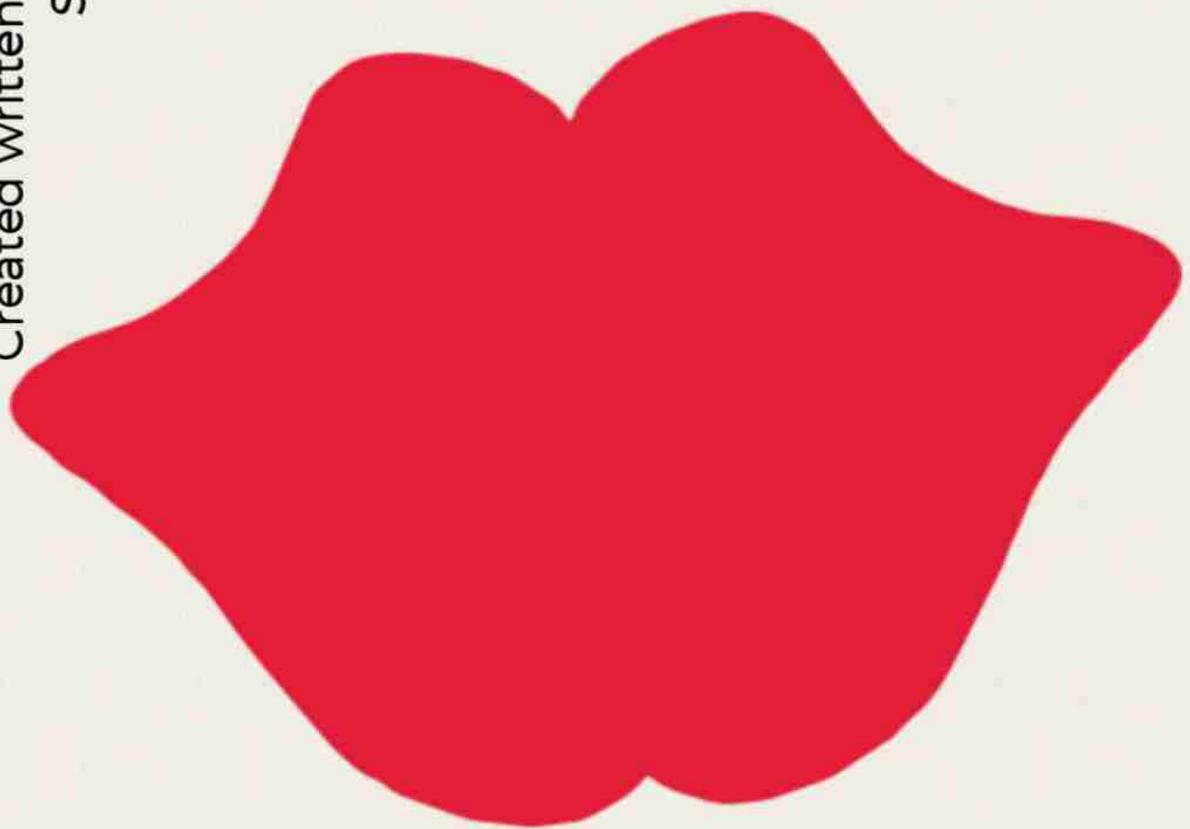


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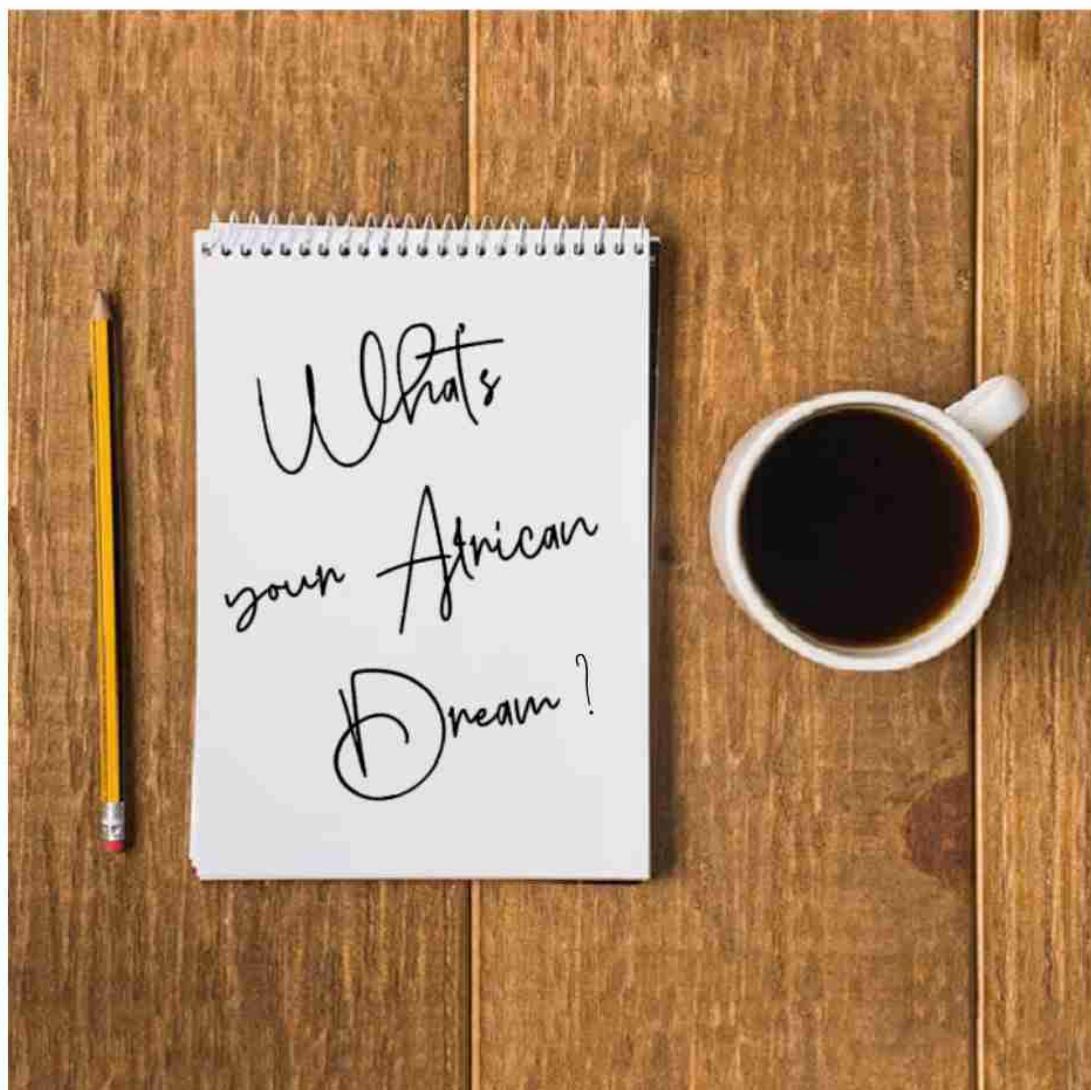


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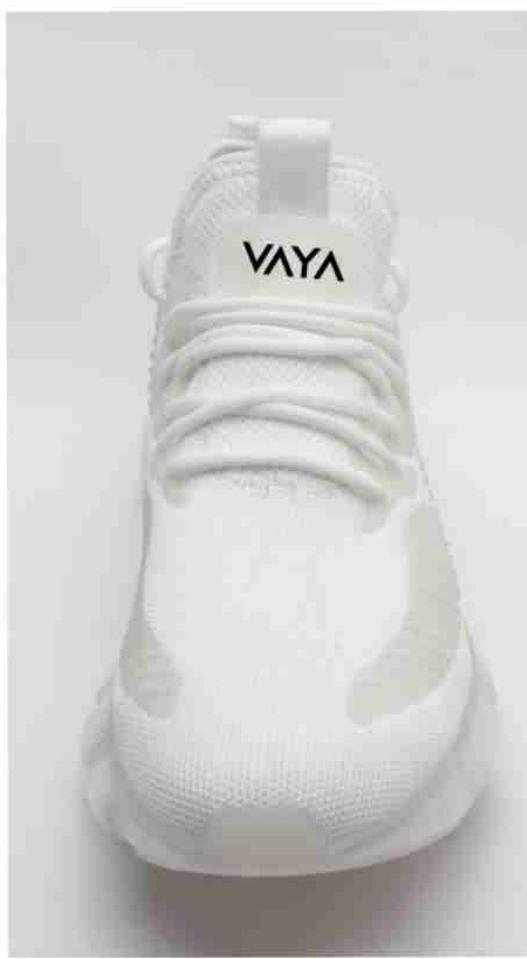
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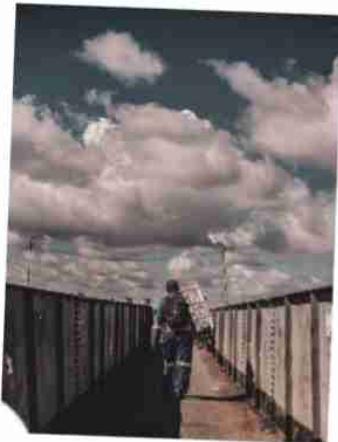


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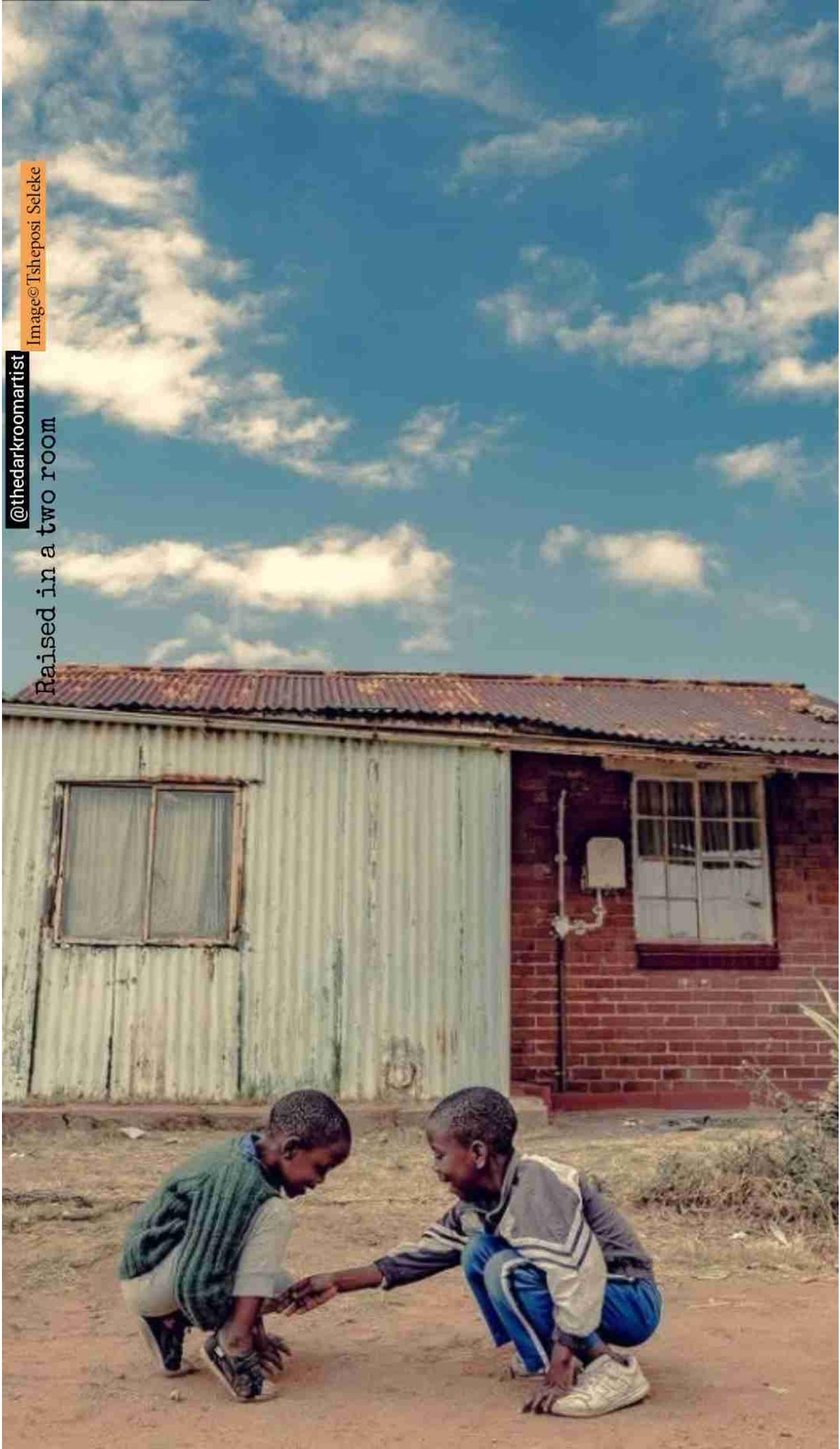
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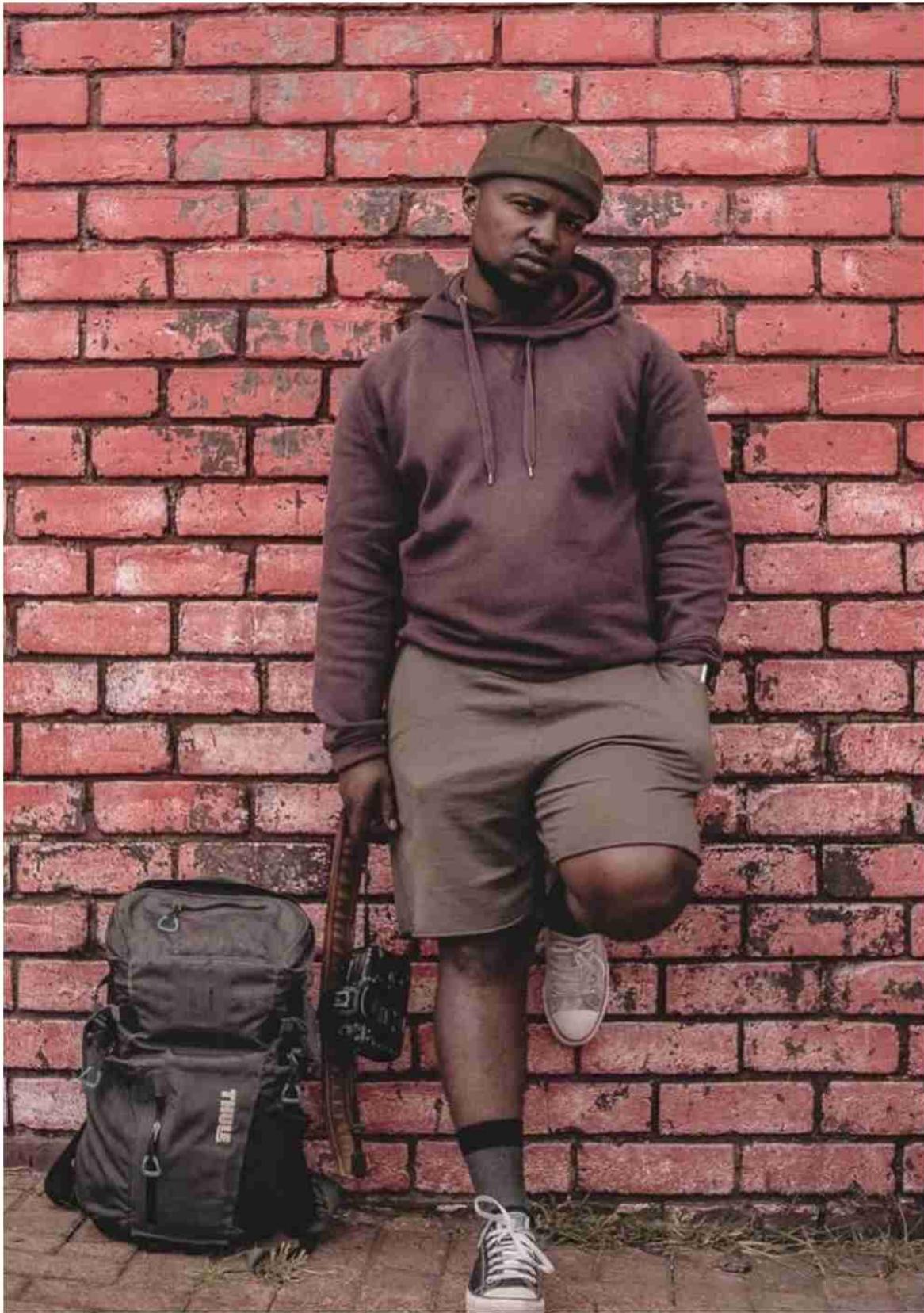
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Man behind
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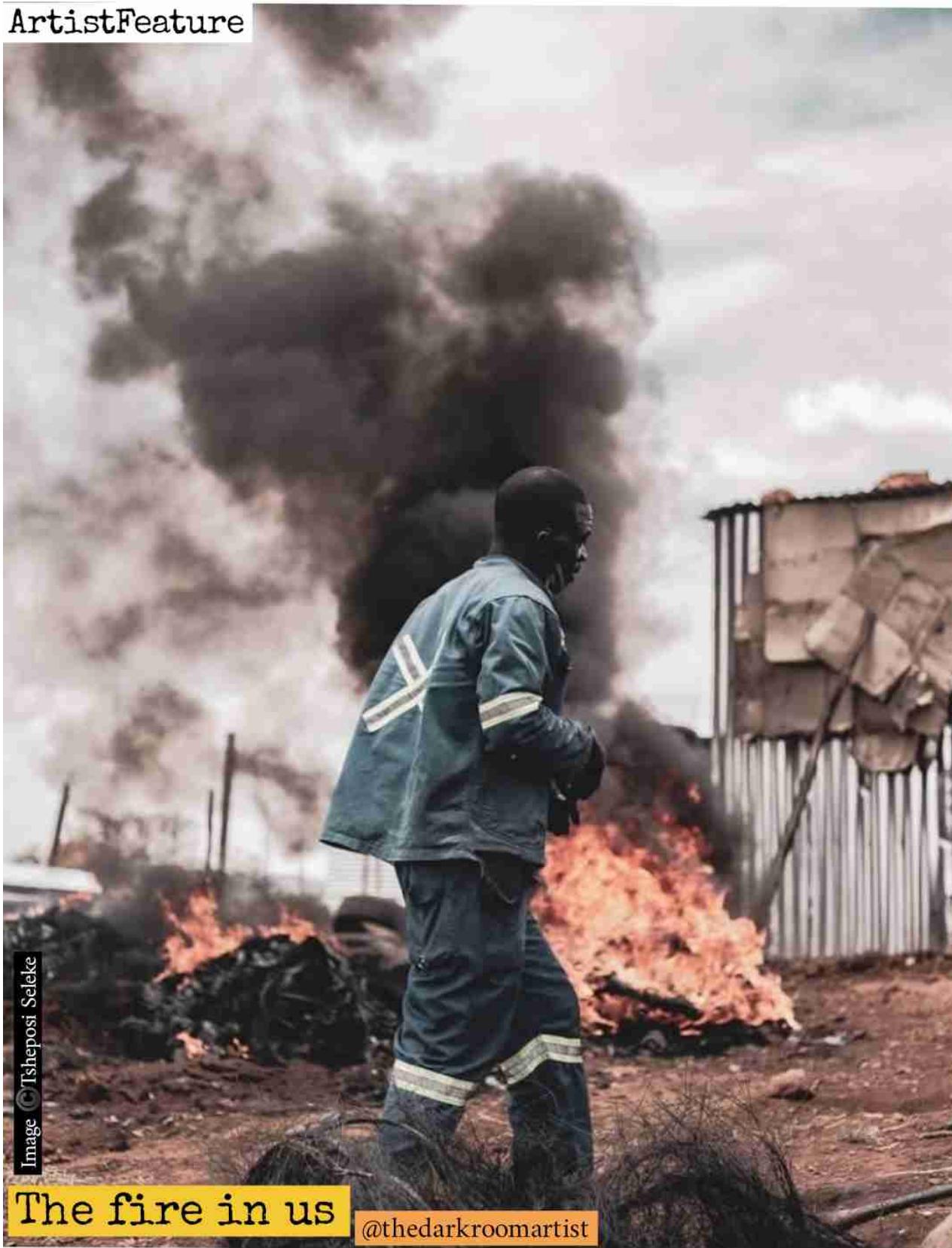


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The fire in us

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It's the honesty and authenticity of his pictures that first drew me to his work.

How his images are able to speak to the injustices that are still being faced by majority of black South Africans , even with the new found "Freedom" that was promised in 1994.



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Giants that walk on earth

And in the same breath able to invoke a sense of hope, celebrating who and where we come from as a people.



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When we chased the sun

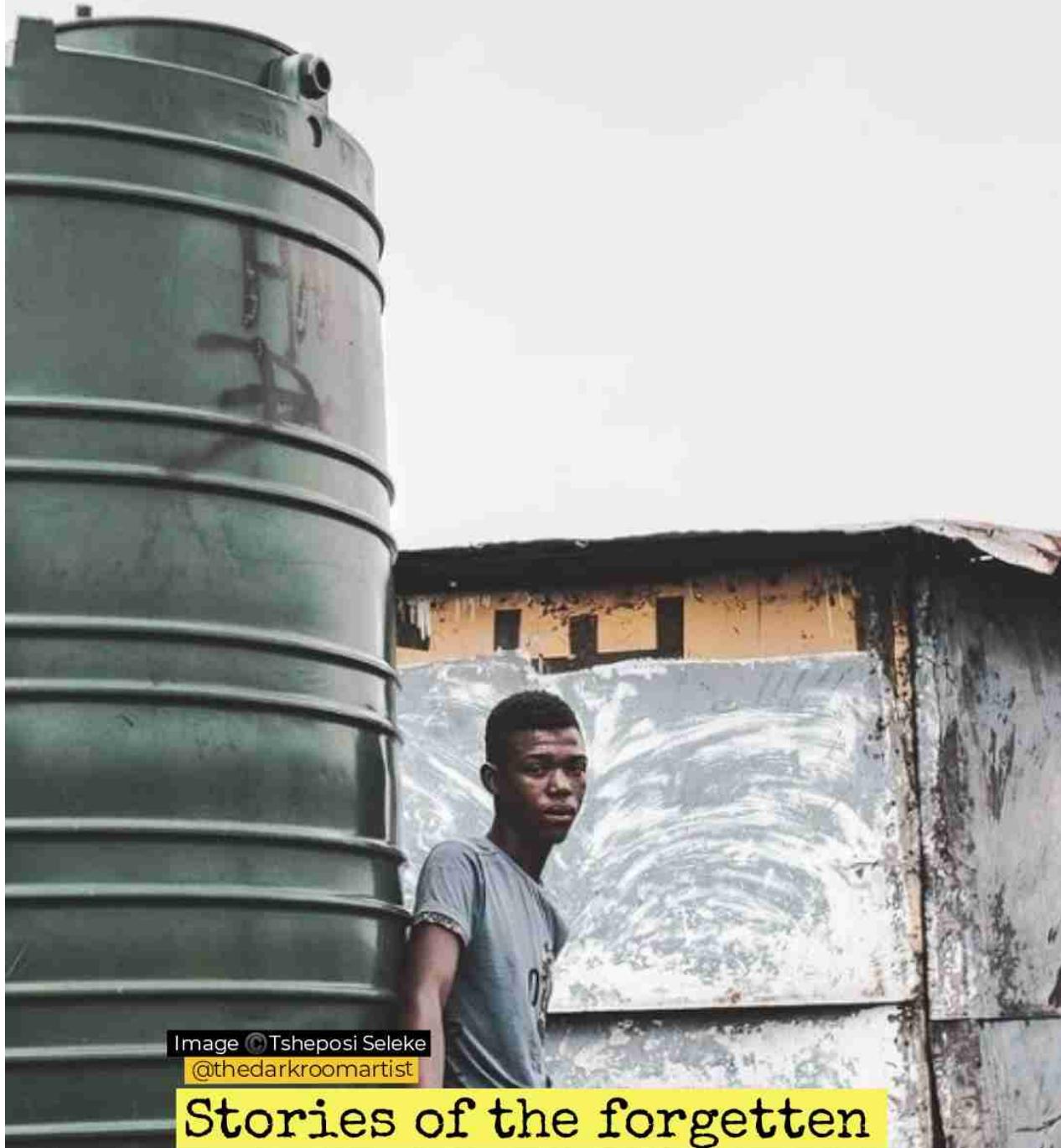


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Stories of the forgotten

but most importantly continue thriving forward for a better tomorrow regardless of where you come from. Making him not only an eye of hope, but a voice for many Africans who have been forgotten.

Sharing & celebrating their stories.

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Abantu Bemishanelo

He also believes in using his space and platforms for those without a voices to promote their businesses, In so doing he brings awareness to township entrepreneurs who need our support to put bread on the table. Like his 2020 series titled abantu Bemishanelo

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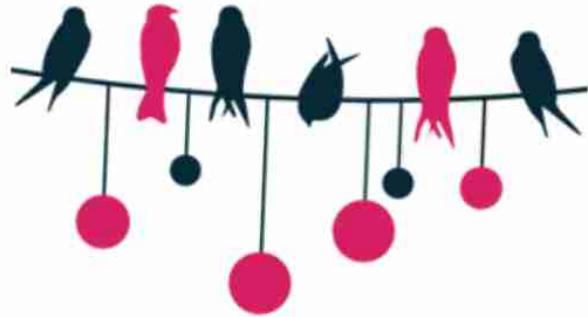
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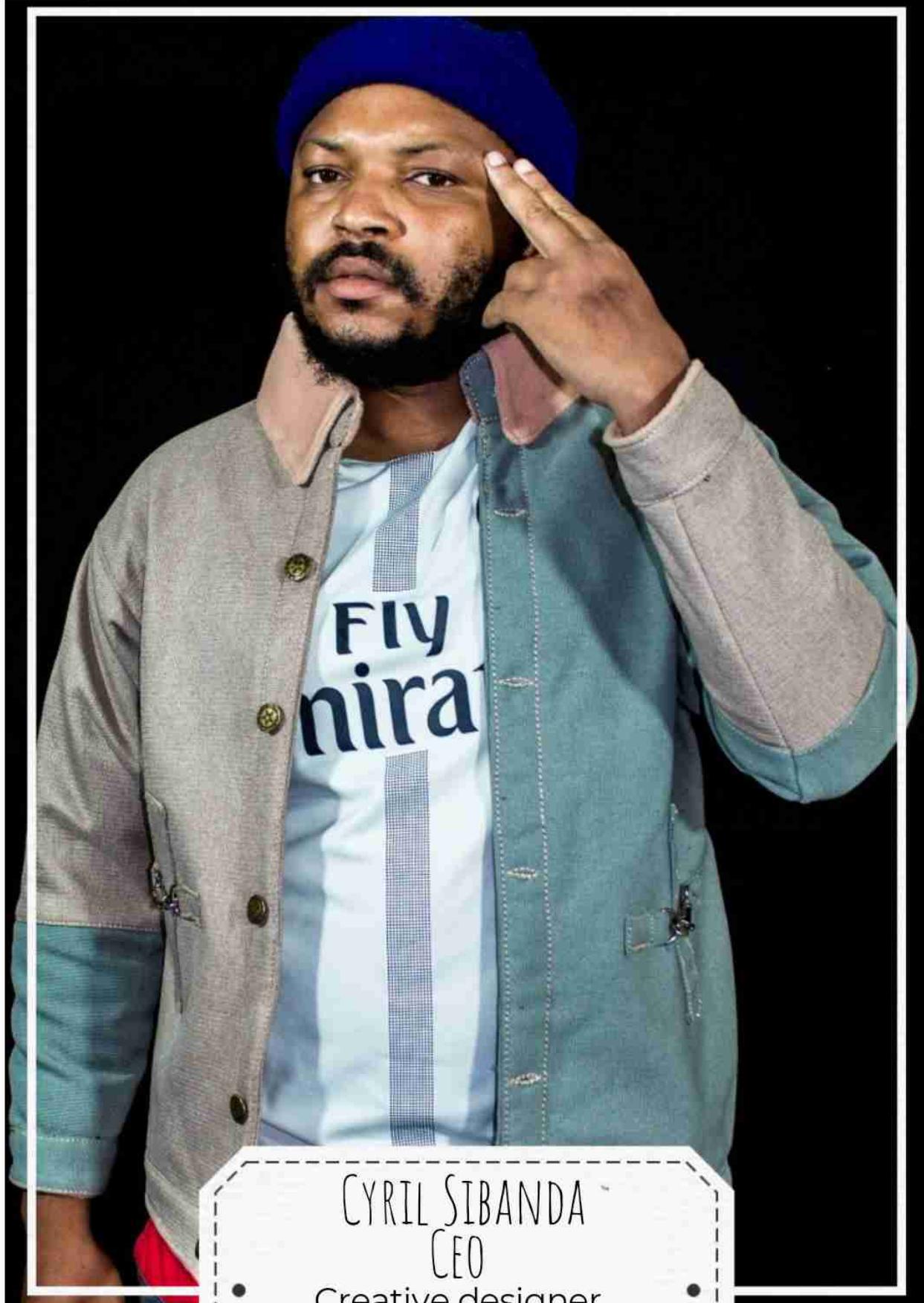
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Through his Eyes

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Every story needs your full attention, so focus.

MIRROR MIRROR ON THE WALL

Countless times I have gone down memory lane on the reflection of my face & body in the mirror tracing back on my skin to my earliest childhood memories, on how each bruise & cut permanently archived itself on my skin almost like a unique scar that was meant to be there.

OurStory



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Home

Where our story, love, hope & dreams
begin.

Some scars come with regret, some with
deep rooted pain from a life that I once
lived, some with shame & resentment but
the most tragic for me, is the pain we
inflict upon ourselves to try and fix the
broken mirrors we reflect upon every
time life asks of us & we have to try &
answer.





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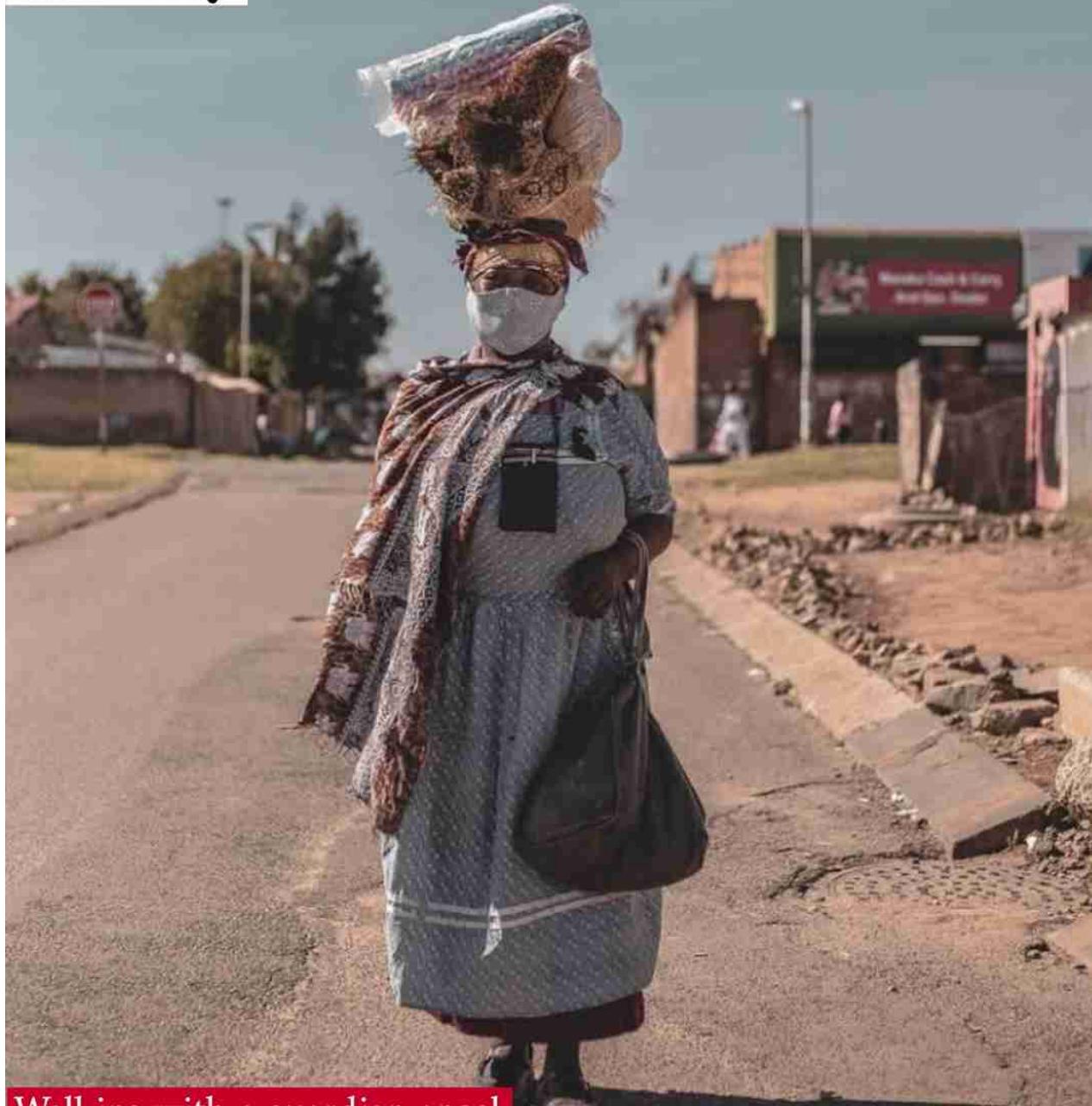
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The beauty of our journey is self discovery more than anything

Looking beyond

we must understand that from the very first moment we take our first breath we are called upon . First called upon to co-exist in harmony & love, then to co- create.

but at times we are called to answer some of life's most difficult questions, to solve problems that were created before our very own conception, like breaking generational curses in our families.

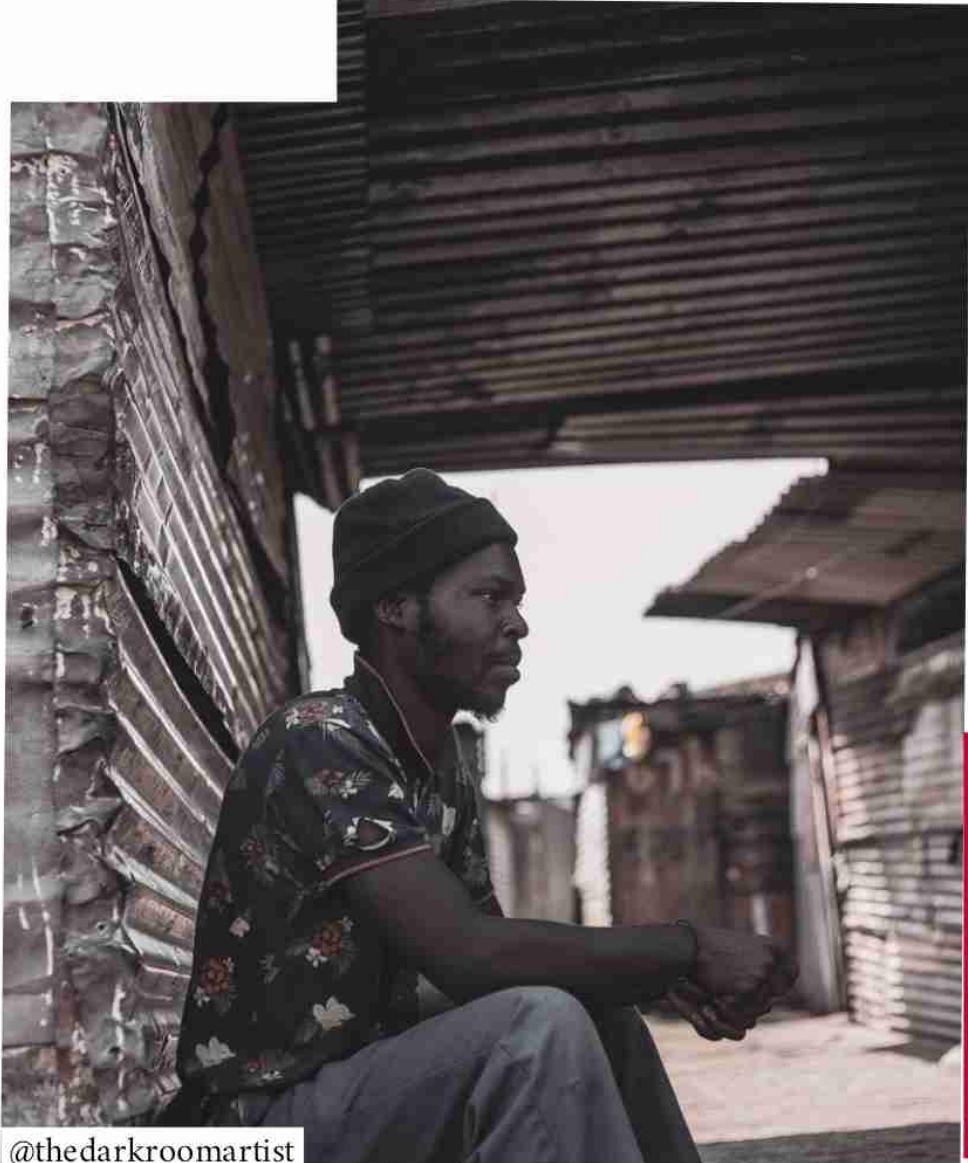


Walking with a guardian angel

Humanity is not impacted by what we say but by what we do.
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And we all come with our unique stories
that are specific to our life experiences
which makes us different & distinct in
nature.

Yet we share a common fallen nature as
mankind, causing us to miss the mark in
our pursuit of answering the call of God on
our lives & living a life of purpose which will
give us the peace we so seek in the material
& superficial things of the world.



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A touch of roses



The day we give up on humanity; it's the day we give up on ourselves

Forgetting that all mirrors of the past we reflect upon are of a broken nature.

Even those who have driven down memory lane Avenue reflecting on the scars & bruises in their hearts will tell you one thing,& that is no one is perfect.

ALL MEN FALL SHORT OF GOD'S GLORY.

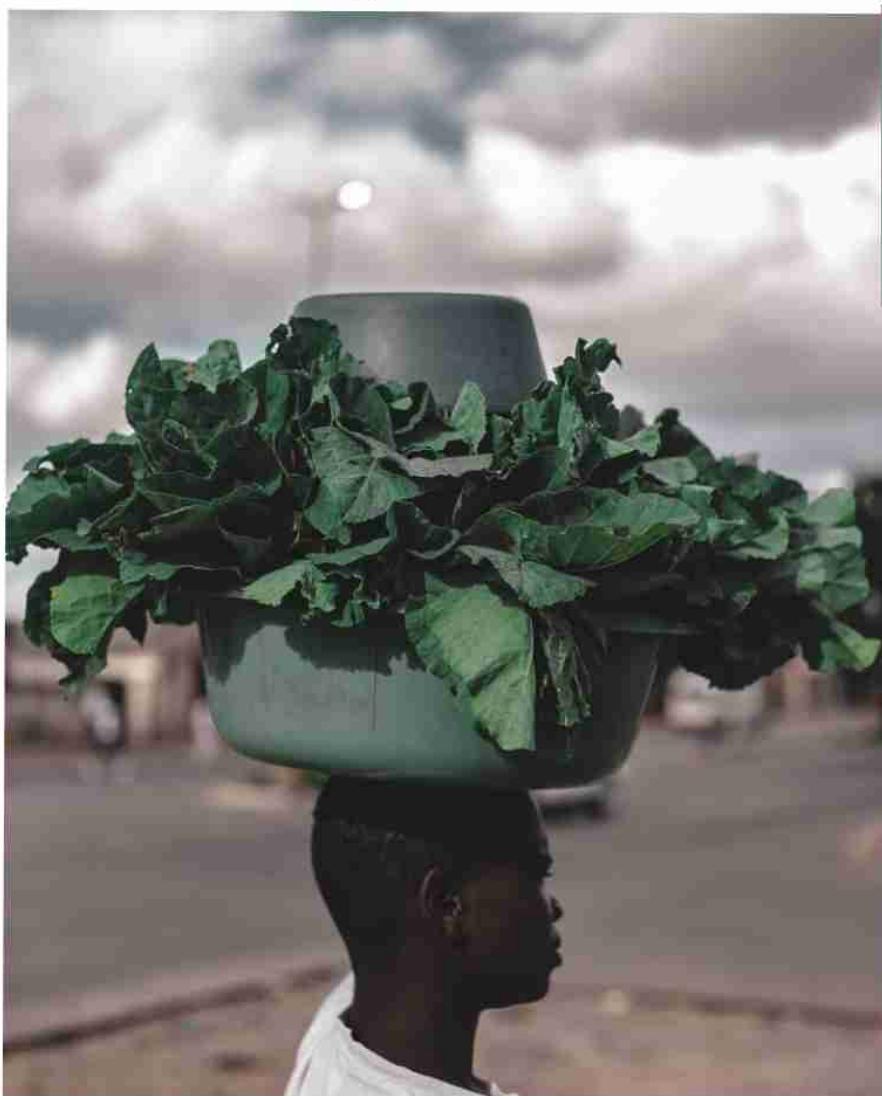
Now Compound that with a mirror that invokes a sense inferiority, self hatred, fear,lack of responsibility & leadership in the home & community every time one reflects upon it & then having to walk around with such images & emotions replaying in their minds.

Ourstory

Not to mention being treated as livestock-branded to be sold & resold. We brutally murdered & raped of land with livestock and natural minerals & We are intentionally being excluded from participating in the economy.

Like being a human being isn't challenging enough!

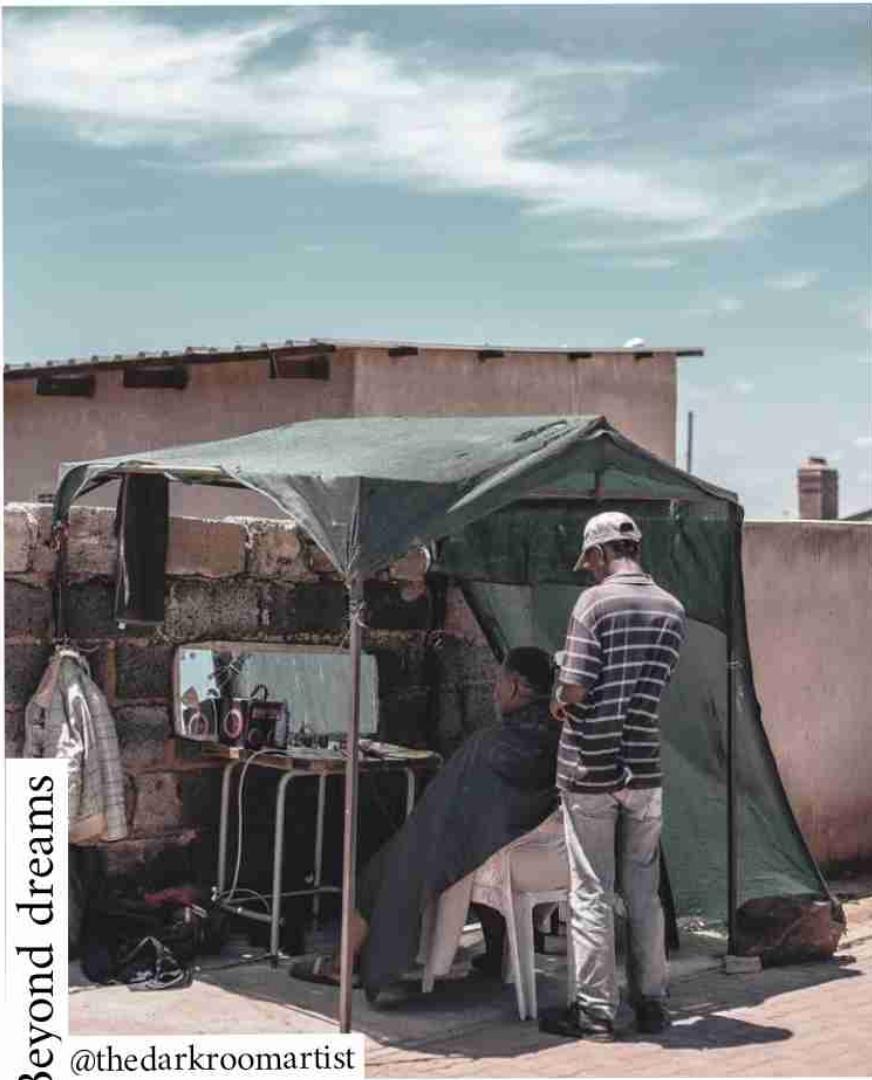
The black race has to continually wake up and face these harsh realities everyday. It is even worse for those of us who have finally decided to answer the call of serving others through our gifts, talents & God given ideas.



We chose to dance on water.

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OurStory



Beyond dreams

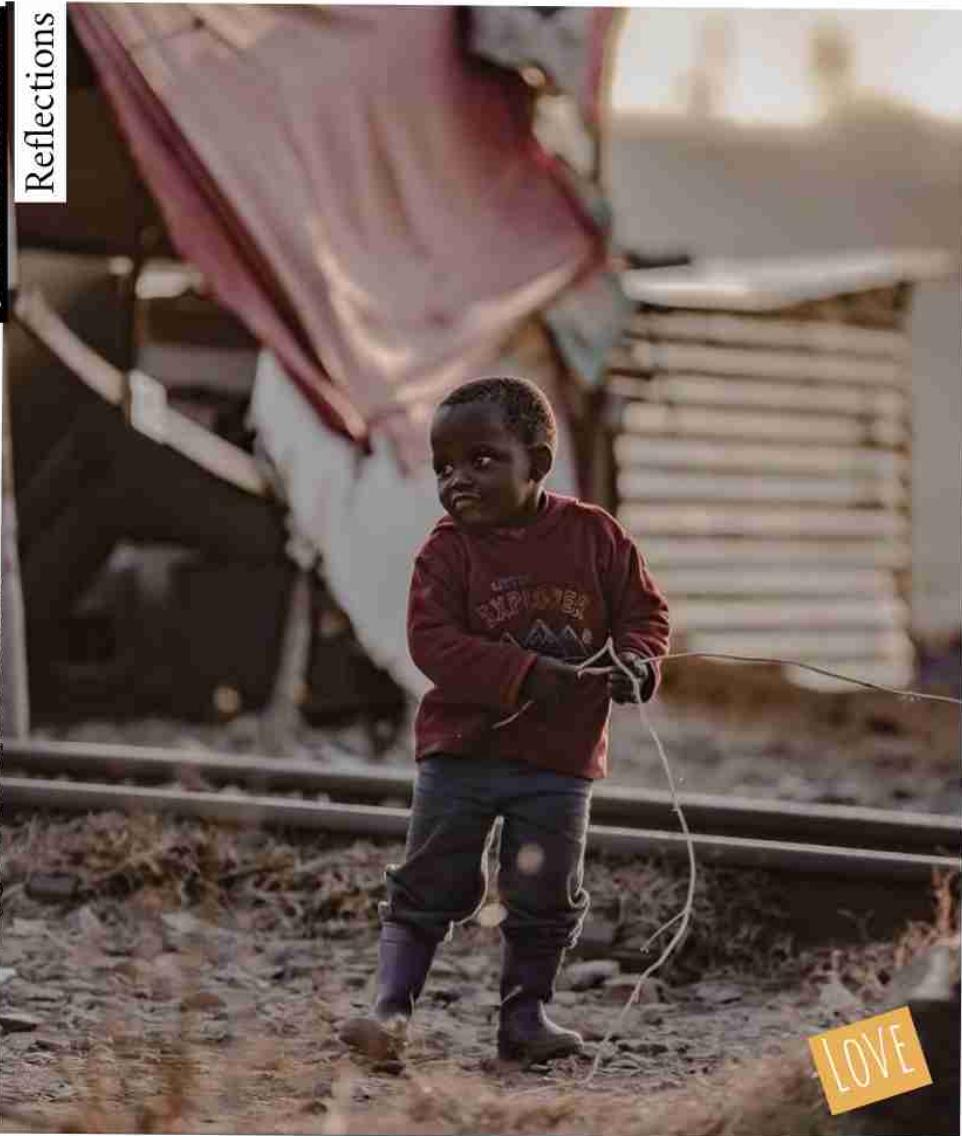
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There are no limits in what you can achieve, but only if you see them in your mind.

As much as I would love to present to you an intelligent, well-educated & expert answer that has years of data and research behind it, done by the most revered specialists in their field to solve all these seemingly never ending woes we not only face as the black race but the human race. unfortunately that would not only be a lie but give one a sense of false hope.

I can only present to you a solution that existed even before the beginning of time & its the same solution that was presented to a people pretty much like us 2000 years ago , facing life's most complicated questions with no looming solution in sight.

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Luke 10 :27

Jesus understood that once one starts having a correct self image of self through God's eyes and start loving thyself not because of thy works but having the knowledge of God's love live in you .

Such a person with such a solid rock as a foundation is bound to have a love that is bountiful & even overflows to thy neighbor.

& therein lies My African Dream, in us starting to love and see ourselves as God sees & loves us.

OurStory

Start co-existing in love & harmony to co-create, which will lead to us to invest in ourselves as the black race through understanding our buying power as a collective across the globe.

Then from there anything is possible for the African continent from building to running our own banks , schools, hospitals, factories & start taking back what's rightfully ours as Africans, but It all starts with Love

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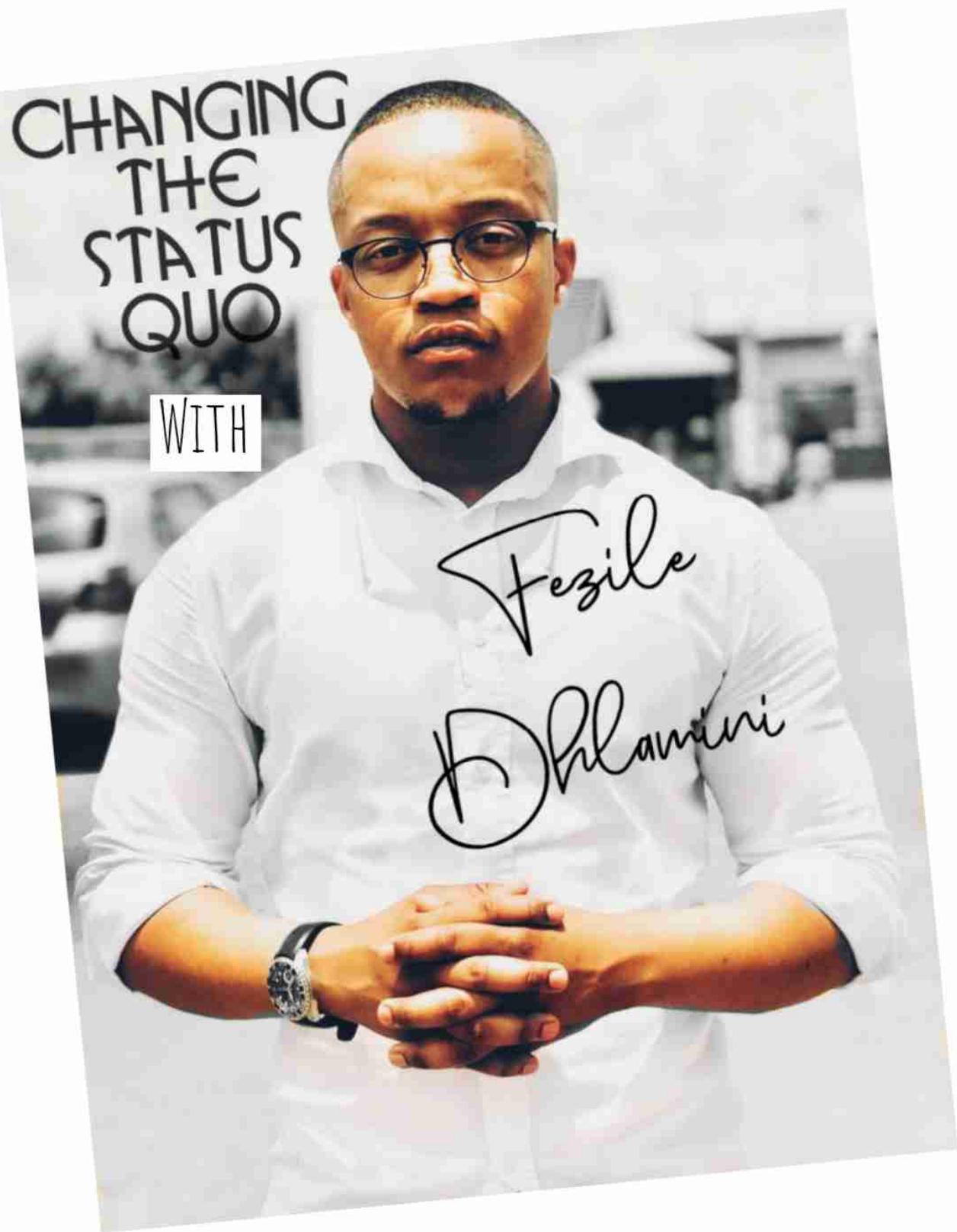


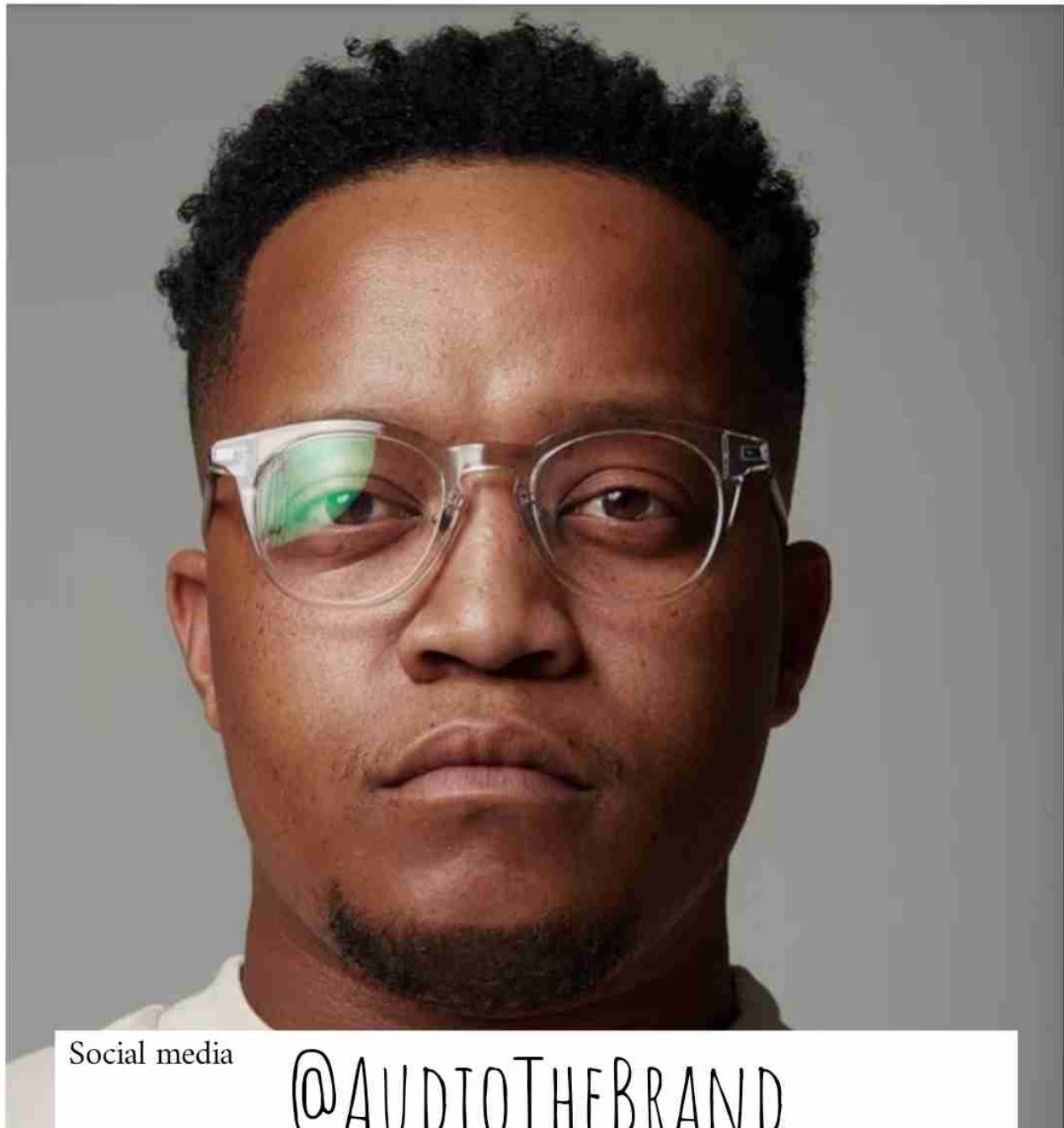
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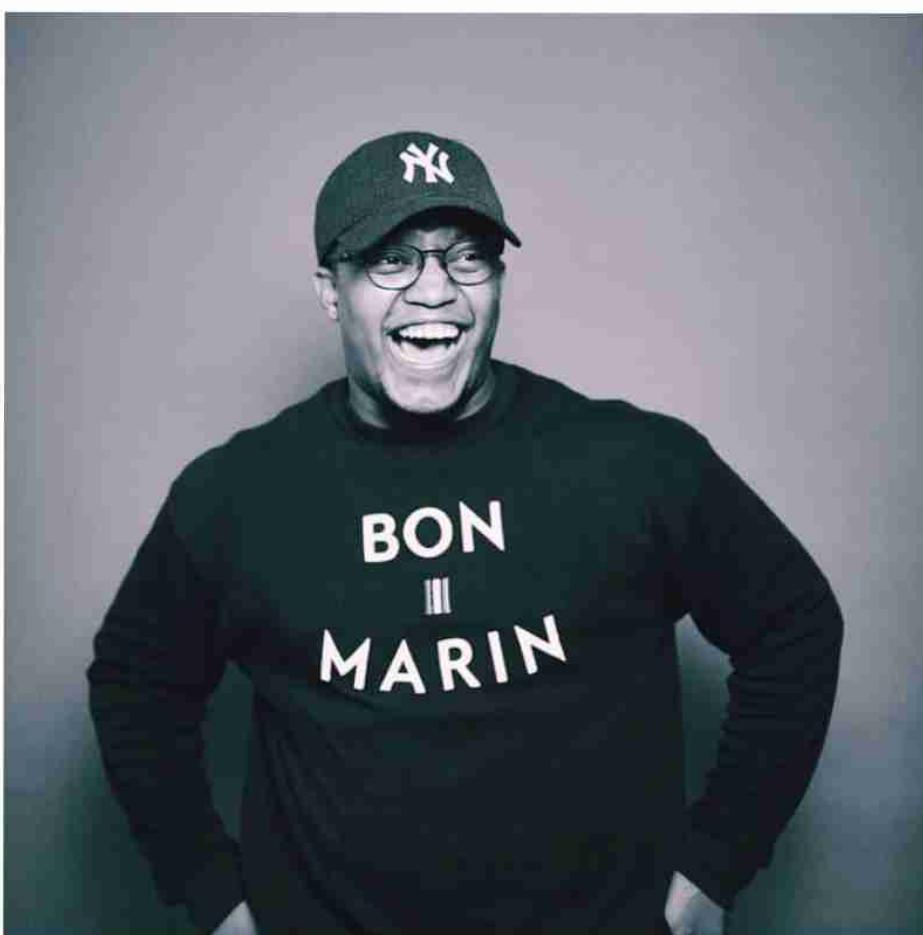
Social media

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University of Johannesburg strategic corporate communications graduate, founder and CEO of green scooter Fezile Dlamini has found a new, cost effective and environmentally friendly way of not only traveling but also doing business in Africa.

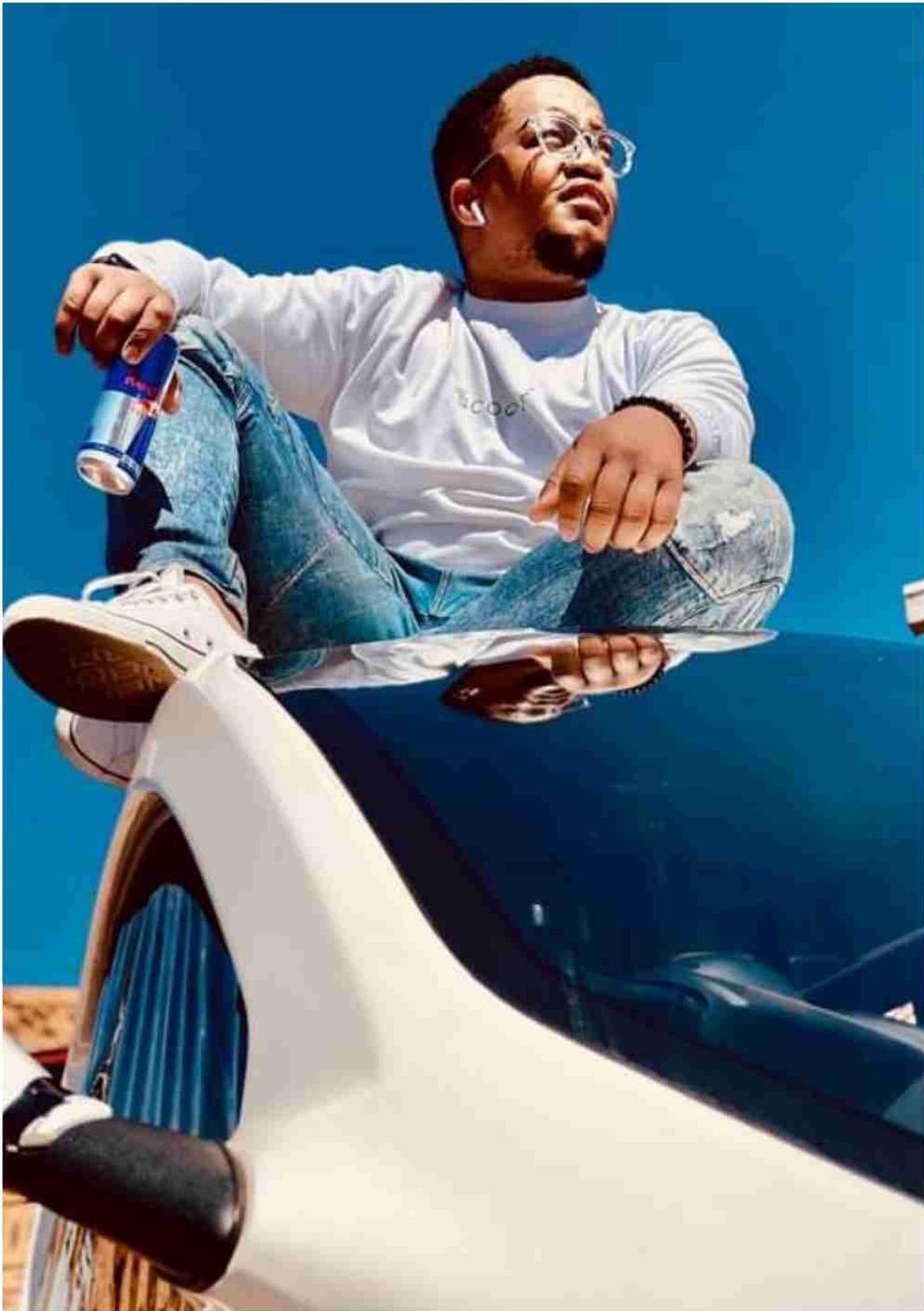
Fezile Dhlamini has taken the automotive industry by storm with his first EV (Electric vehicle) Zbee to ever be launched in Africa.

Even though he was born and bred in Soweto, raised in the suburbs and grew up in various parts of the country, the idea for green scooter was born in 2015 while he was on holiday in Richard's Bay, cape Town .



"I saw a lot of people walking a great distance to get access to public transportation" said Dhlamini, I then asked myself what's the next best vehicle to enter the market, he added.

He immediately started working on his business plan & was done by mid-January 2016.



He then registered his business and spent most of his time doing research, surfing the net looking for the perfect vehicle that would not only speak to him, but be cost effective and environmentally friendly.

And after two years of sending emails back and forth to a company in Sweden, Dhlamini eventually managed to forge a partnership that would not only change the face of South Africa but Africa forever.



Talk about meticulous timing, Green scooter couldn't have come at a better time, with such a high need for intelligent, gifted and solution driven young black people in Africa to start shaping its future and change its narrative.

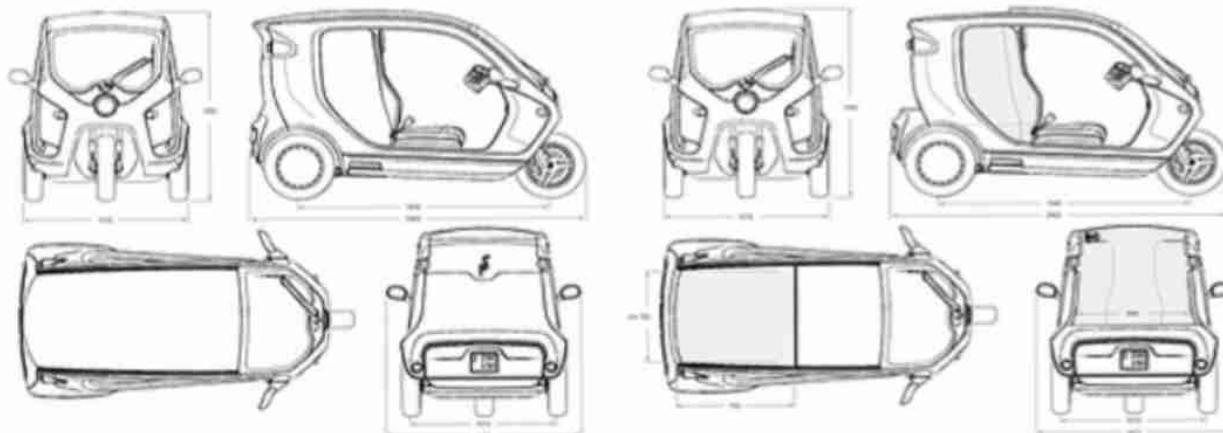
Green scooter is literally breaths of fresh air in so many ways compared to what's already available out there in the market plus it offers a lot of benefits economically , socially , environmentally and otherwise.

SAVE THE ENVIRONMENT WITH ONE ZBEE AT A TIME.
With the rapid rise in climate change and shortage in natural resources (fossil fuels) Fezile saw it fit to find a solution that would not only be environmentally friendly but cost effective as well, for the low earning income market.

Using self-sustainable electricity, powered by solar panels to fully charge, the Zbee is only the cleanest and safest way to travel for your short to medium distance trips , and sure to save you thousands of Rands, that you would have otherwise spent on fuel .

Having two types of vehicles at hand, the first is the passenger vehicle carrying only 2 passengers and the second one is the Zbee cargo which mainly caters for SMEs , from local drivers, to restaurants and companies looking for a new cost effective ways of delivering to their clients, the Zbee is all in one.





GENERAL INFORMATION

Model:	Zbee RS/Cargo	Speed:	45km/h / 25km/h
Type:	Electric moped	Range:	Up to 80km*
Vehicle class:	L2e (max 45km/h / max 25km/h)	Consumption:	40Wh/km*
Seats:	1 Driver or 1 Driver + 2 passengers	Motor:	Brushless hub motors in both rear wheels
Safety:	3-point safetybelt on all seats	Motor effect:	4kW / 1kW (45km/h / 25km/h)
	Integrated vehicle lock in the parking break	Cargo capacity:	170kg
Reverse:	Yes		1m³
Break system:	Hydraulic disc breaks front and rear		
	Mechanical parking break		
	Regenerative breaking		
Tire dimension:	135/70 R13		

BODY

Structure:	Self-supporting fiberglass body	Battery:	LiFePO4 51,2V – 72 Ah
Length x Width x Height:	2463 x 1215 x 1493 (mm)	Charging time:	Max 4,5 hours
Weight:	280 kg	Charger:	On board charger: 900W / 4,5A 230V AC

CHARACTERISTICS

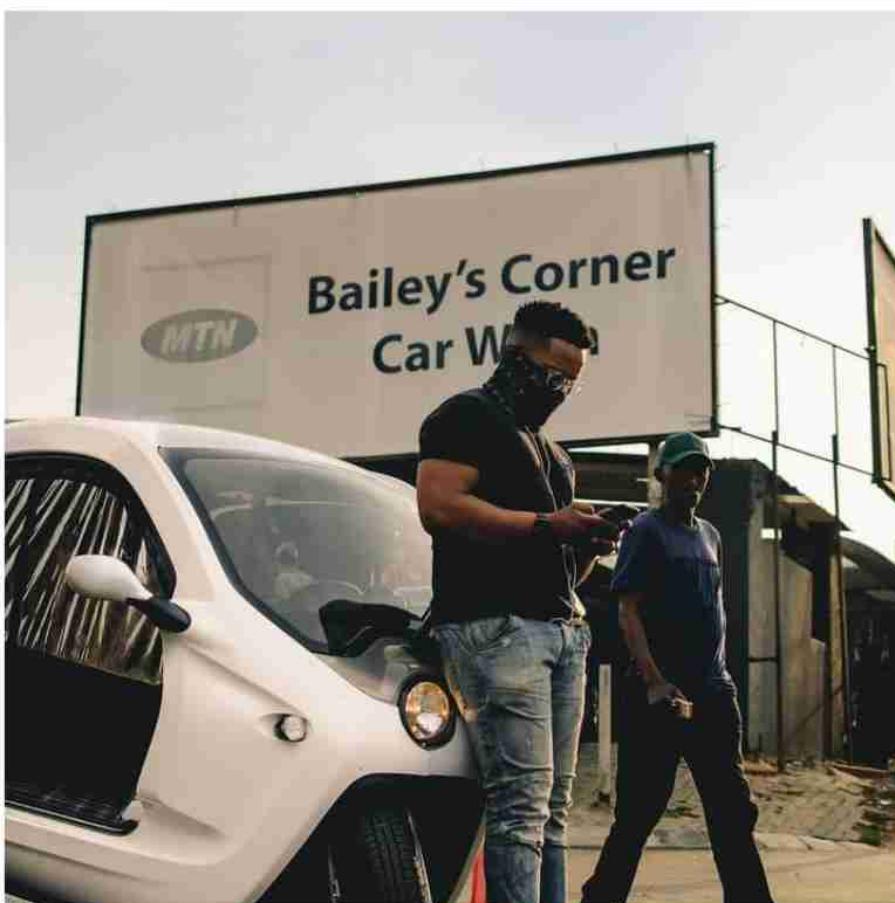
- Lockable cargo space
- Flatbed with D-rings for securing cargo
- Locked luggage compartment (50 litre)
- Windscreen wipers with washer fluid
- Electrically defrosted windscreen
- Thermo isolating front seat
- Multifunctional rear seat

BATTERY AND CHARGING

For more of the spec on their vehicle, please visit
their website

Electronic motors are supposed to last you up to 500 000 KMs with servicing every 200 000 KMs, which is what makes this technology great.

Compared to your traditional tuck tuck, the wear and tear on the Zbee is literally next to nothing cost wise and once something breaks in the vehicle, the dashboard will indicate what's faulty , thus eliminating the need to pop the hood & trying to figure out what's wrong.

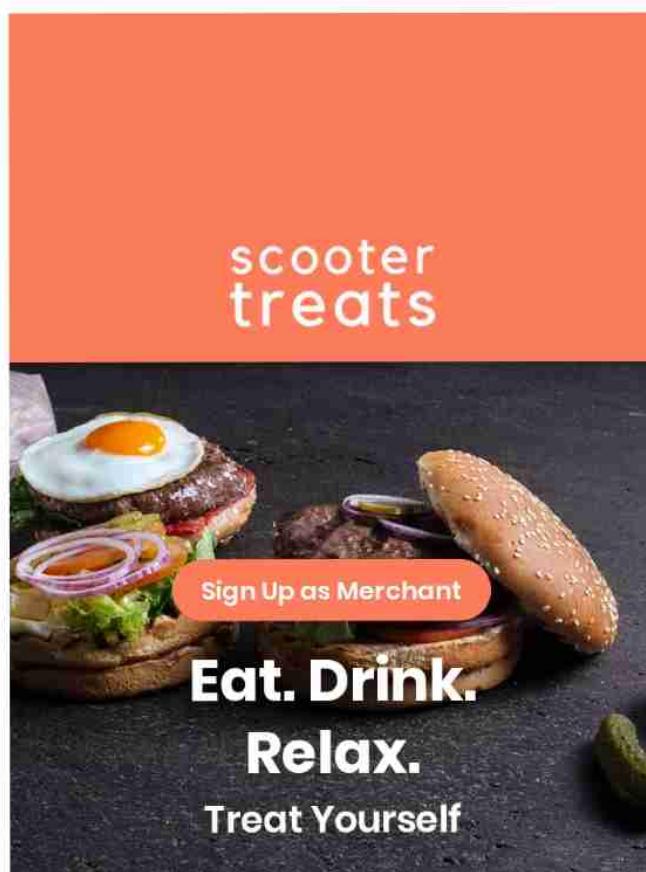


With a vast value chain green scooter is a lifetime business that will also create job and business opportunities for many South Africans.

Dhlamini said in future, they are planning on opening up their own factory to manufacture their own vehicles under African sun.

Being a man of intention and meticulous planning, Dhlamini managed to put his vehicles to the test by using them as part of the transportation for his e-hailing business venture, scooter treats.

Scooter treats is an e-hailing service that allows customers to enjoy their favourite restaurants food & have groceries from their favourite retailer, being delivered in the convenience of their own home at the touch of a button, basically acting as an intermediary between businesses and customers.



Having done over 3000 deliveries since April 2020 and having over a 1000 users, Fezile is definitely on his way to attaining his dream, which doesn't come without challenges.

One of the bigger ones, trying to attain funding as a black person, without which he is being hindered from fully participating in the economy. When asked about applying for government funding in one of his interviews, Dhlamini alluded to the fact that government is not coming to the forefront in assisting young entrepreneurs.



"Their policies clearly stipulate how the nation is going green with initiatives like national transportation month, in October.

Yet when the youth presents them with ideas that show viability of the business they are met with a lot of red tapes and bureaucracy". He said

FezileDhlamini

But being a solution driven individual,
Dhlamini is determined to run his race & see
it to completion, living In an Africa that is
thriving in all aspects

Specifically having young black youth take
control of Africa's economic future into their
own hands.

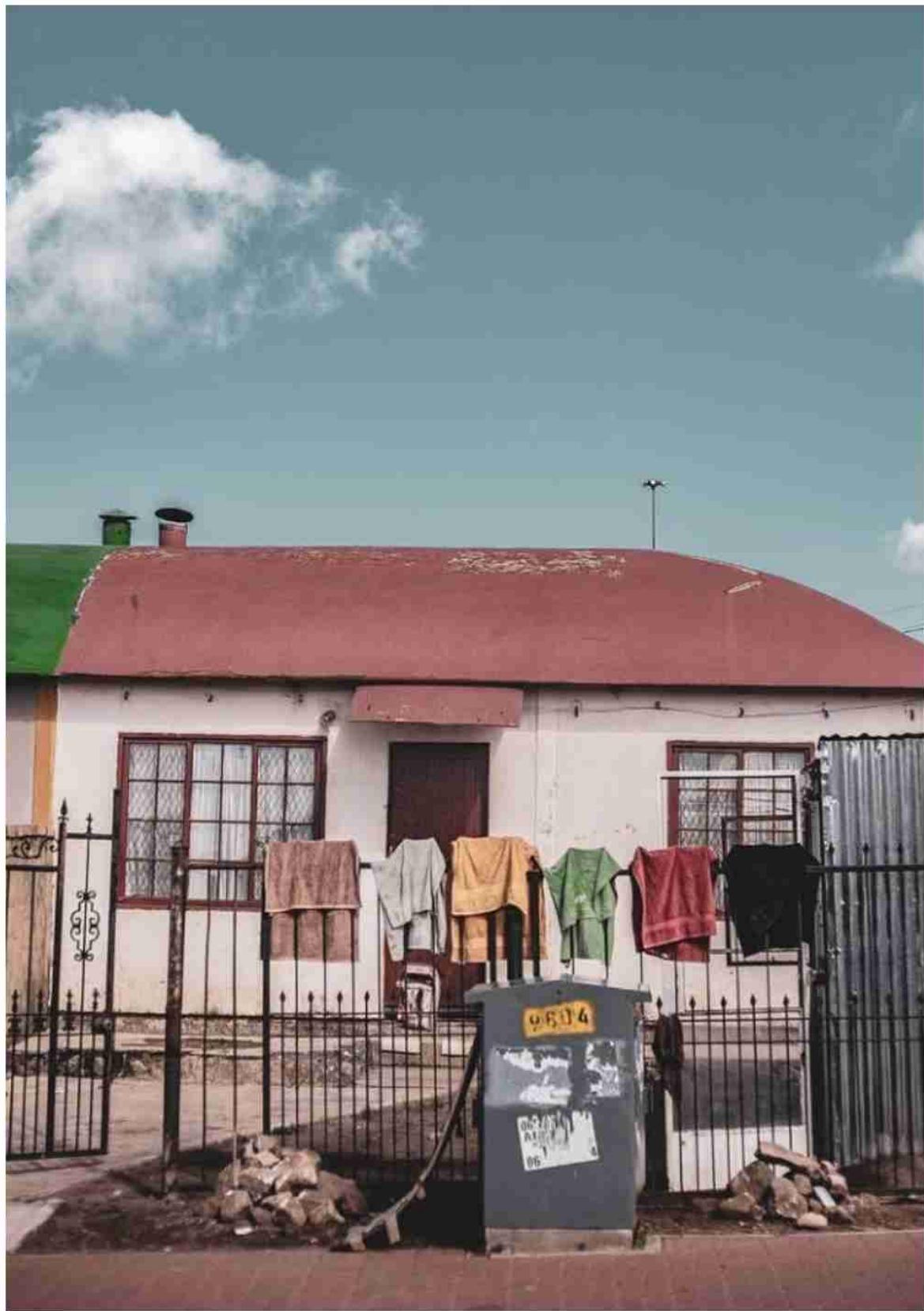
Start looking for more innovative &
environmentally friendly ways to conduct
business & help reverse some of the damage we
have caused to the environment.

Truly an erudite of our time with stealth and
determination,

self belief, hard work, humanity, focus and
clarity is what Fezile Dhlamini exudes when
you speak to him.

He is living proof that your African Dream
living in your heart is still possible , but only if
you believe it and pursue it.





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Around Africa with sips on this edition comes all the way from a volcanic archipelago off the east cost of Africa, in the warm Indian Ocean water of the Mozambique Channel.

And is the only country in the Arab world which is entirely in the southern hemisphere

COMORIAN FLAG



The design consists of a white crescent with four white five-pointed stars inside of a green triangle. The flag has four stripes, representing the four islands of the nation: Yellow is for Mohéli, White is for Mayotte (claimed by Comoros but administered by France), Red is for Anjouan, and Blue is for Grande Comore. The four stars on the flag also symbolize the four islands of the Comoros. The star and crescent symbol stands for their main religion, Islam.

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Ingredients



Filling :
250 full fat cream cheese
1 X 385 g can full cream condansed milk
5ml vanilla essence
90 Ml lemon juice, freshly squeezed

Crust :

100 g whole wheat biscuits crushed
600 ml butter, melted



To finish :

300 g mixed frozen barries
125 ml sugar

Method

Filling : using an electric beater to beat the cream cheese until smooth. Add condensed milk and beat until well combined.
Add vanilla essence and lemon juice and mix through



Cheese

Crust :

cake

Mix the biscuits and melted butter together until well combined. Line a muffin pan with cupcake cases and spray the cases with stick-Pan. Divide the crumb mixture between the cases and press into a small teaspoon to form the Crust. Divide the cream cheese into a mixture between the cup cake cases, freeze until cupcake liners can be pulled away-about 1 hour 30 minutes.



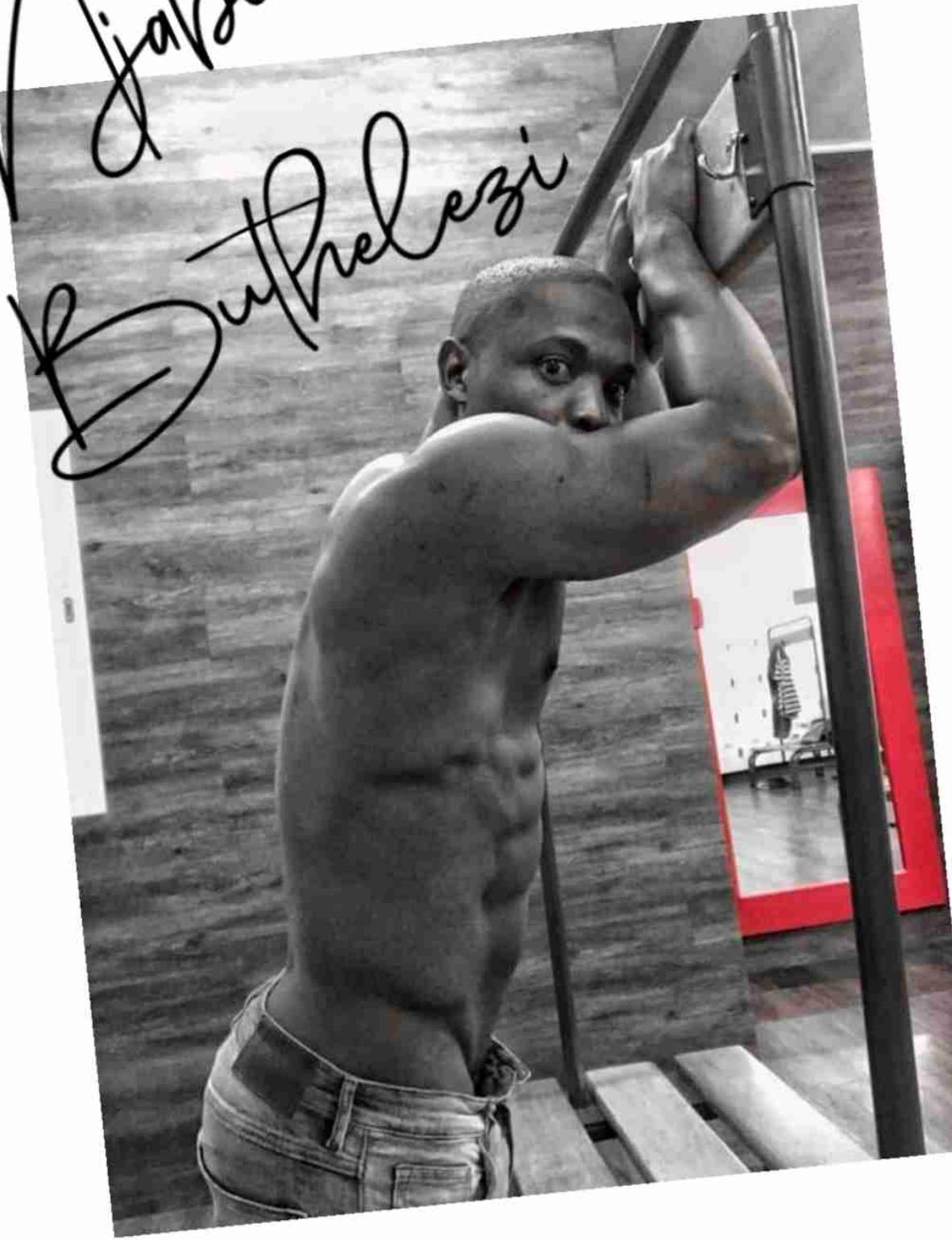
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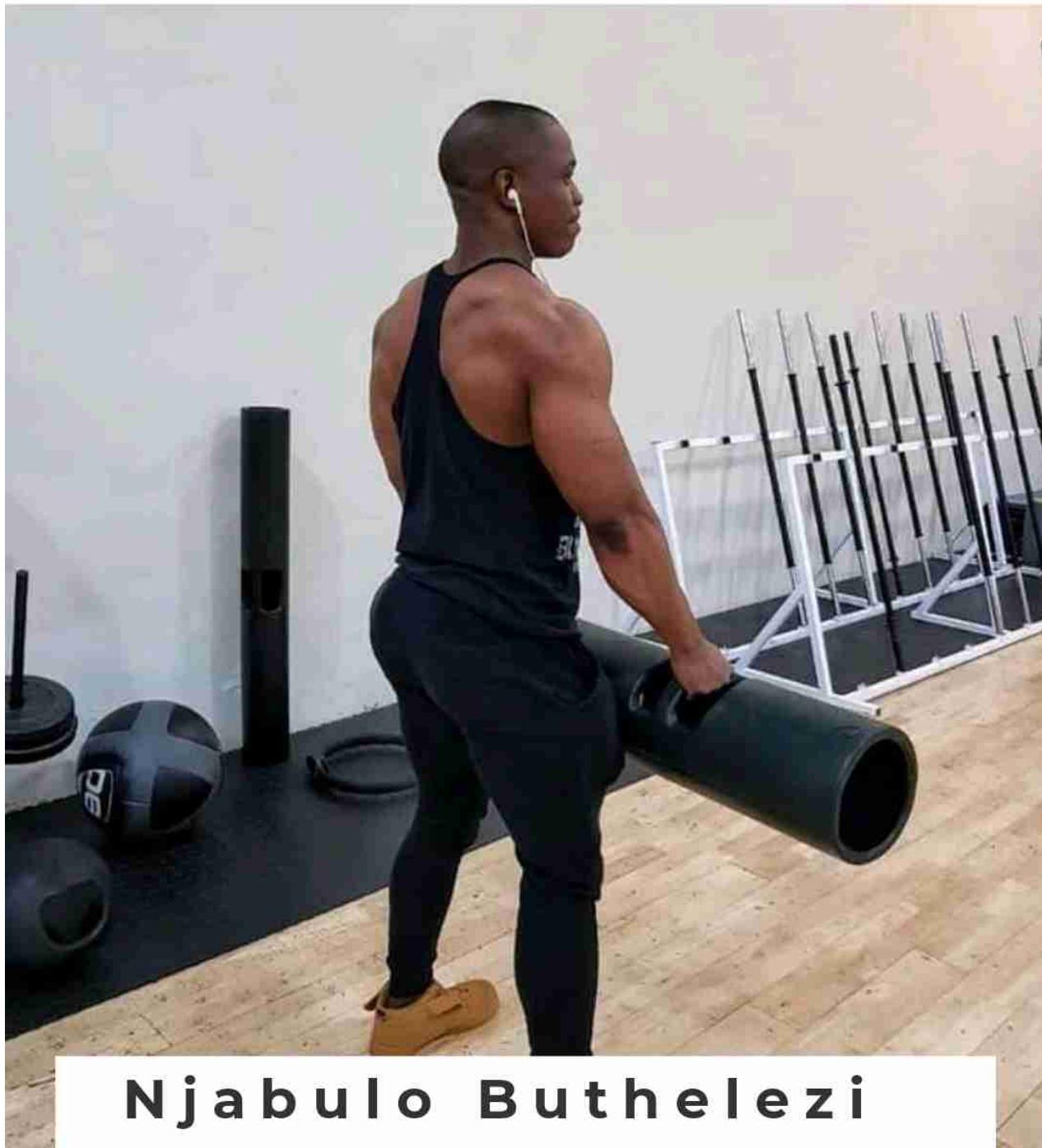
Heat the berries in the sugar in a medium non - stick saucepan & bring to boil, cook until slightly thickned. Then set aside & allow to cool. Add lemon juice & extra sugar to taste if necessary

Top the cooled cheesecake with berry compote just before serving.

PERSONAL TRAINER

Njabulo
Buthelezi



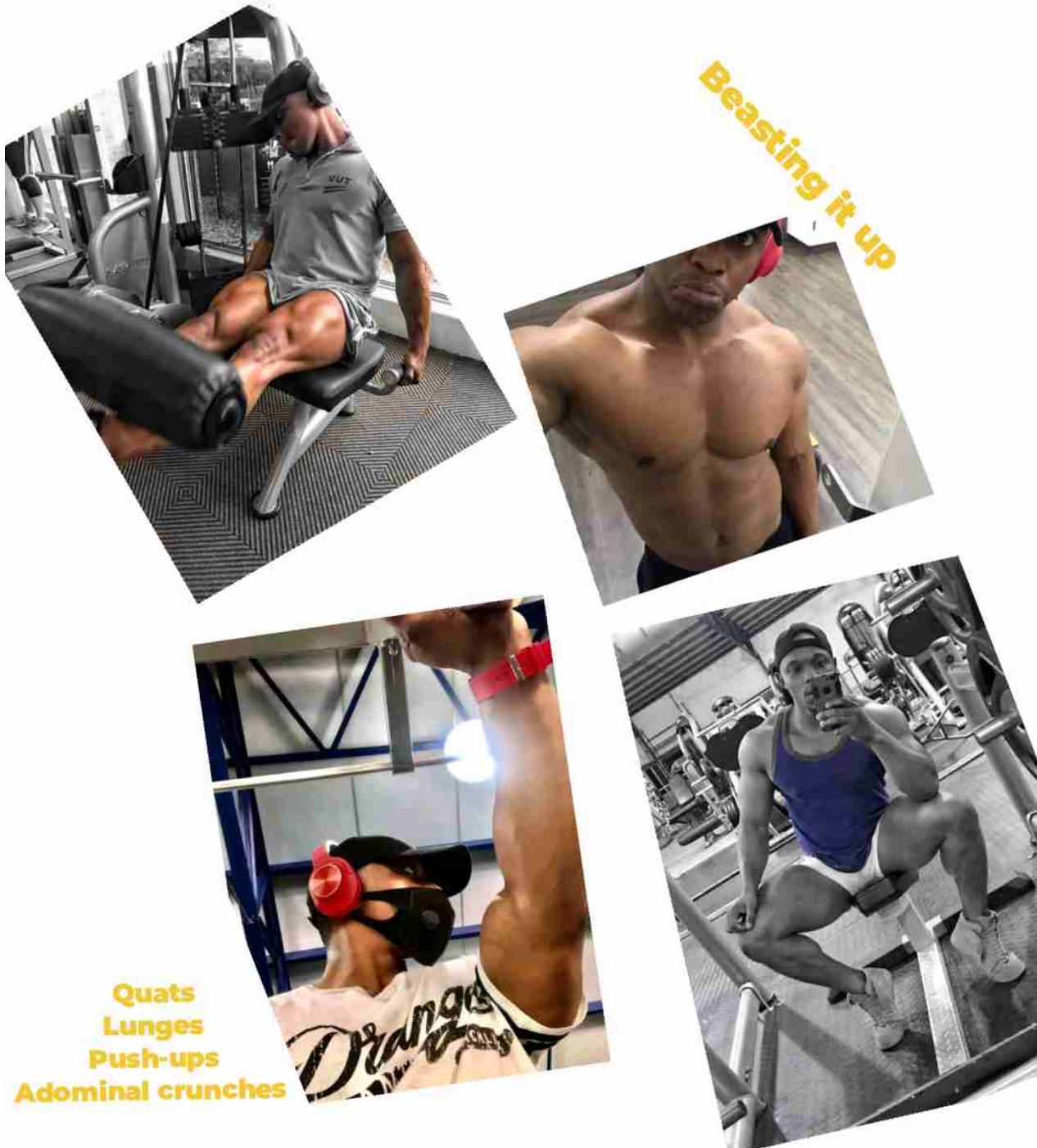


Njabulo Buthelezi

KwaZulu-Natal born personal trainer Njabulo Buthelezi has joined the Sips editions family.

And together with our resident chef, they will be giving tips on how to keep our bodies ready for summer and beyond, plus giving advice on to keep our immune system healthy during the pandemic.

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