



We often pray to be married to a good husband but forget
to pray to be married into a good family.

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Chapter 1

In life there are moments when you stop and ask yourself, 'How did i get here?' That was one of those moments for me and i found myself going back to the beginning. I was born in a rich family. My parents were both doctors. I was the firstborn followed by my brother who was born 14 years later. We were only 2. My parents were not only doctors, they owned businesses. I could get most of the good things life could give. We lived in a beautiful house with maids enough to care for our comfort. However besides being born in such a family, my mother would teach me to be always humble. Taiti kana

tikashanya ndaitoitawo zvinoita vamwe, chiri chikafu ndaitodyawo chaidya vamwe, basa ndaitoitawo raiita vamwe. Ndakakura ndiri munhu uya anojaira zvese and ndaive munhu aikurumidza kugamuchira zviripo ndoita zviripo panguva iyoyo. Nehudiki ndaitoti ndiri kuitirwa hutsinye kana ndikarohwa ndada kuonererwa paruzhinji.

"Vaiziva zvavo amai vangu," ndakataura ndega ndichiisa zamu mumukanwa memwana wangu uyo ainge atondibvisa mundangariro nekuchema kwaainge oita. Akazama kuyamwa asi mukaka hauna kukwanisa kubuda zvakanaka achibva abhowekana kwave kundirumira akawedzera kuchema zvine ruzha mukati. Aigouwanepi mukaka wacho ini ndainge ndisina chandainge ndadya chinogutsa zvezuva iroro.

"Mai Rorini iwe! Mwana aitweizve nhai veduwe!!"
Ndakanzwa vamwene vangu vodaidzira ndikati,
"Mhamha mungatevedzera zvaLorraine here!
Anonetsa uyu!" Ndakadaro ndichida vasashushikana zvikanzi, "Ari kudei!" Ndakambotora kanguva ndisina kupindura ndikazoti, "Kungonetsa mhamha inyaya yechihosho chake chandamutorera. Ipapa ndizvo

zviri kumuchemedza chete mhamha!" Vakabva vanyarara Lorrene wacho kwakuwedzera kuchema zvikanzi, "Iwe mai Rorini mwana ari kuchemei uyo!"

"Ari kungonetsa uyu handizive chaari kuda."

"Huya naye kuno nditambe naye."

Ndakabva ndasimuka kwave kumonera zambia rangu zvakanaka ndikabva ndanomugadzika pamakumbo pambuya vake ndikati, "Uyu mhamha." Kungomubata chete aibva anyarara. She searched for her hand vachibva varibata vachitamba narwo Lorrene kwave kusekerera zvekutobuda tumasiriri. Ndakadonhedza misodzi nekunyemwerera at the same time ndichiona vamwene vangu vachinyemwererawo vakabata mwana.

Ndakambovayeva vari vese kwekanguva ndikati, "Mhamha ini ndinotoshaya kuti munomunyaradza sei mwana uyu. Ini anondi shupa ini asi imimi kungomubata chete anobva anyarara."

Vakanyemwerera vakati, "I have a devine touch uyezve maoko angu anotsvedzerera. Enyu maoko anomara mwana mai Rorini." Ndakaridza chikuwe ndikati, "And mhamha ka!!!" Vachibva vasekawo.

She searched for Lorrene's face and played with her cheeks kachibva kaseka kuita fanike kainge kasina kumbochema. "Ndochikuisirai tea here amai?"

Ndakabvunza zvikanzi, "Ehe ndinoida ndimbodziisa mapapu." Ndakatyora muzura ndikati, "Ehoi," kwave kuenda muimba yekubikira ndikasvika tete vachakarara ndikati, "Mangwanani!" Zvikanzi, "Ndeipi!" Ndakadaira kwave kugudurudza muma drawer zvikanzi navatete, "Nhai Miriro ukundinyaudzireiko kudai!" Pamba pataigara paive ne3 rooms, bedroom randairara nemurume wangu, mairara mhamha, tete vairara mu kitchen.

Ndakazvininipisa ndikati, "Sorri ndiri kutsvagawo tu flour twandakasiya nezuro ndibikire mhamha kachingwa kekunwisa tea." Vakaminyura miromo vakati, "Tsvagai." Ndakaramba ndichitsvaga kusvika ndaneta kwave kunongedzera muchimwe chi drawer chaigara zvinhu zvakangosangana sangana ndikati, "Kuti ndakaisa umu?" Ndakataura ndega tete vakadaira vakati, "Uri kutaura neni here?" Ndakadzungudza musoro ndikati, "Kweteba."

"Uri kunditadzisa kurara ita zvinhu zvako ubude mai Lorrene."

"Ehoi. Aaaagh ndikutoshaya kuti flour iyoyo ndakaiisa pai chaizvo." Ndakataura ndichishushikana ndikati, "Flour yandakasiya muchi drawer ichichi. Aaagh." Ndakataura ndega ndichishungurudzikana zvisingaite ndikangobika tea kwave kuiendesa kuna amai yakangodaro. Ndakasvikatora mwana kwakumugadzika padivi ndikatora ruoko rwavo ndikati, "Tea yenyu iyi mhamha," ndaidaro ndichivabatisa cup. She was blind. Ndakavatambidza zvikanzi, "Ndinotenda."

"Ndanga ndichida kukubikirai tuma fat cook asi ndashaya flour yandakasiya nezuro mumba imomu."

"Hazvinei," she paused as she sipped her tea vakati, "Nyangwe yakadaro ndinotonzwa zviri nane usazvinetse."

"Aaagh asi mhamha inini zve flour iyoyo zviri kutondinetsa. Ndiri kutoshaya kuti ndakaiisa nechepai chaipo," ndakadaro ndakabata chirebvu changu ndichifungisisa zvikanzi, "Nezuro hamuna kubika mafetikuku masikati here? Hamusi makukoshiwa here?"

"Aaaagh nezuro masikati handina kushandisa flour

iyoyo. Handi nezuro baba Lolo vaininge vauya
nechingwa here chiya chatakaswera tichidya saka
there was no need yekuchabika zvimwe."

"Aaaagh munorevesa here kuti nezuro hamuna
kubika mafetikuku masikati?"

"Idi amai"

"Aaaagh kuti...." She paused vachiratidza kufungisisa
vakati, "Nezuro ndakanzwa kunhuwirira
kwemafetikuku. Pane akabika mafetikuku mumba
imomo."

"Munechokwadi here amai?"

"Ehe ndinorevesa."

Ndakanzwa hashu kuungana mandiri ndikaziva kuti
nditete vaininge vashandisa flour vachida kundiita
benzi. Ndakatura befu ndikati, "Zvakanakai amai."
Vakabva vanwa tea yavo chinyararire ndichibva
ndabereka mwana ndikati, "Ndichambosvika
pamusika mhamha ndinodzoka manje manje."

"Zvakanakai," vakadaro ndikananga kumusika kwave
kumbotaura tunyaya namai Tino waitengesapo
ndichisekerera fani zvikanzi, "Kusekerera kwako uku

kwaauri kuita kwanyanya. Sekerera hako asi nhasi handina chandiri kukukweretesa mai Lorrene."

Ndakazhinya zhinya ndikati, "Musadaro kani vasikana ndinobhadhara. Ingondipaiwo chingwa mari yenyu ndinokupai." Vakadzungudza musoro vakati, "Aiwa kana zvikwereti zvako zvanyanya iwewe." Ndakanzvisa tsitsi ndikati, "Ndinobhadhara kani kana baba Lolo vachinge vangodzoka chete."

"Ummmm."

"Ndinobhadhara ndinzwireiwo tsitsi veduwe."

Mai Tino vainge vari munhu ane tsitsi vachibva vanditi, "Torai vasikana asi manyanya." Ndakatenda zvikuru kwave kuenda ndikanodirira mwana wangu tea kwakudirira gogo vacho cup yechi 2 vakanwa vese ini ndikaenda kuchibhorani kwave kudzoka ndikatanga kwacha kusvika dzave kuma past 11. Kuma 11 ndipo pakazomuka tete vachibva vakanda hembe dzavo pandaiwacha zvikanzi, "Ko waregerei kundiudzawo kuti uri kuwacha nhaiwe Miriro. Unoda ndiende kubasa nehembe dzakasviba here mangwana."

"Ndanga ndisingade kukumutsai tete sorii zvenyu."

"Aaaagh iweka. Uwache hembe yangu yeblack iyo izvozvi ndikuda kutobuda nayo manje manje," vakadaro vachibhidhaira vachienda. Ndakaibudisa mu dish mavainge vaiisa kwave kuyiisa mu bucket sezvo mavainge vaikanda maive nehembe dze white chete. Ndakaiwacha payo yega ndikayanika vachibva vazowaridza pamushana kwave kuzvambarara ndikati, "Nhai vatete makaonawo flour yangu nezuro here?"

"Aikaka ko ndamboti wani handina kuiona. Kasi hauchanzwe?"

"Aaaagh munorevesa here imi tete?"

She clicked her tongue ndikati, "Zvimwe zvamunoita tete ini handizvifarire hangu handimbode kukunyeperai. Munozviziva imi kuti mhamha vanoda tea every morning zvino munoda vanwe isina chinhu here zuva nezuva!" Ndakadaro hasha dzasimuka vachibva vandi ignore. Ndakaita kunge ndichachema ndikati, "Asi musadaro imi sure." Ndakadaro maziso atojenga misodzi zvikanzi, "Wanga wafunga kundiita sei?" Ndikati, "Hapana hangu kungoti handina kuzvifarira. Tese tinoziva situation iri pano. Kwete izvozvo zvega, pamusoro pazvo mondiita benzi. Ko

munodii kungotaura chokwadi pane kunditambisa bhora risina mweya."

"Ndizvo zvandatika wanga wafunga kundiita sei?"

"Aaaagh zvakanaka hazvo," ndakadaro ndichiwacha. Tete vainge vane hunhu ihwohwo hwekuti vaisafunga vamwe pane zvekudya izvi. Wasiya chikafu chevanhu 2 waisvika chadyiwa chese nemunhu one. Ndaisambonyanyo taura nezvazvo asi zuva iri chainge chanyanyondibhowa kundinyepera. Ndichiri kuwacha kudaro mufoni mangu makapinda message ndikanyemwerera ndichifunga kuti ndibaba Lolo vainge vandifungawo asi kwete. Ndakaona vari boss vekubasa kwandaimboshanda vaidanda ndivatsvairire mu office mavo rechimangwana racho.

8 dzemanheru padzakachaya ndipo pakadzoka baba Lolo kwakungosvikondi mhoresa vachibva vapinda mumachira kwave kutorara izvo zvakandinetsa. Murume wangu aive munhu ainge akanyararisa fani, asi tiri mubedroom taitaura nyaya dzakasiyana siyana. It had been 3 days munhu achingoita hunhu ihwohwo hwekungosvika nekurara. Ndakararawo makuseni ndikamuka ndikamugadzirira zvekugeza nekupfeka. Ave kupfeka ndipo pandakati, "Nhasi

muti kurumidzeiwo kudzoka baba Lolo ndiri kuda kutaura nemi."

"Inyaya yei?"

"Ukuita kunge une zviri kukunetsa. Ndizvo zvandinoda tikurukurirane."

"Iribhoo."

"Mumba hamusisina chikafu baba Lolo."

"Ndikuzvigadzirisa."

"Nhasi wacho tambodyei asi? Kana mukaka wangu hauchanatsobuda uyu."

He took his bag kwave kuribereka akaswebera pedyo neni and kissed me akati, "Nhasi ndikuzvigadzirisa just trust me."

"Asi nhasi hapana chekudya."

"Miriro please handingatadze kusiya mari yechikafu ndinayo. Just do zviripo for today. Mangwana it will be sorted." He kissed me again akati, "Goodbye tinotaura ndadzoka." Akabva atobuda ndisina kupindura. Riley was a quite person as i said. Aive munhu asiri open. Kana pane zvaimunetsa aisataura

pamwe aikuudza zvisina kuzara. Waitoita
wekunyengerera kuti ave open. Kana ma deals ake
aisataura taura. Zvizhinji aizondiudza deal raanenge
achiita ratopera. He was that kind of a man wekuti
you couldn't figure out kuti what was he up to.
Besides the issue of not being open, zvimwe zvese
we were okay.

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Chapter 2

Baba Lolo vachangobuda ndakasara ndikaenda kwandainge ndadeedzwa kubasa naboss vangu vaya vandaimboshandira. I used to do mapiece jobs apo neapo kana ndichinge ndangomawana.

Ndichangosvika i found the door locked ndikaenda pa reception ndikati, "Good morning ma'am."

Musikana aivepo akaminyura miromo zvikanzi, "Ko zvawambodarikira wani?" I replied politely ndikati, "I'm sorry."

"Ndinonzi Shamiso."

"Nice to meet you sis."

"Ukudei?"

"Ndanga ndichikumbirawo kubvunza kuti Sir vasiya ma keys pano here? He is not around asi vanga vanditi ndiuye."

She ignored for a moment achivhura vhura mapapers zvikanzi, "He left the keys." Moyo wangu wakasununguka ndikati, "ooo Thank God. Thank you so much." Ndainge ndatove nestress yekuti ndaidzokera kumba nei sezvo ndainge ndisina mari yecombie yekudzokeresesa. I smiled waiting for the keys zvikanzi naShami, "Joe really trusts you."

"Why do you say so?"

"No one gets into his office asimo."

"Ooo thats..." Ndakashaya zvekupindura zvikanzi, "Do you know he has a wife?" I chuckled ndikati, "Honestly it's non of my concern." Akaseka zvikanzi, "Tibvirei apa. Mudzivirire zvenyu." I shook head ndikati, "Can i have the keys," zvikanzi, "Usandimhanyirire ndinokupa. Take a chill tablet" Ndakamenza mate ndikati, "I'm sorry ma'am time is not on my side." She ignored zvikanzi, "Anyways wandinzwa. Dzivirirai zvenyu asikana nekuti no man

would ever leave his wife for a mistress." I rolled my eyes ndikati, "Shamiso please!" Akabva apeta maoko zvikanzi, "I know he is a handsome man, rich and charming, but i care for you my dear. Stay away from that man. We all want him. Hapana musikana asingamunzwire sugar pano but just be careful." Ndakavhara maziso starting to get annoyed ndikati, "With all respect Shamiso. I have a daughter and a husband and i love them so much. I only work for Joe. Nothing more, nothing less so please spare me." She raised his shoulders and gave me the keys zvikanzi, "Obviously you won't tell me the truth. Just know kuti hakuna murume anosiya mukadzi wake achiroora joki. To make matters worse, you are not even his type zvinotoda isusu tinoshanda mu office." I rolled my eyes and took the keys from her ndikati, "You are full of jealous. Heal my sister," ndichibva ndafamba ndichienda.

Ndaingoshanda ndichiridza tsamwa. How can she think that of me. I loved my husband and i never felt anything for Joe. His full name was Joseph. Many girls would say that he had a swag. He looked like he was in his late 20's but nekumujaira aindiitira kunge

ainge atove kuma late 30's if not early 40's. Aizviita mwana mudiki and everybody aimudeedza achiti Joe. Ndizvo zvaaida. Honestly nobody really knew about his private life. Some said he lived here in Zimbabwe, some said he lived in Canada. Some said he had a family and some said ainge asina mukadzi but the truth is nobody knew about him. Ainge akanatsogona kupesanisa private life ne business.

I raised my shoulders ndikati, "Why would i care anyways." Ndakatanga kuita zvandainge ndabvira kumba ndichiita nekuchimbida sezvo ndaisada kusvika mwana wangu ave kunetsa mhamha. Ndakapedza zvese and the office was clean. Joe sent a message on my phone zvikanzi, "Mai Lolo please wait for me ndakutosvika. Sorry nekukunonotsai." Ndaisakwanisa kupindura sezvo ndainge ndisina matexts. I just waited patiently ndichinatso perfect nekupukuta pukuta zvese. Ndichipukuta kudaro ndakavhunduka ndichiona munhu akamira padoor akaisa maoko muhomwe ndichibva ndabata hana yangu ndikati, "Iiigh mandivhundutsa Sir." He laughed akaisa maoko muhomwe zvikanzi, "Unovarairwa mai Lolo.

Ndangova ndamira." He said taking a seat kwave kubudisa mari muhomwe yainge yakaverengwa kudhara zvikanzi, "Thank you for your service. Come again next time."

"I thank you more Sir," ndakapindura ndichitora mari iya kwave kuiisaa muhomwe yeskirt yangu pasina kuiverenga. Ndaingotambira chero yavandipa.

"Zvaita handi? Sorry nekukunonotsai zvenyu. Sorry sure." He said ndikati, "It's not a problem Sir.

Maitabasa regai ndiende." He nodded zvikanzi, "Safe journey." I turned around kwave kuvhura door

ndikaenda. That was what happened everytime i offered him my service. Taisataura nyaya dzinoenda kure and i loved that about him. Kumwe

kwandaimboshandira vamwe varume vaizoguma voda zvekudanana neni. He made me comfortable.

Ndakupfura nepa reception Shamiso akasheedzera zvikanzi, "Manga matopedza here?" I pointed at her ndikati, "Watch your mouth I'm not your friend." She just laughed and rolled her eyes.

Ndakapfura nekuma shops ndikatenga ka grocery ndichiimba nziyo yenyasha nekufarira mari. Ndainge ndapihwa mari inoenderana nezvandainge ndaita.

Yainge isiri ishoma kana kunyanyowandisa. It was just fair zvekuti handina zvandaimbofungira.

Ndakatenga grocery kwave kunanga naro kumba ndikanosvikopa vamwene vangu ma biscuits avo avaifarira. She was happy ndikanotapudza chikwereti changu kwaamai Tino. Tete vakadzoka kubasa ndikanzwa vondidana vari mukitchen zvikanzi, "Miro!" Ndakadaira ndikati, "Vatete," zvikanzi, "Huya pano!" I went to the kitchen kwavaindisheedza zvikanzi, "Where did this all come from."

"I did a piece job," she laughed hard zvikanzi, "Piece job?" Ndikadaira ndikati, "Yes. Semazuva ose." Her face changed vachiratidza kutsamwa zvikanzi, "What kind of piece job Miro? Natsotsanangura." I chuckled ndikati, "Vatete ndinowachira vanhu nekuvasakurira minda dzavo zvamunoziva wani?"

"Unoda kundiita benzi handi?"

"Ndinorevesa ini vatete," ndakataura ndakazvininipisa zvikanzi, "Kuita basa rekuhurira hanzvadzi yangu iwewe!!! And hauchengeteke. Vabereki vako wakacherera kuMbudzi uko, hanzvadzi yangu ikakunzwira tsitsi. Haunyare

ipapa!!" Vakataura vatokwidza izwi ndikati, "Tete makundifungira zvisizvo. Ini handisati ndamborara nemumwe murume asiri baba Lolo." Vakaita kupupuma nehasha tete kwave kuti, "I don't want to argue newe and ndinoda undipe mari yese yawapihwa. Ukazvidzokorodza chete naBaba vangu oooo Riley ndikuda kumuudza."

"Aiwa tete hamungataure zvamusina kuona nekundipomera mhosva yandisina. I was at the office, cleaning it and Baba Lolo anozviziva kuti ndinogara ndichiendako."

"Hunza mari iyoyo Miriro!"

"Aihwa tete ini handina mari yandiri kukupai," ndakadaro ndichitorevesa. Vaizviziva kuti ndikati chakadai handiite ndaisatochiita zveshuwa. She was furious kwave kutanga kupopota zvikanzi, "Dzimwe nherera hadzichengeteke ndatenda zvangu. Basa rekuita chipfambi uchitochengetwa. Tsvee kubvuma kutiwo wapera, instead yekuti udzikame unotoda kuonererwa. Ko imi chinokutadzisai kuenda kwenyu uko chiiko. Ibvai pano munogara kure uko pane kuda kutipa stress nezvinhu zvisina basa..." Musi iwoyo ndakaudzirirwa twese twese ndikaguma ndochema

kwave kuenda ku bedroom rangu ndikatanga kuchema asi mari handina hangu kuvapa. Baba Lolo vakadzoka maziso angu akatsvuka zvikanzi, "Chii chaitika."

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Chapter 3

Miriro

"It's nothing serious baba Lolo," ndakadaro ndichizama kusachema asi ndakatadza. Murume wangu akandimbundikira zvikanzi, "Taura neni. It's serious nekuti dei zvanga zvisiri serious usina kuchema mudiwa wangu." Ndakatora chinguva ndisati ndapindura kwave kuzoti, "Nditete vandiudza magara moyo semazuva ose. Don't confront her about it munozoitira drama zvikachemedza mhamha." Baba Lolo vakanzwa hashwa kwave kurova bed vakati, "No mhani. Why ari munhu asingadzidze nekushandisa pfungwa! Let me go talk to her." He

said achitosimuka ndikabata ruoko rwake ndikati,
"Baba Lolo!" Zvikanzi, "Ndisiye mhani anyanya uyu."
He said achivhizura ruoko rwake ndichibva
ndamutevera ndichida kumubata but it was too late
achibva ati kuna Tete Ratidzo, "Ratidzo what
happened? Chii chaitika panapa!" He shouted tete
vachibva vati, "Ndeip."

Baba Lolo vakawedzera kutsamwa zvikanzi, "Saka
zvandabvunza hauna kuzvinzwa here?" Akabva
apidigura maziso akatarisa pafon zvikanzi,
"Obviously mukadzi wako akuudza zvese. Wanga
watii nazvo?" Akapindura asingakendenge akatarisa
zvekare pafon baba Lolo vachibva vaibvuta foni
iyoyo kwave kutanga kunetsanirana fon iya kusvika
vave kutoita zvemaoko. It was my first time kuona
baba Lolo akatsamwa kusvika pa level iroro.

Vakatanga kukikiritsana ndikati, "Baba Lolo kani
veduwe!!!" Ndaidaro ndichizama kuvabata tete
kwave kundipushira kure ndichinodhumira pakitchen
unit zvinhu zvese ndiye ngondo ngondo pamusoro
pangu ndikati, "Maihwe kani ndofa ini!!!!" Mhamha
ndakanzwa voti, "Nhai Maihwee Chiiko chiri
kuitika muno. Mai Rorini iwe. Ndoita seiko ini !"

Vakadaro vachibata bata kunditsvaga baba Lolo ndipo pavakauya pandiri zvikanzi, "Hauna kukuvara here?" Ndakabata musoro wangu wainge wadonherwa nepoto ndikati, "Handina baba Lolo mirai zvekurwa kani!"

Nguva iyoyo tete vakaruma baba Lolo paruoko vachibva vazama kutiza vakabatwa kwave kumonyororwa ruoko irworwo zvikanzi, "Amai vangu kani Amai kani!" Mhamha vakabhogomora nestick yavo ichinosvika kurova tete mumusoro zvikanzi, "Chagove chiiko veduweye. Munorwireiko. Baba Rorini chiiko ." Vainge votoshushikana mhamha zvekuti kurova kwavakatoita tete yainge iri shock vasina kunatsoona kuti vainge varova pai. She thought she was trying to stop the fight.

Tete Ratidzo vakabva vaenda kure vachibva vati, "Hapana zvaunondiita iwe. Dununu remurume. Ndosaka uchiitirwa chipfambi. Zidununu." Baba Lolo vakabva vamunongedzera zvikanzi, "Watch your mouth!" Zvikanzi, "Unondidiiko iwe imbwa yemunhu. Mhamha udzai mwana wenyu abve pano uyu kwete kuda kundishungurudza. Ngavaende vanoroja uko." Mhamha vakatanga kuchema zvikanzi, "Nhai

vanangu hamuwirirane makaita seiko veduwe .
Munongonetsana nguva nenguva.

Chinombonyanyonetsa chiiko!" Vainge vochemesa
mhamha ndikatanga kuvanyararidza ndikati,
"Mhamha musacheme yanga iri nyaya diki chete!"
Ndakakwanisa kuvanyararidza tete kwave kubuda,
baba Lolo ndivo vakasara neni tichinyararidza
mhamha. Vanyarara takabva tazoenda kubedroom
ndikati, "Aihwa baba Lolo zvimwe zvinhu hazvingode
kumhanya kuita musati matarisa ma consequences
acho veduwe."

"Sorry ndangokurirwa."

"Aihwa munozviziva imimi kuti kunetsana kwenyu
kunoguma kochemedza mhamha. Ndambokuudzai
paya kuti siyanai nazvo."

"Zvino unoda ndingonyarara here everytime?"

"Ndekekutanga here baba Lolo. Hanzvadzi yenyu
munoiziva kuti ndozvairi yet you try kuvaudza
everyday. Vanogara vachikuudzai wani kuti nyangwe
mukandiraira handina chandinonzwa."

"Aaaagh handichazivewo ini," he said ave kubvisa
bhutsu ndichibva ndamubatsira. Manheru mumba

maitongove nerunyararo, mumwe nemumwe achifunga zvake ini ndipo pandakazoti, "Sometimes i just wish dai tawana mari tanoroja hedu. Tete vanombandishungurudza ini." Ndakadaro ndakafuratira Riley achibva andimbundira from behind zvikanzi, "Manje manje babe." Ndakaeredza misodzi ndikati, "Manje manje zvarinhi?" Akatora nguva asina kupindura akati, "Ndikawana basa that's the first thing to do."

"I just pray nguva yacho yave padhuze because i can't handle this anymore."

Riley akandisimbisa achibva azoti, "Ndikaenda kuSouth kumbonotsvaga mari unoona zvichiita here?"

"Unoenda neni?"

"Ndezve basa. Chikuitika ndechekuti...." He narrated the whole story to me and it seemed like ndizvo zvaimu stresser for the past days nekuti aisada kundisiya. Kana mhamha aisada kuvasiya ndikati, "You may try that. Ndinosara." Ndakadaro akati, "Ndichataura nevanhu vacho asi ndanga ndatofunga kurega ini."

"I know it's not easy but i will be patient." Ndakadaro ndichinzwa kurwadziwa but it seemed like i had no other option. Things were hard for us zvisingatoite. Mhamha akavaudza mangwana acho vakatenderana nazvo. Zuva rekuti aende rakasvika ndikamuperekedza kunokwira bhazi nemisodzi pamatama achibva ati, "Babe kana wakuchema kudai unoti ndinoendawo moyo uchifara here?"

"I have to be strong but i can't help it Riley. I just can't stop the tears from coming out."

"Ndinokwanisa kuregedza kana usingachade hako." Akadaro achitorevesa ndikati, "Aihwa endai baba Lolo." He hugged me zvikanzi, "I'm just trying my best to give you the life you deserve mai Lolo. It hurts me kuti ndakakutora une hupenyu hwako hwakanaka ndikakuisa munhamo. Zvinondirwadza semurume." I started crying ndikati, "Things will be okay one day babe. I know things will be okay." We kissed so passionately and my husband aisave munhu anochema chema but he cried too zvikanzi, "It's not going to be easy for me. Handigone kudarikira kana mazuva maviri ndisinewe and i just don't know if i can handle this."

"You will babe trust me. Neniwo handigone but this is the only opportunity we have."

Bhazi rakabva rasvika achibva andi kisser zvekare and i closed my eyes feeling the kiss ndisingade amire and he felt the same, aisada kundisiya.

Conductor vakabva vadeedzera zvikanzi, "Kana musingade kuenda kwacho mudhara regedzaika nhai kwete kuda kutiitira kunge imbwa muroad munoumu. Ibvayi apa!!!!" Baba Lolo akanditarisa mumaziso ndikanyemwerera akati, "Ndokuda mai Lolo. Ndokudisisa. I love you Miriro" I shed a tear ndikati, "Neniwo ndokuda Riley. I love you so much."

He carried his bag kwave kupinda mubhazi achibva agara ku window and waved goodbye and i waved back bhazi richibva raenda. Ndakasara ndikamboda kuchema asi ndakaona kuti hapana chekuchaita.

Yainge iri nhamo zvayo asi Baba Lolo vaisada kuenda neniwo ndaisada vaende asi painge pasina zvekuita. Akandisiira mari yaainge ati akwereta kubasa kuti ndiwane pekutangirawo. Murume wangu was not an open person asi nekumuziva kwandaiita, aive munhu anoshanda nesimba, aindida zvandaisashora and he was a very ambitious man.

Zvisinei that day ndakamu sendera message ndikati,
"Mave kupi?" Achibva apindura zvikazonzi, "I have
already missed you!"

"Senge paneni?"

"Mhamha varisei?"

"She is fine. She was just telling me about the day
you helped her cross the river uchiri grade 2 those
years."

Haana kundipindura and ndaipota ndichitarisa kana
ainge apindura asi haana kupindura.

Riley

I looked at the picture of a woman i loved so much
ndichibva ndati, "Ndokuda Miriro. I may hide some
things from you but just know that I love you so
much." I touched the picture of her ndichibva
ndanzwa moyo wangu kubaya baya zvikanzi na blaz
vaive padivi pangu, "You love her so much?"

"I really love her. Do you know sometimes i think of
committing suicide but she keeps me going.
Ndinozofunga kuti ndikafa anosara achinzwa sei?"

"She really has a special place in your heart?"

"Zvisingaite. She is so perfect look at her," ndakadaro ndichimuratidza picture zvikanzi, "She is so beautiful," i smiled ndikati, "Her soul matches her physical beauty. She is a beautiful soul."

"You are blessed my guy." He said achindidzoser a picture zvikanzi, "Vamwe tichiri mabhachura. I just feel like i haven't found the one for me yet."

"It's only a matter of time my guy," i looked at the picture again ndikati, "I just work hard to give her the life she deserves and nomatter what is going to come in my way i know one day i will give her that life."

The guy straightened his hand for a handshake zvikanzi, "I'm Tinashe by the way."

"Riley."

"Nice to meet you."

I checked in my fon ndikaona Miriro asender message ndikamupindura nguva iyoyo ndipo pakamira bhazi tiri pakaita pachisango zvikanzi, "Vakomana rwendo rwenyu rwagumira pano. Burukai mese izvozvi" Akadaro conductor

achibudisa pfuti tikabuda zvikanzi, "Heyy you come here my friend," vakadaro conductor vachinongedzera inini ndikacheuka cheuka kuita fanike handina kuzviona kuti ndini ndanongedzerwa. Handizivewo kuti nei blaz vaive pamashure pangu vakadairira vakati, "Inini?" Zvikanzi, "Ndanga ndichireva blaz avo vari pamberi penyu zvisinei huyai henyu imimi mudhara." He walked achienda kwaive naconductor zvikanzi, "Can i see your tongue man." Murume uya akabva ashama zvikanzi, "Wider. Nyatsovhurai muromo uyo baba." Akavhurisa muromo and a gun was pointed in his mouth hana yangu ndipo payakatanga kurova but ndakaramba ndiri calm kwave kutora kafon kangu kaive muhomwe ndikati, "Miriro ndokuda nemoyo wese. Take care of my mother and daughter i love them so much." I placed the fon back in the pocket ndichi shaker kwave kunyepera kunge painge pasina zvaitika ndikatarisa kumberi.

Conductor vakabva vati, "Munhu wese ngaatarise kuno!" Takatarisa and my heart skipped a little bit ndichiona blaz vaya vachipfurwa nepfuti mumukanwa ropa kwakuti tsati tsati conductor

vachibva vaseka zvikanzi, " Did you just see that!"

Vanhu vese vakaramba vakati zii pasina

aipfakanyika zvikanzi, "Maramba makanyarara.

Maybe you didn't see anything. Heyyy you come here

my friend" vakadaro vachinongedzera vamwe blaz,

blaz vaya kwakufamba vachienda kumberi

conductor vachibva vati, "Don't be scared my friend.

Come." Murume uya akabva aenda kumberi

conductor kwakubudisa kabanga. Varume hama

ndakaona munhu achiurawa kunge huku conductor

vachibva vaseka zvikanzi, "

Did you just see

it this time!!!" Tese takadaira tikati, "Yes," zvikanzi,

"Hamuna chamawaona."

Nguva iyoyo fon yangu yakaita sound ye notification

yekuti message delivered zvikanzi naDriver, "What

was that?"

"Ooo my God help me." I whispered to myself

zvikanzi, "Ndati ndiani ane phone yaita sound."

Vanhu vese vakandinongedzera zvikanzi, "Come

here. I want you to be an example to many."

Ndakazvishingisa ndikaenda kumberi ndichibva

ndasimudzwa huro iyi ndikaiswa kabanga pahuro

zvikanzi, "Tichibva pano machinda tikutevera

mukomana uyo. Munhu wese ngaabudise chese chaanacho. Kururai hembe dzenyu mese tone !!!!!" Vanhu vakasara vari naked zvikanzi, "Good! Everyone who tries to escape or do any funny business watch out. This is an example." Vakadaro driver vachakandisimudza huro vakagadzirira kutodamburo huro yangu. Ndakatsitsinzina to say my last prayer ndikati, "Oooo God please take care of my wife and family. I love them so much Mwari ndimi muchengeti kubvira nakubvira kare Baba."

MIRIRO

"Now mave papi daddy," ndakasender message asi haina kupindurwa. Week rakapera pasina message yapindurwa and i was starting to get worried ndikati, "Mhamha baba Lolo haasi kundipindura and zviri kundidya moyo."

"Kuti haasi masayi sayi aya amunoti network ari kunetsa here nhai mwanangu."

"Aaaaagh yanyanyonetsa zvekudii network yacho mhamha." Tete vakabva vadairira zvikanzi, "Mhamha inenge network nekuti ndambozama kuvafonera ndichida kuti vandiudze kuti mari yangu

yavakandikwereta gore riya vakufungei nayo asi ikuti
not available or kungori kupera kwemoto?!"

"Aaaagh nhai vatete asi handi vane number dzangu
mumusoro here? Ngavango kumbira fonika
vandiudzewo kuti ndasvika zvakanaka moyo wangu
uchenewo veduwe."

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Chapter 4

Miro

"Vachafona havoze pfavira ngoma Miro. Husiku hurefu uhwu," vakadaro tete ndikati, "Zviri kungondinetsa hangu. Ndiri kufunga kuti pane chaitika chete ini"

"Zvino tinoshanda nekufungidzira here?"

"Aaaagh I'm just worried nekuti baba Lolo haadaro."

"Bvaa chivatevera ka unonzwa kuti chii chikuitika usade kutipa stress isina basa." Vakadaro vachibuda vachienda ndikasara ndichitaura nyaya namhamha vakati, "Neniwo ndambenge ndichinzwa senge pane chakaipa chichaitika kana chiri kutoitika."

Ndambofunga kuti kufunga chete asi aaaagh zvanyanya." Maziso angu akajenga misodzi ndikati, "I just pray and hope that nothing bad happened to him and i pray kuti dei Mwari vararamisawo murume wangu ini amai!" Ndakapedza kutaura ndakutoeredza misodzi zvikanzi, "Zvinonaka mai Rorini week rino rikapera tisina kunzwa kuti zvaita sei toona kuti todii." I wiped my tears ndikati, "Ichokwadi mhamha regai ndinokuisirai kasadza." Ndakabva ndasimuka ndikanogadza sadza pastove kwave kuzoita zvimwe.

Week rakapera Riley asina kupindura ma messages angu ndikamusendera imwe ndikati, "Babe please reply as soon as you get the message. I'm now worried Baba Lolo wave kundityisa ini." Ndakadaro ndikaverenga last message yaainge asender ndikatanga kunamata ndichiti, "Mwari chero kwaari ikoko muchengetedzei." Mhamha vakazvinzwa kuti ndiri kuchema vachibva vauya muimba yandainge ndiri kwave kuti, "Usacheme muroora." Ndakapfikura ndikati, "Mhamha i just hope everything is fine kwaari ikoko." She searched for a seat ndikavabatsira kugara zvikanzi, "Rorini aripi?"

Ndikati, "Uyu mhamha." Vakabva vamubata zvikanzi, "Ngatinamatei", tichibva tanamata. Tete vachidzoka vainge vakasuwa suwawo vachibva vanditi, "Ndeip."

Ndakadaira ndikati, "Maswerasei vatete?" Zvikanzi, "Bhoo ko baba Lolo vazopindura here?"

"Havasati ava?"

Akaratidza kuve worried zvikanzi, "Aaaagh pamwe vakatiza zvavo ka!"

"Aaaagh kuti kudaro here?"

"Ehe pamwe vakaenda kune girlfriend nekuti hakuna murume angagarire pfambi."

"Aaaagh makutaura zvisizvo manje. Baba Lolo havangambonditize."

"Vamwe takatizwa nevarume wani? Iwe wakoshei?"

"Handina hangu kunyanyokosha asi zvekuti vakatiza zviri kundirambira ini. Haaa no kana." Ndakadaro ndichidzungudza musoro kunge munhu ainge agarwa ne demon ndikati, "No no no no."

Zvakandirambira ndikati, "Ini naRiley hatinetsane netsane and handimbomushushe zvekuti angabva atiza mufunge henyu tete."

"Haiwa tibvire! Hanzvadzi yangu yakanyarara obviously ukatongomutuka haapindure asi zvinenge zvichimudya moyo!"

Ndakatura befu ndikati, "Aaaagh handifunge kudaro ini." Tete vakaridza chikuwe vakati, "Gore rino gegege !!!! Zvaiwana ngwarati. Kushaina kwese kuchapera tikafanana gore rino " Vakarovanisa maoko kwakuridza chikuwe vachibva vabhidhaira vachienda zvesvoto. Ndakamhanya muroom mangu kwave kutanga kuchema ndikatora fon yangu ndikati, "Baba Lolo kana pane chandakakutadzira sorry murume wangu. Chingave chii zvacho ndinogadzirisa ini. Please Riley come back home. Ndipindurewo." Hapana mhinduro yakauya ndikati, "Riley nyangwe mhamha vave kushushikana. Unoda amai vashunguridzike here Pindura kani veduwe." Hapana mhinduro yakauya. Ndakabva ndamboenda kumapurisa kuzama kufonera shamwari dzake dzese pakashaya ainge achiziva.

3 weeks later message yakapinda mufon mangu kubva kune vamwe vainzi mai Lean veku church zvikanzi, "Mai Lolo ndanga ndichikumbirawo tisangane." Ndakabva ndati, "Handikwanise kuuya

nhasi. Ndiri kuda kufambira nyaya dzemurume wangu. Akangoenda kuSouth pave ne3 weeks now asi handina kunzwa kubva kwaari."

"Inyaya yemurume wako."

Hana yangu yakarova ndichibva ndatogeza ndikageza mwana kwave kumuisa kumusana. Kana mafuta handifunge kana ndakazora musi iwoyo. Ndakangopurura ndini uyo tande ndakananga kumba kwavo. Ndakasvika ndikapinda kwave kupihwa drink nema biscuits nemusikana webasa wavo zvikanzi, "Mhamha vari kuuya vamirirei?" Ndakamira asi ndichingobata bata zvinhu zvaive pedyo neni. I was so nervous shame. Musikana webasa wacho akazviona zvikanzi, "Iiigh mother kwakanaka here?"

"I don't know? " Ndaidaro ndichibata bata chi cushion zvikanzi, "Try to calm down. Ko chii chaitika!"

"It's just that I'm wondering kuti nyaya yandiri kuda kuudzwa ndeyei chaizvo nekuti murume wangu ari kushaika. Akangobva pamba dzave 3 weeks now."

"Kuti haana kutiza here? Varume munoti vakambokwana here nhai mother."

"Aihwa Riley haangambodaro."

"Aaaaagh and amai imimi munotopenga chete. Murume wenyu pamwe akatoenda ku gerofrendi imi muchinetseka kuno muchitadza kutodya ma biscuits andakupai ayo. Mother zvidyirei zvenyu multe mag*ro. Murume wenyu ari kutozvifarira neh*re rake kwaari ikoko imi muchizvi stresser."

Handina kupindura maziso atojenga misodzi musikana uya achibva ati, "Muchazviitisa stress nezvinhu zvisina basa. Regai nditodya mabhisvo aya pane kuti titambisirwe chikafu nevanhu vasingafunge."

Handina kupindura ndikabata shaya. Hapana kuzopera nguva yakawanda amai Lean vachibva vasvika zvikanzi, "Hes kani?" Ndikati, "Makadii sisi?" Zvikanzi, "Ndiri nane zvangu. Mapihwa chikafu here naye manyoni uyu?" I forced a smile ndikati, "Ehe ndapihwa. Maitabasa." Vakabva vabudisa mapapers mu bag mavo zvikanzi, "Sorry ndanga ndave kunonoka traffic ma1 kani veduwe."

"Yaaa nguva dzino inonetsa." Ndakadaro trying to hide kuti ndainge ndisingade kutombonzwa zve

traffic ini. Zvisinei vakabva vati, "Handi unozviziva kuti ndinoshanda kunogadzirwa ma newspapers. I'm kinda a Journalist Sezvineiwo ndaona newspaper iri. I news dzanhasi" Vakadaro vachinditambidza ndikatanga kuverenga kwave kuona zvichinzi pane bhazi raive netank yefuel rakabatira moto munhu wese aivemo akatsva. Ndakamhanya kunotarisa mazita ainge ari panext page and remurume wangu ndiro rainge riri pamusoro pekutanga.

"Mwariweeeeeeeee . " I screamed in pain ndikati, "Murume wangu kani Murume wangu kani." Mai Lean vakabata mwana vakazama kundinyaradza vachindiudza kuti, "Inguva inenge yangokwana. Rufu ndiyo nzira yedu tose."

"Mwari vandisekereiko ini. Ndoita shirikadzi ndine 22 years here mai Lean. 23 here!!!! Wangu munyama ndeweiko ini. Ndakatadzeiko ini!!!!" Ndakatakurwa nemota ndikaenda kumba ndikaudzawo mhamha zvaivepo. Tete vakachema veduwe. Zvisinei hama dzakaudzwa dzese kwave kuchitanga kuungana. Ndakaenda nehalf brother yaRiley kunoona painge pakatsvira bhazi. Ainei Innocent, different mothers but same fathers. Takapinda munzira zvikanzi,

"Mainini hamusati mave kuda kudya here?"

"Handina nzara ini bamunini."

"Aiwa mainini idyai kani."

Vakandimanikidza kudya kwakungo nyobvora nyobvora ndikadya kanyama kadiki diki kungoti mudumbu musarira. Bamunini vakabva vazama kunditaudza zvikanzi, "Manga marova mainini. Kubva pamarooro paya handina kumbokuonai."

"Kkkk aaagh ndainge ndiri munzira. KuBulawayo kwamave kugara kunotoda mari ine mumvuri kuti ndikusvike zvino zvinhu zvacho zvainge zvakatooma."

"Aaaagh mainini. Munondiudza ndokutumirai." I smiled ndikati, "Okay bamukuru. Ko mhamha varisei zvavo."

"Vari nane ava. Kungorwara rwara chete. Zvakaoma kani. Vanga vachida kutouya asi makumbo avanetsa."

Vamwene vangu, vanova mhamha vaRiley vainge vari mukadzi wechi 2. Vakaroorana just after 1 year varambana nemukadzi wekutanga so difference

yainge iripo yaingove 2 years pamakore abamukuru nemurume wangu. Zvisinei takazotaura dzimwe nyaya vachizama kuti ndisafunge zvakawanda. Takasvika panzvimbo painzi painge pakafira murume wangu ndichibva ndatanga kuchema hangu ndichibata bata madota aive. I couldn't believe kuti murume wangu was no more. It was something too large to swallow. "Kana kundionekawo veduwe kani Kana bye zvayo!"

Zvisinei pakaitwa zvakaitwa zvese bamukuru Innocent vakamira mira kuti funeral ifambe zvakanaka. Vakadzi veku church vakabatsiridzawo nevehukama asi bamukuru Inno vakaita zvizhinji. Baba Lolo vachiri vapenyu vaishanyirana apo neapo. Kana pamarooro angu vaivepo. Vaive nemari dzavo. He was an engineer. Vanhu vakadzokera kudzimba dzavo bamukuru vachibva vati, "Amai ini ndave kuenda. Kana pane chanetsa munooni ini!" Mhamha vakadaira ndikabva ndabuditsa bamukuru kunosvika kumota kwavo vachibva vati, "Musare bhoo mainini. Ndichapota ndichiuya kuzokuonai."

"Nemiwo mufambe zvakanaka bamukuru."

He took money from his pocket zvikanzi, "Oyi

muwanewo pekubata."

"Aihwa bamukuru zvamatiitira zvakawandisa veduwe. Komborerwai! Zvamatoita izvozvi magona."

"Tambirai mainini kani. It's nothing."

"Aihwa bamukuru." Vakandinyengerera kusvika ndatambira vachibva vaenda. Zuva nezuva ndaingochema hangu ndaitoona kunge ndiko kwaive kuguma kwehupenyu ndichiona kuti ndainge ndakatarisana nenhamo chaiyo. Murume wangu had became my best friend and only friend. Tainge takasangana 4 years back ndadzingwa kumba nabamunini vandaigara navo, munin'ina wababa. He took me akagara neni kumba kwavo kusvika tarara tese achibva atonondibvisira. Mazuva iwayo things were better tichiraramawo a normal average life.

'Dzangove hadzo ndangariro," ndakataura ndiri ndega ndichipukuta misodzi. Mhamha ndivo vaimboti vakagara gara vochema. I personally think kuti panhamo unogona kusatonyanya kurwadziwa kudarika zvaunoita veruzhinji vaenda. Ndaiti ndikatarisa paisirara baba Lolo ndaichema kwehusiku hwese. Ndine cousin yangu yainge

yakambogara kwave kuzoendawo tikasara tega.

Ndainge ndave kurara namhamha nekuti vainge vave kutorwara. Mazuva akati fambei tamirira manyaradzo and i can say time ine zvainopodzawo_ time heals. Ndainge ndave kuita ndichizvigamuchira nekungoti Mwari ndivo vaiziva zvavo.

Zviri kunzi bhazi rakapiswa!!! Kuti baba Lolo vakapisirwa mubhazi here?!! Vapenyu here? Let's share our book as the story unfolds. Share share share this is a free book!!!!

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Chapter 5

Miro

Tete vainge vave kuenda kubhawa vachidzoka kuma AM zvavo. She was having a depression. Nyangwe zvazvo vainetsana, mwana waamai vako mwana waamai vako nyangwe zviite sei and pane dzimwe nguva dzamunotowirirana. Rimwe zuva vakadzoka kuma 2 kwakugogodza pawindow zvikanzi, "Miro! Miroiwe vhura door!" Ndakabva ndanovhura zvikanzi, "Right!!!! Ndinoda kuti utute twako twese ubve pano izvozvi Miro." Vakambodzedzereka nekudhakwa zvikanzi, "Now!!!"

"Vatete totaura kwakachena," i saida walking away zvikanzi, "Kuenda ndichitauraka uku!!!! Aaagh ndizvo

zvakatiza hanzvadzi yangu izvi. Hauna respect. Dei asina kuenda dei tinaye so!!! Outuuuuu!!!" Ndakava ignore ndikapinda mumba yekurarira kwave kuvhara door zvikanzi namhamha, "Auya?" Ndikati, "Ehe mhamha chirarai zvamandivimbisa zviya."

Ndakadaro ndichizama kuvaradzika zvikanzi, "Ari kusheedzera kutii?"

"Ari kuimba nziyo dzaanzwa dzichiimbwa nezvigure zvekwa Mhishi uko nhasi. Zvapfuura nepano apa nhasi."

"Hooo ko zvaanenge ari kuti Rairi wani (Riley)."

"Vari kungobatanidzira ava chirarai amai zvamavimbisa. Zuro hamuna kurara zvekare amai ."

"Ndakadaro zvikanzi, "Ndikushaya hope ngatimboimbei tinamate." Ndakatanga kuimba

_Everyday!!! .. Every hour! Makatendeka Jesu!!!!"
Mazuva!!! ose! Makatendeka!!! Jesu!!!!"_ mhamha kwave kubvumira tikatanga kuimba tikanamata. Hameno nei zvichiita kunge Mwari vanenge vari padhuze newe kana wakasurukirwa kana kuti tisu tinoda Mwari zvakanyanya kana takasurukirwa. Hameno zvinofamba sei asi ndainzwa kuti ndiri

pedyo naMwari zvandisati ndamboita.
Pandakapedza kunamata ndakabva ndanzwa
kakurerukirwa kwakubva ndati, "AMEN Mwari
kudzwai! Zvakaoma zvichirwadza sei Mwari
kudzwai!"

Mhamha vakatanga kuchema zvikanzi, "Nei zvichiita
fanike ndakatukwa ini! Ndinoona kunge Mwari
vasina hanya neni."

"Mwari vane hanya nesu amai. Jehovah ndiMwari
vakatida."

"Asika ko Mwari vanotirwadzisirei kudai."

"Mhamha chimwe nechimwe chine nguva yacho
mukurarama." Maziso angu akajenga misodzi
ndikati zvekare, "Chimwe nechimwe chine nguva
yacho mhamha. Pane nguva yekuseka nenguva
yekuchema. Nguva yekuzvarwa nenguva yekufa asi
ngatingokudzai Jehovah nyangwe zvakadaro.
Tisingakanganwezve kuti vatirerutsirewo mitoro
yedu. Paya patinosurukirwa marwadzo acho aite
nane amai."

"Unotaura mashoko ane hudzamu mwanangu.
Dondivhurira bhaibhiri undiverengerewo kana usati

wave nehope."

Ndakavhura Bible iro rainge riri pedyo neni ndikati,
"Ndovhura panani mhamha?"

"Vhura iya yandinofarira ine musoro weshoko wekuti
Mharidzo YaJesu PaGomo."

"Iri muna Matio here amai?"

"Ndizvozvo chaizvo," vakadaira vari very excited
ndikabva ndaverenga vachiti Amen Amen. Ndapedza
pavaida ndikati, "Mhamha ko iyi
makamboiverengerwa here iyi inonzi Ruth."

"Rute ndiyo ipizve."

"Ndakangoinzwa kuchikoro. Mirai ndikuverengerei
chete. Ndikakuudza nyaya yacho yese
inozokubhowai."

"Iri muna Mateo iwoyo here?"

"Kwete mhamha iri ku old testament."

"Old testamente hausiwo mugwagwa musharu here
tinodazve kufamba nemugwagwa mutsva inova iyo
testamente idzva. Handidi zvitsaru ini ndinoda
zvitsva izvi." Vakataura vachiseka ndikasekawo

ndikati, "And amai ."

"Verenga tihwe mwanangu. Murume wako aiwanzondiverengera mamwe aya iyoyo aingoijamba. Verenga tinzwe."

Ndakavhura payaive kwave kutanga kuverenga kusvika kuchene. Vamwene vangu vaisabhowa kuverengera vai responder chose vachiti 'Ehe!' Ehe! Amen! Zvaiita ndiite shungu dzekuramba ndichiverenga. Nyangwe zvazvo vabereki vangu vange vakashaya ndisati ndanyora Form 4 ndaigona kuverenga chose and my mother would constantly tell me kuti I'm brilliant.

"Ruth | Rute

4:22 Obhedhi akabereka Jese, Jese akabereka Dhavhidhi." Ndakapedza kuverenga last verse pana Ruth zvikanzi namhamha, "Amazing story. Munyaya iyi Ruth ndiwe muroora wangu. Kubva pawakauya muhupenyu hwangu zvizhinji zvakachinja uye kundirerukira, hauna kuda kundirasa. Ndinotenda chose Mwari vakuropafadze nemurume akanaka anokuda nemoyo wese kwauchaenda."

Ndakaseka ndikati, "Mhamha ko kasi zvinonzi

mukadzi akafirwa ave kutoenda kumba kwavo?"

"Kwete asika uchagara pano kusvika nekusingaperi here? Ndakanzwa madzibaba nemadzitete ako achitaura nezvenhaka yako parufu. Ndakangozvinzwa zvichitaurwa."

I frowned ndikati, "Aaaagh ini handimbozvide zvekugarwa nhaka izvi. Better ndizviitire sarudzo yangu ndega nekuti panana bamunini kana vana bamukuru handina wandinoda kana nepadiki zvapo."

"Manyaradzo emurume wako ari kuitwa mwedzi uno. Ko bamukuru vako Inno zvinoita fanike munowirirana wani? Unoti zvaanokuitira zvese izvi ari kuzviita mahara?" Nguva iyoyo message yakapinda mufon mangu yeEcocash. Ndainge ndasenderwa mari naInno zvikanzi, "Batsirikai mainini. Ndinozviziva ishoma asi ndinongoda mubatsirike."

"Vabva vatotumira imwe mari asi ini handivadi zvangu. Ini amai ndinokuvimbisai kuti kana kuri kuzoorwa ndicharoorwa ndave nemari inokwana kubhadhara vashandi vanokuchengetai. Zvakadai

mhamha handife ndakakusiyai!"

"Aaaagh zvino wagove Ruth here nhai Mai Rorini."

"Ndinorevesa ini mhamha. Kusvika zvinhu zvanaka ndipo pandinozobva pano."

"Bvaa regai tigoona asika ukawana anodiwa nemoyo wako usafe wakarega kuroorwa uchiti unogarira ini pano."

"Ehoi mhamha," ndakadaira asi ndaisambofunga kuti ndichawana wandingada anytime sooner than that plus vamwene vangu hapana pandaizovasiya.

"Mai Lolo waswera sei?" Asked bamukuru manheru ndikati, "Ndaswera bhoo bamukuru masweraseiwo."

"Ndaswera zvakanaka. Hapana akunetsa here?"

"Hapana hapo. Maitabasa."

"Lorraine arisei?"

"Aribho uyu bamukuru ari kutamba namhamha."

"Dei manga mune fon inoenda pawhatsapp taita video call manje eish mirai tione kuti toita sei."

"Zvakanakai bamukuru."

Weekend yakasvika zvikanzi nabamukuru Inno,
"Ndanga ndichishandira imomo muHarare so
ndichapfuura nekumba."

"Iribhoo bamukuru."

Masikati vakabva vati, "Mainini maswerasei."

"Ndaswera bhoo bamukuru ko imimi. This is my last
text."

Pasina nguva ndakanzwa ngriii ngriii tu tu iri airtime
yainge yapinda ndikanyemwerera zvikanzi,
"Ndasender airtime. I just wanted to check up on you
nekukuudzai kuti ndazomiswa kubasa asi
handiregedze kusvikako."

"Iribho bamukuru tokuonai masvika."

"Kuma 5-5 mainini ndipo pandiri kusvika."

"Nothing wrong with that."

"Iribhoo."

Ndakabva ndanotenga kahuku ndichiimbirira
nekufarira mari yainge yasendwa that week kwave
kunatsokakanga sezvandaiisiita baba Lolo vachiri
vapenyu. Bamukuru vakasvika kuma 5 kwavaitaura

vachibva vauya nemazi grocery veduwe Lorrene akavigirwa hembe netudhori nezvimwewo. Vakabva vati vaidha kuperekedzwa kunotsvaga ka cold drink kuma shops vakati vaidha kuperekedzwa neni. I hesitated before going navo kwakuzongoti regai ndiende. Ndakakwira mumota mavo vachibva vati, "Urisei mukadzi wangu."

"Ndiribhoo zvangu bamukuru."

We drove in silence kwakubva vati, "Lorrene ndamuvigira hembe you may be wondering kuti iwewe ndakuvigirei? This is for you." Vakadaro vachindipa chi box ndikamhanya kuvhura ndikaona fon ndikati, "Oooo my God. Wooow."

"It's for you madam. " He said smiling chaizvo ndikati, "Maitabasa bamukuru." Vachibva vanyemwerera zvekare smile yainobata gotsi iri. Zveshuwawo ndainge ndafara asi nguva iyoyo mu brain dzangu makamhanya mhanya zvinhu zvakawanda ndikarangerira mashoko amhamha avaisinditi unoti vanofunga kuti zvinhu zvavari kukupa zviri kuendera mahara here'. Zvino kana vaifunga kuti ndichazovada nenhau iyoyo ndakasekera mumoyo ndikati vachagumira mukurota chete zvavo.

Bamukuru vaisashoreka asi ndaisatongovada.
Vainge vasina mukadzi asi mwana vaive naye havo.
Vakazotenga ma drinks tikadzokera kumba
tichitaura zvedu nyaya vachizama kundifadza fadza.
Zvino ini ndizvo zvandaisatoda izvozvo zvemunhu
anoda kunyangira. Munhu iyeye ndiyo type yekuti
inozokubata rough kana wamuramba. Ndaitongoona
kuti vaindipfimba zvakangwara.

Vakafumoenda makuseni acho ndichibva
ndavadziisira mvura kudii kudiii nezvimwewo
tichibva tamira padoor tese tichiva waver goodbye
zvikanzi natete Rati, "Lolo ita bye bye daddy." Lolo
kainge kave kugona kumudisa rhyme yemawords
kakataura kachi waver Inno kwave kusekerera tete
vachibva vati, "Hes mhani!" Statement iroro raireva
zvakanwanda asi ndakabva ndadzokera mumba
ndisina kuvapindura.

Manheru ezuva iroro foni yakarira kubva kune
vamwe mukoma vababa Lolo vamwe vainzi baba
Chiedza zvikanzi, "Hello mukadzi wangu."

"Makadii bamukuru?"

"Ndiri nane zvangu. Ko zviri kunzi Inno uyu mupfanha

wangu ari kutambira kumba ikoko kuti zviite sei?"

"Aaagh nhai bamukuru handi vanongoshanya here?"

"Zvekutorara here nhai mainini."

"Aaagh handichazivewo ini," ndakadaro zvikanzi,

"Iiigh hamusi kuona kuti muri kuteyewa here mainini?"

"Kuteyewa kwekudii?"

"Aaaagh shuwa munhu ane mota ouya kuzorara muchitangwena chenyu chiya. Achifirei hake mwana waEriza aaaagh!!!! Muchenjere kana kurhepiwa imi nekupusa kwenyu ikoko!"

Mukuona kwangu ndaitoona kuti ndivo vangatondi raper nekuti nyangwe baba Lolo vari vapenyu vaisatombovanza kuti vanondida apa vaive nemukadzi. Vainditarisa neziso rine ruchiva kwazvo.

"Aaagh havangambodaro!"

"Chimira ndikuudze mai Lorrene. Iwewe uri mukadzi anonwisa mvura. Chiso zvese nemagadziko aiwa zvese zvinonwisa mvura. Huri hunhu zvahwo unozadza mukombe chaiwo!!! Pamusoro pazvo uri mwana mudikisa iwe uchiri kutemwa dzinobva ropa!

Nekuda kwezvese izvozvo tese tese tiri kutoshuvira
kuti dei watotirangarirawo nekuti chakanaka
chinodiwa nemunhu wese. Ini ndinotombaikuda ini."

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Chapter 6

"Heeeeedeeeee and hamurevesi." Ndakadaro zvikanzi, "Ndinorevesa. Murume wako akasiya akusakadza iwe asi unoratidza kuti ukanatsodya unoita chigagairwa chaicho iwe. Ini ndinochengeta! Unouya torima uyezve kuno maguta chaiwo haufe nenzara iwe!"

"Ini handikudei bamukuru mosimbisa vamwe ikoko movati hanzi namainini mufaro!" Ndakabva ndakata foni yangu ndichitoona kuti ndaipedzerwa nguva nxaaa ndizvo zvazvinoitwa here haiwaaa vaindisvota fani bamukuru ivavo. Mubvunzo wangu wainge wave pakuti ndiani ainge avaudza zvekuti bamukuru Innocent vainge vashanya zvekuzosvika pakurara?

Hakuna mumwe kunze kwatete Rati. Asi vachizvitaurei? Ndakazvibvunza kwave kurovanisa maoko ndikati zvakaoma. Nguva iyoyo message yakapinda mufon mangu from bamukuru Inno zvikanzi, "Ndafamba zvakanaka mainini." Ndainge ndavabvunza kana vainge vafamba mushe vachibva vazotaura nyaya yemanyaradzo tikaronga tichitaura natete namhamha. Next day ndakaona ka\$10 kubva kuna bamukuru baChiedza zvikanzi, "Mazimari andasender mamaona here? Motengawo tunonaka. Haaaa ini ndinokwanisa kukuchengeta nemwana wako." Zvandapihwa ndaingogamuchira nemaoko maviri ndikati, "Maita!!!" Zvikanzi, "Aihwa muchitendeiko. Pfuma ndeyedu tese iyi! Mutupo ndiani zviya?" Ndakava ignore.

Zvisinei zuva remanyaradzo rakasvika ndanzwa nekufonerwa nana bamunini nana bamukuru. It seemed like kune vanhu vanochiva kunze uko asi vasingataure zvavo. Ndainzi ndiri munhu anoyemurika chose. Zuva racho rasvika ndakanzi ndichi chooser murume wangu ndichibva ndatora tsvimbo iya ndikanopa kabamunini kangu kaive grade 1 kwave kuita chivanhu chacho. Yhhaaaaa

ndainge ndavagona sterek vose zvavo vaidakundinyangira. Vazhinji havana kufara nazvo asi ndipo pavaizondimanikidza here?

Mwedzi wakapera bamukuru Inno vachiratidza kuti vainge vasina kufara nesarudzo yangu asi zvainge zvine basa rei neni? Mari yavakandipa ndakatatora ndikasungurira and taidya zvine mwero. Rimwe zuva ndipo pavakandi tumira mari zvikanzi, "Mainini marova veduwe."

"Ndimi marova bamunini. Ndikakusenderai message pa Whatsapp anongo double ticker asi muchi sender ma status henyu!?"

"Mainini basa racho rakandidzvanya. Arisei mwana wangu?"

"Aribhoo zvake uyu."

"It's okay ndinouyako musi weMonday."

"Tinenge takakumirirai."

Monday yacho yakasvika havana kuuya tete vachibva vati, "Ko ngeke yakatsvukira tsvukira iri mumba umo ndeyani?"

"Bamukuru vanga vati vanouya."

"Hooo aaagh asi kwatosviba ka uku? Ndaidya ini handina kumboziva kuti ndeyevaenzi."

"Ini handizvide hangu tete. Musaite hunhu ihwohwo!"

"Uri mwana mudikisa Miriro zvekuti haungandiudze zvakanaka nezvakaipa. Ndinotoziva kuti ichi chakanaka ichi hachina saka usapedza hako nguva yako. Ikozve wakufanira uchienda ubve pano unotonga kwaNyikadzino uko kwete pano."

"Ndichiri kuchema murume wangu imbondizorodzai tete please!" Ndakadaro walking away as usual zvikanzi, "Iyo yekufamba ndichitaura yaunoda kundiitira ndiyo yandisingade manje Miriro!" Ndakava ignore ndikaramba ndakaomesa gotsi ndichifamba ndichienda. Bamukuru Inno vaka sender message zvikanzi, "Sorry mainini ndazotadza kuuya."

"Iribhoo bamukuru."

"Ndakusuwa unoziva!"

"Kkkk mouya rinhi saka?"

"Pakati ipapa. Ndichakuudzai."

"It's okay bamukuru ndinenge ndakangokumirirai."

Ndipo pakaperera conversation yacho and ndiwo matauriro ataiita kubva kare. Bamukuru baChiedza vakandifonera the following week zvikanzi, " Saka shuwa wakatozoramba kuti ndikuchengete?"

"Handina kumboramba ini bamukuru kkk"

"Saka wakadii nhai mai Lolo. Shuwa kuramba kuchengetwa?"

"Aaaagh handina kuramba kuchengetwa ini. Makambonditumira mari ndikairamba here ini?"

It seemed like vange vasina kutarisira mhinduro iyoyo nekuti vakamboita chinguva vanyerere. Nxaaa vange vachingoda zvekuti ndiite mukadzi wavo asi kutichengeta chaiko vaisada. Vakabva varamba vakanyarara ndikati, "Bamukuru handika nhaka sandi bonde here. Imimi kana mune shungu dzekutichengeta sterek ingotumirai mari sezvo imimi mune chido nemhuri yakasiiwa nemunin'ina wenyu."

"Iigh ndizvo zvazvinoitwa here!?"

"Hino?"

"Mari ndichasender unatsoona kuti ndinogona

kukuchengeta."

"Hapana chakaipa. I hope munenge mangotenderana namaiguru chete nekuti ini zvekuzoita pamuromo nevanhu handidi zvangu. Tenderanai!"

"Horaiti. Ndino sorter. Ndinoziva kuti one day chirauo changu chichabata chete."

"Ndinokushuvirai zvakanaka."

"Ndizvozvo mainini ndizvo zvinofanira kuita mukadzi ku supporter supportawo ka?"

"Ehoi."

"Regai ndigokusenderai \$20 ndichibva kubasa. Kuno Ecocash inonetsesa asi ndichato maker sure kuti nyachide awana chekubata. Ndokuda chaizvo mukadzi iwe!!!"

"Shuwa here," ndakadaro ndichisekera mumoyo zvikanzi, "Chaizvo!!!!!" Ndikati, "Bvaana zvakanaka."

"Mira nditoku sendera babe."

"Iribhoo."

Vakabva va cutter ndikatura befu kwave kuridza

chikuwe ndikati, "And baba ava!"

"Vaite sei?" Ndakavhunduka ndichinzwa tete vodairira ndikati, "Hapana kutongonakidzwa."

"Miriro kana wafunga zvekuita chipfambi ibva pano!"

"Chipfambi chipi ipapa?"

"Ikoka kukumbira mari ikoko?"

"Handina munhu wandakumbira mari ini! Bamukuru vanotaura zvekuchengeta sterek ndikati ngavangochengeta ka."

"Ndipo panotangira chipfambi chacho ipapo pakuda mari yausina kushanda!"

"Munorevesa zvenyu asi inombosendwa here nhai vatete?"

"Zvino?"

"Aaaagh nhema idzo. He constantly gives me empty promises. Ipapa hapana mari inosendwa."

Vakabva vambogara pasi zvikanzi, "Ummm asi wambonyanyo naka zvekudii zvekubva wanzi tsoma tsoma nevana vaamai vangu. Uchakaroita mushonga iwe."

"Aaaagh handichazivewo ini."

"Ummmm mushonga chaiwo. Anyways Rosita auya!"

Ndakavhura muromo wangu nekushamisika zvese nekufara ndikati, "Tete Rose? Iiiiigh vatorimo mumba?"

"Eeegh huya uvabikire."

Ndakamuka pabed ndikadzvamura Lolo ndikakatambisa ndikati, "Cheche Lossi Wauya yeee (Tete Rose vauya)" She giggled ndikafamba naye ndichibuda ndikasvikokwazisa tete ndikati, "Vatete vangu!!!" She was happy to see me zvikanzi, "Makoti wangu!!!" We handshake zvine mufaro mukati and she laughed and smiled genuinely ndikati, "Iiiigh kurova tete? Mirai ndiendese ma bag mumba."

"Ndipei mwana wehanzvadzi yangu ndimbomuona."

Ndakavagashidza nemufaro vachibva vasara vachitamba naye kwakudzoka ndikati, "Aaaagh tete munobvuma zvenyu kurova. Manga muchiri kuJoni here?"

"Zvinhu zvacho here. Kuzama kuti ndikumbire off ndiuye kuzoviga hanzvadzi yangu off ingawanika

aaaaagh zveJoni zvinorema muroora ndiko saka ndatoti ndidzoke kumba."

"Aihwa hapana chakaipa tete. Muno muZimbabwe tiri kungobata bata hustling hustling asi zvichitoita Mwari havazombotisiye."

Ndichangopedza kutaura tete ndiye pindikiti zvikanzi, "Zvipiko usade kunyepera sis vangu iwe! Vaudze kuti unokorovhera mari dzevarume vevanhu kuti urarambe fullstop kwete kuda kupinza zita raMwari uchitaura manyepo!!! Hana yako hairuve here?"

"Aaaagh teteka," ndakadaro ndichisekerera. Obviously kana pane vaenzi hauzoratidze kuti munogara muchishupana zvikanzi natete Rati, "Ukuzhinya zhinyei? Enda unobika uko. Ndangove ndariudza kuti rinobika rakutouya kuzogara rotaura nyaya muno nxaaa!"

Tete Ross havana kufara nazvo vakati, "Iiiigh ungabva wadaro here nhai munin'ina!"

"Haiwawo munhu waunoda kureverera uyu haumuzive zvakanatsonaka. Anondipindura mushonga wemashoko chaiwo usipo. Dei zvirizvo zvega taitomboti! Ipfambi iyi! Uchakamirireiko ipapo

iwe buda unobika uko," she shouted at me ndikatakura mwana ainge otamba ega zvikanzi naTete Ross, "Musiyei titambe naye." Tete Rati vaisamboda kutamba nemwana wangu so kazhinji ndainge nditori navo. Zuva iri mhamha vainge vaenda kumba kwemunin'ina wavo and she was planning to stay there for a week. Vainge vanzi imbouya mwana waamai vangu umbozorodza pfungwa sezvo ndiri pa off mhamha kwakuendako for that week. Ndini ndakanovasiya. Munin'ina namukoma vamhamha vaivada asi vaisabatika and financially vainge vakatoomerwawo. Zvisinei ndakacheuka kuti ndichienda zvikanzi, "Dzimwe nherera hadzichengeteki zvenyu sisi. Rinongoti mazigadziko ubve wanogeza futi uri kubudisa mweya unenge wakazara mumazig*aro iwayo aaaagh hazvidi kuchipisa kudai izvi?!!!"

"liigh nhaiwe!" Vakadaro tete Ross vachibata muromo ini kwave kuenda mukitchen. Ndakanzwa kuda kuchema kwave kuzvidzora and sniffed myself ndikanzwa ndisinganhuweba. Yes i had a bigger booty asi ndaigeza chose and ndainge ndisina kusimbisisa. Ndainge ndakatoonda

nekushungurudzikawo hangu. Tete vaizama kutsvaga chakaipa pamuviri wangu. 'My husband always tell me that I'm beautiful. I'm beautiful!' Ndakataura ndega ndichizvisimbisa ndichidurura mvura yainge yapisa mupoto. Thinking of my husband maziso angu aibva ajenga misodzi. Anyways ndakabva ndabika nekuchimbida ndichibva ndapakura ndikaendesa dish remaoko ndikavagezesa kwakuzouya nema plates 2 kwave kugadzika. At that moment my fon rang ndikati, "Excuse me."

Ndakabva ndaenda mubedroom ndikati, "Hello ndiani uyu?"

"Murisei!" I remembered the voice ndikati, "How are you Sir?"

"I'm fine. Can you come to clean my office."

"Tomorrow morning?"

"No today, lunch hour."

"Let me get ready Sir!"

"Sharp!" He end the call ndikanzwa kufara. Vainge vatomborova zvekuti ndaishaya kuti chii and handina

mabvunziro andaiita nekuti he wasn't interested in long conversations with me. Ndakabva ndageza ndikaenda maidyira vanhu, taive ne 3 room asi dining yaikamurwa nepakati nezi curtain zvekuti aibika aisamboona zvikuitika in the other part of the room. Ndakapinda zvikanzi natete Ross, "Iiigh and unogona kubika hako mai Lolo." I smiled ndikati, "Sure here?" Zvikanzi, "Eeeegh unogonesa kutotidarika." I smiled again ndikati, "I'm humbled. Eeeegh ndikuda kumbobuda tete I'm coming back soon. I hope ndinodzoka muripo please."

"Aaaagh munodzoka nguvai? Nekuti ndafonerwa zvichinzi room yekuti ndingagare yatovepo so munogona kusvika ndaenda."

"Iiigh tete aaagh ndinochimbidza kudzoka. Mondimirira."

"It's okay asi ukanonokawo unosvika ndaenda."

"Handinonoke." Ndakadaro ndichikurumidza. Tete Ross zvavaigara ku Joni vange vave kutsvaga imba so ndiyo yainzi ndaiwana. Rosita was a cousin sister yatete Rati. Amai vavo vari ivo mukoma wamhamha, dangwe nemumba mavamwene vangu asi vange

vakashaya havo. Ndakageza ndikapedza ndikabva ndada kutora mwana zvikanzi natete Ross, "Musiyei kana muchienda padhuze. Anonakidza kutamba naye!"

"Zvino zvamati munogona kubuda ndisati ndadzoka handizokukanganisei ma plans enyu here?"

"Ndabva kufonerwa hanzi ndimbomira so ndotozoenda late zvekuma 7pm kana mangwana."

Ndakafaririra kwave kusiira mwana zvaaida chete. Aisambonetsa kana and aitamba ega asingamboshupe.

Ndakabva ndaenda kuoffice ndikasvika boss variko zvikanzi, "I tried your fon ufunge asi kana kumbodaira pese apa and ndakafunga kuti pamwe wawana zvimwe zvekuita that's why ndanga ndisisakudane."

"Ndirinhi iyeye?"

Vakapindura ndikatarisa pasi ndikati, "My husband passed on Sir?"

"Oooo I'm sorry zvakaitika when?"

"Iwo mazuva iwaya andanga ndisiri kubatika."

"Shame my condolences. Sorry hako. Wakuchema
iiiigh sorry." He said passing me a wiper ndikati, "It's
life," zvikanzi, "Sorry zvako."

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Chapter 7

Miriro

"Sorry hako," akadaro Joe ndikati, "It's life," zvikanzi, "Rufu inzira yedu tose and hatingambozvirambe." Akaratidza kundinzwira tsitsi zvikanzi, "Edei rufu rwaitizika taitiza. Edei hupenyu hwaitengwa taitenga asi iiiiigh kutongwa kwaMwari hako and kutonga kwake hakuna mupanda kana." Ndakagutsurira musoro ndikati, "Taurai zvenyu Sir." Akadzungudza musoro akati, "Zvinorwadza. I lost my wife 6 years ago."

"Oooo I'm sorry for the loss." Maziso avo akaita kunge ave kuda kujenga misodzi vachibva vatarisa mudenga zvikanzi, "Ndaimuda zvisingaite and she

died during birth. I lost the child and the mother. I can't even forget the day. Nanhasi ronda racho richiri fresh unoziva." Ndakavanzwira tsitsi ndikati, "Zvinorwadza kani."

"And rufu harujairike nyangwe zvikadii."

"Taurai zvenyu."

"Kungomuka uchinzi munhu afa shame. Seipapo takatoswera tichitaura nyaya ndipo paakanditi ainzwa tuma pains pa side pedumbu apa. I took her to the hospital sezvo mazuva ake ainge akwana. Hazvina kunonoka kuti ma centimeters ake asvike and mimba yake yaisamborwadza zvekuti taitotaura tese pafon and the next hour kunzwa kuti munhu hapasisina. It hurts."

"Nyaya dzedu dzakada kufanana. Rufu rwekungoudzwa kuti munhu afa from nowhere rwakangooma harwo."

"Sure."

Ndakabva ndambopukuta misodzi yaierera ndikati,

"Aaaagh hupenyu ."

"Zvichanaka mai Lolo."

"Ndinovimba zvichanaka. " Ndakabva ndazoti, "Can i have the broom Sir nditange basa zvikanzi, "It's inside there," ndichibva ndatyora muzura ndikati, "Maitabasa." He smiled achibva abuda akati, "Mira ndimbopinda mutown ndinodzoka soon."

"Okay Sir."

Vakabva vabuda ndikasara ndikatura befu. Saka vanhu zvavaitaura zvekuti Joe aive nemukadzi vaizviwanepi? Vanhu vanongotaura zvavasingazive dzimwe nguva. Zvisinei ndakatanga kuita basa randainge ndafambira and like everyday, i aimed perfection. Ndapedza ndave kutodzorera ma brooms ndipo pakauya Joe achibva ati, "I'm very good at guessing wena ndasvika uchangopedza." I smiled ndikati, "You are really good." He smiled back kwakubuditsa mari yainge iri mupocket vakandigashidza ndikangoisa mu purse semazuva ose ndisina kuverenga ndikati, "Maitabasa."

"Iribhoo thank you for your service."

Vakataura vave kutoisa maziso avo palaptop. Joe aive munhu uya aigara ari busy all the time. Ndakabva ndati, "Thank you ndichamboenda."

Ndikabva ndabuda ndakananga kumba ndipo pandakaona message mufon mangu yakanzi, "eeeegh mai Lolo can you please come tomorrow again."

"That's okay Sir."

Ndakapfura nemu town ndichinohodha ma pants andainge ndave kutengesa mazuva iwayo. Ndiri mukombi ndakabva ndafonera mhamha ndikati, "Mhamha makadii?"

"Ndiri right. Kurisei ikoko! Arisei Rorini chizukuru changu."

"Anofara uyu mhamha. Takusuwai isu." Ndakataura ndichirevesa zvikanzi, "Ndinouya mwanangu patosara mazuva mashomana."

"Okay mhamha ndanga ndichida kunzwa kuti murisei? Hamuna airtime. Mukwazise mhamha."

"Zvakanakai."

Ndakabva ndakata ndikananga kumba. Ndakasvika tete Ross vachiriko zvikanzi natete Rati, "Tete Ross vari kuno for this whole month vachimbotsvaga zvekuita."

"Hapana chakaipa tete. Anga asinganetse here Lolo uyu."

"Kana kumbonetsa hake mufunge henyu."

Ndakasekerera ndichibva ndasimuka kwave kunobika zvemanheru sezvo kwainge kwotodoka. Vanhu vakadya vakapedza ndipo pandakaenda kunorara asi ndakamutswa ne nock yatete Rati zvikanzi, "Miriro raraka wa soaker mablankets."

"It's 9pm tete and ndakaneta ini mufunge. Ndaswera ndichitenderera kutsvaga kune ma pants akachipa. N dofumira kuzviita mangwana." Ndakadaro ndichipukuta pukuta maziso angu zvikanzi natete, "Magumbeze acho akasviba unoda kuti azosare netsvina here?"

"Tete ndozviita kwakachena please."

Vakarambisisa ndichibva ndati, "Fine." Ndakabva ndamuka ndikanzwa musana wangu uchiita kurwadza asi painge pasina zvekuita ndikamuka kwave kutora magumbeze aya ndikanyika mumvura ndikambo matsika tsika kwakuzonorara. Mangwana acho ndakamuka makuseni seni ndikawacha nekuita zvese. Vanhu vazhinji vaizosara vomuka ndatopedza

zvese and ini basa ndaisazeza hangu. Tete Rati vaiona kunge vanotondiitira hutsinye zvakanyanya vachifunga kuti ndichabva pamba nekuda kwebasa rakawanda ravaindipa asi kana ndaitongovewo nehushingi hwakapfurikidza. Chandaisatoda kutukwa asi zvekushanda izvi zvainge zviri muropa chaimo.

Ndakabika tea makuseni zvikanzi natete Ross, "Makoti imbouya ugare apa titaure." Ndakaita sekudaro zvikanzi, "Zvandaudzwa natete vako ichokwadi here?"

"Chekutii nhai vatete?"

"Hanzi ukudanana nabamukuru balnno nhai?"

Ndakavhura muromo wangu nekushamisika ndikati, "Iyeni here?" Zvikanzi, "Ehe. Ko hauzvizive here kuti bamukuru ndibaba. Hanzvadzi yangu haisati yave negore yashaya wakutotanga kuita hunhu hwakafumuka kudaro shuwa."

"Aaagh i hope you didn't believe those lies."

"Saka Rati andinyepera."

"Ehe anonyepa uyu. Bamukuru havasati

vakambondiudza kuti vanondida and inini handina zvandinovanzwira. Not because ndibaba, no. Kwedu unokwanisa kutogarwa nhaka nemukoma wemurume wako. Kwatiri isu bamukuru murume."

"Ummmm."

"Ndinorevesa zvee tete."

"Saka ukuzvigona sei uri wega nhai? Hauende kubasa asi grocery rakazara mumba umo. Miriro?!"

"Ndibamukuru vakauya naro karesa kungoti ndinochengetedza chete. Vakauya naro vasingambotaure yekuti vanondida."

"Ko iyi yekuti weekend yaperawakaenda kuBulawayo ukatorara usipo."

Ndakanzwa kuda kuseka ndikati, "And teteka. Tete Rati vanongondifungira zvisizvo nekundinyepera votaura zvekare zvavasingazive kuvanhu. Weekend yaperawakaenda kumusangano weku church. Weekend iyoyo mufunge henyu tete ndainge ndiri mugomo ndakatsanya ndichinamata."

Tete havana kutenda zvandaitaura ndikati, "Tete kukutaurirai chokwadi, kusiri kuda kumbonyepa, tete

Ratidzo mukavaterera munotozoguma mavengwa imi nevanhu. Vanoruka nyaya zvekuti munotofunga kuti ichokwadi."

Vakambotora nguva vasina kupindura vakazoti, "Aaaagh kana madaro zvenyu. Asi iwewe usaite misikanzwa."

"Handidaro ini."

"Kana zvakadaro zvakanaka." Vakadaro asi vakasara nemibvunzo asi vakanyara zvavo kundibvunza ndikabva ndasimuka zvangu ndikaenda. Tete Ratidzo zvavainge vave kundivengesa nevanhu. Ma first days pane pakanyepera murume wangu tikatombonetsana. Ndaitoshaya kuti ndainge ndakambovatadzirei uye chandainge ndichinyatsotadza ndaichishaya. Ma first days vaine ndichemedza asi ndainge ndisisacheme nekufamba kwenguva.

The following day ndakaenda kuoffice and ndainge ndave kuwirirana naJoe pakuti aigarondiudza nezvemukadzi wake. It seemed like ainge awana wekuudza zvaive pamoyo pake. Ini ndakazoguma ndamuudzawo zvangu and instead yekuita ma 2

minutes conversations tainge tave kutotaura nyaya dzakasiyana siyana. Aive munhu akanaka chose shame. Ndainge ndave kujairana naye asi ndaisamuudza zvese. Gore rakapera ndichingoita yandaiita yekunotsvaira muoffice make.

Ndakakumbira basa but akati a full time job aizonditsvagira so ndaingoita iroro remazuva ose and mari yaaindipa yainge yawedzerawo mbichana. Pane dzimwe nguva zvinhu pazvaindiomera ndombochema nekushaya zvekuita and there was no one to help me. Bamukuru Inno proposed to me ndikati, "Sorry bamukuru handisati ndave kufunga kuita move on."

Vakanzwisisa vakati, "It's okay mainini hapana chakaipa."

Mari vainge votumira kana \$10 apo neapo. Bamukuru baChiedza havana kuzombotumira. Vakapedzisira vaneta kundipfimba kwacho kwakungondisiyawo ndakadaro. Nhamo ndakaitamba zvandakapa kutenda ndega. I tried to venture into many businesses ndikaendawo kunana Messina kupiko kwandisina kuenda hamawee kutsvaga chouviru asi iigh life was hard for me

zvekuti dzimwe nguva zvekare ndaitombofunga
kuzviuraya asi ndikafunga mhamha naLolo
ndaizvidzora. Ndaiti ndikagara gara ndoverenga
message yainge yasendwa nemurume wangu
ndombochema ndotaura ndega ndichiti, "
Message yako yekupedzisira inoita fanike waizviziva
hako kuti nguva yako yekuenda yave pedyo. Murume
wangu kani Dei wanga uri dai hupenyu
hwakapfava. Ndaomerwa ini."

Nguva iyoyo zvaiti tete vainge vachimbokanda
hembe dzangu panze kuti ibva pano. Mhamha
nekoko vainge vachimborwara rwara. Ukuwo
kushaya mari. Zvinhu zvacho zvainge zvandiwandira
hamawe asi ndakatsungirira and vamwene vangu
handina kuda kuvasiya. Semunhu ainge akura
vainzwa makumbo, dzimwe nguva musana nechii
chii. Iko kupera kwandainge ndaita hamawee
munongonzwa imi. Ndakabva ndambozama
zvekuhodha ma blankets hupenyu hukamboita nane
asi kwakubirwa stock yangu yese. Zuva raitevera
racho ndainge ndichingonzwa kuda kuchema.

Zuvawo iroro Joe akandifonera achiti ndiuye
kuOffice ndikaenda asi ndainzwa kuda

kutongochema chete Joe achibva azviona akati,
"Ukuita kunge ukuda kuchema." Ndakazama
kuzvidzora ndikati, "No I'm fine Sir." Ndakadaro
ndakatarisa kuse zvikanzi, "No ukuita kunge ukuda
kuchema. Nditarise."

"Hazvisizvo."

Akauya pedyo neni akati, "What's wrong? Taura neni
Mai Lolo." Ndakamutsanangurira zvese zvaitika
panguva yacho zvikanzi, "I'm so sorry. I'm so sorry
shame. Come here," he said opening his arms for a
hug ndichibva ndawira mumaoko ake ndikati,
"Ndaneta ini nekushingirira kani Joe . I'm now
tired of this life. Firstly it was my parents, ndoti
ndawana munyaradzi anova Murume wangu otevera
futi. Ndoti ndihodhe ma blankets ndiwanewo raramo
zvinhu zvese zvobiwa . Aiwa ndakatadzeiko ini. I
invested my all into this business. Izvozvi handina
kana cent aaaagh . " Mamwe mazuva pandaitaura
naye ndaingotaura senyaya ndisingaratidze
kunyanyoshushikana. I was that kind of a person
wekuti ndaisada kungochemera chemera vanhu asi
musi uyu ndakakundikana zvikanzi, "Zvimwe zvinhu
edei ndaikwanisa kukupa ndaikupa hangu mai Lolo

kana kukudzosera asi handingakudzosere. I never knew kuti you were facing all this. Don't worry mai Lolo ndichakupa mari yekuti unobatsirikana then ndichakupa a full time job and i promise to change your life for the better."

I couldn't believe it ndikati, "Munorevesa here." Zvikanzi, "Yes," achibva atora pen akati, "Sign this contract. Mangwana wouya kubasa. Unenge uri PA wangu."

Ndakatarisa pasi ndikati, "Handina kusvika Form 4 ini Sir. Ndakagumira Form 3."

"Hazvina basa ndinokudzidzisa."

Ndakadzokera kumba ndave nemufaro wakapamhidzwa. Mangwana acho makuseni ndichibva ndamuka ndikagadzirira zvekuenda kubasa. Tete vakamuka vachiimba zvekusvotesa zvikanzi, "Wanga wakumboda kuonererwaka nekamari kawanga wakubata hehede manje tafanana ." Vakaseka fani ndikadzungudza musoro ndikati, "Mwari ndewemunhu wese vatete." Ndakadaro ndichikwesa mazino kwave kupfeka dress rangu rainge riri nanewo zvikanzi natete,

"Mafunga kuita sei zvekare nhai mai Lolo wafungepi?"

Ndakava ignore ndikati kuna mhamha, "Mhamha ndokufonerai pa lunch."

"Ari kuendepiko uyu?" Vakabvunza tete sezvo ndainge ndisina kuvaudza kuti ndawana basa.

Ndakava ignore ndikaenda kubasa. Ndichangopinda muoffice Joe akambobuda ndikasara ndikavhara maziso angu ndikati, "Dear Lord. The Lord of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. Mwari ndimi munoonza zvese. Ndimi zvenyu munoziva zvese. Ini ndaneta ini Mwari nehupenyu hwandiri kurarama. Please let this job change my life for the better uye ndikwanise kushanda nevamwe zvakanaka. Amen."

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Chapter 8

Miriro

Joe akadzoka ndichangopedza kunamata akati, "I hope tichashanda tese zvakanaka mai Lolo." I nodded ndikati, "I promise to work with you zvakanaka as well," zvikanzi, "Good." Ndakabva ndatanga kutsanangurirwa zvese zvandaifanira kuita and ndaive munhu uya aikurumidza kubata chose zvikanzi naJoe, "You are very brilliant." I smiled zvikanzi, "It's now lunch time. Let's go." Ndakabva ndasimuka ndikabuda naye akati, "Ndipo pandinodyira pano. Kana ndisipo unongouya wongo order chikafu chaunoda."

"Ndisina kubhadhara?"

"Yes." He said achi concentrater nechikafu chake ndikanzwa kufara. Lunch everyday at a beautiful restaurant like that! Ndakanzwa kuti ma tables ainge a turner zveshuwa. Kana chikafu chandaيدا hachina kunatsopinda nemufaro. Tapedza kudya takabva tadzokera kuoffice and continued with our work zvikanzi naJoe, "Unogara kupi?"

"Budiriro 5," ndakapindura zvikanzi, "Budiriro 5 chii?" ndikati, "A. Kudhuze nekwaOk." Akakwenya musoro akati, "Horaiti uko. Pack your things ndinoku dropper." Ndakangodzvamura kahandbag kangu kwave kubuda ndikanogara kumashure. He didn't complain or anything sevamwe varume vanoti shaa gara mberi. "So wakati unogara nani?"

"Naamai vangu, vamwene. Natete."

"Chete?"

"Yes."

"Ko wakazvarwa uri wega here?"

"No i have a younger brother. He lives in Canada with my aunt. Pakashaya mhamha nadaddy takatanga kugara kwakasiyana."

"Hoo hoo ," akabvumirana nazvo. After a while pakabva paita call pafon pake akadaira iri pa bluetooth zvikanzi, "Black Jack my man."

"Razor!" He replied nemufaro zvikanzi, "Madzini aya aita," zvikanzi, "Iribhoo totaura ndasvika kuden." He end the call ndikabva ndabata zita rekuti Black Jack. Within 30minutes tainge tasvika kwedu kwatinogara kuBudiriro zvikanzi, "Unogara nechepapi?" Ndakavaratidza zvikanzi, "That's okay."

"Maitabasa."

"Iribhoo." Akadaro atove ku concentrater nefon yake ndichibva ndadzika akati, "Mai Lolo wait. Kana pane chimwe chaunoda don't hesitate to call me, okay." Akadaro achiita sign yekuti call ndikati, "Okay Sir." Vachibva vaenda ndikasara ndikapinda mumba zvikanzi natete, "Uri kunhuvirira fani."

"Maswerasei vatete."

"Ndaswera. Ndikati uri kunhuvirira chaizvo nhasi."

"Hookay." Ndakadaro ndichipinda mumba zvikanzi, "Who did you hug today anozora that expensive perfume."

"Nobody." Ndakadanidzira zvikanzi, "Ehoi ndichazvibata hangu."

"Ehooo."

Ndakabva ndanokwazisa mhamha ndikavaudza zvese zvazvo zvainge zvaitika vakati, "Glory to Jesus. Halleluyah. Glory to Jesus! Rabadatashatata. Rikarebomashandata." Ndikati, "Hallelujah mhamha Amen!" Zvikanzi, "Ndinogara ndichinamata kuti dai Mwari vangokurangarirawo muroora wangu uzogarika."

"Amen mhamha i receive."

Vakabva vati, "Rorini dondichererawo mvura," kachibva kasimuka kakanochera asi yakauya ichimwiwa ndikati, "Aaaagh ndicho chii ichocho nhai Lolo. Ukatumwa mvura haunwe wanzwa!" She giggled akati, "Ehe." She was 2 ave kutoda ku turner 3. Ainge akugona kutotaura tunyaya nagogo vacho nekutumwa zvinhu zvidikiwo izvi. Gogo vacho vakanwa mvura zvikanzi naLolo, "Mhamha inini daddy wangu wari kupi?" The question came as a bomb to me ndisati ndapindura achibva ati, "Nhasi pandaenda kunotamba naShalom awigirwa ma

sweets nadaddy wake ini handina kumbopihwa." Akadaro achiratidza kunzwise tsitsi ndikanzwa misodzi kuungana mumaziso angu achibva apindurwa nagogo vacho sezvo ini ndainge ndango sticker neshungu ndichitadza kubuditsa mazwi zvikanzi naLolo, "Aaaaagh ini daddy wangu wachandiigira masweets one day mhamhaka. Kana daddy Inno wakauya wanondiigira ka mhamha?" Zvaainge audzwa nagogo vacho haana kuzviterera ndofunga ndikangoti, "Ehe Lolo," zvikanzi, "Wanenge wane mari yekutenga masuwitsi ka?" Ndikati, "Ehe." I couldn't control myself ndikabata muromo wangu ndave kuchema ndikamhanya kubuda ndichienda kunochemera mubathroom ndikati, "Oooo my God ."

I sobbed for a while ndikadzokera mainge mugere mhamha kwakuzotaura dzimwe nyaya zvikanzi naLolo, "Gogo ndikwenyeiwo apa." Aida kukwenywa musana wake zvikanzi, "Mai Rorini dotarisa kuti mwana ari kuvaviwa nei nekuti angove abvira kundikwenyesa musana wake."

"Hazvisi zvisasa here mhamha. Huya pano sweetie." Akabva auya ndikati, "Ane zvisasa uyu mhamha. Ndanga ndisina mari yekumutengera mushonga

wacho asi ndichanotenga mangwana chaiye."

"Zvakanakai."

Ndakabva ndasimuka ndikagezesa Lolo kechi 2
nekuwacha dzimwe hembe zvikanzi natete,

"Mangwana kuma10 undiendeserewoka order yangu
iya kwamai Tino. Ndimi munowirirana. Ini
vanondifinyamira."

"Ndinenge ndisipo."

"Unenge uripi?"

"Ndichada kubuda. Ndakawana basa."

"What???" Ndikati, "Ehe." Zvikanzi, "Une O'level here!"
Ndikati, "Aihwa handina hangu ini."

"Zvino. Kasi wakapinda neback door. Unopihwa basa
unei?"

I smiled ndikati, "Ndine nyasha dzaMwari. Ndidzo
dzakatondipinzisa basa idzodzo."

"Inga. Saka boss vacho ndivo vawazorara navo kuti
uwane basa. I perfume yavoka ikunhuwa pauri?"

"No. Handizvo. Maybe vaka sprayer mumota mavo
or something. Tinoshanda tese, maybe ndavagumha.

"

"Inga Mwari anosimudza marombe."

"Chaizvo!"

Vakaraidza kunzwa godo kwave kufemera
pamusoro for a moment ndikati, "Ko imi muchiri
kuenda kubasa here?"

"Ehe ringapera nei zvaro. Vamwe takadzidza ka isu.
Ndakazoshaya hangu mari yekuenda kuA'level asi
ndakakuudza ka kuti ndaive me7 maA pasina kana
B." It was true ndikati, "Ndikaita mari
ndichakuendesa zvangu kuchikoro vatete vangu."
Vakaseka zvikanzi, "Iwewe manje kundiendesa
kuchikoro?"

"Ndotadza nei?"

"Aaaagh bvaaa ini nenguva yacho ndinenge ndatove
neprivate jet."

"Chandinongoda ndechekuti mubudirire tete.
Ndinongokushuvirai zvakanaka mufunge." Moyo
wangu wakaenda kure ndikati, "Hakuna chinhu
chinorwadza sekuti unenge wakapasa, une shungu
dzeukuenda mberi nechikoro asi woshaya mari.

Zvinorwadza ."

"For the first time wataura zvine musoro.

Zvinorwadza. Ini zvamunondiona kudai chikoro ndinorova zvekuti hande. Murume wenyu ndaimuitira homework yake gegegege." Ndakaseka ndikati, "Hamurevesi?" Zvikanzi, "Idi. I was a book worm."

"Aaaagh zvinhu ngazvikunakirei tete vangu muenderere mberi nechikoro. Nekunamatawo tete zvinobatsira."

"Iwe zvekunamata ndizvo zvakakuwanisa basa here?"

"Ehe." Vakaratidza kufungisisa vakati, "Aaaagh kana zvakadaro Sunday ndoenda nemi. Mazuvano basa rangu rakapera iri. Ndanga ndakaba saka zvakanzi basa hapasisina. Kune maporofita here kuchurch kwenyu?"

"Ehe."

"Aaaagh ndichatouya. Ndikuda kutobvunza kuti chakaita kuti murume wangu aende chii chaicho. Ndaisazvibvuma zve church izvi asi iiiigh iwewe kuwana basa?!!! Zvinenge zvinobatsira zvekuti

zvechurch church izvi."

"Tinoenda tete."

Vakabva vasimuka ndokuenda havo. Musi weSaturday Joe akandifonera zvikanzi, "Muri sei?" Ndikati, "I'm good and you?" zvikanzi, "I'm good ma'am. Can you come kubasa nhasi." Ndainge ndakanzi handiuye Saturday asi handina kuda kunyunyuta ndikati, "It's okay Sir," zvikanzi, "Sorry hako i know you have ma plans. It's an emergency."

"It's okay. I don't mind."

"Thank you for understanding."

Ndakabva ndatogeza ndikaenda zvikanzi, "Can you do that for me. Ndine pressure isingatoite." I did as instructed kusvika ndapedza kuma6 dzemanheru zvikanzi, "Thank you so much. How can i pay you?"

"It's my job."

"Come on. You worked extra hours so i should pay you." I smiled ndikati, "Munongoita zvamunoda imimi." He smiled and wrote me something like a cheque zvikanzi, "Ukasvika pareception unoudzwa zvekuita. Panenge pane musikana anonzi Zoey."

Unomuti ndakupa that."

"What is this Sir?"

"Read." I read zvaivepo ndikati, "Ooo my God. I will go there mangwana chaiye."

"Iribho. Hande ndinoku dropper."

Tiri muroad ndakabva ndati, "Can you please drop me paOk i want to buy some sweets for my daughter. Ndikanonoka kudzoka ndosvika ave kuchema saka kutoda kumuvhara nema sweets."

"Iribhoo."

Takafamba tikasvika paOK achibva adzika ndikati, "Maitabasa," zvikanzi, "Ndikukuperekedza Mimmy." Ndakanyemwerera ndikati, "Ndasvika ini," zvikanzi, "Ndine zvandiri kuda." Ndikati, "It's okay."

Ndakapinda maOk ndikangotoro ma sweets nechocolate Joe achibva atora trolley kwakuisa zvinhu zvakati wandei akabva azevezera cashier kwakubva taenda kumota akabva andi dropper achibva andipa paper bag rainge rine ma groceries achibva asara nerimwe racho ndikamboramba kusvika ndabvuma akandiyeva ndichipinda mumba.

The following day ndakamutsa tete kuti tichigadzirira kuenda kuchurch zvikanzi, "This time here? Kuchurch kwacho kunoendwa pakati pehusiku kudai."

"It's just 6."

"Aiwa endai moga. Church dzinomukirwa idzi bodo."

"Tete kani kwatoedza uku."

Vakandi ignore vakafuga blanket musoro wavo ndikati, "Mongomuka mongogeza chete vatete zvimwe zvese ndaita." Vaka ignore ndikagadzirira hangu mhamha naLolo tikaenda. Takakurumidza kudzoka ndikabva ndaenda ku boutique kwandainge ndanzi ndinoona Zoey ndikasvika ndikati, "Muri sei asikana." Musikana aivemo akasekerera zvikanzi, "Hes." Ndakasununguka ndikati, "Ndiribho. Can you please help me." Ndakabva ndamugashidza chinenge chi cheque chiya zvikanzi, "Wooooow this is nice. Shalom huya pano!" Akabva adaidza musikana aishandamo achibva ati kwaari, "Please help ma'am find hembe dzavari kuda. All the costs are covered"

Ndakanyemwerera kumusikana uya achibva afinyama zvikanzi, "Which ma'am." Zvikanzi, "That

one." Shalom wacho akabva andinongedzera nekagunwe zvikanzi, "Ava iiiigh zvakaoma." Ndakashaya kuti chii ipapa chainge chaoma nxaaa. Ndakatanga kusarudza hembe dziri formal dzichindifita zvokuti. Ndaona kuti zvangu zvaita i picked a dress rainge rakati kurirei for my aunt ndikatora tuma dress 3 twaLolo netubhutsu twacho ndikatora 2 dzamhamha zvikanzi naShalom, "I'm sure Joe wanted you to pick hembe dzamunokwana imimi chete."

"Don't worry sis ndichamuudza kuti ndatora nedzisiri dzangu kana achindidzoseresa achandidzoseresa ari iye. Ndipeiwo dress iro heeyyyy rakanaka fani." Ndaidaro ndichinongedza dress raikwana mhamha zvikanzi, "Mombe inokorera pamarket shuwa."

"Chaizvo," ndakapindura ndisingakendenge kana nepadiki zvapo achibva andipa ndikati, "Wagona shaaa. "

"Zviri kuoneka kuti muchiri vanyowani kune zvechirungu izvi."

"Ehe ndiri munyowani sis ko zvine basa reiko. Handi chimwe nechimwe chine matangiro acho here?"

"Une rough."

"Chaizvo. Ndikasaita rough ndozoita chii?"

Ndakataura ndichibhidhaira ndichienda kune bhutsu ndikasarudza dzandaida ndikarongedza. Ainge andibvirira kare musikana iyeye achitaurisa nekufinyama finyama. Ndakatakura zvinhu zvangu ndikati kuna Zoey, "Waitabasa," achibva asekerera. Ndipo paunoona kuti vanhu vakasiyana chose. Shalom naZoey were 2 different people with different personalities. Anyways hanya nani chidhoma chekwachivi. Ndakaenda kumba ndichiimba Makatendeka Jesu and i couldn't hide the happiness. Mhamha vakafara zvikanzi, "Saka rokwe iri ndere kara (color) yerudzii?"

"Nave blue mama. Inonzi navie blue."

She smiled vachibva vati, "Hes mhani. Ndega ndikutozvinzwa kuti ndakachena."

"You look very beautiful mama."

Tete vainge vakangoyeva mhamha vachibata bata dress randainge ndavavigira zvikanzi, "Saka ini ndini wamatengera zvakashata? Inga zvakaoma."

"Tete dress rakanaka iri. Yedzayi muone vatete."

"Handisati ndatambura zvekudaro wangu. Take your dress upe vanoshaya not inini." Ndakati kanha nazvo vachibva vabuda vachienda. Ndakarwadziwa nazvo ndichibva ndarirongedza zvangu. Mangwana acho ndakatoriisa pa market rikatengwa mari yacho ndikatosungurira. The following day Joe akasangana naLolo paakandi dropper vakataura vese. Zuva raitevera manheru ndipo paakati,,,,

"Heyyy Mimie arisei Lolo"

"Aribhoo Sir."

"She is so sweet shame. I got busy nezuro ndaitoda kutaura naye over a call. She is very bright saamai vake."

"liigh dzungu chete chete ndiro rakazara ipapa ,"
Ndakataura ndichiseka zvikanzi, "Ari padhuze here nditaure naye?"

"Ehe aripo."

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Chapter 9

Miriro

Ndakapa Lolo fon akataura naJoe. Joe loved him so much and vakaratidza kuwimirana chose. The following day ndaenda kubasa ndakabva ndanzi, "So how old is Lolo?"

"She is 2 turning 3 manje manje."

"She is very bright. When is her birthday?"

Ndakataura zvikanzi, "Uitire mwana party Mimie." Ndakaseka ndikati, "I can only buy a cake for her. Zvema party izvi regai ndimbomira veduwe."

"Ko nei?"

"Because izvozvi ndikatambira zviri nane to invest

into something kuitira ndizonatsomuitira ma party acho mune ramangwana."

"Don't worry about expenses Mimie. Zvese zvaunoda don't hesitate to tell me okay. Especially panodiwa mari."

"Aaaagh you have done so much for me Sir."
Ndakadaro ndichipokana nazvo. Ndainge ndashandisa mari yake yakawanda for that moment zvekuti ndakaona kuti izvi zvanyanya. He chuckled akati, "Mimie do you know kunonzi kuspender mari chaiko? Handina zvandati ndakuitira. Sure party yetumari tushoma shoma ndiyo yaungati ndanyanya here?"

"Sir i..." He placed his finger on my mouth shutting me up akati, "Just let me do it." Ndakadzungudza musoro zvikanzi, "Please. This is the last time." Ndakatarisa kuside ndikati, "Promise it's the last time."

"I promise you queen."

I raised my shoulders ndikati, "It's fine."

"Tozoronga about the party handi?"

"It's okay."

"Thank you."

Ndakambomira zvandaiita zvese ndikati, "Why are you doing this for me?" Akakurumidza kupindura akati, "I love making people happy. I love putting a smile on someone's face. Whenever someone smiles because of me ndinonzwa kufara." He said ari emotional ndikati, "If you say so." Haana kuzopindura ave kuita zvebasa rake ini ndikatanga kuitawo zverangu. After a moment there was an incoming call on my fon ndichibva ndadaira. It was bamukuru Inno ndichibva ndati, "Makadii bamukuru!"

"Hi murisei?" Vakataura izwi rakadzikira fani kunge vasiri kunzwa mushe ndikati,

"Ndiribhoo chose kuri sei ikoko?"

"Mhamha vashaya." Mashoko ake akaperekedzwa nesound yekuchema ndichibva ndanzwa moyo wangu kutsemuka ndikabvunza zvakakosha zvese ndikazoti, "Tiri kuuya bamukuru. . ." Ndakadaro ndichipukuta misodzi yainge yakutoerera nematama angu zvikanzi, "I need you." Ndikati, "Ndiri kuuya bamukuru." He began sobbing akati, "Nezuro chaiye

ndaitotaura navo mhamha vachiti makumbo ave
nane Nezuro tainge takatogara tese tichitaura.

Ndiri kurwadziwa." He said achichema ndikati,
"Ndinozviziva zvinorwadza bamukuru asi
ngatichemei netariro." Vakachema zvaipisa tsitsi
kwakuzokata ndikapukuta misodzi yainge iri
pamatama angu zvikanzi naJoe, "Chii?"
Ndakapindura ndikati, "Vamwene vangu vashaya."

"Vaunogara navo here?"

"Kwete. Vatezvara vangu vainge vakamboroora.
Mukadzi wavo wekutanga ndiye ashaya."

"Shame nematambudziko. Vanga vachirwara here?"

"Pakashaya baba Lolo vaingoti makumbo havana
kutouya kuzochema. I think zvakavasimbirira kubva
ipapo."

"Shame my condolences. Saka vari kuchemerwa
kupi?"

"KuBulawayo."

"Eish saka transport ukuita sei?"

"Ndinenge ndakutotaura nana mhamha toenda."

"Ndine meeting kuBulawayo mangwana so ndinenge ndave kukuperekedzai.." Ndakaeredza misodzi ndikati, "It's okay mirai ndizonzwa vana mhamha first." Ndakabva ndatoperekedzwa kumba ndikanzi, "Unondifonera wondiudza zvawaronga. I know you said you do not want favors from me but i think right now it's needed." I just nodded ndichidzika. Ndakasvika pamba ndikaudza tete namhamha zvikanzi natete, "Mai vaya ndainge ndakavavenga fani." Tese namhamha takadairirana tikati, "Ummmm." Zvikanzi, "Vainyepedzera kutida zvisina basa kuri kunyangira daddy. Kungoti mese makadzungaira hamungazvione."

"Aaaagh ko waitishanyira wani after baba vashaya."

"Pamwe vaida kuonaka kuti muri kutambura zvakadii"

Kutaura chokwadi amai ivavo vainge vari munhu bhoo zvisingaite. Vainge vane rudo chairwo rusiri rwekunyepera ndiko saka nyangwe Inno naRiley vaiwirirana. Aive munhu ainzwisisa and ndavashanyira vaindibata zvakakanaka. Ini hapana chavainge vakambonditadzira. Anyways mhamha vakabvuma kuenda tete vakaramba.

Takanovachema mhamha, Inno ndiye ainge achingoti akagara gara ouya kuzo checker if I'm fyn. Ndaibatsiridzawo pakawanda and ndainge ndapihwa mari naJoe yekuti ndibatsirikane. Funeral yaperabamukuru ndipo pavakauya pandainge ndiri vakati, "I'm moving kuenda kuHarare next month."

"Ooo tingafara chose mufunge."

"Tinenge tichitaura."

Vaitaura izvozvo takamirira Joe sezvo aida kudzokera nesu. Akabva asvikawo pasina chinguva achibva atitakura ndikambundirana naInno achibva ati, "Mofamba bhoo mainini tinenge tichitaura." He let me go ndikapinda mumota. Munzira Joe ainge asiri kufara zvekuti ndakashaya kuti chii. He dropped us home mangwana kwakufumira kuenda kubasazvikanzi, "Uya wawainge unaye pandakasvika ndianiko?"

"Ndibamukuru vangu. Ndivo vakashaikirwa naamai."

"Hoo." He nodded achiita zvebasa rake. Inno called ndichiri kubasa akati, "Makafamba zvakanaka here nines."

"Ndakafamba mushe bamukuru imi makasara zvakanaka here?"

"Ndakasara zvakanaka chose."

Takakurukura nyaya dzakawanda wanda achibva azokata zvikanzi naJoseph, "Munowirirana fani."

"He has always been there for us mufunge henyu."

"Zvakanaka. Vanhu vanofanira kuwirirana."

Week rese rakapera bamukuru vachifona ini ndichimbovafonerawo apo neapo. Kazhinji aifona ndiri kubasa and tainge tave nekakujairana. Mwedzi pawakapera ndipo pavakatanga kugara muHarare. Vaiuya pamba apo neapo zvekuti ndakambofunga kuvapa mukana asi zvakandirambira chose. I never pictured him as my husband kana zuva rimwechete zvaro. Munguva iyoyowo birthday raLolo rainge rave kutosvika vachibva vati, "Tiri kumuitira chii Lolo?"

"I'm thinking of a party bamukuru."

"Okay. Unongondiudza zvese zvinodiwa toita. Don't worry about cash."

I waited for a moment before replying fon ichibva yakata nemistake ndikatura befu kwakuzova

sendera message ndichivatsanangurira zvandainge ndakaronga naJoe zvikanzi, "No problem." Haana kufara nazvo hake. Zuva racho rakasvika. Imiweee i never thought that Joe loved my daughter to that level veduwe. Everything from decor zvainge zviri classy. Painge panongori nehama shoma dzepadhuze kusanganisira bamukuru. Yave nguva yema presents bamukuru vakabvisa mapresents ekuti ndakapa kutenda. Ndakafara veduwe. Mangwana makuseni ndakabva ndamukira kubasa ndikatenda Joe zvisingaite akafarawo. Tete mazuva iwayo vaiita kakundinyengerera. Bamukuru baChiedza vakatishanyira and we welcomed him.

Mangwana acho vakaswera varipo manheru ezuva iroro ndipo pandakati ndakarara manheru ndakanzwa kunge ndakatsimbirirwa. Ndakamboda kuzvi ignore semunhu ainge ane hope ndipo pandakaita kakuvhunduka ndichinzwa muromo wangu wakanzi dzviii ndikada kuridza mhere ndichinzwa munhuwi wabamukuru zvikanzi, "Shhhh nyarara. Iwe ungandishainira shuwa uchida Inno iwewe. Kusiya inini manje." Vakadaro vachindi kisser pahuma ndikadzungudza musoro ndave kutotanga

kuchema zvikanzi, "Uri wangu iwe. Ndikuda kutokuitisa mimba and hauna waunoudza."

Ndakadzungudza musoro misodzi yave kuerera nematama angu vachibva vabudisa kabanga kwakuisa pahuro apa zvikanzi, "Ukangoridza mhere chete ndiri kukugura musoro." Vakadaro vachisiya muromo wangu. Hana yangu yainge yorova zvaisimudza kadundundu vachibva vavhura makumbo angu vachifemera pamusoro kwakubva nda screamer vasati vatanga kundi raper ndipo pakamuka mhamha zvikanzi, "Chii chikuitika. Chiiko veduwe."

"Mhamha kani ,," ndaka screamer again bamukuru vachibva vaona kuti pashata sezvo tete vakabva vavhundutswawo neku screamer kwangu. Bamukuru vakabva vatatora ka bag kavo kwave kubuda vachimhanya ndikasara ndichichema and hana yangu yainge yave kurova ndichibva ndafonera Joe ndikati, "Joe I'm not okay."

"Oooo what's wrong?"

"Bamukuru BaChiedza vanga vachida kundi raper.
Nanhasi ndichiri ne fear."

"Kuku raper?"

"Ehe." Ndakapindura zvikanzi, "Ndiri kusvika izvozvi hold on." Ainzwika kufemera pamusoro nehasha achibva asvika in no time sezvo aisanyanyogara kure zvikanzi, "Vari kupi?"

"Vatiza."

"Ungaite idea yekuti vatiza nepi here?"

Ndakamuudza zvandaifungira zvikanzi, "Haangotize zveee. Haangotize hazviite kana. Pinda mumota." Ndakabva ndatora ka purse kangu ndikamusvikira ari pa call achibva akata akamutsa mota ne speed yemufirimu chaiyo. Takafamba for a moment zvikanzi, " Hauna kukuvara?"

"Handina."

"Haana kukubata bata here?"

"Kweteba haana."

"Haana zvaaita zveshuwa."

"Ehe," ndakataura ndichirevesa achibva atura befu akati, "Better." Nguva iyoyo Joe akafonerwa zvikanzi, "Abatwa."

"Ari kupi?"

Vakabva vati vaendesa bamukuru kumapurisa tikasvika. Ndakaona vachipusa zvinho kunge huku yanaiwa. Vakavharirwa muchitokisi kwakubva nyaya yavo yazotongwa vakapihwa makore avo anoenderana nemhosva yavo. Hama dzakamboda kundituka kuti shuwa ungasungisa munhu asina kuku raper but Inno naJoe were on my side vachitondiudza kuti justice is justice.

Day ratakabva kucourt tete vaininge vakatsamwa zvikanzi, "Sure sure Miriro ungadaro."

"He tried to rape. Edei ndisina kuzovaruma neku screamer vakatondi raper."

"And hauna moyo. Uri nyoka yemunhu urongedze twako ubve pano."

"Hapana chakamboipa tete. Mwedzi uno uchingopera ndiri kuenda."

"Eeeegh enda wangu wave kutotibhowa iwewe."

"Iribhoo."

Mwedzi uchipera i moved out ndikatanga kugara kuKuwadzana. Mhamha ndakavatora zvekare

handina kuvasiya ivowo havana kumbo hesitator
kuenda neni.

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Chapter 10

Pandakatanga kugara ndega ndakatanga kusunungukawo. Trust me when i say this, 'freedom tastes so good'. Munhu dzidza kuzviitira chinonzi chako zvekuti unenge uchiziva kuti hapana anenge achimbokushupa kana kukuudzira zvekuita. I was loving the new environment. Inno called me akati, "I heard that you have moved out?"

"Oooo yes i did."

"Wakugara kupi?"

Ndakamuudza zvese nehouse number akati aizouya mangwana acho. He came ndikanatsomubikira chaizvo zvaaida pasina anondimisa kana kundiudzira zvekuita. Ndakaonawo kuti iye ainge

akatosununguka kudarika mazuva ese. I rented 2 rooms ndidzo dzandaikwanisa kuafforder. Chandakangotora kubva kumba mubhedha newardrobe zvimwe zvese ndakasiya. Bamukuru vakabva vazoti, "Miriro wakazoti chii nhai?"

"Bamukuru matanga."

"Shaaa ini ndokuda. Ingondipawo mukana please."

"I'm not planning of moving on anytime soon bamukuru. I want to first build my life mufunge henyu."

"Tinovaka hupenyu hwacho tese naLolo wedu. See i tried to move on ndikatomboanana nemumwe musikana but i couldn't stop thinking about you tikatozorambana nekuda kwako."

"You are now making me feel guilty manje," ndakataura ndichiseka zvikanzi, "Ndinorevesa shaa." He went down on his knee kwakubata maoko angu ese akati, "I love you so much. Can you just give me a chance Miriro please ndikukumbirawo."

"Aiwa bamukuru get up veduwe," ndakadaro ndichizama kuvasimudza pavainge vakapfugama

ndikati, "Please don't do that," vakadzungudza musoro vakati, "Ndokuda Mimi. Handisi kusimuka pano kusvika wandipa mhinduro inondigutsa."

Vakadaro vachisekerera ndikati, "C'mon."

Vakadzungudza musoro zvikanzi, "Imagine ndichiku proposer. Ndine shungu dzekuchata newe and ndinongoona iwewe chete."

"You know hama dzekwenyu dzandivenga how can that be possible."

"I don't care who is against us. I don't care. Inini ndokuda and i will never date my family or marry my family. What i want is you and their opinions about this don't even matter."

"Come on. Get up totaura wagara pasi veduwe," ndakadaro starting to be shy zvikanzi, "Promise me that one day you will start loving me as i do."

"I can't promise that," ndakataura ndichirevesa ndikaenderera mberi ndichiti, "Bamukuru i never pictured you as my husband nyangwe zuva rimwechete zvaro. I mean this whole love thing is too large to swallow. I mean i can't love you. I always see you as my bamukuru. I'm sorry." Inno akaratidza

kurwadziwa nemashoko angu akati, "It's okay. Chakanaka kuudzana chokwadi. Thank you." I smiled ndikati, "You are welcome." He smiled back akati, "But that doesn't stop me from showing my love to you." I rolled my eyes ndichinyemwerera ndikati, "But don't keep your hopes high." Akaseka akati, "Come on mainini. That reminds me, ndanga ndakuvigira something."

"What is it."

"Close your eyes," akataura achisekerera ndikavhara maziso achibva andipfekedza necklace muhuro zvikanzi, "Now open them." I did as instructed ndikati, "Oooo my God. It's so beautiful." I was happy achibva azoti, "Handichagare mainini i need to go to the office. Mumhorese Lolo nhasi handina kumuona."

"Ari kutamba panze apo. Regai ndikubuditsei."

Ndakavabuditsa tikaonekana. I felt loved shame. He was so romantic and had a good way of showing his love to me. He was gentle and patient. Mangwana acho ndakaenda kubasa and ndaingoti ndikagara gara ndobata necklace yangu kusvika Joe ati, "Who

gave it to you?" Ndakaita kakuvhunduka ndikati,
"What are you talking about?" He pointed at the
necklace akati, "Who gave it to you?" Ndakakwenya
musoro ndikanyepera kuisa maziso palaptop ndikati,
"Oooo I... I... I (stammering)It came from a friend."
Ndakadaro zvikanzi, "Which friend?" I laughed ndikati,
"Come on i have many friends." He raised his
shoulders akati, "I never heard you mentioning that
you have a male friend." I rolled my eyes ndikati,
"Come on Sir. It came from my bamukuru."

"So is he your friend?"

"He is like a friend to me." I said zvikanzi, "Kasi
munodanana?"

"No. He is just being kind and sweet."

"Be careful he may try to rape you like what
baChiedza did to you." I frowned ndikati, "He will
never do that to me." He chuckled zvekupererwa
zvikanzi, "The world is wicked my dear. We are living
in a world where people take advantage.
Akwangwarisa mupfanza uya uya."

"Kuti kudaro?"

"Zvisingaite. Akangwarisa zvekuti nxaaa." Akataura achiratidza kubhowekana chose ndikati, "You don't like him?" Akarova table zvine hasha mukati akati, "Yes! I hate him!" Ndakatoshamisikawo nazvo ndikati, "Hate is a strong word."

"I don't like him my dear."

Haana kuzoda kutaura zvakawanda achibva ati, "Go home i have a meeting to attend at 2 o'clock mu town. I'm sorry nhasi you have to find transport."

"No problem Sir."

"Just call me Joe like what others do and don't try to make me feel old. It's boring Miriro! It's boring! It sucks!" He shouted at me for the first time ndikati, "It's okay Joe." He took a deep breath akagadzirisa tie yake kwave kutora briefcase rake akati, "Have a nice day." He went out and banged the door ndikasara ndakabata hana yangu. I never thought Joe aitogona kushouter like that. Chandainge ndatadza ndicho chandaishaya hangu kuti chii. Kuti ainge ave kundida achiita godo rekuti Inno anondidawo? Kuti ndainge ndataura zvaimubhowa? Ndakatanga kufungisisa ndikatora bag rangu and

locked the office. Shalom achindiona akarova chikuwe akati, "Nhasi chakachaya!!! ." I just ignored her and looked at my wristwatch ndikati, "Queen akauya umuudze kuti ndaenda kumba anodzoka mangwana." Ndakadaro ndichinzwa kubhowekana zvikanzi, "You know what my dear?"

I rolled my eyes ndikati, "What!!!?" Zvikanzi, "Varume vanokutsenga tsenga sebubblegum kana wapera muto vokusvipa votsvaga rimwe bubblegum. "

"So?"

"In short ndikuti ukaona Joe atsamwa sematsamwiro aaita nhasi ayo ziva kuti kana riri basa you are fired. Tese tinozviziva kuti he doesn't get angry easily but when he is really angry haadzoke kumashure. Tsamwiro yaanga akaita ka! Heedeede warambwa iwe."

"Stop wasting my precious time," ndakaridza tsamwa ndichifamba ndichienda zvikanzi, "Go home my dear and drink some more appetitoes otherwise mag*ro ese tichaona apera ayo nestress."

I ingored her ndikabuda panze kwakuona mota yaJoe ichiripo ndikangofamba kuda kunobuda gate

achibva afambisa mota kusvika pandiri akati, "I was waiting for you." Akataura achivhura window arimo mumota ndikati, "I thought you said you had a meeting to attend at 2. It's 2 o'clock already Sir... Joe."

"But then i realized transport inogona kukunetsa. Kukupisa futi, handidi urohwe nezuva."

"I can manage Sir. Harisi kunyanya iri."

"Come." Ndakabva ndafamba ndikanogara kumberi ndikati, "I hope handisi kukunonotsai."

"Everything and everyone can wait because you come first. You are special to me." He said zviri sweet neka rough mukati ndikaoma mate mukanwa ndichibva ndangonyarara kusvika tisvike kumba. Ndasvika he helped me remove my seat belt and our eyes locked achibva abata chirebvu changu akati, "Be careful of people wanzwa?" I nodded ndikati, "Yes." Zvikanzi, "Especially bamukuru vako. Usanyanye kuvasweddedza padhuze nekuti vanogona kungokudya vaya. I'm a man and i know what a man is capable of. Anogona achinyangira kuda kungorara newe."

"But if he wanted to do that dei akazviita kudhara."

"A man will do anything to get into your pants."

Ndakatarisa pasi ndichizama kufungisisa zvikanzi,

"Look at me." Ndakaita sekudaro achakabata chirebvu changu akati, "You are a widow right? Haisi nyore kufirwa nemurume, vazhinji kunyanya vehukama vanenge vakatokuteya. To add on that, you are a very beautiful woman. Une rudo rwakanyanya and personally I'm also attracted to a woman like that. You are so beautiful and your soul matches your physical beauty. With all that many man have their eyes on you. Some may try to use money to get you. Some like baChiedza may try to forcefully get you. Vamwe ndivo vanongokuvarira mukati chete. Because of that you need to be more cautious and wise."

"I get you Sir."

He looked deeper into my eyes akati,

"Ndinokunzwira tsitsi kubva kare and chimwezve unondifungidza mukadzi wangu in a sense yekuti dei ndirini ndainge ndakafa ndaisada kuti ashungurudzwe kana nepadiki zvapo. That's why ndichitsamwa when a man tries to take advantage

of you." Wooow i felt more comfortable around him and i trusted him more after saying that ndikati, "Ndaterera zvese zvamanga muchitaura and ndichangwarira."

"Avoid bamukuru avo. Stop entertaining him because if you keep on entertaining him he won't give up on you or his mission towards you."

"That's true Sir." Ndakadaro ndichibvumirana nazvo.

"Asi kana uchimuda hako tolerate him as much as you want."

"No I won't."

"All i want is for you to be happy. If he makes you happy go for him † ♂."

Ndakanatsotereresha ndikati, "Thank you Sir."

Akagadzirisa pahuro ndikati, "Thank you Joe."

Ndakataura ndichiseka achibva ati, "It makes me feel old heeeyyy that's why i want others to call me Joe or Joseph."

"Your full name is Joseph Johnson right?"

"Yes."

I smiled ndave kuda kudzika akati, "Wait wait wait."
He came closer to me kwakubata chirebvu changu zvekare achiita kakufemera pamusoro akanditarisa mumaziso. I found it seductive hameno nei. His lips were juicy and mukanwa make mainhuvirira fani hameno aidya mamints here kana kuti Kugeza nesmart aiwa ainge ane chipo chake. Anyways he touched my chin and looked at me for a moment zvikanzi, "I just want to say be careful for the last time. Be safe Mimie." Akataura nezwi raibata moyo nepfungwa zvese zvekuti i felt butterflies in my stomach. His voice wasn't sweet at all, he had a deep voice but yooo rainge rakanaka kuita fanike aienda kuma lessons eku tuner voice. Imiweeee no wonder why many girls would automatically fall for him iye asina kutombo shower interest. Zvisinei ndakangomenza mate ndikati, "Ooo thank you Joe ."

He smiled akati, "Welcome." Aiita kunge aida kundi kisser kunge asingade, zvaisanzwisika. I never wanted to kiss him anyways asi ndaizofara chose akazama kundi kisser ndobva ndaramba. Hazvina kuitika sekudaro.

Ndakabva ndazodzika mumota akandiyeva

ndichienda and waved goodbye. I waved goodbye too. Bamukuru vakafona manheru zvikanzi, "Ndatokusuwa."

"Ooo let me check on mhamha tozotaura."

"Nguvai?"

"I will call you back."

"Okay. No problem."

Ndakakata ndikadzima fon yangu and handina kuzombofona. Ainge oti akafona ndongotaura naye zve2 minutes ndopa excuse kusvika auya kumba asina kumbo announcer. He greeted us akatsvaga way yekuti ndiende kumota kwake ndikaenda zvikanzi, "Why are you avoiding me? What have i done wrong!"

"I'm not avoiding you."

Akarova steering nehasha zvikanzi, "Damn just answer me."

Ndakakwenya musoro ndikati, "I realized kuti the more i tolerate you is the more you keep on loving me. I think it's best we even spend less time together so that unokurumidza wandikanganwa."

"Who said i want to forget about you! Who said that! Who!" He shouted ndikati, "I don't love you bamukuru Inno and i don't think i will ever love you. I want to focus more on finding money ndozoita zvevarume. Look at you? Mukukura bamukuru, by the time yandichazoita financially stable i guess munofanira kunge matoroora."

"Wooow. Who did you talk about me with today?"

I looked over the window ndikamufuratira kwave kuti, "No one." Akarova steering nehasha zvikanzi, "Damnit!!! I said who put words into your mouth?"

"I said no one."

"You are lying to me!!" He shouted at me and pointed at me achibva ati, "You are lying to me. I know it's your boss. That man loves you and is very jealous. Stop lying to me!"

"Stop shouting at me as well! Stop it! You know what. Leave me alone." I said ndichidzika mumota ndikadzokera mumba ndichifambisa nekufemeruka. What was he shouting at me for! What were these 2 man trying to do, Joe and Inno.

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Chapter 11

Miriro

Ndakapinda mumba ndichifemeruka nehasha. Why were they shouting at me like i loved anyone of them? I drank some water to cool myself down ndikagara pasi ndave kuita zvebasa rangu. Manheru ndakabikira mhamha naLolo chete sezvo ini ndaisanzwa kana nzara. That night bamukuru Inno called me zvikanzi, "Maswerasei?"... "Ndaswera." I answered coldly zvikanzi, "That's good. I'm so sorry for raising my voice at you. Sorry."

"It's okay."

"I'm really sorry. I never meant to shout at you. That was so bad of me."

"So long maona pamatadza bamukuru ndizvo zvakakosha. I'm sorry for raising my voice at you too."

"Blame it on me mainini. The other thing I'm sorry for coming unannounced."

"It's okay."

"Manga musiri kupindura text yangu ndikangokaruka ndasvika. That's when i wanted to tell you. However I won't repeat it next time."

"It's okay."

"Chimwezve mainini. Don't listen to that guy. He loves you."

"Zvekuti anondida hazvinei hazvo. I'm a grown up and allow me to make my own choices."

"Fine. As long as you are happy. If he makes you happy go for him," akataura nezwi rainzwika kusafara mukati ndikati, "Thank you."

"Can i take you out paweekend."

"Ummm no hazviite. I will be at work."

"Then munongondidza mave free."

"It's okay."

"I love you. Goodnight." He said ndikapindura ndichiti, "Goodnight too," zvikanzi, "Kiss mwana wangu for me." I kissed her ndikati, "Atorara ari pamakumbo uyu. Ndanga ndave kutoda kumutakura ndimuendese kubedroom anorara."

"Ndomuda. Hazviite here kuti mwana atange hake kuenda kuchikoro mai mwana."

"Isn't she still too young."

"3 years atokura. Mwana akatanga kuenda kuchikoro at a very young age anongwara kudarika vezera rake."

"I will think about that."

"Ndine creche yandinoziva yandakaona kuti vanobata vana zvakanaka chose."

"Iri nechekupi?" Vakanditsanangurira zvese zvandainge ndichida kuziva nema fees nechii chii ndikati, "Tinoenda tese tonoono tichinatsonzwa zvizere."

"Okay maimwana. Morara bhoo."

"Same same."

I end the call and pasinawo nguva Joe called me akati, "I have been trying to call you but your line was busy." Ndakakwenya musoro ndikati, "Yaa i was on a call."

"The call was a very long one?"

"Yaa it was a long one."

"Anyways ndanga ndichida kukuti goodnight and i just want to appreciate your service. Ukunatsogona basa rako."

"Woow I'm humbled Sir... I mean Joseph."

"You're very good."

"Thank you Joe."

"Tomorrow we have another meeting kuKwekwe makuseni so uuye wakagadzirira."

"It's fine Sir."

"Sharp. Angels on your pillow queen."

"Same to you." He then end the call ndikanzwa kufara chose kuti ndaiita basa rangu nemazvo. I was a hardworking woman and ndaive munhu uya aiti

chero chaaita aichiita nemoyo wese. I danced ndakatarisa pamirror kuri kufarira kuti ndaizoenda to such a big meeting kwandaizosangana nevakuru vakuru, vamwe vandaionera muma Tv. It was a dream coming true for me. Makuseni acho ndakamuka ndikanatsorova formal yangu kwaku ironer shirt yangu ndikati, "Mhamha today I'm looking so beautiful. I wish you could compliment me." Vakaseka zvavo vakati, "I can feel it. Come closer my daughter." Ndakaswebera pedyo navo vakati, "I used to iron your husband's clothes and mupono seuyu ndainatsoubudisa zvakanaka. Aigara akayemurwa nevamwe. Pashamwari dzake hapana aimbozvitenda kuti munhu ano ironer mbatya dzake haaone." I smiled remembering the day i first met him ndikati, "I remember the days mhamha. Moziva ndizvo zvezvimwe zvakaita kuti ndiswedera pedyo naye. He looked so presentable mupfungwa dzangu ndakatongofunga kuti baba ava vanogona ku ironer izvo ndimi henyu."

"Usiye waisa dzimwe hembe pamubhedha ndidzi chise."

"Aaaagh mhamha hakusi kukupai mutoro here?"

"Kana. Ndinosaurswa ndakagara ndichinzwa zvinenge zvichitaurwa muradio asi iiiigh ndinotorwadziwa nekugara."

Ndakaisa ma shirts angu pabed ndikati, "I wonder how you do some things mhamha. Kana kuti regai ndizokusiirai nda sorter zvinhu zvacho mangwana uye nekuti zvine njodzi." Ndakataura ndichitarisa nguva ndikaona dzaenda ndikati, "I should go mhamha." I kissed her on the forehead vakati, "Wofambiswa neruoko rwaMwari mwanangu."

"Ndinotenda mhamha. (To Lorrene)Lolo usanotamba kure nhasi ndinogona kuti nonokei kudzoka. Unotamba nagogo vako muno wanzwa?"

"Ehe ndazvinzwa."

I pinched her cheeks. Aiteerera zvake mwana wangu ndaisamutyira. However zvinhu zvainge zvabatana so ndainge ndave kufanira kuchitsvaga musikana webasa who really takes good care of mama kana ndisipo. Ndaimuka na3 hamawe, ndosuka ndowacha, kutsvaira mumba ndosiya ndasetter everything in order. Lolo ndiye aive shamwari yamhamha chaiyo and vainzwanana chose. Zvisine ndakaenda kubasa.

Ndasvika kubasa and maziso evanhu vazhinji ainge ari pandiri. Joe achindiona akanyemwerera zvikanzi, "You look very presentable." I smiled ndikati, "Thank you."

Ndakabva ndabatwa ruoko ndikavhurirwa door remota vanhu vakayeva ini ndichingonyemwerera. Mota yakamutswa takananga kuKwekwe and the meeting was a successful one. Imiwee kune vanhu vane mari dzavo. Tabvako Joe akabva aenda neni ku restaurant zvikanzi, "You may take a seat with your wife there!" Joe looked at me akanyemwerera ndikanyemwererawo ndichigara pasi. Waiter akauya ndikapihwa menu kwave kusarudza zvandaيدا achibva ati, "You have a beautiful wife Sir!"

"So what does that have to do with the menu or food nhai Mr Waiter," akadaro Joe akarova serious zvikanzi, "I'm sorry Sir," Joe kwakumucheka neziso akati, "You better be sorry my brother." Akabva aenda akativigira chikafu zvikanzi naJoe, "This is what you are here for young man not zvekuswero commenter vakadzi vevanhu."

"I'm sorry Sir. If you need anything don't hesitate to ask for it."

Joe ignored and looked at me akasekerera akati,
"Ndinogona ku pretender ka!"

" I thought you are serious iwe."

"Haa no. Unozviziva wani kuti I'm very kind with people."

"I know." He was kind to many people though he wasn't too talkative. Ndakabva ndatora fork and knife and started eating ndikatora wiper ndichimbo pukuta muromo ndikati, "The food is so delicious." That was the truth. Ndakabva ndatanga kudya zvekare. I was very good at using a fork and a knife chaizvo because ndiyo yandakatokura ndichiziva before life changed for me. Joe thought kuti ndichatadza kuishandisa but aaaagh ndaitoigona chose. Takatanga rwendo rwekudzokera kumba kwakuona Joe amisa mota ndikati, "What is it?" Zvikanzi, "Shaa hameno zvii zvikuitika pamota yacho. Ma1." Akataura achidzika kwave kuzama kubata bata akazama kumutsa mota asi zvakaramba ndikati, "What's going on?" Zvikanzi, "Handisi kutoziva."

Ndakabata musoro ndikati, "Oooo my God. Apa we

are in the middle of nowhere. Ko tikadyiwa neshumba nhai nhai?!!!! lllligh ."

"Let me call my mechanic."

Akabva afona zvikanzi, "Totombomira pano ma1."

"Apa ndasiya ndisina kubika zvemanheru † ♀ Kutos haya kuti mhamha vachadyei?"

"Let me order some food for her." He passed me his fon ndikati, "Ndoita sei?" Zvikanzi, "Order zvaukuda and they will deliver the food pamba chaipo. Taura neakanzi Chip o iyeye."

"Okay thank you."

Ndakabva nda order zvanda ida zvikanzi the food was to be delivered within an hour ndikatura befu kwakufonera mhamha ndichivaudza zvaitika vakati zvakanakai. Ndakatura befu zvikanzi naJoe,

"Mhamha vako unovada shame."

"Zvisingaite."

"Edei varoora vese vakaita sewe." I smiled ndikati, "Stop flattering me."

"I mean it. Your husband was blessed."

Nguva iyoyo ndakanzwa kurira kunenge kwebere ndikamhanya kuvhura mota Joe akapindawo ndikati, "Ibere ka iro." Ndakataura ndichijambira mumaoko ake nekutya zvikanzi, "Don't worry they won't hurt us." Ndakatsitsinha ndichiona rimwe richiswebera padhuze nemota ndikabudisa misodzi ndikati, "I'm scared .". Joe hugged me tight akandizevezera kuti, "Don't be scared ndinewe." Ndakaramba ndakambundirwa kusvika aenda ndikati, "Aenda?!" Zvikanzi, "Ehe."

"I'm just too scared .".

"Ramba uri pedyo neni," he said achibata bata bvudzi rangu and rubbing my back as a way of trying to calm me down. Apa hana yangu yairova sei shame ndaitya. "Don't be scared babe," he called me babe for the first time with his sexy, deep, and sweet voice kwakubva ndambo sticker. "Wanzwa here?"

Ndakagutsurira musoro kusvika mapere aya aenda ndikatura befu ndikati, "They are gone." Ndaidaro ndave kuda kuzvibvisa mumaoko ake akati, "Don't go away." Aaaagh veduwe voice rake, kakunhuvirira kaaiita so nobody yake yaidziya yakaita kuti ndinzwe zvisizvo ndikati, "Aenda mapere." Ndakadaro asi

ndaisada kumusiya zvikanzi, "Ko akadzoka." He said achindisweddedza zvekare pedyo naye. Imiwee ndakanzwa kupera simba mafeelings akadairira. Don't blame me veduwe, the guy was sexy and to make matters worse ndainge ndisina kumbobvira ndarara nemurume kubva painge pashaya baba Lolo. Ndakanzwa kuti zvandakunzwa pano hazvichandiitire zvakanaka ndikati, "Let me go!"

Ndakataura zvine tuhasha mukati nenyadzi mukati zvekuti iye akashaya kuti chii zvikanzi, "Did i do anything wrong?"

"No," ndakadaro ndichinyara zvikanzi, "Waita tuhasha nei?"

"Waona zvisirizvo."

"Ummm okay. Zvino hona rimwe bere iro."

"Ripiko babanguwee!!!" Ndakadaro ndichinowira mumaoko ake zvekare achibva aseka. Zveshuwa paivewo nebere asi iroro rakangodarika richienda ndikati, "I'm afraid of these animals."

"Unonyanya nharo iwe babe. Ndakuudza kuti usabve mumaoko angu. Hona manje."

Ndakabva ndaramba ndiri mumaoko ake takanyararidzana zvikanzi, "I always dreamt of this," ndikati, "This what?" Zvikanzi, "Holding you in my arms."

"Unorevei Joe." He chuckled akati, "Jokes babe." I laughed ndikamurova kambama kwave kutura befu ndikaudza mafeelings angu kuti adzikame kwave kuzvidzora ndikatanga kufunga mwana wangu zvangu kusvika ndibatwe nehope. Ndakarara kunge kacheche chaiko kwakuzomuka kuma3. Ndainge ndararawo ndakaneta fani. Joe ainge akangomuka atori pafon pake ndikati, "Wamborara?" Zvikanzi, "No handina. Hope dzangu hadzitobate kana pane zviri kuitika. Hona mechanic wangu akutoti heee ndanga ndisina transport apa mota ndakatengesa. Chii ichocho?"

"Zvinoitika."

"Aaaagh ngaarongeke mhani! Izvozvi atirarisa pasango!!!."

Akazosvika kuma4 akagadzira mota. Fault yacho yainge iri diki zvayo tikananga hedu kumba zvikanzi, "Usauye hako kubasaa nhasi."

"Thank you." Ndakadaro achibva andisiya pagate chaipo ndikapinda mumba kwave kumhoresa mhamha ndikavaudza zvainge zvaitika zvikanzi naLolo, "Mhamha mukunhuvirira!"

Ndakazvifembedza ndikanzwa perfume yaJoe and yainhuvirira chose zvekuti ndakanzwa kusada kubvisa shirt yacho kwakuswera nayo.

Weekend ichisvika ndakaenda kubasa Joe achibva ati, "Can i take you out for dinner tonight" I hesitated before answering ndikazoti, "It's okay." Ndichikata fon i regretted kuti ndainge ndabvumirei. Ndainge ndaramba kuenda out naInno asi naJoe ndainge ndabvuma. I raised my shoulders ndikati, "Asika handi zveshuwa ndakaramba because nhasi i was at work. Plus zvaJoe it's just dinner not kuswera tese." Ndakadaro putting on my heels ndikapfekawo zveblack. Akauya kuzonditora ndipo pataka order chikafu akati, "Mazuvano handisi kurara shaa?"

"Ko nei?"

"Thinking about this woman that i love so much asi ndinotya kumuudza zviri mumoyo mangu?"

"Ooo why," ndakadaro ndichidira drink uku

ndichinatsotsika chikafu zvekuti hande
ndisingambofunga kuti kunei zvikanzi naJoe, "I'm
afraid kuti anondiramba. I'm afraid of rejection."
Ndakatora toothpick ndikanon'ona non'ona ndikati,
"Muudze first kana achizoramba wotangira ipapo."
He reached for my hand akati, "I love you Miriro
Nyikadzino. Ndokuda nemoyo wese. Can you please
give me a chance to show my love to you!"

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Miriro

Ndakaramba ndakanyarara ndichinzwa kudikitira nezvandainge ndanzwa. Yes Joe was spoiling me and all that but i never thought that he would propose to me, i never thought he would propose to me that early. Ndakagadzirisa pahuro ndikati, "I" I was tie tongued kwakungogumira ipapo zvikanzi, "Taura neni babe." Ndakadzungudza musoro ndikati, "I'm not thinking of moving on anytime soon and I'm sorry Sir, I don't love you. I don't feel the same for you." Ndakadaro ndichitarisa pasi. One thing i wasn't afraid of was expressing my feelings sezvazviri. This guy was many girls dreams but i never imagined him

as my lover. I always thought he was also much older than me but anyways kana moyo wada hawo age inenge isina hayo basa rakanyanya. Ndakafunga kuti achatsamwa but no, akabva atora ruoko rwangu rainge rwuri patable akati, "I'm not saying kuti chibva wandida. Take your time. And I'm not even saying unofanira kundida semadiro andinokuita. I just want to show my love to you zvisinei nekuti iwe unondidawo here." What a gentleman. Ndakamenza mate ndichishaya zvekutaura akati, "Think about it okay? And take as much time as you need."

"Thank you." Ndakadaro ndichizama kuda kutanga kudya asi obviously chikafu chacho chainge chisisapinde. Ndainge ndongodya mbichana mbichana. He looked at me ndichidya ndikanyemwerera kwave kuti, "You are making me uncomfortable." He smiled back akati, "I'm sorry ma'am. It's just that now zvandakuudza zvandino feeler ndakunatsokuyeva pasina kubirira." I chuckled ndichibva ndamutarisa mumaziso but ndakanzwa kunyara kwave kutarisa pasi achibva asimudza chiso changu nekagunwe zvikanzi, "You are so beautiful and perfect Mirie."

"Thank you for the compliment."

He then threw a glance on his wristwatch ndikati, "Une zvauri kuda kuita?" Akakwenya musoro akati, "No... I mean yes but nothing comes before you my darling." Ndakapukuta maoko sezvo ndainge ndapedza kudya ndikapukuta muromo ndikati, "I know you're a busy man. Do what you gotta do. Aaaaammm thank you for the dinner. The food was so delicious trust me." Ndakataura ndichitozviudza kuti dei hangu ndanga ndine mari ndaitengera mhamha chikafu chinonaka chakadaro asi iiiigh chaidhurisa.

"It's nothing."

"Ini ndaguta. Maitabasa. We can go." Ndakadaro achibva asimuka and helped me stand ndikasimuka aka kisser ruoko rwangu kwakufamba neni kuenda kumota. He opened the door for me ndikapinda achibva ati, "Stay here, I'm coming just now." I nodded ndikagara hangu kwave kubakidza fon yangu. Mufon mainge mune mamessages akawanda kubva kunaInno nehama neshamwari nemumwewo murume aitondida wekubasa ainzi Ronny. Ainge achindibhowa fani so ndakabva

ndatongomu blocker without even reading his messages ndikanovhura abamukuru andaimbo ignore. Vainge vandibvunza kuti waswera sei, how is your day, how was your day, wadya here, can i come and see you, how is mhamha and my daughter, I can't stop thinking about you, Can i come, Ndafonera mhamha ndichida kutaura newe sezvo iwe usiri kuda kundipindura? Uri kupi!, This time of hour uri kupi?, It's not safe kubuda this time with just strangers?, Anyways are you safe, Mamesessages angu aku ticker ka2 just reply me, Are you safe?, But I'm the one who first asked you out it's not fair, Anyways goodnight ingoziva kuti ndokuda and i have faith yekuti one day you will be mine." Ndakangopindura message yekupedzisira chete ndikati, "Goodnight to you too. I'm safe." He took time typing only to send a love imoji pazasi kwakunyora kuti, "Sleep tight." Handina kuzopindura.

Joe akadzoka ane mapaperbags 2 achibva aisa kumashure and came kumberi kwakubva atanga hake kudriver zvikanzi, "So you never fully told me about your parents."

"They passed on when i was 15."

"Oooo how did they die?"

"They were both involved in an accident. Neniwo ndaitovemo mumota that's when i got this scar riri nechepamusana pangu apa," ndakadaro ndichibata padhuze nebendekete rangu ndikaenderera mberi ndoti, "Up to this day I can't even forget the day."

"I'm so sorry for your loss. " There was then a moment of silence kwakubva ati, "Can i ask something?" Ndakapindura ndikati, "Bvunza?" Zvikanzi, "Unooneka kuti uri munhu anonatso ziva ziva chirungu. I'm sure your parents were rich chii chakaitika? Sorry nekubvunzisisa it's just that ndino noticer zvinhu zvakawanda." My eyes suddenly became teary ndikati, "Yes i grew up getting most of the good things that money can buy. My mother and father were both doctors. They always thought kuti achapedzisa kufa ndiye achanyora will so pavakazoshaya the relatives vakagovana hupfumi pachavo. I was 15 by then and with no one to stand up for us zvakangozorova zvakadaro. Ndaigara nabamunini, munin'ina wababa ndipo pavakatanga kusandibata zvakanaka. Dzimwe nguva ndairara panze and that's when i met my late Husband. I ran

away from home ndikatanga kugara naye until he married me."

"It's so sad. Can i promise you one thing."

"What Sir."

"I will find you ma lawyers anokwanisa kukumiririra to gain back pfuma yevabereki vako."

"Really? " Ndakabvunza ndavhura maziso nekushamisika zvikanzi, "Yes. Consider it done. Tinofanira kutotanga kudzifambira nyaya dzacho."

"Oooo my God. Oooo my . " Misodzi yainge zvino yoerera nemufaro hamawe. I never thought that one day pane angada kundibatsira kudzora zvinhu zvedu. Ndakatenda veduwe ndikati, "I hope we will gain it back."

"We will. Money talks my dear and i can afford the best lawyers."

"Thank you so much Joe. I don't know how to thank you. I don't know kuti ndoita sei. I don't know kuti ndokutendai nei."

"Imbomira kunditenda shaa hazvisati zvati zvaita."

"I trust you and i have faith. Dei Mwari
vangotitungamirira."

Ndakasvika pamba ndikaburutsirwa pagate as usual
kwave kuvhurirwa door Joe achibva atora
handkerchief muhomwe make akapukuta misodzi
yainge yamboerera nematama angu achibva atora
mapaperbags aya aange anatora pandakasara
mumota akati, "I just thought kuti mhamha naLolo
vanogona kuda kudyawo. "

"Wooow. Thank you so much." Akabva anditarisa
ndichipinda mumba akaenda hake ndikapindawo
mumba kwakusvikomhanyirwa naLolo ndikavapa
chikafu chiya. Mhamha vakanakirwa shame zvikanzi,
"Kanguku kanonaka aka. Kaneiko nhai mai Rorini."
Vaidaro vachinanzva zvigunwe ndikati,
"Ndatongovigirwawo ini amai. Handina kuzombo
tarisisa."

"Gore rino todaya rifa. Maiwi maiwi." Vakadaro
vachiratidza kunakirwa Lolo ndiko kainge kakati zii
chidumbu chati shaku ndikati, "Lolo usazorutse
mwanangu." Kakafemeruka kakati, "Saka ndozodya
futi mangwana?"

"Ehe mwanangu." Akabva avhara chikafu chiya achibva aisa pakanaka kwave kuuya pedyo neni and kissed me on my forehead akati, "Goodnight mommy. Maitabasa tagutisisa." I smiled ndikati, "Goodnight to you too sweetheart." Akabva aenda kubedroom. Joe was something else guys. Aiziva zvinonatsobata moyo. He knew kuti akagona zvekare kufadza vanhu 2 vandinoda anenge atofadzawo neni. Manheru handina kurara ndichingofunga kuti ndomupa mukana here kana kuti kwete. Ndakabata hana yangu ndikati, "Pfavira ngoma Miriro husiku hurefu." Ndakabva ndazorara.

Mwedzi wakapera ndisati ndabvuma Joe. Iyewo aisambondipa pressure kana. Ndakatsvaga aunt waitibatsira basa. She was 35 years asi vainge vasina mwana. Ndivo vainge vosara vachiona kuti mhamha vawana zvese here and i can say munhu mukuru ane kamwe kareasoning so kakasiyana nemwana mudiki. Vainzwisisa zvisingaite aunt ivavo. That month ndipo pandakanotsvagira Lolo nzvimbo yeku creche kwaaiti aida kuenda. Iniwo ndainge ndoda kuchinyora O'level sezvo ndainge ndisisiriwo busy. Nyaya dzepfuma yevabereki tainge tatotanga

kudzifambira and i can say at that time, life was perfect for me ndisina kana stress nepadiki pese.

Mazuva iwayo tete vakandifonera vakati, "Murisei maiguru?"

"Ndinofara ko imimi tete?"

"Ndinofara chose. Muriko here kumba mangwana?"

"Ehe ndinenge ndiriko."

"Ndiri kuuya maiguru ndichiona vamwe."

"No problem."

The following day she came nechi monarch chaicho vakamhoresa mhamha vachifara fara zvisingaite. Zvaioneka kuti hupenyu hwainge husiri kuvafambira zvakanaka vachibva vati, "Maiguru ndanga ndichikumbirawo kumbogara kuno kwenguva diki. Ndanzwa nekusurukirwa ndichimboonawo mhamha."

"No problem."

Week rakapera vachimuka vachi batsirana naaunt vebasa. Kudya yoweee vaidya kunge chipfukuto chaicho asi ndakazvinyarara kusvika rimwe zuva Joe

paakafona achiti, "Ndiri kupfuura nekumba kwako babe ndichitora mafiles andiri kuda." Ndakamubikira zvakangatsonaka naka achibva auya. Ndakuti ndichipakura kuona mupoto mangosara kanzondora. Imiwe ndakadzungaira kwakuzongomudirira drink nema biscuits akadya zvake kwave kuenda. Ndakanyarara. Following day ndine shamwari yangu yakashanya tete vakaita yavajaira. Achingoenda ndakati, "Tete hamusi makuzvinyanya here?"

"Kuzvinyanya zvekudiiko iwe ibvaapa! Ndaita sei?"

"Matanga hunhu hwenyu hwekuba chikafu ka?"

"Kuba kupiko? Icho chikafu chamukuitira chipfambi ichocho ndicho chamunganditi hee kudii kwacho!"

Ndakanzwa hasha kwakunotori ka mornach ka aunt ndikavhura door ndikati, "Get out of my house!"

"Wakukanwaka kuti waimbogara kumba kwedu?"

"I said out!!!!!" Ndakadaro ndichivhara maziso nehasha vachibva vatori bag ravo vakati, "Ndanga ndisingambode kuuya futi."

"Regedzai hamumboone ndichiuya kuzokutorai."

Vakabva vaenda ndikasara ndichibhowekana.

Vainge vachingo behavior zvakanaka mafirst days asi vainge votondishungurudzira pamba pangu zvino bodo i couldn't tolerate that in my house. Nhai veduwe munhu kuuya kuzondifurufusha nxaa ndakabhowekana.

The following day ndakaenda kubasa and i can admit it that i was starting to have some feelings for Joe. Inno ndainge ndave kumu ignore zvisingaite and ainge akuita achinetawo.

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Chapter 13

I was starting to catch some feelings for Joe asi handina kuda kumuudza pakuti i wasn't yet sure about what i really felt for him. I had mixed feelings for him. Akandibvunza rimwe zuva kuti ndainge ndafungei ndikati, "Honestly, forgive me... I.... I'm not yet there." He raised his shoulders akati, "Fine take your time." I smiled ndikati, "You are a very patient guy." He smiled back akati, "Patience pays in life. Hapana kwaunosvika kana usina patience." I nodded ndikati, "Why are you being too patient with me?" He touched my chin akati, "Because i love you and because you are worth waiting for. To add on that i understand how a person may feel kana akashaikirwa. Moving on is not easy." My eyes

became teary ndikati, "oooohhh that's so sweet of you." Akaseka akati, "Stop flattering me!," kwakubva ndati, "I mean it!" Zvikanzi, "Can we please share a moment like this mangwana." I paused for some seconds ndikati, "I'm sorry i have to be with mama."

"I understand dear," he said and kept quiet ndikabva ndati, "I was watching this nigerian movie. I learned a lot from it and i asked myself a question."

"Yekutii!"

"It was about a girl who fell in love with a criminal. She started dating him asingambozive kuti anogarepi? Anonyatsoita nezvei. At the end when the girl knew about his dirty games, mukomana abva amuuraya ndiko kupera kwayaita."

"Ooo what a sad ending. But I'm sure kuti though he killed her aimuda but anga asina option isiri yekumuuraya."

"Yes!" Ndakapukuta ruoko newiper ndikati, "You know it got me thinking about you." Akazvinongedzera akati, "You think I'm a criminal?" Ndikati, "oooo come on!" He laughed akati, "I know you don't mean it that way." Ndakapindura ndikati,

"Yes I'm not saying you are a criminal. It just reminded me that i still have many things that I don't know about you." He raised his shoulders akati, "Ask me?"

"Where do you live exactly?"

"I have 2 houses. The other one in Madokero."

"That one takambokuenda."

"I have another one in Chisipiti."

"Paunomboenda kuBorrowdale unenge uchiendepi?"

"Oooo my friend lives there."

"Okay i get you. I wanna meet one of your friends," i smiled zvikanzi, "No problem. He was also eager to see you. I told him about you and aitonetsera kukuona. Ndakatopa excuse yekuti haasati andibvuma saka she may not be interested."

"Ooo come on. Don't make me feel like ndiri mufast." He laughed akati, "I actually like someone who is honest and all that." I paused for a moment, that's when i realized kuti i wanted to give that man a chance. Pane dzimwe nguva dzaunoramba uchizvinyepera or running away from the truth.

Chokwadi chaicho ndakachiona zuva iroro pandakabvunza nezveshamwari yake. Dei ndainge ndisina basa naye i wouldn't mind being introduced to his friends. "What are you thinking about," akaita kakundivhundutsa ndiri mundangariro ndikati, "Oooo nothing serious." Akagutsurira musoro wake akati, "Next question?"

"Where is your family?"

"They live in Canada."

"Oooo okay. Hakuna vanogara muno here?"

"My cousin sister and brother lives here in Zimbabwe. Oooo you may wonder why hama dzangu dzisiri muno muZimbabwe? My mother and father were both black Americans. We grew up living in America ndikazouya kunoku when my parents divorced."

"Oooo i get it."

"Any other question?" I smiled ndikati, "I will ask as we go." Ndakabata bata muromo weglass ndikarova kasmile kepaside ndikati, "I just wanna know you better you know."

"Pause like that". He said taking his fon ndikati, "Like

what?" Zvikanzi, "Pane kasmile kepa side kawaita so. Do it again." I did what he wanted achibva anditora picture akati, "Woow." I blushed. Akandiperekedza kumba sezvo ainge aenda neni kudinner. Ndasvika kumba handina kukwanisa kurara ndichingofunga Joe. He was so sweet, so fine, so kind, so handsome. Ndainge ndamuda hangu ini. Manheru acho iwayo ndakamuka kwave kutora picture remurume wangu aneni maziso angu achibva ajenga misodzi ndikaribata bata ndikati, " I wish i was thinking about you right now. I wish you were by my side right now. Making love to me." I looked at the clock watch ndikatarisa zvekare pa picture randainge ndakabata ndikati, "You really loved waking me up this time_ 2AM to make love to me." Misodzi yakamboerera ndikaseka mumisodzi imomo kwakupukuta with my thumb ndikati, "I remember kuti waifarira kumuka kuma2 uchiita project yako iya and you could say making love to me fueled you. Waifunga kuti pawaizotanga project ndaidzokera kunorara but no, ndaibva ndanamata ndichingoti dai Mwari makomborerawo murume wangu zvishuwo zvemoyo wake zvizadzikiswe. Riley murume wangu . Waive nemoyo wakanaka, une rudo. Wainge uri

munhu asiri wemashoko mazhinji uye asinganetse izvo zvinotadziwa nevazhinji. Kwauri ikoko ingoziva ndinokuda handife ndakarega kukuda . Zvisinei i remember tichiita conversation yekuti ukatanga kufa ndichadii, you told me kuti i should be strong enough to move on as you cared so much for my happiness."

Ndakambomira ndikanwa mvura ndikati, "Dear God. Please pass this letter to heaven for me. Please tell my husband kuti I'm now in love with this guy. He loves me and cares for me, he loves Lolo ooo my God he is so perfect. I hope that he will love me as you did. I'm now opening my heart to him but just know that you are the best thing that ever happened to me. Ndokuda." I kissed his photo ndikaridzorera panzvimbo kwakumbotanga kuchema ndikazonamata kuti Mwari vandisimbise Ndakati, "Mwari ndimi munoziva zviri mumoyo memumwe nemumwe. Ini handinaba chandinoziva but i trust you ooooh God. I know everything works for the good of those who love you. AMEN ." That was me for you. Ndainamata chose before making many of my decisions. Even if they turn bad ndaingoziwa

kuti it worked for my good.

The following day i woke up earlier kwakubika mascones ekuenda nawo kubasa. Ini ndaisanyanyomafarira asi ndaiitira Joe.

Ndakanatsoita ma measurements angu zvakanaka naka ndikamaker sure kuti ndabika zvakanaka kwakuisa mulunch. I kissed mommy and Lolo goodbye and hugged aunt kwave kubuda ndikasvika Joe atove kubasa. He loved scones so nguva dzandakatosvika ainge atonzwa smell yacho akati, "And Miri usadaro ufunge hako. Ndipoo."

Ndakamumisa until lunch kwakubva ndazovhura ndikatanga kutaster kwakupidigura maziso ndikati, "They taste so good. I'm giving you one."

"Iiigh usadaro kani," he said achida kubvuta ndikati, "It doesn't work like that my friend." Akada kubvuta futi ndikatanga kumutiza ndichitenderera neoffice akandimhanyisa until ndatizira kucorner akandivharidzira akaseka kwave kuti, "Hatitambe seizvozvo." Ndakatora one ndikati, "Let me give you." I took the scone and ndisina kumbofunga ndakaona ndamudyisa scone riya akabva atsenga akanditarisa mumaziso. Ini ndainge ndakutonyara achibva atora

lunch and placed it down akandivharidzira nzira ndiri pacorner achibva aswebera pedyo neni. I couldn't move or anything. Kungouya kwake padhuze kwaiita kuti brain dzangu dziite touch chaiyo. He looked in my eyes akati, "Please allow me to kiss you for just one second." He said ave kutounza muromo wake pane wangu and i opened my mouth for his kiss. It felt magical kwakubva angondi kisser zvema seconds asi ainge ave kutofemera pamusoro.

"Damn it i have too much feelings for you. Uri musedzo mwana iwewe." He said achibva pedyo neni akabuda hameno aiyendepi ndikasara ndichinyemwerera. The chemistry between us was something else . Akabva adzoka ndikasimuka kwave kubata maoko ake ndikati, "Joe ndokuda." He wasn't expecting it akati, "You are joking right?"

"No i want to give us a chance." He carried me nemufaro akazondigadzika pasi ave kutya kuti angatanga zvimwe. I loved that about him. I wanted someone asinganyanyomhanyire zvinhu. I mean though i wasn't a virgin ndaisada kutongoti munhu afunge zvekurara neni. I wanted to take it slow. Zvisinei everything started moving flawlessly naJoe.

Ku court takaenda and imba yainge yave muzita rangu asi zvisinei kwainge kuri kure nekubasa so ndakarentesa imba yacho, zvaisaita ndigare ikoko. Chainge chasara ma companies, mota dzainge dzaparadzwa hadzo dzainge dzisisiri dzekuchatarisira. Ndainge ndatarisira kunyora O'level yangu and ndaiverenga. Nyaya yecompany ndiyo yakanetsa ndikaona kuti Joe ainge opedzerwa mari ndikati at least zvatainge ta gainer back zvainge zvakakwana.

Kahanzvadzi kangu kakaramba kudzoka kachiti everything was good for him and education that side was better. Financially zvainge zvanaka chose. Tichidya zvinoda. Joe bought me a car just like his. Akanditengera pabirthday pangu. Takabva kuKuwadzana tikatanga kugara kudhuze nekuna daddy zvee uye kwainge kwakanaka naka.

Bamukuru vainge vave nekamusikana kavainge va engager and ndakafunga kuti vasiyana neni until this day he came kubasa zvikanzi, "It's been long mainini ndati ndikuonei." Ndakakwenya musoro ndikati, "Dei mandifonera bamukuru."

"I lost your contact sorry."

"How is Bulawayo?"

"Kuribhoo hako mainini."

"Ko mukadzi masiyepi bamukuru?"

"Aaaagh iwewe ndiwe mukadzi wangu iwewe. Do you know vamwe vanhu tinongozomanikidzira hedu asi iwewe ndichiri kungokuda zvekuti nhasi ukatoti unondidawo maiguru venyu ndotovaramba nhasi chaiye." Ndakaridza chikuwe chaicho zvikanzi, "Ndinorevesa shaa. Kungoti ndakura handisisina option."

"Option yei?" Ndakavhunduka Joseph achidairira achipinda akarova serious zvikanzi, "Uyu akutsvagei muno uyu!! Iwe ukutsvagei muno!!!!" Akadaro achiratidza kutsamwa chaizvo zvikanzi naInno, "Aihwaka nhai king. Hamundisimudzire inzwi kunge mukuda kundivhundutsira." Joe looked at me akati, "So makutoonana ndisipo?"

"No he came unannounced." He was so angry achibva ati, "Out of my office. You can't just see my woman any time you want." Inno akasimuka atocharger kwakusiya abvanganyura mapapers aive patable Joe akati, "How can you disrespect me this

way!!" Akaviruka nehasha akatora mapapers aya kwakumakandira mumusoro make. Imiweeee ndipo pachakatanga kutsva. Vakomana vakatanga kurovana nezvibhakera chaizvo ndikambozama kuvamisa asi zvakaramba ndikati, " Joe kani mirai kurwa veduwe " vanhu ndipo pavakazouya vakabata zvikanzi naJoe, "Miriro beware of that snake. Hunhu hwakaita sei ihwohwo hwekuti nanga nanga nemukadzi wemunin'ina. He may be the one who killed your husband?!!!!!" Ndakaona zvaaitaura zvai maker sense ndikatarisa bamunini vainge vane ziso rainge rakuvadzwa vakati, "Don't buy that mainini. I cannot kill my brother. I can't do that. No!!!!"

"Uchitadza neiko iwe. It seems like waitotaimira mukadzi wemunin'ina. Une hunhu hwakaora nxaaa. Apa kazhinji bamukuru ndibaba futi. Une hunhu hunosemesa."

Innocent akanditarisa akati, "You... You... Don't believe that Miriro. I loved my brother. He may be the one who killed your husband because these rich people have too much secrets."

Joe looked at me akati, "I can't do that!! Hell no!!!

Murume wake handina kumbobvira ndamuona ari mupenyu ini. Ndaisamuziva! You are now playing the blame game. What a loser!!!"

Inno pointed at Joe akati, "This man is too perfect. He is too good to be true."

Joe: Stop the blame game and get out of my office. I can't entertain your craziness. You just want competition pasingade competition. Iwewe ndiwe ungatouraya munin'ina nekuti tsomu tsomu yacho kumukadzi wake kubva paakashaya ukuiwanza.

"You may be the one who have a hand in his death."

Ndakavhara maziso angu nehasha ndikati, "Stop it. Please stop. My husband was burnt mubhazi achienda kuSouth. Why are you trying to hurt my wounds again? Stop it."

Inno akabva arovera door akabuda vanhu kwakubudawo . Joe came pandaive akati, "I'm sorry for what happened. Handina kukwanisa ku controller hashash dzangu."

"It's okay." Ndakadaro achibva andimbundira akati, "Usatambire pedyo nabamukuru vako avo babe. I

think anogona akaurayisa kana kupisa bhazi
rakakwira murume wako achida iwewe. Vehama
vanozviita. Godo chairo rakazara mumhuri." Joe
made sense ndikati, "Taura hako. Ipapa
chavanorambira vachiti tsoma tsoma neni
ndinotochishaya ini. Ndakavaudza kare kuti
handivade."

"Vachenjerere. Ukaramba uchiva entertainer vauya
nekuvasekerera vachagona kukubata chibharo
sabamukuru baChiedza."

"Taura hako ndinozama kuvatiza ini asi vane nharo
dzinosvota." He hugged me kusvika ndave kutonzwa
hope ndikarara ndiri mumaoko ake. Ndakamutswa
necall ndikadaira ndikati, "Ndiani!" Zvikanzi, "Ndilnno.
I'm sorry for..." I end his call before atombotaura
anything ndika blacklister his new line. Kumba
aisaziva. Kufacebook kupi kupi ndakamu blocker.

"Ukarambawo hako uchiva tolerater tichanetsana
Mimie."

"Handichadaro."

"Thank you." He said and kissed me achindibata
bata kwakundigadzika patable and touched me

chete kwakugumira ipapo akati, "Une moto babe .
Ziva uri wangu iwewe and i don't even want to share
you. Anoda kunditorera ndinopinza kana banga ini!"

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Chapter 14

Miriro

Ndichidzokera kumba ndakatanga kufunga zvainge zvaitika zuva rese ndikaona kuti kwaingove kutukana chete. Asika Inno ndainge ndisisamuchenese kana nepadiki zvapo. Ndainge ndave kungoda kutambira kure naye. Joe wacho ndakazama kubatanidza kuti aizourayisa murume wangu sei iye ainge asingatombomuzive. Besides kare Joe aisamboratidza kuti anondida. Ndakaona kuti ndingavhiringika musoro nazvo kwakurasira pfungwa dzacho kure kwakunamata ndikarara. Mangwana makuseni ndaingove ndiri low low zvikanzi naJoe, "You don't look fine nei?"

Ndakadzungudza musoro ndikati, "I'm fine ini." He raised his eyebrows akati, "Hope hausi kufunga zvandiri kufunga?"

"Kufungei?"

"Nyaya yabamukuru vako vaya."

I rolled my eyes ndikati, "I will never think kuti wakauraya murume wangu ini nekuti waisamuziva uye waisamboratidza kuti unondida."

"Saka uri kufungei?"

"Ndikufungira ivo bamukuru ivava kuti pamwe ndivo vane chekuita nekufa kwake or something because kare murume wangu asati ashaya pane pandakatombofungira kuti vanondida."

"Ini nezuro ndakangotaura zvekufungira chete asi now ndakufunga kuti, horaiti kana ariye akaurayisa murume wako akazviita, how? Plus how can he burn the whole bus for only one man? It's actually impossible."

"Ndipo panewo mubvunzo wangu. Ini ndinoona sekuti murume wangu was just involved in an accident. Ndinoona kunge inguva yainge

yangokwana ini."

Joe came near me kwakundigarisa pamakumbo akandi kisser kwakuti, "Stop working with thoughts. Vanogona vasina chekuita nekufa kwake."

"Taura hako."

He kissed me again kwave kungogumira ipapo tikatanga kutaura nyaya asi aimbopota achiyeva mabreast angu sezvo ndainge ndakavhurira tuma buttons tweshirt ndakabudisa cleavage. He looked at them for a while akati, "Miro I don't like this honestly." Ndakashaya kuti chii zvikanzi, "I don't like kuti upfeke shirt wakadai." I chuckled ndikati, "Come on. It's sexy." He became a little bit angry akati, "Sexy for who?" Ndikati, "Kupinner mabuttons kusvika uku zvinenge zvakashata. Obviously i want to look sexy for you." He chuckled akati, "Handisini ndega ndine maziso pano."

"Come on. Plus futi kuri kupisa."

He focused on his fon akati, "I just don't like it anyways. Unopfeka hako zvaunoda nekuita zvaunoda asi ini hangu zvekubudisa yamunoti cleavage handinatsozvifarire." I raised my shoulders

ndikati, "Okay." Kwave kuvhara hembe yangu akanyemwerera zvikanzi, "Hauchiona." Ndakaseka ndikati, "Zvakanaka asi!"

"Haaa no ini handizvifarire pauri. Kufamba wakatoshama zvinogona zvakatonaka ufunge nobody yako iyi asi hauzviite because hazvitoite."

"I get the sense." Ndakadaro kwakubva tatanga kudiscusser business achibva afonera mukadzi ainzi Sharon. Ainge ane mari dzake mukadzi iyeye achiita business naJoe. Ainge akachangamuka changamuka. Aive nevana 3 asi body ungatoti musikana. Vakataura vakapedza tikazotaura dzimwe nyaya ndikaenda kumba. Mazuva ekunyora O'level akaswebera ndikanyora zvakanaka naka maresults akabuda ndine 6 maB zvikanzi naJoe, "Wagona babe. It's not easy kuzodzokera kuchikoro after some years." Ndaitonzwa kuda kuchema ndikati, "I wanted maA ini." He laughed akati, "Ungada kuchemera O'level here babe. It's nothing iwe!" Ndakagutsurira musoro ndikati, "Sure?" zvikanzi, "Ehe sure." He was happy for me zvikanzi, "Tomorrow we are celebrating."

"Yeeehhhh," ndakadaro ndichifarira achibva

anyemwerera. Manheru iwayo bamukuru Inno vakafona nedzimwe number zvikanzi, "Murisei mainini?"

"Mushe."

"Makazvinzwa here kuti ndakaroora?"

"Makorokoto ndakazvinzwa."

"My wedding is next week so please let's forget about the past and i know ndine zvandakakukanganisirai ndinokumbira mundiregerere. Sometimes i overreact kuzvinhu and I'm sorry."

"Ndinozvinzwisisa bamukuru."

"Thank you mainini. Forget about what i said about that guy. I didn't mean to say zvinhu zvekungofungira chete. I know zvinogona kukwidza kana BP yenyu makufunga kuti pamwe pane akauraya murume wenyu. I'm sorry."

"Hazvina mhosva. Ndokushuvirai zvakanaka muwanano yenyu."

"Honestly i don't love her but sezvo ndakura i think i will settle for her ini ndoda iwewe." I end the call

quickly ndikaridza zitsamwa chairo kwave kukanda foni kure ndakamirira call yaJoe. Kungoda kuti atange iye kundifonera hangu and yes akafona akati, "I have something for you."

"Chii babe."

"It's a surprise for tomorrow as we celebrate kupasa kwako babe ."

"Okay darling."

Mangwana acho ndakamuka kwave kumbotaura namhamha ndikati, "Mhamha ndikuda kuzokuratidzai boyfriend yangu!" Vaitodawo kuti auye vakafara neni. Mhamha was my pillar of strength. She took a place of a real mother in my life veduwe. Ndakageza geza ndichibva ndafonera Joe zvikanzi, "Nhasi muri kuuya kumba kuzondibikirawo mai mwana."

"No problem."

Ndakabva ndaenda ndikasvika ari mumablankets achiratidza kufara zvisingaite kwakubva tabika tese tichizorana tuflour. Asikana ndainge ndaita kunyura nenzwara nenzwara idzi. Ndainzwa kuti pana Joe

ndipo parere moyo wangu and wainge watomera paari. I loved how he loved me, how he handled and respected me. Oooo God he knew the right buttons to press. Aindiitira iniwo ndaibva ndazama chose kumufadzawo nepandinogona naapo. Tapedza kubika takadya tichibva taenda kubedroom kwake akabudisa chibox kwakunditi ndotsinzine, ndikatsinzina achibva atora necklace kwakuisa muhuro mangu ndikati, "Oooo my God this is beautiful." Ndakadaro ndichizvitarisa pamirror. The necklace was expensive zvisingaite and ndainge ndatomboichiva rimwe zuva asi ndainge ndisina mari. Shasha ndofunga ndipo payakati regai nditenge. Ndakazvitarisa pamirror ndichiyeva necklace achibva auya kumashure kwangu akati, "It fits you well?" Ndikati, "Zvisingaite."

He carried me to his bed kwakutanga kundikisser achibva azosiyana nazvo kwakunotora wine tikatanga kunwa then after a moment ndikati, "This wine ine kakudhaka kainoita handi?"

"No haidhake iyi."

"Hoookay ini handifarire zvinodhaka unozviziva."

"Ndozviziva babe."

"Apa ngainake . " Ndaidaro ndichinwa zvikanzi, "Wanyanyonwa yakawanda chisiya." I rolled my eyes ndikati, "Come on." Achibva andidirira ndikazosiya ndaona kuti ndainge ndakuita ndichidhakwa mbichana mbichana. Ndakabva ndati, "I have to go home babe!" Zvikanzi, "Come kiss daddy goodbye." Ndakabva ndaenda pedyo naye kwakumukisser achibva aramba achindi kisserwo kwave kutanga kundibata bata ndikatanga kunzwa kupera simba, kana hembe dzangu handina kuona kuti ainge abvisa nguvai. He kissed me, licked me from the head to the toes achibva abvisawo hembe dzake akati, "Babe forgive me. I was waiting kuti uzondiudza kuti wave ready for sex but I'm a little bit drunk I can't take it anymore." He said akanditarisa mumaziso akati, "Please allow me to have a taste of you!" Kahana kangu kaiita kakurova ndikati, "Promise me that you won't leave me after this."

"I won't leave you babe. Ndokuda and by now unofanira kunge wave kuziva kuti handisi kungoda sex nekuti taingodanana and it's now almost a year pasina kurara tese but handina kumbobvira

ndakusiya."

"It's okay," ndakadaro closing my eyes and he kissed me so passionately achiratidza kuti ainge atoshatirwa chaizvo kwakuvhura makumbo angu and kissed me between my legs kwakutsinzinira maziso ndikati, "Wait wait wait!"

"What?"

"Let's use protection."

"No problem. Let me see kuti ndinaro here." He stood up kwakutsvaga tsvaga kusvika ariwana achibva ati, "Here it is." He came on top of me and kissed me again so passionately achibva anditarisa mumaziso as he entered me ndikavhara maziso feeling him inside me. Ndakaita kakurwadziwa sezvo ndainge ndave nenguva yakareba ndisina kumborara nemurume. He made love to me so slowly for the first round and the following rounds aiita kunge munhu ainge abatwa neshavi chairo. Ainge ane too much feelings for me zvema sure ndikazoti, "I need to go home babe."

"Babe this is our first day. Can you please go mangwana makuseni."

"I need to..." He shut me up with a kiss akati, "Please. Hona ndakadhakwa iwewe you are a little bit drunk as well. Who will drive. Besides it's our first day. Allow me to enjoy my woman please."

Akandinyengerera kusvika ndabvuma kwakubva tarara tese zvekare kusvika ndaneta ndikati, "Joe promise me one thing."

"What babe?"

My eyes became teary ndikati, "Please don't change or leave me after this." Mashoko angu akaperekedzwa netumisodzi akambotora nguva asina kupindura ndikati, "Answer me Joe." He touched my hands akati, "I won't leave you okay."

"Promise me." He kept quiet for a moment ndikati, "Joe why are you quite. Kasi hauchandida "

"Sorry babe ndafunga zvakawanda."

"Promise that you won't leave me." Ndakataura ndave kutoeredza misodzi zvikanzi, "I promise to not leave you or change. Usacheme babe handina kwandinoenda."

Chinhu chandaifarira pana Joe ndechekuti he was a

man of his words. Kana ati chakati ndinoita aitoti achiite. "I trust you." He kissed me so passionately akati, "Ndokuda." Ndikati, "Neniwo ndokudisisisa. Usandisiye sezvawa vimbisa."

He hugged me tightly ndikarara kunge kacheche. Ndainge ndakaneta zvisingaite.

Joseph

"Is my VISA ready?."

"Marova zvinhu here rasta!"

Ndainge ndisingambode kunzwa nezvenyaya iyoyo ndikati, "I say is my VISA ready Razor!!!??"

Ndakadaro netuhasha mukati zvikanzi, "Yes ko hashha ndedzei munhu abva kudya babe."

Ndakanzvenga mubvunzo wake ndikati, "If my VISA is ready i'm coming right now."

Ndakadaro ndichitora laptop bag rangu kwakutarisa Miri ainge akarara pabed ndikadzungudza musoro ndichida kubuda asi moyo wangu wakandirambira. I took 2_3 steps zvikaramba kwakucheuka ndikaenda paainge akarara kwakumuyeva for the last time and kissed her on the cheek ndikati, "You were a unique

woman. I never met anyone of your kind. You made me feel what i never felt before. No one has ever made me feel this way. But then love is not for some of us my dear. It's a scam and i will never be part of it. Love is an illusion for the weak and not me Black Jack." I kissed her on the cheek ndikakanda bag rangu kure and made love to her for the last time. Ndainge ndamupa sleeping pill mudrink for 8 hours. Ndapedza ndakazvipukuta kwakutora bag rangu ndikabuda asi ndainzwa kusurukirwa zvisingaite. Damnit!!!! There was something about this woman.. Something chekuti unoda kuramba unaye padhuze newe so. I drank some whiskey trying to think straight kwave kufonera Sharon.

Will Joe let Miri go just like that let's wait as the story unfolds and please let's join our group kuti tiwane book nenguva.

End Of Chapter

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Chapter 15

Joe/ Joseph

Ndakafonera Sharon akati, "Are we leaving today!"
Ndikati, "Yes!" Zvikanzi, "I wasn't prepared."

"Then you have to prepare. I'm now on my way to the airport batika shamwari."

"Ukuita kunge usiri kufara babe. Waitwei?"

"Nothing just come tiende. I'm now done with my business."

"Ndikuuya daddy."

"Iribho." She end the call ndikangomisa mota muroad kwave kudzika ndikambomira ndichifurwa nemhepo. I searched for a cigarette in my pockets

kwave kubatidza ndikafuridzira smoke mudenga ndakaita kakutsinzinira. I just wanted something to calm me down. I dragged the cigarette five times kwave kurasa ndikatsika tyre remota nehasha ndikati, "Damn it." Ndakadzokera mumota ndikatanga kudriver sezvo nguva dzainge dzaenda. Ndakasvika Sharon naRazor vatoveko ndikati, "Tatenda can you please help me with my bags in the car." He came pandaive akabatsirana neni. Sharon ndiye ainge akangomira achiyeva manails ake nekuzvi sprayer sprayer akati, "Babe this perfume you bought for me smells very nice."

"Okay," i said ndichitobhowekana zvikanzi, "Kasi mukurwara daddy?" I shook my head ndikati, "Naaa," achibva auya pedyo neni kwave kukochekera maoko ake muhuro akati, "I love you so much Joe. At least now we are going back home. I'm happy."

"Me too," ndakadaro ndichitaurira pasi ndichibvisa maoko ake ainge ari muhuro mangu achibva azama kundi kisser ndikati, "Babe we are running out of time." Ndakadaro ndichipusher bag kwave kuita maprocesses ese tikapinda mundege heading to Australia. Ndakatora fon yangu yandaishandisa

kwave kutanga kudeleter mamwe machats aMiri ndikaona picture randakamutora akarova kasmile kepaside hana yangu ichibva yarova ndikati, "Damn it." Ndakadaro ndichi switcher fon off ndisati ndadeleter picture riya zvikanzi naSharo, "Une zvawataura here?" Ndakadzungudza musoro ndikati, "Nop." She looked at me for a while kwave kuti, "You look so sexy today though ukuita kunge usiri kufara. Let me try to give you a pill." Akadaro biting his lower lip akafambisa ruoko rwake to my manhood ndikati, "Stop it babe." Ndakanyepera kunge ndine zvandanzwa but honestly mafeelings angu ainge ari off. Akafunga kuti ndikutamba achibva andibata zvekare ndikanzwa hashu kusimuka mandiri so ndikati, "Damn it i said I'm not liking it hauna kundinzwa here?" Ndakataura ndakwidza izwi mbichana vanhu vachibva vatitarisa zvakaita kuti anyare maziso ake kwave kujenga misodzi akati, "You never said no to me nhasi zvadii?"

"I'm not in the mood okay."

"Ko nei?"

"I'm just not in the mood," i said ndichitarisa panze zvikanzi naRazor, "Mukuwirirana here?"

"Bamunini Tatenda mukoma wenyu hameno zvaari kungoita so. Ndikuda kuuya kuzogara nemi ipapo titaure." Akadaro achisimuka vachibva vaexchanger seat nemumwe murume ainge akagara naTatenda kana kuti Razor. Hameno zvavakatanga kutaura ndikabudisa fon yangu muhomwe kwave kuona message kubva kunaMiri akati, "Babe where are you? Your fon is not reachable." Ndakavhura message kwakungoramba ndaka sticker zvikanzi, "Daddy Joe pindurai!" Ndakangokaruka ndave kutyper ndikati, "Babe my brother got involved in an accident. Sorry ndatya kukumutsa and ndanga ndave kumhanya."

"Oooo havana kunyanyokuvara here?"

"He is badly hurt."

"Ooo I'm so sorry. So mukuita sei?"

"He is in the hospital right now,, now ndiko kwandiri."

"So muri kudzoka any time soon here?"

"No!" Ndakadaro zvikanzi, "Ndave kuenda hangu kumba daddy." Ndikati, "It's okay. Usiye wanatsovhara door woisa makeys angu pakanaka." After 5 minutes she sent a message akati,

"Ndakusvika kumba daddy. I just want to tell you something about last night daddy ."

"Taura tinzwe ndakaterera."

"I love the way you made love to me Joe. You know the right buttons to press and unonatsondiitira hako babe last night was a night to remember. You make me feel extraordinary daddy ndinokudai." My heart started beating so fast ndikaramba ndakanyarara zvikanzi, "Kasi you are driving daddy?"

"Ooo yes."

"Okay daddy mofamba zvakanaka. I felt this connection between us nezuro. What i feel for you is something else." Ndaifunga kuti ndini ndega ndainge ndaka feeler connection iyoyo izvo zvakaita kuti ndinzwe kuzarirwa kwave kutanga kusweater nekufemera pamusoro ndisinganzwisise zvandainzwa. I closed my eyes trying to calm down asi ndakabva ndaona Mimi mumaziso angu tichifara and i remembered the last night zvikanzi naTatenda, "Are you okay bro." Ndakaita kakuvhunduka ndikati, "Yes I'm okay." Ndakasiyana naMiri ndisina kumupindura ndikadzima fon yangu kwave kusiya

zvakadaro. 'Why was i still talking to her anyways?'
Ndakazvibvunza mubvunzo usina angandipindura.

Miriro

Kubva zuva randainge ndarara naJoe ndakawedzera kutomuda chaiko zvakapfurikidza. Ndaingopota ndichitarisa kuti haana kundipindura here.

Mamessages angu asi ainge angu ticker ka1 chete.

Week rakapera akango ticker ka1 ndipo

pandakatanga kuita worried manje ndichizama kumufonera, kudiiiko nekudiiiko asi munhu can't get.

Veduwe ndakatanga kufunga kuti ndizvo zvainge

zvakaite murume wangu kusvika ndazonzwa news

dzekuti ainge ashaya. Humwe husiku ndakabuda

panze kwave kutanga kuchema aunt kwakubuda

ndikati, "Aunt imbondibatsiraiwo panapa ndikushaya

kuti chii chikunatsoitika. Ndakataura neboyfriend

yangu iya musi weSunday asi nanhasi mamessages

angu akango ticker ka1. Ndikufunga kuti pamwe

pane chakaipa chaitika kwaari ini."

"Mainatsowirirana here?"

"Ehe aunt. Asi apa ndakatanga kurara naye musi weSaturday and then munhu ongoshika. . "

"Munofunga kuti angave akatiza here mai Lolo?"

"Aaaagh zvinonetsa kuti nditi akatiza nekuti ndakatotaura naye musi weSunday achiti brother yake yaita accident."

"Pamwe pane zvikuitika ndiko saka foni yake isiri kuita. Imbomirai imwe week mumboona kuti zvinofamba sei?"

Ndakawirirana nazvo asi rimwe week rakapera wani. Imiweeee ndakabatwa nechadzimira chaicho kwave kutanga kutongorwara rwara aunt vachibva vati, "Kuti haisi mimba here mai Lolo?"

"Aihwa haisi. Takadzivirira." Ndakataura neconfidence zvikanzi, "Okay. Dei ikasave hayo mimba veduwe. And varume vane moyo wakashata."

"Aiwa aunt imbomirai kundipawo pfungwa idzodzo veduwe."

"Kuti kudaro here. Anodzoka asi ingonamatai mai Lolo zvimwe zvacho zvinotoda mabvi chaiwo. Ini zvamunondiona pano ndainge ndakatoroorwa zvakanaka mufunge henyu asi mbereko yakanetsa. Murume akatomboenda nana Marwei asi

ndakanamata gore iroro nekuwedzera kugeza akadzoka. Akazoshaya hake asi tainge totowirirana. Kunamata kwakanaka asikana."

"Taurai zvenyu. Mirai nditonamata tete because honestly ka I can't just lose this man. Kana kwaari ikoko achifunga kuti haadzoke naMwari wangu wandinonamata anodzoka chete. Whatever zvaari kundifungira kwaari ikoko anodzoka zvake chete. Aiwa Mwari paya makatora murume wangu nerufu this time ndoti ndawanawo wandinoda motora futi aiwa ini izvi handingazvigone bodo!!!"

Ndakabva ndatanga kunamata...

Joe/Joseph

Tasvika ndakangosvikorara. 2 weeks dzakapera ndichidhakwa rough. Ndaizama kukanganwa Miri asi zvairamba. Ndainge ndamu blocker kwese kwese asi kumukanganwa kwaindinetsa. Ndaitomborara nevakadzi vakawanda for business ndongosiyana navo asi uyu aindinetsa kusiya sei? Chokwadi chaicho ndechekuti ndainge ndisina kutomboroora ndaingoda kugara ndiri bachelor. Sharon was just my girlfriend and pandairara nevamwe vasikana

aitozviziva and kana pane mari aitondibatsira achiti daddy vari pabasa. Pana Miri ndainge ndisina chekumbo gainer i just wanted her so bad. Sharon ndainge ndakamunyepera ndikati it's business. We were in an open relationship and aiziva madhiri angu ese. Tainge tatove ne5 years tiri mu relationship and i made it clear to her kuti chedu kwaingove, kudhakwa tese, kurara tese nekuita business tese zvisina moyo mukati and she agreed and aisanetsa. I never experienced love and i always thought vanhu vaiita zvemoyo vainge vari weak.

Tatenda akazviona kuti i wasn't okay at all akati, "Ko chii nhai Rasta. We should celebrate ka nhai Rasta."

"Shaa pakaipa."

"Taurai tinzwe baba."

Ndakambotora nguva ndisina kupindura ndikati, "I think I'm in love." Razor akaseka zvekusvika pakubudisa misodzi akati, "You are in your late 30's right?" Ndikamborova sip yedoro ndikati, "Zvine basa rei?"

"Nhasi wozoti uri murudo after all those years. Come on man!"

"I tried to deny the fact that i love Miriro, with all my heart. Yes that was all pretending but it seemed so real to me and ndainge ndatopinda nemoyo rasta."

Akandinongedzera akaseka akati, "Rasta siyanai nembanje."

"Shaa unondiziva wani kuti zvemoyo hazvisi zvangu asi apa hameno zvandiri kunzwa. There is something about that woman trust me."

"Rasta musaite zvisina basa imi. Ndikutoti muchandigashidzawo babe ndodyawo asi mukutaura zvemoyo. Haa mave kupenga manje."

"I just don't know what's happening to me. Let me just take my whiskey." Ndakadaro ndichinwa kwakubva Tatenda ati, "Wake up man. Don't let your emotions rule you!" Akabva aenda. 'Was i letting emotions rule me?' ndakazvibvunza. The following day ndakasvika Sharon akabata my other fon, (ndaive nema fon 3) yangu ndikati, "What are you doing with my fon! Tadanana kusvika ipapo here? Bring me back my fon," ndakadaro ndichimubvutira akati, "Why did you spent so much on Miriro. You bought her a car, like seriously!!!!?"

Tatenda akabva asvika akati, "Who bought who are car." Sharon akaita kunge ave kuda kuchema kwave kuti, "He bought that woman a car. My dream car inini akamutengera. I'm starting to think kuti what kind of a business was that."

"Aaagh mudhara hamusi kuona kuti maka over spender here?"

Ndakasvotwa navo vese ndikati, "It's my money. I sleep na 12 ndomuka na2AM ndichishanda inini. It's my own money. I spent it the way i want. Excuse me!" Ndakadaro ndichienda kubedroom Sharon akanditevera achida kundibata bata ndikati, "I'm not in the mood."

"Kubva zvatakabva kuZimbabwe you never slept with me!"

"So what? You know what I'm now done with you."

"What! After 5 years. Like seriously!"

"I said I'm now done with you!"

"For what? Why?"

Ndakashaya reason ine musoro ndikabva ndangoti, "Unonyanyoda kundiudzira zvekuita sterek. That's

the reason why I don't want to get married. Handidi kuudzirwa zvekuita."

Akaeredza misodzi akati, "Get lost i regret everything i did for you! You don't appreciate." She then took her monarch and handina kuda kumumisa achibva aenda. Ndaingonzwa hasha nezvinhu zvese zvese and ndainge ndichingobhowekana.

The day after that ndakabatidza fon yangu yakare kwave kuona message from a new number yakanzi, "Daddy Joe it's Mirie ndatenga line nyowani. Ndiri kurwara nechirwere chehope ini asi aunt vari kuti ndine nhumbu asika takashandisa protection paya wani. Now ndave kuenda ku pharmacy kunotenga pregnant test. Pindura."

"Damnit!"

Zvino Mirie zvaakunzwa chirwere chehope Joe haadzokere here ? Let's wait as the story unfolds and please help me wish our sister a happy birthday

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Chapter 16

Joe

"Damn." Ndakadaro after Miri ataura zvekuti ainge ongorara rara. Handina kuda kumupindura kwave kudzima fon. The following days i prepared mabags angu zvikanzi naTatenda, "You are now going back to her?"

"Yes i have to go."

"No man. What are you exactly trying to do? Please think straight." I chuckled ndikati, "She is carrying my baby."

"What! How! How can you be that careless?"

"I wasn't thinking straight okay. I love that woman

and i lost it ndikaisira mukati. I didn't control myself damn."

He touched my hand ndichirongedza akati, "You are getting out of hand honestly. This won't work for you Black Jack. Love is not yours."

"I know but i have no option." Akapererwa akati, "After wabvisisa Yolanda nhumbu, that is 10 years ago you never made that mistake. That was the only mistake you did. How come did you make a mistake man."

"I'm not a machine oo man! I also make mistakes."

"This is unbelievable."

"I'm left with no option."

"So what are you planning to do then. Marry her?" Ndakambomira kupindura kwave kubereka bag rangu relaptop ndikati, "I don't know yet man."

"But are you sure the pregnancy is yours?"

"I know it's mine. That kind of a woman doesn't cheat. Obviously ndeyangu hakuna mumwe."

"Nooo man. What's happening to you. You can't trust

a woman like that. Haunatsovazive mushe vakadzi iwe."

"Believe me when i say nhumbu iyoyo ndeyangu."

"Try to abort it please. Send someone to abort the pregnancy because honestly this won't work Black Jack. I repeat again this can't work. It never worked for you all these years which means it will never work." Ndakanzwa kupera simba ndikagara pasi. I wasn't ready to commit to any woman zvemasure. Ndaive zvekare munhu uya ano traveller almost every month and i loved being independent. Being wherever i want nenguva yandada. Miriro ainge achitondida zvemashuwa and i know aisazobvuma zvakadaro. You may be wondering what was my business, i was a drug dealer, i was into many dirty business. I owned clubs dzaitwa madirty businesses. Ndainge ndakambopinda mujere twice and the longest i had ever been in Jail was 3 months. I was also a conman. Ndaigona kutamba nebrains dzevanhu chaizvo zvekuti ukandiona waitoti waona angel. I was also good with ladies, vamwe ndaiwirirana navo and gain their trust ndovabira mari.

Pana Miri, firstly i lied kuti mukadzi wangu ainge

akashaya. Ndaizviitira kuti ade kuswedera pedyo neni achifunga kuti takafanana. Secondly i also pretended to love her child, the best way to get to a single woman's heart is loving her child. That way i knew that she was going to automatically love me. Ndainge ndisingarambwe ini hazviite and ndaisiya vakadzi vazhinji vachichema. Anyways i was very calculative, manipulative and no matter how small any mission was i made sure ndawana zvandada.

'But why did everything seemed so real pana Miriro?' Ndakazvibvunza mubvunzo iwoyo. Zvese zvandainge ndamuitira zvaiita kunge ndaimuitira nemoyo wese pasina kunyepedzera. I cared for her, i loved her daughter and i always admired the love she had for her mother in law. Chimwe chakaita ndinatsoona kuti she was the ONE inyaya yekuva patient naye zvakanyanya. Vazhinji ndairara navo within a month chairo asi iye ndaingonzwa kutongoda kumuitira patience nekumupa nguva yeku healer. The day we slept together i felt that it wasn't only about sex but damn the woman grabbed my heart as well. Zvisinei ndakasimuka kuti ndichidzokera. Zvandaizoita ndave ikoko

ndaizvionera ikoko.

Ndave kutobuda door Tatenda stopped me akati,
"My man please let this pass. Mwana haana basa we
can consider an abortion. Nebasa ratinoita hazviite
kuti uve nemukadzi or munhu waunoda. Zvinouraya
basa."

"Let me give it a try."

"This will be your downfall Joe!!!! Don't let your
emotions rule you! Vakadzi vanochinja ava! This is a
dangerous game you are trying to play."

Handina kuda kumuteerera kana kucheuka
ndikaramba ndakaomesa gotsi ndichienda.
Ndakakwira ndege kudzokera kune ainge aba moyo
wangu though i was very worried and a little bit
scared. Nndakatenga tenga tumartenity dress for
her netumwewo. Ndichisvika ndakatomboedza
chimwe chiweek ndisina kutaura naye kana
kumupindura ndipo paakazosender message
yakanzi, " Daddy Joe I'm pregnant. Pindura Joe
kani uri kurwadzisa moyo wangu. I can't stop crying
right now. I can't eat. I can't sleep. Is everything okay
daddy Joe. Ndine chandakatadza here ndigadzirise

ini hangu ini veduwe . Joseph!" Handina kumupindura mangwana acho ndikapinda mutown kwave kuita zvekare rimwe week asi moyo wangu wakabaiwa baiwa nazvo ndichibva ndatora jacket manheru kwave kupinda munzira ndakananga kumba kwavo. Ndakasvikoita zveku nocker aunt vacho vachibva vabuda zvikanzi, "Haapo!" Ndikati, "Haapo!" Zvikanzi, "Ehe." Ndikati, "Aripi nguva dzino." I realized ainge asisasende mamessages kunge ainge aramwa.

"Ari kugara neshamwari yake mazuvano. Morara mushe." She said and banged the door zvekusada kutaura neni ndika nocker zvekare ndika ignowewa kwave kupinda mumota ndikazama kufonera number dzaMiri dzekudhara but it wasn't reachable. Ndakasender message ndikati, "Miri can you please reply me. Uri kupi titaure." Haana kundipindura kusvika ndadzokera kumba kwave kuchitanga kushushikana kuti Miri ainge aenda kupi chaizvo. Kutu ainge achindi ignore? Ndakazvibvunza kwave kuzama kumufonera husiku hwese fon ichiramba kupinda. Kusender mamessages ainge asisapindurwe. I became worried mangwana

makuseni ndikanomutsvaga zvekare zvikanzi, "Achiri kushamwari yake mambozama kumufonera here?"

"Fon yake haisi kuita. Ndipeiwo number dzeshamwari yake yacho." Aunt vakabva vanotora fon yavo kwave kundipa number dzacho ndikati, "Thank you!" Ndakasvika kumba kwave kuzama number dziya kwave kufona kekutanga ndichitenderera nemba yese dzikashaya akapindura. Ndakazama futi kechi2 dzainge dzoti not available. Ndakatanga kufamba famba nemba yese ndichifemera pamusoro mmwangwana acho kwave kusendera Miriro message ndikati, "Uri kupi nemwana wangu. It's been 3 days now ndichiuya kumba kwako zvichingonzi uri kushamwari yako. It's been 3 days, 3 good days." Hapana akapindura ndikati, "Miriro I'm now hunting you right now. Ndikakuwana une imwe boyfriend ndiri kuda kukurova chaizvo Miriro. I will break every bone in you trust me!!!" Ndakadaro ndichida kubuda ndikatora gun kwave kuisa paside apa ndichifemera pamusoro. Ndapinda mumota ndakasender message ndikati, "Mimie ukurwadzisa moyo wangu babe. Pindura." Haana kupindura ndikati, "Mimie

please kana pane chandakakutadzira sorry hako. I can't lose you my love. I can't lose you Mimi. Kana pane chandakaita ndiregererewo please undipindurewo. At least moyo wangu ungonyevenuka. Kana kusender hako kadodzi hako (.) kuratidza kuti uri kundinzwa zviri nane pane kundi ignore." Ndakadaro ndichiita kunge ndichachemera mukadzi for the first time in my life asi ndakazvidzora kwave kurova steering ndikati, "No man!!!"

Ndakabva ndafonera Tatenda ndikati, "Baba kuno kwakashata. Miri uya haachandipindure. Ndikaenda kumba kwavo ndikungoudzwa mastatements."

"Obviously she is with another man bro. Nhumbu yako yakatopihwa mumwe munhu."

"No it can't be. Hauna nyaya iwewe."

Ndakabva ndakata call yacho kwave kuvhara maziso ndikabatidza cigarette ndichifuridzira smoke mudenga and it cooled me down kwave kumbozama kurara asi hope hadzina kuuya. Kana chikafu handina kukwanisa kudya. The following day ndakamira panze pagate ndikaona kaLolo kachibuda

gate ndikati, "Heeeyyy little girl," zvikanzi, "Hi papa." I carried her ndikati, "Papa is good. Uri kuendepi?"

"Ndikuenda kunotamba naEmily anogara apo!"

"Ko nei usina kuenda kuchikoro?"

"Mhamha wali kurwala awa. She said she can't pick me from school saka handina kuenda."

"Wari kupi mhamha?"

"Warimo mumba."

"Good girl. Oooo mari unopa mhamha izvozvi uvaudze kuti hanzi napapa vakutengere masweets." Ndainge ndakakatakura ndichibva ndakadzikisa kakamhanya kuenda mumba ndikanzwa moyo wangu kunyevenuka. At least Miri was just ignoring me asi arimo zvake. Pasina nguva ndakaona call mufon mangu from Mirie ndikaziva kuti shasha yainge yaka blacklist number dzangu ndikadaira ndikati, "Hes babe."

"Handisi babe wako. Stop involving my child in this oky. I don't want to see you again. I hate you."

Ndakashaya kuti ndaita sei ndikati, "Ndaitasei?"

"Oooo really. Hauzivi zvawakandiita right!!!!" She shouted at me ndikati, "Handina chandiri kuziva babe."

"You're a liar!!! Stay away from me." She end the call and blacklisted my number ini kwave kunocker gate asi hapana akavhura. Ndaka nocker kusvika ndaneta pasina adaira ndikagara mumota kwave kuzviudza kuti handimbobvapo achabuda chete otaura nyaya yake. She got me thinking kuti ndainge ndanatsoita sei chaizvo asi ndakashaya mhinduro. Kwave kuda kunosviba akabva abuda akatomonera katowel asi mota yangu haana kuiona ndikabva ndafambisa mota mbichana mbichana ndikaridza kabell achibva acheuka kwave kuridza tsamwa akaramba achifamba mbichana mbichana semunhu airwara. Ndakamisa mota kwave kudzika ndikada kumubata akati, "Don't touch me Joe I don't want to argue with you."

"Miri please taura neni. Chii?"

Akavhizura ruoko rwangu kwave kutanga kuchema akati, "Don't touch Joseph Johnson. Don't touch me." Ainge atove kuchema neshungu ndikamhanya kumumbundira ndikati, "Babe chii?"

"Ndati ndisiye kani Joe iwe . Ndisiye mhani!"
Aidaro achindiruma ndikati, "Babe let me explain."

"Ndakakupa nguva yeku explainer kare.
Handichatokuda. Handichada."

"For the sake of our unborn child let me explain.
Ngatipindei mumota." Akamboda kuramba ramba
ndichibva ndamuvhurira door remota akapinda
zvikanzi, "Ndikukupa 2 minutes to explain Joe "

Ndashaya kuti ndotangira papi manje because
ndaisaziva zvainge zvakatsamwirwa. Kutu ainge ave
kuziva madeals angu ese here? Ndakazvibvunza asi
no zvakaramba and hazvaiita. Ndakabva ndaramba
ndakanyarara achibva ati, "Waramba wakanyarara
nekuti uri kuda kundinyepera ka?"

"No babe... I... I'm sorry!"

"For what!"

"For ignoring you!" Ndakangokaruka ndadaro
zvikanzi, "But why Joe. How can you lie to me kuti
brother yako yaita accident iwewe hako wakachinja
kwekugara. Ndakasangana newe mutown wakabata
fon yako yekare not yaunayo izvozvi, ndakakuona
ndikakutevera Joseph. Why were you ignoring me

Joseph. Why ."

"Babe I'm really sorry. I'm very sorry babe. Chakaitika mukoma vakaita accident kwave kuenda handi. Then fon yangu yakabva yangodzima babe kwave kuzonoigadzirisa day rawakandiona ndiri mutown. Ndakabva ndazovhura fon ndipo pandakaona mamessages ako."

"You're lying to me. Wakawana zvawaida chete ukatanga ku ignore. Zvino manje Joe inini kana usingandide ingondisiya ndakadaro mwana ndinochengeta handina chandinombotya kana kuvhunduka. Ramba uchindi ignore sezvawanga uchitongoita ini ndichatongoku ignowawo sezvandanga ndave kuita. Mwana azozvarwa tozotangira ipapo. Handitye kuzvichengetera mwana wangu ini. It's okay wakarara uchindinhafa nhafa nekundishandurudza ukawana zvaunoda. Wakandishandisa iwewe for your own benefit pedzezvo wondi ignore!! Pamwe wangu munyama hawo asi zvisinei Mwari ndivo vanoziwa." She said boldly achirevesa ndikati, "Babe kani ndizvo zvazvinoitwa here?"

"Chiri kunyanyondibhowa kundinyepera kwauri kuita

Joe. I hate munhu anonyepa. I hate that."

"Okay chokwadi ndechekuti inini Miriro ndokuda nemoyo wese. Pawakataura zvenhumbu i wasn't ready you know. I was scared to be a father. It was too large to swallow for me but then nguva yacho ndaifunga and i cannot deny that i love you Miriro and i want to start a family with you. In short Miriro ndikuti," ndakadzika mumota kwave kuvhura door rake and I went down on one knee ndikati, "In short ndiri kuti. Will you marry me!"

"What!"

"Will you marry me Miriro. I love you so much! I want to spend the rest of my life with you and i promise to make you happy Mimie."

Chainge chakaitika pa ring iyi ndechekuti i bought it ku Australia paya ndichitemga ma martenity dresses. I just loved it kwave kutongotenga nekuti it was so beautiful and ndakaitenga ndisingazive kuti ndichaishandisa rinhi asi ndaingoza kuti ichashanda. Ndainge ndada Miriro and hapana chainge chichandimisa kuti ndimuroore. About the secrets i had, i was planning to.....

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Joe

About the secrets obviously zvimwe ndezvekufa nazvo. Pane zvimwe zvandaizomuudza asi zvimwe ndaisazomuudza. "Will you marry me my angel."

"Oooo my God!" She said achibata hana yake akati, "Can i ask something Joe."

"Bvunza."

"I hope you do not want to marry me because of the pregnancy."

I listened to my heart ndikazvinzwa pachangu kuti it wasn't only about the pregnancy. Ndainge ndatomuda nemoyo wese. Ndakapindura ndikati, "I

love you so much Miriro. It's not about my unborn baby." Ndakadaro and she nodded akati, "Yes i will marry you Joe. You know i love you too with all my heart." Ndakabva ndamupfekedza ring kwave kumutakura and kissed her so passionately ndikamuradzika paseat remota kwave kutovhura zip zvikanzi, "What Joe!" Ndikati, "What?" Zvikanzi, "Tiri muroad." Ndakarova rova musoro wangu ndikati, "Damn i have so much feelings for you." Ndakadaro ndave kuvhara zip. Ndainge ndajaira kuita freaky.

"Kuno kwakanyarara zvako but it doesn't just feel right kuitira muroad."

"Hande kumba Mirie," ndakadaro ndichida kumutsa mota akati, "No daddy ndokuonai mangwana. I have to do something. Mangwana ndikufanira kuenda kubasa as well. She kissed me on my forehead akati, "Ndokuda Joe, zvizhinji totaura mangwana." I kissed her back ndikati, "I love you more." Ndakanomusiya pagate ndikananga kumba. I was very happy.

Mangwana acho ndakafumira kuenda kubasa. Though i had some other dirt business ndainge ndine mamwe akanaka and i was also into mining. Nyangwe ndainge ndambofunga kutiza Mirie there

was no reason yekumusiyisa basa and hapana paaizotora zvinhu zvangu because ndainge ndamusiya. Ndakasvika atoveko kubasa achibva andimhanyira akati, "Daddy Joe ndanga ndatokusuwai." Ndakapushira bvudzi raive kuface kwake kumashure ndikati, "Neniwo ndanga ndakusuwai mai Lee."

"Lee?"

"Leroy yes. That's our child's name akaita mukomana. Akaita musikana you name her." She smiled akati, "Okay daddy." I kissed her tikatanga kushanda. Mukadzi wangu aishanda zvaindipa shungu. Apa ainge ave kuziva kuti ari kushandira company yemurume wake saka aitoita nemazvo. We went for a meeting that day tikaenda kumba kwangu ndichibva ndamupa madresses andainge ndakatenga zvikanzi, "Uuuuu daddy thank you nekundifungawo. They are very beautiful."

"It's nothing. Nhasi ukurara kunoka babe."

"Ndouya mangwana daddy."

"Come on," ndaidaro ndichi kisser kisser dumbu rake kwave kumuradzika pabed ndikamubvisa hembe.

Luckily she didn't deny aitoratidza kuti ainge andisuwawo. Tapedza ndakamutakura tikanogeza tese kwakumbogara muJaccuzzi relaxing tichitaura nyaya. Akabva azobuda mubath kwave kunondibikira ndikasara ndichiita basa rangu achibva ati, "Daddy your food is ready." I smiled kwave kusimuka ndikanogara pachair mukitchen achibva agwadama kundigezesa maoko. I felt so much valued and respected zvekuti those little things she did zvaiita ndinzwe kuwedzera kumuda. Month rakasvika pakupera mwana wevanhu ndisingade kumushaya pedyo neni. Ndaisapedza day ndisina kumuona ndaitoti ndimuone no matter what. Ndaimuvigira zvaanoda kudya nguva dzose and i enjoyed every bit of it.

Miri

Ndainge zvino ndachipinda murudo naJoe nenzwara nenzwara dzese. Ndainge ndichimuda shame. Everyday ndaiigirwa tunonaka naka twandada. Kubasa ndainge ndakambomira nekurwara rwara kwandainge ndoita. Tete Rati nemunin'ina wamhamha vakatishanyira zvikanzi naRati, "Ko nhaiwe Miri zvaunenge wave nemimba." Vakaridza

chikuwe chakavharira imba yese mhamha kwave kunditarisa zvikanzi, "And watsvuka mazuvano muroora." Ndakanyemwerera ndikati, "Sure here mhamha?"

"Idi chaiyo."

Ndakangonyemwerera zvikanzi natete Rati, "Asi zvimwe zvinhu hazvingode so. Kuita mvana ine vana 2 iiiigh zvinongonyadzisa so gegegege ."

Ndakapinduridza maziso kwave kuita sendisina kuvanzwa zvikanzi, "Nekuzvibata kwaanonzi akaita nevanhu iye Mai Lolo iyeyu ka, ko mimba iyo yakabata sei nhai muroora wangu."

"Handina mimba," ndakadaro ndichigadzikira vana mhamha zvekudya zvikanzi natete Rati, "Ko changu chiripi."

"Imbodzikamai vatete vangu," ndakadaro ndichibhidhaira ndichiienda kukitchen kwave kunotora plate yavo ndichiridza tsamwa. Iwo mazuva iwayo ndainge ndongosvotwa svotwa chose. Ndakavavigira chikafu chavo ndikanobatsira aunt vandaigara navo kurongedza mukitchen ndisingade zvemashoko naRati plus ndaida kupa mhamha

nemunin'ina wavo nguva. Rati akanditevera ave kuuya nema plates akati, "Hes mhani. Iyi ndiyo inonzi property yakanaka mhani asi mastove aya zvinonzi nevanhu haana kutombosimba. Manje manje inenge yatofa iyi."

"Zvinhu zvagara zvinongofa tete."

Vakazhinya zhinya vakati, "Imimba ka iyi Miriro."

"Ndikati haisi wani!" Ndakataura ndichitarisa kuside vakati, "Handisi mwana mudiki ndikuudze Miriro. Iyi imimba iyi. Zvino wanga watochema hanzvadzi yangu nguvai nhaiwe." Aunt vakapindura vakati, "Vanga vatombogara wani. Gore rakadarika vakapinda mune rimwe saka ini handisi kuona chakamboipa apa."

"Handisi kubvunza imimi mother. Ndisiyei nditaure nemuroora wangu uyu. Saka dumbu racho zvarave kutoonekwa nhaiwe Miriro usati waenda kumurume wako saka ukufungei."

Ndaka ignore ndikaramba ndiri pafon pangu zvikanzi, "Gore rino tichanakirwa tikazvirega. Seka hako Ratiwe . Dumbu iro rakutoratidza kuti nguva yafamba zvekuti dei muridzi wemimba yacho aida

kuroora akatoroora kare. Babanguweee ."

Ndakaridza tsamwa kwave kuvasiya ndikaenda kubedroom ndikati kuna Joe, "Asi nhai Joseph wakati tiri kunoonona tete rinhi."

"I have been busy lately babe ngatizviitei weekend."

"Mazuva ave kufamba hawo."

"I know babe. Kubuda kwandakamboita muZimbabwe handi tese tinoziva kuti ndizvo zvaka delayer here mai mwana. Edei isiri nyaya iyoyo wani paya tainge tati tiende tese before ndaenda ukazorwara futi."

"Ndazvirangarira."

"It seems like you are worried. Ndiani akufurufusha."

"Nobody."

"I can now predict your mood nyangwe ndisiri pedyo newe. You're worried."

"I just now want to be married. Dumbu rangu rave kukura."

"I know babe." Ndakabva ndamuka kwave kuzvitarisa pamirror ndikaona zveshuwa dumbu

rainge rotokura. Rainge rave pa12 weeks asi raikurisa zvisingaite. Tete vainge vatokwidza bp yangu. Munoziva wave nenhumbu unenge watongove nema doubts kuti ko kana mukomana akandichinjira kana kundi ignore sepakutanga. Vakaenda zvavo tete mhamha vakaenda nemunin'ina wavo kumbonogara navo tikasara tega. Stress yandainge ndapihwa natete yakandirwarisa the following day Joe akati, "Babe i miss you. Zvinoita here ndikuone."

"Ndiri kurwarisa ini daddy."

"Eish mira ndikutore timboenda kuchipatara."

"It's okay."

Akabva asvika in no time kwave kuti, "Buda ndasvika."

"Svika mhamha havapo."

Akabva apinda kwave kundisimudza akapinda neni mumota akati, "Aiwa mimba yacho kana yokurwarisa kudai zvinoita ndive worried zvakanyanya. Handidi kukuona uchirwara babe." I just forced a smile nekuti ndairwara ini. Kana ndakamboita mimba

yakandirwarisa iyoyo yakandirwarisa zvisingaite.
Anyways ndakati ndoda Nando's tiri muroad Joe
kwave kundiigira chicken inn ndikachema chaiko. My
hormones were also doing me no good.

Ndaingonzwa kuda kutongochema. Ndakachema
kusvika ndatengerwa. Iye akatotenga achiti it's not a
big deal asi ini ndiyo yandaitoda iyoyo. Takasvika
kuClinic kwave kupihwa mapills zvikanzi zveScan
zvainge zvave kuita ndichibva ndaiswa zvima Jelly
zviya padumbu, imiwe kutozoita zviri zvima twins
chaizvo. Joe was over the moon veduwe. Tabvapo
takadzokera kumba munhu achifara zvokuti.

Weekend yakatevera ndipo patakanoona tete
weekend yaitevera tikakwira ndege kuenda America.
Imiwe it was my first time kukuendako ndikaona
mhamha vake mudhara ndivo vaisabatika. Takaona
hanzvadzi yababa vacho kwave kudzokera
kuZimbabwe tikapihwa date. Things were now better
for me. Mazuva ekuti ndiroorwe akaswebera.

Ndakabvisirwa zvakandifadza veduwe.
Ndakabvisirwa Saturday Sunday kwave
kuperekedzwa kumurume.

Finally i became Mrs Johnson.

Joe

After traditionally marrying Miriro ndainzwa kufara ndichisvika kumba ndabikirwa. Paairwarawo ndaimubikira dzimwe nguva tai order chikafu totongorara zvakadaro. Oooo God i wished it remained like that. This other day Tatenda called me akati, "The drugs are going to be delivered tomorrow."

"Iribho ndinobatika."

"Usanonoke Black Jack. Remember this is one of our biggest deal and we can't miss it."

"I know shaa. Chikata madam yangu iripo."

"Please Joe this deal will change both of our lives so batika and be on time. Mazuvano hausi kugona kubata nguva kubva zvawakaroora. What's that?."

"Ndati ndinouya what's your problem man."

Ndakadaro ndichikata call zvikanzi naMiri, "Who was that on the call?" I passed her the fon akaona ari Tatenda ndikati, "Mangwana I'm going for an important meeting kuBulawayo."

" You promised kuti mangwana tiri kuenda tese

kuscan and you promised to go out with me tomorrow."

Ndakamuswebedza padhuze ndikati, "I know babe but this is an emergency please."

"Last week you also promised the same . I can't take that no..." Akadaro achifamba achiratidza kutsamwa ave kutoenda. Manheru i made love to her asi aisatomboda akangoita zvechirango ndikati, "Babe ndinodzoka tozviita."

"You always say that You don't have time for me and it's meeting after meeting. You can never spent a whole month uri pamba. I don't like it."

"I know babe. Sorry i will make it up to you."

"Usaende Joe i want you tomorrow."

"Babe kani."

Ndakamunyengerera akaramba mangwana acho akamuka achirongedza bag rangu achichema. Iko kuyema kwaainge ave kuita ndakapa kutenda but it was so sweet. Apedza kurongedza bag rangu she took hers kwave kurongedza ndikati, "What are you trying to do?"

"I want to go with you. Handingasare ndiri ndega. I can't handle it." Akaramba kusara ndikatura befu kwave kugara pasi nekupererwa akauya kuzogara paside neni kwave kubata bata ndebvu dzangu akati, "Daddy Joe please don't go. I need you. Vana vako vari kukuda." Akataura nezwi rakatetepera rine kakunyengedza mukati akatora ruoko rwangu kwave kurwubatisa dumbu rake akati, "The babies need you home." Ndakanzwa kupera simba kwave kukisser dumbu rake achibva adonhedza morning gown kwave kuvhura zip yangu ndikati, "Miri stop it I'm running late." She ignored and began kissing and touching me. The next minute i was enjoying the pleasures of her body kukanganwa kuti i had to catch a flight. Ndapedza she said, "Don't go daddy." I kissed her forehead ndikati, "I won't go. I will spend the day with you. Everything can wait, you come first my queen." Ndakataura ndichirevesa kwave kufonera Tatenda ndikati, "Cancel the meeting we will do it some other time."

"What!"

"You heard me."

"No man! No! You're slowly turning into someone

else Joseph. Like seriously! We all know that this is something important."

"My wife is sick i cannot leave her achirwara."

"Damn it. This is fuck*d up." He ended the call
achiratidza kutsamwa and i just raised my shoulders
kwave kubuda muoffice mandainge ndiri ndikaenda
kubedroom kwave kuona Mirie atorara. I kissed her
on the cheek ndikati, "I love you so much." Ndakabva
mubedroom kwakunanga kukitchen and cooked for
her. Ndakatovhunduka andi hugger nekumashure
akati, "Daddy mukubikei." I smiled ndikati, "Your
favorite." She smiled akagara pasi akati, "Daddy Joe
ndikwenyeiwo apa." Ndakamukwenya paaida ndikati,
"Zvaita?" Zvikanzi, "Neapa daddy." Ndakaita zvaaida
kwakumudziisira mvura inopisa first akanwa
akazodya ndikamutakura upstairs tikaswera
tichiyemedzana.

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Joe

Ndakaswera naMimie tichiyemerana kwave kuzoenda kuscan nekuscale etc and the babies were fine. They were both male. Ndakabva ndadzokera kumba ndikawana pafon pangu pane mamissed calls from Tatenda ndikamirira kuti Mirie arare kwave kufona back ndikati, "Baba!"

"You disappointed me Joe."

"I'm sorry for that."

"Anyways i was able to convince them kuti toita deal racho mangwana. I went through a lot to convince that man so ubatike please Black Jack."

"I told you that my wife is sick."

"So what man!!!! Can we lose a deal because of your damn wife. You can leave someone with her and you come and we do business nxaa." He clicked his tongue and i just raised my shoulders kwave kuti, "Do the thing man I can't be there and you know that when i say i can't be there I won't be there. I mean every word i say."

"This is fucked up Joe this is fucked up!!!! Wake up Joe!!!! This deal will change our life man!"

There was a moment of silence ndikati, "Honestly i can't do the deal man. I'm sorry I can't be part of it izvozvi or kumberi uko. I can't be part of the deal."

"What!?"

"I mean it. I now have a family Tatenda, a family that needs my time as well. This deal will take much of my time for life. I can't be part of it."

"You disappointed me Joe. This is the worst thing you had ever done to me. Uri wangu wani!"

"I'm sorry."

"Let me handle it man but this is fucked up. You will

regret this trust me. You will regret this money we are losing."

"It's not about the money. It's about the time we will spend doing this. It can't."

"Fine! You're now pissing me off!" He end the call ndikadzosea for payainge iri kwave kuenda mubedroom maive naMiri ndikasvika akarara kwave kumukisser paforehead ndikati, "I love you Miriro." Ainge akafa nehope asi ini husiku hwacho handina kukwanisa kurara ndichingopindurika. Muhupenyu hwangu hwese ndainge ndisina kumbobvira ndaita deal rainge rine mari yakawanda seiroro but then it needed my time zvakanyanya zvekuti ndaigona kuzopedza mwedzi ndisiri pamba. I knew Miriro wouldn't agree on that. At the same time i was also scared, i was falling deeper for that woman and becoming weak. Damn i was becoming a weak man and that was not what i wanted. Ndaisadzorwa nemunhu ini nyangwe zviite sei and ndaive munhu uya anoda mari zvekuti nothing or anyone would come before money. I was scared and i remembered mashoko a Tatenda paakati, "This is your downfall." I felt like my strength was being taken away from me.

I was just scared of losing myself and my power.

I couldn't sleep kwave kumuka ndikaenda panze kwakubatidza cigarette and smoked it ndichifuridzira smoke mudenga ndakavhara maziso as usual. Those days i was taking too much cigarettes zvisingaite nekuti ndaifungisisa. I would usually smoke kana ndine stress or ndichida kuita calm down. 'I feel like my power is being taken away from me!' i whispered to myself ndichinzwa kushungurudzikana zvisingaite zvekuti ndakamboda kuchema kwave kugara pasi and lightened another cigarette. Ndakaputa fodya dzinenge four and for the first time after some years ndakabata musoro wangu and cried bitterly. I felt that i wasn't myself and another layer of me was peeling off like an onion. 'I'm giving myself up for a woman. What if paachaziva zvese akandisiya' ndiyo yemimwe mibvunzo yandaizvibvunza isina anopindura. I lightened fodya yechi 5 kwave kutarisa nguva ndikaona dzave kuma past 2 dzepakati pehusiku. Ndave kutoputa fodya yechi 5 ndakabva ndanzwa madoors kuvhurwa ndikarasa zvigutsvani zvefodya yandainge ndichiputa kwave kupushira madota

down. I was standing pamusoro zvikanowira pasi. The house was an upstairs. Anyways i pretended like i had only smoke one cigarette Mimie achibva abuda akati, "Joe you are here! It's now about an hour ndichikutsvaga asi uri pano hako."

"Sorry babe i was meditating on something. How are you babe." I said ndichirasa fodya kwave kunyepera kumukisser akazviona kuti ndikunyepedzera kwave kuti, "What's wrong Joe? Are you okay."

"I'm fine babe. I'm perfectly fine."

She touched my face and looked into my eyes akati, "No you are not."

"I'm fine trust me." Ndakadaro ndichida kutarisa kuside achibva adzosa face yangu kuti ndimutarise and our eyes locked ndikaramba ndakamutarisa akati, "Joe please tell me ndinoguma ndotonetsekanawo kuti chii chikunetsa."

"I'm fine babe trust. I have a meeting tomorrow and I'm just nervous. Nothing more nothing less."

She studied me akati, "I hope you are telling the truth."

"Yes."

"Chanetsa babe ndiudzewo please tibatsirane . I love you and i care for you Joe. Obviously neniwo ndinobva ndatonetsekanawo ukanetsekana."

I touched her womb ndikati, "For the sake of your health and my sons's please don't worry yourself okay."

"But you are hiding some things from me Joe ."

"Babe handingakuudze zvese because hona you're pregnant. I can't stress you nezvinhu zvimwe zvisina basa. I can't tell you some things because you're pregnant."

"Asi inini handingambofare daddy Joe kana imi musingafare. Just tell me."

I kissed her forehead ndikati, "I will tell you tomorrow okay. Now you need to rest." I said lifting her up kwave kudzokera naye mumba ndikati, "We need to rest babe neniwo ndatove nehope."

"Asi mangwana kuchiedza undiudzewo."

"I will tell you."

Haana kutora nguva akatorara asi ini handina kukwanisa kurara kwave kumuka ndikaita zvebasa rangu rekuma mines and making sure everything was okay. Miri akamuka ndatopedza zvizhinji and i brought her breakfast in bed. Airwara almost every morning so ndaitoti ndiite zvimwe zvinhu. I did the dishes, cooking. Iye chake kwaive kurongedza neku ironer, inini I could do the laundry iye achi ironer. Manheru kubika taibatsirana and i didn't mind. Ndaisave munhu uya ane nungo netunhu tusina basa and kukura kwangu ndaisatove nemusikana webasa. Ndichikura ndini ndaitowanza kuita zvese zvepamba. Life wasn't good for me. Ndakakura ndichigara nastep mother and i was left with no option ndaitoti ndiite zvese until i escaped ndikatanga kuita madirty deals angu. That's when i met Tatenda. He is the one who taught me many things and i was a very good student so ndakapedzisira ndakuziva zvakawanda kumudarika. NaTatenda we had a history and tainge tapindana nedzakawanda tiri tese.

Anyways the following day i went to work kwave kudzoka Miri abika. She was okay and ainge

asisanyanyorware. A week later i received a call zvikanzi Tatenda ainge asungwa. Ndakamutsa mota ndikaenda kwaainge ari and paid them akabuda but he was angry. Ndave kudriver kudzokera kumba naye ainge akangonyarara ndikati, "I'm sorry for what you've been through."

"I blame you."

"What?"

"You know what! Stop this car. Edei wakabvuma kuti tiite dhiri iri tese dei pasina kuitika this man. You know it very well that you are the most important piece of the puzzle yet unoshaika. Ndizvoka zvawaida kuti zviitike."

"I never thought kuti it will end like this man! I thought you could handle it."

"Ndine zvandinogona Black Jack iwe une zvaunogona and i can't take your place and no one will ever take your place. You know that damnit!!!!" He shouted at me achirova dashboard ndikati, "I'm sorry my nigga. Hapana zvandaikwanisa kuita and there is no option."

"There is an option. Get rid of your so called wife and get back into the business Joe. Get rid of them. She is making you weak day by day."

Ndakatarisa kumberi ndikabatidza cigarette ndikati, "There is nothing i can do man. Ndakaroora inini Razor and ndozvatovepo. I now have a wife and I can't deny that."

"Deal with the wife. Kill her and gain your power back. Fuck this!!!! You know what ndisiye pano."

"Ndinofanira kukusiya kumba."

"I said drop me here!"

Ndakamboda kuramba ndikamudzikisa ndikatora mari muwallet ndikati, "Wotsvaga transport."

"I don't need your money back off!" I raised my shoulders ndikangopfekera mari iya muhomwe yeshirt yake akati, "Get rid of your wife simple. The Jack i know can do anything to anyone who tries to take his power away from him." Ndakamutsa mota yangu ndikaisa music paloud trying to cool off. Ndakasvika Miri aita zvese ndikawana agadzira dinner zvakashongedzwa kwave kunyemwerera. A

week later one of our truck rainge rine madrugs rakabatwa nemapurisa. Tatenda was angry as usual akati, "If you only had been here Joe. Everything is getting out of control!!"

"We will recover it."

"But hona tinenge talooser zvinhu zvakawanda shaa! Obviously to get it back vanoda mari."

I can say everything was getting out of hand nekushaikwa kwangu. At the same time i was also losing interest in this drug dealing business but then wajaira chinhu you can't just leave it just like that. Kuzvisiya was hard and ndaiziva kuti kuzvisiya would mean losing so much money. One of those days some of our guys were shot. Ndakarwadziwa zvisingaite nemafiro avainge vaita. Funeral yaperatakaungana tese kubase kwedu inini saleader ndikasimuka and gave my speech Tatenda akasimuka but then i received a call tichiri mumeeting from Miri. I ignored it at first but she kept on calling kwave kugadzirisa suit yangu ndikati, "Excuse me gents." Ndaiti kana ndiri mumeeting ndaisapindura macalls and ndaitodzima fon and crew rangu raitozviziva so zvakashamisa munhu

wese ndikadaira.

Miro was screaming zvikanzi, "The babies are coming babe . They are now coming." Mazuva ainge asati asvika pasara 2 weeks sezvataudzwa kuscan but it didn't happen seizvozvo. Ndakatanga kudikitira ndikati, "I'm coming there."

"It's painful Joe iweee Babanguweeee
I'm in pain."

I started pacing up and down ndikati, "Babe be strong. I'm coming."

" I will be strong daddy Joe Babanguweeee ndofa kani ini yohweeee mhai kaniiiiiiii. Jesu wangu ndinzwireiwo nyasha ndofa ini !!!! Amai kani ndiri kurwadziwa ini!!!!" Ai screamer arasa fon kure ndikakata kwave kutanga kufamba famba. Tatenda was standing handizive kuti ainge abuda nguvai ndikati, "Razor i need to go."

"You aren't going anywhere Joe. This is an important meeting. Do you want us all to die because of your crazy wife."

Ndakadzokera mukati asi ndainge ndisina

kugadzikana kana nepadiki zvapo. Kana
zvandaitaura zvainge zvisisina musoro ndikadeedza
Tatenda ndikati, "I can't concentrate man. I can't."
Ndaidaro ndichifamba famba ndikati, "I need to go.
We will continue tomorrow because ndinopedzisira
ndaudza vanhu mafigures asiriwo."

"Joe be serious!!! We need this business. Some of us
ndiro rinotiisira food patable."

"I'm trying man! I'm trying. It's just not working
semazuva ose. I'm trying." Zveshuwa ndaizama asi
zvainge zvisisaite. I touched his shoulder ndikati,
"We will talk. Kana pane chauri kuda call me. The
meeting can also be done tomorrow. I need to go."

Ndakabva ndatopinda mumota ndisina kumirira
mhinduro yake ndikadriver ndakananga kwainge
kuchizobatsirwa Miriro. I was there in a few hours
ndikasvika hama dzake dziripo, zvikanzi, "Who is the
father of the child. Vazouya here?. Baba vevana
chete ngavanditevere." Ndakatevera and boom she
had born to me 2 bouncing sons. My eyes became
teary ndichivabata. I never in my life imagined ndine
vana.

"Babe why are you crying you should be happy ,"
akadaro Miri. Ainge azvara zvakanaka chaizvo. I
couldn't control my tears ndikabata mwana
wekutanga tikatarisana mumaziso. The connection
was unmatched. The baby touched my hand and
couldn't let it go ndikati, "Daddy love you too so
much. Daddy will do anything for you son."
Kakangobwaira kachibva kazotorwa namai vacho
kakaiswa pamukaka. Miri haana kuda kumbogara
muchipata kwenguva yakareba tikadzokera kumba.

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Chapter 19

Joe

Vanhu vakatanga kuuya kuzoona vana nemakoroto zvikafamba zvakanaka chose. Mhamha ndakavafonera ndikavaudza kuti ndainge ndave nevana ndakutonzi baba 2 zvikanzi, "I'm coming to see my grandchildren son."

"Ndakakumirirai mhamha."

"Is your father there yet. I can't meet your father. No never!"

"Zvimwe zvinhu hazvidi kudaro mhamha. Hamuregererane makaita sei?"

"I said I can't come if your father is still there."

Usandiudzire zvekuita handisi mwana mudiki."

"He said he is coming next week."

"Fine. I'm coming tomorrow. Mazuvano ndanga ndiri kugara kumba kwebrother yako."

"No problem munouya."

I end the call kwave kudzungudza musoro. That's one of the reasons why i never wanted to get married. My mother and father were never on good books. Rudo chairwo handina kumbobvira ndarwuona pakati pavo. Even in my second mom's marriage she was never happy. Ndichiona zvese handina kuzombobvira ndaita shungu dzekuitawo yangu marriage. My father's second marriage was never a good one as well. Zvisinei my mother came the following day ndikavasiya vari vese naMiri. Handaimutyira, i knew i married a lovely wife. They looked happy together and Miri ainge ari munhu aifara, ane rudo asina dzungu as well. My father came vachiripo mhamha vakati, "I never thought that this one would come ndichiripo Joe. How dare you."

"Vanga vatogadzirisa visa mhamha there was nothing i could do."

She was angry with me vachibva vatorara varongedza mabags avo. Daddy vakasvika ari manheru vachibva vatoenda kunorara kuri kuvatiza. Mangwana acho ndakamuka kwakunoputa fodya panze daddy kwakubuda zvikanzi, "Such a lovely family you have son." I dragged the cigarette for a while ndikati, "Thank you."

"You made the right choice. I'm proud of you."

I dragged the cigarette again ndikati, "I'm glad you do."

"Though it's not an easy road but you gotta be strong."
"

"That's true father."

"She is a powerful woman. A game changer. I remember you telling me that you will never have a wife."

"She is different. She is not just a woman."

I passed her my cigarette and he dragged it for a while vachibva vati, "There are moments in life when you get tired of some things and start searching for stability." I nodded in agreement zvikanzi, "How is

business."

"Nothing is working out father. I mean everything is getting out of hand day by day."

"You have to balance business and family son because they are both important. Does your wife know all the things you do."

I explained to him zvakaitika kubva pekutanga zvikanzi, "Some secrets you will die with them."

"I'm just scared. Trust me that woman knows me very much and i know one day she will know. Akangwara ngwara."

"You're a man. I didn't raise a coward. Hide it from her as far as possible."

I just nodded but i was starting to have doubt yekuti it could be hidden from her. Mhamha vakadzokera the following day mudhara kwakuzodzokera. Months passed and things were becoming worse kubasa. Ndaitongoti ndikadzoka kubasa ndonanga kumba kune vana vangu naamai vacho. We would go for shopping chii chii. Tainge tave kugara naLolo and she made things better. She would play with her

brothers zvekutoti taitozoti munhu ngaaende kunorara achiri kuda kutamba navo. Handina kumbobvira ndada kuvapesanisa. Ndaivada zvakafanana and vese ndaitongoona sevana vangu.

This other day i failed to attend a meeting yekwedu kuma dirty businesses so Tatenda came kumba. Miriro aimuziva achibva atomubikira kwakuenda kubedroom to give us some time zvikanzi naTatenda, "Joe this is getting out of hand. Be serious."

"I think I can't do this anymore."

"What!"

"Yes. We need to give up on some businesses tosara nemamwe because loss yacho yanyanya."

"No man!"

"I mean it. I will give you money Tatenda to start another business then uku i think it's now time we accept defeat."

"It can't be Joe. You can't lose this because of a woman."

"Who said it's about my woman. It's not about her. This is just a personal decision isinei nechekuita

naye."

Akabhowekana fani kwave kubuda ndikamubuditsa achibva asangana nevana vangu zvikanzi, "Beautiful kids anyways."

"Thank you."

He went into his car and drove off angrily.

Ndakasara ndikadzungudza musoro kwave kusvika Miriro atochena chena zvikanzi, "Your clothes are now ready. You promised to go to church with me today."

"I was joking."

Well she kept on pushing me and to cut the story short i received Jesus as my personal saviour and i completely left all the dirty deals ndikasiira Tatenda kwave kuita meeting ndikati, "It was nice working with you all. I hope muchashanda mese zvakanaka. Give your leaders the same respect you used to give me and be safe as always macomrades." Vanhu vese vakajamuka nazvo ndikati, "There is nothing i can do anymore. It's no longer in me. I know things will get harder mazuva ekutanga for all of us, but i know you can do this." Vakaramba vese ini

ndikapedzisira ndavasiya vakadaro Tatenda was angry zvemashuwa and Sharon was there as well achibva andimhanyira akati, "Joe please don't leave us."

"There is nothing i can do."

Ndakabva ndaenda Sharon akandimisa akati, "Joe i have something to tell you. I know that was a no string attached thing but i had fallen in love with you. I tried to move on but I can't. Ndiwe wega wandinonzwanana naye."

"I'm sorry Sharon. I'm now married and i never felt the same for you, you know that from day one." Her eyes became teary akati, " I never knew that you could one day leave me. Sure leaving me for her. After everything we have done together."

"I'm sorry."

"Why her and not me."

"You're a beautiful woman Sharon and you are lovely. You will get a man who truly loves you. I'm sorry."

Ndakadaro ndichimutsa mota yangu kwave kuwaver goodbye. Many people were disappointed with my

decision and neniwo i was stressed. Things were not going to be the same financially but there was nothing i could do. A week later my wife went for shopping akanonoka kudzoka ndikatotadzawo kuziva kuti chii chainge chaitika. I tried her fon countless times asi hapana aidaira ndipo pandakafonera Razor ndikati, "Shaa my wife haasi kubatika kubva makuseni. She went for shopping makuseni now zuva ratovira iri. Can you help me find her."

"Iribhoo maboss. Muri papi tisangane."

"Ndave kutobuda." Ndakabva ndatomutsa mota yangu kwave kubuda. Hana yangu yaindiudza kuti something was wrong. Ainge aenda nema twins, their names were Leroy and Leonel. They were identical twins. Lolo ainge asara Miri achiti aizokurumidza kudzoka. Infact Lolo ndiye akati aida kusara ega so ndakabuda naye zvikanzi, "Where are we going daddy?"

"Tikuenda kumba kwamainini Chipu."

"I want mummy."

"You will see her vanodzoka."

"I'm hungry daddy." Ndakamisa mota kwave kumutengera zvese zvaaida ndichibva ndanomusiya kumba kwesister yamai Lolo, cousin sister yake ndikati, "Mainini ndinodzoka ndomutora soon. Mai vacho vangobuda makuseni now fon iri kungo ringer isina anodaira."

"Kuti pane chakaipa chavawana here?"

"Handitozive. Let me try to find her." Nguva iyoyo Tatenda called me ndikati, "Ndave kutosvika." Ndakaoneka mainini zvikanzi, "I hope she is safe. I had a bad dream about her last night. Ndanga ndichida kutomufonera."

"Let me see kuti zvinofamba sei."

Ndakabva ndabuda kwave kumutsa mota. My heart started beating so fast ndichishaya kuti ainge aendepi. I hoped and prayed that it wasn't one of my enemies. Kana pane chakaipa chaizowana mwana wevanhu ndaizozvitaaurira ani nhai veduwe.

Miro

Ndakatakura grocery randainge ndatenga kwave kuisa mumota. Ndave kunotora rimwe this other guy

helped me akati, "Ndaona kuti mungaremerwa." I smiled ndikati, "Thank you Sir."

"I'm Sam by the way."

"Ndinonzi Mai Lolo."

"Nice to meet you. You have cute babies."

"Thank you . " Ndave kuisa zvinhu muboot ndakacheuka kuona mukomana uya akandinongedzera pfuti zvikanzi, "Get in the car now." Ndakada kutiza or something but i couldn't leave my kids in the car ndichibva ndati, "Please i..." He became more serious akati, "I said get in the car now." Ndakaita zvaaida kwakugara achibva apinda kwave kumutsa mota akati, "Don't you dare try any funny business."

"Ndimi ani?"

"Does it matter."

"I just wanna know."

"Joseph Johnson is your husband right?"

"How did you know my husband."

"He is part of our team."

Ndakabva ndanzi ndinyarare from there
kwakuendeswa muchiroom chiri dark zvese nevana
vangu ndikatorerwa fon. Hana yangu yainge yorova
zvino ndave kushaya zvekuita. Ndakararamo
ndichishaya kuti ndodii makuseni kwakumuka
ndikanzi ndipinde mumota zvese nevana ndikapinda.
Ndaingonamata kuti dai Mwari vandiponesa.
Takafamba a long distance murunyararo ndikazoti,
"Muri kudei kwandiri."

"Nothing. I myself would like to just sleep with you,
rape you and kill you." Hana yangu yakarova ndikati,
"You can kill me but leave my children."

"You're dying for your husband's sins. Do you know
he is the one responsible for all our losses and the
death of our friends."

Ndakasimudza nzeve zvikanzi, "You don't really
know your husband let me help you."

Ndakarudunurirwa zvese kubva pakutanga vanhu
vaMwari ndikanzwa kupera simba misodzi kwave
kutanga kuchururuka nematama angu zvikanzi
nemukomana wandainge ndinaye, "We realized you
are his weakness. Infact you are the one making him
weak. We have to kill you and your children."

Ndakadzungudza musoro ndichichema nekushaya zvekutaura zvikanzi, "Stay inside mira nditsvage pekuita wet."

Ndakabva ndasara akadzoka zvikanzi, "Why were you looking at me. You want to escape? Forget and smile." Ndakabva ndaendeswa kuchimwe futi chiroom mukomana uya kwave kutanga kuda kundibata bata ndikamuruma achibva azama kuuya pamusoro pangu ndikatanga kumukava kava nemakumbo achibva andinongedzera pfuti zvikanzi, "Don't move i will kill you." Ndakanyepera kudzikama kwave kupfavirira achibva abvisa trouse rake.

Hamenomurima imomo maoko angu akasvika sei to his manhood ndichibva ndamudvanya nesimba rangu rese akanoputsikira pasi kwakuti ziii akadaro kwakubva ndasearcher muma pockets make ndikabatidza torch kwave kutora vana vangu mumwe kumusana mumwe mumaoko.

Ndakamhanya veduwe hana ichiita kurovera mumukanwa umu. Iko kugumburwa kwandaiita handichataure nezvako. Ndakazozorora ndasvika muroad yaifamba nemota ndikakumbira help kwave kunanga kumba. Ndakaenda kupolice, kumba

ndakasvika Joe asipo kwave kutanga kurongedza bag rangu ndichichema nerevana ndikabuda ndakananga kumba kwemunin'ina wangu. Ainge achimbogara kuGweru akazo mover kuuya muHarare. Ndakasvika Lolo ariko. Ndikasvikowira mumaoko emunin'ina wangu ndichichema ndikati, "Joe kani . Ndaisaziva kuti ndinogara nemhondi ini kani." Chipa ndiye munhu wandaito truster pahama dzese uye tainzwanana. Tainge takasiyana neone month chete.

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Chapter 20

Miriro

Ndakasvikowira pamakumbo pemunin'ina wangu kwave kutanga kuchema zvaipisa tsitsi zvikanzi, "Chiregai kuchema Sis mumborara nekuti munopedzisira mave kunzwa musoro."

Ndakadzungudza musoro wangu misodzi ichiwira pasi ndikati, "Handina kumbobvira ndamufungira izvozvo ini Chipso . He seemed so perfect. I can't believe this." Ndaidaro ndichizama kurara ndachineta zvino nekuchema kwacho zvikanzi, "Imbozororai sis totaura mamuka." Ndakabva ndazvimanikidzira kurara hope kwave kubata nekuti ndainge ndachemawo nguva yareba. Pandakarara

ipapo ndakarota Riley zvichiita kunge ainge adzoka ndikatotanga kufara naye pave paya ndipo pandakamuti, "Wakufanira kuchidzokera." Aisada kundisiya achibva ati, "Handina kwandinodzokera ini ndichagara pano newe kwehupenyu hwese torarama hupenyu hwedu hwakanaka sezvatakavimbisana." Ndakadzungudza musoro ndikati, "Kwete wakufanira kuchienda nekuti...."

Ndakabva ndapepuka ndonzwa mwana ainge ochema kwave kumuka ndikamuyamwisa. Mazuva iwayo ndainge ndorota Riley zvakanyanya and most of the times ndaipepuka ndichimuudza zvekuti dzokera iye obva aramba oti kana uchida ndidzokere ndinoenda newe. Kazhinji ndaibva ndapepuka. Ndichangopedza kuyamwisa mwana ndakabva ndanamata ndikazvisiira Mwari. After some time fon yaChipu yakaringer ndikaona ari Joe ndikamudeedza Chipu wacho, aibika kukitchen. Akadaira ndirimo Joe achibva ati, "Mainini aswera sei Lolo?"

"Aswera bhoo uyu."

"Abvuma kudya here. Dzimwe nguva kanoruta kamunhu ikako."

"Adya uyu bamukuru kana kumbosarudza."

"Iribhoo ndichauya ndomuona manheru. Ndanga ndichida kunzwa kuti arisei chete."

"Horaiti bamukuru."

"Moswera zvakanaka," he said kwaku cutter call. Mainini vakatura befu vakati, "Asi sis zvimwe ndezvimwe hazvo murume wenyu anokudai zvese nemwana. Haanei nekuti mwana haasi wake. Anoda mwana wenyu zvisingaite." Ndakatarisa kuside kwave kutura befu ndikati, "Ehe hongu angandida hake asika ko yehumhondi iyi. Sure sure Joe angandivanzira zvinhu zvakadaro . Sure sure here." Ndakadaro ndave kutoyeredza misodzi zvekare zvikanzi naChipo, "Sis imbozororai izvozvi muchimbofunga. Don't overreact, paachauya manheru momupa nguva yekutsanangura zvese because you can't just trust zvinhu zvamaudzwa neStranger zvayo."

"Ndaratidzwa mapictures nema audios mainini. Pane pekuti unogona kusara nedoubt uchiti haasiye but it was clear trust me."

"Imbomirai kumenza kutsenga kuchada. Mumirirei

anouya motaurirana."

Ndakagutsurira musoro kwave kunwa mvura yakati wandei sezvo musoro wainge wototema ndikazorara. Pandaingovhara maziso chete ndaibva ndangoona Riley zvekuti ndaingopepuka pepuka. Manheru akasvika Joe kwave kuuya. Ndakamunzwa ari mudining achitaura naLolo zvikanzi naLolo, "Mhamha wadzoka daddy."

"Havasati vadzoka."

"Warimo mumba awa. Wana bhudhi Lee warimo futi wanga wachiita noise wachichema. Mandigirawo chidhuri changu here?"

"Vari kuuya mangwana Lolo handi? Mainini murisei." Akafunga kuti kutamba hake and aitaurira pasi zvainzwika kuti munhu aitoshungurudzikana. Chipa akabva ati, "Ndaswera zvakanaka ini bamukuru. Sis vadzoka zveshuwa varimo mumba."

"Are you for real."

"Yes she is in the bedroom. Pindai."

"Mainini musatambe nezvinhu zvakadaro. You don't know how stressed i am."

"Idi."

Joe akasvikovhura door kwakumhanya kuuya pandiri asi akabva atsvedza kwave kudonha asati asvika ndikati, "Sorry." He looked happy to see me kwave kubata vana vake achibva aona kuti something was wrong ndikadzungudza musoro wangu ndikati, "Joe do you have anything to tell me ."

"No why wadaro?"

"Joe you have nothing that you are hiding from me?"

He looked down akati, "Yes I'm not hiding anything from you babe i...." He said ave kuda kuuya pedyo neni ndikati, "Don't touch me Don't touch me Joe. Tell me it's a lie Joe. Tell me I'm just dreaming Joseph."

"What did i do."

"I never knew you are a murderer Joe .

Wakadarireiko kudaro nhai Joe iwe. Kundivanzira zvinhu zvakadaro neiko babanguwee ndodiiko ini. Joe wandigura kunorira. Joe!!! Babangukani. Mhai kani ."

Veduwe dei maivepo maindinzwira tsitsi. Pain yacho yainge yakanyanyisa hamawee and

zvaiita kunge ndiri kurota. "Tell me it's a lie Joe. The Joe that i know is sweet, kind and patient. Tell me that he lied kani . " Ndaidaro ndichingoda andiudza zvinofadza moyo but he told me chokwadi chese nemarwadziro acho kubva pekutanga paakatanga kurara neni. Zvese zvakaitika nekuzvisiya kwaakaita ndikati, "They told me that they are your partner. He told me that his name is Sam."

"Sam?"

"Yes Sam."

He nodded kwave kuti, "I'm sorry for putting you in the situation. Ndaitya kutaura chokwadi."

"I need space Joe. Honestly i need kumbofurwa nemhepo. I can't think properly right now. I.... I just just need some time alone."

He cried for forgiveness asi zvakandiremera vanhuwee. Or maybe it was still early. He told me kuti ndaizove nasomeone aindi guarder which was okay. Akarara ipapo zvezuva iroro makuseni kwakumuka achienda. Ndainge ndine confusion yekuti ndoramba ndinaye here kana kuti ndorega. I needed space yekumbofunga about that. Mazuva

iwayo mhamha, amai vaRiley vakafona zvikanzi, "Mai Rorini murisei ikoko nemhuri."

"Mhamha ndinofara chose ini."

"Mari yamakatumira yakasvika. Ndinotenda chose."

"Zvakanakai mhamha. Vari sei Aunt."

"Auntie vanofara chose. Ndivo vatondichayira runhare ndikati ndasuwa Rorini."

"Aenda kuchikoro uyu mhamha tinouya weekend."

"Zvakanakai. Kukusuwai kuno. Muusaregedze kuuya whikendi."

"Ehoni mhamha." Ndakadaro vachibva vakatirwa foni naAunt. Ndakatura befu kwave kugarisika zvakanaka pandainge ndigere. Mhamha ndainge ndatovasuwawo. As i always said ndaivaona saamai vangu and pamoyo pangu vainge vagere.

Ndaibhadhara aunt mari yekuvachengeta nekudii dii zvese nechikafu. Dzimwe nguva taitonovaona naJoe zvese nana twinny. Vana twinny vainge votokwanisa kugara zvavo. Leonel ndiye aida kuisirwa kapillow asi Leeroy dzungu nekumara vamwe paive pamusha. Ndaigara ndakamucheka nzwara. Iko

kutswinya handichataure zvangu mwana aidenha
zvake iyeye. Baba vacho zvaitooneka kuti vaifarira
havo kunyanyotamba naLeeroy ini naLionel
aisanyanyonetsa. Lionel chake kwaive
kunyanyochema akashaya nyangwe chii zvacho.
Kuyamwa vaiyamwa zvakafanana and husiku hwese
ndaiyamwiwa veduwe zvivana zvaiyamwa zvazvo
izvozvo and zvainge zvakagwinya. Ndainge ndato
looser weight nyangwe zvazvo Joe aindimanikidza
kudya. Aindibatsira zvizhinji zvekuti handina kuita
shungu namaid.

Weekend yakasvika kwave kungotora tuhembe
tushoma ndichibva ndananga kunoona mhamha.
Vakafara chose kundiona zvikanzi, "Bamukuru vako
vatondifonera makuseni vachiti vachadarika
nepano."

"Varisei havo?"

"Vakasimba asi zvinonzi vakarambana nemudzimai
wavo uya."

"Hezvo hamurevese?"

"Idi."

"Kwanzi zvadii?"

"Aaagh handizive zvizere ini."

"Inga dzimba dziri kuparara. 2 years dzanga dzisati dzatombopera."

"Zvakaoma kani. Kugara mumba inyasha dzaMwari. Kana uchinge wawana waunoda mubatisise mwanangu." Ndakabva ndambomira kupindura zvikanzi, "Wazvihwa here?"

"Ehoi amai."

"Gudhu."

Ndakabva ndatofunga kure chaiko. Joe ndainge ndatomusuwa ini. Joe ndaimuda nemoyo wese hama dzangu and ndichinzwawo divi rake zvairatidza kuti ainzwawo zvandaimunzwira. Ndainge ndofunga kungomuregerera hangu ini zvemberi tozotangira ipapo. Chimwe chainge chakaita kuti moyo wangu ukurumidze kuzvigamuchira inyaya yekuti ainge azvisiya agamuchira Jesu. Ndainzwa moyo wangu uchiti Joseph. Masikati acho bamukuru Inno vakauya. Vakafara kundiona tikakurukura asi zvamaiguru

handina kumbobvunza ndaisada kuti vatange zvavo zvekundiudza kuti vanondida.

Yave nguva yekudya takadya zvedu auntie vakati, "Bamukuru ndokuisirai tea here."

"Ehe ndipei zvangu. Ndichamboiziva here. Isu mabhachura munoti tinombozvida here zvekubika izvi."

"Saka munonwei?" Vakabvunza auntie zvikanzi, "Aaagh kungo order coffee dzimwe nguva wotorara zvako wega sebhachura hauzotsvagane nekuti iyi itea iyi icoffee."

Manheru vakati vairara zvikanzi, "Sebhachura ndingaenderei zvangu kumba kunge ndine mhuri." Ndakaona paive nenyaya yavo ndikadzungudza musoro. Vaida ndivabvunze nezvazvo manje ndakaita kunge pasina zvandanzwa kwave kusekera zvangu mumoyo. Zvemba zvainge zvavanetsa zvavo bamukuru Inno and he seemed like he was really fed up. Ndakaenda zvangu kuimba yekurara, kwave kuvhura foni yangu ndikaona message from Joe akati, "Babe I'm sorry. Please forgive me. Please give me time to get my life in order. Ndakakanganisa

babe handirambe."

"Tinotaura ndauya ikoko."

"Ndasuwa mhuri yangu."

"Tiri kuuya mangwana."

"Tete wakavaudza anything here?"

"No Chipo ndiye ega ari kuziva zviri kuitika asi handina kumuudza zvese."

"Wakagona. I will see you tomorrow then. I love you."

"Goodnight."

Ndakabva ndarara asi kuma9 pagate pakaita nock. Ndakamboda kuzvi ignore ndichiti pamwe matsotsi zvikanzi naAunt, "Munhu uyu haasi kutomboita give up. Tadii tanotarisa." Takatenderana kwave kutora zvimabhema incase ari matsotsi. Ini ndaisatya nekuti i had a guard aiona zvese zvikuitika ari kure. Takabva tabuda tese tete kwave kuti, "Ndiani?" Zvikanzi, "It's Riley kana kuti baba Lolo. Ndiri kutsvagawo..." Ndakabatwa nechadzimira pakarepo zvekuti zvaakataura handina kuzvinzwa. Izwi rainzwa kuti zveshuwa izwi rababa Lolo. Ndakaona tete vovhura gate ini ipapo ndainge ndakango sticker

gate kwakuvhurwa ndikaona sure ndiRiley.

"No no no no no," ndakadaro ndichidzokera a few steps kumashure Riley achibva akandira kabag kaaive nako pasi chaipo kuda kuuya pedyo neni achibva ati, "It's me babe."

"Don't come near me. Riley is dead my husband is dead."

"Babe it's me. Miriro ndini baba Lolo. Ndini Riley babe." Aidaro achichiruruka misodzi ichinowira pasi. Ndakadzungudza musoro kunge munhu ainge agarwa nedemon ndikati , "no ...no... no no ...no" ndaidaro ndichidzokera kumashure nenhendeshure ndave kunzwa kutsva ndodikitira kwakuwira pasi nemanhede ndikaona rima.

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Chapter 21

Riley

After i said my last prayer ndakanzwa murume akadeedzera zvikanzi, "Stop." Vanhu vese vakacheuka. I think ainge akataura zvekuti stop ndiye ainge ari mukuru mukuru wacho ainge achangosvika. Face yake ndakada kuifananidzira asi ndakatadza kwave kukandwa kwakadaro uko. Ndiwo maponero andakaita iwayo tichibva tapinzwa muchimwe chibhazi tichirohwa maboos kumusana uku zvekuti tega takangozviona kuti pano pakatoshata. Mubhazi matainge tiri makadirwa inenge oil moto uchibva wabakidzwa. Varume 2 vaya vekuurayiwa vakakandwa imomo. Mabag chii chii

zvese tainge tatotorerwa. Mota yakadrivwa munhu wese akati ziii. Kwataiendeswa Mwari ndivo vaiziva zvavo. Ndaingonamata kuti Mwari chengetai mhuri yangu kwairi ikoko.

Takasvika pazi building rainge rakakura rine zidurahall rakareba zvikanzi tiburuke ndipo patakadzika tese. The place was surrounded nevanhu vakabata pfuti mumaoko zvekuti haungamboite pfungwa dzekutiza kana nepadiki pese. Takadzika tese kwave kumira kunze kwegate zvikazonzi tipinde mukati takaita line kwave kupinda. Hamawe ndakafunga kuti kurota asi zvaitoitika. Ndakaona mune varume nevakadzi vazhinji vachishanda chaizvo zvekuti ndakanzwa kudikitira muviri wese. Vakadzi vaiitawo zvavo varume vachiitawo zvavo. The place was so clean asi maishandwa. Patakapinda hapana akamboticheuka mumwe nemumwe aiita basa rake. Zvisinei takapinda mubuilding maiitwawo zvamo kwave kupinda munenge muhall tikagariswa pasi tikaudzwa mitemo yese yeipapo kwave kupihwa zvimapadza first zvikanzi, "Imbosimbisai mabhonz. Basa ngariitwe vakomana." Takapihwa mapadza aya

mumwe nemumwe kwave kutarirwa ndima yake.
Zuva richipera takauya kuzotariswa kuti tainge
tapedza here kudii kudii and vanhu vairohwa
hamawee kwete zvekuseka zvekuti waizviona wega
kuti uri panguva yakaoma.

Days turned into months, months turned into years
zvekuti ndainge ndasara ndisisina tarisiro yekuti one
day ndichazonosangana nemhuri yangu. Tinashe
uya wandakasangana naye mubhazi saw me one
day ndichifungisisa achibva ati, "You miss her right?"
Ndakagutsurira musoro ndakabata shaya zvikanzi,
"Do you think she is still waiting for you?"

"My wife loved me. Anogona akandimirira because
obviously haana kuudzwa nezverufu rwangu. She
may wait for years. I know her. She loves me."

Tinashe akaswebera pedyo neni achibva acheuka
cheuka akati, "I heard that these people will tell your
family that you are dead. Ndakanzwa zvichinzi they
fack maDNA voudza mhuri yako. That way they
know kuti mhuri yako haimboiti shungu
yekukutsvaga."

"They have a connection nevanhu vacho?"

"Yes. They burned the bus so that our families would think that we are dead and they won't find us."

"Oooo really?" Ndakabvunza ndichiratidza kufungisisa zvikanzi, "Yes." Ndakabva ndanzwa moyo wangu kurwadza ndikati, "Saka mukadzi wangu naamai zvinodai vakatondichema vakakanganwa nezvangu."

"Definitely."

Ndakanzwa moyo wangu kupisa ndikati, "One day i will definitely get out of here."

"Do you think that hapana asina pfungwa idzodzo."

"Tese tinotouya nepfungwa idzodzo but no one goes out," mumwe murume ainge ari wechikuru akadairira kwave kugara pataive zvikanzi, "It's been almost 40years ndiri muno. I have long lost the hope that one day i will get out of here." Ndakaramba ndakanyarara sekuru vaya vachibva vati, "There are moments in life when you need to accept the situation woita zviripo. That way zvinokurerukira." Ndakanzwa kunge pamoyo pangu pakatsimbirirwa nedombo ndikati, "Father i have a family back home. " Vakapindura vakati, "We all have families my son."

But it's been 40 years now." Vakambomira vachiratidza kufungisisa zvikanzi, "I used to have a beautiful wife. A very beautiful one. She loved me wholeheartedly. I loved her as well. I dream of her often and i wish i could never wake up."

Ndakamboda kuloser hope ndikatarisa Tinashe ndikati, "Tinashe, father. One day is one day. We will get out of here ."

"Keep the faith son. Just..." Havana kuzopedza kutaura tikavhunduka tarohwa musana uyu zvikanzi, "Why are you still resting." Takasimuka kwave kutanga kushanda. Yainge iri nguva yekukohwa so ndozvataiita. Pairimwa, kuforoma zvidhinha and many other activities. Chainge chiri nyore kutorima zvimwe zvese ainge ari ma1. Taiita maduties tichichinjana mabasa and we had only 3 hours to sleep a day. Chikafu taidya ka2 pazuva. Some would die of hunger. Vanhu vaifa hamawe.

Everyday i would work ndichitarisa every corner searching for a way to escape but zvainge zvakaoma. Another year passed until i found a way. I noticed a secret door out tikagara pasi naTinashe nasekuru vaya. I showed them the gate zvikanzi, "We

can make a key."

So everyday we would make a key until zvaita. Chainge chasara kuziva kuti horaiti kana tabuda nema guards aive panze taizotiza sei. Rimwe zuva midzimu yakadambura musungo kwave kuona mumwe muface wandaimbofananidzira aitoputa fodya isu tiri busy kuzama key kwave kunyepera kushanda zvikanzi, "Hey gentlemen." Takacheuka achibva anyemwerera zvikanzi, "Follow my lead." Takatevera tese asi hana dzairova kwave kupinzwa mukati zvikanzi, "So plan yenyu yanga iri yei nhai vapfanha."

"Which plan," ndakabvunza achibva atora pfuti kwave kushooter sekuru vaya takatarisa ropa kwave kuti tsati tsati kumeso kwedu. Hana yakawedzera kurova and at that moment there was a call on his fon zvikanzi, "Black Jack! You have to be there you cannot be absent. This is a serious matter and you need to come back into the game." Akaratidza hashu muface uya. Some said he was the leader some said there was another leader but hatina kumbobvira tamuona makore ese aya, wataingoona ndiye mface iyeye. Achipedza kutaura pacall he looked at us akati,

"I inherited this place from my father. Nzvimbo ino yakange iriko kubva kare and no one had ever escaped. Don't try any funny business we will kill you."

Akabva abuda kwave kunovhura boot rake akatiti tiise zvinhu imomo ndipo patakatarisana naTinashe so paakatiti tiende takapinda muboot. Iye he was just on his call and he seemed so troubled so kupinda kwatakaita haana kuzviona. Akamutsa mota kwave kubuda gate. He stopped pamwe pamba achibva afona akati, "Sharon batika babe things are getting out of hand. Nditori pagate pako."

Akabva apinda mukati megate isu kwave kusara tichibuda. Hamawee pakamhanywa handidi kunyepa. Takakwanisa kukumbira transport tikaenda kwana Tinashe. Ndichisvikako makuseni ndakamuka gumbo rangu richitorwadza. I couldn't walk nepadiki pese so ndakagara ikoko for 3 days mhamha vaTinashe ndipo pavakandirongedzera bag munongozvzivawo zvana mom's plus ndainge ndine hembe dzandainge ndatengerwa.

Tinashe's Mom: But you have to go mangwana kwachena

"No mhamha i have to go today. Ndave nane."

"But zuva rave kutodoka iri."

"Ndinosvika mhamha hakusi kure."

I couldn't wait to meet my family. Ndakasvika kumba kwakuona pasina munhu. Muroad many people were running away from me. Pamba painge pasina munhu ndikambozorora ndakagara padoor ndipo pakazosvika Rati. Achindiona haana kuda kumira kwave kutanga kutiza akanosheedza vamwe. Maziso angu akaungana misodzi ndichiona mwana waamai vangu ndikati, "Ratidzo it's me."

Vanhu ndipo pavakatanga kuswebera pedyo ndikaonekwa sure kuti handisi chipoko. We went inside ndikati, "Ko amai varipi?" Ndakatsanangurirwa zvese ndichibva ndatongotora kabag kangu ndikakwira combi ndakananga ikoko. Mari ndainge ndapihwa kumba kwana Tinashe. Ndakasvika kuma9 and there she was, my wife.

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Chapter 22

Miriro

Kubva pandainge ndaona rima ndakamuka ndakatota muviri wese. I had fainted. Ndakamuka kwave kugarisika. Mumba mandainge ndiri mainge muna tete Rati, Bamukuru Inno, Aunt, Mhamha, Tete (hanzvadzi yababa vaRiley) My personal doctor, Joe and Riley. Vese vainge vakandikomberedza kwakubva ndanatsogarisika asi ndainzwa musoro wangu kutema chaizvo ndikati, "Can i please have some water." Ndakagashidzwa mvura naJoe uyo ainge akabata Twinny kwave kuzotanga kuvhura maziso angu mbichana mbichana ndikati, "Can somebody tell me that I'm dreaming. Mama tell me

I'm dreaming kani," ndaidaro ndichieredza misodzi. Ndaisaziva kuti ndodii, ndochema here, ndoseka here or ndofara. Handina chandainzwa kuda kuita nguva iyoyo kunze kwekuchema. Nguva yacho vanhu vese vainge vanyerere.

"Mhamha ndiudzeiwo kuti ndikurota kani . Riley is it you." Ndaidaro ndichibata Riley maoko ndikambofunga kuti chipoko asi ndaitonzwa kuti iflesh chaiyo yandaibata. Nguva iyoyo ndainzwa kupera simba so ndakadonhera pabed pandainge ndiri. Vazhinji vainge vakanditarisa nemaface airatidza kundinzwira tsitsi. Tete vakagadzirisa pahuro kwave kuchitanga kutsanangura zvainge zvakaitika kuna Riley wacho uyo ainge akatosurukirwawo zvake. I was in a dilemma guys. It's like i was sitting on the crossroads, not knowing which way to go. Murume wangu Riley ndaimuda, we went through a lot together. At the same time i loved Joe so much. He did a lot for me again. Vese ndainge ndine vana navo.

"I need time to think about this. I just need space veduwe." Ndakadaro ndichinzwa musoro wangu kutema nekufungisisa nestress zvese ipapo.

Vazhinji vakaenda kudzimba dzavo ndikapihwa mapills nadoctor. Ndainge ndichiri kumba kwavamwene so Joe ndiye akaenda. Ave kuenda he came in the room that i was in achibva agara pachair akabata maoko angu akati, "Miriro i hope that you will make the best decision ever. Just know that i love you and whatever decision you make ndinozvinzwisisa. Chero chawafunga usafunge kuti Joe anozoti chii nacho. I'm okay with anything." He kissed my forehead ndikati, "Ufambe zvakanaka."

"Thank you. Mangwana ndichauyisa tumwe tuhembe twana Twinny nedza Lolo as i promised."

"Tinenge tichitaurirana pafon."

He kissed me on the forehead again kwakubva abuda. Ndakasara ndakagara naAunt zvikanzi, "This is the most complicated situation yandaona muhupenyu hwangu mai Lolo. That man, Joe loves you. At the same time baba Lolo vanokudai mufunge. You could tell with his eyes that he loves you. Aiwa munodiwa henyu asikana ndazvichiva izvi."

"It's not anything sweet at all aunt. Usiri musituation yacho zvinoita kunge zviri sweet asi no unoshaya

kuti woChooser upi. Zvinotorwadza neku stresser."

"Edei vakadzi vaiita havo barika zvino eeegh."

"Ndiri pakaoma ini tete. Ndokumbirawo mvura musoro wangu ukutema zvisingaite."

"Kufungisisa. Musanyanyozvidya moyo. God will show you the right one to choose. Leave it in God's hands."

"Amen may God show me the right one. Because I don't know who to choose now."

Aunt vakazobuda ndikasara ndikarara sezvo ndairwara. The next day aunt vakauya nemapills ndikasara naRiley ndikati, "We thank God that He saved your life." Maziso ake akajenga misodzi akati, "I can't believe i escaped. Those people were so cruel. Vanhu vacho havatye kana kuuraya. Munhu anouraiwa kunge huku. Iko kushanda handichataure. I thank God i escaped. I can't believe i escaped. Ufunge hako way yandaifunga kutiza nayo haisiyo yandakatiza nayo."

"God's ways are not our ways."

"Amen." He replied kwakubva pamboita runyararo

akati, "Thank you for taking care of my mother. I don't know how to thank you. I heard about all the things you did for her. Honestly I'm out of words." Ainge otochema zvino ndikabata bendekete rake ndikati, "It's nothing. Don't cry BaLolo." He touched my face akati, "Sometimes i wonder what i really did to have you. You're an angel from heaven. Vanhu vakaita sewe vashoma panyika pano. I love you so much Miriro." He said ave kuunza muromo wake pedyo newangu akati, "I love you so much and i miss you. Oooo i miss you so much." He said moving his hands to my breasts asi ndakanzwa muviri wangu usiri kudairira. Airatidza zveshuwa kuti ainge andisuwa kwete zvekunyepera. He tried to kiss me ini kwave kunzvengesa muromo wangu akati, "I miss you so much Miriro. Sorry i can't even control myself right now. Whatever is happening Miriro I don't care. Give it to me babe." He said caressing my breasts muviri ukamboda kudavirira asi yoooh tambo dzacho dzakaramba kutoucher ndikanzwa kunge ndiri kufambwa fambwa muviri wese. "You miss me too right. I had never slept with anyone all those years. You miss me too right." He said ave kufemera pamusoro tsano mubhurugwa vatove

pahasha ndikati, "Riley." He kissed my neck akati, "Uhhhhmmmm babe. I miss you so much." He said achifemera munzeve mangu ndikati, "Riley stop it." It seemed like asina kuzvinzwa ndikati, "Riley i said stop it!" Akaramba achindibata bata ndikati, "Riley i said stop it pleeeeeeeeeaaaase. Stop all this!!!" I shouted achibva ati, "Woow." He said akatarisa mumaziso mangu.

"Woow," he repeated again with a broken voice. I looked on his face ndikaona kurwadziwa kwakanyanya mumaziso make ndikati, "Riley I'm sorry i..." He cut me off akati, "After all these of longing to see you and then this. Oooo woow life is funny." Akaseka zvekupererwa akati zvekare, "It's funny. Oooo it's really funny. Life is funny isn't it." Akaseka zvekare zvine kurwadziwa mukati achibva agara pasi ndikati, "Riley ndanga ndakaroowa. Joe feel the same way for me as you do. He loves me like you do..." He cut me off akati, "What i feel for you is deep Miriro. What i feel for you is strong. What i feel for you is different. We went through a lot together and you just want to throw all that away! Like really." Akatanga kufemera pamusoro akati, "I

risked my own life for you and my daughter Miriro. I risked my own life. Before the issue i could've killed myself back then but you gave me faith. Whenever those thoughts of killing myself would come i would think of you. Ndaibva ndafunga kuti i have someone to live for Miriro. I.... I... I.." He couldn't speak anymore because of the pain. Munoziva munhu akanyarara paanotaura anonatsotaura zveshuwa and paanoita hasha anoita hasha zveshuwa, ndizvo zvainge zvoitika.

"Riley i need time okay. I need time to think. I need time to consider many things. I need space. . This is something hard for me to swallow."

"Miriro inini ndikabvunzwa nyangwe ndiri kuhope i will always chose you. Nyangwe ndikanongedzerwa banga i will always chose you..... But then wakuda kufungidzira manje kuti unondida here kana kuti haude. Inini will always choose you. Wooow i can't believe this."

"Please understand me. Many things changed after you went away and i need to balance some things. Understand me Riley."

Akabva atura befu kwave kuita dzinenge 5 minutes achifunga ini ndakanyarara achibva ati, "Forgive me nekukukwidzira izwi. I now understand you. I will give you the time you need. You have it."

"Thank you."

He nodded kwave kubuda mumba mandainge ndiri. Ndakasara ndikachema futi. Joe akauya makuseni ndikabuda panze kwave kupinda mumota zvikanzi, "How are you feeling today babe." Ndakakwiridzira tumadzihwa ndikati, "I'm okay." He moved his hands akandibata muhuro umu achida kunzwa temperature yangu but then hembe yangu yainge yakaita kakuvhurika and his eyes moved to my breasts achibva akurumidza abvisa maziso ake kumazamu angu kwave kutarisa kumeso kwangu akati, "Muviri wako uri kupisa mai Lolo."

"But I'm okay."

"You need to visit the doctor. Or i will tell him to come." Aidaro ave kutoda kufona ndikati, "Riley I'm fine please. I don't need a doctor."

"So let's go kuPharmacy and maybe get some pills." He said achida kumutsa mota ndikati, "I'm okay. I

hate pills."

"But muviri wako uri kupisa uyu." I smiled ndikati,
"Don't worry." He nodded kwave kutura befu akati, "I
just hope hausi kundinyepera."

"Handisi kunyepa."

Akabva atarisa kumashure akati, "Ndauya nehembe
dzevana. Can i see them anyways." Ndakanovatora
achibva atanga kutamba navo Lolo akasara nababa
vake Riley zvikanzi naJoe, "I will miss you
gentlemen." He said achibata Leeroy mhuno ndikati,
"Une kwauri kuda kuenda?"

"Kwete. I just need to give you some space. I know
this is something hard to swallow and ndikaramba
ndichikuona i may confuse your feelings.
Ndatombotarisa mazamu ako ndikatonzwa kukuda
and i may sleep with you. I don't want that to happen.
I don't want to confuse your feelings."

"Thank you."

"I need to attend a meeting. Usare bhoo." He said
ndichibva ndamuoneka ndikapinda mumba.
Ndakaona Riley akadongorera nepaDurahall ndikati,

"And Riley ka."

"Mota iyo ndaifananidzira."

"Neyani?"

"Swebera pedyo titaure." Ndakabva ndaswedera pedyo ndikamira paaive akati, "You know the guy ane mota yatakatiza nayo. Akambouya nemota yakadai. Exactly iyoyi."

Hana yangu yakarova ndikati, "Hakusi kungofanana kwemota here baba Lolo."

"Ummm kuti kudaro here?"

"Ehe. What was his name anyways. Leader wacho ainzani."

"Tendai here. Tino aaagh handichanatsozive but zita racho rinotanga naT. Many called him Razor. Some said there was the other leader ainzi Black Jack but we never saw that one."

"Black Jack!" Ndakataurira padenga kwave kugara pasi nekupera simba zvikanzi naRiley, "Are you okay."

"I... I am fine. I'm fyn."

"Waita kunge washokwa."

"No... I.. musoro wangu uri kutema."

"Let's get inside," akadaro akabata ruoko rwangu ndikapinda mumba kwave kusvikorara. Achingobuda ndakasendera Joe message ndikati, "We need to talk Joe."

"It's fyn. Ndokuona nguvai."

"4PM."

"Tomorrow?"

"No today."

"I needed to do something."

"It's serious and important."

"I will be there."

"Thank you."

Ndakatura befu kwave kuti, "Black Jack and Razor."
Ndakataura ndega ndikadzungudza musoro wangu kwave kupfugama pasi chaipo ndikasimudza maoko mudenga ndikatarisa mudenga ndikati,
"Babanguwee! I just pray that it's not what I'm thinking oooohh God."

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Chapter 23

Miriro

4 dzichichaya Joe akauya. Aigona zvake kubata nguva mwana wevanhu. He was very punctual. Ndichibuda gate ndainge ndisingatoone kwandiri kuenda. Things were much dirtier than i thought they were. Ndakakaruka ndipinda mumota asi pfungwa dzangu dzaitove kure ndikati, "Maswerasei?"

"Ndaswera bhoo ko iwewe?"

"It's not a good day. Joe are you into human trafficking."

"Human trafficking?" He asked kunge asiri kunzwisisa zvandabvunza ndikati, "You heard me

Joe. Yes human trafficking."

"No I'm not."

"Were you into human trafficking?"

"Not really." He said achigarisika ndikati, "Ooooh my God Joe taura zvinonzwisika. Not really ndiko kutiiko."

"I wasn't into human trafficking as such. I mean Tatenda was the one in that area. He inherited the place from his father and up until now he still owns the place. I became more powerful than him and he made me a leader of many things. He tried to involve me in that business but i wasn't interested. However he keeps on telling people that I'm the leader but no I'm not involved. It's been 5 years ndisina kumboenda to that place and i don't care much about it. I don't even know how they operate right now."

"Ooooh my God. He is the one who kidnapped Riley."

"Ooo ," akaratidza kushamisika nazvo akati, "What a coincidence." Ndakatura befu ndikati, "Thank God you are not involved."

"Chokwadi chese ndakakuudza Miriro. I was a drug dealer and a conman and although i tried to team up with Tatenda in human trafficking i realized it wasn't for me."

"So Riley never saw you?"

"Edei akandiona ikoko dei akatonditizaka. I'm not involved."

"Mota yako aifananidzira."

"Yaaa Tatenda used to take my car wazvikanganwa here?"

"Ndazviyeuka. Unoziva ndanga ndatopindwa nepfungwa dzekuti pamwe you kidnapped him to take me away from him. I hope manga musina kufurirana neshamwari yako."

"It's just a coincidence because dei Tatenda akamu kidnapper achiziva dei akamuuraya kare. Tatenda doesn't mind killing people. That man kills trust me."

"It's now meaningful."

Anyways takazotaura twakawanda wanda ndikadzokera mumba moyo wangu wati chenei mbichana. Ndaiti ndikatarisa Riley ndaimunzwira

tsitsi hangu. Iyewo semunhu akanyarara aibva aratidza kushushikana. The following day tete Rati vakashanya zvikanzi, "Mukoma zuva riya ndakanyara kutaura zvangu asika makaona ka kuti ndaisanyepa kuti Miriro wenyu uyu aidanana naboss. Hezvoka zvima twins izvo zvakafananisa nababa vacho." Riley akanditarisa ndikacheuka kwave kuti, "I never loved him back then." Tete vakaridza chikuwe vakati, "Seka hako Ratiweee. Mainge mave kutonzwirana zvenyu sugar ipo paya. Kungoti kana isu vana Rati tichitaura hamumbotiterere. Miriro ipfambi zvayo iyi hezvoka."

"I won't let you insult me in my own house Ratidzo. I won't let that happen." I said boldly zvikanzi, "Chokwadi chagara zvacho chinongorwadza hatizvirambe."

"Chokwadi cheiko iwe haukure wakaita sei nhai Ratidzo," akadaira Riley zvikanzi, "Tangoti tiyeuchidzane kuti munhu wamuri kudefender uyu mukoma ndakamuona nezuro mumota vachibatana batana imi mouya muno moudzwa kunzi modiwa. Paya pandakauya nehembe dzenyu makuseni ndakavaona asi ivo havana kundiona. Gegege wurrrriiii seka zvako Ratiweee." Riley akanditarisa

ndikadzungudza musoro zvikanzi namhamha, "Rati unotaurirei zvaunenge usina kuona."

"Mhamha ini handisi kunyepaba. Iwe Miriro wanga usinganhafwe nhafwe here mumota pawadzoka ukatora matwins paya. Maziso angu anoona aya. Ndakatokusvikirai muchibatabatana batana huro idzi asi manga musingandione zvenyu."

"Haiwawo saka kubatwa huro ndiko kunhafwa here nyararai kana mashaya zvekutaura." Ndakadaro

Mumba makamboita runyararo tichinwa tea zvikanzi natete, "Ko ivo mukoma Inno vaendepiko. Vatodzokera here?"

"Ehe vakaenda nezuro."

"Ndofunga dzakaenda dzine nyadzi. Wakamuudza here Riley zvavakasara vachiita. Kuita kunge vachabvisana maziso namukoma baChiedza nekuda kwaMiriro." Riley akashamisika akati, "Oooo really."

"Chaizvo. Izvozvi baba Chiedza vakatovharirwa. Miriro wenyu uyu akavanyepera kuti vaida kumubata chibharo vachibva vatosungwa." Ndakapindura pedenga ndikati, "Tete musade kundinzwa

mazvinzwa. Mainge musipo here musu wavakazama kundibata chibharo. He wanted to rape me." Riley akapererwa zvikanzi naRati, "Asika ndinotoshaya kuti varume vanodei pana Miriro. Iwo mag*ro iwaya kunge ndiye ega anawo. Chakakosha hunhu veduwe zvezvivakashure hazviendese kudenga."

"Hunhu agara anahwo muroora wangu. Hunhu hunozadza mukombe chaiwo zvekuti dei wainge uri mumwe munhu wakatokopa. Chakanaka chakanaka." Mhamha vakadaira zvikanzi naRiley, "Chakanaka chakanaka mukaka haurungwe. Kopawo zvakanaka zvinoitwa nevamwe."

"And haumbofe futi ukakopa chakanaka. Haumbofe kana." vakadaira aunt vataigara navo. Nguva yese vainge vanyerere. "Dzimwe nguva unogona kutofunga kuti vanhu vakakumaka asi hunhu hwako ndihwo hunokupesanisa nevanhu." Vakadaira aunt zvikanzi namhamha, "Muudzeiwo Rati uyu tete." Ratidzo akaona kuti akutsiranwa nevanhu kwakubva maziso ajenga misodzi akati, "No one really loves me ndazozviona. Nemiwo amai shuwa kuda mutorwa muchisiya ini mwana wenyu."

Mhamha: Dzidzawo mwanaweee. Ivawo nerudo

nevamwe saMiriro wosiyana nekutaurisa uchaona kuti hupenyu hunokufambira zvakanaka.

Asati apindura Rati akabata muromo wake kwave kumhanya kutoilet ini ndichibva ndatevera ndikati, "Are you okay."

"Ibvaapa!" Akapindura achirutsa zvisingaite ndikati zvekare, "Are you okay!?" Kwave kuvabhabhadzira nechepamusana ndikati, "Mirai ndinokutorerai mvura." Ndakabva ndanotora mvura vachibva vanwa kwave kungopidigura maziso ndikangodzungudza musoro. Vakabva varara vave kuratidza kuti vari kurwara. Iniwo ndakanzwa kuda kurutsawo kwave kutorutsa zvakanyanyisa zvikanzi namhamha, "Madyei chaizvo mese kubva machinjana kurutsa kudaro nhaimi?"

"Ini ndave nemazuva ndisiri kunzwa zvakanaka." Ndakapindura zvikanzi, "Ko Rati?"

"Ndiri kungorwara."

Zuva iroro ndakazongorara Riley achindiudza nyaya. Manheru Riley ndiye akadzokera kumba kwekare akanorarako. Makuseni ndakatomukawo kurwara kwakawedzera ndikafonerwa naJoe zvikanzi, "How

are you feeling today."

"Ndikurwara ini. Kurutsa zvakanyanya nemusoro."

"Hachisi chirwere chehope here , " akadaro Riley ndikati, "Wabva wandifungisa mazuva acho . And haudaro hako. I was worried shame."

"But I'm serious. Aren't you pregnant."

"Remember ndine jadel."

"Zvinogona kusashanda izvo."

"Asi tete Ratiwo varikurwara vachirutsawo. Pamwe pane chatakadya."

"Mirai ndiuye kuzokutorai."

Joe haana kuzotora nguva achibva auya, Rati achibva ageza akanogara kumberi kumother seat ndikangorovanisa maoko kwave kusekera mumoyo. He drove us to the hospital tikasvikogara naRati achibva ati, "Musandione zvangu kunge ndine dzungu. Hapana pandaizogara kumashure muchiyemerana kumberi. I'm not in the mood yekuona vanhu vachiyemerana soriyi zvenyu."

"It's not an issue."

Joe paid everything achibva ati, "Ngatipindei." Doctor wangu ainge ari pa off. Tete Rati ndivo vakatanga kupinda vakabuda vachifambisa maziso akajenga misodzi ndikati, "Chii?" Havana kukwanisa kupindura. Ndakabva ndapinda naJoe zvikanzi, "Your wife is 8 weeks pregnant Sir."

"Oooo my God," Joe akabata muromo nemufaro. Ini ndakatadza kuziva kuti ndofara kana kuti ndosuwa.

End Of Chapter

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Chapter 24

Final Chapter

"Ooo im pregnant," ndakadaro ndichibata dumbu rangu zvikanzi naJoe, "Yes babe we are pregnant." Akadaro achibata maoko angu ese achibva aona kuti I'm not okay kwave kusiya maoko angu akaenda kuna doctor akataura navo for some minutes kwakubva tabuda. Takasvika Ratidzo ari panze achichema misodzi ichiyerera nematama ake tikati, "Chii?" She couldn't reply us achingochema kwave kugara kumberi hake sepakuuya ndikati, "Chii nhai Aunt." Aingochema akabata dumbu rake. Ndakasiyana nezvekumunyengerera tikasvika kumba achibva adzika ndikasara naJoe, Joe achibva

ati, "She is expecting."

"Ratidzo is expecting too?"

"Yes. That's what the doctor said."

Ndakadzungudza musoro wangu zvikanzi, "You don't know how happy i am right now." Zveshuwa airatidza kufara kwakubva ndati, "As for me. I'm thinking too much." Akadzika mumota kwave kuuya kumashure kwandaiveri akati, "Children are blessings from the Almighty. I know where your worry is. You know this should not stop you from making the decision you want. We can raise our children tiri seperate."

"And do you think Riley will accept that?"

"Well if i was Riley I would accept it. If he is a man enough he will accept you like that. Nhumbu iyi yasiyana neyemunhu acheater shaa. If he really love you as he mean then this won't stop him from loving you. If he cannot love the children, if he doesn't love your children that may mean he doesn't love you as well."

I nodded kwave kuzodzika ndikapinda mumba

ndikawana Riley arimo kwave kunanga kubedroom ndikati, "Riley I'm pregnant. I'm 8 weeks pregnant."

"Woow congratulations," he said ari disappointed. "It's only 8 weeks. We will terminate it."

"What!" Ndakadaro ndichishamisika zvikanzi, "The babies are a mistake right?" Ndakanzwa hashwa kwave kusimuka ndikabuda maainge ari. Joe and Riley were 2 different people. Joe ainzwisisa uye aikurumidza anzwisisa. He respected me and my decisions. That time i noticed that Joe loved me more. That's when i even realized that I loved Joe more. I was more open to Joseph. Nyangwe zvazvo ndairwara ndaka packer mabags angu. I wanted to go back home, to where i belong. Makuseni ndakamukironwa tea netuma scones kwave kuisira Joe mulunch. Riley akadzokawo makuseni iwayo kwave kuti, "Miro can we talk." Ndakaenda mumba maainge ari kwakubva ati, "So you knew that Joe is the one who kidnapped me right. You knew that he is behind all this. Oooo woow." He asked achiratidza kurwadziwa ndichibva ndati, "He is not involved in..."

"Don't fucken lie to me. I followed him yesterday ndikamuona ane that guy ane mota yandakatiza

nayo. Don't lie to me!" He shouted at me and he wept bitterly akati, "So the man who kidnapped me was the same woman screwing my woman. I was busy suffering whilst he is here enjoying my woman. Ooo woow."

"Riley he is not involved okay. He is not involved."

He went out and locked me inside kwave kuenda akadzoka nepolice Riley kwave kundisungisa inini because of the things i didn't do. Joe was arrested as well kusanganisira Tatenda. Bamukuru Inno ndivo vaimira mira chose kuti Joe asungwe and he was happy zvisingatoite. Ini ndakaonekwa kuti ndainge ndisina mhosva kwave kubudiswa. I went back home kwave kututa tunhu twangu ndikadzokera kumba kwandaigara naJoe. Things were getting dirtier. Tinashe, Inno and Riley vakamira mira and they teamed up kuti vamusungise. Tinashe's family was rich so they had a backup. I visited Joe in jail kwave kubva andibata maoko ese akati, "No matter what is going to happen take care of my children."

"Joe i will make sure i get you out."

"Give me my office papers tomorrow. Uuye nefile

rangu riya rine information yakakosha."

Mangwana acho ndakauya naro. He signed it and his businesses were put in my name. Ndakadzokera kumba iri misodzi yega yega. I found a lawyer and then lucky rakaita Joe nderekuti he was out of the business. He had quitted. However he was to be in jail for 5 years. Well that was painful but much better zvasiyana naTatenda akanzi hupenyu hwese in jail. I can say that was the downfall of all his crew. Many were arrested vamwewo vakatiza. The place was found and many people gained their freedom back.

Epilogue

Tete Ratidzo kubva musu wavainge vamitiswa vakabva vadzikama. She took care of her baby and got married 5 years later. She sent me a message one day zvikanzi, "Miriro i don't know where to start. Well forgive for all the wrong things i have done to you. I learnt a lot from you. I learnt to keep quiet whenever i need to. Ndakadzidza kunamata. Ndakadzidza zvakanaka ndikasiya zvakaipa. You motivated me to change. You know i went through a lot. Ndakadzingwa pamba nehama dzababa Ropa. They treated me bad more than i even treated you

until i myself escaped. That's when i realized that i need turn over a new leaf and as you always tell me, it's never too late to change. I then got married by my current husband but his family don't like me for no reason. Well kunyarara kunokunda kutaura but i learned that we often pray to get married to a good husband but we forget praying to be married into a good family. However i copied everything you did and my husband loves me so much regardless. Thank you!!

Mhamha died a few years later. I was there the day she passed on. She died with a smile on her face regardless and she blessed me and said, "Usanete kuita zvakanaka my RUTH. May the dear Lord grant you your wishes and may He give you what you deserve. You deserve everything good Miriro." I smiled and she touched my face. She died vachifara and vakati vaisada kuchemwa, vaida tiimbe nekufara panhamo pavo to celebrate her life. Her wishes was granted.

Bamukuru Inno richiri bhachura nanhasi. He never got married again vakamboda kundinetsa mafirst days Joe asungwa ndikavashura shura. Nanhasi

vachiri bhachura.

Bamukuru baChiedza vakazosunungurwa. That one hate me with a passion.

Riley married another woman and he told me that, "Miriro i used drugs all the years i was with you. Life was tough for me and sometimes i couldn't handle it. I'm sorry i kept that from you but never doubt my love for you." Well it was a little bit shocking. I suspected he was on drugs. However he seemed so happy with the woman he married. Aiuya kuzotora mwana apo neapo and i made it clear to him that i loved Joe.

5 years later

Love is patient isn't it? I waited for my man and the day he was coming home i prepared for him. I decorated the house ndikanomutora. Veduwe kusvika pamba Leeroy naLionel vabaya maballoonse ese netsono. They didn't know kuti achasvika pakupera mweya. Joe akaseka zvake akabata Tamika naTamari. Well i had twins again panhumbu yandakasiwa naJoe ndinayo. We sent children to bed Joe kwave kunditakura upstairs achibva

andiradzika pabed akati, "I love you so much Miriro. Thank you for waiting for me."

"You're worth waiting for. I love you too." He caressed my body and looked into my eyes akati , "Ndokudisisa." He said whilst getting inside me and i moaned his name, "Oooo Joe aaagh."

I can say life changed for me. Everything became perfect. My husband loved me and i loved him. Kunamata handina kumira. We wedded naJoe and my little brother came to live with us a year later. I AM HAPPY.

THE END

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