

[12/27, 9:54 AM] Martin Martino: #BELIEVE

[the girl he never noticed]

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EPISODE ONE

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Onome a middle aged woman rushed outside the hut of the most powerful dibia with a verrry big black pot on her head,she looked left and right to see if anyone was coming,sure that no one was coming she dropped the pot hurriedly and brought out a red substance from her cloth.

she took it close to her mouth.

"papa papa papa!

she called three times.

"papa papa papa!

she repeated.

"papa Onome your daughter is here again,wherever you are be it sea,ocean, lake,river, stream or land papa come to me do not forsake me for all my trust are bestowed on you" she shrieked and licked little out of the substance.

A strong wind blew them a very old man dressed in an all black attire appeared out of nowhere.

"here i am my daughter" he said.

she quickly knelt down.

"the eyes of the gods here I am again to renew the sacrifice of ugliness" Onome said and brought out a beautiful baby doll.She bowed as she presents it.

"I want her to be more more ugly...

papa make this spell strong stronger strongest this time around I want people to run away from her,I want to see her being treated with disdain"

Onome solicited.

"consider it done.....

just make sure she doesn't sing,let her run away from music, the more she run away from singing,the more her spell last" the dibia said and disappeared away with the doll.

Onome smiled to herself as she thanked her creator, she rushed back to the hut she stays with Adeife,her step daughter and Olamma, her daughter.

Her own daughter Olamma is the most beautiful maiden after the princess from the next kingdom. People come from far and near just to see Olamma and of course would die just to be her friend. At age 21,she already have hundreds of suitors but she refused them bluntly saying that her own prince charming is yet to arrive.

Adeife's case is the reverse,her ugliness is a thing that makes people run away from her,she doesn't have friends at all which made her graduated into a complete introvert.Her only friend is the village stream,a place she can always find solace to pour out her heart.

The sun was already out immediately Onome got home.

"where are these children?

"where is this stupid girl!...

she scoffed and banged into her hut.

She entered the room,her daughter Olamma was sleeping comfortably on the wooden bed,the lantern was out but Ife could still be seen sleeping on the cold floor with just a wrapper even when the bed is wide enough to contain three people.

Shared on whatsapp by Martino.

"she's still sleeping!

Onome shot Ife a glare and rush out to get a bucket of cold water.

Adeife Adeife

why is my life so painful?...

swears I really wish I won't wake up today,I wish for death.Dying is at least better than embarrassment and trouble.

even the neighborhood now knows me as an ugly duckling.

my step mother is not even helping issues at all my dad case is more worst he doesn't like looking at me he once disowned me publicly saying he never gave birth to an ugly being, that was the most painful experience of my life,only my sister gets all the praises,care and attention.

mom why did you die when you know you can't stay with me, mom this is not really fair oooo I don't really know you but people usually says you're a slave,they said you're actually one of those women who was captured during the last war,my dad was the one who bought her away from slavery.

Fine you ain't a slave again....but mom this is not really fair.

someone poured cold water on me,I sprang up with shivering.

"morning nne..ga anù agolongo ndú (you will live long)" I greeted.

"let your mother live long cos I never for once gave birth to an ugly duckling" she shouted.

Olamma woke up,the shout I guess.

she stood up and stretched herself well, she couldn't even greet mother.

"is it morning already*

sleeping Olamma asked.

"yes my Luna, it is" Onome replied her daughter tenderly as she faced me..

"this is the second month now and you've still not save up to the required amount that is needed...Are you seriously getting lazy?", Onome asked with tension.

"no nne I will work harder" I said.

Olamma laughed mockingly, I shot her a stare...

"how much can an ugly duckling save up" she said and brought out a bag from her breast wrapper.

"nne this is my support"

she said as she gave mother the bag.
Of course it must have been given to her by one of her numerous boyfriend.
ohh my Luna...
my daughter....
the next queen of Deerah kingdom...
Olamma you will live long,
never in your live will you know poverty nor give birth to worthless kids
Onome started praising Olamma who kept on smiling.
She stopped and faced me with furry.
"what are you still waiting for?",
she shouted,I ran away to the kitchen with a dautless heart.I already know how to endure pains ..
I picked a pot from the kitchen and wanted to leave but I stopped on a second instant.
There's something on fire,
I used my rapper to open the pot, aroma of the steaming ogbono soup filled everywhere.In fact the
soup was richly garnished but no matter enticing it might be,I won't still get carried away cos my
mouth won't taste it.When last did I even eat meat.
I looked at the pot on fire and thought of what to do then I used a small calabash to pour plenty
salt into the soup,since she enjoy picking on me,this is her punishment....
no one embarrass me and go scot free.I tied the bag of salt well and headed for the stream.

I met my mates on the way.
as usual I was avoided as a plague, no one talks to me ..
"Hi lfe,where is Olamma?",
chiamanda spoke to me for the first time,she waved as she spoke to me with gestures..she
couldn't even look into my face.
I ignored her question...
why should I answer her when she is always speaking bad about my appearance..
if she wants to see Olamma then should go and check her at home by herself.
gaaaad that girl,she's sooo ugly!
is she human???
Tufiakwa,I can't look at her!
so disgusting,I don't want to get infected!.
I heard murmurs.
more maidens tropped in..
they continue chatting till we get to the stream.

"hmmm do you know chidinma,the daughter of the palm wine tapper?
chiamanda asked...
"that girl... eyah as beautiful as she is hunn it's not suppose to be her"
vivan said with care.
"she's pregnant! the rape scandal!
chiamanda bursted out.

"ohh my gaaaad! chioma shouted.

"good for her,thank goodness"

Adanna whispered.

"ahh this is not really good"

vivan,the most caring maiden and of course the daughter of a wealthy merchant said.She is known for the best dress sense.....

I listened to their conversation by the stream as I waited patiently for who would help me lift my pot on my head.

"what is not really good? do you know what that stupid chidinma did to me? she snatched Emeka from me.It was my creator that made her to get raped.....that's how the end should look like for people like her".

Adanna said,joyfully.

"do you know what again?",

chiamanda trapped their interest again.

"our princes are back from the states" she said.Adanna jumped up.

"you mean the twins.... awww how I wish I can identify them,they so much look alike,I just hope there won't be a problem on who will ascend the throne" vivan giggled.

"the strongest ascends the throne".

chiamanda said.

"no it depends on who the gods choose" Adanna replied.

I watched as the girls helped their selves...

Vivan looked at my side with so much care, I know she will help me lift my pot.....

Adanna stamped her feet on the floor, I might not understand words well but I know gestures.

"It's none of your business who she choose to help" I said,directly to Adanna.

"what's the architect of your problem did I talk to you?", Adanna fired back, getting ready to pick a fight..

Vivan smiled and helped me with one hand. Only her looks into my face while talking to me.

"ugly pig", Adanna said lowly.

"For the fight, come back tomorrow am not in the mood. If care is not taken I will wound you desperately"

I warned Adanna.

She kept quiet.

"thank you my friend" I said to Vivian.

"anytime" she replied.

the maidens walked on one side gisting, I followed the other side of the way listening to their gists.At times I wish I am beautiful too.

soon I got absent mindedly in my thoughts...

aaag hunger will soon kill me.

I was even thinking desperately as I walked..

"chimmooo....lfe.... Adeife!

I heard Vivian voice,I already got irresponsible in my thoughts,I jammed a figure,my pot fell and broke into pieces..I raised my head.

whoops! they are two...

Guards rushed to cover them,instantly I went on mgmy knees as fear gripped me..

"ohhh my gaad my princesthe twin princes! I startled.

all thanks to Onome that made me so stupid,thinking of hunger.

The maidens stop on one side and covered their mouth in shock.

I raised my head slowly, and I swer they are the same....same appearance,they both look like Greek gods with their very fair toned skin complexion.They both have the same royalty head band,it seems there's no difference between them.

"get her in captive for her carelessness" one of the princes spoke in a strange language,it was very fast and fluent.He covered his face as he shifts back ..

I look sideways and saw the maidens drooling....

my prince don't get infested!

Adanna said.

chai...that was how she was born..like a pig" chiamanda said.

I shakes my head and did the begging sign....

one of the twin was harsh,

The other twin kept quiet and look down at his wrist near his royal bracelets,on his fingers were two simple black rings that match with the princes necklace on his neck.

He wanted to look through my face,I covered it.

"ohhh goodness,

my pot gave him a cut!!!!

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The guards held me and made me stand well,I felt dejected. When will I stop causing trouble for Olamma?.

seems my heart is a trouble lover.

I hastily bowed for my princes...

"take her away" one of the twins said,the harsh prince.

"may you live long my prince"

the guards said, the other maidens hastily bowed but they won't still stop drooling and making seductive moves, especially Adanna.

I was taken away with a band tied on my wrist.

The quiet prince, the one whom I gave a cut didn't speak, he walked away.

I don't just know why I feel scared of the twins princes, have never feared anyone this way.

we reached the palace entrance, a cold shiveriness shook my body as a loud gasp escaped my mouth..

hmmmm it is my first time coming to the palace and it is sooooo beautiful exactly like the mansions that were told in fairy tales.

I saw pure diamonds first time in my life...

KING AZUKA THE SECOND was inscribed on top of the gate, I made sure I touched the gates as we moved in.

it was a mansion indeed.

There were different flowers, three separate huge mansions in the wide palace a very big area was decorated the inside was a bluish water, it was so pretty down there. I wish I could jump inside right away.

"miss stay well" one of the guards said...

oppps! did I forget I caused a scandal earlier???

even the god knows am stupid.

we approached the entrance door, the door was opened by a guard. The queen was even coming out.

I hastily went on my knees with a bow, I wanted to touch the queen feet that was adorned with bracelets but I reframed myself..

"your highness!

I said shyly, my eyes down.

there was a brief silence.....

"what have she done again?", the queen finally spoke".

my palms already became sweaty. So she knows me already. The guards bowed...

"isn't this chief kelechi's daughter?", the queen asked.

"yes she is my lord. She created another scandal, she colided into the princes and soaked them with water.

Prince Lotanna also got injured by her broken pot" the guard explained.

my son!

my chidi!(my pillar)

my mma(handsome)

mypeaceful Lotanna....

did his skin get infected...he just came back from the states!

the queen exaggerated, I felt bad as she speaks.

"take her away...out of my sight!

"lock her up in the outside prison...thank goodness the sun is out" the queen said in hurry..
The guards took me up and dragged me along.After 30mins walk,we approached the prison yard.
The door opened, I hastily entered.

Chai

this sun....chimo what have I done?.

I bite my lips as I remembered I have not still eaten.I felt discomfort on one of my fingers.

hmmm I also got a wound but it's little,the prince's own was really huge.

How I wish I can meet him this cream I made for wounds,it will heal quickly.

Olamma's p.o.v

"Nne am hungry!!!!

I shouted while still checking my reflection on the mirror.

I cat walked seductively and stared at my beauty...

Gosh Olamma why so pretty!!!!

you're lucky Chai.... once the prince sees you....boom he will fall for you...

he is gonna fall for you so deeply!

no one would be able to control him,

he would forever drool over your brown skin that shine like diamonds,

everyday and night he will want to hold you,

he won't wanna trade,you for anything but you must prove really hard to get!

my inner mind told me.

I smiled to myself as I picked the rarest waist bead in my treasure,it was given to me by a wealthy cocoa trader who came from a very far village.I would have accepted his proposal but I thought of my village princes....

rumors had it that they are extremely wealthy,they have hundreds of people working under them in the states...

most especially Lotanna,

rumors said he is brainy...he does more of brain works .

ohh my prince Lotanna,forever mine.

"what's making mma smile like this?", mother asked as she came in with covered dishes in two separate calabash.

I smiled faintly and sat like a queen

i uncovered the dishes,the aroma of the richly garnished ogbono soup filled everywhere.

"mother you're a good cook..don't worry Adeife would be our maid once the prince marry me" I said as I took a meat from the ogbono soup,I threw it in my mouth.

my smiles fades away...instantly,I spilled it out.

My dad a respectable chief came in..

"nne what's all this!!!! I shouted as I stood up.

"my ornament, ogini(what is it)",
my dad quickly came to my side.
should I say my dad cherish me more than my mother,it was because of me he was made a chief,
if not for the gifts from my numerous admires, we won't be this rich- that's why he calls me
ornament...

"Ogini????", father sounded louder.

"this is nonsense, she cooked nonsense! I blurted out .

my dad moved closer and had a taste of the ogbono soup.

he spilled it out immediately.

my mom stood up with a frown."the soup was very moderate" she said and had a taste of it,she
spilled it out immediately.

"see your life,you can't even cook a soup...you can't take care of our most beautiful Olamma" my
dad scorned and took me out.

"Kele!!!! my mom shouted but we already gone far.

He actually took me to the food seller store. People cleared way for me,I catwalked in all smile...
So good to be in control.

"I will pay for everything,just give her all what she wants.I love girls who are crazily set,when ever I
see one like her,my head go de scatter scatter!! Arinze,the village drunkard said.

I took time in selecting all what I want,I ate in relishment.

Luna! Luna!!!!

arinze started hailing me,my dad already left.

Luna you're the love of my life...

anytime I look at you,

my heart beat wilder wilder sooooo

he sang as he came close to me.

"let's seal this friendship with a deep romance...I promise I won't penetrate" he whispered.

he so much smell of liquor...

"it requires ego(money)" I said.

"you know I have money" he said.

I nodded and touch his chest...

I smiled.Arinze is actually the hardworking type just that he is a drunkard.

Night came.....

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I searched out around,it was night already.I haven't even eaten anything. This hunger put me in
trouble already,I know it will kill me last last.

The prison door opened.

"young maiden you're free for today. Your punishment continues tomorrow. You are to come here very very early to sweep the palace and the palace way" the guard said.

he couldn't even look into my face.

I held my ear as I nodded.

I ran out.....

everywhere in the palace was shining light, I passed the water area..it was sooooo pretty..I admired a little bit and ran out.

I met Ngozi. The only maiden in deerah kingdom that shares secret with me..maybe because we are the same thing.

Am ugly with the most perfect shape,

she's beautiful with the most worst shape...her legs are bent on each sides..

god is really great.

she also have a step mother, her step mother isn't as wicked as mine.

"Ngozi how are you?", I asked.

"I'm fine" she said.

She is in a hurry, am in a hurry.

we both ran as we talk.

"Tomorrow is princess Akuna's birthday. it is surely gonna be a blast" she said.

"that rude princess...anyways good for her, my congratulations to her"

I said.

"my step mother bought me new wrapper and beads" she said..

"I wish I were in your shoes" I said.

"I wish I have your shape" she replied.

"what's the usefulness of my shape when am ugly" I said.

"do you believe you're pretty...do not BELIEVE in what others say...your name is Adeife meaning crown of love. Ife you're pretty. Ife BELIEVE, BELIEVE IFE" she said.

I kept quiet as we ran.

"will you attend the party as a beautiful maiden- I will change your facials by applying some substances in your face....don't worry you will change your name no one will recognize you in the party....

But-- the substance only last for one hour...after one hour, your face will change to the way you are before...

will you go???

are you interested????? she asked.

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"will you attend the occasion? I please don't say no" Ngozi pestered.

"what if my stepmother finds out, I don't want trouble anymore. Even the one I put myself in, have not fully recovered" I said.

"nope they won't find out you will change your identity there" she said.

"hmmm changing my identity is a thing I can't do, I can not pretend to be another person" I said. She twisted my ear playfully as we ran.

"this is the second time am asking you for something, the first time I begged you to sing you did not now you're shutting me out again, is that how good friends do?", she asked with a pained expression.

"I'm sorry... please share in my pains too" I said. She smiled and held my hand as we ran.

We already approached her house, mine is still far a little bit..

I left her hand. "bye Ngozi" I said.

"share my dinner with me, my instinct just told me the devil might not give you food tonight" she said.

I laughed and followed her in. The house was quiet, no one was in.

"where's your mama?", I asked.

"she went to Ofor market to get more stocks" she replied, I remembered her step mom is a trader. I wish I have this type of step mother.

"thanks for the meal. Finally so I would eat meat in my life again" I said as I lick my fingers. The bitterleaf soup is the most tasty soup have ever tested this month.

I smiled as I drank water fully.

My eyes landed on her laps, she already brought out three different colorful wrappers. So admirable and beautiful, the waist chain, anklets and bangles are super hot. waoow

"so which one are you choosing?", she asked. I hastily wash my hand.

when last did my father bought me beautiful wrappers... Olamma usually selects the best.

"anyone you give me, my heart will gladly accept" I said, happily.

"you're fair, am dark... red will go for you while yellow will go for me" she said as she shared the wrappers.

I perceived the scent and hugged the wrappers.

"Ngozi,nobody will come in between us" I said with a fair heart.

"hmmm for now, keep the wrappers. What if onome sees it with me,she's really wicked" I said.

"chai na true talk biko,abeg bring am(that's true,bring it let me keep it)" Ngozi said.

I gave it to her and stood up,hurriedly. I rush to the door of her hut....she followed me out.

"Ife do not forget.It's evening oooo.I will wait for you at the lovers spot where we will get dressed and all that" she said....

"bye best" I replied and ran out.

I was almost home,I thanked my stars no one is outside our building. I drew nearer while walking on my toes.No one caught me,I successfully ran to the backyard.I almost opened the back door until my eyes caught a moment.

it was olamma,my step sister and Arinze the village drunkard.They were looking into each other eyes romantically,their faces suddenly came closer.Arinze lips almost pressed on olamma's succulent lips but she smartly press her finger against his lips, denying him access.

She rolled her eyeballs as she pressed her other hand on his bare chest,desires were already clouding in Arinze's eyes as he brush his hand absent mindedly on her waist..

Olamma rolled her eyeballs in a more nasty way and quickly removed his hand.

"what's all this?", she said and wanted to look around,I quickly snuck back into my hideout...

"Arinze stop,this is not our agreement?", olamma said as she frees herself from Arinze grip.

"Are you denying me access for real?", Arinze asked.

"send me the silver coin that I asked for", she said rudely.

Arinze blinked his eyeballs,I could see the sweetness in his eyes..

He is handsome too with a shiny caramel color.

"okay but can I just hug?", he asked.

"no,when you finish payment" olamma said, they disengage.

So this us how she usually gets money from them...

I shrugged and went in.

A heavy knock landed on my head,it was onome my step mother.

"where are you coming from?",

"you stupidly committed a crime...why are you fond of embarrassing my husband!....

"Go and sleep outside today" she said...I went on my knees.

"mama bikonu(please) I might get raped" I said almost in tears.

"do you have any usefulness before, had any male ever ask you out...ugly idiot" she said and brought out a pestle to hit me,I ran outside...

I better go back to Ngozi for the night..

She opened the door and allowed me in,she even allow me share her wooden bed,she is so nice.

"sorry" she said and hugged me.

"for what?", I asked.

"everything you're going through. Just BELIEVE you will scale through. I will share in your sweeping punishment tomorrow at the palace"

she said.. I smiled as i remembered the song i always see myself singing in my dream.

that song.....

Believe in all that can be

A miracle starts if you dream

Believe and sing from your heart

Ife believe,believe Ife you will see!

I slept.

Next day.

THE GOLDEN PALACE...

king's p.o.v

"your highness don't you think it is time to start testing our two sons. By now we ought to have known who will make a good king" my dearest wife said.

"my dear wife,I know what to do"

I replied.Afterwards, I signalled a guard.He bowed as he squat beside where i sat on the golden built throne

The guard nodded and left.

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Not quiet long,the princes matched in...I smiled as i waved my staff.

I watched my sons with so much enthusiasm even though i sometimes find it difficult to say who is who.I always differentiate them with their characters.....

And besides they left the village when they where 15years old for abroad where they learned.

"here we are father" Lotanna said in a very soft whisper as he sits on the little gold throne beside the queen.

Jidenna didn't utter a word as he sat close to me.

The lion himself

The war

The Battle!

The fight!

The liquid metal!

The indaboski,pahose!

Who dares you,who goes you!

the queen started praising the two handsome princes.

Lotanna smiled as the queen touch the royal pendant in his neck.

His smile alone looks like heaven his opened to rain.But he doesn't even know the meaning of those praises, he can't even speak the language fluently anymore.

"why exactly did you call for us?",

Jidenna asked.His voice usually carry so much authority.

"my sons,it's all because of a case..

Okoro and Azuka.Okoro is popularly known as the owner of the widest land after I,the king...

Okoro and Azuka had serious fights, during the fight azuka threatened okoro he would get back at him..the next day okoro beloved wife died during child labor...Okoro then reported that Azuka killed his wife"

Sons if you were the king,what will be your judgment????

Lotanna let me hear your point of view" I said.

Lotanna smiled out dimples..

"may you live long father" he said.he was actually speaking in English.

"if I were the king,I will both send them back home" Lotanna said, Jidenna frowned.

Lotanna took his lips in as he look directly into the queens eyes...he so much loves his mother.

"Firstly,what will Azuka gain from killing okoro's wife and unborn child?

secondly,threat is always normal in every fight....

thirdly,death during child birth is common too..

If i were the king,I will send them back home and look into the matter properly before any decision"  
lotanna said.

"taaaaaaaaaarh(nooo)

"what nonsense are you saying?.....

I said it,you can never be the king after papa.....if I become the king and such matter come up,I will give orders for Azuka to be killed,his dead body would be thrown into the evil forest also" Jidenna cuts in.

."who is dragging the throne with you,did I ever tell you am interested....gosh I can't wait to go back to Australia! this place is weird"

Lotanna said in English.

"And who wants to use you for the king" jidenna said.

Lotanna already kept quiet but Jidennna was still talking.

"sons, it is okay you can go....I only want to hear what you think of the case" I said...Jidenna stood up..

Lotanna also stood up.

"Papa(father) i leave,should I?", he asked.I nodded..

He bowed and went out to catch up with Jidenna who was already at the door.

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I rushed to the palace as soon as the cock crow.Ngozi also followed me and shared in my sweeping punishment...I was hoping I would see the prince,the one whom I actually gave a cut.I want to tell him sorry and give him the ointment I made.Too bad I didn't see him.

Ngozi and I swept the whole place,

we were instructed to do other things before leaving.

"you're done with your punishment.. I advise you to be careful in the future" the guard said,Ngozi

and I dismissed.

We left..

"Ife don't forget where we are .meeting for the party,don't keep me waiting....remember to leave the party before one hour" she said..

I nodded and clapped my hands.

she branched her house...

I retired home tiredly and met onome buying beads from a bead seller.

Just so adorable....

"I want my daughter to look best best best if possible I want her waist to be adorned with the most beautiful waist bead.She is princess Akuna's birthday,she should look best"

onome said to the bead seller and paid for what she bought.

She sighted me...

"you this stupid girl!!!! have you fetched water?", she asked.I rushed in to get another pot.

I was done fetching it ..

chai hunger oo..

"Ife my friend mama mmesoma needs water" she said...

"am not a maid", I said.

"did you say something."she said.

"nothing" I replied and went to her friend house,I did a her chores..

Hunger you're the one meant to kill me,kindly kill me now! I said in tears as I did the chores.

I was not done until evening.That was when her friend released me.

When I got home, I met Olamma fully dressed for the party...gosh,she's really pretty with those beads on her hair....aaaawww..

"Your papa said the water you fetched was dirty.He poured it away and said you should fetch another one" olamma said with pride..

I felt something cut in my tommy..

aaaah death has finally come for me.

"bye NNE(mother)" olamma said to mother and walked away....

"dance well mma" mother replied.

"make sure you pack my cloth for laundry" olamma turned to me....

hunnnnnnnn!!!

"mama I want to go to the party also!

I said....

what I heard next was laughter

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what I heard next was laughter.

A heavy knock also followed on my forehead- It was mama and I dare not utter a word.

Olamma continued laughing.

"nne(mother) can't you see that ife's stupidity is a disgrace to her ancestors,the only difference between her and magnet is that magnet is attractive" olamma said, in a mockery voice.

I shot her a glare,mama look in my direction also.

"did you just say something?",

"chineke(god) wonders shall never end....when all the animals in the bush are going out,snail also wants to go" onome said.

"even if she go,which cloth will she wear? she won't even get attracted by a single fly" olamma said.

"you just like destroying papa's reputation" she added and turn to leave.

"your work starts now" she said.

waaaaaaaaaatttttt

"mama I have not eaten" I said.

"the leftovers are in the kitchen" she said and dismissed me.

my tears stream down as I entered the kitchen.

is it my fault that I am ugly?

I hurriedly picked a pot,I passed the backyard and behold,all the waters have been poured away.

I felt like dying as i rushed to the stream,I dropped the pot and sat on one edge of the stream,I started throwing stones into the stream as I cried.

mama lfe,can you not see how your pearl is suffering.....

mama this is not the type of life I want,I don't like this ugliness at all

You said you will look down upon me from heaven and be with me but mama lfe you don't even care 4 lfe

You said I should BELIEVE, I felt as thou those words are enough.lfe believe,believe lfe was all I did

Anyways,I will still trust my god for he is Chimamanda(the god who never fail) he is also good....

I wipe my tears and drag the pot to my side after which I entered the center in the stream.My reflection appeared as I bend.The only beautiful thing in me is my hair and my shape...

speaking of my hair,when last did i even plait it...

I filled the pot.

who will help me lift it on my head!

hmmm another problem, no one was coming to help.

I still clapped my hands,no one was coming. I started singing.

that song..... BELIEVE

believe in all that can be

a miracle starts if you dream

believe and sing from your heart

ohh lfe believe,believe lfe.

believe and dream what can be

believe the beauty is yours to see

aahhhhh lfe believe..

the moment stopped when I heard approaching steps.I stopped singing and poured part of the water in my pot away,I carried the little I could lift and ran away.

Finally I saw the owners of the footsteps.. Arinze and Nkem..

Arinze is known a drunkard,he is handsome too,a perfect definition of a brown skin just that he got too irresponsible because of his father's wealth...while Nkem is.....should I say part of the royal blood.

"did you hear that voice?", I heard Arinze saying.

"was that an angel?",Nkem asked back....

"a maiden is around here,see the footprints" Arinze pointed out and they started searching.

I covered my mouth and ran away.

(believe by adesola adeomowole.m./do not copy)

Arinze's p.o.v

That voice,who owns it?

it really captivated my heart.I always appreciate singers who sings with so much emotions..

That voice sounds so ethereal..

It is an epitome of gods perfect creation,voices of thousands fallen angels!

Voice enameled with so much emotions!.

Voice gifted from the most high!

My lord,which maiden can that be

she must be toasted with beauty right???

"Arinze so because of a mere voice.You're like this... are you sure you don't need a physician?",

he asked and hit my chest..

I took my lips in.

I wish I would someday meet that maiden,she have every good thing life has to offer!
how sweet!

"Arinze you're seriously planning to cross this unknown maiden legs..

well Toto pass Toto (vagina is different) not all maidens are cheap".

he said,

we both laughed.

*****you're reading BELIEVE.

THE GOLDEN PALACE...

Queen's p.o.v

"your majesty,one of the prince didn't eat" a maid reported while kneeling down...

"which of the princes?", I asked, she scratched her neck.

"your highness I can't recognize them" she said shyly.

I stood up from my throne.This is the only problem we are having in the palace,the workers can't recognize who is Lotanna and Jidenna.

"you can leave" I dismissed the maid and approach the prince's empire..

The guard at the entrance opened the bronze door, he bowed as I entered.

I spotted him there on the heavenly couch,he was in phone,all cladded in a white long sleeve,a dark designer jean and a pair of black room slippers. His pad and laptop was lying on the slivery tiled floor..Beside him was a wine bottle and a halfly filled glass.

He turned back with a bashed lashes.Soo cute and funny.

His lips was just pure pink.

"Ohh my Lotanna, what are you doing on phone?", I asked.

"sorting out some issues with my workers online" he replied, piously.

"Lotanna now that you're in the village, will you stop this type of dressing.... You are a prince" I said and sat beside him.

"I seriously don't like the prince dressing,I feel so uncomfortable..."

he replied...

"what did you eat?? Did you taste the White soup?? you should taste it,it is really garnished with stock fish, fresh meat from an antelope,cow skin and plenty shrimps" I said.

He coughed playfully and hastily pick his glass of wine...

"mom,remembered I brought a chef from abroad.I don't think I need all those ones you're saying" He said.

I smiled.

"then get ready for princess Akuna's birthday party. It is in the next village and of course many

wealthy princes would be there. Akuna is the most beautiful maiden, then Olamma from this kingdom" I said.

waaaaaaaat!. Headache!

Lotanna whined, I pulled him to a hug and rub his back slowly..

I don't know why I still always great him like a baby.

"You and your twin brother would be attending" I said...

"what's the point of going when I don't understand the language" he says. I playfully drew his ear..

"I will go if only you will sing for me"

he said and strolled in the room..

His catwalk was just so amazing!....

I know Princess Akuna will fall in love with one of my sons.

I smiled...

Adeife Adeife

I stopped halfway on the road to catch my breath. I continued afterwards and decided to meet Ngozi first so she won't be disappointed. I will just tell her am not interested so that I can complete my chores. I don't just want to keep her waiting.

Something shook my toe as I ran,

I didn't even check it..

Soon I got to the lovers spot and net her waiting patiently.. she saw me and frowned. I know I took time to arrive.

"If what happened, you kept me waiting I was almost giving up on you. Don't do this again... I really don't like compromises" she said.

I look down at my foot, just little blood. I brought out the ointment from my breast wrapper. That same ointment I had wanted to give the prince. I sat on a stone to apply it.

"wait, just let me remove it"

Ngozi said and helped.

"do you still want to go?", she asked.

"I would love to but I still have work to do.. Onome poured all the water that I fetched on the morning away, she said I should refetch after that, I should wash olamma cloths" I said.

Ngozi clapped her hands in dismay.

"you should wash olamma cloths... are you really stupid? does olamma not have hands to wash?", she questions.

"Hmm olamma does no work at home. She does not even know how to sweep. My father usually says Olamma is too beautiful to sweep, the broom might shake her skin.

They always make me do it ..

even my father hates me, my only friend is Ngozi, am scared she will also leave me. My mind says

it!

I said with a pained expression.

Ngozi hugged me. "Friends forever,I don't leave you,no matter the pain,no matter the comma,no matter how deep it hurts,I will stand by you...cause I BELIEVE you're beautiful too" she said and hugged me.

"so what do we do?", she asked.

"I don't know,I really want to go" I said...

she smiled and started applying the substance on my face

She let down my hair and braided it in a very simple way.

"there's a change of plan..." sgevsayd as she brought out another new wrapowt,this one was with bead.

*I want you to use your shape to advise this wrapper for my mama. In case anyone ask you where you get this from,simply tell the it is from Ogechi,the cloth trader in Deerah kingdom" she said.

I nodded and dressed up.

She shared her waist bead with me also.... soo creative.

"Remember one hour! she said,we both ran.I was seriously counting time....the next village was far but we passsed many shortcuts.

Should I say an hour elapsed.

She applied another of the substance finally we entered the village.

A big waoow escape my mouth.

I saw different maidens.All eyes followed I and Ngozi.

my gaaaaaad!

she's dipped in beauty!

ENAMELED with fair skin!

Toasted with naturality!

Who can she be?????

my eyes caught many princes gaze, I looked away,strictly based on Ngozi orders.....

many maidens surrounded me.

for the first time in my life am getting fame..

hi,can I know where you get this dress from???

can I touch your hair!!!

so much questions came.

I caught olamma among the people that surrounds me.

Are you also a princess! Olamma asked.I bet she doesn't recognize me

"Yes,am a princess...my name is Ife. Princess Ife! And shift back,you're bathing me with your saliva"I said to Olamma.

she rolled her eyeballs and walked away....

"who's that??", Princess Akuna came out,our eyes locked.

A frown quickly formed on her forehead. Guess she's angry someone dress best than the celebrant..

"who are you?", she asked rudely.

"Princess lfe" I replied.

"Princess lfe.... I see,that does not exist" she said.

More princes tropped into the party.

Akuna walked out rudely,Olamma followed her...

I enjoyed myself so much for the first time in my life!

It was time for dance,I joined the crew the princes watched.

I turned sideways and catch the twins gazes.. I can't even tell who is who.Do I even know their names?

chai just 5more minutes.

I better leave....Arinze was giving me signals,none had the courage to meet me!

I left the dancing place,Ngozi said she isn't going now...

I turned to leave,Arinze was already at my back.

I froze.... chimoooo just 2more minutes..

"May I??? he said and stretched his palms...

"no no no!!! I said,I didn't realize my voice came out as music..

The twins princes turned, our eyes locked.They were wearing same outfits, same diamond rings,same prince pendant,same everything!

"may I??? Arinze bite the inside of his cheeks again.

I better run!!!!!!!!!! Just one minutes.

I ran,he chased after me...

chimooooo my foot!

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[12/27, 10:05 AM] Martin Martino: BELIEVE

[the girl he never noticed]

ADESOLA ADEOMOWOLE

settings;Nigerian-drama

EPISODE 5

Enjooooooooooy

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chimooo my toes

it really hurts as i ran.

"wait my dear maiden,please wait.I mean no harm" I heard Arinze's voice from behind.I didn't wait,I still continue running till I found a route.

"finally" I breathed as i moved into an hideout.I noticed I was not with the waist bead Ngozi gave me to use..

ohhh my,did I lost it?

is this not trouble again?...

I peeped from my hideout and used the tree as a shade to cover up.

I could see Arinze searching around for me,lying in his presence on the floor is the waist bead am looking for.

how am I going to get it back?...

chai it's not for me,what am i going to tell Ngozi?...

my heart pondered as I watch Arinze pick it up.He held it with so much care as he examine it.

"whosoever you are,I will find you and make you mine" i heard him say,

he left with the waist bead.

I just hope Ngozi will not get mad at me because of this bead.

I left my hideout and ran like have never done on my life,it was already getting dark,it still didn't bother me.

Finally,i left princess akuna's kingdom and entered ours.

I stopped to catch my breath before retiring to the lover's spot.

I took off what i had on and tied my old looking wrappers.

You won't believe I have just five set of wrappers,out of those five's I can only boast of one,not like it is among the best.

I have never worn waist beads,earrings, neck beads and anklets.Today is my first time.

if not for Ngozi, were would i be today???

Should I also say today is the only day am very happy,my most happiest day because i met many princes and they also enjoy seeing me dance.

I was done with my dressing,I wrapped the one's Ngozi borrowed me and kept it in a safe place beside a stone and finally left empty handed.

Soon,I got to where I kept my pot,I lifted it on my head.

I walked home tiredly.

Onome was outside discussing with her friend, mama mmesoma.

I passed them as I greeted.

None of them answered.I went to the backyard to empty my pot.

I got outside, only onome was there. I think her friend just left..

"Stupid girl,Ukwu ka Aziza(legs like broom stick) go and get me water,I am thirsty" onome said.

I cursed her inwardly as i turn to walk into the kitchen.

"what did you just did?", she yelled.

"nothing mama,I didn't dare you",

I replied and entered the kitchen hurriedly to get her water.

I turned and met her standing behind me with a pestle.The water i was holding in a calabash fell,the calabash shattered.

The end as finally come for me. I quickly knelt down.

"mama bikonu(please)" I pleaded in tears.She hit the pestle on my back.

"mama I didn't go against you,I didn't do anything wrong" I begged.She grinned wickedly.

"you sang today,didn't you?",

she asked.

"mbanu(no) mama" I replied.

At times I do wonder if onome is a witch.She usually knows if I sing at her back...

"you sang....didn't i told you to run away from music! she shrieked.

"mama please I won't do it again!

I cried,she continue hitting me..

I hastily stood up and wanted to run out but I mistakenly pushed her, she fell and papa came in that moment.

"what's happening here?", he asked.

"Ife has killed me,she hit me just because am trying to correct her" onome lied,she's always turning me against my father.

"no no I didn't hit her, I pushed her and it was mistake" I said. He slapped me.

"You want to kill your stepmother the way you killed your mother" he exaggerated.

onome stood up.

"have you fetched water?", she asked.

"no am not done" I replied.

"have you washed olamma's cloth?",

she asked.

"noo mother" I replied.

"eeehh rubbish upon rubbish! she clapped her hands in danger signal.

It was my father's turn to hit me.

With tears in my eyes,I rush off to the stream with olamma's cloth and my pot of water.

Never in my life will I sing.

Each time I sing at her back,she usually knows... She always says songs are not meant for ugly maidens like me,she always says BELIEVE is not for me.....

I shouldn't BELIEVE while singing.

I finished my work very late in the midnight,I retired home after spreading olamma's cloth.I slept with an empty stomach on the cold floor while olamma slept comfortably on the bed.

Olamma started crying in sleep, onome quickly rushed into the hut olamma and I share like she is been chased by something.....

She rush to onome on the bed and wiped her tears.

"my daughter is crying,you're sleeping! onome yelled at me, I sprang up although I distance myself

Mama ain't i beautiful anymore? have never been disgraced like this in my entire life

A strange girl came to the party, she embarrassed me so much in front of other maidens just because I want to be her friend,ohhh mama I never loss....

she started crying.

my daughter,

my ornament,

the future queen of deerah kingdom, no maiden can beat your beauty.....

Onome pet her daughter to sleep,I was made to fan her.

She slept so fast,onome left.

I smiled as I dropped the fan...good for her...

I felt proud of the embarrassment I gave her.I slept.

next day..... THE GOLDEN PALACE...

Ikechukwu's p.o.v

I walked briskly into the princes empire so I would call them for early morning stroll.I can't even say who is who till now.They so much look alike.

I really envy them yesterday at the party....

virtually all the maidens were drooling on them,it feels so good to have seductive physique.

I got to a door in the princes empire, the hallway was glittering with bright lights,the floor was different entirely..

igwe really spent a lot in furnishing this place,it is so much special.

I knocked on the first door,

"who is there?",, a voice answered.

I think it's Lotanna or....

"I said who is there?", the voice came up again.

"my prince it is me,ikechukwu the head guard and your loyal servant" I replied,piously.

"what do you want?", he asked..

"we are talking a walk this morning",

I replied.... he was silent which made my breath ceased..

"that maiden yesterday,the beautiful one,what's her name?", he asked with so much superiority.

"prince Lotanna, I have no idea"

I replied.

"am not Lotanna, am Jidenna"

he corrected.

what an attitude!

I left his door and walked further.

I guess this should be Lotanna's door then.

I knocked.

"come in" a soft voice said.

I opened and entered...He was sitting on one of the heavenly couch and was on phone.A little girl was sitting very close to him with her legs on his laps...

isn't that Amarachi,also part of the royal blood! that smart 15years old kid!...

"Brother it is not the hare that won the race, the tortoise did" Amarachi said... Lotanna picked an Apple and turned to me,Amarachi tapped him.

"early morning walk my prince" I said with a bow.It is really a taboo here to look directly into a prince eyes.

"come and sit,tell us a story.... my brother doesn't know any folktale" Amarachi said...

Lotanna pulled out a golden stool for me to sit..

such an honor!

I hastily sat and started, at times I would pause to steal a glance at the prince...who is very busy with what he is doing on phone.

"sorry for cutting you off...let's walk around, there's actually no network around here" he said as he picked his spectranet device...

"my pleasure,my prince! I replied and led the way...

such a sweet somebody,now the only way I can differentiate the princes is through their behaviors.

#### AdeifeAdeife

I was thanking my ancestor onome wasn't around....if not I would have cried this early morning.Even papa wasn't around.

Olamma yawned lazily,the first thing she picked was a mirror.

"Ife am hungry" olamma said.

I shot her a glare."Am only Ife,am not a chef" I said.

She dropped her mirror and turned to me.....she better not pass her boundary this early morning.

"Ife am hungry,I must not repeat myself" she said.

"Poison is available" I replied.

"Ife am hungry! she shouted and slapped me angrily.

"soooooooo!!! I shouted and slapped mine.We started a fight,I made sure I cut those beads her admirers bought for her....

"never in your life! Olamma I repeat never in your life! I said with pain and pulled her hairs,I bite her neck side. She screamed in pains and attracted neighbors.

Mama Mmesoma was the one who rush to separate us..

"do you want to kill her the way you killed your mother! she shouted.



Olamma's neck was already red, part of her face had blood cause of the scratch I gave her..  
Mother and child can't be maltreating me at the same time...  
Olamma ran inside, I also walk away to a widow's house. She usually pays me to wash her clothes.  
"good morning nne(mother)" I greeted...  
"yes my daughter" she replied and payed for service...  
I knelt as I collected it. I packed her clothes and turned to leave.

hmmmm what if onome also collect this money from me?? I think I should start saving. Nothing is too small.

I turned back to the widow.

"nne, I want to be keeping my money with you" I said.

"no problem" she said. I handed her the money and went for the stream with her cloths.

On getting to the stream, I met Arinze on one side swimming, on his wrist was the waist bead, he actually wore it in folds.... He keeps hair to, he bind it up with a black bracelet...

He turned, by then I was already washing.... I turned my back against him so that he won't get irritated by my ugliness...

how I wish I can get the waist bead back from him??.

someone approached, I turned and it was Ngozi. She also came with cloth.

"thanks for yesterday" I said..

"you're welcome... but the bead where is it, it is the only treasure I have?", she asked, her eyes search around, it landed on Arinze's wrist.

"Arinze what are you doing with my bracelet?", she shouted.

Arinze came out of the water with water dripping from his hair, down to his bare chest making the hairs on them curl sweetly.

"what waist bead? it belongs to my maiden" Arinze said.

"I said it is for me! Ngozi shouted and brought out the matching necklace.

"That's not enough for a prove because you ain't beautiful like her, you are shapeless!

Arinze said... Ngozi fumed in anger. She really hate insults.

chimo am I also the cause of this one?

"who is shapeless?????"

TBC

[12/27, 10:06 AM] Martin Martino: BELIEVE

[the girl he never noticed]

ADESOLA ADEOMOWOLE

settings; Nigerian-drama

## EPISODE 6

Enjoooooooooy

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"who is shapeless?."

"Did you just call me shapeless?" Ngozi fumed in real anger.

"yes you are shapeless...a total disgrace to woman hood-is there any difference between you and Adeife? ugly shapeless fellows"Arinze cursed.

I dropped the cloth am washing, he just mentoomedy name,he abused I and my friend.

"look who we have here, Miss ugly and miss shapeless! Arinze still cursed, loudly.

"Ngozi am sorry, forgive me" I said. I faced Arinze, he shifted back and cover his face.

"what's all this bad luck very early in the morning! he said as he shifts back.

"All the days of your life, badluck" said, Ngozi.

"and if you don't give back the waist bead, your first born will be ugly" I said

"your second born will be shapeless" Ngozi said.

"your future wife, broom stick" I said.

"your first son, impotent" Ngozi said.

Arinze stared at the both of us as we curse him.

"just stop cursing me, you don't know the angel that is passing by" he said.

"then give back the waist bead" Ngozi still said with anger.

"no matter your curse, I won't give it back" Arinze said.

Next, Ngozi rushed him and bite his chest. They started fighting for the bead, I didn't even know what to do in the moment... Ngozi is not patient.

"ngo, stop dragging it..it will cut, if it cut then you both loss" I said. She won't still listen.

They struggled the more and I think Arinze is trying his best not to injure her. She is a female, he is a male.

am the cause of this, I know?

seems my soul is purely addicted to trouble!.

"ngo, leave it for him. I will pay for it with my savings" I said. she didn't still listen.

The bead cut, that was when Arinze left the other end. I watch in dismay as some of the beads pour into the stream. Ngozi left the other end in frustration.

"you finally cut it!! she shouted at Arinze, tears welled up in her eyes which made me really felt bad.

"we both loss" Arinze said, happily and left the side of the stream.

Adanna and Chiamanda approached the stream with their pots- those gossipers, especially Amaka.

thank goodness she isn't here today.

"Ngozi,am sorry" I said lowly as she left the place she was.

The bead pain her,I could see it subconsciously in her emotions as she left the fight scene to the spot she is washing cloth beside me.

"Ngozi, am sorry" I said,she didn't answer.

I signed,feeling pained she isn't talking to me again.

hmmm this is unlike her,

why is she getting like this?...

is it still the bead matter or the fight or the curse?.

"what if I get you another one? You know am saving in five different places plus old Nana's place making it six.Before the end of this month,I will buy it for you...am really really sorry" I said.

"I don't need it!", she replied,angrily.

she started ignoring me,

the silence really hurts.

knowing fully well that she is the only supporter i have,seeing that only supporter staying mad at me because of an ordinary bead kills me from the inside-

"Ngo,am sorry! I said..

"whatttt....why sorry? did I fall down!

she shut me out...

sooo painful.

To her it might be nothing but to me it is something.Ngozi does not really knows little things hurt me.

I looked at her,I could not even concentrate on what I was washing.

"And one day if destiny puts me where I want to be,I will come back for you" I said.

she still didn't answer.

Her cloth was not really much,she was done.

hmmmmmmm....

she will leave me again.

"which one have you not wash?",

she finally speak to me,I felt happy.

"do not stay happy for I am still mad at you" she said and started helping me with the cloths.

I hugged her timidly,she splashed water on me,I did it back happily.It turned into a water fight.

The last water Ngozi splashed on me mistakenly touch chiamanda and Adanna.

"eeee what type of nonsense is this?

she exaggerated.

"sorry" Ngozi said politely.

"witches of the same feathers" Adanna hissed..

"say it again if you dare!" Ngozi said to adanna's face.I trust Ngozi....
Ngozi the fighter.
I smiled....I remembered she taught me how to always fight back.
"Coward... you dare not repeat it again" she said and came back to help me out.
more maidens came to fetch water,
I started hearing things about me...
Her ugliness keeps getting worst
ohhh my gaaaad...
seriously,I just noticed.
Just out of hand.
Guess that's how it runs in her generations.She looks like Old Nana.
I heard murmurs.
Ngozi wanted to fight back,I held her back.There's no point in doing that...
it is just my fault that am ugly.
if am not ugly,they won't possibly talk....

I spread the cloths I washed,
Ngozi left, I also went to the other places that I work.I was able to gather little pennies,I tied some
on the tip of my wrapper and took the rest to "old Nana's" the place I save.
I dare not take all the money home, onome will collect it and she won't still give me food.
finally I decided to leave for home..

ikechukwu's p.o.v

we were set to leave for the morning stroll...the three of us,
the prince,me and Amarachi...the youngest kid in the palace.She's just 15...people always thinks
she is a royal blood but she is not.She was found by some fishermen near the pond side,the king
decided to raise her as his...till now,her lineage is not yet known.
The secret was made unknown to her until last year's festival ceremony,she overhead some chiefs
saying it....she felt bad,she thought she is a princess,the way the king raise her up was very
special.

<so am not really a princess...am only a foster child! this simply means my own parent got
irresponsible>

ohhhhh no!!!! mom why????

why did you keep me beside that fish pond? what if I got killed!!!!

14years old Amarachi laments during last years festival...I remembered how the king hugged her
to console her,he used his thumb to wipe her tears too..

Since then,no one dare talk about it. I don't even think the princes knows about it.

"So where are you taking us to? strolling to where?", she asked.

"anywhere my princess" I replied.

"okay" she nodded as she held hands with Lotanna.

"Shall we stroll to the market,it's been long I did that" she said...

we got out with three more guards,I kept on looking at prince Lotanna.
can he cope with walking around? I don't think he is use to it...

his catwalk only says it all,
Just so amazing...it looks like heaven is open to rain..
"we shouldn't take long" he said fluently in his strange language which I don't think I heard.
Amarachi laughed."you don't understand English" she said to me before interpreting what Lotanna said....

AdeifeAdeife

I got home,the outside was very quiet which is so usual..
Onome ought to be back! why isn't she outside?.
I entered inside and met Olamma lying on the bed,Onome was attending to her wounds..
"mama welcome" I said..
She turned to me,Next she spilled the hot water in my direction.Her eyes was boiling rage.
Then it occurred to me I really injure Olamma during the morning fight.

"mama my neck,it really hurt!
"She bite it,she dragged the new hair I just plait...see they are all loose!
Olamma said.She started crying..
I knew it was fake.

Onome didn't say a word,she attended to olamma's wound....
chai my teeth are gone,laughter is now a difficult thing.
Never in my life will i lay my hand on Olamma,even if she makes trouble I will avoid her.
"you want to kill her like you killed your mother....it is today your foolish father will disown you"
onome said.
I mistakenly bite my teeth in pain.
"but mama you are calling papa foolish,he is also your husband"
I said..
She stood up,I knew what was next,I ran back.

"what are you seriously turning into?
"you're telling me I don't know what am doing hunn! she yelled.
"it's true you said papa is foolish and he is also your husband" I said.
She clapped her hands in dismay and grabbed me...
I wailed as she beat me mercilessly. She left me when she was tired.

"They have started pressing you... you're enjoying what is bigger than you...I know ooo because
this is how your mother started" she said.I dare not speak.
"the mats are outside...take them to the market and make sure you sell them all" she said.
I gasped..cos no one will buy from me..am ugly,they always run away from me...
I ran out and wipe my tears,then I bundled the mats and took them to the market.

ohhh goodness,who did I offend???

I stopped halfway and decided to use a mask,they won't know it's me.

But this money is the last thing I have with me...I sigh and used it to buy a mask.I put it on and made my way into the market....

did I even eat anything since morning?? oh god save lfe.

I shade the mats and started calling out for buyers,none was coming.

my mind said "sing buyer will come".

hnmm

I wish I can...but I can't.

the last time i did,Onome knew.

believe in all that can be

a miracle starts whenever you dream...

I sang in my heart,I dare not sing it out.

"how much is your mat?", I heard a very tiny voice...I hastily raise my head.I didn't look at the buyer well.

"which one??? I asked and brought out mats with different patterns....

"my princess wants a mat! I heard another voice.

A princess!!!!

am I sure am hearing well?.

I hastily raise my head,thank god am with a mask... she would have ran cause of my ugliness.

"Yes,they are pretty" she said and pointed to one...

I wasn't even looking well,my gaze were directed to the prince.Three guards were surrounding him and he was holding something unfamiliar-

is that a phone?....

I said it,only super wealthy people used that.

"hmm it is not really expensive.How many do you want?", I asked..

The prince moved forward,Princess Amarachi hastily intertwined their hands...

gosh many maidens were drooling.

"my respect,my princess" I bowed as I present the mat...

The prince took the mat from me,his fingers brushed into mine.

I felt a sensation,a spark in my heart..

what's wrong with me???

what feelings is this?....

hmhhhmm how do I tell the prince to leave my hand...

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EPISODE 7

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I had no courage to look into his eyes as our hands brush into each other, my soul acted weird... "Pardon" he said in a well mannered way. Like I understood, I withdraw my hands, he took the mat and passed it to princess Amarachi.

I bowed with respect, holding another mat with both hands... Amarachi is also well mannered. You won't know she is a princess until you are being told.

"why are you putting in this masquerade stuff ?", she asked, her pretty eyes was on the mat.

"my princess it is a mere mask.. I do not mean any.....

the prince looked at the mask, I started stammering.

Soon he looked away and muttered something.

"we need to get out of here! he said.

The guards paid for the mat, they left without collecting change.

I felt so happy....

Luck finally decide to shine on me again... chineke(god) thank you.

I solicit and removed onome's money, I kept the change separately in my breast wrapper.

I waited patiently, hoping another buyer will come, my eyes search around and I spotted Princess Akuna-the proud peacock coming with her crews.

She is a princess from the next kingdom, she usually come to our village market pretending to buy things but the truth is that she came to show off so that other maidens can praise her.

Every one in the village have one thing or the other to say about her, she makes life miserable for the poor's in fact she moves with her types. The day she mistakenly touch a girl, she washed her hand instantly.

I watch keenly as she catwalk with her servants. Finally she stopped on front of a cloth seller and posed arrogantly.

"where can I find ogechi, the cloth trader. I heard she resides in this kingdom" she said.

"my princess either ogechi or not, I have all types of trending attire and breast holder that would make your breast firm" the trader which happens to be old Nana said.

Akuna rolled her eyeballs rudely at the old woman..

"how poor.... this type of wrapper am looking for, you cannot have it cos it is beautifully adorn with beads"

She boasted..

I remembered she is looking for the cloth I worn to her birthday party.

Waoow, so she is this jealous..

"is it this one? old Nana asked as she brought out something similar to the days wrapper.

"I said it, old people always have problems with brains" Akuna said.

"no wonder all your children died. You must have killed them with talk" Adanna fired. She's Akuna's pupet.

"ogechi the cloth trader,that is definitely Ngozi step mother" sgs said,the walked away.  
Thank goodness they didn't passed when the prince was here.  
"should we price mat" Adana whispered.They approavhed me.

hope they won't pick on me?

I already make promises not to make friends with trouble and fight.

The princess pointed to a mat.

I bite the inside of my cheeks as I look down.

"remove that masquerade thing,it is scaring me" akuna said.

"her face is irritating, let her wear it" Adana teased.

"that mat,how much does it cost? Akuna pointed to one.

I bent to pick it,I saw something glittering on the mat,it was diamond in form of a ring,it must fallen from either the prince or Amarachi.

"what's that,let me have it"

Akuna said with so much authority.

I stretched the mat she pointed.

"no the ring" she said,smartly.

"which ring??

"I saw it,no need dragging" she said.

Another buyer came,I already know akuna is here for trouble.

I faced the new buyer with enthusiasm.

"Are you here are all?",akuna asked.

"I'm sure am not at home" I replied.

She got angry and left with her servants.

Two more buyers came,I felt so happy as I sold until am left with just two mats.I decided to go home in the evening when no buyer was coming.

And I promised to make ngozi's hair this evening..how am I suppose to divide myself..

The prince ring,how am I suppose to return it,I better keep it well.I tied it on my breast wrapper and comport myself before entering the compound.

I didn't even see olamma outside...who knows, she must have gone to meet her boyfriend.

"is this all what you sold?",

she asked as she counted the money...

"hmm I don't trust you...your mother was a thief.Who knows if you have taken after her" onome said,I still kept quiet, hoping she would give me food.Heaven knows I didn't dare her.

She moved closer to me and started pressing my body to check if I hide any money,she found the change I kept.Her expression changed as she brought it out,she continue searching, at some point, I started asking myself if she's a witch.



Luckily for me,sgevdud not even find the ring.

"whose money is this hun Adeife?", she asked,calmly.

"no no it is not...." I starmmered,she watched me and didn't beat me.

this is very unusual,Onome is not a nice person at all..

"explain" she said.

I explained the truth,she stared.

"which prince did you meet?", she asked.I kept quiet.

"and he didn't run for your ugliness" she asked.

"I used masquerade coverage" I said.

She nodded and pack the change.

"your food is in the kitchen" she said,politely.

"thank you mama" I replied hpily and rush to the kitchen.

ohhh this hunger,I pray it won't kill me someday.

I hastily uncover the calabash...

Waoow..I licked my lips.

Pounded yam and an extremely spiced Egusi soup,the meat caught my fansy.I cleaned my hands on my cloth...

hmmmmm,I will eat meat today again....

My longer throat won't allow me rest, I finished everything and drank water fully..I felt do happy.

Onome has changed

Onome gave me food

Onome spoke to me nicely...

I love my new life.

Jidenna's p.o.v

I entered the throne room,it was empty.Father was not in and in and the crown was there laying on the empty seat.

I can't just find finally wait for the day the throne would fit into my head.

I left there and entered the hallway, two maids ran into each other.

"where is the other twin prince?",

the first maid asked.

"did you see prince Lotanna?", the other maid asked.

They look so confused.

One of the maid turned back and saw me...

\*isn't that prince Lotanna?", she asked the other maid..

She looked so confused.They part ways when they heard steady footsteps,I turned it was the queen.

She looks so worried as she hasten her footstep to catch up with me.

"Jidenna,have you seen Lotanna?", she asked.

"Lotanna is not a kid,why treating him like a kid?" I asked.It is obvious she likes him more than me.

"they are back,Amarachi is with them" a maid reported.

She heaved a breath of relief the moment she sights him coming in with guards.

She rushed to him and started touching his forehead to see if he has temperature.

"call the nurse! mom said as she felt his pulse.Next she faced ikechukwu.

"why did you allow him walk much?", she asked...

"I'm sorry,lolo(queen)" he bowed.

"Did you give him anything to eat?", she asked.....

Lotanna wasn't saying anything,he only stared at the queen(our mother) as she touched him.

"no yes....just a guava! ikechukwu starnmered.

"chimoooooooo,Lotanna doesn't eat such things" the queen exclaimed.

I scoffed...

why so dramatic? Just for Lotanna.

I saw through his fingers,he was wearing two diamond rings earlier, why is only one left.

"I will just look out for the nurse!

I said and left.

Night was almost approaching,I decided to check on Lotanna.I opened his door as I moved in fully into his slivery built living room,none was there.

Just his pads, ten scattered phone and two neat laptop with a flash.

I entered deep into his room,there I met him sleeping his head was in mothers laps,he looks so much like a baby with his pouted lips....

Though the room was dimmed but the golden egdes of the,bed lit the room...

She is the queen of the moonlight-

I overheard mother saying as she pat his shoulders..her other finger ran through his pretty face.

I think she is telling a story.

I left.

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AdeifeAdeife

Onome has never spoken to me nicely like she did today.I got surprised she bought me a new dress wrapper...I didn't even do any work. This happiness,I hope it lasts.

Soon she went out,I also decided to use that opportunity to see Ngozi.

I met with her at our usual spot... my happiness made me jump on her.

"ummm I don't think she is changed. You need to be very careful" she advised..

I smiled and started making her hair.

"Ngozi I met the prince" I said.

"waoow which of them,is he nice?", she asked..

"I don't even know their names not to talk of recognizing them" I said.

She smiled and got so interested.

"He is sooo cute,his eyes has a spark of silver, his lip is well pouted.. gosh he loves diamond too much.To crown it all,our hands touch....he spoke to me!! Ngozi am the first girl he spoke to aside from his sister, Amarachi...I felt his touch"...  
I clapped as I said.

"Adeife are you sure you're not in..."

"no,I can't be in love with someone like him even though he is nicely mannered...I'm not his type cos am ugly, I don't have family too!

I wanted to cry.Ngozi smiled and hugged me.

"Sing for me,it's been long I heard your voice" she said..

I didn't want to do it.

"Onome" I got scared as I said.

"I thought you said she is now nice.. she won't talk if she is changed! Ngozi said...It's been long she has been begging me to do that.

"Fine,I would do it for you" I said and opened my mouth to sing..

No voice was coming out.

"Ife sing,Adeife sing" Ngozi said.

I opened my mouth to sing again,no voice was coming out..

"Ife what's happening,sing..Ife sing"

Ngozi beckoned.

I tried again,nothing was coming out.

"I'm sorry,your Ife can't sing again..I think have lost my voice" I said,solemnly.

Ngozi became frightened....she held me tightly with so much emotions and care....

"Ife what did you eat??

"Ife sing,Ife sing! she said.

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## EPISODE 8

I tried singing again,no voice came out,i felt so shocked.My hand instantly went to my head,I couldn't even cry.

Ngozi stared at me with so much emotions and care!.

"Adeife where is your voice?", she asked.My tears stream down.

"I don't know...maybe it is not meant for me,maybe the owner has finay taken it,maybe good things

are not meant for me...this is why I can't BELIEVE,believe is meant for classy and pretty girls only"  
I said as I start crying.  
I wanted to run away,Ngozi drag me back.  
"lfe where to?", she asked.  
"to kill myself" i replied..she sighs as she wipe my tears.  
"am sorry if won't help" she said.  
"it would help because onome won't see someone to beat,Olamma won't see someone to pick on  
and father won't see someone to shout at" I said as I covered my face.

"what about me...who will talk to me after you kill yourself?", she asked.  
I hastily drop my hand from my face.  
Ngozi,every beautiful moment you have spent with me made my life beautiful, your contributions  
to my life can't be spoken on low volume

You believe in me even when no one did,I gave up myself but you revived me  
I looked at her and wiped a tear.  
You never gave ear to all the negative side talks of people,instead you stood by me both in  
favourable seasons and troublesome seasons...  
my letter to you.

"Ngozi you're a good friend yet I couldn't do what you want,I couldn't sing for you,I lost my voice!  
I said and ran away,she ran after me.

"lfe wait...wait lfe! she screamed my name, her legs didn't make her get me...  
I ran till I got to a waterfall.Soon I left there and got to the stream....  
drowning myself would help after all.  
I sat for a while,trying to sing....  
it still didn't come.

\*\*\*\*\*Jidenna's p.o.v\*\*\*\*\*

Finally,lotanna strolled out.  
Mother was not with him this time around and I guess the walk was too much or maybe because  
he saw many new faces...  
Lotanna is allergic to people,even back then at school(abroad), he has his own special  
tutor,special lecture room too.He is like that from birth, doesn't talk too much,doesn't talk when he  
is not called...in fact if you leave him in a place,you will come back and meet him in the very place  
you left him.

"Does it still hurt,sir? a maid walk in his direction,she was carrying a calabash.....herbs I guess.  
Lotanna lit his eyes, on his wrist were two black bead bracelet while his feet had on a black slipper  
with diamond based.  
His eyes search around as he walks,

catwalks sooo amazingly.

All the maids he passed kept on bowing.

"does it still hurt sir?", the maid asked again.

Lotanna stopped, the maid hasten her footsteps and caught up with him.

"did you find any ring?", he asked another thing.

"no, my prince! she replied.

Lotanna slam his forehead and walk away. He passed me, he reversed back again.

"Jidenna did you find my ring?",

he asked.

"No, if I had seen it, I will tell you" I replied, he nodded and left.

All the Maud's started searching around, I don't even think the ring is in this palace. Am thinking someone must have taken it when he followed Ikechukwu out.

that priceless ring.

"have you seen it?", I asked.

"No" he replied, his expression was disturbed as he searched around in his bedroom. I joined in the search..

I opened some drawers,

my eyes jammed some files.

**BREAKING NEWS!!!!!!!**

23years old Lotanna secrets as the owner of \*Glamour Diamonds\* has been leaked, so glamour is his.....

"the best thing you can do is to keep my wealth status safe" Lotanna had said to Jerry Carter at Glamour.

"he's so talented in whatever thing he does, he does brain works perfectly.... am signing him as a lead ambassador" Jerry carter also dropped a comment.

In the drawer, I also found a glittering accessory!

Lotanna turned, I hastily hide the files and closed the drawer back.

"did you find it?", he asked.

I nodded in disagreement.

"Did you see it?", amarachi also entered.

"No...don't worry. You can go and sleep" he said to Amarachi.

She left....

He also turn to leave.

"where too?", I asked.

"to search for my ring" he replied,simply.

"I will go with you", I said.We both walk out quietly with two guards.

"let's divide yourself,you pass there,let me take here" I suggested..

He took his lips in,we path ways with one guard each.

AdeifeAdeife

I thought of leaving the stream, dying is not really the next option...

if I die,who will take possessions of all my savings...

I left the stream,it was dark by the time I got home.

"where are you coming from?",

Olamma asked in an irritating manner.. I shot her a glare,Onome step out that moment.

"yes yes where are your savings? month has ended,hasn't it" she asks.

A tear dropped out of my eyes.

And I thought she is changed!..

so she actually do it to bring me closer.....am thinking she must have added similey in the food she gave me...

Never in my life will I get carried away by food..I will rather wait for hunger to kill me.

"Mother when will I buy the type of breast holder princess Akuna bought.. she didn't bring her savings" Olamma hissed and went inside...

hmmmmm...

It started raining.

"When your bring your savings,I will allow you in! she said and slam the door on my face.

I ran into the shades and knock on the door,she still didn't open.

My father walked in rgar moment, he was carrying a dead antelope.Guess he is coming from hunting.

I hastily ran to the backyard. Have never feared anyone the way I feared him....

He always beat me up each time he smokes tobacco.Who knows if he smoked it today?.

"who is there?", I heard his voice.

I enter into the nearby bush and run for safety to the stream where I would find solace..

mother am sorry for doing this

I said and made up my mind to finally drown myself. I entered the stream and almost drown myself,

until a pair of arm pulled me up...

Goshhhh,when I thought I would die.

"My prince,she wants to commit suicide! the person that dragged me out said.....  
My prince!! did I just heard it..  
I better bring out the ring.

I looked at the one who dragged me out,too bad i couldn't see his face.  
I wanted to fall,the guard held my hand and made me stand well...the sounds from his neck bead  
made me understand he is a royal guard.

He dragged the nearby water pot and made me stand well..  
"Killing yourself is it the next option... don't you value your life" the prince said..  
He turned to leave.  
"I'm sorry sir,this is your ring!  
I bowed in respect and drop the ring with the guard when I didn't have courage to face the  
prince....

Am not sure of which of the prince I met, I dropped it with the guard and ran away.

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## EPISODE 9

I ran till I left the stream direction,  
the rain was still falling,everywhere now look so calm and pretty cool.  
Now,I have no where to go!

Vivian was coming in the other direction,I quickly went to the other direction..  
"Hi Adeife" she greeted..  
"Hi V" I waved back with respect(bowing).  
"where are you going to in this rain?", she asked.  
"well...am going to...to...to my father's house" I lied.  
even the devils knows I dare not go to onome this night.

"see you around" she said and ran.  
The rain was getting heavy,I hastened my footstep and ran to Ngozi's place..  
firewoods were set burning in the shade, her old stepmother was under the shade which means  
Ngozi should be inside sleeping.

Gosh,I would I enter?.....

Like I wish,she stood up and entered,I hastily ran to the wooden window to Ngozi's room.  
I knocked,no reply.

I knocked, knocked and knocked before she finally open up.  
"Adeife what are you doing here?", she asked.I kept quiet  
"it's really dark and this rain might kill you" she said.  
"that was how I was killed in my previous life! I said and started crying.  
"that cry,it doesn't suit you",  
she said and opened the window widely for me to get in.

"how are you comfortable in such conditions?",she asks when I start taking off my cloths.  
"am used to it as you know On one always make me go through this" I said,she smiled as she brought out one of her dress wrapper for me to use.

I felt so shy standing stark naked in the presence of my best friend..  
Finally,I covered my nakedness.I moved to the window side to squeeze water out of the cloth I wore earlier.I spread them on the window side and locked it calmly.  
"Adeife! Ngozi called,I faced her.  
"don't you usually use any breast holder" she asked,I kind of felt embarrassed.

I pretended as if I don't know what a breast holder is,the truth is that have never worn one...Onome said it is not meant for ugly girls.  
Ngozi smiled,she knows am pretending.  
"Your breast is so firm and pointing without a breast holder.... lucky you"  
she teased...  
I still pretend as if I didn't hear her,I joined her on the bed.  
"but seriously,your breast is over firm,you are thick in the laps....your hips is what every good man will dream of".  
how sweet.....

"You're decieving me" I told her, she's just found of saying sweet words to me...my happiness tho..  
"there's work tomorrow,the pay is huge" she said.  
"okay" I said.  
My mind drifted to the prince,when his fingers brushed into mine during the mat stuffs,I don't know what it means,have never felt that spark before.His eyes when I looked at him blows me off,it scares me a little.  
if it is love, I better stop believing...  
Ugly girls do not fall in love.  
I just hope he is the same person that said pleasant words to me today...  
Pardon was his first word with me....



Killing yourself, is it the next option, don't you value your life.  
I hope he is the one that said that to me again..  
next day.....

\*\*\*\*Olamma's p.o v\*\*\*\*.

I woke up lazily and the first thing that came to my brain was Adeife's savings.. That stupid girl!  
I stormed out of my room and banged into my parents place in our compound.

Father was still sleeping while mother was holding a very ugly doll.  
I was surprised- A doll, she is not a kid. She quickly hid the ugly doll the moment she sighted me.

"mother, has Adeife brought her savings! I asked in a very loud voice that woke papa up.  
"No, she hadn't my ornament.... don't worry I will buy all accessories you need once she brings it"  
she said.

"no no no you of all people knows I don't repeat dress more than two times. Month has ended right!  
.I yelled, my hands on my waist.  
I really need to see my only friend this morning, what will I wear!  
I need something new!

\*Speaking of the rat, where is she? why hasn't she bring her support for my precious daughter, she is really getting lazy" father said and brought out money for me to use.  
"thanks papa! I took all and ran away.  
I rush off to Vivian's place that early morning, her mother is also a cloth trader.

She brought out some trending dress wrapper, I got the actual type, she went in back.. Vivian came to my side

I heard you and Arinze are a thing... is it true. Hmmm the beautiful Olamma finally gave in for a village drunkard. well I pity you because he will eat eat eat you till you run away.  
She mocked, I stared at her in disdain.

oops he gave you money to buy this right OR is this Adeife's savings, how cruel? I pity that poor girl because you're using her sweat" she mocked...  
"I'm better off you" I replied.  
Her mother came out.

"what are you telling my customer! her mother shouted.  
Vivian left, instantly..  
"mma sorry don't mind her bad mouth" her mom said.  
I nodded and collected my complete accessory, I left.

I waited patiently for Princess Akuna at our normal spot,she showed up in time with her servants. I lead the way and took her to the waterfall where I always see one of the prince every evening. "are you sure this is the spot?", she asked. "yes..have seen him twice" I replied. she took a deep breath.

"I really want him to be mine...my parents are planning on seeing his parents and besides, my parents and his have a company together (abroad) am sure of the twins will be the heir and as for you,you cab take the other prince" Akuna said.

"what about lyke,ain't you in love with him anymore" I asked. "And you,ain't you into Arinze" she shut me out stylishly. We walked away as we discussed random things. "what about that maiden that attended my party.I'm scared she stole one of the princes heart.. .Princess lfe! I said. "Just lfe,it is strange??? I already searched her,she doesn't exist" akuna said further.

"waoow,I can differentiate between the princes.Nkem told me about them.Remember he is a royal blood. He said Lotanna has a pouted lip, a very amazing voice,too many soft spots and his catwalks are amazing. Jidenna speaks with so much authority and very fast in action" she explained. "waoow! I gasped. We part ways,we would see again in the evening. AdeifeAdeife

Ngozi and I bought a face coverage that morning. Our first duty was a contract work.I got lucky only one person was needed,and so I filled in. We got to the place, it was very close to the golden palace....

I filled in in the arena,we started sweeping in the building,dime were uprooting weeds,some were packing it,some were fetching water. 3hours passed.

We all lined in a straight line to collect our allowance(daily). "dear maiden,wait behind" the man in charge pointed at me.I stayed behind

"when you're done, meet me in the golden palace. .do not remove your coverage,I repeat do not remove your coverage! we are replacing the two maids that left" she said,I nodded and she left.Everyone left leaving me and the man behind.

"sir you said I should wait?" I said..

"yes,can you please get me water first! he pointed to a particular section in the building.

I nodded innocently and went in with a pure mind.

Inside the place was a big pot covered, a small calabash for drinking was on top,I used it to take water and wanted to turn,

I felt a hand wrapped around my bare waist from behind.

"leave me aloooooonnnne! I shouted.

he covered my mouth,I don't think he knows am ugly.

"stay still it doesn't hurt! he said.

"mama oooooo!!! I screamed and used my leg to hit his manhood,he left me instantly, I ran out.

I saw my pay on the bench outside, I ran out....and wipe my tears till it was completely dried.

."he really wants to rape me,he wants to use me....is that how he treats young maidens!!!

I dried my tears really well and knivk on the golden palace gate,it was opened by a guard.

"you're here for work" he said.

I nodded as he let me in.

"well you're late!!,he said and directed me.

I entered fully and entered the corridor, I feel like am lost....

where's Ngozi???....

I searched around. I heard a voice, I paused to listen.

you can paint the stars,

you can touch the sky,

believe and discover you're pretty

won't know until you try ..

.waoow,what a golden voice?

I might as well spend all my time listening to this..

Should I try singing? maybe my voice would come back.....

hmmm in my next life,I won't eat food from Onome.

believe the beauty is yours.

your song will hold the key

Aaaaaaahhh.

I sang,feeling scared.My voice came out, it was as if an angel was with me that moment.

A door opened, I turned,it was one of the twins prince.I look his wrist, he was the one I gave a cut..

I wanted to turn in my direction but then his eyes caught Princess Akuna's own .....

She walked in that moment.

"Lotanna,Hi! she waved,the prince continue staring at her.

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## EPISODE 10

Lotanna and Akuna's eyes locked, they stared into each others eyes. Akuna put on a smile as she approach his presence.

"lotanna,hi" she said in a nice way...

He blinked his lashes twice.

"you are?", he asked,piously.

"princess Akuna from the next village.My families and yours are good friends" she said and stretched her hand for a handshake.

Lotanna waited for a while before taking her hand,akuna blushed shyly.

He left her hand and turn to slam the door."till then" Akuna said.

He didn't reply,he locked his door.

Akuna smiled to herself and look in my direction,I hasten my footstep and left the golden built hallway. A guard directed me to the place other maids are.

I joined.

"you're late,are you sure you love your job! a short woman whom I recognize to be the head maid said.

"I'm sorry" I replied,holding my ears..

"your last chance" she said,

I nodded and started working.

Ngozi came to my side in the fourth floor,she was holding a napkin for cleaning.

"why did you take so long?",

she asked.and I remembered why I came late....a tear dropped.I raise my face coverage up and wiped my tears till it was completely dried.

that old Man to me.....

everyone just loves taking advantage of me,everyone loves using me.

"what took you so long?", she asked.

"my voice is back" I answered another thing.

she gasped.I forced out a smile as we started working.

The head maid came by.

"move over to the pool section" she said.We obeyed and moved over to the required place,the

pool look pretty. My first time seeing a blue water. I might as well want all my body dipped into it. "why don't you go and help the head maid in the kitchen so it would be fast?", Ngozi suggested. I left the pool side and hopped upstairs to join the head maid. All thanks to this face coverage or else my ugliness would have me chased out of here. I moved into the kitchen, everything in it looks so new.. "the dishes are waiting for you" Mrs okafor said.... I approached the dishes and washed as she direct me. "next, take this to Nkem's room, the sixth door in the hallway line" she directed. I carried the calabash with respect (both hands).

I got there and knocked. "maid right?", his voice came up. "yes sir", I replied. He opened the door, I moved in fully and dropped the set of calabash in the rightful place.. He sat in front of where I kept the calabash and opened them. "you prepared this?", he asked. "no sir, Mrs okafor" I said and turned to leave, he grabbed my hand. I looked at him, he smiled and let go of my hand. He would not have hold me if he knows am ugly. Am sure he would go to wash his hands. "do you know the story of the powerful female twins?" he asked. I still stared at him. "Amaka letter turned to a cripple in the end right?", he asked.

"No, Amaka turned to a stone in the end while Amanda turned to a cripple" I explained, he smiled and dragged me to a sit.

"explain better" he said.

I smiled, get really like stories. I know he won't want to listen if he knows am Adeife.

"continue" he said.

"the twins names are; Amanda and Amaka. Their father gave both of them powers. Amaka has the power to destroy, fire is her strength while Amanda has the power to build, water is her strength.

The both of them married two twins princes ....

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Amaka killed the king out of selfishness because she wanted her own husband in the throne, her sister Amanda got mad at her for killing their husband's father, that was what lead to their fight...

Amaka is the fire, Amanda is water.

Water is greater than fire. Amaka turned to a stone and in turn cast a spell of cripleness on her twin sister!

I explained.

"they are immortals" he said.

"yes, it is chidi that is mortal" I said.

"who's chidi?? I taught he is dead?"

he asked...

"no,he didn't die.His name was originally Anochie" I explained.

"I still don't understand" he said.

I scratched my neck.

"sir,I really need to go.I will explain again some other time" I said and stood before he would drag me to sit again.This isn't right,me sitting with a royal blood.

Nkem is actually part of the queen's family...

A knock came on the door.

"Sir,Adanna is out" the maid that knock said.

"dismiss her" nkem said.He faced me.....

"I don't even know your name, how will I find you to tell me this story again" he said,I got scared.

"sir,you don't need to know my name, everyone in this kingdom knows it" I said....and approach the door.

"should I call you my friend?",

he asked.

"wattttttttt friend,I can't be your friend.Sorry, we can't be friend"I said.

"why??? he asked.

"because you're royal,am poor" I said and ran to the door.Too bad I don't even know how to handle this type of door.....

"be my friend and I will open the door for you" he said.

I nodded in disagreement.

"Is it because you're Adeife" he said.

My heart skipped multiple beats.

Watttt-

so he knows am ugly.

I looked at him,he smiled and opened the door,I bowed and went out.

I got my payment and left with Ngozi.

\*\*\*Adanna's p.o.v\*\*\*\*

How can Nkem the me to leave? and besides what was he doing with an ordinary maid all alone in his room.. He even told the maid to dismiss me all because of Adeife...that ugly vulture.....

I left angrily and went to wait for princess Akuna in the place we usually gather to talk...

Vivian was making her hair while her and olamma were chit chatting.

I joined the groupies and sat on the stool facing princess Akuna.

I don't have the strength and authority to bully Adeife because am not a princess,am just going to make Akuna do it for me....

"ooouch,it hurts.Easy Vivian"

Akuna said and flicked her braided her slightly..

"So what Attire are we choosing... Adanna you came late" Olamma said

"sorry,I was on something"I said.

Vivian faked a cough..

I shot her a glare,she shot hers back and focused fully on the beads she's putting in Akuna's hair.

"this years dress party will be so exciting" Akuna said...

"well by then,lotanna and I would have become intimate....You should see the way he was drooling over me today at the palace, oh my gaaad he touched me and we almost hugged"

Akuna said...

"He stared at you and touched you doesn't mean he has feelings for you.He might look at you for looking sake and touch you for touching sake...." Vivian said.

Akuna rolled her eyeballs.

"so are you calling a princess a liar" she said.

"ohhh am sorry.Am just saying my opinion as friends" Vivian said.

We continued chit chatting.

Each time I want to mention Adeife's name,Vivian will quickly cover it with another talk until Akuna left.

She also left.

gosh, she just made lfe go Scot free today.Tomorrow is another day for her.....

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I made much money today at the same time am still very scared of going home... I can't take my one year savings to Onome,I also have my life to leave. She's fond of using my money to my useless things..

my savings throughout last two years, she used it to celebrate Olamma's birthday.All those things,I don't like remembering them.I just wish I have a mother too,I will gladly give all my savings to her. I branch at old Nana's place, for now it is my claudestine place to save. Onome doesn't know I save in her place,if she knows...  
chai something bad will happen.

"nne my savings" I said,humbly.

"my light,hope you made so much money today?", she asked.

I presented the money,she counted it.

"when will you collect your money..the pot am keeping in it can't contain it again" she said.

"ummm....old Nana, I will collect it soon" I said.

"soon... your soon will turn to one year again" she joked,I smiled shyly.

"would you mind eating in my house?" she asked.

"mba(no)" I said.I can't even try that again,after what onome did to me.

Old Nana smiled.

"since you won't eat my food,would you accept what I bought for you?" she asked,nicely.

I had wanted to say no but later said yes because of the old woman that she is.

"thanks mama" I said as i collected the dress wrapper and beads she gave me.

I left....I branched Ngozi's house to keep it before going home..

As I got to our compound,  
I saw the man that wanted to rape me discussing things with Onome.  
what are they even discussing? ...  
I moved nearer and wanted to move through the backyard. Onome called me.....  
"where's your savings?", she asked.  
I scratched my neck.  
"tomorrow" I finally said.  
even god knows, I won't give her.

"this is your new buyer, he needs help in his home" she said.  
"but mama am not a community maid" I said and shifted back.  
"you can go home, she will come and meet you" onome said....  
I felt something cut in my intestine..  
"what are you still waiting for? he needs a maid in his home or do you want me to send you to your  
dead mother! onome yelled, I started crying.  
I followed the man, I did all the work in his house till it was night.

"It remains one work" the man said, I cursed him inwardly.....  
As I ignored him.  
I fetched drinking water from the stream and took it inside..  
After this, I can finally go home.  
I turned to leave, the man appeared at the entrance.  
Next the lantern went off, I felt the door shutting..  
"You still haven't satisfied me" I heard him say..  
chimooo!!!!!! my clothes!!!!!!

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## EPISODE 11

A man tearing my cloth is the most painful experience of my life, this man is old enough to be my  
father....  
why treating me this way?.

My hand grabbed a turning stick, I took it and hit it on his head, he left me and staggered  
backwards. He fell.



I think he lost consciousness. I tied my halfly torn wrapper and hastily got to the door,I opened the door and ran out when I noticed the man opened his eyes.

I ran out without knowing where am heading to,

I cramped up on my way,something pierce into my feet and it started bleeding.... another hurtful experience.

I didn't even know when I shouted mother.

I managed to get to the waterfall where I fell, the nail had really entered my foot skin.

I had better remain like this.....

God if I should get wealthy in the future,I will suffer onome the way she did to me..

I fell asleep there on the floor at the back of the waterfall.

I had a dream.

A woman appeared to me,she looks exactly like me same fair skin like me the only difference is that she is very very beautiful,she was standing on another land,a ditch was separating us.....

"my daughter,come to mummy this last moment" she said and stretch her hand to me,I also stretch my hands forward.Our hands were almost touching,just inches apart.

Onome appeared and pushed me into the ditch.

"mother help

I shouted and stretched my hands out so that she can draw me out, she didn't even move from where she was...

"My daughter believe...!

"Ife believe...believe Ife!

"even if it is dark,light your way!

it seems you still haven't learnt your lessons,am not also happy with what you're going through....

"please and please do not end up like I did...Just believe! she said.

Someone held me up,I looked up as I was almost getting out.

it was olamma who was helping me.

"Thanks for helping me! I said.

"do you believe I will help you out? in your dreams" she laughed out wickedly and left my hand,I fell back into the ditch helplessly....

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I sprang up breathing heavily.

What sort of dream is this and why is my leg hurting me badly?...

I opened my eyes well,it was morning already.

so,I actually slept here last night.

I wanted to stand up but could not.

The nail was still buried in my foot...

"Prince Lotanna,you really want to see the waterfall alone" I heard voices.

I hastily open my eyes widely.  
my goodness, did I just hear well...  
"Lotanna" coming to see the waterfall right now.....  
hmmmmm,I shouldn't be here!

"Okay my prince,we would wait here!  
I heard again.I hastily covered my face.The prince approached.  
I could get a clear sight of him from the back of the waterfall,the water made it look as if I was  
staring from mirror. It made Lotanna really look ethereal.....  
Just perfectly handsome.  
The royal stuff on his forehead suited him perfectly.I remembered how very ugly I am,I stood up  
and wanted to run..  
"mother it hurts!  
I screamed when the nail penetrated more deep.  
Lotanna looked around,trying to figure out who was shouting.

I covered my mouth and endured my pain alone.I walked,it pained the more...."help,am at the  
back of the waterfall"  
I screamed,he appeared.  
I looked at the other side so he won't get a clear sight...  
The pain wanted to make me fall,he held me back with just a hand on my waist....  
he must be very fit for holding me like am a sac.  
I still looked away,  
"would you stay well or I should just leave" he said.His words pierced my heart so deeply.  
I covered my face as I stand well.  
He pointed to a big stone more like a place to sit.i sat.  
Next he squated.  
wait....does he not understand that he is a prince!!!!  
Princes don't help the poor masses, they always get irritated my commoners. ..  
Merciful and well mannered princes only appear in fairy tales.

"stay well! I heard him say as he lift my feet on his left palm,he touched my blood....  
I chocked on my tears the moment he pulled out the nail... I felt pain,the pain made me held his  
hand near his royal bracelets..  
like in stories,it looks like heaven is opened to rain.  
He dropped my leg and turn to leave.  
\*\*\*should I talk to him\*\*\*\*\*  
will he even answer???  
it frightens me to start what my heart can not harbor.

"My prince,thank you"  
I said and bowed even when he was not looking at me.

"seems your soul is addicted to trouble, this is the fourth time now ..  
first you gave me a cut,secondly the mat stuff, thirdly the stream, and now the waterfall.... I hope  
after this,we won't see and meet each other again" he said and left.  
waaaaatt-  
so he recognize me from the start.

hmmmmmm  
all I caused him was trouble, yes he is right.We should not see each other again,this should be the  
last time..  
why wasn't I named trouble?.  
I stood up and tried walking,it feels so better than yesterday night.

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I branched Ngozi's house,I got lucky her step mother wasn't around.I bath in her house and  
changed into the attire old Nana gave me.  
finally,I feel better.  
Ngozi plait my hair as I explained everything to Ngozi, even the nightmare..

"sorry! was all she said.  
"sorry for all what you're going through" she said.  
"but why are you still going to onome's place?" she asked.  
"I wish I won't too....but my father is a respectable man in this kingdom. People will talk that am  
sleeping around.I dare not go against Onome, my father will kill me" I explained.  
She was done with my hair,I helped her with her house chores. We cooked and ate,I left before I  
step mother will return.

I got home,Onome was surprised to see me but she didn't show it.  
"it's unusual you came back early"  
she said...politely.  
I stared at her...even my creator is cursing her.  
"go and inside" she said,humbly.  
I think it is because of the money she gained because of me..  
"okay mama" I entered.  
I met olamma and papa in the sitting room...  
"good morning papa" I greeted.  
he nodded.I sat on the low stool beside him...  
hmmmm is today also my lucky day.

"I bought you beads from the next three kingdoms" he said.  
Olamma sprang up.

"it's for you and Adeife" he said.

hmhhh am I hearing well..

Olamma hissed and shared the beads and dress wrapper equally but the most beautiful ones goes for her.

Onome came in with foods,

my fear started cooking up.....

chai the last time was my voice,is it going to be my leg now.

She served papa,

Olamma's one was in a separate plate,she brought mine in last.....

"start eating" she said..

whaaaaaaatttttt.

"Kelechi did you see this stupid girl now,if I don't give her food,she will look like someone who is suffering..

now am giving her food,she won't eat" Onome reported.

My father looked at me,he is a good person but onome turned our back against each other....

And besides,my father honours her so much.

My father looked at me,I looked down.I always get scared by my own father he is more deadly than onome but deep down,he is nice.

"lfe,start eating! he said.

Chai,am in for it.

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[the girl he never noticed]

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## EPISODE 12

This food,I hope I won't get killed by it.She is always acting nice each time she wants to do evil.I stared at her,no words.

she shot a glare only me understand.

"this evil girl won't still eat" she said. My father shot me a glare,he so much honours onome.

"I will eat" I said,humbly and used my hand to pack a better quantity of Abacha(African salad). I poured it back and stood up.

"mama am coming,I want to urinate" I lied and ran out without permission. I washed my hands first and strolled out to heaven knows where.

I made sure I took much time before going back home, by then they would be done. I came back and met Onome outside the compound discussing with her best friend.

"that food you better go and eat it"

Onome said. I nodded in agreement and went in.

I sat cross legged on the floor. If this is my destiny, am here to rewrite it.

I used the oil in the salad to rub my lips, next I passed backyard to pour the food away.

I strolled inside to drink water, Onome came in with some parcels.

"have you eaten it?", she asked.

"yes mama" I replied and showed her the empty calabash. She stared at my lips and saw the oil.

"my store is opened, join my servants in doing the works" she said.

"then after that, you have mats to sell, my store needs floors and walls washing....after that, move to mama mmesoma's store until she releases you...I heard her servants ran away"

Onome said.

I took a deep breath as I listened to all what she's saying.

"the floors, make sure they are neat and all the mats must be sold today" she said with so much superiority.

"mama, a these works for just one person... chimoo, don't let me die before my time" I exclaimed. She grabbed a pestle, I ran back wards first then I ran out totally to the market.

hmmm, I forgot to pack what I will use for clean up. I ran home again, thank goodness Onome already went out...

I entered inside and relax, after that I packed my share of cloths..

when will I even have rest of mind, all I know is Adeife work...work work.

who knows if am paying for the wind I committed in my previous life?

I sigh and arranged my things, I noticed a cute breast tube on Olamma's bed, It has gold's on each edges, I started imagining how it would look like on me, very pretty...

Those classic girls already insult me that have never worn one before which is the truth.

Not even Onome is still alive.

I will make sure I buy one for myself today, let me look sexy for my creator even if it is for 3mins. in my dreams!

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I got to Onome's store and joined her servants. Though, I still did most of the works. The floor washing made me look sooo dirty.

I also moved to her friends store and did everything.

There is no difference between them, both of them are birds of the same feathers. She was even

ordering me around like she owns me.

She didn't release me until evening..

Nkem passed by in the market with some royal guards, I saw him and hastily hide beside Old Nana's store because I look so dirty.

"my FRIEND! i heard his voice,I turned and he was behind me.

"I'm...I...I..." I stammered and covered my face. It's ugly.

"stop doing that,it doesn't fit you" he said. I shifted back..

"sir,stop talking to me...people will be talking.Stop calling me friend, you're high am low,we can't be" I says.

Nkem smiled....

"soo because am part of the royal family now means I shouldn't talk to people I like" he said....

"sir,you can't....."

I didn't finish my statement, he threw a tiny bag that contain silver coins at me,I catch it with a widened eyes.

"Get yourself good cloths" he said and walked away with his guards.

"hi....Nkem...thank you....my creator will provide for you" I said and wanted to cry, it was as if he knew I lack cloths....

and it's not as if I don't have the money, I have save enough money to start a business... Just that Onome is the Lucifer in my life.

"till then...you will have to tell me more stories" he said and left.

I smiled to myself and kept the money....

Adanna was coming,I turned to another direction and ran back to work,I still have to make ngozi's hair.

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I was just so tired,

finally,it was evening.I kept Onome's money in her store and moved to old Nana's store with the money Nkem gave me,hoping to get something sexy for myself.....heaven knows I have good shape but Onome always make me wear oversize.

I just pray she won't tear this one.

Old Nana ushered me in and brought out the best,best sexy wrappers.

I pointed to a simple yellow one that would suite my skin type.

"it's expensive,would you afford it?", old Nana asked with a smile.

"yes ma'am" I said and brought out the money Nkem gave me.it was Even much to buy five more.

My eyes caught many fansy breast tubes, have dreamed of wearing all these things....I bought one,just a simple white colored one.

I still have lots of change..I dare not take it home instead I saved it at old Nana's place.

"won't you buy waist bead?", she asked....

"nooo I don't want to.....he who buys me a waist bead first will be my future husband" I said shyly.  
Old Nana laughed.

"you still believe in that myth" she said.... I left for the stream where I would stay till night.  
if I should go home now, Onome will use me and my destiny.

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Night was approaching and I decided to take a bath when I was sure no one was coming.  
I kept the new neat cloths on a stone and took off the dirty one that I am wearing.  
I started bathing, I heard voices.

it's shining to remind you  
that I love you  
as each new day begins,  
i love you, believe and just let me in  
Waoow. I gasped.  
That voice, is Lotanna around here...  
I looked around, the first thing I did was to cover my breast.

Be with me, do not go....  
Believe and let me love you,  
Today, tomorrow, forever..  
I heard again.... I hasten my bath and grabbed the new cloths, I wore the white tube, it fitted  
perfectly but the water dropping down from my body made it wet, it looks so seductive.  
I wore my undergarments and grabbed the yellow wrapper, I was tying it while looking around...  
I felt no one was coming...  
should I sing with him????  
I will stay with you.  
today, tomorrow, forever  
just believe am pretty, I will let u in.  
I added my part,  
there was a pause from him, no song, no words....why???  
did I cause trouble by interfering in his song???.....  
You said you hope we won't see and meet each other again after the last stress i caused you.  
I really want to be your friend and see your pretty face but i guess it is not my destiny...firstly my  
ugliness, secondly am always causing you trouble....are you really a friend to someone at all  
my dear prince, I guess it is a goodbye now, till then  
Ugly Adeife

I moved away from the stream as my eyes search around...

I saw him,he was far from the stream.

what's he doing here all alone?.

a prince!!!!!!

He turned to my direction, I instantly turned back,he didn't see my ugly face...Just my backside..

He's lucky I dressed sexily today.

I remembered I haven't made Ngozi's hair, I ran and left that moment.

Lotanna's p.o.v.....

Is it that same person that sang with me at the palace? Akuna right!

why must she appear!!

gosh, I kinda felt frustrated.My eyes already turned red,even purple..

"your highness" ikechukwu rushed to me when I almost turned to see the maiden....

"I'm not a king,so stop calling me highness" I replied and still wanted to turn,I got a call from Maynard...

I picked the call but the network here is terrible,so I texted him instead.

new stocks are arriving....

The gems rating are at higher stake, am thinking we keep sapphire out of stock for now.....

remember you have a lot of client waiting for you in Vietnam"

he texts...

Hope you haven't forgotten about your oil and gas company? the one at Lekki,I don't trust that your manager, not even now that your company has more investments? another text from Quann.

"we would talk midnight" I text and turned maybe the person would still be there.....I wanted to clear my doubt if it is Akuna or not.

I turned,it was no one.....

Just no one.

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## EPISODE 13

The royal guard mother assigned yo always follow me around traced the direction of my eyes,he seems perturbed with my mood.

"your highness,nothing is there"

he said...



I hurriedly look away,I faced him.I remembered I told him not to address me as highness not too long

The other guards went ahead to check,they came back 20minutes later...

Nothing is there...

Yes,we've search nooks and crannies...no one is really there.

the guards choroused.

"but where was that voice coming from?", I asked.

hmmmmmmm

"such voice does not exist in our kingdom,I don't think the voice is real, it might be a spirit that was singing and besides Akuna has the best voice even though she is from the next kingdom...she has no rival.

Let's just conclude it's a spirit,if it were to be a maiden,the voice would have been recognized during last year's voice hunt"Ikechukwu said.

"spirit" that sounds wired- it looks like something that has no meaning. How can a spirit sing sooo beautifully as if it were angels-

I stayed quiet.

"the royal feast,have you forgotten" he snapped me out of my thoughts.

I stood upright and followed the guards, I better not fail mother this time around.

I strolled out with the guards,and met footprints beside the stream.I look at it properly.

Someone was really here....my mind doesn't decieve me..... but they said it is a spirit.

"does spirits have footprints" I asked, smartly..

"Yes,your highness. .spirits can appear in form of anything.It usually appear in forms of very beautiful and sexy maiden beside the stream,also in the form of mermaid,forms of animals in the forest,Spirits are usually very tempting".

he explained.

"Are they bad?", I asked.

"most are bad,only few bring fortunes" he said.

Waoow....I gasped as I check my phone..

online meeting by twelve pm!

Rissa sent...

The feast between my family and Akuna's family was on by the time we got to the palace.

Everywhere was glittering with light, aroma of different delicacies was everywhere.

I entered my room and dropped the recording device where I had record the spirit voice.

A knock came on my door,

I answered it and it was Jidenna.

"Hey...." I said softly as I tuck my hands into my sweat pant pocket.

"Mother calls for you" he said.

"fourth floor-the royalty dining" he said,and left.

I checked time,and turned,

Nkem already came in.

He's always wanting to talk to me but my snubbish character never gave him chance or should I say my introvert lifestyle.

"I pass by to say hi" he said.

I nodded and was expecting him to leave as usual but he didn't.

"thinking you would like to have some palmwine" he said and stretch forth a rare flask.

"it's taste nice and it's freshly tapped" he said,nicely.

I stared at the flask blankly,I don't take things like this,rejecting if would mean that am shutting him out.

He filled two glasses halfly and pass one to me,he drank first,I took a sip.. and waoow,it's sweet.

I gulp the whole quantity..

"yeah,I love good palm wine.. you know our grandfather was a lover of it...before he passed away" he said.

"are you sure" I asked.

"hmm what do you even know about your family" he smiled and covered the two glasses with lids,we both left for the royal feast.

I saw many unfamiliar faces,

Nkem and I took our seats silently, Akuna quickly exchange seats and made sure she was close to me.

"hi" she said.

mother smiled immediately she said that and I wondered why.

"Hi" Akuna said again.She also knows how to speak English fluently.

"hello dear" I replied.

She blushed persistently. Jidenna and I exchange glances.He was like how was she able to differentiate us.

I stayed quiet,the maids dish out foods..

I was personally served plantain and beef sauce by mother.

There was silence as the two kings discussed.

"is my dress pretty?", Akuna asked.

I stayed quiet,a corner of my eyes stared at what she was putting on...

Just soo exposed.

"Do you like what you're seeing?",

she asked happily.

"To be frank,I didn't even see a dress" I replied... mother touched me..

"Lotanna you're harsh on her"

she said.

"then let her mind her business!

I said and dropped my spoon,I stood up and left the gathering for my online meeting..

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I felt so happy I sang with him but I still don't understand why he didn't sing back with me...

is my voice ugly to him as my face is? or did I cause him trouble unknowingly!

till then!

Aaaah Aaaah!

I bummed as I catwalked.I reach Ngozi house,I got lucky her step mother wasn't around.I knocked on the door,she opened up and a smile plastered on her face.

"waoow,your dress is killing...you didn't tell me you knew how to use attires" she said as she allow me in.

"Who bought this for you...is it Onome?" she asked.

"in my dreams" I replied.

"then where did you get money, remember you said you won't touch your savings" she said.

"Nkem gave me money,we are now friends" I said.I got happy too.

"that's unusual" she said.

"you're dressing up,where to?", I asked.

"Vivian's place,I need to see her for the stock exchange stuff" she said.

We both went out,we soon part ways.

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I remembered the new cloth just as I step into our compound, it was too late as onome already saw me.

She will tear this one again and probably beat me for daring her.

"where's my money?", she asked in a stern voice.

"I kept it in your store" I replied, she stared at my dress.

"hope its not what am thinking"

she said.

"I swear mama, I didn't use your money" I said.

"ohhh you've started selling your body for money.Anyways,it's your life.....getting pregnant for three different crippled men is your destiny from the start" she said.

I was tempted to cry but I hold myself not like it's her first time as saying it ..she is always saying it to me.Well,if this is my destiny,then I accept. ..

"why standing like that,won't you make dinner?" she nagged.

I went in to bring all what I would use outside.

She shouted."I don't want outdoor cooking".

My fear started cooking up as I went back inside.The last time she sent me inside to do something,I didn't know she followed me in secretly and locked all the doors,she beat me blue black- one of the painful experiences of my life.

The marks are still on my body,I don't even think it will erase!.

I started cooking,I was almost done when she showed up from behind with a tiny wire.

"mama,I did nothing!!!!!!

I screamed as she whip me.

"you sang,didn't you" she said as she whip me..

"I will not do it again! I sgiutrf and wanted to escape,she ran after me and wanted to pull my hair,that was when she tripped and fell.

I turned back,what I saw was blood dripping out of her forehead and nose.....

"she has killed me ooo" she shouted..

"I didn't kill you,it was you who wanted to kill yourself" I said as I hastily run out.

I ran into someone!!!

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EPISODE 14

my body system seem to be in utmost disorder as I ran into olamma behind her was papa. I breathed so heavily as I look down.

Mother just come and take me away from this lion den, even if it is death,I don't mind.

Am scared,

I'm scared to leave,

it frightens me so much that I haven't laughed in a while.

"would you pack yourself one side?",

olamma said.I moved to one side, she entered.

Papa stared at me."can't you hear the smell?Adeife food is burning!

he said.I wipe my sweaty palms on my wrapper.

"mama oooooooooo!

olamma screamed to our notice, it made papa to rush in.I do not even know what to do.

Bad luck....is it also my destiny?

Olamma rushed out. "You want to kill her like you killed your mother", she said to my face, I wanted to slap her but I refrained myself. "mma what are you talking about, I did nothing to mama" I said. Before I knew what was happening, neighbors filled our house. Mother was brought out although she was still bleeding.

Even after the bad things she has done to me, I know she will still lie against me. I can't believe her wickedness!

she's the devil,  
I said it, that girl is an abomination  
Vivian, I will kill you if I see you with her! chai....  
I heard murmurs as people start pointing fingers at me.  
I saw Ngozi too. My father came to my side, I could not even look...no words.  
He left, two armed men came behind Olamma who went to call the physician.  
this case is murderous...  
that's her!

"No, she didn't do it, Adeife is a good girl...this is not possibly done by her" I heard Ngozi saying.  
"hmmmm you see those silent girls, they always happen to be the baddest...how I wish her attitude can be as attractive as her curves!  
mama mmesoma proposed..  
I turned to steal a glance at papa,  
"you injured her, am I the next victim?" he asked.  
"I'm sorry" I said.  
"oh yeah, me too" he replied.  
The two armed men came to my side and binder my hands, I followed them. The palace, I guess.

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we got to the palace,  
everywhere was glittering with lights as usual. I looked on as I followed the guards

"there is a feast, the king won't be able to see her. Lock her up, maybe tomorrow" a guard said.  
"Prince Lotanna do not go outside tonight, it's not safe...everywhere is dark" I heard a guard saying upstairs.  
I looked up, thinking I would get a glance.  
Too bad I saw nothing. I will have to think about the stars and my mother whom I got no chance to meet.

"this thing is urgent and very important,okay... network is terrible here...even my spectranet is acting so strange! I heard voices of him.  
soo flawless,I still turn around.  
my mind says he is somewhere around here and yes,I sa him.

He was backing the bluish pool while operating two phones...jeeeez,his back view was worth seeing.  
Not dressing like a prince,he loves simplicity.Just a white top, a black jean..dipped in the back pocket was a red lauded phone..  
And the royal anklet on his feet,  
sooo adorable and attractive.

"there's network already"  
he said, he left without turning back.  
I watch him walk upstairs,his catwalk was something I would like to see everyday.  
He was soon out of sight.

"the feast is still on" another guard said,jolting me out of thoughts.  
"miss follow me" the one that had brought me here said.  
I followed him to a certain yard in the palace,that place is for prisoners and this is the 100th time I would be entering there.  
The door was opened,my hands got freed as I entered.They were locking the door, I saw nkem strolling through the upstairs balcony..  
\*\*\*\*should I call him??  
friends right?

The guards locked me in and left.I looked up to call Nkem,he left already.  
No hope....I had my head down.I wish I have a mother too.  
I raise my head to look into the stars, my eyes caught Lotanna in the upstairs balcony.Doing something on phone as usual....something was on the shining stair rod..  
Laptop right?

I stared at him,I even forgot I have not eaten,I forgot am in a prison, I keep on imaging things that I know will only happen in my dreams!.  
most times,he was on phone.  
I stared at him with so much desires, at times the little tiny diamond e earring he wore would blind my sight.

You named me trouble,yes I like it because its as if you knew trouble is my destiny  
i was the first female you talked to ever since you came here."Pardon" was what you said to me  
and I felt as thou those words are enough... I won't mind using my last breath to stare at you...Just

stare

You hope we won't meet nor see again right? I know and I will try to do so, run away from you so I won't cause you any of my trouble, it's my destiny, I already accept  
Nevertheless, I won't stop admiring you....and I promise to.....

"Hey!!!! someone shouted and disturbed my secret romantic moment. I turned in the prison, it was Akuna. Her dress sense was waoow..

She wasn't actually talking to me, she was waving at Lotanna who already got engrossed with his phone.

A maid went to her side,

she frowned and left.

Am guessing the feast is over!

Lotanna left upstairs balcony immediately he saw his twin's brother coming....

"mother said you should escort me" Akuna came back saying.

I stood up in the prison. I need to see him one last time.

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One last time, admirer!

One last song, crush!!

One last chance, my prince!

Let me in, this last time.

I didn't even know I was forming a song in my heart.

MY FRIEND!!!!.

I turned, Nkem was coming to the direction of the prison yard.

"sir.....hi!!! I bowed.

\*what are you doing here?", he asks.

"everyone already knows my mother is dead, they BELIEVE I killed her, they are now saying I wanted to do the same to my stepmother" I SAID.

I covered my face.

He stretched his hands in and touch my shoulder, I got scared. I thought he wanted to touch my chest!

"sorry" he said, I nodded.

"I didn't do anything, she was beating me, she always whip me, she does it every time like I am an animal" I said to my new found friend.

I looked at him and caught him taking in my curves slowly, he knew

I caught him staring at my hips. He hastily look away and blink his lashes.....

"stop acting sad, it's not pretty" he said, I nodded.

"this dress, you look hot" he said and stretched his hand in.

I got so confused as I hastily place my hand on his..

<friends right>.

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## EPISODE 15

He held my hand for so long,I got confused as he stared down at my hand,he was taking long and am scared a guard would see us together.

I cleared my throat and he suddenly left my hand like someone who just got himself.

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"sir you really need to go,no one must see us together" I said with nervousness in my voice.

"I told you not to act nervous, it doesn't suit you" he said..

I stayed quiet,guess he doesn't understand yet that am use to emotions,I already accept it as my destiny.

"sir you really need to go",

I said in fear.He turned and took few steps..

"did you eat?", he asked.I scratched my neck.

"thanks,have eaten", I lied.

How can I get comfortable with food in this condition? have not even know what the king would say to me.

Nkem left.

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I stood on my toes to see if Lotanna would come to the stairs balcony, he did not. Not even a glimpse. I started feeling bad;was I high?

I sat on the floor.

Are you okay?.

ADEIFE you have a case!

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### Akuna's p.o.v

i still waited in the golden hall for him, his mother said he is going to escort me,why is he taking long?.

"where's Lotanna?", I called a maid and asked.

"in his room" she replied.

"his he fine?", I asked,the maid made a puzzled look.

"ma'am didn't you feasted together not quite long?",she questioned.



I could not reply her because the queen was approaching us,the maid bowed in respect and left.

"ma'am, I didn't see Lotanna", I said in my most caring voice.She smiled.

"let's go, he will meet you outside" she said.

I blushed as I followed her out quietly.Their mother is kind,am aware she wants me for one of the princes and am interested in Lotanna he has everything I dream of, should I talk about his investment....

wealth is not his problem and besides,he is so soft in looks plus I will gain popularity both here and abroad in being with him.

"my queen,can I always come here anytime I want?", I asked.

"why not,you're free" she replied..

we got outside,no one was there..

just my servants.

"he will soon join" the queen said and left with a reassuring smile.

I started thinking it will rain,

the weather was somehow.

Soon,little droplet of water starts dropping from the atmosphere. Hope I won't get drenched waiting for Lotanna.

My servants put on the royal coverage so I won't get wet.

"they are here" Sharon whispered.

I turned back,it was the twins.

standing together was the most perfect view have ever seen.

Just so adorable and attractive.

"we are escorting you as mother ordered" one of them said.

hmmm Jidenna.

He joined me in the royal coverage that serves as an umbrella, Lotanna didn't even spare me a glance,he was quiet as he walked on a separate side with his hands tucked into his pocket.... I would have suggested car but I purposely choose walking so that I can start a friendly conversation.

"between the village,abroad and Banana island,where do you prefer?",

I asked..none of the twins answered.

such attitude-

"are you talking to Lotanna or me?",

Jidenna proposed.

"isn't it time for us to turn back" Lotanna said.His voice literally melt my heart.

I stylishly look sideways to see him well,he looked so bothered as he got engrossed with whatever thing he was listening to from his headphone.

why was he thinking of turning back? he doesn't like the idea of escorting me,I could see it that he was forced.

anyways.....he look pretty and expensive, he really like being alone.

he walked and breathed out at the same time,the wetness caused by the rain made his physique look clean,sweet and seductive.

he look so cold...yes,this weather is really cold.

He moved his hair back and acted like he couldn't see well..

The distance between us was wide,I still watch him quietly as he dripped of water.

he look sideways as well,our eyes locked.I got myself,it wasn't me he was staring at,it was his brother.

next,he turned.

"we have escorted you enough" Jidenna said.

"bye" I said as I watch them leave.

Jidenna hasten his footstep as the rain got heavy but Lotanna still catwalk...isn't he cold?

funny enough,he was operating phone in the rain.

Aaaah,it must be waterproof.

"ma'am Akuna,I think I should turn back since my masters have turned" a maid said.She's actually a maid from the palace.

"you can go, make sure Lotanna is okay" I said.

she nodded and ran.

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AdeifeAdeife

the rain affected me so much,the place I was locked in has no coverage at all,I knew the guards did it intentionally.

In no time,I got extremely wet and was shivering with cold.Not like I have someone to cry to..

I hope Nkem help me out of here.

ohhh god,help your daughter.

I got happy immediately I heard sounds if the main gate opening.

is that also Nkem?

no words.....ohh why?

I was anticipating to see if someone was coming as I widened my eyes well.It was Lotanna walking so slow in the rain.

he really love water.

I turned my face to the other side,he said we shouldn't see nor meet again.how pathetic?.

I took a deep breath, by the time I looked front,he wasn't there anymore.

what I saw was two guards passing by.

I sat back and start dozing off in the rain,suddenly I heard the gate open.

"what are you doing? dozing off in the rain-you're unbelievable"the guard that had lock me in said.

He opened the metals widely and told me to come out,I did and followed him.

He took me to another place,a place rain won't touch me.

I got extremely happy.

"thank you" I said.

"thank the person that sent me,not me", he said and walk away.

I should thank the person that sent me.....who can it be?..

I slept comfortably in the new place..

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I got up early and waited patiently, a guard came to me when it was time for the king to see me.

I got nervous as I enter the throne room, I hastily bowed with my face covered.

He said I should explain what happed,I explained the truth and showed him the marks on my skin, thank goodness the marks were fresh.

"she said she was correcting you, you don't want to listen,was that why you pushed her? what if she is dead!

he said, I stayed quiet.

No one believes me,only Ngozi believes me.

The king spoke to me for like three hours....

"you're a female,learn to be useful person to your society...I will also talk to onome to stop beating you, your skin is something else" he said, after which he gave me punishment.

my punishment was to join the rest if the maids for ten days.

I nodded and bowed in respect before leaving to start my work.

"this is Dumebi,your work partner"

the head maid said.

I followed dumebi to the maids quarter where i bath.

"lovely shape but your face is something else" dumebi said as she drop cloth for me.I dressed up..and felt so much better.

We both took brooms,the first thing was sweeping the yard.

All the maids avoided me as we work.Soon,they all left leaving only me to sweep.

It was only dumebi that stayed,though she didn't speak to me.She minded her business.

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"move there so that we can sweep faster" she said,I did as she said.

We swept the wide arena so clean and neatly.Dumebi left to get a dust pan,I took the watery can and decided to get water ready for the flowers. I met dumebi,she collected the can from me and handed me the dust pan..

"pack it faster so that we can eat breakfast" she said.

I hurried back...

"prince Lotanna,the pool is about to be cleaned" I heard a guard saying.

hmmm did I just hear Lotanna...

I lost concentration, the dust pain pierced into my palm.

"oooouchhh!!!! I screamed,it really hurts.

"getting into trouble, is that all you know" I heard his voice....

I turned hastily,he was nowhere.

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## EPISODE 16

I turned hastily,he was nowhere;

was i high? thinking he just said those words to me!.

Am i seeing well or am i imaging things....

Am I sure am okay?

Adeife work work work,you're serving punishment or have you forgotten!

dumebi came,i hasten with the dirt, I still have to pack again.She dropped the can and left.

I carried the can along to the garden so as to water the flowers.There was even a tap there.Waoow.

I started watering the flowers,i

suddenly heard a voice.

"welcome princess Akuna",i was lucky to hear this because everywhere was quiet and the security man has a loud voice.

Akuna is actually here! is it that she didn't sleep at all in her home.....

then I think am finished if i should cause troubles in her presence!

.

I faced what I was doing,I still heard footsteps approaching.

"princess akuna,welcome!...

whatttt Akuna?? Akuna???

where do I hide? she must not see me,she will pick on me and probably tell me stories of what usually happen to ugly girls.

"Ikechukwu! I heard her voice says.

"my princess, you can not see the garden now, it hasn't been clean.Why not go into the mansion" ikechukwu said to her.

hmmmm did he stop akuna because of me...cos this garden is clean enough for her to pass.

I heard HER voice shouting as if she just won a lottery.

"yes,I should see Lotanna"

"am the first girl he spoke to and is with ever since this village"

I heard her says.

how long will she keep screaming because she had chance to stay with him during the royal feast..

no words, I think she left already.

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I carried the can from where I dropped it and saw something glittering on the floor where it was laying.I tried lifting it with five fingers, it was heavy until I used my ten fingers(both hands)..

what's this rare ruby gem doing here all alone??? I know it cost fortunes!.

Lotanna,I know it is his.

must belong to him because he likes diamonds so much and he likes being careless with expensive things.

I will keep this one for him too and return it just as I returned his ring.

I kept the diamond inside the empty can,I covered it so that no one will see it then I kept the can at the back of the garden before leaving..

I got to the maids quarter,dumebi already kept my food.

"Adeife your mother said you should come home for something important. The king already approved it,eat and go faster so you can return quickly".

the head maid said and left.

I left the palace after eating.I even saw princess Akuna and prince Lotanna strolling out.

where are they going???

they must be close friends now,I better mind my business.

I ran off.

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Akuna's p.o.v

I felt so fulfilled as he followed me out,I know he was forced to do so by the queen(his mother).He doesn't like talking and I really want to mean something to him,I dream many things with him..if he becomes the next king,I will be the queen and if he doesn't become the king,I will be a popular person because I know his wealth status.

Even his mother wants me for him,

she said i should try and win his heart.He has hurting pasts,

what replaced the pain was being quiet and his hatred for females!.

He didn't even have any friends,he likes being indoor after business.

what am I even saying??

he has a lot of people working under him,the only thing that keeps him busy is his scriptwriting and perhaps,music.

I stared at him with much desires as we walk out,he turned sideways and said inaudible words as

he chewed slowly into his companion..

"what exactly do you want?",

he asked trying not to be harsh..

"I want to make you happy", I said.

"you're even making me more sad"

he said...

I stayed quiet,we still walked but he distanced himself from me.

soo wide distance.

"why didn't you choose my brother... gosh,you're actually acting as one of my recent nightmares"

he said.

first time he would speak to me, looking directly in my eyes.

"till then,conversation ends!

he said and left back into the palace.

the things I heard made me jolted into reality.He really left me but he spoke to me.

Shared on whatsapp by Martino.

Ohh my gaaaad

the prince was talking to princess Akuna,gosh are they close???

ohh my,I wish he is still here!

such sexy figure,Akuna you're lucky!!

the words I heard made me feel so happy! I felt as if an angel just kissed me...

"hi" olamma came to me.

"he asked me out" I said,dreamingly.

"ohh my gaaad,what did you reply... you're lucky" chiamanda chipped in..

I rolled my eyeballs.

"Not yet,I won't tell him yes now.I will keep playing hard to get" I said.

my prince is soo cute...

\*\*\*\*\*Jeez,he asked Akuna out\*\*\*

I wish it was me he asked out...

\*\*\*\*I would have said yes\*\*\*\*\*

looking at him his running me wild,I love his physique.

\*\*\*ohhh my gaad,his twin brother should show up for gaad sake\*\*\*\*.

I overhead murmurs.

I smiled,I understand what Lotanna coming out can cause.One would literally loss concentration.

I turned,something caught my eyesight.I frowned.

"what's a girl with such shape doing in the palace? won't she seduce my Lotanna???"

I wanted to see her face but she had gone far.She's too hot, her shape is too pronounced.

I left the midsts of the maidens..

speaking of Lotanna,I hope he comes to the waterfall in the evening,I would like to see him again.

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AdeifeAdeife

Onome had called me home,I thought it was something useful not knowing it is something frivolous. She called me to clean her store,she made me do all the house chores...and lastly, I must not sing! she had warned me sternly.  
even in the condition that she is,she still acted so bossy.  
even after everything,I do not wish her death.

I branched to see Ngozi after all the works,I plait her hair and in turn she gave me a new waist bead which I gladly accept.It was pretty.it had letters containing the short form of my name "Ife". The waist bead,I won't wear it.I already said my future husband will be the one to buy waist bead for me.

I returned to the palace,there was no work,the maids were resting.  
I decided to check the gem I kept.I approached the garden where I kept it,thank goodness it was still intact. I carried the can instead of removing the gem.  
what if someone sees it and call me a thief?.

Now,how do I return it?

I know you said we shouldn't see and meet again because trouble is my nature,I might cause you one but I won't stop helping you in the little way that I can.

.

"my friend!! someone tapped me.

turn out to be Nkem.

"where did you went?", he asked.

"hmmm no worries am back." I said.

"cool,come to my room you have not finish telling me the story" he said.

"your room!! I exclaimed ad I remembered what the old man tried doing to my poor self.

"friends right" nkem said.

my fear start cooking up....my fear for guys eeeeehn,it can burn up 24 storey building...

I'm a very principled person,although emotional.

"so when will you come?",".

he asked.

"sir,am coming ...dunebi sent me message" I bowed in respect and left before he would say something else.

I entered the hallway and pretended as if I want to deliver something.

I finally found his door,it was locked.

ohhh it's evening,

he might be in the waterfall side.

The door beside his open,it was his twin brother.

should I drop it with him??

oh no,I better drop it with the real owner.

(believe by adesola adeomowole.m.)

I was almost reaching the gate,dumebi called me.

"Adeife,where to? she asked.

"I want to rush somewhere" I said.

"it's wrong ooo,the head maid will get angry if she knows about this" she said. .

"Aaaah please don't tell her,I really have to deliver something" I said.

"okay,do not take long because she will soon be back" she said.

I nodded and ran there...

he wasn't there yet,the place was so calm and very neat.

I found a suitable place to drop it, a place where he would find it.

I dropped it and left.

I got to the gate and realized the waist bead Ngozi gave me wasn't with me....gosh,I felt like crying loosing that pretty thing. Every maiden has that type of waist chain with their respective names on it.

I wanted to turn back, too late Mrs okafor saw me.

"Adeife what are you doing outside? is that the rule??? she said.

"I'm sorry" I said and ran into the palace...

"your last chance" she said.

I bowed as I moved in fully...

Lotanna's p.o.v

I look so bothered,searching for it again.I thought I dropped it in my room or did I bring it here??

gosh, why am I always careless with expensive things!

my eyes was really red,even purple.

Even if someone find it,am sure the person won't return it because it worth so much fortunes.

I moved down, very close to the waterfall and there it was down there, it was just as it was.

ohh my goodness,

Lotanna you're careless-

but wait,I didn't keep it here,someone must have kept it here.

something dropped underneath it, I picked it up,it was a spiral chain.

"Ife"....is this a name.

must be Ifeoma,Ifeyinwa or even Ifeanyi...

or did the spirit that sang with me drop it here for me to find?.

Waoow!

I made bubbles with the gum I was chewing and brought out my phone.

It's remaining one thing am looking for,my script book.

"Hi" someone said,I turned,

it was Akuna.How did she find here?

or did she drop this for me?

no,it mustn't be!

my headache appeared out of nowhere...

I looked down at her waist,she was putting on similar thing with the one I was holding..



"hi" she said.

"did you by chance drop this? speak the truth even if it will be once"

I said and showed her the one with me....

"remember the truth" I said.

"well Lotanna i.....

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### episode 17

lotanna looked so bothered as he showed me the waist chain, I took it from him so as to look into it carefully. Every maiden has this type of waist chain, it serves for recognition purpose, I have mine and the short form of my name "Aku" is on it.

"I just asked a question, is it yours or not? he asked.

"Lotanna... I..I .." I pick on my words.

"the truth and the truth only" he said.

"no this is not mine, this is not my name" I said.

"never thought I would be too late" he shut me out and hijacked the waist chain from me. He then dipped his hands into the pretty waterfall and brought out the most rarest gemstone.  
must be for him-

I said it, this guy is a good catch.

He catwalked and turned to leave, I run after him.

"Lotanna what's wrong, is it because of an ordinary waist chain?", I asked.

"do you perhaps know the owner?",  
he asked.

I stayed quiet as I remember the Ife, the most beautiful girl at my party, she must be the owner...

"even if you know her, you won't talk. You girls are leopard, you always find it difficult in changing your spots... why always cheap and crafty"

he said and continued walking.

I still followed him,

I held his hand.

.

"that hand, remove it" he said icily.

"mother wants us to be together, try to be nice to me" I said, pleasantly.

"let it go" he said.

next, I find myself talking..

by the time it I turned,he was out of sight.

It must be the lfe.

lfe whosoever you are,you had better not show up,continue to remain in the secret.

"ma'am, are you alright?", my servants came.

I forced out a smile.

"Lotanna just pass,did you see him?", I asked.

"no ma'am, is anything wrong"

one of them says and look into the face of the other.

"no,it's fine" I said,they bowed in respect.

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I retired home after doing little research about lfe,too bad no one provide the answer I needed.A part of me concluded she does not exist.

she's too pretty to be human,

she's too perfect with curves to be a woman!.

but what about the waist chain-

has she been seeing Lotanna lately?

I fell on my bed,a maid stood fanning me while another arranged beads in my hair...

"tiara,have you heard about a princess called lfe?", I asked.

"Just lfe...ma'am can you say the full name?...the only one I know is lfeoma" she said.

exactly,I said it..

but the lfeoma is married and even pregnant of her first child,can't be her

"ma'am am back" Sharon my secret maid and informat from golden palace came in.

"Prince Lotanna has traveled out" she said.

I nodded,he will come back when the pressure from his mother becomes too much,he will have no other option than me.

38hours passedBanana Island.

Lotanna's pov

At last,it wasn't whom I thought it would be.

thank goodness she said the truth,I wonder what would have become of me...

my phone rang,I checked it as my car drove into one of my mansions.

welcome sir!

welcome sir!

how was your journey?.

did you sleep well?  
the doctor is needed, right!  
my guards formed a single line, one rushed to open the door for me.  
"I'm fine" I said softly and moved in briskly.  
my fingertip was the password to the door, I pressed it on it it opened automatically.  
I turned back to Salvador.  
"my stuffs, bring them in" I said and moved in fully, straightaway to my room. The first thing I did was to place my phone on flight mode...no disturbance.

I brought out another new phone and insert another new Sim.  
the projector was on full display, I wasn't concentrating.  
I brought out the waist chain and dropped it on the stand.

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Are you ifeoma or ifeyinwa? why don't you want me to find you, are you a spirit?. is it our destiny to be apart or are you the one running away?.  
I need you for something, I hope you show up soon, if not you then your voice! I believe you're okay where ever you are....  
till then,  
I will keep imagining what you are because you always make me happy.

#### **BREAKING NEWS!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

Lotanna Jewel is back, is he back to confirm that "glamour diamond" the world most popular market of purest gemstone as his.  
hmm. this was first found out by Jerry Carter.  
"the best thing you can do is to keep the registrar ID of glamour sealed" remember, Lotanna had said to Jerry at glamour.

#### **BREAKING NEWS!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

An industry has been discovered not quiet long, although nameless but the organization behind is was confirmed Believe!!!  
hmmm, who else sees what I see?.

#### **BREAKING NEWS!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

do you know that our Lotanna Jewel is a prince???

I switched off the projector. These medias are really a pain in one's ass, always poking nose in what that doesn't concerns them!  
I fit my feet into a white room slippers, my phone beeped, it was Jiddenna...shit, I forgot to place that one on flight mode.  
"hey" I said into the phone.  
"you left, why?", he asked.

"never mind,I want to be alone for now.Most importantly,my investments" I said and hung up so as to avoid further questions.

And besides my life doesn't revolve round the village,am not interested in being a king!.. where's this Rihanna,I'm famished!.

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Nkem's pov

Lotanna left,waoow so he always gets angry over little issues and he is fond of leaving at the slightest provocation,no wonder he wasn't stopped.

I wish I knew what happened this time around,it can't be Akuna right?.

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"did he pick your calls? ohh my gaad, my son! why did you leave!

the queen kept on saying,she wasn't happy at all.

no matter where he goes,he will come back for he is a Royalty.

I walked pass Jidenna,next I decided to check Adeife at the maids quarter, she wasn't there.I retired back to the princes empire and there I saw her, staring blankly at Lotanna's locked door.

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my FRIEND,bià(come)" I said,

she didn't hear.

what's she thinking about,staring at Lotanna bronze door.

until I touched her,she moved.

"sir....since when have you been watching me?", she questioned and clutch the royalty basket tightly.

"each time am close to a pretty girl like you,watching becomes my habbit" I said.

she smiled.

"sir,am not pretty...am ugly" she said.

"the story,let's finish it" I said and stretched my hands for her to take.

<friends right>

she fitted hers into it perfectly.

even with the excess visible cane marks on her body,her curves is still the best, best best have ever seen.

"so the story" I said as we sat under a tree in the garden.

"sir, the owner of that door I was staring into, where is he?", she asked with lots of care.

"he traveled,he is in one of the mansions,he's not around" I said...

"ohhh he has mansions and not mansion" She exclaimed.

"the story" I said.

"sorry to interrupt,is he okay?", she asked..

"he is really fine" I replied.

"the story" I said.

"sorry another one,when will he be back?", she asked.

"might be next tomorrow or next week" I said, she nodded.

"do you love him?"/ I asked.

waaaaatttt nooooo.

"I'm just trying to be a good person by caring for others" she said.

Dumebi passed by,Adeife stood up hastily and followed her.

guess they have work!.

Arinze said we should meet at the stream side,that's where am headed. Despite his drunkeness,we still remain good friends.

I got to the stream,he wasn't there.

I only met a girl washing clothes. She greeted with respect.Not quiet long Arinze came.

I noticed something with the girl who was washing clothes,her head bead is similar to the thing I saw Lotanna with and besides it's has lfe.

"excuse me,are you lfe?", I accosted her.

"what are you discussing with Ngozi the miss Shapless?", arinze chirped in, the girl stood up furiously.

"Arinze in your life! I repeat in your. next next next life,do not call my name and do not interfere in my matter" she scorned.

"your name is Ngozi which means you're not the owner of this hair Bead must belong to lfe" I said.

"wait wait wait,which lfe? is it the one at Akuna birthday?", Arinze chirped in again....

Ngozi clapped her hands,she's ready to insult.She faced Arinze.

"I said do not interfere in my matter"

is that hard to grab...

"not only smokers are liable to die young,people who do not mind their business also die young" she hissed and packed her clothes, she started leaving...

"wait wait!!!! I followed her till I caught her.

"please which lfe,what's her full name?", I asked.

"she's my friend,she doesn't like people hearing her name" she said.

"okay,please...I promise I won't tell anyone" I said.

"fine,It's Adeife" she said.

"Adeife,Adeife,Adeife,which Adeife??

I asked, she had gone.

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nkem's p.o.v

I caught up with ngozi again.

Adeife,Adeife,which one?...

Ngozi described her till I got it.

whaaaat,my friend!.

"how come she was beautiful at Akuna party"i said with confusion.

"you have know her right...she's serving punishment in the palace" she said.

I smiled,it's really her.

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"how come she was beautiful at the party when she's naturally ugly?"i asked with curiosity.

"wait,does she sings?",I added.

"she usually sings but not like before. She can't even sing properly again, she have inferiority complex, she can not move freely,she is always hiding everything about herself.Each time I want her to be among people so that she can be happy,she always end up crying.her step mother will beat her with cutlass,she doesn't like her doing things that makes her happy, her dad too a bad smoker, he always make her fetch water till midnight, after that he will give her painful marks.So she stopped singing and stopped doing things that will make her happy."ngozi said.

hmmm so painful.I felt pity for lfe.

"so please nkem,do not hurt her now that you know her secret,do not tell anyone that she's the beautiful lfe at the party,if her stepmother finds out she is the one,she will lock her up without food,no one will see her again" ngozi said.

"waaaaatttt,she's going through a lot" I said.

"yes,worst still Adeife is not yet ready to believe...she doesn't have a reason to believe that something good might still happen to her" ngozi said.

I smiled as I took my lips in,  
she bowed and left.

hmmm no wonder lfe always gets into trouble,it's the handwork of her stepmother.

Adeife's p.o.v

three days passed,

I keep hoping Lota would come back, no news of him.And I have only four more days to spend in the palace, I wish it won't be over..

Going back to Onome had become a nightmare in my thinking..

staying in the palace is 100% better,  
one there is resting time and even playing time plus story time, every thing is not all about work  
work work.  
secondly, maids can eat anytime they want, if possible ten times a day.  
thirdly, no insult and racism,  
Mrs okafor treats us with equality.

"madam am through with the dishes, have cleaned the floors, what else should I do?", I asked.  
she paused and entered the kitchen fully...  
"okay, it's clean. There would be a feat today, Lotanna will be back today..  
but first deliver that basket of fruit to Tracy" Mrs okafor said and gave me address.  
"okay ma'am" I replied and hurried out with the basket.  
I entered the street.

Lotanna will come today ooh ooh!  
I will see him today ooh ooh!  
I got happy as I ran, the basket fell and all the fruits poured, it all got stained by sand.  
ohh my gaad, where will I get water to rinse them now that am outside?..  
I saw a drum, thank god, I hurried and used the water to rinse them till they are clean.

who's this Tracy? must be a city girl and city girls are extraordinarily proud, I hope she won't get  
mad the fruits are wet...

finally, I found the place, the security opened the black gate, the surrounding was eye catching.  
hmhhh,  
must be wealthy.

I knocked, a girl opened the door.

ohhh princess Amarachi, what's she doing here.

waoow, she looks so expensive like her brother; Lotanna.

she didn't dress like a princess, she wore a pink skimpy skirt, and a singlet that cut across her  
breast track, her waist were adorned hotly with beads.

Adeife what are you looking at; you're checking her out, are you okay?..  
my subconsciousness hit me.

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"hi..." she even greeted me first.

I bowed in respect. If she's the Tracy, I know she will manage this fruit.

"ohhh my sister order" she said,

I moved in fully.

ummmm, so they still have an elder sister, waoow.

"over there" Amarachi directed.

I walked in.

my eyes almost fell when I saw her,

I suddenly felt as if an angel touched and kissed me, gooosh she's so pretty and very different. Her skin was pure white and without a blemish, I even heard she was born in Australia. it suits her. I can't believe am seeing her.

"ma'am Tracy...I..." I started.

"ohh hi" she said and picked an apple.

I smiled, she likes it.

"thanks" I said. she nodded and eat in relishment.

"what happened to your face, why so much scars", she asked....

"this is not right, this is violence and abuse" she spoke what I don't understand.

yes, she's a lawyer. I finally remembered.

"no, it's nothing...am very playful. I always injure" I said.

"ohh sorry" she said.

I turned to leave, she said I should wait...

she returned and handed me a nylon.

I didn't check what was there, I said thank you and left.

Adanna's p.o.v

Nkem didn't see me today again,

I felt like crying he is avoiding me and I know its because of that Adeife girl, she's so cheap and flirty.

Have seen her and Nkem talking in three different places.

I just felt so neglected.

I got to the place we use to meet with Akuna when it was time. Chiamanda couldn't come, she has a lot of customers to plait hair for.

"Akuna, I need you to help me teach a girl terrible lesson" I said.

"why, what happened? I already over grow bullying" she replied.

"it's Adeife, she's the reason nkem had been avoiding me" I said.

"why not do it yourself" she asks.

"I can't because she knows how to fight but if you help me, she dare not fight back because you're a princess" I said.

"Adeife Adeife....wait which Adeife, is it the one that stole attention at my birthday party?", she asked.

I don't know what she's talking about but with the look of things, I think she is looking for some Ife girl.

"yes yes yes she's the one" I said.

I saw happiness in Akuna's face.

"good...I need to see her first, she might be the Ife am looking for" she said with lots of enthusiasm. hmmmmmmmm.

"Are you sure Nkem loves you?", she asked...



"yes he loves me,he made promises to me and that was what we used to seal our first night together" I said.

"soooo you're not a virgin" she said.

"yes,Nkem promised me" I said.

"gosh,hope it's not fake promises? or have you forgotten the consequence of not being deflowered on your wedding night? all sex doesn't mean love.There's a clear difference between making love and having sex. Nkem only did it out of lust and you accepted cos you're horny that moment" she said.

"what about you?", I asks.

"mine is different,am a princess"

she replied.

till then,Adeife.

AdeifeAdeife's p.o.v

on my way,

I opened the nylon, there were two gowns, two tops and a glassy container.It scents like pomade... my luck shone today..

Aaaah Aaaah I love my life...

I entered the palace with little stress, I was keeping the stuffs, dumebi came in.

"onome said you should come home" she said,I left.

Like I have a choice, I know why am going home,to fetch water till midnight.Soo wicked.

can't olamma fetch water?

I got home and greet her,she ignored. I picked my pot and started fetching water,each time it fulls, onome will pour everything away.

I grumbled and went back to the stream.

I had barely filled my pots when I saw akuna and her crews approaching.

did she come to see the waterfall, it's not really far from the stream..

I really like her,if only am not ugly am sure we would be close friends.

"Good evening" I greeted.

"keep your greetings trapped in your pants" she replied coarsely.

did I offend Akuna??

no,I always avoid her and her crews. The only person I associate with is ngozi and she doesn't talk to them.

"the princess wants to see you"

said,Adanna.

I fetched what I want to fetch and moved away so that she can do whatever she wants to do.

"you're not obviously deaf,are you?",  
Adanna fired.

I shot her a glare."am not ready for a fight Adanna,if you display madness towards me,I will show you that mine is greater than yours....be careful, am not really a kind person" I said.

"she got mouth" Chiamanda said.

"yes,mouth to bitch up any silly ass that comes my way mercilessly" I replied.

Akuna scoffed, I bowed in respect and placed my pot on a dry place so I could lift it.

Akuna kicked it,all the water poured away,the pot almost broke.

Adanna and the rest of the girls laughed.

"was a pot there?", princess aku questioned like she did nothing.

"my princess are you blind?", I asked inwardly.

I signed and carried the pot, I fetched another one and quickly lift it on my head.

The girls surrounds me,ohh my they were much...

someone took the pot away,

Akuna kicked it,the water poured,

"Akuna stooopppppp! I shouted,  
tears welled up in my eyes.

someone quickly broke the pot.

I felt my tears,onome will give me fresh marks tonight..

"are you the lfe that attended my party? she asked bossily.

"it's not me" I said.

"well with your shape,it's obvious" she said,Adanna quickly remove the bead that was binding my long hair, another person brought out scissors.

Akuna tossed the scissors,

that bead was caught by her...

she dug the scissors in my hair like she wants to cut my hair.

"start speaking,if possible for the sake of your hair.Am tired of having sleepness nights thinking of the lfe that do not exist" she says.

I felt my breath seized when I heard the sound of scissors,I thought it's my hair...

"are you the lfe?", she asked.

"well....." I choked on my tears.

"you're the girl that is making Lotanna pushing me away?", she said.

whaaaaat,what is she saying?.

how am I making Lotanna push her away????

"speak,for the sake of your hair" she said without mercy.

"am not a lorry,am not an enemy I can't do such thing" I said.

the girls continue laughing.

"you sent him his diamond, didn't you?????....she smirks.

"well,I..did....

"what's happening there?", I heard Nkems voice..

Akuna dropped the scissors with style as she turned back.

Lotanna and Jidenna were there with Nkem..

"Lotanna,what....." Aku started.

The twins prince stared at me blankly with so much emotions,I can't even tell who is who.

The resemblance was strong.

I felt spark staring into one's eyes,

in turn he stared at me with so much care and emotions!...

I looked down so as to avoid suspicion....

"common we were gisting" Akuna said and tried walking away.

until one of them held her back.

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one of them held her,it was Nkem who hold her hand.

"did you make her cry?", he asks...

she hijacked her hands.

then she faced Lotanna...

"how was your journey?", she asked.

I didn't even bother to look into any of their faces,I looked down so as to prevent my ugly face from

facing them.

There was silence,like an angel passed.

"ummm we were...gisting",

Akuna started and tried to touch Lotanna, she was unlucky her hand didn't reach him.

"who asked for what you're doing?",

Lotanna shut her out in an icy manner....

he moved,Akuna shifted so he will pass,I turn to look at him.

did anything happen between him and Akuna???

I thought they were future couples like the queen always says.

Akuna scoffed and left,

the girls followed her,Jidenna followed the same direction his brother took.

only nkem and I was left.

I wipe my tears wordlessly and faced Nkem with a smile.

"sir,thank you for speaking for me"

I said.

he came closer and stretched forth his hands,he is fond of holding me.

I smiled as I fit my hand in.

"did Akuna give you this cut?",

he asked as he examine my hand.

"no,my step mother.She gave me because I didn't listen to her" I said, he still touched my cheek and wipe out my tears till it dry completely.

"do you sing?", he asked.

"not anymore, I can't sing properly again,it's been long I sang out" I said.

"can you do it now?", he asked.

"I believe I can't" I said.

there was silence between us.

I just got uncomfortable staying alone with him.I got scared as I remembered the old man that wanted to shift my panties, such a painful experience.

"sir,I need to go" I said.

"let's go together" he said.

we walk back to the palace holding hands together.we left each other when we entered the palace.

I remembered my bead,

the one akuna cut out of wickedness, if I gather it,I can make another one with a new rope!.

I ran back to the stream and started picking the beads,after which I tied it in a nylon.  
I passed the waterfall side quietly,I make sure I was covered with the flowers,I will have to stop seeing Lotanna for now,it seems am really causing trouble between him and Akuna...

I was tempted to open the flowers to see him as I passed.I got crazy to see his face again as I remembered his song \*it's shining to remind you\*  
I didn't even know when I opened the flowers to peep.

"Lotanna isn't it time to leave?",  
his twins brother asked.  
he didn't even turn to look at him.  
"move, I didn't force you in the first instance.It's because of you she didn't come, she never misses a day without seeing me" Lotanna said.

I smiled out tears as I got happy.  
he had a she~~  
but I thought him and Akuna are together.

"fine,I will go but the feast,don't forget it.Mother might go crazy without you" jidenna said.  
"you always look for my trouble, what feast again??? did I tell you am interested in being a king".  
Lotanna said....  
Jidenna sighed and left.  
Its really true that people who look alike always have similar attitude..

Lotanna stood staring at the waterfall,I stayed well so I would see his face one last time.  
Yes,I was satisfied by just catching the sight of his prominent and sharp brows.  
The royal straight bead that was fit deep in his hair made it looks like heaven is opened to rain.

I really wish I know who he is waiting for, I would have help to tell the person that he is waiting.As it stands, he is always happy seeing her.....I pray you guys last long.  
it's Far better than Akuna.

"my friend, do you know her name,let me help you find her" I said in my heart,he turned back,I covered the flowers and bend in a smile..  
Just wait,I will help you locate her. For now,I will be your secret helper am not a bad person.  
let me be your secret helper,  
you be my peace maker.

he sang out the same song in my mind..  
Are we thinking same thing?  
it's shining to remind you  
that I love you

As each new day begins  
I love u,believe and just let me in.

be with me,do not go  
believe and let me love you.  
today,tomorrow and forever

I smiled out tears.  
believe let me stay in your heart.  
all days, all nights,more years,  
you make me wish forevermore.

stay,do not go,  
one day,let's meet.  
I promise u the riches of the world  
I promise u,till death will part.

it was so sweet hearing pleasant voices of his.I felt lots of sweetness.

"faith,why do you keep treating me like this? what exactly do you have in store for me! First it was Vanessa, Lenora,Mitchell, Angelina....I dated them,they all died and now Akuna!  
what if I agree to my mom and date her,she will die too right?.  
till when will I wait for my forevermore?". I heard him muttered.  
I felt his tears,  
a tear dropped from mine too,I quickly wiped it.

he brought out two shining green nylon,he tore out one and threw it in his mouth.He chewed it and three the other one away.  
it dropped exactly where I was staying...  
hmmmmmmm  
I pressed it,something was there.I tore it out,it was the thing he usually chew.  
bubble gum-  
my longer throat.... chai

I put it in my mouth,it was so sweet as I chewed in slowly like he used to do.

ohh he has gone through a lot,I better leave.I covered the flowers and left.  
it's painful all his girlfriends in the past always die.

I remembered the part I added to the lines of his songs but I can't sing it.  
Not now that onome is alive!.  
I rush back to the palace,

everywhere was glittering already, the feast..

Dumebi handed me a can to watered the flowers pots along the golden hall.I started.  
I stopped to water a pot at a particular spot.

"so between my two sons, who will make a better king?", I heard the queens voice.  
"eyes of the gods please I need a sincere answer" I heard the queens voice.  
soon,the preist voice came up in whispers.

"both are fit for a king,  
Lotanna's reign will be the most everlasting and memorable.New and profitable things will happen  
to this kingdom,in fact it will be so much upgraded cos other kingdoms will come to bow for him  
and a verrrrrrrryyy stunning thing that will happen to him in the future.  
Jidenna's reign will be the worst, for he is a brutal king,his reign will be so unbearable .....

I stopped hearing and moved away.  
the feast started.  
hmmm no wonder the queen usually treat him with so much care, this fear happens every week.

more people filled in,Lotanna wasn't still here.  
I got worried for no reason.  
"hi,you were the one that brought me fruits" Tracy approached me.  
"hello" amarachi came behind her.  
both were dressed in stunning outfits.Stuck in their neck is royalty necklace,same with Lotanna.

"the,cream you saw it right? make sure you use it,your marks will soon go" Tracy said.  
"thanks for your kindness" I bowed in respect.  
They went to find a seat in the crowded hall, I engaged my self in something,my eyes still search  
for Lotanna,isn't he suppose to be here?

I saw the queen getting worried as she moved from one place to the other,Jidenna followed her.  
is eyes was red,pure red and even purple!.  
"where's my brother?", I heard him shout at the guards.  
his shout can burn a mountain.

everyone got confused as they turned...  
without been told they stood up,  
I can't believe Akuna,it was that moment she threw a meat into her mouth..  
she also stood up!.

are they looking for Lotanna???  
"emergency please!!! where's prince Lotanna" Tracy said with so much care...

"my brother where is he???.....

Amarachi also said.

I passed the back door and ran to the waterfall,there I saw him in laying,his eyes where shut.  
he was even bleeding from the head.

there was a stick behind there, stained with blood..

was he hit!!!!

my prince" I said as I placed my head on his chest.I was so afraid to touch him,soo pure.

"my prince" I said as I used my finger tips to move his royal bead so that blood won't stain it.

I pick up his royal bead totally.

"My prince! I said and held his hand,

I innocently got stained with his blood.

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I got scared as my hand touched his blood; too bad I had placed that same hand on him,  
my five fingers stained and showed on Hus white top.

I couldn't touch him anymore,

what if I infect him with my skin, he his so pure to be touched by me and we are two different  
world's,two different lives,I thought.

ADEIFE are you okay?.

my subconsciousness hit me,

I hastily stood up and get water from the waterfall,I sprinkled it on him.

his fingers moved and he strained his eyes like he couldn't see well.

I did not even know I was in tears. If only I had known this would happen, I would have stayed in  
my hideout and continue watching him since I promise to be a secret helper to him even though he  
never noticed me,

even though he said we should never see,we should never meet.

I believe it's my destiny.

I already accept it like that, it's the cross I have to bear.

not all everybody will succeed,

not everybody will be wealthy,



not everybody will get what the desire within the snap of their fingers...

so far am breathing,

me am satisfied..... but if I die and come to this world again,I will rewrite my destiny.

I bent and started fixing his royalty bead,I would clean my hands on my wrapper each time I want to touch his skin and I tried not to avoid any skin contact with him..

I cleaned my hands very well before touching his diamond bracelet,I slip it off his wrist gently and kept it with me;he is always careless with expensive things.

hmmmmm

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what if somebody sees us together?.

a nobody with a royalty.

am surely gonna be accused wrongly

"my prince,are you okay?",

I asked like he could hear.

no words\*no reply.

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My fear started cooking up as I heard approaching footsteps,my mind didn't leave him but I have to.

I hastily ran past the flowers for refuge,I used the flowers for coverage.

The person happens to be princess Akuna...

"mother I found him,first!!!

"I found Lotanna!!! she shouted..

how long will she continue shouting?

next,she lean into him and kissed him on the cheeks tightly.

The royal guards showed up with the queen.I breathed in relief as I covered the flowers.

i started running,

I didn't even see ngozi coming until she called my name and jammed me, we both stopped.

"Adeife where to-

isn't that blood on your forehead?", she asked.

"blood where?", I asked as I used the back of my palm to wipe my forehead. I wiped it out completely till it was no more.

"whose blood is that?", I asked.

"it's Lotanna's blood,someone hit him with stick around tbr waterfall side" I said,she covered my mouth.

we continuer walking.

"you saw him", she said.

"yes after the attack and I helped him gained consciousness" I said,piously

"is he fine?", she asked.

"I don't know" I replied.

"oh so did you touch him and steal a kiss,his lips tastes sweet right?", she asked. I scoffed.

"in my dreams", I replied,we both laughed.

we part ways,I returned to the palace, there was no feast again,everyone already left.

not even a single maid was seen loitering around,I returned to the maids quarter.

we were just four in the room I stay and each of us sleeps in a separate bed,we live so comfortably that at times I used to wish my stay won't expire....

I laid on my bed and used one of my wrappers for coverage,the other girls slept but I was finding difficulty in sleeping.I felt like I should be one enduring the pains.

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I woke up quiet late,the girls were up before me which was quiet unusual, am always the first to wake up.

"hi hi hi" I greeted the girls..

Dumebi,Shirley and Rhoda.

"hi adeife" dumebi replied and faced the girls back.It's obvious they were discussing.

"this palace is Now as silent as a graveyard, prince Lotanna's incident ruin yesterday expensive feast. me that I was even happy that I would see Princess Regina,my world best... yesterday,so sad this had to happen" Shirley said.

"the news of what happened to him is out,let me call chioma" Vicky rushed out and came in with another girl....from where I sat,I stared at the girls blankly.I still checked my pillow; it was still there; Lotanna diamond bracelet.I had remove it from his hand so that none would steal it.

chioma cleared her throat.

"the king found the attacker,there is another news that prince Lotanna got drunk" chioma said, the girls looked at each other.

"it's a lie we all know that it is not possible.How can you say he got drunk? someone that doesn't eat the type of food we eat here,is it possible he will get intoxicated by our drinks" Rhoda said.

"Lotanna drunk....it's a lie,I scent him yesterday,he wasn't smelling of alcohol" I said in my mind. the girls continue talking.

"it wsd Akuna who saw him,she helped him gained consciousness, am sure she stole a kiss.She's lucky with a silver spoon" Vicky said.

"wait,is akuna in this palace" dumebi asked..

"yes,she still haven't gone to her kingdom" chioma said.

"hell ooooooo" the girls shouted and started dispersing.

I kept the bracelet in my belongings and strolled out to start my early morning work.

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Tracy's p.o.v

I stayed in his room hoping he would at least open his eyes,he didn't.

even the city doctor got confused....

his breathing is okay, why didn't he opened his eyes..

my fears rose to its peak,I can't loose my brother....I love him so much even though he is hot tempered and does not listen to me..

Am even thinking of flying him out, never in my life will I allow this village physician touch him.

"aunty Tracy,why isn't he opening his eyes?", amarachi asked.

the doctor sighed.

"he was thinking when the incident happen,that's why he is taking long to respond to treatment"

the doctor said. Amarachi followed him out and took him to the queen.

I moved close to his bed and gently had his head placed on my laps.

Jidenna came in with his hand tucked into his trouser pocket.

"how is he???",he asked and moved closer to touch his forehead.

he got a call and went out..

"Lotanna did I not told you to stop thinking... you do not always listen to me,please stop

thinking,it's not cute. I can't bear to see you in pains, I wish you can listen to me,

you don't always tell me things,

how do I even know what you're thinking when you're so secretive....

please just listen to me and stop thinking,even if it once in this year" I said..

he's actually getting out of hand,

what an introvercy???

trapping him in the village is the only way mother could steal his time...

the Lotanna that I know doesn't stay in this type of environment,

in fact he doesn't stay in a mansion for three months, he changes mansions every three months.

I think mother has a purpose for trapping him here.

Akuna came in with a smile on her lips,I returned her smile.

"thanks for finding him yesterday"

I said.

"don't mention,am actually doing it for myself" she said and stated at Lotanna dreamingly.

\*\*\*doing it for myself\*\* I don't get that statement but I waved it off,

everybody likes him,he is every girls crush...I don't see the statement as anything.

"ummm did you find his bracelet,it wasn't with him when he was brought in,am guess you found it since you said you saw him first" I said, she dialated her eyes.

"I didn't see anything with him,just a red lauded phone" she said.

"or did someone else found him first,I thought you helped him gain consciousness....isn't tat your five fingers on the white top he wore yesterday" I asked, sounding worrisome....even if a person

find it,the person might not want to return it...it cost so much fortunes.  
At times,I wonder why Lotanna is always careless with expensive things..  
"am the one" akuna said.  
but---  
"I will just call the maids to bring hot water" she changed topic and went out...  
hot water!???  
there's hot water tap running in his washroom.  
o sighed and hastily placed his head gently on a soft pillow.I entered the washroom to mix his bath.  
I heard sounds of the door opening, guess the maids.  
"drop them on the slivery stand carefully,I will help him with it" I said.  
I peeped,there were six.  
I couldn't see their faces,the hole was tiny,I faced what I was doing back.  
I heard the sound of the door again, I checked, it was a maid, just one last maid leaving...I didn't bother checking their faces, they can't try poisoning my brother right-  
I came out of the washroom fully and  
checked what the brought in,and turned to look at Lotanna, his diamond bracelet blinded my sight...  
hmmmmm....  
how come??? the maids??  
one of the maids-  
I rushed out.

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I rushed to the door,  
one of the maids must have dropped it,I opened the door widely and saw a retreating figure of a maid, she was on a red dress wrapper worst still she has lots of visible fresh cane marks all over her body.  
I didn't get to see her face,  
but does it means she dropped lotanna's bracelet.  
finally,she was out of sight, the queen came with amarachi.

"what are you staring at?",  
she snapped her fingers.  
I jolted out of my thoughts and move away from the entrance,  
she entered in full.

"Lotanna has opened his eyes" I heard her say,I left the door and went in to stay beside Lotanna.  
Jidenna also came in alongside with Nkem.

"what do you remember last?",  
I asked,he shut his opened eyes.  
mother lift him by his head with so much care; it was really obvious.  
she doesn't play with Lotanna health or anything concerning him.  
"mother easy,that place still pain" amarachi said and went over.  
Jidenna stared at him with so much emotions.  
"does it still hurts?", he asked.  
Lotanna finally opened his eyes, amarachi rush out to get the doctor.  
He checked his state of health and left after injecting him with three different injections.  
"so Lotanna who hit you?", I asked.  
he shut his eyes in a snubing manner.  
no reply\*no words\*no answers.

I bite my lips in a worrisome manner,he is actually shutting me out  
"Lotanna can't you just respect me half of how I love you,am your elder sister...you do not always  
listen to me,why?", I said.  
"can't you understand he can't talk for now,I feel like his head is still hurting me" jidenna said.  
I shot him a glare."where are you when this happened,and you,nkem where are you?", I asked.  
I breathed in relief.

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I continued my work with a good feeling,so cute I was able to return his bracelet without much  
stress.

oh adeife you're quite lucky this morning.

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dumebi passed with two other girls.

thank goodness she left!

when she was here,the palace was hot for me cos she always bark like a dog....they did this,they  
did not do this! chai Akuna.

speaking of the devil,she left.

the girls chit chat as they passed.

I was happy she left,

akuna is found of using maids any how,no wonder they always run away more reasons why I always avoid her, her bullying, everything about her.

I finish up with my work and returned to the maids quarter,I got refreshed and begged dumebi to plait my hair which she did willingly.

"we are free for the rest of today".

she said.

"yeah,I know" I replied.

"do you plan on attending evening show" she asked.

"is it free?", I asked.

"yeah,and verrry exciting" she said.

"okay" I replied.

"why okay,it is just a show that makes everyone happy" she said as she finish up with my hair.

"thanks for your time" I said,

she smiled as I went back to my bed.

it was evening,they were all dressed and won't be back until midnight some might even return very early tomorrow.

I know that show,it is verrrry interesting and they usually organize it once in every two months.Some would sing,dance, tell stories, they have groups and each groups do things that brings happiness.

it has never been boring according to how ngozi explained it,the last time she wanted me to follow her,I ended up crying because onome banned me from doing things that would bring my happiness,her daughter olamma is a bigger headache in my life that at times,I wish I don't exist. onome would bath me with hot water and lock me up without foods until I ended up with the believe that dreams do not come true.

I'm not yet ready to fight her for I have no reason to do it.

am so silly,I wonder why on one didn't call me for work as usual.

maybe because tomorrow is the day,

the day I will finally leave this palace and go back to her.

Adeife why is your life so pathetic?

I think so much until I slept.

Lotanna came on my mind,I wish I can stop thinking about him,I dreamt about him.

we talked so much in my dream,

he held my waist and Kissed me for so long,he took me to places in my dream,I felt so special he bought me new things in my dream.

"promise me you will always be with me in my dying moments" he said and stretched his pretty hand for me to take.oh so cute.

"I will.....

I woke up with a pounding headache.

why am I so silly?

waking up when am suppose to tell him my promise.

even though he doesn't talk to me in real life,he sees me in my dreams.

I better sleep again,I slept again.

I saw my mom but she left me again, she came back but left again.

I cried on my bed.

mom,why did you die? I miss you so much,I wish I have a good stepmother too.

I cried till I slept.

I woke up in a fright as I heard a knock on the door.maybe Mrs okagor is here to remind me that my stay here is over.

I breathed in as I opened the door,

it turned out to be Tracy; Lotanna's sister...

I was shocked,

what's she doing here?.

"good morning ma'am" I greeted as I covered my face.

"do you have any ointment?", she asked,meekly.

"yes ma'am" I said and turned to my laugage section,she also entered.

"you're the only one here, why didn't you follow other maids to yesterday's show?", she asked while I searched for ointment.

"I....I...I..." I stammered as I remembered onome.

my tears gosh,I quickly replace it with a smile.

"here is the ointment, hope you don't mind it's from me" I said and handed to her with respect (both hands).

She stared at me,I looked away so she won't get a clear sight of my ugliness.

"you got so much marks on your skin, why?", she asked.

"nothing,I used to play rough right from childhood" I said.

I smiled out tears,I just lied.

my tears fell on her hand,I hastily wiped it completely.

"sorry,am stupid" I said.

"you were the girl I gave pomade, did you use it at all?", she asked.

"yes am really using it" I said.

its a lie,onome actually seized it from me...

"and why are your marks still fresh, don't you know you're a lady",  
she said.

"I already know how to endure pains...my step mother always beat me beat me with cutlass,too  
bad am going back to her this morning, she is my guardian and she have authority over my  
decisions...."

I covered my mouth,  
she's actually making me talk.

I now felt so uncomfortable,I told her about what am passing through..

why was she even asking?  
does she knows me from somewhere before?...  
she sighed and left.  
I started packing my things,  
onome please be nice!.  
I left the palace.

"where is your support?", she asked.  
'thank goodness you're back,my dirty clothes are waiting for you" olamma rants from inside.  
"the support" onome said.  
"I don't have any support,I already gave you all my savings" I said.  
"you're seriously becoming lazy" she said...  
"I promise I will work harder" I said and hurriedly pack olamma's cloths it was much cos she didn't  
wash for ten days.

I washed her clothes and spread them,and even wait till it dried before packing them home in the  
afternoon.

I met six big cows in our compound,  
when did onome start rearing cows?.  
I passed the backyard, something was cooking up in the kitchen, three different pots, three  
different soups.  
I left the kitchen and went in to drop olamma's cloth.

"your luck finally provide huge amount of money for mama and papa" olamma said as I arranged  
her clothes.  
I decided to rest by sitting on the floor,I stared at the beautiful set of dresses on her bed  
dreamingly.  
onome came in.  
"sorry for resting" I stood up in a fright.She didn't talk much.

"your buyers are waiting for you outside" onome said.  
papa also came in with palmwine,he looks like he is celebrating something;



but my dad is okay in terms of wealth,what would he approve selling me as onome wants.

what if I die???

does he not care about me,I don't mind if it is 2%.

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"fast,they are waiting" she said.

"who did you sell,me or olamma?", I asked...

"you of course,I will be collecting allowance every month since you always find it difficult to provide your support" she said.

chimooooooooooooo!!!!

"you know the rules,you are only a maid to the person.Don't you dare do what I banned you against! she said.

chimooooo!!!!

I looked at my dad.

"what are you waiting for,start packing?", he said.

waaaaaaattttt!.

"no need they will buy her cloth"

onome said and dragged me out.

"your buyer will soon be here,good luck,work well there" she said and locked the door.

I continue knocking, I don't even know if I should cry.

Ngozi passed,it was that moment I cried....

"what happened?", she asked.

"onome sold me! I said.

"to who?" she asked.

"my friend have you packed your loads" I heard voices.

ngozi and I turned,it was Nkem with two other royal guards.

"Nkem,you bought me?", I asked as I felt shocked.

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"nkem you bought me?",  
I asked,shocked.  
I become lost without even knowing it,why would he buy me?.  
will I fall into a trap like a foolish bug going towards a lamp?.  
<friends right>.

ngozi beamed and hugged me tightly  
"am happy for you,at least onome won't get the chance to beat you like she used to do,you won't  
run errands like a community maid,you will have time for yourself and you will sleep and eat well"  
ngozi said,she disengaged from the hug and clapped her hands.  
she faced nkem,  
she looked at me back when she noticed my silence.

"ain't you happy,honey? Nkem will be a good master,he will take care of you" ngozi said and  
flashed me a smile.I forced out a smile but I was not happy in the inside, the only tiny happiness  
that came on my mind was Lotanna; I will get the chance to see his cute face as long as I want.

"so where is your load?",  
nkem asked.  
"I don't have any load" I replied,piously.  
"then follow me" he said.  
ngozi hugged me one last time, I promise to always see her and visit her anytime am free.  
the royal guard lead the way,  
nkem and I followed behind.

He is found of staring,I noticed it....I always get scared each time he stare the only thing I would do  
is to look down each time his slainted eyes bores into my figure,most especially my hips....  
he stared at them like they are the phantom to his opera.

the silence was becoming boring,  
I now felt so uncomfortable just like the storm will turn the sail,  
no one stare at me this way-

"are you okay?", he asked.  
"umm yes yes..am okay" I sturlted. First time I would act nervous.  
"thank you for buying me from my step mother" I told him with a pained expression.  
I wish I wasn't born,  
my mom usually says am priceless in my dreams but someone just bought me-  
maybe perhaps,my dreams are fake!.

will my dreams ever come true? how long will I wait? is it till forevermore?", I sighed.  
dreams do not come true,

more reasons I don't believe.

I faced Nkem. "so what will I be doing as your slave?", I asked with pureness.  
he took his lips in rhythm and bite it slowly in ecstasy.

"I didn't buy you...I was sent by Tracy(Lotanna and Jidenna's sister) she bought you" he said.  
I felt my nervousness disappear,  
I actually got scared thinking a guy bought me...

boys,guys, men...I fear them like mad.I even find it difficult to trust.

"okay,it's aunty Tracy" I said,I now felt so happy and safe.  
Tracy is a nice and considerate person.

"ohh you thought it was me"  
nkem said..  
"yes" I replied,shyly.  
"so what if it was me?", he asked.  
"what would you want to use me for?", I asked back..  
he stared at me as if my eyes blows him off.  
no more words till we got to the palace.

I followed him in,we entered fully and climbed many stairs.  
didn't know it was this wide,one can get lost easily.  
once we get to the last stairway,  
the guards back off.  
he knocked at a slivery door,it was opened by a maid.  
"welcome the maid said to him.  
"come in" the maid said.to nkem with respect.  
he nodded and left.  
"come in" the maid said and opened the door widely.  
I almost bowed as I entered.  
she shut the door in a swift.

"excuse me" she said and passed a particular stairway that cut across in a spiral form.  
I admired the room,it was furnished so expensively but not like Lotanna's.

the walls were painted purple with different professional designs, there was a large chandelier light  
in form of stars at the center of the living room,the floors were hypnotized with sweet gem stones  
that wakes my legs with its breathtaking charms.

many more modern things that I don't know was in the room,

a large screen was on display, showing and sparkling phosphorescent lights.  
wealth in all,  
wealth overall,  
wealth is really good.

I stopped admiring things as the maid that asked me to wait came. I lit my eyes at her.  
"okay follow me" she said, not taking her eyes off me.  
I knew she would talk.  
"what's this cut?", she pointed at my cheek..  
"I injured" I said.  
"this doesn't look like injury" she said  
I stayed quiet.  
"nice shape and body type but your face is something else" she said.  
I stayed quiet, we got upstairs.  
the door opened by itself without being touched...  
awwww so much technologies.

Aunty Tracy was seen laying on a wide bed, she was on a red robe.  
so simple, she doesn't use any royal accessory, have never seen her wearing any.

"ebere you can leave" she said.  
ebere left, I felt nervous facing my new owner.  
"Adeife right?", she asked.  
I nodded.  
"where are your loads?", she asked.  
"I don't have any" I said with a tingling feeling of embarrassment.  
"okay...I will arrange for that!.  
"did you learn any trade?", she asked.  
"umm no" I replied.  
"okay" she sighed.  
"so what are your talents?", she asks.  
I remembered onome's warning.  
"nothing is my talent" I said.  
she sighed.  
"okay you can go" she said  
"thank you madam. what will I be doing as your maid?", I asked.  
"just the normal job you were doing, don't stress yourself too much" she said.  
I bowed and left.  
I got so happy as I entered the maids quarter, my bed was still there.  
Aaaaah Aaaaah, I love my life.

can I pretend like airplanes,

like nightfalls in the shooting star  
I could really use a wish right now  
wish right now!

I sang wholeheartedly in my heart.  
soon enough,ebere came knocking, I opened the door and collected my new clothing's.  
even god knows my creator is praying for aunty Tracy right now..

I rest for a long time,  
it was finally time to prepare dinner.  
I joined the other maids, someone special was preparing Lotanna's meal.I doubt it if she's from  
this village, she looks neat and smart and she prepare the meal with so much care,have never  
seen such type of food.

Part of my eyes was looking at how she prepared everything,I grabbed some things.  
hope I won't forget chai

she took plates from a particular section,no one touch his plates, no one touch his diamond  
spoons, not even his cups.  
finally she placed them carefully on a tray and carried it out.

I carried aunty Tracy's food upstairs, on my way back to the maids quarter I met nkem.  
"my friend" he called.  
"sir,do you need anything" I asked.  
"come let's tell stories" he said.  
"am coming" I said and passed him.  
I intentionally look at Lotanna's door while passing.  
I hope he is okay???  
does his head still hurt?...

I headed for the stairs, I saw him,he was actually sitting on the last stairs pressing phone of  
course,his head had a white head band,he looks so much better now.  
I moved back so he would passed first,thank goodness I was holding a piece of cloth, I used it to  
cover my face....and waited patiently.  
"miss,get away from my way?",  
I heard him say,i got hypnotize so easily,I moved away and bumped into him mistakenly.

"oooouch,my head!!!! he whimpered, I felt he was in pain.but,I didn't touch his head-right?  
his phone fell and shattered right in my presence.

"ohh my gaaad,Lotanna!!!!!!  
someone said from behind.

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I turned,it was nkem who called Lotanna's name,I felt bad I caused trouble again;was i high?

"trouble right....do not come close to me,avoid me,if possible let's not see" he said,  
I nodded.He didn't even look his phone.

He didn't utter any more word,he brush his diamond ringed finger to the back of his head,it is visible it pained.He walked past me while carefully making sure his body did not touch my own..it is not like I have infections and body odor right?.

it hurts me a lot whenever people avoid my body,when I was growing my mates did that to me because of my ugliness and because of the cane marks onome inflicted on me, that was why I formed the habit of hiding from people,I take my loneliness alone and the avoidance of body contact reduced.

since he is already avoiding me so much,am glad ngozi and the rest are kind to me....besides,I need to have sense here;.

Nkem looked at Lotanna as he left, he faced me when he was out of sight.

"was he mean to you?", he asked.

"ohh no,his phone what am i suppose to do?",I fidget as I picked the phone,half of the screen was damaged.

I faced Nkem,piously.

"do you know how much this cost?", I asked him,  
the queen approached,I hurriedly stop talking to nkem,I bowed in respect and left withy tray and his phone.

what was I even thinking; a repair.

I know the phone can buy me...

chaiAdeife avoid trouble!.

I dropped the tray inside the kitchen and returned to the maids quarter, I went over to my belongings and kept the phone safely,in turn I brought out the beads and fishing line I purchased

from old Nana.

I sat on my bed and keep myself busy since the girls don't like speaking with me. Just greetings and when work join us together.

hmmmm,

I miss ngozi.

"Do you mean olamma did all that yesterdays show? chai, I pity Arinze he still hasn't know olamma as a player. Olamma will eat eat eat eat his money and run away-

Am guessing Princess Akuna is behind that bully, she is fond of bullying, I wonder who is her next scape goat" Vicky said.

the girls laughed.

"thank goodness am always avoiding her" chioma said.

"what if Akuna become our next queen-she might marry whosoever becomes the king among the twins prince" Rhoda said.

fire ooooo

hell, the kingdom will be in disorder; Akuna for queen in our kingdom, we die here..

"no wonder she always make friends with only her types; olamma, Adanna, Chiamanda and Vivian-

hmmm, I wonder who will start washing olamma cloths Now that Ife is here- chioma said.

I stayed quiet and continued what I was doing.

Another maid came in. Ohh Ebere.

she came to my side.

"sir Nkem calls for you" she said.

"okay" I puffed and part the curtains so i could look through the window, outside was dark why is nkem calling me...

"why is he calling me, is it for work?", I asked.

all eyes followed me, most especially chioma.

she cleared her throat in an annoying manner, I shot her a glare.

"how can I know why he calls for you...mind you he is at the garden waiting" ebere said. I kept my beads under my pillow and followed her out

she left me alone when I was almost approaching the garden,

I got there, it was dark, only the stars brightened it a little bit.

I used my eyes to search around, I didn't see nkem; was Ebere lying?.

I decided to leave, a pair of strong hand dragged me back,

my fear cooked up as conniption gripped me, I relaxed in full when it turned out to be nkem.

<friends right>.

He looked at me as if many points of lights flourish in his heart, my stomach follows, it feels like falling off a high hill....

"sir you scared me?" i said in a fright.

my eyes shimmer, my breath shortens as he stared at me with that melancholic gaze.

"sir you scared me" I said in a fright, again.

"was it scary?" he asked.

he lay on the neat grass field and tapped there for me to sit.

He dragged my hand down, and I sat with a little distance.

no words\*just looking into the skies.

"sir you called me" I said, I really don't want us to be seen together.

"the story, tell me another one" he said....

<friends right>

"Once upon a time, there lived a wicked queen, she gave birth to so many children, and her children usually run away from her, they would change both their name and surname so that no one would know that they belong to the wicked queen family, they did this because their mother is not a considerate person, she always think she is the prettiest and fairest, she traveled around just to meet a verrry powerful magician who made her an amulet so she could know if there is anyone more pretty than her.

"dear amulet, among the immortals, who is the prettiest" she would ask.

"you, my queen" the amulet would reply her.

this same question continued for two full moon, the amulet gives the same answers until a day.

"dear amulet, who is the prettiest among the immortals" she asked.

"Star, star is the prettiest my queen" the amulet replied her.

out of jealousy, she sent armed men to kill star out of desperation.

the armed men left, they return to the queen and wanted to tell her something before killing the star but the queen didn't give listening ears, all she wants was the death news....

the armed men went back and killed star, they returned and the queen was happy for the job well done until one of the armed men spoke;

"we killed her but she was your daughter Florence" he said.

the queen went mad in the end"

I told the story.

"awww touching... star star star. Good for the queen" nkem said.

"ummm I don't like the way star died" I said.

Nkem smiled.

from where he sat, he held my hands.



I saw it as nothing,  
<friends right>.

I looked up into the sky and admire the stars,my eyes drifted to lotanna's window,I could see lights  
inside through the windows...

am sorry,I hope I didn't you trouble,  
maybe next time,just next time,I will be more careful each time you are near....

I didn't blink until nkem tapped my leg.  
"that's a shooting star,I want to make a wish" he said.  
I joined him looking at the stars.

"I wish my love for love grow in her heart" he says.  
\*my love for love\* does that make sense; it might to him.  
"love,is that a persons name?", I asked,confused.  
"yeah,it's someone's name" he said.  
"okay,your love will grow in love's heart" I said innocently.  
"so make your wish" he said.  
"who,me?", I asked.

am not used to bring treated kind, am the one who treat people nicely, people hardly do the same  
to me.

"who, me???", I asked.Nkem was waiting.

"will it come true?", I asked.

"sure,if you believe" he said.

I blinked my eyes,his stares makes me feel so uncomfortable...

I remembered Lotanna, the sparks I get each time our eyes lock,I would feel like am falling into  
trances of oceans.

in my dreams!

my dreams do not come true.

Nkem cleared his throat,I jolted out of my thoughts.

"I wish my mom didn't die" I said,I was already in tears.

"hey, don't cry it's not cute"

he said and wiped my tears...

"who are those there????",

someone said.....

whaaaaaaaatt

isn't that the queen's voice?

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(didn't have data,would have posted this since morning)  
now,enjooooooooooy

I stood up hastily and found refuge at the back of some flowers,nkem also stood up he bounce walked forward, the wueeh passed that moment.

"what are you doing here alone?",  
she asked.

nkem took his lips in and ran his fingers to the back of his neck.

"am resting" he said.

"fresh air....isn't there air conditioner on your room?", the queen asked.

"ammmm...." he searched for answers, the queen eye landed on my anklets.

gosh,I had actually kept it on the floor.

how careless?

the queen picked it up and smiled.

"nkem you're with a female again,how many girls are you even seeing,Akwa ka Aziza...hope you're ready to be a father?" the queen said.

she dropped my anklet and left.

I came out of my hideout immediately she left,I picked my anklets.

its true nken have numerous girlfriends,even the queen knows the type of cousin she has.Nkem mother also died immediately he was born,it was the queen that brought him up as a mother. lucky him.

"sir....I will leave" I said and wanted to run,he still dragged me back by my hand.

"the queen might come back again" I said with nervousness.

"hey,don't think about what she said" he said, I carefully slip my hand away.Even ngozi told me he is a woman wrapper,he crosses females legs like he is crossing road.

I watch him took his lips in.

"miss...am not a peeve, you're just a friend" he said,and still stared at me,

I nodded and ran away.I bumped imto chioma,she cleared her throat in an annoying manner.

I retired to my bed and kept my anklet in my save...

\*I wish my love for love will grow in her heart\*\*\*\*\*

love????????

but my name means crown of love..

Aaaaah,it can't be me!

no good looking guy would want an ugly nobody as a partner.

Jeeezzzz...even Lotanna always avoid me,everyone avoid me-

maybe,just maybe am only meant to appreciate his handsomeness.

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chioma's clap woke me up fully,

I wake up last again!!

"guess what I saw yesterday?",

she started.

I excused myself and went to bath.

"abeg that one no be news again",

Vicky said immediately I came in from the bathroom.

"whatever" I rolled my eyeballs avd selected what to wear.

"as ugly as she is...tufiakwa"

I heard one of the girls saying.

I turned,the person talking kept quiet.

"say it again or remain silent forevermore" I said.

"as ugly as she is!!! i heard again, it was dumebi.

"dumebi what exactly do you want??? is it fight or my insults because have tolerated you enough"

I said.

ugly bratty!!!!

leave nkem alone!!!

he is someone else boyfriend!!!

boyfriend snatcher!!!!

slimming baren unripe pawpaw!!

gold digging whore!!!!!!

dumebi shouted as she clapped.

I laughed even though the insults are touching, other kids are fond of doing that to me,always treating me harshly.

"you that you're beautiful,what have you achieved? ain't we in the same level-maid maid...

legs like broom stick,what shape do you have?  
front you no get,back you no get, tall you no agree tall,you just short like mortal-hope your destiny is not short??  
person wey no get back and front suppose get sense,dumebi where is your sense? am I nkem,am I the one holding him-  
he pain you him no look at you!!!  
ntooooooooorrrr-" I insulted mine.

"chimooo!!! Rhoda shouted.  
"just passing by! chioma said.  
"the insult much oo" Vicky said.  
Mrs okafor came in,  
we all minded our business.  
"what's the news all about humm?",  
she asked.  
no one replied.  
she sighed and left.  
I dressed up and stated my work.

Ebere passed by,  
"Adeife,hi" she waved.  
"I'm good and you?", I asked.  
"fine,are you using anything for the marks on your body?", she asked.  
"no,aunt Tracy said she would get cream for me,guess her travel is today" I said.  
"yes,she has been promoted to the position of a barrister-in fact she has a case at an high court at lekki to settle" she said

"I wish her good luck" I said.  
"yeah me too" she replied.  
soon we were done,we both approached the kitchen to carry our foods.Mrs okafor was in sharing coconut candy.  
what a mother to all of us?.

she approached Ebere,  
"aaah" she said,Ebere opened her mouth,she smiled and Dropped the candy in.  
waoow,I like her.  
what a mother? it made me love to experience motherly love...  
no one cares for me apart from ngozi.

I carried my food and started leaving as she looked in my direction...  
she doesn't need to act as a mother to me,am ugly right?.  
"ADEIFE over here" she called.

"me or her?", I accosted.  
"Aaaah" she said as she walked towards my direction.  
I smiled and opened my mouth, she put the homemade candy in my mouth..  
"thanks mother" I said.I wish I have a mother too.  
the other girls left already.  
"only you said thank you" she said..  
I smiled and still wanted to leave.  
"kindly drop this at Lotanna's living room,there is a dining by the right" she said.  
"okay" I said and dropped my own food.I washed my hands before touching the tray.  
I passed different stairway,  
soon I arrived.  
I knocked, no reply again!.

I popped my head in,I rushed in and dropped the tray with care.  
I got to the door but stopped when I saw the bead ngozi gave me as gift on a golden stool..

what's it doing here?  
'it is mine, it has my name!  
"does he likes it,why is he keeping it?  
trouble right,avoid me do not come near me...neither shall we see nor meet".  
I remembered his words,I rushed out and closed his door.  
I left.

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my Tracy's p.o.v

where is Lotanna??? his he not suppose to join general dining for breakfast??? is there something he is hiding?? his snubish attitude is getting out of hand...this is not my brothers attitude? he was not like this as at last year...all this started when he built "glamour and believe".

"Tracy you're not eating" mother said  
"so as I was saying,if I become the king,nkem I will..." Jidenna said.  
"father isn't dead,you're dreaming of kind already...gosh,am full"  
I said and stood up.  
It started raining and I still have a flight to catch.

"where is Lotanna?", I asked.  
"at the waterfall,am sure Akuna is with him"Nkem said.  
Akuna,why akuna-are they that close,are they an item...

I left, soon I arrived at the waterfall.

I met Akuna there, she looked so bothered.

"why are you staying here all alone in the rain, where is Lotanna?", I asked.

she kept quiet.

"get out of the rain" I said.

"noo noo, let me be. Just get Lotanna out of the rain first... you know his health issues" she said.

"fine, I will... just leave the rain" I said, offering to share my umbrella.

"no, I can't he doesn't want to see me... just get him out of the rain and make sure he is fine. He is in the orchard" she said, a tear dropped out of her eyes, she wiped it off.

why all this painful expression because of Lotanna?

I left the waterfall and located the orchard, there he was sitting in a pavement.

Under this rain!!

has he forgotten he has cold?.

he turned, I quickly hid.

"Tracy, I saw you no need hiding" he said and stood up.

"don't leave, I want to talk to you" I said..

"no need" he said and took a few steps...

"Lotanna you can talk to me, and your elder sister, you can share secrets with me, who hurt you? talk to me even if it is once in this year... I love you so much... remember what we used to be, what we used to share, do not shut me out like you do to other people, this is Tracy... you can trust me, look at me my light..." I said.

"how am I sure you're..." he paused.

"can I trust you, elder sister?..

"Xinren means trust in each other, but the reason why I am alive today is because I don't have trust in other people.... all because of three things!

I'm scared to love a girl,

I'm scared to trust,

and am scared to...." he paused.

"I'm scared to tell you the reason, bye happy birthday in advance" he said, and hastened his catwalk.

"Lotanna, wait....

hmmm, what is he talking about??

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I followed him as he hasten his catwalks; walking more comfortably in the rain,have he forgotten he has health issues?.

I walk up in a haste and caught up with him,I wanted to slip...yeah the rain was much.

Lotanna held me and made me stand well.I smiled..he is still caring.

"what's between you and Akuna,how did she knows you usually come to the waterfall,would you at least tell me this one because am tired of believing akuna she acts crafty" I said,he nodded.

I and Jidenna met her the day wr arrived in this village during the first royal feast,her parents had brought her along during the feast...

You know I like being alone....so I was always indoors,most times on an online meetings with my managers.

she on the other hand always wants us to be together;maybe as friends but neither Jidenna nor I gave her the attention she needed...so she usually feel bad we snub her.

she would report to mother and cry, all she knows is crying,imagine just to get my attention, her cries piss me off so I started leaving the palace to the water so I could be alone.

She knows her family and ours are partners in a particular business..

"is it rainbows company?", I asked.

"yeah" he replied.

mother said she will hook one of us with akuna for the sake of the company,with that neither of the family will loose.

because of that,Akuna started coming to the palace more regularly, she wanted to be friends but I was not ever the friendly person with girls.

she would meet mother,all she knew how to do is to cry for attention...

mother called me and said I shouldn't shut her out,I started replying her.....one word in a while and she felt so comfortably coming over,

she kept acting as if she is on the world when she heard she is going to marry either me or Jidenna...gosh

funny enough, she choose me!

she got so proud..." he said.

"do you feel anything for akuna?"

I asked and look into his eyes.

first time I would see my brother acting so nervous.

"you really want me to tell you one of my three secrets...fine" he took his lips in.I held his hand as we walked in the rain.

"do you like Akuna?", I asked.

one of my secrets,

"Feelings? Love? I don't know what that means anymore ever since the death of my girlfriends in the pasts. I can't be with a girl without falling sick.....because of..." he paused.

"the girls I loved in the past always die,they usually get killed by someone even though my security on them is tight" he said.

"whhaaaaaat!!!! I exclaimed.

"you're shocked right...do you think I offend anybody! he asked with a pained expression.

"Lotanna,this is happening to you and you can't open up to me! have you forgotten am a barrister" I said.

I got speechless,as I find it difficult to believe.

so his girlfriends in the past always die because an unknown person always murder them.

this is huge!!!!

no wonder he distance himself from girls.

"so Lotanna,who do you suspect?"

I asked..he breathed.

Everybody are my suspect,

I now trust no one. you should know am smart,am trying to figure out who the murderer is...

for the first nine months,

it was difficult,

I couldn't breath when girls call on me,but later I got used to it,

I don't want to fall in love for now,

it was bondage saying these three sweet words "I love you",

am certain the person killing my girlfriends is still around spying on my every moves, ready to kill the next girl I would love...

it was painful,I decided to avoid anything love and girls for now,

what took over that pain was my snubish attitude,

falling in love,

being around girls is one of my recent nightmares.

Tracy this is one of my three secrets, if you can help me solve this,I promise to tell you the remaining two-" he said.



"but the owner of the bead in your room, do you know her?" I asked.

"am scared of knowing her,

I don't wanna cry of heartbreak ever again,not now-am just grateful she wasn't Akuna.....so I was glad I found someone my soul could breath with, someone am always happy each time I hear her sing,am grateful she is fond of saving my life secretly, she is living in my heart without paying any rent" he said.

I smiled.

"I will try little help,if possible I will help you find the mysterios girl,lfe right" I said.

"ohh yes" he said.

soon we got to the palace,he walked into his room straight.

I sighed ad I dialed my drivers number.

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Lotanna is really going through a lot, now I see the reason why is snubish and introvert behavior keep increasing.

and as it stands,his introvert lifestyle keep giving akuna hope of being together with him.

"aunty Tracy where is your driver?",  
nkem asked.

"he should be outside" I said.

the maids took my traveling bags out,I followed them out.

I moved into the car as the driver fitted into the laugages.

"Ebere where is Adeife?" I asked.

"I'm here" I heard her tiny voice.

I smiled,she waved till my car was out of sight.

ohh god,help your daughter.

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there was no work to do,

I was free to go out.first I went to see ngozi,her door was locked.

"guess someone is here to see me" she said as she came in.

"hey how have you been?", I asked as she opened the door.

we both entered.

"I'm good..how is the palace,are they nice to you?", she asked.

"yes,only aunt Tracy and nkem are nice.It was actually aunty Tracy that bought me,not nkem" I said.

"waoow, you're lucky" she gasped.

"whatever" I rolled my eyeballs.

"you're lucky it is Tracy... best friend,

hmmm that means you have an opportunity to go to the city if you work harder, I heard she treats maids nice" ngozi said.

"I'm working harder" I told her.

"I think I know the reason she sent nkem" she said.

"why?", I asked.

"onome won't want to sell you to her because she is a nice person, and you know guys buy maids for sex, on one thought she is selling you to nkem not knowing Tracy sent him" she said...

we discussed other things.

finally, I left to "old Nana" a place I save..

when will I even collect my savings?.

I didn't meet her at home,

I went to her shop, it was locked. I was directed to her new store, I met her...

"how are you?", she asked

"I'm fine ma'am" I smiled and brought out the little change I gathered for saving.

she counted the money and wrote the amount.

I peeped into my card as if I can read and write, so many boxes were tickled. I felt so happy.

I actually save a lot,

imagine since last two years-

god save me onome did not know I save here, she would have threatened me to withdraw.

"ADEIFE" old Nana called..

"when will you collect your savings, the maximum time limit is one and a half year, your Money is over two years are you planning of collecting it at all?" she asked.

"I....I...old Nana please, still keep it for me, I will collect it soon" I pleaded.

she sighed.

"mama mmesoma, this girl never open my shop!!! I heard onome's voice from outside old Nana's store.

I got scared as convulsions gripped me-

no where to hide.

I rushed to old nana's back and used her to cover myself.

\*why hiding?", she said.

"old Nana my stepmother is outside, she hates me so much... she will give me more fresh

marks,please just let me hide" I blinked tears.

luckily for me,onome left without noticing me,I left and ran back to the palace.  
resting period was over.

I rushed up to Lotanna's room to get back the tray since I was the one that delivered his food.  
Chioma was coming out of Jidenna's room, I wonder what took her so long.

I knocked on Lotanna's door, he didn't open up.  
A device(intercom) on his door beeped,his door opened automatically.

I entered fully, the door closes by itself. The living room was quiet and neat,I admired everything in the room as I picked the tray on the dinning.  
I hasten my footstep to leave, I was about leaving when I heard his approaching footsteps from upstairs.  
His footsteps paused.

I don't think he is coming.I felt relaxed and still stayed at the door.  
"its shining that" no....  
"its shining have...." arrgggh annoying.  
I heard him say from upstairs, guess he had forgotten the song he used to sing for his lover at the waterfall.

"it's shining that you...ohh fuck!  
I heard him say in a forgetful manner.

how careless hunnnn!  
I turned to leave;okay I will just help.  
it's shining to remind you  
that I love you  
as each day begin,  
I love you, believe just let me in."  
I sang the first part for him...  
"are you a spirit,please continue!  
I heard him say.

be with me,do no go  
believe and let me love you,  
today,tomorrow and forevermore.  
I smiled out, he should be able to remember everything by now...  
I opened the door when I heard his footsteps coming..  
ohhh,he shouldn't catch me,

we shouldn't see and meet\*\*\*\*\*

I walk out something dragged me back,the door already lock the helm of my wrapper....I turned,  
Aaaaah Lotanna at the door!!

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I got scared as i felt his presence near the door.  
avoid me,do not come near me, let's not meet if possible do not let us see each other  
I remembered his words as I struggled for my wrapper,  
it still wasn't doing.

Aaaah am in trouble,i got crazily scared.my wrapper was loose as a result of the dragging, I used  
my hand to hold it well as I waited patiently for him to open the door.

"is someone there?",  
his voice came up softly as the intercom device beeped.I still heldy wrapper well.  
what a voice???  
just sounds ethereally.

"is someone there?"he asked again.  
"yes..yes...maid"I said.  
the door opened,it left my wrapper and revealed Lotanna.  
he wore a black long sleeve cardigan and a black short;does he have cold.  
the room slippers he wore painted the floors dreamingly.

He suddenly looked away from my body....  
"your wrapper,tie it well"he speaks so fluently.  
ADEIFE,are you okay?  
your wrapper is loose and you're admiring a guy;was I high?.

I hastily tied it and pick my tray, he faced me back.I felt happy he look at me without feeling  
irritated.  
"you were in...are you the one?",  
he asked.I got hypnotized.

is he really talking to me?  
hmmmm am not dreaming right?.

"my prince...do you mean me?"  
I asked with a puzzled look.  
he only speaks to me nicely in my dreams and it always look real.  
is my dream suddenly coming true?..  
will he be my friend?..  
have always wanted to be his friend but he is never the friendly type.

"I just asked a question", he said, the skin of his neck glittered.  
"no.. I...I...i picked this" I raised the tray up.He sighed.  
"and i thought it was her" he muttered lowly.  
"who my prince,who are you looking for? i might be of help" I said.  
Akuna showed up,  
I bowed and left.Lotanna slammed his door,the door was just so strong.

is it because of what I said or because of Akuna?..  
Aaah,I felt heated up as akuna stopped on her track with two servants behind her.  
now that she is staying there, where does she wants me to pass...no matter how i avoid her,she  
always look for my trouble.

I got to where she was and bowed, she didn't move a bit.  
"princess Akuna,kindly excuse the way" I said,piously.  
she still stand there,  
i turn to pass another stairway, she drag me backwards by my wrapper.

"what have i done?"  
"I did nothing,do not naked me" I said  
she suddenly pushed me backwards till I blink tears.  
she walked and came nearer.

"sorry..."  
"sorry...."  
she grabbed me from my breast attire,she really want to naked me.

"how dare you speak to Lotanna huh, you must be really--"she raised her hand to slap me,I closed my eyes.

"Akuna don't" someone said and she stopped...it was nkem,Amarachi also approached.  
"is it true? can you really be seeing Lotanna? Are you seeing him!!!  
she shouted.

"everyone sees my brother, she sees my brother and as you can see,she is not blind" amarachi interrupt.

Akuna turned to look at her.

"mind your actions here,this is my parents palace, you don't have the right to bully our maids not to talk of raising your voice at them....gosh, I can't believe your vulnerability, it is embarrassing" Amarachi said.

"how dare you speak to me in that manner,am I your mate?" she shouted...

"if you respect yourself,I will respect you...Akwu ka aziza(legs like broom stick)" amarachi said..

nkem pinched amarachi to stop. Amarachi jacked him.

"hey Adeife,get up" she said, I hastily hurried up with my tray.

"gosh!!! Akuna shot a glare,she still want to slap me.

"Akuna don't" nkem whispered and took her hand,she walked out with him..

I guess he knows akuna before,that's why he is giving her personal respect.

I dried my tears completely.

thank goodness they came,if not i would have been Akuna's scapegoat.

"were you hurt?" amarachi asked.

"no no no" I said and wiped a tear.

I walked out to the kitchen to drop the tray.

assuming am in powers,

I know what I should have done to Akuna,she is lucky am only a maid, an ordinary maid.

Mrs okafor came in,I greet as I did the finishing of the dishes.

"bless you" she said,a cough followed..

"take care" I said.

she coughed more persistently, I look at her,her eyes were red.She look so sick.I dropped what I was doing and get her a glass of warm water from the flask, she drank little and still coughed.

"what have you used? I asked.

"so many herbs...this cough is just so stubborn" she said and coughed painfully,her lips was even dry.

I went out of the palace to get her what I used to use each time I have cough,I don't even have money on me....the money aunty Tracy gave me before traveling have been used for something else.

I had borrowed Ebere.

I went to "old Nana" a place I save.  
should I collect my money now?  
I don't think it is wise.I left and went to the market..  
my luck shine,I spotted ngozi.  
I screamed her name, it sounded like music, most people look back.  
I stopped and pretended as if i wasn't the one..

I resulted to jumping and clapping(our friendship sign),it made ngozi see me....  
she lend me some money.I felt happy and turned to leave, behind me was onome.  
I faced ngozi back,  
too late she saw me..

she pulled my ears and dragged me to one corner.  
maybe,just maybe it was never about her owning me,  
maybe I was never meant to stay with her,how foolish to ask me go,  
it's quite simple it has always been only her and papa are capable of giving me marks,  
with one hand,they beat me and make me bleed-

now that am not with her,am fine, I pray she won't threaten to withdraw me--

"what was my warning?" she asked.  
I got scared as conniption gripped me,I don't want her to bath me hot water and lock me up...  
"have you gone deaf" she said.  
"no mama,I won't sing" I said.  
she left me after knocking my forehead.

I moved away from the road,  
finally I bought what I needed and hurried back to the palace,  
Mrs okafor was still in the kitchen. I mixed honey with the substance and gave her to lick,I hope  
after this she will stop coughing.

I stayed with her and took her to her room so she could rest,she still coughed but it is not like  
before.

soon,the cough ceased.

I left her room and move to the garden to clear the litters,chioma passed me with broom and  
packer.

I wonder what she was doing in prince jidenna's room,  
anyways,it is her business.

I felt someone tickled my waist from behind,I sprang up in fear.  
it was nkem,what was he trying to do? I got scared and shift away from him.....  
\*my friend"he called.

"sir,I don't like that type of play"

I imagined myself saying.I couldn't, am only an ordinary maid.

"someone might see us,I don't like this" I said instead.

"will you come out at night?",

he asked.

"no,I have something to do" I said.

"just come...remember you promise to always be my friend" he said.

I scratched the back of my neck.

I still nod my head in disagreement..

he offered me money.

"sir,I don't want it" I said.

"you're rejecting my things" he said.

"aaah noo,okay I will come out at night...but the money,I don't need it" I said.

"fine,I will be expecting you" he said, his body suddenly came close to mine..

I got scared,

what if somebody sees us??

"stay still" he said,i felt his breath.

I didn't even know when i push him back...guess my experience with guys hunted me.

he fell and bruised his arm...I pushed him so much..

ohh my gaaaad

what have I done???

"sir...I...didn't mean...it was mistake!

I said.

the queen passed and saw nkem like that,her expression changed seeing her cousin's hand bruised.

"what's all these???

her voice carried so much superiority as she faced me,

Only me...just only me with so much hatred,she already knows me as trouble.

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now,enjoy.

I suddenly feel as if i should get swallowed by the ground, the deadly glares from the queen was much.

I should have known she doesn't play with her blood.

"how dare you? do you know who nkem is to me?"the queen said with so much air of supetiority. I swallowed into nothing as i look down to the floor.

Nkem stood up,his arm was injured, a female necklace dropped from his hand,it was pure gold. my eyes dialated the moment i saw it  
ohhh I thought he want to use me sexually not knowing he only want to wear me a necklace.

ohh godmust I always cause trouble everywhere?  
it was me who get immoral in my thoughts...nkem is a nice person,is this how I should treat him.

"sorry, it was a.....

"it was what? you this troublesome bitch,how did you find your way into this palace?" she said.

I felt so bad...

me~~bitch.

Yes,am a bitch I accept.

"it's fine aunt...its really nothing,I was the one who wasn't seeing well if I was looking well I wouldn't have bumped into where she is working"  
nkem said...

"just be more careful in the future" the queen snapped and left.

that's it,I bowed.

nkem turned to leave also.

"sir am really sorry....

"I can help you make the bruise heal quickly"I brought out my homemade ointment, it is always tied around my wrapper for emergency cases.

"nkem am sorry" I said..

he ignored me and left.

no words\*no reply

but I thought we were friends right?.

I sighed and kept the ointment back.

finally,I was done with the litters,I washed my hands after wish I checked on Mrs okafor,she was sleeping soundly.

the cough left her already.

I tucked her in and left for the maids quarter where I met ngozi, she had come to visit me.

"Ife take me to the throne room,I want to see the queen" she said.

"in your dreams" I said and dragged her in.

I fell on my bed,ngozi fell on me giggling like a kid... it's really pretty.

the other maids looked at us in surprise; someone is actually playing with me freely.

I rolled my eyeball like I care.

ngozi hugged me on the bed,

I pulled up the bed sheet and covered our bodies.

she still lay on me.

I smiled.

"you want to put me in trouble...stop all these before these people will think we are lesbians" I whispered into her ears.

"let them think" she crackled.

"I said it you're crazy" I said.

"well we are both" she added.

I laughed and shift her body from mine...

she laughed and push her legs on mine,next she used the duvet to cover up.

"do you like Lotanna?", she asked in a slow whisper.

"aaaaah no,I don't like him"

I said with a smile.

I covered my face,she pushed my hands down and make a funny look.

"what now" I said and used an extra wrapper as demarcation.

she removed it.

"you smiled which means you like him" she said.

"no, I don't like him"i nod my head in disagreement and still smiled.

I can't like him okay,no need to persecute me...the Lotanna doesn't even know my name not to talk of ever liking me.

"but you like him" she said.

"fine,I like him like I like you,hope you understand my type of like?", I asked.

she chuckled as her pretty face beamed,

I wish I can someday pay her for her kind gestures,have never regret being her friend.

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"will you attend royals?", she asked.

"what's royals?", I asked.

"a sleepover party, it is taking place in the next kingdom... a lot of people from far and near are going to be there, just so fun filled" she said.

"the next kingdom....

isn't that Akuna's kingdom?...

I moved a bit and took a deep breath.

"huni you won't go right?" ngozi ask.

"that akuna that look so scary and mean~ how am I sure she won't make me cry" I said.

"it is akuna's kingdom doesn't mean they are the one organizing it" she said as she removed the duvet.

I escorted her to the palace gate, it's really late outside.

finally, she left.

I touched my wrapper where the ointment was and purposely passed the garden to see if nkem was there since he wants me to come at night,  
he wasn't there,  
maybe because i hurt him!.

I just wanted to beg him again and just give him this ointment.  
since he is not here, I leave.

I still decide to check the palace backyard for him, he wasn't there...  
i know shouldn't be troubling myself...

should I pass the backyard hallway to see if he is really there?.

I opened the hallway door, it revealed Lotanna.

I froze in sparkles, my eyes shimmers as they lock with his..

suddenly, he brought down his phone and pulled me in swiftly by my waist.

I got wild with sweetness as he touched me there...

I blinked my eyes twice,

was i dreaming???

I better wake up...

my whole system got wild with sweetness i really hugged him, I smelt him for the third time...

my eyes moves in sparkle as his skin glittered unlike mine that is filled with cane marks.

I felt my hands locked around his abdominal level, he must be really fit to have dragged me in by

my waist with just one hand.  
how sweet?..  
like in stories....

he didn't push me away,he didn't touch me,he didn't get carried away by my shape,I got more  
happy as i smell him so much....  
only him gives me the hope to believe.

believe and let me stay in ur heart  
your presence makes me wish forevermore..  
today,tomorrow let me love you.

stay do not go again,  
one day let's meet  
i promise the riches of these world  
i promise till death we part...

I wish I could sing his song for him right now,but i really can't...  
am not privileged...

I didn't get myself until I heard sounds of something crashing...  
that was when he pulled away.  
I looked up at where I was standing before he dragged my waist,it was the glassy chandelier light.  
it would have fallen on my head if he had not dragged me and I hugged him....imagine.

I faced front,and only saw his back view leaving.  
"thank you sir!!! I shouted.

sometimes I feel like he is close then after a while,he just seem so far.  
I'm glad he didn't push me away....  
I hugged himomg! I really did...

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I smiled like carelessly as I touch my waist where he had touched, everything happened like flash,I

wish he can continue to be nice,  
I want him to always look happy he is too handsome to be a snub,  
something must have made him like that..

the ointment I was holding fell, I came back to my senses and bent to pick it up but I couldn't find it...the place was too dark..if and only if the chandelier was still on.

Anyways, I am grateful it was Lotanna.. I continue searching until I found it beside the door, beside it was a necklace, it felt sooooo cold.

It must be gold and must be for Lotanna.

I smiled and went away with both,

I was almost getting to the maids quarter, I saw Nkem discussing with a particular security.

The security nodded and went back to his position, their discussion was over.

Our eyes locked,

The first thing my eyes looked in his body was where he had bruises.

Has he even forgiven me?.

I wouldn't have pushed him if I knew it was a necklace but he acted so close like he wanted to take advantage of my innocence...

How do I even get him to forgive me? Who knows if my fate of remaining here is in his hands?.

He looked away immediately our eyes locked, I moved away from the way so he could pass.

"Nkem am sorry, I brought you this healing ointment if you won't mind" I showed off the plastic.

He passed by without words.

He is actually ignoring me, but I thought we are friends like Ngozi is my friend...

Ngozi only gets mad at me for 10mins whenever we fight or argue.

"Nkem you said I am your friend, is this how friends act, I have been begging you for so long Nkem, even when you tell me not to cry of emotional trauma I listened to you and stopped thinking, I always listen to you...now you, you couldn't even forgive me" I said.

He turned slightly at me.

"I will forgive you only if you will attend Royal's" he said.

"Hmmm....Royal, in the next village? I can't I am an ordinary maid and besides I am ugly...am..."

He didn't allow me complete my statement, his face came close like he wants to kiss me.

I felt scared, friends do not kiss right?.

He smiled and used his fingers to silence my lips.

"You're the most beautiful creature I have ever seen, no one competes with you" he said and took my ointment, he left.

I smiled, we are back as friends.

I returned to the maids quarter and stood at the entrance where there was light so I could see lotanna's necklace properly.

someone cleared throat in an annoying manner from behind,  
I turned it was chioma.

"Mrs okafor calls for you" she said.

I left,

soon I arrived at her door and entered.

"am in need of hot water,can you make one for me?" she asked.

"always count on me" I replied and went out with a bucket.I came back few minutes later.

she had her night bed and retired back to bed,I stayed with her for the night,I made sure she sleep before bringing out the necklace to view.

it has two shooting stars as pendants...so pretty.

I tied it to the end of my wrapper and slept beside Mrs okafor.

I remembered that my song.

believe in all that can be,  
a miracle starts when you dream  
believe and sing from your heart  
Adeife believe,believe and sing.

it has been long I sang out,  
I hope I can still do it properly...  
aaaaah Adeife,why is your life so pathetic??.

believe by adesola adeomowole.m.

Lotanna's p.o.v

that trouble girl is something else,I can't believe she didn't notice the chandelier light falling..what if it has fallen on her???

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trouble here and there...that wouldn't get her anywhere,she should learn to be a calm girl sometimes.

whatever!.

I rolled my eyeballs as I filled my glass with wine,I have many unfixed issues in my life,  
am looking for that girl,  
am looking for that murderer who always show up whenever am deeply in love..

before I had wanted to wait until the girl finally decide to show up but right now,I think she is

delaying.  
and am trying the wise man method.

I want to see you first although I won't speak to you for now, just want to see you so I will know  
how to protect you fully,  
you must not die like my pasts,  
I want to find you and the more I don't see you, the more clueless I get and I hate suspense, it gives  
me sleepless nights.  
even me, I don't think I am safe.

sometimes, I feel like I am with you but after a while, you just seem so far away,  
why haven't you noticed your bead is missing? or is it not precious to you?  
are you not also looking for me?  
ohh you left all the puzzles alone for me to solve,  
help me please!  
save me from being clueless, keeping you alone in my heart might make me insane.

I know you don't want me to run mad and I hope you're not cheap, most village girls are insensible  
and are quite a nuisance..

gosh, you keep leaving me alone to imagine what you are!  
are women born to confuse me?..  
am not giving up yet, until I know who you are..  
I gulped down my wine slowly,

my door opened.  
who can that be? am not expecting anyone.. by this time!.

I stood up hastily, the money I took hours in counting poured.  
everything....so much stress..  
whoever entered must be a bad luck.  
I used my eyes to search around for my mask, I didn't see it, I hopped downstairs to my living room.  
can't be Jidenna, he always informs me each time he wants to see my room....

I got to the living room, it was Akuna.  
I watched her walk in, she wore a very revealing outfit, her thighs downwards were on display...her  
breasts covered as low.  
she smiled as she waved "hi".  
I scoffed.

"did you miss me?", I asked.  
she catwalked by my side and walked upstairs. .

"hope it is not my bedroom?" I asks.

"well,I was planning the future...Lotanna don't you think it's time we start getting intimate on bed, you're an aspiring king and you must impregnate your woman before marriage" she said.  
I scoffed.

"get out" I said very icily.

"really,we are still going to do it" she said....I took my lips in and followed her upstairs as the gentle guy that I was.

she made an attempt to touch me, my glares alone made her stop..

"I bet you won't try this if you know who and what I really am...you won't even dare looking at me not to talk of staring at me,okay the door is opened, get lost" I said and walked past her.

she started crying.

"I know who and what you are!

you're the owner of GLAMOUR DIAMONDS,the only industry that produce the world's purest diamonds,I know you're damn wealthy" she said.

"is that all you know" I turned as I seethed at her desperability.

"you're peek skincare ambassador" she said.

\*is that all" I asked.

she started crying,

she made it worst till I couldn't handle it anymore..

I ignored her.

"is it because of her,the girl you're searching for; you're so occupied with finding her so much that your mind is lost....what did she give you to eat. ..have you forgotten what the queen wants, Just you and I are the future of this kingdom" she said..

I ignored her and hoped faster to the bedroom door..

"Lotanna,who is she to you hunnn? what exactly has she done for you"

she still cried.

she deepened the cey,there she goes again!.

"fine,have the room to yourself..suite yourself,fuck you! I knew you missed your way" I muttered and left her Alone in my suite...

"where are you going? she followed me...I slam the door on her face..

I left and locate my sisters suite,I brought out the key to unlock it,  
nkem passed by.

Do I need to speak with him.



"Hey,nkem" I called.

"ohhh my handsome prince" he retorts in a friendly manner,the intercom on Tracy's door beeped as it opened automatically.

"Hmmm nkem apart from akuna, does anyone sings in this palace?", I asked..

"ohh no one sings in this palace" he replied.....

or is this girl even hiding her identity? aaaah I better not run mad.

"Do you by chance know the owner of this bead,the owner do you know it? or is there any lfe in this palace?".

I asked in my softest voice.

"well....." he paused and stared at the bead,just the bead.

what will happen

best guessers,where are you?

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he kind of stare at me....it was a quick glance and with the way he did, i was smart enough to tell he knew the owner but he doesn't want to say it,I took my lips in.

"give it back then" I said.

"did the owner offend you?"he asked.

"it's none of your business" I replied as i didn't turn to look at him,

I entered Tracy's room where I dropped the bead on one of the Sofa's,I went upstairs.

her bedroom door wasn't locked,

I entered and later on it with my phone.

Lotanna,please come back to the room" a message buzzed in.

it was a strange number.

who is this?" I sent back.

princess Akuna,your future wife"

another one buzzed in.

I got surprised.So she also went to school....how come she has my number?..

which room are you in? is it Tracy's? fine am coming over"

she sent.

I felt headache,

I hastily stood up and rushed to the living room.

how careless and forgetful? I didn't even lock the door.

I hastily locked it,then I returned back to the bedroom.

baby am at the door" she texts.

I rolled my eyeballs and switched to flight mode.

I mean how can a princess be so insensible and she went to school, doesn't even show in her character at all.....

Akuna's p.o.v

come to think of it,who is the girl making lotanna loose his mind?

hmmm I better not find out about her because if I should do,her life will never remain the same and her fate will remain in my hands... I can kill her and bury her without anybody finding out,with that i can always think of something else in my mind.

The only way she can be safe is if she is wealthy but if she is poor, am sorry she just arrive into hell.

the queen approached,

I started crying,I deepened the cry and even coughed.With that,she rushed to me.

"what's wrong?" she said,

she felt so sorry.

I deepened the cry the much.

"mother,he is ignoring me again,he doesn't want me,does it mean am ugly,what else is he looking for in a lady that i don't have..

I still don't understand why he is treating me like this,it was because of him i cut my ties with iyke...seems lotanna has seen someone more pretty than I" I cried.

she smiled and wiped my tears till it dried out completely.

"you're both the future of deerah kingdom,just give him little time..

you will be the next queen while Lotanna-

she paused her statement when she spots Jidenna coming.

I made a quizical look.

are they not over this kingship stuffs.

"the ministers are in the throne room" Jidenna said as he approached,  
the queen left me.  
I didn't turn to spare Jidenna a glance,I presumed to my way.

my mind says stop,  
I stopped and went back to him.  
"hi" I waved.  
he waved back...  
"can i ask a question?" I said.  
"ask away" he replied.  
"your twin brother is he really proud? I asked..  
"am I him? if you want to ask questions about him then go to him"  
he said and walk out on me.

I got stunned.  
no one has ever walk out on me in that manner...  
such nerves?  
what effontery...  
I watched him approach Tracy's room,the intercom device beeped, the door was opened by  
lotanna few minutes later..  
he entered and close the door after earning me a glare.

Are they that close?..  
Yeah,they should be of course-  
they are twins!  
I sighed as I approach my place in the palace.The door was opened by Sharon (my servant).

"how did it go?" she asked.  
"well,he kissed me" I said and laid on the bed.  
"awwww,you're lucky"  
"yeah,really lucky" my servants gwaked with manners.

"and he is attending Royal's tomorrow, we are going together by the royal yacht." I said.

OH MY GAAAAAD  
CHAIIII,I MUSTN'T MISSSSS

"you know everyone speaks of our kingdom with elegance and pride.. I wonder what will happen  
when they gets to see our crowned princes"  
Amaka said.

"I wish I was a princess too so he can be mine like he is yours" Sharon gwaked.  
I glared at her, she bowed with respects(both hands on her back).  
"Anu ga ago...ogonlongo(long life) my princess" she said as she continue fanning me.

Tiara was doing the finishing of my nails while chioma(the maid from golden palace) selects my outfits carefully.

"I don't want that dress wrapper, it's too common" I said.  
"what about this?" she brought out another one...  
"nooo,that one" I pointed to something rare and classic.  
my mind drifted to something.

"chioma,is any maid intimate with Prince Lotanna,my husband?"  
I asked.  
"no ma'am" she replied.  
that's where I get curious.  
does it mean the girl is not from this palace???

"who cooks his foods?" I asked.  
"he doesn't eat village foods,there is a chef from the city" she said.  
I mouthed and "O".  
although I still got currious.

"is there any lfe in this palace?" I asked..  
"ohh yeah...Adeife" she said.  
"maid section right?" I asked,  
she nodded.  
must be that lfe, well i will do justice to that before he meets her.

AdeifeAdeife  
morning approached so fast,  
I stood up from Mrs okafors bed with so much energy.I remembered Lotanna hugging me in the previous night,that remains my happiest moment.  
someone saved me from death.

I comport myself as Mrs okafor showed up,  
she now look so fine and healthy.  
"nne good morning" I said.  
"same here,have you bath? she asked..  
"no,I will do that after finishing my work" I replied.  
"you had better go and bath,today is Royal's, you're among the maids that would go"she said.  
I felt so surprised i was chosen;

who would have thought of that .

Aaaaah Nkem,

I really got crazy in my thoughts yesterday night.

"do you have cloths? she asked.

"yes ma'am, aunty Tracy bought me some before she traveled" I said.

"be fast" she said.

"okay ma'am" I replied and dashed out to the maids quarter, I kept Lotanna's necklace at first but later picked it along.

I will return it if I am to chance see him there.

I got ready and dressed.

soon, I arrived and tagged with the other six maids.

Finally I arrived and tagged with the other maids.

"there is a yacht,I didn't even know our kingdom has started to get developed"

I heard murmurs from the maids as we approached the sea.

I saw nkem,he smiled and sent me a wave,I waved back.I had to jump so he could see me.  
dumebi hissed to my hearing...

I got scared as we moved in,I even had to hold Mrs okafor hand am scared of seas.

I got relieved the moment we entered,I saw something different for the first time in my life..

I felt as if am in another word,the yacht was like heaven is opened to rain,everything inside was new.

of course it had different sections, even rooms.

"go with the other maids,I want to check something" Mrs okafor left me, I hurriedly went to ebere's side we walked till we cut across the place princess Akuna and princess Amarachi where..

"the venue was changed" ebere muttered...

the yacht started moving...

I didn't read how long nor how far all I know was that we are faraway from home.....we would get there before night,this is just evening.

I used my eyes to search for Lotanna's section so I can drop the necklace for him,I didn't get it, instead I stood near,bashed my lashes and watch the blue sea....

I looked back the moment I heard footsteps,it appeared to be no one behind me....

I moved my glance back to the front, that was when i saw prince Lotanna back view at the far end of the long yacht,he was also admiring the sea.

I felt strange sparkles the more I stare deeply and I hastily look away.

we are two different life's,

we are two different world's...

I still looked back again and admired how ethereal he looked in the prince attire...so pretty down there,

even the royal bracelets adorn his wrist perfectly.

soo attractive and admirable.

I wish he would continue dress like this it suite him best,he makes me get the hope to believe.

I got so carried away staring that I didn't even notice he was staring back..

I feel like we are so close.

ohhh,I hastily bend.

Too late he saw me...

"leaving and hiding in fear,is that worth more than your life...it wouldn't take you anywhere it will only get you into more troubles" I heard him say softly.

I stood up as I felt happy.You spoke to me again,I felt as thou those words are enough.

I watch in ecstasy as he left with the two guards that were appointed to always follow him.

"what are you doing there hunn? admiring my husband! akuna showed up immediately Lotanna left.

"what are you hunnn...ugly stinking brat,yuck you stinks.. I thought Lotanna has tastes,you can't be the one" she said as she drew nearer.

i also moved back till my buttocks hit the yacht ending.

Chioma giggled from behind.

\*\*you can't be the one\*\*what does that statement means???

she must be joking..

"Princes Akuna" I called plainly not knowing what to say..

Amarachi showed up immediately.

"Akuna,leave our maid alone okay" she shouted as she approached.

Akuna still moved forward.

"what if I???? she pushed me lightly, I would have fell but I was holding the yacht ending.

I blink tears.

"Akuna,are you insane! Amarachi shouted...

"then I will show you am crazy" akuna replied and pushed me with force,I fell into the sea..  
it pull out a loud sound,it attracted almost everybody in the yacht.

what happened???

Yes Akuna pushed,aunty Tracy's maid away...

Akuna why???

I heard murmurs....

well,I accept it as my destiny,if I should come back again,I would rewrite it...

nkem,I didn't do it!

Prince Lotanna,she was the one who fell!!!!

Lotanna,I couldn't even hurt a fly.

yes,you did liar!

nkem she did!!!!

I still heard murmurs..

I couldn't breath well inside the water.

not until I heard another sound,  
someone came to save me?...

he also gasped for breath as he tried lifting my weight on his.

guessing time!!! who saved her?

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we both struggled in the sea,I didn't even know where to hold in order to get better.Finally,he managed to lift my weight above the sea and I got crazily scared.

"don't leave me" I said as I finally opened my eyes.

"I won't okay,just stay still" he said and paused to gasp for breath,  
I got shocked-did I just hear Lotanna's voice.

I slipped off from where he was holding me and fell back on him feeling so cold,my eyes landed on his neck where i mistakenly kissed;  
was I high? am I okay?...

"sorry....

"sorry.....

I rushed words as I hastily withdraw.

He breathed out and looked at me, I look away so he won't get a clear sight of my ugliness.

His eyes was now red,purely red...

he looked so cold but mine was the worst,I was shivering as i breath out ice smoke.

the water covered me,he rushed to lift my shoulders high and i watched him quietly as he drip of water,he too watched me without saying any words.

"I promise I won't be a trouble girl anymore" I said.

he didn't reply...no words.

I froze as he swam very close to me, he touched my shoulders and tried lifting me up,I looked up,everybody in the yacht were waiting and watching from the closest end.

I caught Akuna's eyes,it was so scary and adorned with hell and deep hatred,I wonder what I did that pain her the most...

"you got so heavy,I can't lift you from your shoulders" prince Lotanna said and moved his pretty hands away,one of his diamond ring fell..

"fuck! he muttered as the water covered us again.

he held me well and lifted me up from my waist,one of his hand slipped and trailed from my buttocks and traveled as far to in between my thighs where they get trapped..

"sorry" he rolled his eyeballs and mistakenly touched my hip.

I balanced well,he lift me up..

Nkem and the sailor took me.

I now look so sick,Mrs okafor came to me with a wrapper.

"Akuna you wouldn't have done this to me if you know what it means to suffer in your life" I said in my mind.

I followed Mrs okafor.

"who will save the prince? I asked

"he is out already" she replied.

I turned back and saw him in the yacht already.

soooo fast...



"You didn't have to jump in,don't you know you have cold.Just an ordinary maid,Lotanna are you alright?

prince Jidenna said with horror..

"she was the one who fell" akuna added...

I bite into my lips, who are they even talking to?.

akuna walked away angrily.

Mrs Okafor took me to her place in the yacht,I stood patiently at the door shivering with cold, Lotanna passed,

he moved his hair backwards and strained his eyes like he couldn't see well...

his eyes was opened halfly as he trailed his room door stylishly, his room was just opposite Mrs okafor own. He entered and slam the door with force,I flinched from where I stood cos the sound was strong.

"why would you fall into the sea?

Mrs okafor asked as we entered her room.

"I did not...it was Akuna that pushed me" I replied.

she sighed and went to collect hot water.

I felt better after everything but I still get uncomfortable.

how can I get comfortable when the person that saved me have issues with cold conditions?.

Aaah,my life is so pathetic!.

"we are approaching there,lfe change your cloth" Mrs okafor said and dropped extra cloth for me.

"thanks ma'am" I replied and took the cloth.she went out and didn't return until night.

Finally,she arrived carrying a modern stuff, I wish I knew what it was....

"what is that?" I asked,she dropped the stuff.

"flask for storing hot water" she said as she moved close to feel my pulse.

"you're fine,why looking dull?"

she asked.

"the person that saved me,is he fine?" I asked.

Mrs okafor smiled.

"he is fine,just that he has allergies" she said.I got comfortable, at least he is fine.

I still have lots of questions to ask.

someone knocked at our door.

"ma'am... we are there,the yacht just stopped" I heard the sailors voice.

"okay" Mrs okafor replied,I hasten my dress,so simple and fit for the maid that I am,my hair wasn't plait,it was let down to my back where it stopped.

"what is this party for?" I asked.

"Royal! the meaning is in it. A party where the royals, princes, princesses but importantly it is what they call the survival of the fittest, a party where the strongest defeat the weakest, a party where princes are tested, their is in an informat taking records.... this is where we know which prince is more braniac and smart...wisdom too" she explained.

"sounds interesting...so our princes are actually here to be tested, I wish them good luck" I said and followed Mrs okafor out of the yacht.

I now see the reason why ngozi always wants me to be here....I didn't witness something interesting right from my childhood stage.

I smiled and made sure I didn't loose track with her. We both moved out of the yacht to a dry land where we met crowd.

some canoes, even boats arrived.

only us used yacht.

One last long boat came and I spotted ngozi inside. I got happy.

crazy girl so she came, my happiness faded as I saw olamma my wicked step sister..

I turned back.

and I prayed we shouldn't meet each other again- she's worst that onome.

by the time I turned to face front again, Mrs okafor wasn't with me.

I couldn't even see well,

the crowd got much.

soon everywhere became quite,

I guess the princes where passing.

Prince lyke

Prince Ameafule....

Prince Chidindu...

those are the rude princes history have.

people kept screaming and drooling.

I didn't get myself until someone tapped me...it was Ngozi.

"you came" she said.

"sure" I replied, we hugged.

"what's this party for" I still asked.

"Royal gathering, some people do not know each other not every princes grew in their respective kingdom, some traveled, some went to the state, this is an opportunity for them to know and see each other" she replied.

"okay" I smiled.  
my eyes caught Akuna and olamma,  
best friends with the best best bad attitudes.

Awwwwwwwww  
what kingdom is he from????  
they are twins...so sweet.  
solo ethereal,did you see their skin glittering, I imagine what staying with either of them might  
cause"  
I heard things.

I had to jump,  
what I saw made me stunned.  
maids were visibly drooling!  
many stretched their hands to touch.

who among them is the crowned prince???  
chaiiii,those sexy abs.  
I heard murmurs.

"am coming" ngozi said and hurried to meet one of her old friend, I got carried away by the fun.  
I did not know olamma was beside me...

"hi" she waved as she flaunts her beautiful body with so much elegance.  
"our eyes met again" I said.

"yeah and you're still ugly,in one level" she said.

"it is no one business what level I am in my life,have got other important things to do" I replied her.

"you're a maid maid...ordinary maid while I am swimming in money,  
well mother sent me to you-  
Adeife you shall never sing for you are hopeless and believeless"  
she said.  
I blinked tears as my lashed bashed, I remembered many things...

I don't even have a mother,  
I lack every good thing every maidens dream of,  
I lack self esteem,  
I suffer from many things...

I wiped my tears as Akuna approached us with other princesses, her friends from far and near.

"Aku, is this the maid you said Lotanna saved?" Princess Xara said.

"he can't even look at her for long without throwing up" olamma said.

"she has nice hair" Vivian said and touch my hair.

"nice hair but it is contaminated" akuna said....

And they all laughed.

"he couldn't even look into her face for long, I was scared they are an item" Akuna said, olamma laughed.

"seeing who, gossssh Akuna what are you saying? Lotanna and Jidenna came from the states for crying out loud, a lot of girls wants them, they have best tastes so why will he fall for this tramp, you overreacted for nothing dear princess" Xara said.  
she is also a rude princess who is fond of rejecting suitors.

Vivian coughed.

"what are you saying my friends? in a relationship what do you think men are after is it face or curve? hmmm Akuna as a better person, I will advise you to eliminate this maiden fast because if money should touch her, I repeat if money should touch her, she will just steal your glory and beside who doesn't like good thing,"  
Princess Shadia said.

"yuck, her ugliness is from birth, she is my step sister" olamma said, they all laughed.

"how will he get comfortable with her...she is so classless" Princess Xara said.

"we have better things to do" Akuna said, her friends followed her.

I just couldn't say anything, what were they even saying... putting me and Lotanna together, are they crazy???

we are two different worlds,  
two different lives..

Ngozi came not quiet long, I cheered up...

"Adeife I went to get that substance, this one will make you beautiful for three hours, the party is ending three hours~~  
come let me use it on you" she said.

"waaaaaaaaatttt!!!!!!

I exclaimed as I covered my mouth.

"Today is your birthday,I bought this pretty dress for you" she said and showed me a stunning outfits.

"waaaaaaattttttt!!

I exclaimed again.

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Episode 31

Enjoooooooooy,

Ngozi suddenly look me as if am insane just because i exclaimed in a forgetful manner.

I comport myself and hastily took the cloths from her,happily.

Ngozi you have proved yourself beyond reasonable doubt that you are going to stand by me but baby your concern for me is way high,

i always spend my nights wandering how i came to have someone such as you,a rare species of lady,a lady whose character today is in extinct..

whenever everyone abandon me, you ngozi,just you is always there for me.

if am sad,you always be my comedian,

if i cry,you cry with me...

and if wishes were horses,mine would be on a chariot of horses carrying out those wishes to prayers so that i can not just have you but also keep you till the end of time--

I wanted to cry as i speak,

she move close and cover my mouth, i smiled,she remove it.

"remember i also don't have a mother,yours is even better at least you know your father,i don't even know any" she said.

"yours is better although I have a father but he is living as the dead...

what's the usefulness of a father that doesn't care for his own daughter--

I smiled...

"we both have loop holes in my life"

she said,I smiled.

The crowd got much,

many people trooped in-

"is it always this rowdy???"

anyways,it is sooo colorful even though it is night....it was light up with light from fires.

"Is there any place to change dress?

I asked ngozi..

"the bush where no one would see us" she replied and mistakenly bump into someone.

turn out to be Arinze(a well known wealthy drunkard in our kingdom).

such a peeve!.

He laughed out loud,

gross and so annoying.

"chimooooo what is miss shapeless and miss ugly doing here?"he mocked.

Ngozi got crazy with angers,

she stared back at Arinze furiously.

I always tell her to always try to control herself each time someone abuse her,she doesn't have patience at all.

"miss shapeless,miss ugly...they na your type dem dey look for here(is it your type they are looking for here)"

Arinze still said which made ngozi get more crazy with anger.

she looked like someone who just swallowed 22 mountains,

i couldn't help but laugh.

she point a finger at arinze.

"mr drunkard,never in your life,I repeat never in your life,do not cross my path cos I might not forgive you when next you do" she seethed.

"this is not fight,I asked just a simple question" arinze justified.

"question kill you there...

"idiot,fool...madness run in your generation,

see the way your ear is long as someone's head tie in a funeral,

your father left yansh there...

Akwu ka aziza(legs like broom stick)"

I watched as ngozi rained insults.

"did you just insult me?"Arinze asked.

Ngozi looked back then back to me.

"my friend,did you hear the sound of the person that spoke before me?"  
she asked.

"yes,i heard" i replied as a played along... no one insults ngozi and go scott free.

"really,what does it sounds it?"  
she asked.

"it sounds like papa chi chi's fowl"

I said,

we both laughed.

Ngozi laughed loudest and walk out in arinze,I held my laughter and followed her quietly.

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finally,we arrived in a lonely bush.

I took off what i wore and changed into the cloths ngozi bought for me as a gifts.

it is really pretty..

"isn't it your size?" she asked.

"it is,thanks" I said and bite into my lips, it is short...

it was as low..I feel so shy,have never worn this type of dress.

"what's there to get shy about,didn't you see the way Akuna and the rest of the girls dress" she said and started applying the substance,  
and within 20mins,she was done.

"thank you but what will i say my name is and where will I say am from?" I asked.

"your name is lfe and you're a princess from didi kingdom" she said.

"hnnnnnnnnn

"Didi??????? does that exist?"

"i don't know okay, do not forget, 3hours" she reminded.

"thanks" I said.

we arrived back into the party..

I felt so special for the first time in my life, I wonder what my life would be without ngozi.

I wore my best smile and moved close to the place Akuna and her crews were.

Right now,the only best birthday present I can give to myself is to make them extremely jealous...  
most especially olamma.

Akuna saw me first,

I acted as if she was nothing,i even turned around stylishly..by the Time I bashed my lashes to the left,

all eyes followed me...

I caught prince lyke giving me seductive signals,not only him...

Nkem saw me and stared with so much desires...

"Hi,am princess Adaeze of Xiammen" a pretty girl approached me..

"oh am princess lfe of Didi kingdom" i replied.

Akuna sprang up the moment she held "lfe".

a guard came to where i was.

"my princess,my humble prince ask of you" the guard said.

"me or her?? Princess shadia said.

"no oo,you're not his taste,it is her" the guard pointed to me..

"me???? am sorry,I have my prince charming" I said.

"who is that prince charming???

"are you the lfe that attended my birthday party????

"Are you the lfe Lotanna is looking for???

Akuna bombarded me with so much questions,she look so miserable like she would run mad.

More princess suroound me..

hi lfe!!! Nice hips??

can I be your friend???

lfe lfe lfe ,what cream do you rub?

is this your natural hair!

I have a gift for you,a precious earring...

this is the rarest ankelet,I dash you wholeheartedly!

i admire your beauty...gosh so Akuna isn't the prettiest after all...

permit me to call you purity.

Pi pi pi.....purity!

hi...pureness, Purity take my gifts please!

I smiled,this is the best birthday present have ever had.

May God bless Ngozi for me

olamma was behind her,staring at me, just only me...

"Just answer me!!! Akuna shouted.

"what if I don't want to answer?"

I shot her a glare..

She scoffed and walk out angrily with her fellow devils...

exactly what i want.



my eyes search around for Lotanna, I really need to return his necklace but he is just no where to be found.

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Jidenna's p.o.v.

I can't believe mother motive of bringing Lotanna and I here is to test our intelligence...

is it because of that kingship stuff??

so now, finding the pendant she gave one of the guard to hide here is the test...

how on earth are we suppose to find that??? a tiny pendant for that matter.

This is really strange, life abroad is not even stressful at all.

speaking of him-

my twin brother, where is he??

Am sure he must be searching for it!.

i moved out of the yacht first,

still no traces of him...

I spot Akuna coming in an angry mode, I wonder why her face is like that!!!

is it couples fight with Lotanna???

"did you find my brother?" I moved closer.

"no, I didn't" she replied and wiped her tears...

waoow, I got more confused.

I approached where the princes where in the party, Lotanna wasn't there everyone just got carried away.

I traced their eyes...

what a pretty???

toasted with beauty

enameled with elegance

she looks more of a moonlight queen, my body suddenly react to hers....

She's mine already.

i watched her every move in ecstasy.

Adeife Adeife Adeife....

I felt pressed and need to urinate that moment but did not know how to leave, so many eyes on me.

"umm Adaeze excuse me"

I said and walked towards the bush part, eyes still followed me....no one had the courage to approach me.

even nkem,

he really likes girls.

I got deep in the bush.

"Prince Jidenna ask for you" two guards ran after me..

"am not interested" I replied.

"fine, we would carry you" one of them said.

"waaaaaattttttt!!!

"leave me alone oooooo!!!!

"help oooooo!!!!!! I screamed out, they left the moment they heard approaching footsteps..

i compose myself and wanted to run but stopped when something sharp hurt my foot,it pierced into it.

"ouuuchhhh,it hurts!!!

"mommmm!!!

I screamed...

the person turned out to be Lotanna Lotanna...

I turned back,must I always cause him trouble and why is here dark..

I felt light,where is it even coming from???

"is everything fine,thought I heard noise" he said softly.

for a start,i lost my sense.

"it's fine" I said and moved...

"oucccch mommm!!!!!! I still screamed..

"my legg!!! I shouted and crumpled on the floor.

Lotanna put on his phone flashlight.

he took my leg without me asking...

is he always kind??

helping me not knowing who I am??

"stay still" he said..

"ouuuuchhhhhh!!!! I screamed and held his hand... too late he already withdraw the metal that shook me,

it was a pendant...with sharp edges.

It speaks of wealth,have seen it with the queen before!!

"this is what am looking for,mother's pendant" he muttered.

"omg!!! was he here searching all nights, he really love his mother for finding her pendant.

"thank you,I will just leave",I said...

our eyes locked.

I couldn't comprehend the sparkles I felt, his stares was deep.

does he knows me before???????

Aaaah Adeife,scam!!!!

"what's your name? he asked.

"lfe" I didn't even know when I answered.

"are you always singing with me, or is it not your own lfe????

he asked..

I looked like carelessly like I just saw a ghost....

"Do you sing?" he asked.

watTTTTTTTTTTTT!!!!!!! scam!!!!!!!!!!.

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Episode 32

EnjoOOOOOoy,

I became lost without knowing it..

Just 3hours; I hastily comport myself.

"do you sing?"he asked again and tried looking in my eyes,

I turned away so he won't get a clear sight... I don't know what he did to me,am always scared to even look in his eyes,maybe because of the sparkles i usually feel.

what if he is mistskening me for someone else?...

I could recollect vividly that he is curious about finding a girl,I even promised to help him find the girl....

obviously am i not and am not the lfe he is looking for.

Am ugly,nothing is attractive about my face.

The lfe he is looking for might be lfeoma,lfeyinwa or even lfechukwu..

the person must be verrrrry pretty in reality and of course with a voice of 2000 fallen angels, a voice more melodious than mine.

Not like am planning for him to be mine,not like I want him as my boyfriend... it is impossible and

even if it is,I don't want a boyfriend cos i fear guys,i always feel like every guys will end up like my father and that's why I always dress decently and i never for once tried to get Lotanna to like me....even at the palace I always avoid him,the only time I show up is whenever he needs help.

I like him innocently as a prince, every girls dream of him and his twin brother...

maybe,just maybe am only created to admire his handsomeness..

what do I even have to boost of??

I don't have anything and i don't dream of something big neither do I BELIEVE.All I want is to be okay with failing and am thankful for all of it, most importantly the breath of life.

I know he is the reason why princess Akuna always threaten and pick on me,she thinks am the girl Lotanna is looking for and she already pledge death for whosoever the girl is...

waoow...if she can frame up her fellow lady for crushing on he ex boyfriend then who am I to her??????

An ordinary maid...

she can even kill me without anyone's consent,my fate is in her hands...

Aaaaah Adeife,your life is so pathetic I wish you could rewrite your destiny.

"I just asked a question",

Lotanna snapped.

I Jolt out of my thoughts.

"no no,I don't sing" I replied plainly.

Onome will bath me hot water and lock me up without food if I tell him I sing...

she won't allow me see the world again,I won't get to see ngozi too.

"You don't sing...." he said,

our eyes met, we stared like that into each others eyeballs.

I hastily look away so I won't get carried away with sparkles.

why is he suddenly staring at me like he knows am lying????

"is that the truth?"he asked.

"yes" I nodded in agreement.

"gosh, am mistaken hunnn" he said.. and brought out a tiny needle like metal with red ink inside. that thing is used in drawing tatoo, what is he doing with it?.

"is that the truth?" he asked again.

"yes" I said..

"are you lying to me?" he asked in his perfect way of speaking.

I stayed quiet.

"should I take your quietness as a yes?" he asked..

"no..I usually don't sing" I said.

"then give me your hands" he said.

I got scared.

Next,I look around.

"for what,my prince?" I asked.

"if you know you don't sing,give me your two hands" he said..

my fear started cooking up as I gave him my both hands.

did he want to play on my intelligence or he wants to underestimate my smartness????

no words\*no speech as he held my both hands tenderly and look into them.....

finally he left my left hand and used the tiny needle like metal to pierce my skin.

"Lotanna,it hurts!!!! I screamed.

"so you know me,interesting" he said, that was when I realized I actually screamed his name.

"do you sing?" he asked again.

"no...I didn't" I still said...

He pierced me with the needle again, "ooooooooucccch" I whined in pains.

"do you sing?" he asked.

I stayed quiet.

he looked me in the eyes,I used my other hand to wipe my tears.

"will you ever lie to me?" he asked.

I got stunned at his level of intelligence,so he knew I was lying.

A guard came and he hastily left my hands..

I checked what he did in my hand but couldn't see it cause it was dark.

"my prince,the yacht is leaving"

the guard said...and left.

Lotanna turned at me,I got scared as I couldn't interpret the meaning of what he is telling me with eyes.

one last look,he left.

I also ran to the place ngozi said we should meet.

As I got there,the substance wash off..yeah,the three hours just complete it's cycle.

"why did you take so long?"she asked.

"sorry" I replied and changed back into my maid attire.

"thanks" I said and hurried back to the yacht.

"where were you?" Mrs okafor asked.

"I went to urinate" I said.

she sighed.

I followed her into the yacht quietly and tagged in with the other maids..

I checked my hand,the exact place he shook me with needle.

It was a small tatoo of crown.

waoow,I thought he was shaking me for not saying the truth but he was actually scribbling a tatoo,

he even painted it red.

I smiled...

this is the best,best birthday present I have ever had..

but he doesn't know am the ugly maid right? what if he is mistaking me for another person?.

I still admired the crown tatoo.

hmmmm...

Adeife use your sense, you're dealing with a smart person.Even nkem told me the queen always says Lotanna is smart in all ways,

what if he draw this tatoo so that he can always identify me??

who knows,it might serve as a form of recognition.

why did I even give him my hand??

chai

how many trouble will I even put myself into???

.

"princess Akuna calls for all the maids" Sharon said.

we all entered her room in the yacht and stayed on a straight line with our heads down.

"you all should look at me" she said, we looked at her.

I admired her.

she looked so pretty in the white robe she wore,her waist chains are pure gold and her wrist was adorned with numerous bangles,likewise her hair, just so attractive.

"you all saw the princess that came today-Princess Ife ~~

she paused and we look at each other.

yes ma'am

I saw her..

they named her purity

she's pretty...

I gave her gifts..

we replied,consecutively,

she made a jealous look.

"who knows her whereabouts?"

she asked,

we kept quiet and that made her got so worried.

"you all can go to bed except you"

she pointed at me,

the rest left.

Aaaaah,did I offend her?

she scoffed and returned to bed looking so scary and mean.

I watched her lay on the bed,flaunting her sexy figure.

"what did Lotanna tell you after he saved you in the sea?" she asked.

"nothing...he didn't speak to me"

I said..

"did your stupid self told him I pushed you?" she asked.

"no,my stupid self told him I fell on my own accord" I replied.

"better" she rolled her eyeballs.

"pick that handfan,I need fresh air" she said..

soooooo harsh and unkind.

I sighed as I picked the hand fan.

next morning...

nkem's p.o.v...

the girl that appeared during yesterday's night party reminds me of how Adeife dress to Akuna's party.

just so pretty and curvy of course.

my guess was right,

she is Adeife and I know ngozi is behind her stunning transformation.

she deserves it,

she has suffered too much...

but deep down,I know that her ugliness is not natural,something must be wrong somewhere..that is her own battle for her alone to fight.

All I know is that one day,

she will be what she is.

she came from poverty but she never wake up with the mindset of becoming something big,she always thinks she doesn't deserve it.

if and only if she can believe in all that can be.

soon,the yacht stopped.

finally we are back to our kingdom.

I moved out from my place in the yacht and passed Akuna's door,I decided to check through the

transparent lid on the door.

waaaaaaaaaaaaatt!!!

she's still sleeping,Adeife was standing beside her bed with an handfan.

does this mean she didn't sleep??

Akuna must be really wicked for making the poor girl fan her all through the night.

"Akunaaa!!! I shouted her name from where I was at the entrance,  
she rolled on her bed.

"who is that one disturbing me this early morning?"she muttred.

"Akuna how can you be so cruel?" I asked as I entered.

"cruel as in how?"she asked,perfunctorily.

I collected the fan from lfe and fling it away, next I took her out.

"thank you nkem" lfe said and dliiprf her hand away in a polite manner.

"you didn't sleep...how are you comfortable watching someone sleep and you're even fanning her"  
I said..

"it's nothing,I already know how to endure pains"she replied.

"can't you tell her there is free moving fresh air?" I asked..

"I wanted to tell her but then I remembered she's a princess and besides she is prince Lotanna's  
girlfriend...even if am right,the queen will still take sides with her" she replied with an explanatory  
expression.

"you know how to endure pains" I crackled.

"here is still better than life with my stepmother, she usually give me fresh marks everyday" she  
said.

"everything will be okay" I said..

she nodded..

she joined other maids in packing our belongings out of the yacht.

Queen's p.o.v[golden palace]

whosoever find the pendant among my two sons have successfully passed the test of

"perseverance and self control" and at the same time, am scared the both of them might not find it  
because the place i instructed ikechukwu to hide it is a bit distant from the party arena...

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They could get carried away by many things in the party;

in the party,there are tempting ladies, seductive ladies and many fansy things that can cut their  
ties with the search...I bet if one of them will find it.

ikechukwu entered the throne room not quiet long with the news of the prince arrival.

"I think one of them found the pendant" he said.



I got happy and proceed to the prince empire...

I checked Jiddenna's room first..

"did you find the pendant?" I asked..

"nooo,how will you expect me to search for a tiny pendant when there are so many fun to have at the party-

I didn't search for a pendant neither did i see a pendant,

I only saw a pretty girl i would love to marry" he said.

"umm okay" I said and left.

next to Lotanna's room.

He wasn't in the living room,I proceeded to his bedroom door and entered since the door wasn't locked.

he was lying on the bed,his laptop was halfly opened,

he must have abandoned it before sleeping...

I went closer and tucked the silky gold trimmed duvet on him..

why is he soo hot????

he opened his eyes the moment I touched him.

"why so hot?" I asked.

"that's your pendant" he replied another thing.I turned,and picked the pendant.....

so he didn't get carried away by the fun in the party.

I still moved close to him and stroke his hair...

"obim(my heart)" I called and traced his brows with my fingers.

"mother" he whispered.

"should I sing for you?" I asked.

"nooo" he said.

"you look sick,did you expose yourself to cold conditions? remember you have allergies" I said.

"I jumped into the sea in order to safe someone, damn it the sea was as cold as a deep freezer" he said.

did he just said he safed someone?

how kind-----

"Obim(make a wish).. I will do it for you" I said..

"sooner or later,I will tell you what I want but firstly, remove Akuna from my life,she is not worth it" he said in sleep.

waaaaaaaattttt

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### Episode 33

Enjoooooooooy,

how will you say I should remove Akuna from your life?

in my eyes,Akuna is a very beautiful lady in the inside and on the outside,

she is a humble and well mannered princess who was taught well and in fact, she is educated too.

she does not cause trouble and she is the type of lady every guy always turn to look at twice.

Lotanna you must be joking,

I always dream of someone as humble as Akuna for a daughter in law...

"Omalicha nwa(my sweetheart) give her more time,I swear she is a good and very very considerate humane..

or have you forgotten what you usually call her when you were six years,then she was barely four.

You usually calm her "my wife" because she usually come to the palace more often,you usually play with her then...no one touches you, then if anyone touches you,you usually cry and even wash your body but if Akuna touches you,you usually smile,she was your playmate when you were a kid.

You traveled abroad when you clocked ten and now that you've returned,you suddenly forgot everything from the past.....

"Akuna is a good person okay"

I said and and bent to look in her face,he was fast asleep with his head on my laps.

soo cute and worth watching that I always treat you like you are a kid.

I removed the little diamond earring he wore and used my fingers to search for royalty bead in his hair,

no where to be found.

did he lost this one again?

still finding it difficult to adapt to our culture.I know with time,you will get used to this....

this is the only opportunity i have to steal your time,

although you already choose music as your life but you're more than that,there is something more stunning in your destiny that i pray you achieve sooner or later....

I know it,I always dream people from far and near will come to bow for you, very soon it will come to reality.

finally,I found the royalty bead in the drawer where he kept the phones,

I brought it out,it tangled with another bead; a female waist bead.

Lotanna is not really into females, he is not so close, what is this doing here??  
I tried untangling them, it didn't separate..

Is it ifeoma or what???  
or did he just keep it for keeping sake????  
I sighed and dropped it back since the bead does not want to untangle with his own..  
I tucked the slivery bed sheet on him properly, I slower down the volume of the stereo and left his bedroom.

soon, I arrived at the living room and passed the dining,  
it was filled with different delicacies, even the fruits were surplus.

Lotanna do you really have problems with foods? seems you enjoy starving yourself...  
these foods are getting cold seriously. A maid came in as I was uncovering the foods.  
"my queen" she bowed humbly.

"yes" I said.  
"umm I want to replace the fruits" she said.  
"go on" I said and approached the door..  
Tracy should be back, I guess.

Akuna's p.o.v  
I fell on my pillow,  
I still haven't gotten myself since morning, all my thoughts are on the mysterious princess..

I mean who is she?  
where is she from?  
what is she?  
what does she want?  
why does she always show up?  
why is she so different???  
I still remembered how her skin glitter,  
she is so so pretty and curvy,  
just the perfect African figure eight shape that made many princes go crazily wide with desires...  
I mean she was crazily set and firm.

I can't believe Prince Iyke and Prince Ameafule, they were drooling like mad. Even Jidenna sent his guards to tip her.  
I knee Lotanna might have gotten captivated if he was in the party, good thing he wasn't in.  
if he sees her, he might also go wild with desires..  
guys will always be guys,

they always love thick girls... I mean everybody like good thing and best best taste of women.

but where is this girl from???

I still don't have an answer.

I brought out my phone and googled everything about Lotanna.

not all princesses are opportuned the way I am,

I just got lucky.

\*\*\*I opened a video online\*\*\*

Lotanna actually worth more than I thought,such a good catch,even the interviewer speak to him with so much respect.

I paused the video and played a recent video from trending gists.

why does he avoids me,is it because he is so famous and wealthy

I always call him but he never picks

the day I text him, his reply was "without you am fine,girl"..

sounds harsh right?????????

I opened a video on trending gist.

Today's promises to be bomber package as we are gonna be discussing about celebrities and fame.... guess who is coming in~~

the presenter said.

\*\*Lotanna Jewel\*\* his picture screened boldly,

he looked so expensive and extremely handsome with his seductive physique.

He is a famous model who gets huge endorsement of deals as an international run away model, we meet him at every premiers, launchings,interviews... even at gala nights.

Lotanna went for a three years musical training in America the place he studied and was signed by Reakado Banks.

He did his first debut Believe in me,I will live....it's obvious Lotanna wants to expose believe to the world.

He won Mr Tourism,

He won Mr Universe,

and he also won Mr Nigeria and as we speak,one big telecom company has signed him as an

ambassador.

Modeling and music are his life... catwalks so amazing....

Waoow I was dumbfounded when i heard he is the owner of glamour diamonds,own an oil and gas company at "Banana island".

Thursday 9:00pm is his unveiling party as an ambassador of "glow"....

I got stunned as I imagined things..

his unveiling party is on Thursday meaning he would traveled maybe on Tuesday or Wednesday.

I smiled.

it is going to be a special day and he will be honored.The pride of every man is his wife,I think I need to be there as his girlfriend,

I will have to travel with him.Those that will attend the unveiling party are top celebrities with their partners in slaying outfits...

the medias and paparazzi will be there too.

Aaaah,it is really good to be educated..I can't just wait.

AdeifeAdeife p.o.v.

I knocked quietly on princess Akuna's door with care,am really avoiding her troubles.

As it is now,my fate is in her hands...

hmmmmmmm

she even knows my history.

"maid right?" the intercom device beeped.

"yes my princess,it is maid" I said.

"speak good English" she said.

"yes my princess,it is a maid"

I corrected and I imagine her rolling her eyeballs...

so harsh and unkind.

"come in" I heard her say.

I opened the door and walked in quietly with two baskets.

"hey,drop it there" she said.

I found the corner and dropped it so I can leave,she called me back.....

what did I do again???

"mind the type of clothes you will be wearing, those clothes doesn't suite you..gross,they irritate" she said.

"okay" I replied.

"you're still that same girl that found Lotanna when he was hit...you found his bracelet too.Don't think I will forget" she said.

"well...I..." I paused.

"Stay away from Lotanna,stop helping him,about the bracelet that you found, do not dare tell him... continue your life the way it was, ordinary maid...avoid Lotanna, even if he comes close which I know he wouldn't cause you're ugly... stay away from him, if you fail to do this, if you try to tell him you found his bracelet or try to take advantage of the fact that you always clean his room sometimes, I will make life a living hell for you, I can even kill you and burry you without anybody's consent, the queen will even support me,even tracy that bought you as a maif will support me because to her, you are just a maid,a house help!!

You're hopeless,  
not educated,a bad luck because your mother died,she couldn't to stay alive cause you're a product of an unwanted sperm....

so Adeife,don't try me...  
stay away from Lotanna,don't always feel like you can take his breath away....  
Remember you're nothing~~~  
a house help" she said.

I smiled and still nodded with a bow but deep inside,I was in tears...  
how am i a threat to her relationship with prince Lotanna???  
I always help him when he needs help doesn't mean i want to be something to him..

the type of person i am is that,I always help people without collecting anything in return~~~  
I don't even wish to have more friends...  
sometimes nothing is preferable..

so does she needs to remind me I don't have a mother just because I helped him...

"did you say something?" she asked.  
"aaaah no,I didn't" I replied and wiped a tear.  
"then leave" she said.  
I still bowed and left...

gosh,I couldn't help it...  
have never cried like this...even onome is better than Akuna.

I cried so much that I didn't even see where I was walking too.

I hasten my footsteps as I approached Lotanna's door...

I wiped more tears and forced to stop the moment I heard Tracy's voice.

she will support Akuna to kill me cause am an ordinary house help right....

never thought I would ever be something.

Tracy step out of Lotanna room,

I covered my face in tears as I passed, she didn't even see me not to talk of seeing me crying.

the door opened, Lotanna also stepped out...

I bumped into him, my tears were quick to pour on his hand...

"what is this??????

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[one last song, baby]

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Episode 34

Enjoooooooooy,

"what is this? aunty Tracy said.

I hastily wiped my tears with the back of my hands and looked at Lotanna's hand where my tears mistakenly fall on.

"sorry...

"sorry..."

I said like stupidly and shift away from their presence.

Am a maid,

I know am a maid and even if I am,

am delicate, she shouldn't tear me apart because she doesn't know the type of battle am fighting and where it starts.

Just because I always help him doesn't mean am dreaming to collect something in return,

am just a maid...I help him as a maid,

the Lotanna doesn't even know my name, no need to persecute me.

but I won't help him anymore,

I will just stay away from him for he is a star and i am a slave,  
I will remain a slave,not a helper  
I won't tell him am the girl who always help him,  
I won't tell him i sing...

Aunty Tracy still looked at me,  
I stood upright and tried rushing out, she dragged me back.

"what happened?" she asked.  
"nothing,aunty" I said.  
"isn't that tears in your eyes" she said....  
hmmmmmm  
"aunty, noo" I said and wipe my eyes in pretense.

"Adeife, what's going on?"  
she asked, Lotanna glance at my direction at the mention of my name.  
ohh he is just hearing my name for the first time,I saw this surprised look on his face..  
soo endowed with plentiful of handsomeness; lfe are you okay?.

"tell me what happened or is it your stepmother again?" she asked.  
"am doing remembrance of my mother's death" I said.  
I can't tell her what Akuna said in front of Lotanna, I will stay away and i don't want to be a lordy in his relationship with Akuna.

I shifted away and rushed out.  
"a minute please" I heard Tracy saying to Lotanna.  
she followed the direction that I took.

"Adeife,what you said was a lie?"  
she shouted,  
even Lotanna turned back.  
I stayed quiet.  
"meet me in my room" she said and walk ahead of me,I trailed behind her quietly, she opened the door.  
we both entered.

"lfe" she said.  
"ma'am" I replied.  
she crackled and really want to smile.  
"sit down" she said,I looked on the heavenly couch,there were many neat package on them.  
I cleaned my palm on my wrapper before touching them.



I shifted them on each other to find a place to sit down.

Tracy poured herself a glass of wine, she was even wearing a wedding ring.

I think she is engaged.

but why is she asking me to sit?.

I watch her sip in her wine slowly.

"what is your problem life? do you love pain?" she asked.

my fears started cooking up,

does she want to send me back to onome.

"are you scared of me, like you fear your step mother?" she asked.

I stayed quiet.

"am sorry" I said.

what exactly am I to you?

the reason why I bought you from your stepmother is because i want to be there to stop anything that would make you sad, I treat you differently because I want you to be free with me, I want you to see me as a mother if possible....

onome doesn't own you anymore.. just see me as someone you can look up to or have I ever treated you like a maid?

why can't you tell me what makes you cry???

what is hurting you---

I got happy.

I thought she wants to send me away, she is just sooo kind.

"Stop being scared of anyone,

be you.. be what you are,

don't let anyone give you the impression that they are better than you....

am right here for you, do whatever thing that makes you happy-

I don't like seeing tears" she said.

I stood up happily.

"thank you aunty" I said went on my knees.

she nodded.

"here, I got you this. It will clear the cane marks on your body, use both soap and cream" she said.

I collected the big nylon with respect (both hands).

"those clothes are for you" she said.

I smiled joyfully.

why does she enjoy helping me???

"there's money inside the nylon, make sure you plait your hair" she says.  
I thanked Her and approached the door, it got opened before I could even reach there.  
my guess was right, the queen!.

I greeted her, she didn't even look at my side not to talk of answering my greetings.  
I moved out,  
Lotanna was coming.  
I promised to stay away right?..

I moved away from the way and created a lot of space.

stay, do not go again  
one day, let's meet  
I promise the riches of the world  
I promise till death we part.

he was using his phone while humming a song.  
something fell from his hair, it was a very tiny diamond. He looked around.  
I saw it and bent to pick it since my eyes were sharp.  
but I said I will stay away!  
okay after this, I promise.

"here, have it" I said and used my right hand.  
he took it, I made sure the tattoo was secure.  
"ohh thanks... Adeife right?" he asked  
"yes, aunty Tracy's maid" I said.  
"are you--  
his phone rang, he looked into it and walked away...  
thank goodness.  
I sighed and hurried to the maids quarter.

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Onome's p.o.v  
I returned from the market,  
I initially went to buy some stocks for my store...

"what are you doing there?...you this girl have started again right?..  
aaaah you can't kill me like you killed your mothers" I shouted at the girl that replaced Adeife.  
I had to get a maid the second day Adeife left...

"I'm sorry mama,I will go and open your store if am done with olamma's cloth" she said.  
"you're playing with your night food of you don't know" I said and entered inside.

Today makes it three months Adeife left...why haven't I renew the spell I casted on her...  
I looked around for the black pot I kept under my bed,I found it there was nothing inside.

I started searching for the doll,I didn't see it,I got so worried,where did I keep it the last time I performed sacrifice???

yeeeeeee ain't I dead???

chimoooooooo

I screamed.

"Adaobi!!!!!!!!!! I shouted the new servants name..

\*mama ooo" she entered in a rush.

I hide the black pot.

"did you find any doll?" I asked.

she scratched her neck.

"doll??? only baby play with dolls" she said..

"did you find any doll? I screamed.

she flinched.

"how does it looks like?" she asked.

"its very ugly with so much marks on it" I said.

"no mama,I didn't find it...but ~~

she paused.

"but what?" I exclaimed.

"I saw papa throwing it in the dustbin" she said.

I rushed out to the dustbin side,.I poured all the dirty away and even deeped my hands insides with my mouth covered.

I now look so dirty,  
still no sign of the doll--

"hmmmm mama,later I saw olamma she took it away from the waste bin but am not sure she returned it" Ada said.

I got insane with anger.

Thank goodness,olamma came that moment.

"mma where is that doll?" I asked.

"mama common what will you be doing with that ugly thing?" she said.

I moved closer and slapped her.

the first time I would raise my hand at my own daughter.

Adaobi covered her mouth in shock, olamma is an apple in my eyes and an egg in my husband's hand.

what has gotten over me????

"fine,I left it at the river,you slapped me cos of that ugly thing" olamma said in tears..  
I breathed in relieve and walked to the dibia's(magician) house.

"Papa the doll is missing" I said.

He appeared.

"whattttt...you need to look for it or else,she would turn beautiful if she sings with believe before 12 in the midnight...at this point,there is nothing I can do to help" he said and disappeared like a flash.

"12 in the midnight....aaaah am done, I have just 8hours to look for it!  
ohhh goddd!!!

I ran to the stream,I met ngozi washing cloths.  
the clothes were much,meaning she has stayed long there.

I searched and searched for the doll, it was no where to be found.  
I got tired and approached Ngozi,  
she is my only hope now.

"good evening" she greeted.

"were you here when Olamma came to the stream?" I asked.

"yes ma'am, I was here" she said.

I felt relieve,she is my only hope.

"excuse me,did you see her holding a doll?" I asked.

"excuse me madam,when did I suddenly become your daughter's keeper and watcher?" she flared.

"ngozi biko" I said.

she rolled her eyeballs...

"you're suddenly acting nice after all you did to my friend,why are you even speaking to me? you usually call me disaster right....  
so kindly walk away from my presence" she said.

I sighed, chai

see what an ordinary doll is causing!

these tiny rat speaking bluntly to me.

hmmm Adeife,I won't pity you this time around" I said in my mind.

"okay please" I said.

"well,she brought a doll here in the morning and dropped it there,I picked it and throw it in the river".

ngozi said.

waaaaaaaattttt.

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[I know,u can't stay]

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settings; Nigerian-Drama.

Episode 35

Enjooooooy,

Aaaah Aaaaah ngozi,you must be joking-

I laughed although I still feel shocked and unable to comprehend what she just said..  
she dropped the cloth in her hand.

"Who tell you am joking? when olamma came here,she dropped the doll over there,not quiet long  
mama chidiebere twins kids came,they were fighting over the doll,the noise was disturbing my ear  
drum,I collected the doll and threw it in the river to settle fight finally" ngozi said.  
I saw her seriousness.

chimoooooooo-i screamed.

I feel so heated up,this is not yet the time.

"where exactly do you throw it?"

I asked again.

she laughed as she clapped her hands dramatically.

"why so much weeping expression just because of a doll,for your information I threw it at the  
center in the far far end so that the kids will stop fighting over it" she said.

"Ngozi are you insane...why did you even touch the doll,Kai all your helpers will run away" I  
cursed.

"taaaarh tufiakwa(may the gods forbid it).Madam do not display madness or else I will show you  
that mine is in the highest grade...

can't someone wash cloths in peace again" she fired.

I couldn't comprehend the type of big bangs that recreate in my memory and I did all these

because of myself and my daughter-

I jolted out of my thoughts,  
ngozi was already back to her spot, she hissed disdainfully.

"NGO,what audacity do you have to hiss so rudely in front of someone that is capable of being your mother" arinze said.

"are you draft,when you came here you should have asked what the situation was before interfering... anymore words from you there,I will whip that mouth of yours that look as wide as your great great grandmother vagina.

I don't know why we still have to open some people brain so that we can put sense in it... person wey no get brain suppose know how to keep quiet" ngozi said.

I watched keenly,I felt like I was dreaming!!

ohhh noo chimooo

Aaah finally this Adeife finally escape my wraths!

why did I even pity her,aaah I should have eliminate her from birth!

the doll is the only thing that represent her third live spiritually.

She has three lives,three world's.

have already killed two and this doll represent her last world.

chimooooo.

I panted so heavily as I got uncomfortable.

"is fire burning you...well,I leave"

ngozi said and left.

I started searching,

she must be joking right?

I searched and searched and searched,it was not found.

"what are you searching for?"

arinze asked...

I ignored him. and left the stream to the dibia's(magician) house,  
he was not there.

4more hours, I felt hopeless,

my world is crumbling right in my presence like a seal planted in a dead desert.

I trended a lonely forest and wasted another one hour.

I stopped at a particular spot,the place my great grandmother was buried.she was a very powerful

witch and she's an immortal..

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everywhere was dark but I found her resting spot.

mama mooooo

nne,save onome oooo!!

I shouted with whistling and clapping.

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Few seconds later,

the ground started shaking and soon enough a very scary old woman with crown on her head appeared.

Her eyes was purely red.

she's more dangerous than a monster.

"who are you?" she shouted harshly.

I flinched as I coughed,smokes filled everywhere as she shouted.

"it's me onome the daughter of Osagie,Osagie the son of Oseremen,Oseremen your son....

mama you're my great grandmother"

I said....

"you didn't visit me close to 40years now,why are you here today!!!

she said,I coughed cos of the smokes.

"that is why I love you mother....

it is about Adeife my rivals daughter.

Adeife the daughter of Adesola, Adesola the daughter of Adesewa, Adesewa the daughter of Aralola"

I said.

she hissed and laughed scarily.

"is it because if that one" she said,so evily..

"wise one but the doll is missing, the spell will soon be broken" I said.

"teeths are gone,laughter now becomes a difficult thing...onome am sorry there is nothing I can do" she said.

"chai mama no dey do like this, you be the only supporter wey I get..

please do not forsake me" I cried.

hmmmm

"the only advice I can give you to get her away from that palace,she is already close to limelight

and would sing any moment from now...

Her voice can't be seized because her tears already touched the skin of her true love...not even a god or any mortal can seize her voice" she said.

chimooooo,I will go and get her,

Adeife am not selling you again, come back to my house .

I ran to the palace.

AdeifeAdeife p.o.v

the cloud got darker,

gloominess drips like perspiration beads I find myself in a parallel universe back to the end of time....

I felt it was getting cold and I could clearly see twilights.

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I love you all

"Ife stay well" ebere said.

"sorry,is it still much?", I asked.

"no,am done. Just fixing the beads, your hair is long..didn't you cut it right from birth" she asked.

"my mom wasn't there for me to cut it" I sighed.

"ohhh am very sorry" she said.

soon she was done.

I paid her,she didn't collect money so nice of her.

"thank you" I said and went into the palace so I can return the money to Tracy since she didn't accept money for my hair.

I entered aunty Tracy's suite,she was on call and was holding a very pretty silver dress.it was a cut off with no hand,it look so pretty.

I admired it as I returned the money on her purse.

she dropped her call and asked me to test the cloth.

There are also many brands.

she is a barrister right-

does she have a boutique in the city?

"okay ma'am" I said and felt so shy to change in her presence.

"should I divorce my husband so that we can both be single" she said.

I nodded in disagreement and changed shyly in her presence.

I caught her eyes on my body,I felt more shy.



"how old are you?" she asked.

"umm 20" I said.

"ohh I love your shape" she said as she used her phone to capture me but didn't show my face.

A guard knocked.

"come in" she said.

"yes ma'am,Adeife step mother is outside.She said she needs Adeife to follow her home" the guard said.

"hunnn no no no

Aunty Tracy I don't want to go,she will give me fresh marks,she will lock me up without food, Aunty do not let me go" I started crying.

Aunty Tracy went outside...

my fears started cooking up.

she took so long and I checked time, 11pm on dot.

"lfe aunty Tracy is calling you outside" where came in.

"go go I will come" I said with full fears.

later I went out.

someone took my hands, it was nkem.

He used his thumb to wipe my tears completely.

"this cloth suite you but the cry doesn't fit you" he said..

"common,your step mother is waiting for you outside" he said and dragged me out.

I saw on one first,she didn't see me.

Aaaah death has finally come for me.

"no I don't want to go,nkem please help me escape" I said.

he held me well,his face suddenly came close.

finally he helped me pass through the back door.

"I will hide beside the water fall" I said in a whisper.

"be careful, I will come and stay with you" he whispered back.

I didn't wait,I ran.

in life,everyone is a fighter...

in fight,a person lose

the other win.....

I know am not a loser, but I don't know how i want to do it...

either way,I will win

maybe I should try to believe in all that can be.

I got to the waterfall side,I smelt Lotanna... like he is around.

I looked around and finally saw him facing the water fall..

I bent and used the flower to cover up.

"why didn't you show up all these while,you don't use to help me like you use to do again,is my sin that much,it's been long you sang with me.....

Jeeez I can wait for forever,  
forever is too long, just stop keeping me in suspense" he muttered..

I smiled out tears and checked the crown tatoo he drew on my hand.  
is he looking for me? is it my own lfe?.

I still peeped, and look at him very well.A band was dip into his hair after which he used a bracelet to pack it up....he wore two simple diamond earrings and two simple black rings.  
He looks so ethereal,  
I could see his reflection on the pure white water...

he turned back,I quickly bend.  
he looked so bothered and clueless.  
"fine,I will sing with you one last time" I said...  
"please show your face" he said.  
I stayed quiet.  
"okay sing" he said.  
"no you start and I will add my part" I replied..  
I heard approaching footsteps.  
someone is coming,  
must be nkem.

it's shining to remind you  
that I love you  
as each new day begins,  
I love you,believe let me in.

I smiled out tears and sang.  
I will stay with you,  
today tomorrow and forever..  
just believe am pretty,I will let you in my heart" I sang.

the footsteps still approached.

Lotanna sang.  
be with me,do not go  
stay stay with me  
today tomorrow and forever.

I smiled out tears..  
one day,I will let us meet  
I will let you wish forevermore  
I promise I won't take long.

I opened my eyes, Lotanna was already in my presence.  
I got scared as I saw my own reflection.  
is this me?? why am I so beautiful or is my eyes paining me!!!

"you're the ife,right" Lotanna said and took my hands,he revealed the tatoo and I saw him smile for the first time.  
he held my hands so tenderly.  
"I stay at the palace,am the ugly Adeife... I think I was under a spell" I said...  
he brought out that needle tatoo drawer..he took my right hand and wrote something I can't read..  
I didn't go to school,so I can't read.

"ouuuchhh" I screamed the moment the needle touch my skin.  
"sorry" he said..  
I couldn't bear the pain the needle was giving me.  
"please,for my sake" he said.  
I look away from his eyes,i get so scared.

"Adeife!!!!!!! someone called my name...  
I turned,it was Nkem.  
He stared at me,only me in such an enchanting manner.  
"let's leave" he said.  
I hastily collect my hand from Lotanna and went to Nkem.

season one ends here...