. You weren't going to answer my calls

Me: That's true

Neo: So are we cool?

Me: So long you promise me that this Mahlodi situation won't be a problem

Neo: I promise

Me: Then we cool

Neo: Just like that?

Me: You truly hurt my feelings I won't lie but all you had to do was just apologize that's all

Neo: Noted

Me: I'll go and check the Client at the reception

I turned around and he spanked my butt..

Me: Childish!

KAT

I was at this other store where they sell perfumes and makeup I saw on their page on Facebook that they were looking for people. So this morning I woke up early and went there to enquire more..

Manager: We taking in CVs

Me: Okay thank you I just wanted to know if you needed something else

Manager: Do you have experience?

Me: No I don't

Manager: I like how you did your makeup

Me: Thank you very much

Manager: We just opened yesterday and we are going to do a sale I am sure we going to be busy so I think you can start

today. I will need your CV before the end of the week and also I will draw up your contract

I have never worked a day in my life I was surprised at how she just wanted me to start working right away. Maybe the woman that we went too her herbs aren't fake after all..

Manager: You will be working from 8:00am - 17:00pm everyday. Saturday you will be working from 09:00-14:00. Sundays you won't work and you will get an hour break with 2 days off every month and an annual leave. You will be earning R3800 if you put in extra hours on a busy day you will earn R4200

Me: I understand

Manager: Please find Lisa on the floor she will tell you what to do

Me: Thank you

Both the Manger and this Lisa woman were white I will be the only black lady so far.

SIBA

Neo was busy with a client when Mahlodi made her way in she made sure that I don't forget the sound of her heels..

Mahlodi: Good morning

Me: Good morning

Mahlodi: I'm here to see Neo

Me: He's with a client

Mahlodi: How long is the meeting going to take?

Me: I have no idea

Mahlodi: This is important.. I'll wait

Me: Okay

[SILENCE]

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I looked at her..

Me: Would you like some tea?

Mahlodi: For an assistant you are very rude

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Me: I don't kiss ass

Mahlodi: With that attitude I'm surprised you guys even get Clients

Me: You not a Client you the competition

Mahlodi: Claws are coming out.. Is this about the dinner?

Me: What does this have to do with the dinner?

Mahlodi: You shouldn't feel threatened you've got the man

Me: I am not threatened by you

Mahlodi: Glad to hear that

She walked over and sat on the chair..

KAT

Lisa: These ones are on sell please price them

Me: Okay

This was nice this was really nice. I'll be making my own money maybe my future is bright here and soon enough I'll be able to get my own place and get a breath of fresh air from my Mother who is constantly on my case..

Lisa: I like your face beat did you do it yourself?

Me: Yes.. I learned through YouTube videos

Lisa: That's good our black clients will be happy to know that they being accommodated seeing that many of them don't understand English. It's difficult communicating with them so having a black colleague just took the weight off my shoulders I'll be dealing with less black clients

I found that statement a bit racist that was not cool..

Lisa: When you done pricing them put them in the basket we will display them on the table outside

Me: Noted

SIBA

Mahlodi waited until Neo was finished with the Client then she walked in.. Neo called me

Me: Yes?

Neo: Please come into my office

Me: Okay

I put the phone down and walked into his office Mahlodi gave me a funny look..

Mahlodi: And then?

Neo: Siba is my PA she's mostly present in some of my meetings

Mahlodi: This is where it gets challenging dating someone who is also working for you they tend to become insecure

Neo: What brings you here?

Mahlodi: You are going to meet a Client later on he's filing for a divorce

Neo: So?

Mahlodi: I'm representing his wife

Neo: I think this is the part where you get straight to the point

Mahlodi: I think we should settle out of court

Neo: For you to come and even suggest that it proves to me that you might be scared

Mahlodi: I'm trying to save you the embarrassment of beating you in front of a judge

Neo: I'll take my chances

Mahlodi: Suit yourself then

She stood up and fixed herself..

Mahlodi: I've tried

Neo: Thank you for trying

Mahlodi walked out looking at me..

Me: Must be difficult being her

Neo: Why?

Me: I doubt she has a life she's all about work. Probably cuddles with her puppy every night because she's lonely

Neo: She is all about work and no play

The phone rang I went out to pick it up..

KAT

We opened the store exactly at 10:00. There was a lot to sort out and we weren't even done..

Manager: I'm going out for a while I'll be back

She looked at me..

Manager: Whats your name again?

Me: Kat.. You can call me Kat

Manager: If the phone rings and someone asks for me I am busy at the back

Me: Yes Mam'

She walked out..

Lisa stood at her counter and I stood at my counter too when a white woman walked in.

Lisa: Good Mam'

Customer: Good morning

Lisa: Can we help you today?

Customer: I'll look around and I'll tell you when I need you

Lisa: Yes Mam

She looked around.. Two black women walked in and greeted. They walked up to Lisa..

Lisa: I am busy please go to my colleague she will assist you

They came to me..

Lisa left her counter and went to the white customer..

LORRAINE

Dr: Time of death 10:15am

I closed my eyes looking and let out a sigh. I opened and them looked at my Husband who was peacefully laying on the bed as if like he was going to wake up..

Dr: I'm still getting paid right?

Me: I will give you your money thank you again

He nodded and then left the room..

SIBA

Before the day finished we received news that John had passed on. It was shockingly unbelievable because I saw him this past weekend and now he's dead. That Saturday morning he was fine until he came back later all sick It made me to think about what Pat said. It was confusing why would Lorraine kill her husband? I couldn't workout the motive what was her motive in all of this?

I swear to God if being rich is like this then I'm better off being an ordinary citizen. I thought rich had no problems clearly I was wrong. I was very wrong..

I didn't know what to say to Neo. My parents passed on when I was young and their deaths were a pain that I couldn't get over even today it still pains me.. We all thought that he was going to go home but he didn't.

He acted like he was okay and even prepared for the afternoon client. I failed to see how he was feeling he was emotionless if I could put that way...

Neo: You married her in community of property so if you divorce her she's walking away with half of your everything

Client: We made a deal and signed a contract that if she cheats then she's going to walk away with nothing

Neo: Let me see the contract

Client: I can't find it anymore at home she had her copy and I had mine. Mine is missing I know that she stole it

Neo: This is tough! I don't wanna lie to you

Client: I wouldn't mind giving her half of my everything what bothers me is that she's going to take my hard earned money and go spend it with this boy that she's cheating on me with

Neo: Who the hell marries in community of property these days?

Client: I met her before I became rich she was there through my hustle. By then she was the only one who was making real money. She paid the rent paid the bills even bought groceries. She was down for me and I wanted to be down for her too

Neo: What changed?

Client: I spent most of my time at work than I did at home we sort of like.. Drifted apart that's when she started cheating

Neo: Is she even regretting?

Client: I would've forgiven her if it was a once off thing she's doing it continuously.. The cheating is getting worse. She's doing it on purpose because she knows that if I divorce her she's walking away with a lot of money one of my cars and possibly my house too

Neo shook his head..

Client: I don't know what to do you have to help me out man. That's why I am here heard that this company has the best of the best

Neo: I'll see what I can do maybe if we can prove that she got into this marriage for selfish reasons only to benefit from you. Maybe the judge will have a change of heart

Client: Can that happen?

Neo: I don't know.. We have to try

Client: Thank you so much Man

Neo: I'll go through everything and then we will talk

Client: Thank you I really appreciate this

Neo: You welcome

The client got up..

Client: I'll be hearing from you

Neo: Have a good day

Client: You too

The Client walked out..

Me: That's a tough one

Neo: He must just give her half of everything I don't see this case going anywhere it's just going to be a waste of time that I don't have

(Silence)

Me: How are you feeling?

He looked at me..

Me: You and your father seemed very close this must be hard for you

He took the file..

Neo: I don't wanna talk about that

I nodded..

Neo: If we don't have any more clients for today

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I nodded..

Neo: If we don't have any more clients for today you can go home..

Me: Okay.. Guess I'll see you tomorrow

Neo: Tomorrow

I got up from the chair and walked out..

KAT

I didn't know that standing for hours could be this tiring and Frustrating. People just kept on coming in and Lisa was not very much keen on helping black clients. The manager was hardly helping us. She was walking in and out or sitting at the back making personal calls than to come and help us. I didn't know who my boss was I thought the manager was my boss but Lisa kept on sending me everywhere. She made me do half of her

work too the displays pricing and everything else whilst she just stands at her counter and look cute..

The Manger came out of the back office..

Manager: Kat

Me: Yes?

Manager: You can go on your lunch break

Thank Goodness! I was even starting to get very hungry. I went to the back and took my bag then I walked out of the store..

SIBA

It's hard trying to comfort someone when they not showing that vulnerable part of them to you. I didn't know what to say nor act around him the best way to handle this situation was to give him his space. Let him deal with his pain the best his own way..

The more I might try to be there for him I might push him further and further away.

LORRAINE

John's family doesn't like me very much the week is going to drag with them here in my house. Especially my evil Mother in

law who hated me from the very first day when she met me. His father passed on when John was 18 so now it was just him his mother and his 2 sisters. His Mother was on his way his other sisters was out of the country. Hoping to catch a flight soon to come and bury her Brother...

Since they white their culture is somewhat different from how we mourn. I doubt that we do the sitting on the mattress tradition everything is going to be different from how I'm used to it....

I was outside on a phone call..

Me: Have you checked the signatures?

Lawyer: Yes I'm currently comparing them

Me: And?

Lawyer: They identical can't see that the other Will is fake

I knew that I was going to walk out with nothing on this marriage John gave his Son everything. My relationship with Neo is on and off I doubt he was going to give me much so I had to bribe the lawyer so he could fake everything. Neo is not mature enough to run the family business he can't even make a good decision by choosing to be with someone who is on his level. This had to be done a lot was at stake.. I wasn't going to lose it all to my Son..

NEO

I looked at his picture I can't believe that he was gone. This was definitely no natural death he must've consumed something because he was already sick when he got back from the

restaurant. Maybe someone one of our enemies got to him through the restaurant. Had his food poisoned or something like that whatever it is. The postmortem will prove then I'll make sure that the restaurant closes down forever and they face murder charges..

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SIBA

It was difficult seeing Neo struggle through the whole week in coming to terms with her father's passing. He mostly used sex as an escape to hide his feelings and deal with his pain.

Everyday was sex in the office at times he would show up at my flat late at night just popping in for a sex session to release what has been broken deep inside of him. He didn't want us to talk about him he didn't wanna be vulnerable with me. I understand he's a man and it's always difficult with them to show their feelings..

It was a Friday and the firm was closed for the weekend. Today is John's memorial service it will start at exactly 11am-4pam.

The venue was hired which was said to be accomodating at least a 100 people. Mahlodi took it up upon herself to be very handy with the planning as Lorraine was busy grieving her husband. I was still trying to wrap my head around the whole situation of her killing her husband that shit still doesn't make sense to me. I can't find the motive at all..

He came to pick me up at 10am then we drove to the venue. He was awfully quiet in the car and I let him be he needed this time to be alone with his thoughts..

Already the venue was full as we made our way in John's picture was at the front with candles and flowers around it. Everyone was wearing all black or at least black&white. The service had already started when we walked in he was holding my hand and we went to sit at the front with his family. I felt very uncomfortable I don't even know if should be sitting here because I'm nothing but his girlfriend..

KAT

I didn't enjoy work. By now they have hired another black girl who is a Temp and the treatment that we were given was absolutely disgusting. On her off days everything was taken out of me when she comes to work then she also feels the heat. The environment was way too toxic it was emotionally and mentally draining. How do people survive such toxic work environments? Deep down I wanted to quit already but things between my mother and I were starting to get a bit better. Plus I needed this job seeing that I'll be a single parent soon.. I walked to the back office to find Buhle cleaning the white wall. On Monday the Area manager is said to be visiting the store and our manager wanted the whole place clean. She pulled the small chair and sat down when she realized that it was me..

Me: Hey

Buhle: Hey

Buhle works 50 hours a month and gets R1500 if she puts on extra hours then she gets R2000..

Buhle: I am so tired this wall was dirty

Me: Yerrrrrrrrr this is shit!

Buhle: tell me about it

We heard the manager yelling at the front floor Buhle immediately got up and started working again.. Our manager is very heartless

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you not even allowed to stand and take a breather. She always wants to see you working..

She opened the door and walked in..

Manager: Where is Buhle?

Me: She's cleaning the wall

She walked up to Buhle..

Manager: Do you know where I found these?

She held out the eyebrow pencils to Buhle..

Manager: At the damn counter unattended!

Buhle: I was going to put them away until you told me to start cleaning the wall

Manager: We are not your Mothers to always clean behind you! May we never have this conversation again!

She put the eye brow pencils on the table and then walked out.
Buhle sat down on the chair and broke down..

SIBA

MC: We will now take a short recess get some refreshments and we will start again with our service after 30min. May the family be the first ones to be allowed to get refreshments.

The news crew was here I heard this memorial service was streaming live on some news channel on dstv. That's how big John was. Lorraine was wearing a short black dress black heels and a fascinator. She also had her black glasses on. Mahlodi held her hand as they walked up to the table first...

Pat: This witch has mad acting skills

I pulled her over to the side..

Me: You can't be going around accusing Lorraine

She was holding a glass of wine..

Pat: She did it we just don't have a way to prove it yet

Me: Until then we need to hush about this

Some lady walked up to us with a mic and the camera man..

Her: Good day

Us: Good day

Her: My name is Kholeka from the Jozi news channel If you don't mind I would like to talk to you about the deceased

Pat and I looked at each other..

Kholeka: Judging from the ribbons I'm assuming that you are family

Pat: I am John's Daughter in law I was married to John's first born. He passed on a few years ago

Kholeka: It must be sad how you lost your husband and now your father in law

Pat: My husband's death was gang related we couldn't stop it and we didn't know who was behind it. However John's death I know exactly who killed him! His wife poisoned him

Kholeka looked at the camera and then looked at us..

Kholeka: You are suspecting that your Mother in law killed your father in law?

Pat: I am not suspecting she did I just don't have a way to prove it. Siba knows I've told her already she's also suffering at Lorraine's hand because Lorraine wants her Son to marry Miss goody two shoes over there but unfortunately a girl from humble beginnings stole his heart

Kholeka: Mam' What do you have to say about these allegations?

Me: I....

Pat: Don't be scared tell her

Me: I.. Well.. Pat did mention that Lo.. Lorraine is behind the poisoning

Kholeka: Do you think she is?

Me: She is a very difficult woman

Pat: And very evil

Kholeka: Why would she kill her husband? What's the motive?

Pat: Why don't we ask her? Lorraine? Lorraine?

All eyes were on us..

Pat: The news people wanna know why you killed your husband! They have already interviewed Siba and I

Mahlodi: Ohh my word

Mahlodi made her way to us..

Mahlodi: Please leave

Kholeka looked at the Camera man..

Kholeka: Did you get it?

The Camera man nodded..

Kholeka faced the camera..

Kholeka: I am Kholeka from the Jozi news channel reporting live at John Marè's memorial service

Mahlodi: Can someone get security to escort all the journalists out please..

This was a mess!

KAT

Buhle was still emotional about what the manager said to her she told me that her mother passed on not so long ago so for

the manager to actually say that was hurtful to her..I understand her emotions if someone said the same thing to me. I would be hurt too this was not on..

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SIBA

The Memorial service didn't go well after that journalist grilled us when the service was over. Already Lorraine was trending on suspicions of killing her husband. People were saying all mean things about her they were giving her all the heat.. John's side of the family were upset too they didn't take the accusations lightly. They literally agreed to what was being said about her..

When we got back to the house I followed Neo upstairs to his room..

Me: Neo talk to me

Neo: And say what? What do you want me to say?

Me: I was caught off guard I didn't know what to say

Neo: In such situations you keep quiet then! You don't say shit!
We are mourning and we don't need this kind of publicity

Me: I'm sorry okay?

Neo: What you did is unforgivable I know you hate my Mother I just didn't know it was that deep

Me: I don't hate your Mother

Neo: Yes you do! Imagine if I had married you! What was going to happen then?

Me: Pat started those whole rumours

Neo: Pat was drunk! So if Pat suggests something you will do it? Are you that stupid to not think for yourself?

Me: I'm truly sorry

He sat down on the bed...

Neo: I don't think this is going to work between us I don't think I can be with a woman who just accused my Mother of such a sinister thing.. I'm sorry Siba but this this is unforgivable

My heart was shattered at this instance..

Neo: It's over.. I want you out I'll call an Uber for you

He got up..

Me: Neo please!! (crying)

Neo: Please leave

Me: I'm sorry

Neo: Siba don't.. Don't do this

He walked away and I grabbed his arm...

Me: Neo

He yanked his arm from my grip and threw me down...

Neo: It's over I don't wanna see you again maybe I am better off with the Bimbos I've been dating at least they know this life

He walked out..

KAT

Later on at home I had a field day on social media. Siba just created a mess for herself with the Marê family. I knew she was not about this life I knew it was going to come down crashing on her soon. I literally laughed..

Rose: What got you so excited?

I explained to her what happened she laughed too..

Rose: Tshotsho! Bekayophelelaphi? (Where was all of this going to end)

Me: This was so soon

Rose: You see what happens when God blesses you and you turn your back on your family? God heard my prayers and I don't want to see this girl here. I will literally kill her if she comes back! She must just get another rich boy and insult his family and keep on messing up. She's just like her Mother!

I clapped my hands..

Me: YooH besesifile (We were suffering)

Rose: Let me call Jojo and make myself a cup of tea this is the best news I've heard

SIBA

My legs suddenly felt heavy to carry me to the kitchen door. My heart was bleeding I was truly hurt. When I looked through the sliding door. I saw Neo and Mahlodi at the pool didn't take her that long to sink her claws in my man. I walked up to them when she saw me she made her way to me..

Mahlodi: What do you want?

Me: I want to talk to my Man

Mahlodi: Your Man?

Me: Please move

Mahlodi: He doesn't want to talk to you matter of fact he doesn't want to see you. Leave before you make a bigger fool of yourself

I pushes her out of the way and walked up to Neo she grabbed my arm. Without thinking I turned back and slapped her across the face.

Mahlodi: Are you serious right now? Are you fucken serious? You going to bring your ghetto attitude here? Here and right now?

I walked up to Neo..

Me: Neo

Neo: Eyy Siba I told you to leave!

Me: Baby please don't do this to me don't do this to us

Neo: It's already done! You brought this on yourself now leave! I don't wanna do this with you not when my father is about to be buried tomorrow

Me: So just like that? One mistake and we done?

Neo: This is not a mistake this is stupidity! You know I thought that maybe working at the firm will somehow help you. Make you smarter but I guess I was wrong

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stupidity cannot be eliminated just like that
I nodded with tears in my eyes..

Me: Wow.. Okay wow that was unfair

Neo: I said leave!! (screaming)

He grabbed my arm and dragged me out. Since I was wearing heels I struggled through to keep up with him I fell and he didn't hesitate to drag me across the ground. Didn't care how much the rough ground was scratching my thighs and my legs. He dragged me all the way from the pool area to the house and outside to the gate. My skirt was even rolling up my underwear was on display. With my other hand I was fighting to pull my skirt down but I was failing dismally. We got to the gate and he threw me out..

Neo: I never wanna see you again! I'll call an Uber for you. Look at how you have just embarrassed yourself!

He spat on me..

Neo: Township trash insulting My Queen like that what was I thinking?

He took out his phone and walked back in I saw security coming up to him...

Neo: Make sure this trash stays outside! Until her Uber comes

Security: Yes Sir

He walked back inside..

The security guy walked up to me...

Security: Come on

He helped me go get up and picked up my bag from the ground that I rolled down from my shoulder due to the whole incident..

Security: Come on get up

I was crying trembling and embarrassed.

I fixed myself..

Me: Thank you

Security: I'm truly sorry this boy was never taught manners rich boys act like this

Me: I deserved it it's okay

Security: No Mam' it doesn't matter what you did but he had no right to handle you like that you don't handle a woman like that

I limped to the grass and sat down...

Security: Are you going to be okay?

Me: I think so

He handed me my bag..

Me: Thank you

Security: I'm sorry again

I wiped my tears nodding..

Me: Thank you

He went and stood at the gate as I cried.

KAT

I couldn't hold myself any longer. I sent Siba a text:

"Your problem is that you thought that you owned the world as soon as you got that job. You changed towards the only family that loved you your only family that was there for you when you had nothing. You deserve everything that is coming. This is karma baby and enjoy her because she's a bitch! Ohh and Mom says don't set your foot at her house let's see how you going to

fix this one. Congrats you just graduated you going to be me. Depend on Men for survival remember how you thought you were better than anyone? Sorry my love we live in a real world. You can't throw bricks when we all living in a glass house. Shame I wish you find a way and I found a job by the way. Who has the last laugh now? "

MAHLODI

Lorraine was upset she was fuming.

Lorraine: Who the hell does she think she is?

Me: Calm down

Lorraine: I can't calm down!

She poured herself a glass of whiskey..

Me: You did kill your husband though

She looked at me..

Lorraine: No one knows that except for me you and your Mother!

Me: Relax your secret is safe with us

She gulped down the whiskey..

Lorraine: Take care of my Son he's broken. He's not thinking straight this is a good time to get him. I don't want him going back to her

Me: Don't worry.. Neo is mine from hereon

Lorraine: Good!

SIBA

I went through the weekend with a broken heart I realized now at this moment that I truly did love that bastard. I was wrong yes but I was caught off guard. My mind just froze I didn't know how to react. Things that were written on social media were just too much to take in especially when Neo posted and made this whole thing my fault. He stated that his biggest mistake was dating a girl who hated his mother so much that she would utter such disgusting accusations. I got inboxes of people harassing me saying all kinds of heart breaking things about me.

Some said there must be a bit of truth in what I confirmed I was miserable. Kimmy told me to deactivate my accounts until this whole thing blows over. I did just that..

Monday morning I went to the firm to check if I was still employed the truth is that I needed this job. Moreover since Kat and my Brother have been sending me unsettling texts. I was disowned by my family I was all alone now. Confused broken and not knowing how to pick up the broken pieces and fix everything..

I was given looks as I made my way in I kept my head down to avoid all those looks.. When I got to the office I wasn't at all surprised to see another lady sitting at my desk. The bimbo type as how he would call them. Expensive weave cleavage out

and a damn perfect face beat.. She stood up as I approached her desk..

Me: Good morning

Lady: Good morning

Me: Can I please talk to Neo?

Lady: Mr Marê went to the canteen

Me: Ohw I see

Lorraine walked out of Neo's office..

Lorraine: I need that file on t-

Her eyes met up with mine..

Lorraine: What are you doing here?

Me: Mrs Marê

Lorraine: What are we paying security for if they just going to let trash walk in?

Lady: I'll go get security

She walked away..

Me: I didn't mean any harm

She slapped me across the face..

Lorraine: You meant harm when you said shit about me do you even know that I can sue you? For defamation of character?

Me: Yes Mam' I'm well aware of that

Lorraine: I won't do that because you don't have any dime you cost us a lot of clients!

Me: I'm truly sorry

Lorraine: I bet you are.. I am going to ruin your already ruined life! I'm going to blacklist your name and make sure that you don't get hired anywhere else not even as a damn cleaner! I will make sure that you break until the only way out of this is nothing but suicide

I swallowed..

Me: I just wanted you to know that I am very sorry

Lorraine: Leave my sight before I vomit can't believe my Son actually loved you!

She spat on my face..

Lorraine: You disgust me!

I didn't wait for more insults I turned back wiping off her spit from my face when I saw Neo standing there and looking at us.

The ever so spiteful witch Mahlodi was standing next to him. She had her hand over his arm and had this smirk on her face. I didn't say anything I just walked out I didn't even consider the elevator. I wanted to be out of there faster than my legs would take me..

KAT

I felt very sick that morning. I didn't know that pregnancy can be this devastating. It was worse because today it's just going to be Lisa and I the manager was off and the temp wasn't scheduled to come today. Lisa tends to be a bit Nice when it's just me and her she's two faced. She talks ill about the manager and tomorrow she's laughing with her I hate her attitude.. I was sitting at the back office and eating plain yogurt

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I hate her attitude.. I was sitting at the back office and eating plain yogurt hoping that it can help with my nausea. Quite frankly it's the only thing that I can process now..

I received an international call I knew it was Dante. I looked at it for a while then I picked up..

Me: Hello

He exhaled..

Me: Hello

Dante: Hi

Me: Can I help you with something?

Dante: I'm flying down to SA soon I would like us to talk

Me: About what?

Dante: You know about what

(Silence)

Dante: Look.. I just.. I may have overreacted a bit I'm sorry

That warmed up my heart a bit..

Me: I can't talk I am at work

Dante: Well then I'll call you later

I hung without even saying "Goodbye".

I smiled...

SIBA

The walk back to my flat was very devastating. Tears kept on streaming down my legs were weak. My chest was closing in on me and my heart beat was very faint..

I accidentally bumped into someone..

Person: Watch were you going

Me: I'm sorry

I was confused I didn't even know the way back to my flat. I stood against the wall of some building and closed my eyes with my hand on my chest...

Me: God please help me.. (crying)

I took out my phone and called Kimmy..

Kimmy: Babes

Me: Kimmy!!

Kimmy: Are you okay?

Me: I need you to come and fetch me

Kimmy: Where are you?

Me: Please come and fetch me.. I feel like I'm going to die (crying)

Kimmy: Okay just tell me where you are and I'll come and get you

I sank down to the ground..

Me: Please come and get me (crying)

NEO

I looked at my Mom..

Me: That was unnecessary

Lorraine: That was very necessary! This girl is the reason why this firm is turning upside down

Me: Pat said that Siba said nothing she just went with the flow

Lorraine: Pat is an unstable person everyone knows that she was drunk. We all know how she gets when she mixes her meds with alcohol. Siba was very sober Siba should've never said anything. In fact she should've protected Pat and Me we are fighting enemies outside we shouldn't have one in our mist

I sat down..

Lorraine: Look Neo this girl was never going to fit in see what she did there? This life is too heavy for her. We can't trust her with something so little how should we trust her with big scandals? She couldn't protect our family!

Me: She was ambushed she was confused. She froze

Lorraine: This girl spoke ill about me! I am your Mother your Queen. She accused me of killing my husband. My husband my only husband that I loved with all my heart

She broke down..

Lorraine: I am still hurting over your father's death now I have to hurt over what people are saying about me because of someone who couldn't defend her mother in law. To see if a girl loves you watch closely how she treats your mother! I know that me and her had our differences but this? This is too much
Neo

I made my way to her..

Me: I know and I'm sorry

I hugged her..

Me: This must be too much for you I'm sorry

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To be continued

SIBA

Kimmy laid down in bed with me I have been broken before but this time around it was worse. I was happy happy that things finally took a different turn for me. Only to find myself back to square one again. This was not even square one this was square 0..

Kimmy: Neo has always been a spoiled rude brat you shouldn't even cry for him. He's not worth it

Me: I don't even know what I'm going to do. My job mattered more to me. I have R8000 what am I going to do? Rent is expensive grocery is expensive. Finding another job is going to be difficult my current job was the best for me. My matric certificate is not even impressive do you know how difficult it is to get a job these days?

Kimmy: This is so hard I don't even know what to say

Me: I can rent a backroom but how far is the R8000 going to get me? All I ever wanted was just peace and stability. I heard fear that this would happen and it's happening. Why didn't my Mother just abort me? She messed up a lot in life and she couldn't even do one right thing? Just abort me? I wish that all my suicide attempts would've worked in my teen years.. I literally have no one Kimmy I'm alone. Why does God tend to be silent when it comes to my pain? Why doesn't he just take me? I am tired of living like this

Kimmy: Don't say that (sniffing) don't say such things

Me: I don't know what I'm going to do if I had the courage I would kill myself! I'm even a coward to do it. I want to die but I don't really want to die.. Now I even have a headache

Kimmy: Let me get you a glass of water and some pain killers

NEO

I knocked off early today Just needed to clear my head.. I was at home sitting on the couch drinking my father's whiskey and listening to music. I was checking Siba's pictures on my phone..

"Up in the studio

Me and my drank

Deezle on the beat

And let me do my thang

Thinking 'bout a certain

Certain somebody

That perfect somebody

Sexy purple body

She got service road curves

And highway eyes

The road to her soul

Just follow the road signs

And holla if you hear me

I love it when she's near me

I hate when she's away

And Satan'll see the day

That Hell freeze over

Before I let her go

And let one of you bitch niggas get her

No no no"

Why did she have to go and do this? Why did she have to go and ruin the best thing that we had? How could she be so stupid?

I squeezed the glass as I clenched my Jaws.

Pat walked down the stairs..

Pat: Hey

I ignored her..

Pat: Neo?

(Silence)

Me: Why did you do that?

Pat: Do what?

I looked at her..

Pat: I am not sorry about what I said

Me: I know you hate Lorraine but to accuse her of such? Then drag Siba like that into your nonsense?

Pat: Lorraine is evil

Me: This is the same woman who still kept you after your husband died! The same woman who treats you like her own daughter! The same woman who opened her door to you

Pat: I am still married to your brother okay? He is my husband! I gave up my family for him and he was not the person I thought he was. He chose to be in a gang even today I don't understand why because he was never struggling! He was from a rich family! He left me with a child a child that I had to raise! Lorraine never opened her door to me John did after your brother's death and I had a mental breakdown! I didn't wanna go out there with my Daughter I wanted her to have a family at least. I am still here because of Lethabo quite frankly if it wasn't for her I would've been long gone!. Lorraine is very malicious why wouldn't she kill John? He was perfectly fine until they got

back from the restaurant. John has been in that restaurant a lot of times

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why wouldn't she kill John? He was perfectly fine until they got back from the restaurant. John has been in that restaurant a lot of times no one has ever gotten food poisoning from there why him?

Me: Dammit Pat! I'd like to think that my father's death was due to nothing but negligence I'd like to think that the woman has been with him for all these years. The love of his life had nothing to do with this. Why would Lorraine kill him? Why would my own Mother kill my own father? Why now?

Pat shook her head..

Pat: The day you truly learn the truth about your "Queen" I hope you won't kill yourself

She walked to the kitchen..

KAT

Dante did call again. When he called at first I ignored his call he called again a couple of minutes later..

Me: Hello

Dante: I hope I didn't catch you at the wrong time

Me: Not at all was just resting I'm tired

Dante: You said you found a job

Me: Yes I did.. I had too for the sake of my baby

I heard him exhaling...

Dante: Look I'm sorry

Me: Huh? I didn't get that?

He chuckled...

Dante: I said I'm sorry and I want to be a part of the baby

Me: What changed your mind all of a sudden?

Dante: I had time to think about it and I wanna own up to my responsibility

Me: How do I know that you won't change your mind in the long run?

Dante: I give you my word

Me: Well then if you serious you'll have to pay for the damages

Dante: I'm lost?

Me: In the African culture when you impregnate someone out of wedlock you pay for the damages. Your Uncles have to come to my house

Dante: I'll talk to them when I come back

Me: Okay then.. I'll hear from you

Dante: Take care

Me: Alright

Dante: Don't be scared to call me when you need anything

Me: I'll keep that in mind

Dante: Bye

Me: Bye

MAHLODI

Mom: How are things between you and Neo?

Me: He's still hung up over his father's death

Mom: Why aren't you there?

Me: I just wanna give him some space Ma that's all

Mom: We are on a mission here and you wanna give him space? He's vulnerable this is the time he needs someone

Me: You know how Neo is I don't wanna push him he might snap

Mom: He won't snap! Mahlodi those riches are ours. Lorraine took John from me! John was supposed to be your father Lorraine snatched him from me a long time ago when her and I were friends. She knew I had my eye on him and she went ahead and snatched him from me

Me: I know Ma.. You have told me that over and over again

Mom: I'm just hoping that it gets through to you you don't know how important this is for us

Me: I know Ma.. I won't disappoint you I promise

Mom: Good!

SIBA

Kimmy had to dash out and meet up with her boyfriend. She didn't wanna leave me on my own but he pays her bills so she had no choice...

I switched on my phone and I had missed calls only from Ses'Phindi. She used to be my mother's best friend. I called her..

Her: Ohh Nkosi yami ngiyabonga I have been trying to get a hold of you

Me: I had switched off my phone

Her: Thato told me about everything that was posted about you on social media

Me: Ya I fucked up my life.. I lost my job my boyfriend and I don't even know where to go. My Brother and Kat have been harassing me with text messages. I haven't saved up enough money because it hasn't been long since I started working. I don't know what I'm going to do

Her: How about you come over and stay with us just until you find something concrete again another job perhaps

Me: I don't wanna be a burden

Her: Before your Mom died she asked me to take care of you because she knew how her sisters were those were her last words before she departed. I promised her too that I was going

to take care of you I will honour that Promise until you are finally where you want to be. We don't have much but at least you will have shelter food and peace. You will eat whatever we eat it will really help me to sleep better at night knowing that you safe please come and stay with us. I don't want you to resort into doing things that you have never done just for survival. That is not you that's not how you grew up. Plus it will do you good to be around people that you know you are not alone. I am here..

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