

Wrong but Right Path

#One Introduction

Life is made up of lots of negative, one negative is this wonderful woman lying next to me. She is what I call a current and accumulative liability. We've been married for ten years and I have only worked for two in those ten years. The past 8 years, I have been her personal maid. She doesn't see me at all, I have completely forgotten how I used to love her, intimacy has become a favour from her. In fact we stopped being intimate three years ago and it used to bother me but now I am used to it. I wake up 4am and make her water, shoes, clothes and everything else ready for Ma'am Nomandla. Why am I still in this hell hole? God and I can't afford my way out. My phone just rang and she kicked me out of bed. I went outside to take the call. Which was from my sister fikile.

Fikile: You need to rush to the hospital please, I am with Mma and she is talking about suicide again.

Me: [my mother is blind due to the accident she suffered some years back. She was never present at my wedding because she was in a coma then. Nomandla has never even asked about how she is, I do what I can to keep my mother in a nursing home because my wife is not welcoming towards the thought of her. Tears just streamed down] Let me make a plan, tell her she can die after I see her.

Fikile: Take your wife's car and get here its urgent.

Nomandla: why are you so nosy? This is not your house, I deserve to sleep.

Me: [I hung up because my sister doesn't like my wife either] Please borrow me your car, I want to check on my mother, she is having a melt down.

Nomandla: how much have you spent on this woman? I thought you'd tell me she is dead already.

Me: Please lend me money, to catch a taxi please.

Nomandla: Go out there and make money. I don't have money for you. If you don't make my breakfast, stay with your mother. I can't carry an airbag.

Me: [my mother could die, I put on my clothes and put some in a refuse bag because the last time I had not done my chores I slept outside for five days in the dog's house. I went out and just kept hiking feeling really absent minded. I am educated, I have a degree and beyond, why can't someone just hire me? As I was walking I heard a car hooting and I stopped, it was my sister in Law. Nompilo.] I am trying to get to the hospital.

Nompilo: Carrying a refuse bag with clothes? Your hiking to the hospital? [unlocks the doors] Get inside, I will drop you off.

Me: [my wife and I have fought countless times because she detests her sister. I went inside because I was desperate Mfana. Not even my wet shoes felt cold in it. I gave her directions and we drove there. All this time, she had not uttered two words to me. We went into the hospital and the second we stepped into the ward my mother spoke.]

Mam'bele: [gets off the floor and uses her stick to get to the bed] are you here to take me home?

Me: [it killed me to hear her say that because my sister's in laws cannot do it. I am her only son and I can't even house my mother. Fresh tears streamed down] I will speak to my wife, when she approves. You can come home. [her smile disappeared and tears formed]

Mam'bele: who are you? You are not a nurse because I would know you. Who else is here?

Me: My sister I.....

Mam'bele: They are wrong you are not barren, you are very fertile wena, stop drinking the nonsense she gives you.

Nompilo: [tears streaming down] Yebo Mama.

Mam'bele: [melts into a smile] I want to get out of this place, the new nurses are not nice. They make me eat nonsense. I want meat I am not old, I have strong teeth.

Nompilo: [looks at Sinethemba] I hear you Mma, we will talk to them.

Mam'bele: If I sleep here one more day, I will die.

Nompilo: [her phone rings and she goes into the bathroom] Ngibusy Kerrin, when I am done I will drive there. I will call you, stop nagging me out.

Kerrin: You have grown wings [she hangs up]

Me: [we could hear her heavy breathing, my mother was telling nurses goodbye. I hate disappointing her. Nompilo came into the room again] drop us at the house please.

Nompilo: No problem. [picks up her bags and helps the woman off the bed]

Mam'bele: Koti?

Nompilo: Mma.

Mam'bele: when he is born, you must bring him to me. I want to spoil him like Fikile's children.

Nompilo: who am I bringing Mma?

Mam'bele: [serious face] By this time next year my grandson will be teething, bring him to me.

Nompilo: Let me bring the car closer.

Me: [she went to the car and I didn't know if she was coming back because I know she's been seeking a child of her own for the past 6 years. Her boyfriend John says that he will not even propose least he can get a male child from outside. His made four children outside already but no son has come through. This is a really sensitive matter. We

got inside the car after Fikile left and she did not utter a word to me. We went to KFC, she bought us food and drove us to her house] Nomp.....

Nompilo: Please Mtimande, we will take when I come from work, I need to head to work. [gets inside the car and drives off.]

Mam'bele: I haven't had this chicken in a while, its so nice. Thank you, bless you.

Me: [she left and her eyes were red with tears. We entered the house and everything was in order. I accompanied my mother to the guest bedroom, I called my wife but she did not even pick my calls. As I was lying on the couch, thinking about the misery in my life. Nompilo entered, I heard her from the kitchen. I stood up and met her in the corridor. She was crying so hard, anyone would feel pity.]
What is it? What's wrong?

Nompilo: I am tired.....I'm tired.... what do I need a promotion for? I already have money, I have houses and cars. Why can't I get the one thing.... one thing..... all these things do not matter. I want my own child nami.

Me: askies Thula ke. [I held her until she became a bit calm. Then I took her to her bedroom and tacked her in] Please take this life easy. [She gave me this look that placed my entire body on heat then closed her eyes. I watched her sleeping and as I made an attempt to get out, the door was locked in, I had forgotten to ask for the pin. I returned to her and tried waking her up] Nompil, what's the pin?

Nompilo: Use the fire escape door, it's under the mat. It's a finger scan.

Me: scan so I can get out.

Nompilo: [taps the bed] sleep or watch television.
Until I wake up.

Me: [This is so wrong on so many levels God please.
Help me out.] Nompi please.

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I watched her sleeping and I found myself sleepy as well. I think I passed out on the couch, as to how I got onto the bed I don't know. I woke up on the bed and looking at her took me places, she is a goddess on so many levels. In her sleep she placed her thigh on top of me, I was like a rat that ate rat poison. I was sweating. I removed the leg but I don't know, between desire, hunger and I kissed her once. That was it, she wasn't doing me favours. The minute she responded to my touch, values went out the

window, God I repent for this sin. For the next four hours, she set me straight. She went back to sleep and I picked my senses. I located the fire escape door which led me to her garden. Then I used the front door.

Mam'bele: [calling her son] Sinethemba!?

Me: [I rush to her room and she was sitting on the bed, I helped her to the bathroom and helped her back to the room] Are you okay?

Mam'bele: A glass of water.

Me: [I rushed to the kitchen and brought her water, she drank. Then prayed before settling on the bed. I went out of the room and went to take a shower. Then wore fresh clothes. I came out and she was in the kitchen cooking, I didn't know what to say to her]

Nompilo: it was just a moment of weakness, it will not happen again. Your married, I think you should go beg your wife so you can fix things with her. She doesn't deserve to be hurt. [opens her purse, takes out 1500] buy her something nice, Mma can stay here. When I can't I will alert you, the housekeeper and I will make a plan around it.

Me: Thank you. [I took my plastic and hiked to my house. It was hard to block it out of my mind. I slept with another woman for the first time since I got married. What is happening to you man? When I got to the house, her mother was inside my house. She was emotional and as I was walking in. I knew something was up because her uncle was there as well] this is a lovely surprise.

Nomandla: Please seat down Baba.

Me: I will be back wait, [I went to the room and my clothes were back in the closet. Wow? I took my

time, I took a long bath to wash off my mind but nothing happened. All I could think about was Nompilo, what have I done to myself. I went to the living room and took a seat] whats this about?

Nomandla: Malume says they need people at his firm, I gave him your details.

Me: You want me to move to another City? For a job?

Mma'madi: be grateful atleast she is trying to help you out.

Me: I am tired of everyone helping me out, while you have been practically demolishing my confidence. No one was talking about it but now everyone is in roses. I want a divorce Nomandla, I have tried my best but I can't sorry.

Nomandla: Getting a job will give us permission to have a baby, how did you expect a child under those circumstances?

Me: Case closed, I want out. [I stood up and left them silent. I called Fikile and she laughed at me in disbelief. I don't have a plan of where I would sleep or eat. Within a few minutes, I received a call from Nompilo] Hello.

Nompilo: Please don't do this to my sister, she is going to do better. We will help her to. What happened was a mistake. Please reconsider, if you don't want the job than fine.

Me: I will be coming to see Mma from time to time.

Nompilo: what happened was a mistake, please reconsider.

Me: Take care of my mother, leave the rest.

Nompilo: Mma wants to talk to you.

Mma'bele: [Laughing] wuuu Sinethemba Baba, uKoti.

Me: [I haven't heard my mother laugh in my direction in years, this made me emotional] what's wrong Mma?

Mma'bele: I am eating everything, I eating meat and chips. I like it here.

Me: [I found myself laughing, she gave the phone back] Nompilo, thank you.

Nompilo: Your mother is a darling, she has been complimenting the whole time. If you want to leave

my sister do not do it because of what happened earlier. It was moment of weakness.

Me: You made me feel like a man, for those moments the rest of the world didn't matter. I never realized just how much my manly pride means to me.

Nompilo: It was mistake, it will never happen again, I think that's J ohn. Bye. [hangs up]

Nomandla: What will the church say? Your about to be a minister, do not do this please.

Me: I don't want to be in the church anymore. I am done with you. The past 8 years have been hell for me and its time I take charge.

Nomandla: Your mother can come live with us, I will

go fetch her from my sister's house. I want my kids to come live with us also, please.

Me: I never had a problem with your kids living with us and you know that. I will be out tomorrow morning.

Nomandla: [sniffing] Please baby, we can fix this.

#Nompilo

Life is hard in all the sides, I graduated and found a really great job. I thought that when I finally settled down, I would be happy. Two years after being involved with someone, I discovered that the struggle for a baby was real. My mother and sister turned their backs on me and the love of my life threw me under the bus. All I could think of was how I was going to sort everything out. I tried doctors while John's mother went everywhere for

me. John has resorted to having babies with girls outside and I don't have a say in the matter. I helped out my sister's husband and I don't know how but we slept together. I am waiting to regret that moment because she is my sister but I am not. I wish I felt guilty but I don't feel guilty at all. As the day came to a close, John entered with his mother, plus a highly pregnant woman.

Mma'Maggie: we checked and the doctor confirmed that this will be a son. So we are planning to send a letter to your people this weekend to start the lobola process.

Me: [baby number 6, it hurt so bad that I had zero excitement about anything, as I was numb, Sine's mother entered] Mma.

Mma'bele: I don't know who convinced this woman that you are barren because you are not. Baby number what? 9, you have a whole team behind you.

Koti, I misplaced the remote.

John: what's this woman doing here?

Me: She lives here [I helped her back to the living room and gave her a tour of the remote yet again, then went back to the kitchen, the was tension] This is baby number what?

John: I wasn't sure about the other three, I just found out today about them.

Me: Please leave my house, 9 babies? No ways. Leave my house.

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It was so painful, I mopped around for the next two weeks. I didn't meet anyone for anything, Nomandla has been calling for me to speak to her husband but I can't because I have my own issues. I have built my entire life around this man and he comes back to do this to me. I heard a knock as I was in my room, my helper knows not to bother me. I tried to ignore it but the knock persisted. I went to open the door and there stood Sine with a huge bunch of roses.

Me: I hope this means you are going to apologize to my sister right?

Sine: [Reveals chocolates] Morning Nompilo, how are you? I am fine thanks for asking. Mma told me she was worried that you might be hurt. She says she has not seen you in two whole weeks. What's eating you up like this?

Me: [as he stood there, he was like weed and I was

slowly getting high] I will go see Mma, you need to fix things with your wife please.

Sine: are you not tired of fighting with your sister because I am shames. I didn't come here to speak about her.

Me: we don't have any business be.....[I felt light headed and everything went black. I woke up in his arms, in the living room] what's wrong with me?

Sine: You are not eating, busy mourning your so called lover.

Me: I don't want to eat, I am fine.

Mma'bele: Hello Koti, if I offended you, I am truly sorry. I didn't mean to.

Me: No Mma, everything is okay. You didn't offend me, so manje wena? Mr Red roses and chocolates, what's your story?

Sine: I realized that I am incomplete without something, since I moved out of Nomandla's house. I have peace. I live at a hostel, I submitted my cv to a lot of companies and I am waiting for a response. I thought to come see how everything is here, plus bring you these to appreciate everything.

Nomandla: [walks into the room with her two kids Ndumiso and Lilly] we've found him, finally. What's this appreciation speech about?

Me: [my sister's perfume affected me, it smelled so bad that I excused myself. I rushed to the room and something weird happened. I vomitted, I felt so scared at that moment because I didn't want to jump to conclusions. I went back down and my niece and nephew were playing pranks on the old

woman] Don't do that! She is not a toy.

Sine: [his phone rings and he steps outside]

Mma'bele: Please take me to my room, I want to sleep.

Me: [I helped her off the couch and took her to her room. Where I knew she was clearly upset] it's going to be fine, I will speak some sense into her. Please don't be upset.

Mma'bele: I know when I am not wanted. Don't worry.

Me: [I left the room and went back to the living room. Nomandla was apologizing and Sine was not even in the mood. I went to the kitchen and whipped something to eat and when I set down to eat. She

came into the kitchen with anger] he just arrived to see his mother, give me a break.

Nomandla: His seeing another woman, I can feel it. If I get my hands on her, the grass will not grow.

Me: All this man is asking for is just respect Nomandla, that's all. [I tried to avoid it but her perfume, spoiled everything. I rushed outside and vomitted in the garden. I went back into the house and my sister was leaving with her mannerless children. God mara this woman? I went into the living room and Sine looked at me] what?

Sine: I might be an inexperienced doctor but your pregnant.

Me: [I chuckled] for who? Come on, relax your spirit.

Sine: I am going to buy a test.

Me: You should really focus on your job hunting, not examining me.

Sine: [walking closer to her] speaking of job hunting, I..

Me: [I kept taking steps back until I hit a wall] you did?

Sine: I have an interview tomorrow at the private clinic in high tower. Pray that I get it.

Me: Okay. [he stopped and left, this man is going to kill me God. I left Mma with the helper, I rushed to the clinic. I met with my doctor.] I don't feel like myself of late, please check if everything is in order.

Doctor Lydia: [takes samples of her blood and checks her eyes. Plus pee.] I will be right back.

Me: [she went out and I prayed that it could be J ohn's baby to prove that I am not barren. After about 30mins. J ohn walked into the room with a smile, then the doctor followed] what's you doing here?

Doctor Lydia: I thought you'd want him to hear the good news with you.

Me: this is against doctor confidentiality, if you don't want me to report this nonsense. Tell him to get out.

J ohn: I came here as soon as I received the call, what's the good news?

Doctor Lydia: I am sorry Ma'am, I was too forward.
Sir please step outside. Please.

John: I don't love you anyless, we will talk this over.
[gets up and leaves the room]

Me: If what we discuss here gets out, I will know
where it came from.

Doctor Lydia: Your two weeks pregnant.

Me: [I took the results in disbelieve, I looked at it and
tears streamed down. I knew that this was Sine's
baby. My sister was going to slaughter me but
before that my entire family. I need this baby, I
won't remove it for any reason. I went out of the
ward in tears and that discouraged John]

John: What's the good news?

Me: I'm barren, your mother was right. [he looked at me and wanted to comfort me. He hugged me and his cologne Lord. I broke the embrace and located the bathroom. I vomitted. Then came out] I just had to pee.

John: Relax, I need to go for the baby's check up now, I will call you.

Me: [I walked back home feeling like my sunshine has gone. I went straight to the house and Sine was back. Mara this man] You ruined me.

Sine: [his smile disappears] wait what are you saying?

Me: [I threw the papers in his face] my life is ruined forever, amen. What is wrong with me? Why do I seem to be the black sheep of the family.

Sine: [kneels and puts his head on her flat stomach, emotional] I have waited for you all my life.

Me: [we were both emotional, he looked at me. His look could not be misinterpreted, he was begging me not to remove this baby and I had no intentions of doing that, this could be my first and last chance.]

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This is bad but good, it was weird because he received a call from his old employer that his position has remained empty since he left. They were begging for him to come back to his position instantly. We hugged each other and cried for everything that's about to go down. Then he left for the hostel, I went to see his mother. She was praying, I knelt beside her while sniffing. The

second she said Amen.

Mma'bele: It's going to be hard but we will go through this storm together, I will be with you in prayers, the fight is great.

Me: I'm pregnant for my sister's husband, she will never forgive me ever.

Mma'bele: Sometimes we don't understand God's answer to our prayers.

Me: [she prayed for us and I went to cook. I didn't want to stress my body so I just ate. Then slept on the couch, I heard someone scooping me up. I opened my eyes and boom Sine was back] I am fine here.

Sine: I will take all the blame, we can even say that I

forced matters.

Me: Our baby is not going anywhere, if this is how I am supposed to have child, so be it. [he took me to my room and tacked me in again. I could tell that he was afraid of keeping this baby. He had bought cute little shoes.] they look beautiful.

Sine: I will get a car and a house, make sure that when this baby is born. I support them 100%

Me: sine your baby is making me fond of you in the most crazy ways, please give me space, stop being all warm. This is wrong.

Sine: [leans in and initiates a kiss] I don't care about what people are going to say.

I don't understand why but I couldn't resist him,

everything just happened really quickly. After killing some hours, it was weird but he remained in bed with me. All my life, I have never had a man who stays after intimacy, John was always off to some business thing. We snuggled and I closed my eyes. I woke up during the night as his stuff was uncomfortable against my skin. I shouldn't have woken him up because we had movie part two. I have never had this much in one night, in the early hours of the morning, I attempted getting off the bed and he tightened his gripe so I couldn't move. This is wrong.

Sine: it's too early.

Me: [I turned to face him] I don't know what to call this.

Sine: I am in love with you, and I know you don't take me serious right now but I am very serious.

Me: my sister will not stand for that, this is wrong Sinethemba. [he pulled me into his most irresistible position and looked into my eyes, I laughed]

Sine: what's wrong is me staying with your sister while I know I want to be with you. Right now we are going to bath and prepare for work. I will drop you off and pick you up and another thing, I don't want you to worry about Mandla, she's a grown woman so are you.

He was serious, this is wrong yet feels so right. We took a shower together and I prepared for work. He drove me to work and dropped me off. At the door, I went into the building. Kerrin was waiting for me, I had a pile of work to do. I got onto it and knocked off. He was around, he dropped me at the house where I found John had made us a romantic lunch, the minute I saw fish. It made me nauseas, I took a spoon of salt literally. I went to my bedroom and

slept, he set beside me on the bed.

John: Baby I am sorry about everything that has been happening, the girls and everything. I am very sorry, number 9 is my last. Please forgive me.

Me: I am tired, I just want to rest please. [I closed my eyes.]

John: forgive me baby please, lovie wam.

Me: [he got onto, he turned me around and pulled the sheets over us. I wasn't interested] when you are done playing get out of my house. [I took a nap and woke up to noise, I woke up and went to my living room. Boom, my uncle, mother and Nomandla were in my living room. I felt so sick the second I walked into the room, I got ginger and licked it. Then went back] what seems to be the problem?

Her uncle: Your sister is having another child outside her union. How is that possible tell me? How long am I expected to go tell the Mtimande's that she made a mistake.

Me: how are you going to tell Sinethemba this? He will not take it lying down.

Nomandla: I don't know what's wrong with me.

Me: He will divorce you straight, why did you do it? Doesn't he give you enough?

Nomandla: the last time we were intimate was two years ago.

Me: Hehehe! Married woman? Two what!? J ust sign the divorce papers Bafo, there is no marriage here.

Nomandla: I was always tired and we had financial issues all the time.

Sine: [enters with groceries and places them on the floor. More comes from outside with him, then he comes through, takes out some money] this is for just in case Mma needs something and for rental plus appreciation.

Me: [his dude gave me 5000 in front of greedy people, they were staring at the money and groceries] I appreciate it thank you. I think she's sleeping or praying as usual.

Sine: Alright, I have an early morning tomorrow, I will call. I need to use th.....

Me: Don't worry about it, bring it back when you are settled. [he left like Nomandla was not in the room, then he came back and gave me this weird smile

that was about to crush all my bones. I ran out of the room and he just held me before I could get anywhere. Fear just covered me, my sister will hate me forever.] Please let go.

Sine: No one will harm you, I can feel your heart beating out of your chest. Please calm down, I am being sent out of town for a week or two, is that okay?

Me: Huh???

Sine: The mother of my child should know where I am at, I don't want you stressing about anything.

Nomandla: Home breaker, you couldn't get your own husband, you had to steal from me.

Me: I can expla.....

Nomandla: [tears streaming down] you stabbed me in the back? You slept with my husband, why couldn't you get your own.

Me: [my mother started cursing at me, they called me all sorts of names.] I'm sorr....[they tried to hit me and Sine stood between us]

Mma'Madi: you are evil, you have to abort this bustar.....

Sine: I HAVE JUST ABOUT TOLERATED ENOUGH OF YOUR S****! YOU WILL DO NOTHING, STAY AWAY FROM THE MOTHER OF MY CHILD. WHAT YOU FAILED TO DO IN TEN YEARS, SHE DID IN TWO WEEKS. TOUCH HER IF YOU CAN STAND THE WAR THAT WILL COME TO YOU! WHORES! THREE CHILDREN OUT OF MARRIAGE AND YOU HAVE THE GUTS TO CALL SOMEONE ELSE A

WHORE.

Me: I'm sorry Mma, it was a mistake. I am sorry.

Nomandla: You've always been jealous of me, I am your sister. And you have just stabbed me in the back. You will live to regret this. [they leave]

Me: [I felt numb and went to my room. I laid on the bed and I cried my eyes out. My life is hard God.]

Sine: Ngelosi yam, Muntu. Please don't cry like this please.

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I just cried until my heart was settled, I slept and

woke up twice crying. He begged and begged but it didn't matter. The next morning, I woke up and his mother plus sister had come to beg. For the sake of the old woman. I got out of bed and bathed, then opened the door. They were sitting in the corridor, his mother stood up as I opened the door. This woman's senses I respect, Fikile kept staring at my swollen face. Sine was nowhere near.

Fikile: Please do not abort this child, please.

Mma'bele: I will raise the child if you don't want it, please don't kill it.

Me: where is Sine?

Mma'bele: He was grieved that you refused to see him and that you'd abort our only hope. Please I beg you to not abort this baby.

Me: I won't abort this baby, Nomandla and everyone is angry but they'll get used to it with time.

Fikile: [in disbelief] your helper made food for you, come and eat. I will be here from time to time to check on you.

Mma'bele: Please do not abort this baby, I have spoken to my brother and we will pay all the damages.

Me: [they accompanied me to the living room where, I was served and I ate.]

#Sinethemba

Oh please, I don't regret anything. Fikile's connection has been good to me, Nomandla doesn't want to sign the divorce papers and now that the

news of my unborn baby. I left for my training for the new territory with my heart bleeding because I left Nompilo crying. I didn't know what to do with how I felt. I cannot afford for her to adort our baby. People attacked us because Madam popped the news to everyone who cares, right then someone posted Mpilo's car and it was vandalised. That hurt me a lot and made me focus on work more. As I was about to have my lunch, my phone rang. It was the minister from Church.

Minister: Morning, brother Sine.

Me: I know why you are calling me, I am leaving Nomandla no matter what. This marriage is not working it never worked.

Minister: what is God saying about you?

Me: wonderful my son, you should have done it a

long time ago.

Minister: I have spoken to Nompilo and she is going to do the right as God will help her.

Me: Listen stay away from Mpilo, stop condemning people God did not condemn. Please just stop stressing her out.

Minister: Your wife and children need you back home, please drop whatever you are doing in that hostel and come home. Your wife has realized her mistakes so please come home and witness it.

Me: thanks for your concern but I am busy. [I hung up and called Fikile] Sesi.

Fikile: It's not looking good Buti, the entire family was here yesterday and everyone wants her to

abort this baby. She has been sleeping the whole day since the ministers came as well. I don't know, she is not even talking. Its bad, just get back to Nomandla because she will drive Nompilo to early depression then we all can forget about any baby.

Me: can I speak to her? Her phone is off.

Fikile: Okay.

Me: [I heard her moving and entering a room. She begged Nompilo to take the call. I just heard her sniffing] Ngelos i yam, Nompilo please speak to me.

Nompilo: I have decided to abort this baby tomorrow morning, I can't stand the rain. My boss is threatening to fire me, my family and church has disowned me. I can't handle this fire, its too hot.

Fikile: [alarmed] No Mpilo, Hilda call the ambulance.

Nompilo: [crying] this baby never had a chance.

Me: what is happening over there?

Fikile: She's bleeding, she is having a miscarriage.

Me: [those words cut deep, my enemies have conquered, I bowed my head and tears just streamed down] Okay. [I ended the call and went back to work. As we were working, it started to rain heavily to an extent that it started to flood. So they sent us transport to take us home, when I got to the deport. I drove to Nomandla's house, her kids just stared at me with hatred and I didn't even care. I entered the front door and she stood up from her seat] Greetings.

Nomandla: Welcome home, my love. Let me make you some food to eat.

Me: [I looked at the crowd that had gathered against me, then proceeded to the guest bedroom. I set on the bed and my entire body ached.]

Mma'madi: You did good by coming back home, it was never going to work. John's people are coming to take their bride tomorrow. Nompilo clearly needs a man. How was your work training? Did it go well?

Me: [I looked at her and said nothing. I heard the church people coming into the house. They made the living room a church. I was not interested in anything, I couldn't figure out what is what. I laid on the bed and closed my eyes. I don't know how but I met my late father] Baba.

His father: My spirit is not at rest, why are you in

this house? Get out of this house.

Me: Baba I don't know what to do, everything is complicated.

His father: Tell your mother to do a ceremony, marry her. This child has to be born in the right surname. Get up and go.

Me: Baba I c.....[I felt someone's hand and woke up. I jumped off the bed, as I realized there was no one else in the room. I reached for the car keys and got out of the room. I went outside, the car didn't have wheels. Interesting, the gate was locked. Interesting. I unhooked the gate and got out. I hiked to Mpilo's house, as I walked through the door. My mother and sister were sitting there discouraged] Baba appeared to me, he said that Mma must do a ceremony and I must marry her.

Mma'bele: [chuckles] even in death you put things in order. Get me water and white sugar. Bring Mpilo here.

Me: [Hilda went for the sugar and water while I went to Nompilo's room. Her face was swollen, I scooped her up in her sleep and took her to the living room. She woke up I wanted to place her down] Let's kneel here.

Nompilo: You can't be here.

Mma'bele: [as they kneel before her] Today I bless this union, [sprinkles water on them] You will be fruitful in everything you do, you will have male and female children. Nothing shall come between you two and prosper. I bless you. [pours the water and sugar on top of their heads] you may stand.

Wrong but Right Path

#Insert6

I didn't understand this ceremony, I have never seen it before. I helped her get up from the floor and set on the couch. She didn't have words, she just cried and that alone hurt me. I comforted her and forced her to eat something. We didn't have a miscarriage, it was signs that she is just stressed out and it should not happen. Then I set with her on the couch, my mother started rubbing her eyes seriously so. Nompilo stepped out of stress and we all got alarmed. She complained that her eyes were burning. We poured her with water but she persisted. Then after some minutes, something strange happened. She was looking around which was weird for someone who's been blind for this while.

Nompilo: Are you okay Mma?

Mma'bele: You look so pretty in person, I thought I

would never see the light of day again.

Nompilo: Haaa Mma, you see?

Mma'bele: I see, Sine my son you have grown into your father. [looks at Fikile] you have really grown.

Me: Let this blessing be forever.

Mma'bele: the thought of not seeing my second generation has always been an issue for me.

Nompilo, you are not going to abort this baby. If it requires me to follow you everywhere, I will do so.

Nompilo: Wow. We thank God. [stands up and goes to the kitchen]

Nomandla: [enters the house] You couldn't wait to

come and continue your affair?

Mma'bele: Let me guess this is Nomandla, are you not tired of pulling my son down? Are you not tired of breaking his confidence? But then like mother like daughter. Tell her Madi. Your father didn't die, he ran away with another woman. Stop stressing my daughter in law, she doesn't deserve it.

Nomandla: what's this? Your son married me n.....

Mma'bele: Who received you into the Mtimande's? According to the nation of the Mtimande's you don't exist. We never made you a ceremony of acceptance, that's why the second you married my son, everything in his life stopped functioning. Allow my son to have his peace.

Nomandla: You were sick, we couldn't b.....

Fikile: I need to head home now, Mma watch Mpilo please. [takes her bag and leaves]

Nomandla: [kneels before Sine] I am sorry baby, I did a lot of things and now I realize that I need you in my life. I need you, please come home and let's start over.

Me: stop acting crazy and speaking to me like your coming off a tree. Cut all ties with your bad behaviour. Its the only way for this marriage to work.

Nomandla: Yes my Lord.

Me: [as much as there is confusion everywhere, I loved her for years and breaking ties is not simple] stop fighting with Mpilo please, she deserves to have a break. Please.

We talked for the first time, I don't believe in traditional stuff. We left Mpilo's house, my mother refused to come. She told me that she would rather go to her sister's house. That was okay, Nompilo supported the idea of us working things out. We drove back to the house and she was in the mood for intimacy but I was just too tired to even think. I told her that we should take things one step at a time. The next three weeks, I did not have time for anything. It was work and work plus more work. As I came home from the camp. I called Fikile because she has not been taking my calls for about 2 weeks now. She picked up.

Fikile: what do you want?

Me: hoaw are we fighting?

Fikile: Enjoy your honeymoon and leave me alone.
Goodbye [hangs up]

Me: [as I was entering the yard I went to the garden side and heard them talking.]

Nomandla: It worked wonders, the stupid took the bait. I doubt she will ever think of my husband again after this. She will run away each time she sees a married man.

Her: But you must know that it might kill her, that will raise suspicions.

Nomandla: I know my husband, I will cover it up if it results in death. I mean that would be a bonus.

Her: I can't believe you hate her that much, you came from the same womb.

Me: Honey I'm Home. [she turned and hung up] I am

so tired, I could use a hot meal.

Nomandla: the pots are in the kitchen, I am sure you can whip something for yourself.

Me: [She was jumpy, I went inside the house and noticed some male items in the house. I went to the closet and Peter jumped out. I chuckled. She walked into the room] SIGN THE DAMN DIVORCE PAPERS! RIGHT NOW! [I broke a glass and threatened to kill her lover. She took the papers out and signed them. I took them and left the house. I am tired of being stupid, I went straight to the hostel. I faxed the signed divorce papers. Then received a call from Fikile.] wh.....

Fikile: Mma wants to see you, we are at Nompilo's house.

Me: Okay I am on my way. [it was late but I had to

go. Took a cab and went to Nompilo's house. The second I walked through the door. Nompilo was on the floor vomiting foam] what's happening here? Call an ambulance.

Mma'bele: see your wonderful deeds? See them. You are a disgrace to your entire lineage, I am ashamed to say you are my son. On my husband's honour you are not my son.

Me: [I picked Nompilo up, the smell of her foam vomit was familiar. I took ginger and milk plus lemon. I forced the mixture into her mouth and as she swallowed. She started vomiting black things and lastly a huge blood clot. Then she coughed and I gave her the mixture again. She vomitted everything out. Then remained weak on my shoulder, it hurt shames. She didn't want to eat anything.] Please forgive me for leaving, I finally signed the contract, I am not going to leave you again.

Mma'bele: Mpilo, eat something please.

Me: [she didn't talk, she just cried. Fikile left with my mother and we were left together. I wiped her tears and watched her sleeping. She was beautiful in her sleep. I stayed awake the whole night and in the morning around 3am, she woke up and I accompanied her to the bathroom. Then we passed the kitchen, where she ate two muffins and drunk orange juice. Then went to her room, she didn't want me coming into her room. She left the door open so I could see her. Around 6am, my mother and Mma'Madi arrived] please don't wake her up, sleeping was a challenge.

Mma'Madi: You have really broken the last relation between them, Mfana. I need to see her, how's she doing?

Me: [we heard something falling, I rushed to her room. She was in the ensuit, her hands were shivering. She was trying to pour water to brush her teeth.] I will do it for you. [I made her sit on top of the toilet and brushed her teeth and helped her rinse out the colgate. Then helped her wash her face and took her to the room. I made the bed and went with her to the living room.] what would like to eat?

Nompilo: Nothing, I am fine. [lies on the couch, staring out the window]

Mma'Madi: this is bad, Nompilo? Mpilo?

Nompilo: [continues to look outside.]

Me: [I brought her cornflakes and yoghurt] Ngelosi eat something please.

Nompilo: I'm fine, I am not hungry. I am fine.

Wrong but Right Path

#Insert7

She just continued to stare outside the window and just cry. This entire thing has Nomandla written all over it. She stopped crying and battled breathing. My mother ordered that we give her sugar water, it calmed her down but she was still crying. Everyone left us and I begged, prayed. I tried everything to get her to at least eat something, she felt guilty and the things that were on the net about her, the texts from the church. She was basically stressed out and I didn't know how to comfort her. The next week was hard because she stayed in her room. I removed the door because she would lock herself inside just to cry. I couldn't work or do anything, all I did was think, eat and breath worrying about her. As I was sitting in the living room, I heard something falling. I went to her room and she had hung herself. I picked

her up quickly, I removed the rope on her neck.

Me: [emotional] Nompilo, please step out of it. I can't bare to see you like this please. I am here we can figure it out together.

Nompilo: YOU DON'T WHAT ITS LIKE! EVERYONE HATES ME, I AM THE WHORE INFRONT OF PEOPLE. MY LIFE IS RUINED! WHAT KIND OF LIFE IS THIS? I AM TIRED!

Me: NAMI I AM TIRED! I AM TIRED OF YOU MOPPING AROUND THIS HOUSE, CRYING AND WISHING FOR DEATH TO COME TO YOU. I AM TIRED OF LOVING SOMEONE WHO IS TOO DEPRESSED TO SEE HERSELF THE WAY I DO. LOOK I DON'T CARE ABOUT ANYTHING IN THIS WORLD APART FROM YOU AND THIS PREGNANCY. YOU ARE THE SUN IN MY SKY AND I CAN'T AFFORD TO LOSE YOU. I'M SORRY NOMPILO! I'M SORRY THAT EACH TIME I'M WITH YOU I FEEL

LIKE I AM SOMEONE, I AM SORRY THAT YOUR
GOING TO BIRTH MY BABY. I'M SORRY BUT IF YOU
ARE GOING TO KILL YOURSELF, KILL ME FIRST
BECAUSE I WON'T BE ABLE TO HANDLE LOSING
YOU. EVERYONE IS AGAINST US, YOU ARE NOT
ALONE. I AM HERE WITH YOU, WE ARE GOING
THROUGH IT TOGETHER.

Nompilo: [faints]

Me: [I went to the kitchen with her and poured water
on her face] Please eat something, it's been over 8
days. You can survive but our child is dying of
hunger. Please, even if it's one slice of bread. [I
made her cornflakes and fed her one spoon at a
time] one more spoon and you'll be done.

Nompilo: I'm full.

Me: You've only taken just ten spoons, please

Ngelosi yam or should I say cupcake? Please eat something my heart, please.

Nompilo: Your going to make me fat.

Me: [we fought while I got her fed. After two bowls, she was sleepy. I laid her on the couch and watched her sleeping. She's gotten so thin and looking at her is just painful. I placed a blanket over her body. As I was getting some work done on her laptop, I received a call from the mighty Nomandla.] You've reached Sinethemba.

Nomandla: I can explain, please let's just meet up and talk.

Me: We have nothing to discuss, you tried to kill my flesh and blood. If there was anything between us, consider it dead. You have put me down so many times and now it's pay back time.

Nomandla: So what your going to fall in love with her?

Me: she doesn't know it but she is all I think about thanks to you. Your poison and social Media nonsense has brought me closer to her so thank you. The more you make her hurt, the more I just want to reach out to her. You have turned the world against her and my heart towards her, you are doing a great job continue. [suddenly she started chocking in her sleep, I dropped everything and made her sit up. I shook her until she woke up, I gave her a glass of water]

Nompilo: I dreamed that someone was trying to feed me, I refused. Am I being bewitched? Has God given up on me?

Me: God is with us, what should I get you to eat?

Nompilo: [chuckles then laughs with tears streaming down] Your trying to make me fat, yoooh. I just ate a few minutes ago yoh.

Me: eating is not a bad thing, your figure will look perfect if you eat. [hearing her laugh was just wonderful, with her things are not difficult. She is an open book and disrespect doesn't come with that book. I made her ice-cream and cookies] I am sure you can eat this.

Nompilo: [takes the bowl and starts eating.] thanks for your support, I don't know how to survive this but I don't want to kill you.

Me: I just want you to be better, people will say and think whatever, this baby is not a mistake. You know that I have been begging for a child for years now. You know conceiving this child continues to

bless me, I feel like there is a God.

Nompilo: You shouldn't be divorcing her if you still hope and believe in your love for her.

Me: I don't remember the last time, I loved your sister. I came back to her house and found Peter inside the closet nude. This is not the first time, I want someone who can just be faithful. Someone who will not make me feel like an extra, I miss feeling like someone loves me.

Nompilo: It's nothing marriage therapy will not fix.

Me: Done that and it doesn't work. You know that the past 8 years your sister has been sleeping with Peter on plain sight while I hustle for money to buy myself basics.

Nompilo: I understand you are hurt but you should allow yourself to heal first.

Me: Let's just not talk about this anymore.

#Nompilo

who would have thought that I would find myself being a home breaker? This pregnancy that everyone wants me to abort, is such a blessing. Even if I desire to abort it there are people who want to see this baby born at all costs. It's hard to say this but Sine is different. For the past week his been living with me and honestly, he was there in my darkest hour. I fear that I am falling in love with his tenderness, with his person. He fixes everything inside the house and sleeps in the corridor watching me all night.

John's mother has been sending me whats apps and telling me that she wants me to be her daughter

in law. I am glad that someone else is going there, I mean this woman wants to initiate me into her stuff. As I was getting dressed, Sine walked through the door.

Sine: We need to see a doctor about our pregnancy treatment.

Me: Okay but I don't want to go to normal clinic.

Sine: My payment came in this morning, I am taking you to the best doctor in town.

Me: [he set on the bed and I finished. He picked up my handbag, wow this guy? He opened the door for me to get inside the car. The tank was full, we drove to a private and very expensive hospital. We went to reception and a doctor came to fetch us] this must cost a fortune.

Sine: It's part of my work medical aid, I added you and our baby to it.

Doctor: please get onto the bed, we need to do an ultra sound. To see how the baby is doing.

Me: [I felt excited and emotional at the same time. I got onto the bed and she placed gel on my stomach. She then placed the device, I saw my baby on the screen. Nothing else mattered, Sine squeezed my hand and kissed my forehead.]

Doctor: the only thing I see is the baby is not growing accordingly, which means your stressing or not doing something right. I am setting our appointment for next week, if I don't see an improvement I am admitting you.

Wrong but Right Path

#Insert8

He helped me off the bed and she gave me a diet plan. She advised that I shouldn't take any pills due to their after effects. Then gave us pictures and a video of our baby. From there Sine took me to the market where he bought everything on the diet list in abundance. Then we went to the mall, which I was not comfortable with. He held my hand and we went into a very expensive store, I could never wear or even enter that store on a good day. He bought me maternity dresses and pants, shoes. Then we set down at a restaurant and he ordered for us.

Me: You are spending a lot on me and that's wrong.

Sine: the mother of my child deserves no less, I have been begging for a long time so please allow me spend from my heart?

Nomandla: From your heart neh? While your wife

and children are suffering.

Sine: now I know how other men feel when they are about to be fathers. Its an amazing feeling.

Nomandla: Mma asked you two to be present at the Christmas lunch.

Sine: we will discuss it when we get home and let you know.

Nomandla: where do you get money to shop like this? This is expensive clothing.

Me: [she looked through the bags and gave me the evil eye. Honestly I focused on my food and didn't say a word. They have never cared about me why go to their lunch. She set down beside me and made me look at her]

Nomandla: Please leave my husband for me, please.

Sine: [holds Mpilo's hand] Ngelosiyam, I was thinking that we should take you to a salon. Fresh hair and nails, in fact I am taking you there.

Me: [at that moment I made an important realisation, I shouldn't ruin myself because of self pity and being bullied. He paid the bill and helped me out of my chair. Then took me to the salon. They did my hair and nails while he patiently waited for me, John would have left the second I got in there chair. He would just say that its a female thing and what will his friends say. We spent an hour in the salon, then went to the car] thank you, I appreciate it.

Sine: I know a lot is happening everywhere but Can you be my woman officially? Not this baby Mama thing.

Me: if you are sure that you are done with my sister, we can try.

Sine: I don't believe in the right time wrong time thing but out of my heart I want to you to hold on to this. You are not some whore to me, neither am I dating you. I am settled with you, I will go out there and work to do the proper thing but for now hold on to this small token.

Me: [tears streamed down, it was the exact ring that admired and John told me its ugly.] Is it okay for me to fit it? [he placed it on my hand and everything like doubt, self condemnation jumped out the window. Nomandla had her chance, I will not ruin mine] its beautiful.

Sine: [kisses her hand] we are together in this storm, don't give up on me.

Me: [I just nodded while admiring my hand, first man to take me that serious. I felt so honoured, he drove us home. We found my aunt and uncle over there. He opened the door for me and helped me out. Opened the door and I went inside. My uncle and aunt followed me.] Greetings.

Her aunt: So this is serious? You people are continuing with this disgrace.

Sine: With all due respect, don't speak to her like that. I got tired of supporting another man's wife and kids. I think I deserve to have mine don't you think? Ngelosi sit down please, you've been standing a lot.

Me: [I sat down and he brought me fruits to eat, while he brought the stuff we bought into the house, I am tired of being judged shame. I am not going to

let it affect me anymore] You can't spend the night here, we are not attending the Christmas lunch this year.

Her uncle: we will leave in the morning, Is there no food in this house?

Me: [I tried to get off the couch and Sine gave me the ♦️don't you dare♦️ look. I stayed put] there is food but no one to cook it.

Her aunt: is that an answer? Pregnancy is not a disability that you should now disrespect people. You're a chi.....

Sine: Since no one in this room has ever carried a Mtimande before, I suggest we calm down. [goes to the kitchen and comes back with cookies with coffee, they sit down and eat] I am preparing your water, bathing will make you relax.

Me: Okay. [I think pregnancy is wonderful so far. He ran me a bath and helped me get off the couch. I went to take a long bath with bubbles. As my water got cold, I got out and washed the bath. As I got to the room, my clothes were on the bed. I lotioned and got dressed. Then decided to nap, I woke up 30mins later to my phone] Hello.

Mma'Maggie: Koti, how are you?

Me: [I looked at the phone to confirm who I am talking to. Only one person calls me Koti. This was a huge surprise] I'm fine and you.

Mma'Maggie: Are you coming this side for Christmas?

Me: Your daughter in law will be there.

Mma'Maggie: the wedding did not hold, J ohn wants to be with you and no one else.

Sine: Cupcake, your favourite soapie is on.

Mma'Maggie: who's that?

Me: My fiance, sorry to hear about your son but I am staying home this Christmas. Goodbye. [I hung up and went to the living room. It was now a full house with my cousins there as well. I set in my favourite chair and could tell that their chests were full.] Is Mma coming?

Sine: I don't know, she doesn't speak to me remember?

Me: [I took my phone and in came Fikile, plus

Mma'bele] I was just about to call you, I thought you forgot us.

Mma'bele: Hayibo! Koti. You look so bright, when did this one happen?

Me: this morning.

Mma'bele: I should tell his uncles to get our cows in order. I went to the village and our cows have multiplied. Some are even pregnant as we speak, it was refreshing. I brought you cheese and Milk. Fikile is hosting Christmas this year.

Fikile: its very stressful, I can't even keep anything down.

Me: Sine won't allow me touch anything, his installing laziness. These are my cousins, Lihle and

Mary and my uncle and aunt. They came for the Christmas that's being held by Mma'Madi and Nomandla.

Mma'bele: No daughter of mine is going there, you know mos? Your not going there.

Wrong but Right Path

#Insert9

We had dinner lunch and Fikile left with Mma. Sine's mother is so unbelievable, I don't even feel that she is not my mother. She covers all the corners. As the day progressed, I slept properly and woke up during the night, I turned on the light and indeed it was on my hand. I admired the ring on my finger, I thanked God for this revelation. The next morning, I woke up to an empty house. Sine had cleaned. I checked the time and it was 11am. I woke up and bathed got dressed then found Sine on the laptop

working.

Me: Morning. What time did everyone leave?

Sine: Nomandla fetched them last night, you know how she is. Your breakfast is in the fridge.

Me: Okay. [I went to the fridge and started cooking because we were staying in. as I finished and dished up. We started eating my mother walked through the opened door] Morning.

Mma'Madi: so this is true, you are getting married without your mother's knowledge.

Me: I never knew that you were my mother, Nomandla has always been your baby. We don't have a relationship which I tell you such things.

Sine: [eating] greetings.

Mma'Madi: Your grandparent said I should come and fetch you. They want to see you.

Me: I will see them tomorrow, I have plans today. The Mtimande's are expecting me, I can't disappoint them. [we continued to eat and we got up. I placed everything in the dish washer and we locked up and left her outside my yard. Sine dropped me off by Fikile's place. It was weird being there but Mma appeared] Morning Mma.

Mma'bele: [takes off her doek and covers her shoulders] Hello Koti, Fikile is that side busy.

Me: [she held my hand and introduced me to the who'se who in the family. Then I met Sine's grandfather who was still alive. He looks like Sine.]

His grandfather: I need to speak to Sine, when are we going to her people?

Mma'bele: that is why I came home, she is the younger sister of Nomandla.

His grandfather: I see, they will make us bleed.

Me: [I went to where fikile and the others were seated. I chopped veggies with them while they discussed and laughed. I am not a social person so I didn't mind. I don't know where Sine came from or when he arrived but he was upset] I was trying to make myself useful.

Sine: completely but your uncle, mother are on their way here. We need to go.

His grandfather: Let them come. Koti dress her in a

blanket.

Me: [I knew that the storm that was coming to us was going to ruin everything, his mother opened a brand new blanket and wrapped me with it. Within a few minutes four cars parked. Yoooh]

Her uncle: what nonsense is this!? Why are you here Nompilo!? Get up and get inside that car before I lose it.

His uncle: Take her.

Me: [my entire body shook, Sine's eyes were full of tears. They forced me onto their car and we drove to my mother house. When we arrived and I stepped off the car, One look at me and my grandfather stood up]

Her grandfather: Wuuuu, this is not right.

Mma'Madi: Wena so called concubine, get inside the house.

Neighbour: Where did you get the blanket and doek? Who dressed you?

Me: [everyone was laughing at me and angry]
Sinethemba's mother. [the old man just raised his hands in the air and placed them on top of his head while whistling.] I'm sorry.

Her grandmother: You need to take her back and ask for forgiveness. These people have been understanding and tolerated Nomandla's nonsense. They have compensated themselves, we should be thanking Nompilo for wiping away our shame. If they do not accept her, we have to pay to wash their name because we have disgraced them and give

them the money they paid on Nomandla's head.

Me: [they took me back into the car and we drove back to Fikile's house. There was no one there and the gates were locked. I called Sine and he didn't pick. I couldn't help myself, tears streamed down. We drove back to the my parent's house. My grandfather was passing around]

Her uncle: we found no one at their house, Sine is not taking our calls as well.

Me: [I got off the car and behind the house. Set On the grass, I just faced the wall. Lihle came from the house with a plate of food] I'm fine thank you, I ate.

Her grandmother: [comes behind Lihle] Come on, get up. You can't sit here alone come.

Me: [as I tried to stand up, I felt a sharp pain on my abdomen. Then blood rushed down my legs. I looked at it and just teared up]

Her grandmother: [panicking] Lihle get your uncle, be quick.

Me: [my uncle and everyone came outside, I was just numb. They opted to take me to the local clinic and I refused] Your will is done, my baby never had a chance. Celebrate! Throw a party, Merry Christmas! Hurrey! [I limped out of the yard and stopped a taxi, I got inside. It took me to my house, I arrived and Hilda noticed the bleeding] My baby never had a chance, everyone wanted to breathe down my throat.

Hilda: You have to see a doctor Madam please, this could ruin your womb.

Me: which womb? Do I have a womb? I am going to bath. Get me a bottle of wine, make it two bottles infact. [I went into the bathroom and washed off the blood while crying]

#MadiHousehold

A celebration has turned into a funeral, guilt stands on Mma'madi and Nomandla's path, they can't believe that they actually murdered an innocent soul and landed the entire family in trouble. They now have to figure out where they are going to get 100000 for the Mtimande's. This is a huge stress on top of everything.

Mary: what did you gain Mandla? What did you gain? Mpilo has always looked up to you but you hated her guts. Mark this day, in all the cruelty in the world you killed the only thing that she has been desiring for years. Someone who supported your children, you killed her only child.

Lihle: Mary this is not the time.

Mary: Nobody in this room is going to say it mos? Everyone is ignoring the problem. Nomandla never loved Sine, the poor guy was a slave to her while she made babies with Peter. Now this, you murdered him but it was condoned by aunty.

Her grandmother: It's okay Mary, we need to figure out a way forward.

Mary: That will not bring back the baby will it? Pay the Mtimande's, I hope Sine sues you for breach of promise nx!.

Sine: [walks through the front door with his veins popping out] Greetings, Can I see Nompilo? [they all stare at him with pity] is she here?

Lihle: she had a miscarriage.

Sine: [looks at the faces in the room and end up on Nomandla. Then looks at her uncle] Okay. [turns around and leaves]

Wrong but Right Path

#Insert10

I felt angry at the world and felt like everyone abandoned me. I didn't bother going to the doctor, I just took two glasses of wine. Then booked myself into a resort out of town. I went there to rest and see new people. I couldn't forget because my stomach is just growing. I switched off my phone and all devices. I spent my new years there and fortunately had to come back due to my office opening on the second week of Jan. my flight was late so I had to go to the office straight. Kerrin

called me to his office.

Me: Happy new year Boss.

Kerrin: You never call me boss, I missed you.

Me: [I laughed] New year resolution is that we will not fight.

Kerrin: I don't know the clients always make us fight.

Me: we will resist the devil and he will flee.

Kerrin: Your sister called me, she said something about they cannot reach you and I also could not reach you. Where did you go?

Me: I took myself to the shore and allowed the

breeze under my weave.

Kerrin: I see you even gained wait.

Me: I'm happy, let's chat later lots to do. [I went to my office and started my phone. The minute my phone turned on a call came through] This is Nompi.

Sine: Can I come wherever you are? Can I see you please?

Me: I am at work, make an appointment with my P.A.

Sine: Okay. [ends call]

Me: [speaking to him reminded me of stress. I listened to my voice messages and he was telling me that baby or not, he still wants to continue,

apologizing for everything. They were too many voice messages for one to listen to. I did my work and even forgot about lunch. I knocked off early and went to my house. It looked like I haven't been there in a while. I walked through the door and Hilda rushed to my side. We shared a hug] happy new year.

Hilda: You just switched off and didn't even call to say you are okay.

Me: I am fine now, ready to take on the world.

Hilda: a lot happened while your aw.....

Sine: It felt like death. Not having you around felt like death. Never do that again please.

Me: [he had lost weight but looked monied. He had

strange car keys, he came over and hugged me really tight. As he was hugging me, I felt something moving in my stomach. It was so strange] okay.

Sine: [kisses her cheeks and forehead, then breaks their embrace] I missed you.

Me: [his cologne, watch, shoes. Its like I was seeing someone different] you look made.

Sine: I was promoted to site manager some weeks again. I had to change my wardrobe rapidly. I missed you though, I missed everything about you

Me: [he hugged me again and the movement continued this time more than once. I laughed, what is happening to me? I really need to see a doctor] how have you been?

Sine: sad without you, I missed you so much. Mma feels bad about what happened that day and the news that you apparently had a miscarriage worsened everything. I'm sorry I wasn't there, I am sorry that you probably felt abandoned. I am sorry for everything that went down.

Me: [I wasn't listening to his speech but the movement within me, it was scary because I haven't slept with anyone since.] I understand don't worry about it.

Sine: I love you and I don't want to ever be apart from you again.

Me: I don't want drama, its not healt....[he just kissed me and that alone made me weak. I couldn't be bold for anything in this world. He picked me up and we ended up in the room, this man mara. 4 hours in the storm of passion, he received a call from work and told them he'd come in an hour. He

gave us one more hour, then got dressed and left. I don't know I smelt like his cologne. I went bath and the movement was continuing. I changed and drove myself to a surgery, the second the doctor saw me, he already knew what was going on]

Doctor: You do know the importance of pre-natal treatment right or atleast a healthy diet right?

Me: Am I pregnant?

Doctor: [examines her] two months pregnant and some weeks. Can you please give this child the right vitamins? It shows on your medical record that you missed your doctor's appointment. I am calling her to tell her that you are coming to see her right?

Me: Okay.

Doctor: Great, tomorrow morning. [signs her report and send her to the reception]

Me: [I paid and drove back to the house, Sine was already pacing around] Am I missing something?

Sine: You needed a doctor and didn't tell me. What did the doctor say? Is everything okay?

Me: Can we go to the room? [he followed me and we shut the door] I never had a miscarriage according to my medical report. As you were hugging me before you left, I was feeling movements in my stomach so I went to check. We are basically two months and some weeks in. I would like to keep this a closet secret until I pass four months. I don't want to stress.

Sine: God is so wonderful, I won't tell a soul. Our doctor is expecting us tomorrow morning 8am

sharp. Call work and tell them your going to be a bit late please. [looking out the window] we have visitors.

Me:[I checked and saw Nomandla's car, that drained me. Sine wasn't even about to entertain her or anyone. I went to the living room while he remained. Nomandla, our mother and grandparents had come] this a surprise, to what do I owe this visit?

Her grandmother: We heard that you are back and had to see you. How are you two doing?

Me: I am fine, I have to see a doctor for cleaning tomorrow otherwise I am fine.

Her grandfather: we spoke to the Mtimande's about everything and paid their fines. Is that Sinethemba's car parked outside?

Me: Yes, hi.....

Sine: [comes from the room, irritated] I want to rush to the site now, do you need anything?

Me: No, just tomorrow's appointment. [he nodded, kissed my forehead and left. No greeting, nothing] hope you had a great new year's.

Nomandla: [kneels before her] I would like to apologize for the way I behaved and everything that I did that contributed to you taking off into thin air like that. I realize that I was wrong and angry for nothing, I would like us to continue as sisters and would love to have you at my traditional wedding in a few weeks time.

Me: Its too soon Mandla, I still in the recovery mode. When I am ready to see all of you, I will visit for now please leave my house with all due respect. Hilda

please lock the gate. [I left them there and went to my room. I set until they left my house, I called Sine] Baby.

Sine: that has a nice ring to it, what's on your mind?

Me: Nothing just feeling like I need someone, seeing Mandla and having her apologize just rocked me upside down.

Wrong but Right Path

#Insert11

After speaking to him, I received peace and slept. The next morning, I woke up to someone kissing my forehead and his cologne spoke to me. I got out of bed, went into the shower, then it was time to go. I was nervous about seeing the doctor again. He must have noticed it because he held my hand. When we arrived, she took tests and a few scans.

She wasn't happy from her facial expression.

Doctor: I am admitting you, its the only way I can ensure this baby gets to be delivered. Your stress levels are sky high and they need to calm down. Your body had sent out two miscarriage warning, the next one will definitely be a miscarriage.

Me: I'm sorry.

Doctor: Your sorry doesn't do anything for this baby in your womb, the nonsense you have been eating and alcohol shows here. The baby is under developed by now he should be kicking but his still trying to make room and explore his surroundings. I don't want to fight with you so don't make me. Do the right thing.

Me: [I noded, she did an ultra sound. We saw our tiny baby, moving a bit. Then she gave me the diet

list again. We went to the market and bought the things. Then he just stared at me in silence] I already apologized, it won't happen again.

Sine: I love you Nompilo, I don't want anyone close to you and I don't even know what to do with myself. I am sensitive about you two. You're the most important persons in my life, I don't care what she says, no apology will ever be enough. She poisoned you and that for me is a point of no return. I'm sorry but as far as your family is concerned I am out.

Me: You have every right to feel that way, it's okay. [he drove me to work and took me inside, he was holding my handbag. He kissed my forehead and went his way. As I set down for just two minutes, my mother walked into my office] Greetings.

Mma'Madi: I see now that this thing between you and Sine has nothing to do with you being pregnant for him. I realize that I have wronged you a lot my

baby and I need to humble myself before you. I am sorry for everything, I missed all your life.

Me: [those are the words I thought I would never hear from her but I held back because I don't trust her for anything] Okay, I have a lot of work to do.

Mma'Madi: Please stop fighting with your sister, you're the only children I have. I need you people to get along.

Me: If this is about her traditional wedding I will be there don't worry.

Mma'Madi: Thank you so much, my baby. Let me leave you to work. [leaves her office]

Me: [the second she left, I felt a sharp pain on my abdomen. I called my PA and she called emergency

services. The pain continued to an extent that I
battled breathing. Sine entered with Mma'bele.
Tears were forming] I'm in pains Themba.

Mma'bele: can I? [she nods, she touches her
stomach]Mtimande, go back to your position.

Me: [just like that, I felt the movement and the pain
disappeared.] the pain is gone.

Mma'bele: You need to speak to him each time you
visit Themba, his at the time where he can hear.
Speak to him otherwise this will be a very horrible
pregnancy for you two.

Me: thank you Mma.

Mma'bele: so where did you go? When are we
seeing your people?

Me: I went to a resort to clear my head, I don't know.
Is everything cleared now?

Sine: Yeah, everything is fine. We will discuss the lobola thing first and get back to you Mma. You've seen her, can we get some private time please.

Mma'bele: I'm gone. [leaves the room]

Me: [no one has ever done that one for me. With John his mother was the first wife in everything. He took off my shoes and gave me a foot massage]
Are you not meant to be discussing the Lobola thing with your people?

Sine: I am not marrying them, I still have to ask you, will you marry me? I mean what if you have other plans? Like not seeing it the way I do? Do you want to marry me? Do I qualify?

Me: Are you asking me to marry you sir?

Sine: Yes, do I need to kneel?

Me: [I laughed] I would marry you anyday of the week.

Sine: we will send a note to your uncle this evening.

Me: That quick? Don't you have to like meet with my uncles and discuss?

Sine: Why would I be discussing their duties with them? Hayi baby maan.

Me: [I set on the couch, he gave me a foot massage while I did my work, as I finished he carried me out

to the car. Took me out for lunch in a breakfast buffet place. Pretty much ate whatever I desired, people starred at us and he didn't care. I have never had a relationship with such intensity. My phone rang and I picked] Hello Malume.

Her uncle: The Mtimande's have sent word to us that they are requesting a date for your bridal price, what should we tell them?

Me:[Does it happen that fast?] when you are available.

Her uncle: there is a lot to discuss between us and them so we are setting it for this weekend. Things have to be right before you go there.

Me: Alright, I will hear from you.

Her uncle: When you see Sinethemba please tell him that I would like to speak to him. We all owe him a serious apology and as his our son, we need to make things right with both of you.

Me: I will tell him, bye. [I hung up and from his facial expression. I knew he was not going to sit down with them for any reason.] how did you find out about this place, the food here is amazing.

Sine: Don't even think of asking me please, lets not even consider it argument.

Me: After what the doctor said, I don't want to find myself anywhere near stress. I just want to eat, love and receive intimacy with love. The rest will be history.

Sine: do not say that out loud, its not nice coming from a woman.

Me: its my copying machanism, as for me its a basic need. It helps me escape stress and many things.

Sine: copying machanism that should be installed in the rest of our lives. When are you visiting my house? I have a house you know?

Me: the day you invite me, I will come.

Sine: [takes out keys] these are your keys to the gate and front door.

Me: Am I missing something here? I know this house, one of my clients owns it. He bought it three years ago. This house is worth about 4million now. Are you renting?

Sine: Baby you are asking a lot of questions at once.
I make money to spend it.

Wrong but Right Path

#Insert12

I went back to work and I know its not good but I looked into financial identity. Kerren broke me into his account. What I found there shocked me to the bone, according to his financial situation. He was never unemployed infact he is the owner of one of the richest oil companies. I took deep breathes, his bank statement was fat bro. He is the one who employed Nomandla and she doesn't even have a clue. I took copies and we closed it. The day was hard, I took deep breathes. I mean why would he remain poor for 8 good years, become a begger, for what? I knocked off and went to my house using a taxi, as I arrived. He called me.

Sine: Baby, you left me?

Me: We need to talk, I am at the house.

Sine: Is everything okay? [she hangs up]

Me: [I took a shower and wore pyjamas. He arrived and walked through my bedroom door. I threw the papers in his face] what is this? Why did you fool us into thinking that your a begger? For 8 years.

Sine: Please sit down, I can explain.

Me: [I took a seat] I am listening.

Sine: while working for this company, I bought shares in there and when the company became bankrupt I bought the founder out. Then as he

passed on, his sons fought me because they claimed their father was not in his right senses. So they blocked me out of the company and blacklisted me on the job market. I tried fighting but I didn't have the money for that and Nomandla wasn't about that life, she told me to get another job. That's how everything just down slopped. I could see money coming into my account but could not even touch the money. Every thing just turned on me but the day we came together. I received a call from the business legal and they told me that they were willing to help me. When we discovered that we were pregnant everything just opened up. Mma's eyes opened, ever since you came into my life things are moving. You two are my entire life. That house belongs to the company with everything in it. It's our home.

Me: when were you going to tell me?

Sine: I planned to tell you but you took off, its no

excuse I am sorry. I am sorry.

Me: I don't need your sorry. Excuse me, I'd like to be alone.

Sine: I should have told you, I'm sorry.

Me: if you are lying about this what else is there.

Sine: I bought you a ferrari for your belated birthday, I'm sorry.

Me: [I couldn't believe it] where is it?

Sine: Its been in your second garage since it arrived last year.

Me: [laughing] its a lie. [I rushed to outside and

remotely opened my second garage, My navy blue dream starred me in the face. Tears streamed down. I went back into the house and he was sitting at the edge of the bed thinking I am probably going to dump him or something] Baby askies, I didn't understand how you could be having such a bank balance and be unemployed.

Sine: I gave up on getting the company back, I settled for other jobs and got laid off. It's fine though, everytime we have an argument I fear that your going to change your mind about me. That scares and worries me.

Me: You are spending the night here right? [he looked at me confused] Mma said you must speak to our baby. [I left the room and went to the kitchen, I cooked for about 1 hour 30mins. I then dished up, I went into my room and he was fast asleep. I woke him up] Let's eat.

Sine: [wakes up, washes his hands and starts eating]
thank you.

Me: [he was just awfully quiet, that got me worried because I am not used to that. After eating I took the plates and went to the kitchen with them. As I place them in the washer, he come] Your leaving us?

Sine: I have back to back meetings tomorrow morning.

Me: or your upset at me and don't want to be around us. I get it, I love you. [I stood on my toes and initiated a kiss. He picked me up and we shared a kiss] I'm sorry baby.

Sine: I honestly really have to go home.

Me: Okay. [I grabbed my gown and phone. We drove

to his house together and his main bedroom. Had a fire place, it was warm. I got onto the bed because I was tired. I must have passed out because I woke up to him kissing my neck] Baby.

Sine: I miss you, sorry for waking you up.

Me: why were you upset?

Sine: Nomandla keeps sending me nude pictures and funny texts. I fear your going to give up on us.

Me: Don't worry, let her do whatever she wants. Let's just love each other. [we started kissing and his phone rang, it was Nomandla. I picked and she was moaning] Is this the woman who's getting married tomorrow? Wow.

Nomandla: why are you touching my husband's

phone?

Me: [I laughed] Why are you degrading yourself like this mara? This is my phone now and I would appreciate it if you stopped calling my person especially when we are about to do the deeds. Find somewhere else to play.

Nomandla: I had him first, he will always come to me.

Me: Oh I am sure he will come to you.

Nomandla: His my husband until death do us part, divorce does not mean anything. [hangs up]

Sine: Do not stress about this b.....

Me: I was right mos? We were about to do the deeds?

Sine: [chuckles] You and the deeds neh?

Me: Why you talking like you don't agree with me?
Wait why are we discussing this? I am pregnant and you vowed to provide for this baby right?

Sine: Baby maan! I just miss talking to you Mina.

Me: We'll talk after service, baby maan! [we laughed about it and we just snuggled then slept. The next morning around 4am, his phone rang then mine rang. We checked them to discover that it was my mother. It irritated me. I picked up] Mama ka Nomandla, its too early in the morning.

Mma'Madi: Nomandla had a miscarriage last night, we rushed her to the hospital. She is not coping, can you come and spe.....

Me: Ngisendodeni [I am with a man] I wish I could but I can't.

Mma'Madi: I am sure J ohn will understand.

Sine: [drops her call and pulls her close] It's 4am, what are we dying for?

Wrong but Right Path

#Insert13

#Apologies

We continued to sleep but I woke up because I wanted a bit of something you know. I tried waking him but he was dead with sleep. I left him a note and took a cab to my house. Then got inside my

new car. I drove to my mother's house Nomandla was sitting in the living room with our father, wow where did this person come from? He called me and I set opposite the, I was still wearing my gown so my baby was a bit comfortable.

Bab'madi: I see that leaving you people was a mistake, how do you fall pregnant for your sister's husband and expect us to just allow you marry that dirt bag? We must do a cleansing ceremony today to clean this nonsense out.

Me: with all due respect Baba, I didn't come here for a lecture. I came here to see why I was called to come down here.

Mma'madi: [brings the traditional bracelets] these are for you two.

Me: I am not going to partake in this madness, its

against my union and beliefs.

Mary: hey? How owns the Ferrari standing in the drive way?

Me: Birthday present from bae. It drives like heaven, muntu.

Mary: Which bae? John bought you that car?

Me: [I waved my engagement ring in her face] its not to decorate my hand this one, I actually accepted an invite.

Mma'madi: You have no shame, you are shameless. Your sister just suffered a miscarriage and you are blabbing about that rubbish.

Me: I don't care what you think Mma, you have always favoured Nomandla forever and for the first time I got it all together and your trying to stress me out? Forget it no! [my phone rang and I stepped out] Mma.

Mma'bele: what seems to be the problem? Are you okay?

Me: I am fine Mma. Everything is okay, I think.

Mma'bele: I don't feel you right my baby please don't eat until we see each other.

Me: Yebo Mma. [I hang up and as I went back the table was full of food. I had intense cravings but my hunger disappeared when I saw the gravy. I rushed to the bathroom and vomitted. When I came back they had dished up for me. I set down and I felt like the food smelt rotten.] I'm sorry Mma.

Nomandla: You shouldn't have allowed my mother cook if you were not interested.

Me: [I rushed to the bathroom again and went back. I went to the car, inside my handbag I have ginger. I licked the ginger and my phone rang]

Sine: Are we fighting?

Me: If you feel that you don't have time to entertain me please do not invite me to your house.

Sine: Please calm down and speak to me in a language I can understand.

Me: Your child is making me crave things neh, if you going to sleep off like a dead man you should have told me to hire a prostitute because you are clearly

failing to perform your duties. Mxm why are you calling me vele?

Sine: [opens the door of the car and gently pulls her out] IF YOU EVER SPEAK ME LIKE THAT, PREGNANCY OR NOT,.....

Me: why should I cry before we get intimate? I have needs Themba, they need to be met.

Sine: sorry that you feel that way, I didn't know that meant such a lot to you. Your father sent us a message to cancel the negotiation.

Bab'madi: You even have the guts to step into my yard, get out. Leave my family alone, we do not need you.

Me: speak for yourself, Your the air I breath

Sinethemba but this is one thing that if you don't do right. We are going to have problems baby.

Sine: Let me know, find a way and let me know when you have such mood.

Me: I'm in it right now, your child is misbehaving. Making me run to the bathroom like crazy.

Sine: [melts into a smile] when you are done here, come home. I have something for you.

Me: Okay. [I accompanied him to his car and we watched him driving off.] Please don't speak to the father of my child like that because unlike you, he intends to stay with his child. I love him so much, respect that if there is nothing else in your mind.

Bab'madi: why do you value this dirt bag? His

nothing.

Me: His everything to me, all of you here cannot even fill 1% of the space he covers in my heart. So you refused my brideprice? Interesting, you want me to beg you? You are not serious, so my sister can marry him and mess him up but I cannot.

Bab'madi: You are allowed to marry anyone just not him.

Peter: Baby, I came as soon as I heard. I am straving.

Nomandla: go into the house, there is food. [he goes]

Me: I will not stand for this puberty moment. You are here vomitting nonsense, where were you when we slept hungry? Where were you when our mother

was sick, where were you when I struggled to get myself through school? You want to know where I got the money to write my finals? Sinethemba went out there and hustled. He gave me the money while my sister didn't give a rat's ass.

Nomandla: so that is where you people started having an affair?

Me: Let's not go in circles, he was always mine. I am leaving neh, I hate making him wait. [I went inside my car and drove to Sine's house. As I walked through the door, passion shut the door. It felt like a breath of fresh air. He gave me what I want and finished my voice in the process. All I could do was stare at him as we climaxed. He kissed my forehead]

Sine: sometimes you just need to make me see what I am missing. I don't want to ever fight about this. It is freely given, there is a lot and I don't know

how I am going to put in order.

Me: We shall pray like always, now I really want to sleep.

Sine: Baby you can't we have dinner plans. I booked already. Let's go baby.

Me: [this man mara? We woke up and took a shower. We drove two hours away and got to this beautiful place beside the beach. It was so beautiful, I even forgot that I was tired. We walked in the soil to our table. He opened the chair for me and they immediately served us starters] God my hubby must always have time and money to take me to such places.

Sine: Amen, [wiping her tears] this pregnancy must not make you this emotional.

Me: Do you remember that time I was short of my money for examination and you gave me your last money? [he didn't even remember] Ours is not a love story but something unique.

Sine: Baby, I don't remember if I gave you any money then, must be because broken was my name.

Wrong but Right Path

#Insert14

We had a nice time and as we drove back I was fast asleep. It was so I don't remember how I got home but as I woke up with a craving during the night, he was awake for me. Then I continued to sleep while he continued with his-so called rescue plan. The next day, I had work which was boring. I dragged myself out of the blanket and we took a shower together, I opted to drop him off at work and as he walked in, I drove to the garage and while there, I

felt bad so I went back to his building. As I walked into the place there was this lady who was vomiting nonsense.

Me: Excuse me?

Her: Hayi wena, stay out of it. Its not our fault that you suck as a manager, you should just permanently resign and stop telling us about rescue plans.

Me: [as this woman was talking people were nodding even his PA. It stepped on my wrong nerves shames, I felt irritated]

Her: Mr Roberts was doing fine before your stupid lawyers remov.....

Me: I DON'T KNOW WHO THE HELL GAVE YOU THE GUTS TO SPEAK TO MY HUSBAND LIKE THAT BUT

YOU BETTER COME DOWN, MY HUSBAND CAN BE STUPID THE WAY YOU ARE SEEING BUT ATLEAST HE DIDN'T PROMOTE PEOPLE THROUGH SKIRTS. WHAT? YOU ARE HERE BARKING LIKE A TOOTHLESS DOG BECAUSE YOUR BLESSER IS OUT? LISTEN SISI RESPECT YOURSELF. DON'T GET ON MY NERVES BECAUSE THIS BUILDING WILL NOT CONTAIN US BOTH. INFACT LET ME CALL HR TO CHECK IF THESE BABES ARE QUALIFIED FOR THE THE POSITIONS THEY ARE IN.

Her: I'm sorry, I didn.....

Me: [I set on Bae's lap and worked in his laptop. I called the HR company and they faxed everything to me. I took the pile of papers there. The room was already feeling the pinch] Sthandwa sam, see you later when I come back with written warnings for those who deserve them and a police van for those who are illegally here.

Sine: Let me walk you to the car. [stands up] I believe you all can go back to your posts. You will here from us. Before the end of your shifts this afternoon.

Me: If I hear the name Roberts here, you better have my uniform ready for HR. [my tummy experienced a bit of pain, I set back in his chair.] In fact, Baby please tell these people to go to their duty posts.

Sine: we are adjourned. [they all rush out the door and he shuts the door, smiling from one cheek to another] Hoaw my Lioness, you roar a.....

Me: I don't know what this person is doing in here but I am in pains. [he held my stomach and laughed] my pain is funny to you?

Sine: We've just had our first kick baby, its so magical.

Me: [I carefully listened and the moment just felt so special, my baby kick. Tears streamed down, I couldn't wait to touch them and watch them running around everywhere. I enjoyed feeling the kicks until Kerrin called] I'm on my.....

Kerrin: You think you own this company, girly. The managers are here demanding to see you and you are late. Gets your ass over her or else consider this your first written warning.

Me: meaning what? I am coming. [I hung up feeling a bit stressed. He walked to the car and I drove to work. Madam Kerrin was on her husband's desk. The second I opened the office door, she had this disgust face and it hurt.] Here I am.

Kerren:Go fetch your written warning and suspension letter. you have been mopping around

here like you own the place.

Me: Yes sir. [I turned around and took a lift to HR. where the rude lady was waiting for me] I was sent to come fetch my written warning and suspension.

Martha: Where did you think you were going to end up, the next thing we will just fire you.

Me: Yes Ma'am. [I signed the documents then went to my office. I cleared my desk, I put my blood and sweat into this company. As I was meditating on the pain, Sine entered]

Sine: [immediately alarmed] Ngelosi yam, what's making you cry?

Me: I just received a written warning. [he just looked at me like he was not even surprised] plus

suspension.

Sine: How much do you need to open your own office again.

Me: I need more than just money, I need professional HR and PR on board.

Sine: name your price, if you don't believe in yourself. I d.....

Nomandla: [enters in tears and lands on her sister's shoulders] His gone.

Sine: [irritated] I love you, think about it and get back to me.

Me: Yes, I will do so. [he left and I was left with

Nomandla who was crying her eyes out, I didn't even touch her. She cried until my mother entered to take her off me. I didn't even ask what happened, Kerrin entered in that moment] they were just leaving sir.

Kerrin: Good, the Chairperson requests your presence in the board room.

Me: Alright. [I stood up and went to the board room. As I entered and set down opposite Kerrin's wife.]

Chairperson: I am not pleased with your performance, you are allowing your private life destroy your professional life. I must say I am disappointed that I have to demote you, you will have to teach Kate the ropes. She will be taking on your position.

Me: In that case, I will gladly hand in my resignation.

I will email it to HR, make my package ready.

Chairperson: You cannot quit just like that.

Me: I know when I am not valued, I have watched over 7 people being promoted with displeasing performance and this is it. I am done, here and I am leaving with immediate effect. I would rather be a stay at home mother.

Chairperson: Please reconsider.

Me: Don't beg me, there are so many companies that have invited me with triple the salary and benefits. As for me, I am done. Thank you. [I stood up and went back to my office. She was still crying, I packed my desk and went to my second home. I unlocked the gate and went into the house. I went to rest in the main bedroom, he came out of the shower smelling fresh] when did you get here?

Sine: About the same time your uncle called me to say that he would really like to speak to me and he disapproves of your father's decision. I don't know but I just want to love you. [gets onto the bed beside her and kisses her]Let's take a shower together.

Me: [giggling] I'm tired.

Sine: [kissing her face] is that a refusal? I will carry both of you.

Me: [I think I love this man, he scooped me up and we went to take a shower. Ofcourse we had something inside there while the water washed it all off. After some time, we got out and laid on the bedroom mat] where are you going now?

Sine: I'm not going anywhere now that you are here.

Wrong but Right Path

#Insert15

Don't ask me I don't know, we slept nude on the mat while cuddling. I woke up on the bed and he kissed me to say that he was off to work. I accompanied him to the garage and off he went. I checked my phone and I have 20 plus voice messages and missed calls. I didn't recognize the number but as I was thinking of what to do, it called me again.

Me: [as I was walking in, I found my wrapped chocolate written handle with care. I picked my phone and realised my mind] You've reached Sinethemba... Yoh sor.....

John: I know I never did you right by the whole baby thing but please forgive me. I miss you and I want to come. Please give me another chance.

Me: You are married and married men should not be talking to me.

John: the wedding never happened, Mma was just misleading you thinking you'd be jealous and come back to me. We all miss you.

Me: I can't do anything for you and infact right now, I am with a very serious person. I don't want to ruin my chances at him marrying me. You made your choice, please excuse me.

John: Baby please.

Me: [I hung up as I heard the gate and I went outside to open. The second I saw my father and uncle, I turned to go back inside. I don't have their time. I set on the couch and ate my chocolate which was nice shames. Then took my meds and went to

bed, my phone rang] you've reached me.

Her uncle: can you please allow us into the yard?
We need to talk to Themba.

Me: His not in this house, come back when his back.

#Sinethemba

Everything in my life is coming together nicely and I can't help but be grateful to God. I love him for giving me the opportunity to become a father. Speaking of fatherhood, I have made it a priority that I protect Nompilo as much as I can. She just had job complications but I want to ensure that she is happy at all times. As I was at work, I was called that Her father and uncle had arrived. I allowed them to come up to my office and offered them a seat

Me: I have all the intensions of marrying the mother of child.

Her uncle: Its too soon for Nomandla.

Me: Nobody said that when she was making babies with Peter, don't make things difficult me. I just want to marry the mother of my child and leave the rest.

Bab'madi: How does it feel to know that you are the reason why my daughters are fighting? You are happy at my unhappiness is that it?

Me: I believe we came her for a solution right, allow me take what's mine.

Bab'madi: You are allowed to come pay damages for the child but as for marrying my daughter, forget

about it.

His PA: [enters] Sir, your transport is outside waiting to take you to the meeting.

Me: You heard that fathers, I have to go make money for my child. [I stood up and took my laptop, I went downstairs. As I came out on the parking lot walking towards the car. All I could see was a car speeding towards me, I tried to avoid it but realized this was going to hurt. I felt my body hit the ground and my head getting a hard bang. It was lights out]

#Narrated

The security of the complex immediately calls emergency services and ensures that they stop the suspect from going far. They burst the person's tires. As the uncle and Bab'madi come from the building they discover that Nomandla has hit

Sinethemba with a car. While Sine is bleeding out, the ambulance arrives and takes his body to ER where all the people on his list are called. Within minutes, Fikile and her mother enter the hospital. They meet the doctor who's coming from the ER.

Mma'bele: what is happening with my son?

Doctor: Calm down Ma'am, we need to his next of Kin. Where is she?

Fikile: You are speaking to the family and the woman who birthed him. Talk to us in ways we can understand please.

Doctor: he suffered a hard knock on his head, there is blood on his brain which could result in him being brain damaged or completely unable to do anything for himself. We need to do the operation which we try to remove the blood but he could die or never

regain himself again.

Mma'bele: My God will do it for me, my son is not doing any operation.

Nompilo: [arrives with tears streaming down her neck into her breasts] what is happening?

Doctor: You are?

Nompilo: Nompilo but he calls me Ngelosi.

Doctor: [looking through the papers and signs] he suffered a hard knock on the head and is currently bleeding into his brain. If we do not operate it may result in brain damage or vegetable hood. But the operation presents less risk he might either die or have trouble remembering things for the next 6 months or so. Many do not survive but it's a 50/50

chance.

Nompilo: [pacing around] where do I sign?

Doctor: Nurse bring the papers!

Mma'bele: You want to kill my son? No do not touch my son.

Nompilo: [wipes her face and signs the consent forms] Doc, do everything humanly possible please.

Doctor: see you in a few hours. [enters the ward]

Mma'bele: YOU PLANNED THIS! TO KILL MY SON
RIGHT! IF MY SON DIES YOU WILL NEVER LIVE
THIS LIFE PEACEFULLY! YOU AND YOUR SISTER
PLANNED THIS, ALL ALONG YOU WERE
PRETENDING TO BE CARING ABOUT MY SON!
HOW DO WE EVEN KNOW IF YOU WANT HIS

MONIES?

Nompilo: Please Mma, Sine will survive this.

Mma'bele: Nodindwa! This world will not contain us both. [rains curses on Nompilo while she sits and says nothing. Two hours go by and the doctor comes out with a smile] where is my son?

Doctor: the operation was successful and he is going to be sent to recovery immediately.

Nompilo: [stands up] can I see him?

Fikile: after the stunt you just pulled sisi, stay away from my brother.

Nompilo: I just want to see him, thats al.....

Bank sheriff: Ms Nompilo Madi, we are with the bank. Please remove your belongings in the car and house. You are being evicted.

Nompilo: No, where am I supposed to go? I will pay you people.

Mma'bele: Nodindwa! I said it, you were banking on my son.

Wrong but Right Path

#Insert16

#Nompilo

Never think you know a person. I was evicted the same day that Sine was hit by a car. They didn't

allow me see him. Infact as I went back to the house his uncles were there and had my stuff in a refuse bag. I didn't even know where to go, I can't go to the Madi house and I don't have a house. I set on the street and tears streamed down. I regretted leaving my job, I went to the pawn shop and sold my ring, then went to the hostel. I set on the bed not knowing what is next, how could my own sister ruin my life like this? I don't know how I passed the next two nights but I was done crying I had to wake up and hustle. I went to the taxi rank where I saw a post for taxi drivers. The second I stepped into their office, I found Sine's uncle. He rained curses on me to an extent that people stared at me. As that was happening, I heard two gun shots.

John: Get inside the car Baby.

Me: [I realized that I was surrounded, by people who wanted to beat me. I got inside John's car and couldn't understand the language of pain I was

feeling. He drove us to his mother's house. She stood at the gate and to my surprise my belongings from the hostel were already there.] I can't stay here.

Mma' Zama: I don't care if you people are separated, no daughter of mine is going to live in that God forsaken place.

Me: [I got off the car and she took me to John's room which was now a guest bedroom. I set on the bed crying still]

John: Please stop crying because you know how I feel about you crying, there is food in fridge. The main house is there if you need any help. I will take care of your rental here until you get back on your feet again.

Me: Thank you. [he left and I set on the bed looking at the roof, missing Sine and wondering why this

has to happen. As I was lying on the bed, I received a call from overseas] Nompilo's phone.

Him: What is the reason behind you leaving the pack? I realize that you should have been promoted a long time ago into a real position. Therefore I'm calling you to come to International Main branch. I will send you, your travelling details.

Me: [I have never met the founder, I set on my ass in shock] sir?

Him: I have an offer for you, just come to IMB for your training. I will be expecting you tomorrow sundown.

Me: Yes, sir. [he hung up and an email followed immediately. I was set to leave 4am in the morning, 6 hours flight. I went outside the room and John was still around.] I need a ride to the airport

tomorrow morning at 3am. I have an early flight.

John: I will send one of my guys to accompany you for now eat something and stay away from those crazy old men.

Me: Yes sir. [I went back to the room took a long shower crying while rubbing my baby bump] Your father would have loved to be there for your every minute but he cannot so we have to understand.

#Narrated

Nompilo leaves the country with her unborn baby in search of a better life. Sine is discharged to go home where he can't recall what happened before the accident but feels like something important is missing in his life. Mma'bele sits with the entire family and declares that she is not in support of the Mtimande's paying damages to Nompilo's house.

Fikile: [irritated] the operation worked, my brother is alive. Leave the poor girl alone, you've done enough as it stands now, no one knows if she alive or dead. But I promise you this Karma never forgets address.

His grandfather: what exactly happened? Its been a week and I haven't seen Nompilo around here. Does she not want to see her husband?

Mma'bele: my son is not married to anyone.

Sine: [shows up in the corridor, looks around with tears] Ngelosi! Uphi? Did she leave me?

Fikile: I told you Mma, love is stronger than any brain damage.

Mma'bele: My son, go back and rest, we will call her for you. [Sine goes outside and searches

everywhere, then comes back with an angry face]
we will call her.

Sine: what did you do to her? I need to go search for my wife, she shouldn't be stressing. Where is my phone?

John: [walks through the door] I was sent to deliver this to you.

Sine: [takes the letter, opens it sniffing] where has she gone?

John: her boss called her yesterday, I took her to the airport 3am this morning. I must say, it doesn't look like she's coming back anytime soon. She didn't give me her location. I will take my leave now.

Mma'bele: so she slept at your house?

John: My mother ordered she be brought to the house when she found out that she lived in the hostel, I agreed to it because when I saw her at the taxi rank, Maquzu was ready to make a scene of her. I might have my faults and done a lot of wrong things in the past but Nompilo doesn't deserve whatever you people are giving her.

Mma'bele: You are basically telling us that you didn't touch her.

John: I have a wife, she slept at my mother's house and I took her to the airport in the morning. The rest is history. Man, I will see you around [leaves]

His uncle: [enters angry] How dare she?

Sine: You wanted to beat the mother of my child?
All of you here came together to frustrate my future?

Who are you people that my woman should flee?
You threw her out of our home, for what reason? I
bought that house and no one helped me. You
cursed my woman? For what? What did she do? I
know as sure as day she would never allow
anything happen to me. Nomandla has no hold on
her, you have finished me. And you have the guts to
say that I am family, wow. [goes to the room and
slams the door, a bitter weep is heard]

His uncle: what is happening here, is he okay now?

Fikile: [emotional] the operation was successful
Mma, your son is healthy with a few scratches. His
brain is in order now but he lost his family. I will
take my leave now [leaves]

His grandfather: Koti, you have to find that girl and
apologize or we will never see our seed coming into
this yard. This child did not come like others came.

Mma'bele: [ashamed] Yebo baba.

Her uncle: [enters angry] I have come to take my niece, Mpilo, Get out and let's go.

His uncle: His not here.

Her uncle: If I hear that you people got anywhere near my niece again, this city will not contain us both. You have the guts to try beat my niece wena? You don't know me, nx! Mpilo! [goes into the house and searches everywhere] Nx! Useless people. [leaves].

His grandmother: I don't know how to express the way I am disappointed at you all. What nonsense.

Wrong but Right Path

#Insert17

#Nompilo

With a broken heart, I got onto a flight to work. I didn't know what to expect when getting there but as soon as I landed. They took me to where I will be staying. The place was really nice but I was too tired in the moment. The next four months, I learned and followed the boss everywhere. He taught me everything he knows. Its funny that even as pregnant as I am, I do my normal duties without any hustles. My laptop reminded came through, it was J ohn's birthday. I communicate to him from time to time. I sent him a happy birthday and he responded immediately with a call.

J ohn: Hello Nana, thanks for the wish.

Me: Happy birthday, you are growing old.

John: I can't put what I feel for you in words but I know I have to sort out my divorce matters first. I made a mistake Nana, 9 babies are a lot but we can manage having 10 kids together right?

Me: Can we not talk about this right now? I have been experiencing weird pains, they say its contractions which is weird because I am only 6 months and a few weeks. [as we were talking, I heard a knock] Let me get the door.

John: Alright do so.

Me: [I hung up and went to the door. BOOM!]
Themba? What are you doing here?

Sine: I came to find out how I have offended you, that you just dumped me through a letter.

Me: I don't want any hustles right now, my plan is to birth this baby safely.

Sine: Can I? [she nods and he kneels down, places his head on her baby bump] I missed you two very much.

Me: I see you have recovered, congrats. But I have a dinner date with Wrobes so I need to get going.

Sine: I know you are avoiding me and I understand it's fine. Enjoy your date. [turns and leaves]

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Me: [everything just resurfaced, I set down and just cried]

Sine: I bought you the..... [drops the gift and rushes to her side] I'm sorry, please don't do this.

Me: Please leave, take your gift and leave. Just go!

Sine: [tears forming] I love you.

Me: I don't love you, get out! Should I call security for you? Stay away from m....[i felt pains and they just worsened. I rang the emergency button of the apartment] Elle I am in pains again, get me a doctor and this man out of my sight. [they removed him and the doctor came to assist me. Then I got dressed and went about my business. When I got to the dinner, Kerren and his wife plus the chairperson were there, it bored me. Greetings.

Mr Wrobes: At this time, I would like to introduce. My newly appointed overseer. Ms Nompilo Madi, come up here.

Me: [I couldn't believe it, my position and salary had

just surpassed everyone I feared. I stood up and went to receive my new badge] this is an honour. Thank so much sir.

Mr Wrobes: she will be coming back on Monday to resume her new position.

We had lunch and I went home to pack, knowing that I need to sort out my accommodation back home. I didn't want to fight with my sister anymore, I realize now that I hurt her and I deserve exactly what I got. She wasn't arrested for long, she was given bail and sent home. Passing the night was hard because the pains kept coming and going. The next morning, I packed up and the company jet took me back to my country. In that 4 hour flight, all I could think about was how to reconcile with my family because as much as we may hurt each other, we have a way of loving each other. As I landed, I felt very tired. I took a cab to my parent's house. My dad was cutting the lawn, he stopped the minute the

cab parked. I got out not knowing what to expect, he opened the gate and just gave me a hug.

Bab'madi: Welcome home my baby.

Me: thank you Pa, is everyone here? [he noded] can we please have a talk? [he noded and went inside the house, placed everything in order. Then came to fetch me, we went inside and my sister looked miserable] Firstly I would like to apologize to Nomandla, I was careless and didn't consider your feelings. I realize that I was wrong and I am sorry that I slept with your husband, I had no right to enter into your business. I am sorry and hope that you forgive me for hurting you so badly. Mma and Pa, I apologize for just losing my way and taking for granted the love that you've raised me with. I am sorry and I would like to be part of the family again.

Nomandla: [emotional] You hurt me.

Me: I'm sorry for hurting you, I regret it. I'm sorry.
[she hugged me and we both cried. Then our
parents hugged us as well. We all just had a
reconciled moment then broke apart] Please forgive
me.

Nomandla: thank you because I never thought I
would receive your sorry, it just broke me out. I'm
sorry for everything I did as well, it was wrong
despite everything. I will support you, if you'd like to
continue with Sinethemba.

Me: That chapter is closed for me, all I need is for
him to support his child. As for us being together,
he can forget about that one. I am done in that
department.

Nomandla: I heard how his family treated you, his a
really good man if given the chance. He came to

apologize to me last week as well. Thank you, this will help me heal a lot faster.

Me: [we shared another hug as the cab driver hooted] thank you for the forgiveness. I need to head to my estate agent, now. Thank you so much. I will be in touch. [I rushed out and went inside the cab. I waved goodbye. My heart was free, that I don't have to sleep with one eye at night. I went to meet my estate agent and signed the title deed application of my new home. It was majestic, beautiful, befitting a Queen like me. I packed my closet and ordered groceries, then called Hilda] Mamami?

Hilda: Your a bad child wena, 4 months?

Me: I had to sort out my work issues Mma but now I am back. I need someone for the house and my little person.

Hilda: Give me your location, I will be there in the morning.

Me: Thank you so much Mma.

Hilda: Okay baby. [hangs up]

Me: [my phone rang and it was Nomandla] Hello sister.

Nomandla: Your person is here begging me to speak to you, just forgive him tu.

Me: I don't have a person, who's that?

Nomandla: [chuckles] Uthemba or is there someone else I do not know about?

Me: Yes, this other german yum yum.

Nomandla: I'm serious, if he makes you happy. I will not stand in your way.

Me: I am done with Sinethemba Mtimande.
D..O..N..E done with him.

Wrong but Right Path

#Insert18

I decided to leave the past where it is and continue my life. I don't need a man to make me happy, Sine is still hopeful but I know that we are done for keeps. As the groceries arrived, I made myself something to eat and just relaxed. Within minutes, I got a call that I need to go to work. They sent me a car and I went to see the mess that Mrs Kerren made. It got on my nerves, her husband issued her written warning. I worked on the system for about 5 hours

before it came back up. As I walked outside, it was dark, no taxi or cab. But guess who appeared in my favourite car? I know but your wrong.

J ohn: [parks and opens the door for her] My lady.

Me: [I went inside and we drove off to my favourite spot, ordered my favourite] thanks for this.

J ohn: I would really like for you to reconsider, I promise to not make you pudding at 4am.

Me: [I laughed, it used to irritate me but I made peace with it over time] seriously?

J ohn: [touches her stomach] I would like to father this one as well, if you grant me the opportunity.

Me: My situation is complicated and you know that.

John: All these years I wasn't willing to compromise, bend over for anything but seeing you moving on from me gave me a harsh wake up call. It taught me that I cannot be ruled by what my family demands. Due to my stupidity, I impregnated 9 woman. I lost my triplets a month ago and I realized just how much I need you. In my life, you know what to say all the time.

Me: [I won't lie and say he was speaking to my heart at that moment, he was and the offer was tempting but I needed to be sure that he has changed. We had dinner and he drove me to my house, he wasn't gallable as usual. He called his kids right in front of me and checked up on them, then kissed my forehead] Goodnight.

John: One minute. [goes around the house and checks the doors, windows, making sure they are

locked.] I am going, if anything do not hesitate to call me.

Me: Okay. [he went out and made me stand behind a closed butler. I watched him leaving and in all sense of the word missed him. I went to bed and as I set on the bed, my phone rang. I noticed that it was Sine, I forwarded it to voicemail. I went to sleep]

#Sinethemba

I was hit by a car and during my medical breakdown. My mother and everyone fought with Nompoti against my will. They threw her out of our home when she had no where else to go. I discovered that she pawned my ring just to get shelter and that hurt a lot, in all this John came with a letter where she basically told me that lightning will not strike the same place twice. It hurt really bad that our child will not have us around together at the same time. I went to see her and she told me to get out. I heard

that she is back in the country and I fixed everything with her family but she wouldn't even give me the time of day. The most hurtful part came as I watched John having lunch with her. What are my chances? I just drove to see my grandmother.

His grandmother: You didn't see her?

Me: Her ex- boyfriend is back in her life, I might as well forget about seeing our son frequently as I would like.

His grandmother: Its going to be fine, we have to show her that we really are sorry. We need to go to her and apologize.

Me: she hates my guts and does....[my phone rings]
Mpilo.

Nompilo: [Crying] I don't know what is happening, I am in pains J ohn, call an ambulance.

Me: I'm coming to your location. [I went back to my car and drove to the location, she was crying so bitterly. I arrived and found her sitting outside her front door. I parked and went to her] Lets go check what is going on?

Nompilo: I didn't call you, why are you here? wh.....
[looks at the water running down her legs] no, its too soon. No, God.

Me: [I scooped her up and placed her inside the car. Locked her house and drove to my house, I rushed for the baby bag. Then went back inside the car and we drove off to the hospital.] Breathe, I'm sorry.

Nompilo: I DON'T NEED YOUR SORRY DAMMIT!

Me: [she cursed as the pains increased, when we got to the hospital. She was rushed to labour ward and I wore the gear. I held her hand. It was one crazy moment. The delivery of our son, I was so unprepared for this but well I did my best. I supported her and encouraged her through everything. The second we heard the cry of our son. I kissed her sweating forehead] I love you.

Nompilo: I hate you.

Me: [I kissed her again] I don't love you any less. [she closed her eyes and slept. I watched closely as they bathed my son who was screaming. Then they took our baby bag and the clothes didn't even fit him well but the blankets were okay. They placed him in those baby beds. Then I watched as they moved them to the ward. I paid for my baby to remain beside the mother. The last thing I need is for my baby to be put with other babies. I remained watching them until she woke up] I'm sorry.

Nompilo: [turns to look at the baby in tears] His so beautiful, thank you Themba.

Me: [I took him out of his bed and gave her our child] he looks like you.

Nompilo: [chuckles] His definitely his father's son. His so handsome Themba, thank you so much.

Me: [I kissed her forehead] I love you Ngelos i yam, there is no woman for you. Your the best there is and I know the nonsense the Mtimande's put you through was bad. But its got nothing to do with me please forgive me because if they are not part of us, I am not part of them. I am finding it hard to forgive them. This is us, this is our family. It hurt seeing you with J ohn's hands all over you touching things that don't belong to him. I'm jealous of what we have, sorry.

Nompilo: I love you Themba but this thing with your family, I can't think about it without feeling hurt.

Me: this is us and I don't want to ruin it with nonsense.

Nompilo: I felt hurt and alone, I didn't know what to do because you couldn't fight for us. Your will could only go so far.

Me: Your ring is the key to my safe, I engraved the pin inside it. Any time you need something you are allowed to go to my office and take the money. [we shared a kiss and heard someone clearing their throat.] let me go get you something to eat. [she nods. I turned around and it was a nurse. I went out to the shops and bought clothes that fit with small nappies. I bought food and the queues were just too long. I waited in line for about 45 mins, then my

phone rang] how can I help you?

Mma'bele: which hospital?

Me: Stop nagging my life please, allow me to enjoy my family in peace. [I hung up, took the order and went back to the hospital. The Madi's had come, I greeted and packed the baby bag with the things I bought for her. I gave her the food] I think I should go.

Nompilo: thanks for the food.

Me: where should they set up the crib? My house or yours?

Nompilo: Anywhere its fine.

Bab'madi: You can't be living together outside marriage.

Wrong but Right Path

#Insert19

We talked and talked but could not come to an agreement. So we left that topic for another day. They demanded that she come home until the baby is atleast one month old. That nagged me out because seeing them is going to be a hustle. She ended up by saying that everything will happen at her house because she needs to be close to her work plus Hilda will be able to oversee everything. I bought her snacks before leaving for work. I must say I have never been this fulfilled, I couldn't wait to see them again. I missed them the second I left their presence. I did my work which felt like torture but it had to be done for the sake of everyone. Around 6pm in the afternoon, I knocked off feeling as tired as a dog. I drove to the hospital with

goodies, as I walked into the ward they were sleeping. That broke my heart because I longed to see their eyes.

Nompilo: [wakes up] Baba ka Hlelo, your here.

Me: yeah but you people are not fair.

Nompilo: We were tired after your grandparents came, they were so happy to see Hlelo but he didn't give them the time of day. He just screamed while they were here. I didn't even get to ask why they were here.

Me: I don't want those people anywhere near you or our child.

Nompilo: Please try to make me overcome the nonsense they put me through.

Me: what about the nonsense they put me through?
4 months without my family, I missed all of this
pregnancy as it is. Forgiveness is not in my mind or
at the back of my mind right now.

Mma'bele: [enters with Fikile] Wow finally, hi...

Me: What the hell is this? Please get out of this
ward.

Mma'bele: [emotional] I came to apologize f.....

Me: not accepted, give us space tu. My son doesn't
need to hear me angry, please be on your way. [the
nurse entered] I thought this was a secure hospital.

Nurse: It is sir, is there a problem?

Me: there will be if I meet these people here when next I come. When are you discharging them?

Nurse: when the results on Ms Madi return positive.

Me: when will that be? [she stared at me] are you going to answer me? [I left the ward to go see the manager and as I came back Mma was holding my son who was screaming] HOW HIGH MUST I SPEAK BECAUSE IT CLEARLY IS NOT GETTING INTO YOU. NOMPILO I SAID I DON'T WANT THIS PEOPLE HERE, DID YOU NOT HEAR ME! I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU CAN BE THIS CARELESS AND UNINTELLIGENT, GET OUT NX!

Fikile: Nompilo couldn't do anything so don't speak to her like that please, let's go Mma. [takes her mother's hand and they leave]

Me: DO YOU WANT MY SON TO DIE!? ARE YOU OUT OF YOUR MIND? HAVE YOU NOT HEARD THE SAYING THAT A CHILD WHICH IS AS SENSITIVE AS OURS IS SHOULD NOT BE SEEING ANYONE APART FROM THE PARENTS? DO YOU WANT MY CHILD TO BE CLOSED AND DIE, YOU KNOW WHAT I WILL NOT STAND FOR THIS. [I just left the ward to go and cool down because she knows that these people are great pretenders. I drove to my house and took a cold shower. Did some paperwork and went back to the hospital after three hours. As I walked into the ward they were not there. I asked around and discovered that my son had been taken to ER. I rushed to the emergency and Nompilo was broken in J ohn's arms, looks like I keep bumping into this guy]

J ohn: [comforting Nompilo] It's going to be fine Nana, like the doctor said. His having a temperature problem. Everything will come right, please don't cry like this.

Nompilo: His the only child I have in this world, his the only chance I've got.

John: Nana, everything is going to be fine.

Me: what is happening here?

Nurse: [comes from the ward] His okay Ma'am it was just a small thing, his just hungry. The donation came through for you.

Nompilo: How come I can't feed him?

Nurse: it could be that you are stressed and not settled. I am sure you can figure it out.

John: [stands up and pushes her back to the ward where Hlelo is brought into the room as well] I don't

know what's stressing you this much, we had 6 baby mamas and you didn't break like you are breaking right now. Whatever is making you this way I hate it, I curse it. We've seen hell Nana, remember when Phindi broke your car windows and stabbed your wheels. [Nompilo laughs with tears] we've seen it all.

Nompilo:[laughing] I don't know where you met all those women, you seem to pick the crazy ones.

Me: [he made her laugh and wiped her tears. Then placed her on the bed and kissed her forehead right in front of me like I wasn't even in the room]

John: I'm going to a school meeting, are you going to be okay? I will check on you again if that's okay with you.

Nompilo: Tell your wife that I am sorry again.

John: Okay Nana, remember relax and breastfeed this little man. [takes the baby and places him in her arms] Relax and breastfeed, simple like when I taught you how to drive the first time. [kisses her forehead and leaves]

Me: [by the time he left, I had learned that I was too hush and I shouldn't have said what I said. I set on the banch beside her. Inside she breastfed our son] Nompilo I....

Nompilo: This is not working, I can't be stressed out so its best we focus on our son and leave the rest of the things. Please I would like to breastfeed our son in peace please.

That's the last conversation we had. They discharged her after three days and she went to her house where Hilda helps her with everything. Its

funny that I haven't set eyes on her since she has been discharged. She just sends Hilda with our son each time I come to see them. The silence is killing me and I don't know how to even explain it. I brought her roses and went to her house. Hilda opened the door for me.

Hilda: Madam just put him to sleep a few minutes ago.

Me: Can you just call her down here?

Hilda: I will try but the wedding plans are keeping her as busy as ever.

Me: Wedding plans?

Hilda: sorry I thought you knew, John proposed finally and she accepted.

Me: [that slapped me so hard, that I lost balance. I held on to the door handle and took deep breaths because I felt like I am suffocating.]

Hilda: [comes with a glass of water] take this sir, should I call the paramedics for you?

Me: How? When? When did this all happen?

Hilda: Two days ago, they went to her house and her father agreed alongside her. Its better this way, I mean this has brought peace between sisters.

Nomandla: [enters with maid of honour dress] Hello Sine, Hilda tell my sister that our dresses are here I just need to model it for her approval.

Wrong but Right Path

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Our son woke up and I held him in my arms. I was reminded that I shouldn't want more than I have already, his such a blessing. It doesn't mean he won't grow up to be a great man if I don't marry Nompilo. I set with him until he slept and drove back to my house. I turned on my favourite track and set on the couches with a glass of cold coca-cola. Then did a bit of work on my laptop. I went straight to bed and as I was about to enter my blankets. I received a call.

Me: Mrs mtimande, what seems to be the problem this beautiful night?

Mma'bele: I heard that Nompilo is getting married, sorry for everything that I contributed to you two not working things out.

Me: I don't have a problem, thanks for your apology.

Mma'bele: So does this mean you have to see your son through schadules?

Me: I don't know but right now I just want to figure myself out. I rushed into things before realizing that I need to be alone and rediscover who I am and what I actually want to be done differently this time.

Mma'bele: Oh okay. Goodnight. [hangs up]

Me:[I got into my blankets and tossed a few times before sleeping. The night was blissful, in the morning I woke up. Took a long shower, just admiring everything that God has given me. Then got dressed and ready for work. As I was about to come out of the house, I felt this sad feeling on my chest and it was like I wanted to cry. I couldn't understand, suddenly my nose started to hurt and I

had breathing problems. I prayed and decided that I need to see my son. I drove to Nompilo's place and the first thing I heard from the gate was my son crying his little lungs out. I parked outside the yard. I went into the house and the room was miserable already, the house smelt like incense. I walked over to Nompilo, who didn't even have a clue.] Can I?

Nompilo: His been crying since 2am this morning, I checked and everything is okay, he has a temperature.

Me: [I laid him on my chest and walked outside. With him, he calmed down and stopped crying. He immediately slept. His breathing had changed which notified me that the smoke probably got to him. I set with him outside and as John and his mother walked through the yard, he started crying. I quickly noticed that it was the traditional things they were carrying that were affecting my son. I walked out of the yard with him] It's okay, your

covered. You are protected.

Mma'Madi: [comes to the gate] what is wrong? Why is he that way?

Me: You smell like incense, in my entire family we don't do and have never done any rituals. I don't understand why my son has to be subjected to such.

Mma'Madi: it's how they accept h....

Mma'Zama: its not possible that his allergic to incense, african families do this.

Me: I don't want to talk. I am taking my son, when you are done with whatever ritual I will bring him.

Bab'madi: You haven't paid anything on my daughter's head, you don't have such rights.

Me: My son will not die because you have an ego against his father. [Nompilo stepped out of the house with the baby bag sniffing and walks towards the gate] Call me and I will bring him back.

Nompilo: [emotional] It's fine, here are his things. His not been sleeping and I fear his going to fall sick. Whatever you can do please do it because I am failing.

Me: [I took the baby bag and got inside the car with my son. I went to work with him, funny enough. The minute I parked at my building, he just fell asleep. I strapped him to myself and covered him nicely. I dealt with my meetings using a conference call. Then worked on my laptop around 13:00, Nompilo called] Mamakhe?

Nompilo: [sniffing] How is he?

Me: His sleeping and his breathing is a lot better now.

Nompilo: What am I doing wrong?

Me: In my family we don't do rituals at all, no incense or anything like that. We have never had a traditional healer come close. I think his reacting to that but otherwise his fine.

Nompilo: Can I come and see him?

Me: Take a proper bath, remove the nonsense they placed on your body and change your clothes. Then you can come see him.

Nompilo: Okay. [hangs up]

Me: [I continued with my work and as I finished, she knocked and I allowed her in. She smelt different and our son was not irritated as she walked into the room. I gave him to her] Thank you, I didn't mean it in a bad way when I said you should bath.

Nompilo:[with a low tone] its okay, I understand.
[picks up Hlelo and breastfeeds him] I don't think I can do without seeing him.

Me: I understand, its natural.

Nompilo: I'm sorry I didn't tell you about the John thing.

Me: I honestly realized that I just jumped into things

without considering the facts beside me.

Nompilo: If marrying J ohn is going to separate me from my son, than its not worth it.

Me: that's your own decision. Let me deliver some files, I will be back. [I went out and did everything I needed to do, when I came back. She told me that she is calling a cab and I offered to take her to her place. It was awfully silent, I walked in first because she was carrying our son. As we were walking in BOOM! Nomandla and J ohn were being intimate, I tried to stop her from seeing it but her parents entered the house at that very moment. She just kept looking at them then her parents]

Nompilo: Next time have the decency to get inside the guest bedroom. Not on my mat, how's my son going to play on it now. Pick it up and throw it outside.

Me: are you okay?

Bab'Madi: You are avenging your sister by doing this or what? How do you explain this?

Nompilo: Don't explain, get out of my house and take the mat with you. [turns to look at Sine] Is it okay for him to spend the night here?

Bab'Madi: I am disappointed Nomandla, the wedding is tomorrow what am I going to tell the people who are coming tomorrow? All these groceries for what?

Nompilo: Themba?

Me: It's okay, just ensure that no incense or nonsense comes close to him please.

Nompilo: These dogs were just leaving my house to do their business elsewhere. [Nomandla pulls down her dress and John picks up his trousers. They both leave without saying a word, then the Madis leave as well. Tears forming] close the door on your way out please.

Me: [she was hurt yet I felt so hopeful that his finally out of the way. She went to her room with our baby and I watched them sleeping for a few minutes before leaving the premises.]

Wrong but Right Path

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The next few days we didn't talk much, I took every opportunity to show her just how sorry I am about what happened but she didn't even acknowledge my mistake. She keeps saying we should just raise

our son and leave the rest since well. As I came from work feeling tired and drained because I haven't seen my people in two days apart from video calling. I got inside the house and noticed that the security butler was opened, then there was an aroma which drew me to the kitchen. I went to the kitchen and this woman was cooking in her undergarments while our son slept on his chair. She looked so beautiful, I could not help but stare at her. She turned to face me with this nervous smile by then I was dead in desire.

Nompilo: You couldn't come to us so I thought that we should come to you plus his been a bit unsettled for the past two days. I think he is noticing your presence.

Me: I see, thank you.

Nompilo: Take a seat and lets eat. I can't believe you have a fully stocked fridge yet you barely touch

the food in here.

Me: [I was dying to just fix things with her and I had no plan of telling her, she dished up and we ate. Then I placed my son on my chest.] His growing so fast.

Nompilo: Everyday is special, yesterday he gave me this cute smile. I had to take a picture.

Me: [she gave me her phone and password. I went through her photos and felt like I missed out] this is not fair.

Nompilo: I know, I am starting to hate work but I have to make ends meet.

Me: One day when I get to marry you, know that every moment spent with you is considered

legendary in my heart. This food is delicious, thank you.

Nompilo: Look his smiling again. [picks up his phone and takes a picture] You really look amazing.

Me: [we heard lightening and she just rushed outside. She came back with my laundry, this woman mara on top of the pains of recovery and working, she has time to cook and wash. I set with our son while she literally ironed my clothes. Around 8pm, we heard a hooter] Manje.

Nompilo: We have to go, visit us tomorrow, that's my cab outside.

Me: Your car keys are in that drawer. [I paid the driver and placed the baby seat inside her car. It was hard saying goodbye as soon as she entered the main road a tear escaped. I went back inside

and my son's bottle had remained behind. I knelt beside the couch and tears streamed down] You've restored my finances but I have no one to spend them with, I need my family here with me. I don't know why these people are refusing for me to take her but I am burning, I want her here, I want my son here. Deal with it please because I am failing, I don't know how to. Destroy where you have to, make a way. I need her just here. [I didn't even say Amen, I went to bed and hushed myself to sleep. My blankets smelt like our son, sleep came too easy. The next morning, I woke up feeling lazy. I called in sick and stayed indoors. My phone rang and it was my mother] Hello Mma?

Mma'bele: Please forgive me.

Me: I don't want apologies just my woman and son, that's all. Any price for them, I will pay. I can't do without them. There is no need for you to be apologizing because the damage is done.

Mma'bele: Okay, your grandfather asking for the entire family to meet at the farm this weekend, he asked that I tell you.

Me: I will see what I can do, thanks [I hung up, another call came through] hello.

Nompilo: we arrived safely but the security alerts on the car kept giving me problems.

Me: I will check it out first thing tomorrow morning.

#Nompilo

I didn't expect the birth of my son to be this soon but his such a man. He looks like Themba mostly, you can't even miss them. I thought that going back with John would give me peace but seeing that his

been selling me lies. I can't believe that I allowed myself think that breaking up with Themba would glue things together. He doesn't even know it but I miss his overprotectiveness, I miss talking to him on the phone for hours. The Madi's agreed that John should marry Nomandla, I missed that wedding because I didn't even feel like it. Its been days but I am not over the fact that Nomandla will always be my parent's favourite. I am at a point where, I really want to get married and settle down with someone. We went to see Sine and came back with my car. I slept and in the morning I heard him shouting outside.

Sine: THIS CAR IS MEANT TO PROTECT MY WOMAN NOT GIVE HER SECURITY STOPS EVERY NOW AND THEN, WHAT THE HELL IS THIS?

Him: We are on it sir, it will never happen again.

Sine: I hope so, I need this car to transport very

important persons in my life.

Him: Yes, sir.

Me: [I just felt the edge to see him as if he wasn't outside. I got out of bed and went down to start making us breakfast. When I finished, I took a bath with my son and we got dressed. As we came down Hilda was giving me this weird look] Morning Mma.

Hilda: Your making breakfast and bathed at 6am?
Where are you going?

Me: I'm not going anywhere haow, is it wrong for me to do so?

Hilda: It will interest you to know that Themba just left, the car is okay now.

Me: [my heart just broke, I felt like crying at that point] okay.

Sine: [covered in oil] Is it safe to come in?

Me: [I turned to face him and tears just fell] Come in, I made breakfast.

Sine: [chuckles] Morning Ngelosi, your car is perfectly ready. It was just a service thing.

Me: [we set down and I dished up for us. I finished first and did his over rolls, I washed them. I placed them on the drier. Then came back to find him speaking to Hilda] hope you are not gossiping about me.

Sine: there is nothing to gossip about, I just gave her some money for her to get you sanitaries, your

due tomorrow morning. [Hilda leaves, pulls her close and hugs her] some privacy at last.

Me: [this man mara, he knows my menstrual cycle imagine yoh. He just held me and his cologne wow. This felt so bad, tears just streamed down unannounced. I just laid on his shoulder] Its so hard.

Sine: No, its not. We don't need anyone's permission to be together or get married. This entire pleading thing is delaying us.

Me: [I closed my eyes for a few minutes and just found rest.] don't be late for work.

Sine: we have a doctor's appointment today, remember?

Me: I completely forgot. [we broke the embrace and

I reached for my keys. We left the house and went to the clinic, as we walked in, John and Nomandla were there receiving counselling. We passed them and went into the ward, where I was examined as well as my son.] am I going to be fine?

Doctor: Your both developing beautifully, its beautiful to watch. [leaves the room]

Sine: I can't hold myself, I am sorry but I love you, I can't even pretend.

Me: [he initiated a kiss and I just fell into it. We shared a kiss which was emotional]

Wrong but Right Path

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This broke my every intention because I told myself

that I would never be with a man who doesn't marry me. I love him but I want a marriage and he cannot give me that. I just kept silent as we left the doctor's office. He took me to my place and where I immediately met my parents with Mma'Zama, Nomandla and John plus their kids. My house was full and I wasn't in the mood for it. Themba left and I set opposite all of them and breastfed my son.

Me: What's this about? I don't need your apologies, why are you here?

Bab'Madi: On the wedding, they took your sister's hand in marriage.

Me: I am not surprised, you people are clearly not my parents so direct me to my real parents. After 10 years of a commitment and sweat, this is the result I get John? Johna Nomandla, you really hit where it hurts most this time but I will survive like I always do.

Hilda: [comes from the backroom] Ma'am should I take him?

Me: No, I need him close. Thanks.

Bab'Madi: You have everyright to be angry but you started this thing with Themba, you brought us this dark cloud.

Me: why am I even discussing this with you? You clearly have one daughter and thats not me, when you are done sp.....

Bab'Madi: we need accommodation, your sister lost her job so the house and everything has been taken by the bank.

Me: It's a lie, [I laughed] So Karma came this soon?

Wow. I don't have space, what I can do for you is ask Kerren to accommodate you at his flat otherwise, sleep under the bridge.

Sine: [enters with white roses, sniffing] Can we talk in private?

Me: [I stood up with our son and we went to the dinning room] why bring me roses?

Sine: You want to be married, you want a huge stone on your finger. I want to give you those things and more. I trying everything to marry you and I don't even know what else to do because even my uncles have given up on us being together but I can't live my life without you. We are going to fight a lot and be upset at each other, say unnecessary things sometimes but the Love in my heart will remain. I love you Nompilo, I can't. [weeping] I can't, I try but I can't do it.

Me: [I was just emotional as well because he was now on both his knees] I can't too, so you need to keep trying. [as he was crying, he took out a gun. That scared every bone in my body, he removed the safety. Our son started to cry, I heard his grandfather banging on the door and noticed that he had locked it. He put a bullet into my expensive chairs and I screamed] Please Themba, there are other ways please baby. Please.

His grandfather: We have done it, please don't kill Hlelo and Nompilo. Please don't do something that we will all regret.

Sine: I want to marry you Mpilo, I do but everyone is just refusing, I know what I feel inside my heart. Why can't they honour that? I am not asking them to give me money to marry you. I can't live with the silence between us, I can't. Its best we just end it here.

Me: [I just cried as I breastfed our son] don't do this please, Please Themba. This is our fu.....

Sine: I don't want a future without you, its best we all just die together.

Me: [he fired more shots until my voice ran out and our son was crying in silence. Some papers were placed under the door. I picked them up and it was a lobola agreement between our families. His mother was already crying, she requested that my door be broken. As they broke the door, I was just numb and Hlelo pink like his father. My aunt helped me out and I set in the living room not knowing how to reconcile what just happened. I heard him weeping still and his grandfather begging him to calm down]

John: Are you okay? Is the baby Okay? This guy is

crazy.

Me: [I picked up our son and went to my room. As I laid on the bed, I felt his arms surrounding us. His heart was beating out of his chest, he was scared like I am.]

Sine: I'm sorry that I scared you, it will never happen again. I didn't have a choice, please forgive me.

Me: [I set up and laughed] You are full of drama yazi, my son must not inherit this madness. I want a proper apology.

Sine: [puts his hands in his pockets and brings out a little box, plus two tickets] we have a gala-dinner with the whose who's, then a game drive in the mountains.

Me: Mmm, so what's in the box?

Sine: earrings.

Me: [I opened the box and there was a rose gold ring with earrings, this one looked irresistible] Wow, its beautiful won't trade this one for survival I promise.

Sine: I love you Mpilo'yam, your the life that I live.

Me: Go to work crazy man. [we shared a kiss and we accompanied him to his car, he drove off with the lobola agreement. I went back inside the house and my dad looked like someone who had been scammed. The room went silent with angry faces] I'm so glad to be alive, may the Lord be praised.

John: So no lobola money? No celebration? Just

talk and thats it? Wow.

Me: So glad to be alive J eso.

Mma'bele: J a, girl you really have my son. Whatever charm you gave him neh, its driving his crazy.

Me: Cheer up Maani! This bitch is finally married? Mrs finally. There is no need for you to look like you were scammed, he wanted to give you money but you refused. My marital rights are complete.

Mma' Madi: they still have to dress you and make you a welcoming ceremony.

Mma'bele: Forget it, it will never happen.

Me: It already happened, the sugar ceremony,

christmas party. Everything is done. God is the mastermind but I must say shames my ring is nice shames. It will shine bright.

His grandfather: Koti, get inside the car and lets go.
[they leave followed by her uncles]

Nomandla: I can't believe you went out for free and your happy, he doesn't value you.

Me: sorry sisi, I have a Ferrari parked outside and 45000 diamond ring, do you honestly think I care? I don't need to car. Its more money than this one has given me in 10 years. Tell your mother in Law to house you and leave the rest.

Mma'Zama: Nina has sealed my house as well as Nomandla's house, that girl is evil yazi.

Me: [I laughed in disbelieve] I thought you said she agreed that you marry another wife, was I wrong?

Nina: [enters with a whip] Go outside into the car John. Askies sister Nompì.

Me: No problems put your house in order girl.

Nina: [looking at the baby] so this is your bundle of joy? His so beautiful and that ring wow.

Me: I know right, he proposed just a few minutes ago. But had to rush to work. He bought me a whole ferrari for bearing him a child, we should go shopping sometime, my treat. I will call you.

Wrong but Right Path

#Insert23

She dragged him out the door and Nomandla followed like a small puppy. Mam'Zama did not even utter a word and as for my parents. They were begging me but I wasn't about to do that bro. They left my house and I posted my ring on the media. Within minutes comments and reactions came through. As I was watching that, bae video called me and we talked until Hlelo decided to seek attention. I attended to him then did my emails for work. I had a lot of work to do, when I realized it was late. Hilda had gone home. I decided to bath and sleep with my son. During the night, I heard my gate alarm crying like nobodies business. I stepped out of bed and I immediately noticed that people were inside my house stealing my stuff. I picked up my son and we hid in the closet. I pressed the emergency button. I heard the police and security alerts outside, then a few gun shots. After some minutes, people entering my room and turning it upside down. They opened my closet and tears streamed down, God.

Gun Man: [melts into smile, speaking to someone on the phone] we have found her. [hangs up]there are two ways, its either you walk on your own or we bundle you with your child.

Me: I will walk, who sent you?

Gun Man: You will soon find out.

Me: [they placed us in the van and drove off. The ride wasn't long, we stopped at this beautiful mansion of a house. I smiled thinking that this is Themba's retreat thing but the second I walked into the door and saw my entire family, I felt so drained]

Mma'Madi: You have to understand that there was no other way.

Me: [I looked at them and tears just streamed down.]
you are selfish yazi, you couldn't allow me have a
piece of happiness and peace, you brought me here
for what.

Mma'Madi: It was necessary for you to come, your
sister is at a point of death. The Madi's are angry
with her because of what she did to you.

Me: what did she do to me? You are selfish shames.
[I took a seat and breastfed my son who was just
restless. He calmed down.]

Bab'Madi: You can go see your sister, she's in the
next room.

Me: I don't have a sister, my sister died a long time
ago. How many times do you expect me to
apologize? Look it happened, my son is here and we
happen to love each other. Its the reality so please

give us a break.

John: [comes from the corridor, emotional] I know we've done a lot but I love her, I can't bare to watch her die. Consider everything that we did to help you when you had none, all it takes is for you to forgive her and sleep beside her for just 7 days.

Me: Can I be allowed to speak to Themba?

John: He will want to come here and fetch you. Please do this for me.

Me: I need to rest, I am tired. [they led me to the room and I set on the bed. Tears streamed down] God I am tired, I am tired of going back and forth with these people. I can't seem to leave this pain behind even when I try. I don't know, now they have separated me from my husband. I don't even know how he is feeling right now. God whatever happens

here, protect my marriage. I do not take for granted the husband you have given me, the love he has for us, we do not doubt. Please help me through this. I love you and believe in your help. Amen.

Mma'madi: Didn't know you still pray with everything that you've done to your sister.

Me: what is my crime exactly? Their marriage died way before I could even be in the picture.

Mma'madi: You are walking around here like a victim. You are selfish Nompilo, Themba was my son too, did you ever apologize for taking him from me? Have you ever asked me how I felt about everything that is happening between you three? Themba can't even be in the same room with me for just five minutes because of you. Now your angry with your bloody forefathers, for what?

Me: [I didn't even want to say anything to her, I need to do everything to protect my son. His too young from this nonsense. I remained calm, I stood up and went to see Nomandla. The pain on her face almost made me happy but I was just too tired for anger. Karm keeps an address] what should I forgive you for exactly? Poisoning me? Almost killing my son? Almost killing Themba? What do you want me to forgive you for Nomandla.

Nomandla: [removes her oxygen mask] everything.

Me: I should be happy to see you die but I can't they need you alive, they will do everything to depress my life if you do. I forgive you Nomandla, not for you but for my son. He doesn't deserve to be away from his father like we were. I know how it's like to grow up without a father, I won't let him. I forgive you Nomandla, for the sake of my son. I forgive you.

Nomandla: [puts back her mask and removes it]

thank you.

Me: [I went outside the room because my son was restless. Through him I knew that Themba was losing it, it hurt so bad. I went to the dining room where they were gathered.] I will sleep beside her for 7 days, in exchange for my freedom.

Bab'madi: We didn't bring you here as a prisoner. You can leave.

Me: where do I sleep? Please make the place clean, my son is innocent in all this.

Mma'madi: You are not in prison.

John showed me the room which was joined with Nomandla's. I set on the bed with my son. I calmed him down. Then we just slept together, the next

morning we woke up. My heart just broke because I could not change my son's bandages. I took him into the en-suite and washed his bandages. I tore my shirt and wrapped him, then went back to the room. The thought of Themba crossed my mind and I cried in fear for my marriage. I mean what if he gives up on us? Can I handle losing him? As I set in there with my son, the door opened.

John: Please be like this.

Me: [I stood up and picked my son. I went to the room and there was food on the bedside]

John: [comes out and goes to Nomandla, caressing her face] I'm praying for you to be better. She's here and we believe your going to be fine.

Nomandla: She hasn't touched her food, her son needs new bandages. Proper baby stuff and disinfectors.

John: Mma, is bringing them.

Mma'Madi: [enters with a baby bag] how are you feeling baby?

Nomandla: the pain has subsided, I feel a bit better now.

Me: [she gave me my son's bag and as I opened it. I found the monitor Themba bought for him. I turned it on and cleaned his wound properly then. Then I bathed him and clothed him. Then we stayed in the room looking out the window]

Bab'madi: Your food is getting cold, eat something.

Me: I came here to heal your daughter not to eat, allow me to do that. [they all stared at me and

ignored them] let's focus on that please.

Mma'madi: You need to eat for you to breastfed.

Wrong but Right Path

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For the next 6 days, I spent wondering whether Themba is eating, how is he? Does he think we are dead. I didn't bother to eat because that's not what my heart desired. Hlelo has not been sleeping, Nomandla is not getting better but she's off the oxygen support which I think is positive. Today is the last day to the 7 days and I can't wait to go home and do damage control in my home. I haven't changed or anything. I watched the clock as it renewed the day. I prayed and prepared to go home. I got out of bed and set in the kitchen with my son. Around 4am, Bab'madi appeared in his pyjamas beside his wife. They did not expect me, they were

frightened by me.

Me: I am ready to go, please call the van.

Bab'madi: Your not going anywhere, what do you take us for? We can tell that you are still angry.

Me: You can't be serious, your daughter is fine.

Bab'madi: its not about her, but the daughter I am looking at right now.

Me: This is a joke right? It's a joke. I want to go home period.

Bab'madi: Go back to your bed and sleep. Stop acting crazy.

Me: [the men who abducted appeared and took us back to the room] I WANT TO GO HOME!

#Sinethemba

I knew that they would not give up that easily but I never thought they would abduct my family. The past 7 days have been hell for me. As I was losing my mind, I mean they are all the tv stations, newspaper and social media everywhere. The monitor guy opened the door and set down with his small laptop.

Me: [pacing around] this is not a good time please, Matt.

Matt: I was out of town, your son's monitor has been beeping for the past 6 days. I thought you would have found them by now.

Me: I don't have time for jokes.

Matt: When I delivered it, I taught his mother how to use it. She taught it was unnecessary but took it. My guys have located the place, Can we go there? We have been studying the place, its surrounded by heavily armed man but we are ready to retrieve your wife and son if they are in there.

Me: Let's just go. [you'd think we'd go far, their van took us to an old camp site which was damaged. In all these things, we discovered this beautiful mansion of a house. I hoped and wished my family is inside. Matt threw some things into the yard and the gaurds went down. One by one, then we matched into the house. We located Mpilo with our son, she was so thin. I discovered an injection beside them. I touched her and she didn't even feel me. It hurt shame. We basically stole them under their noses. It was clean, as we entered the main road, Matt was exam was in panic] what is it?

Matt: It's an injection used to wipe someone's memory. I don't know how long she was injected but we need to find a way to wake her up as soon as possible because if she does so on her own.

Me: Get me back to my house.

Matt: You can't go there unless we know that you're safe. The safe house is better.

Me: Our love is stronger than any physical potion.
[we drove to the safe house and I immediately bathed her in lavender. She is allergic to it, I thought it wouldn't work but she started scratch her skin and within seconds she woke up. I took her out of the water and creamed her body, she didn't talk. She wept on my shoulder] Your safe, I'm sorry.

Nompilo: [crying while getting swollen]

Me: I love you so much, I'm sorry. [Hlelo woke up and screamed. She looked at him and cried, she has not been properly breastfeeding. I took him into my arms and gave him purity. He stopped crying and just slept, I brought my woman food as well] please eat something.

Nompilo: Thank you for finding me.

Me: I had to, please eat something. [she started eating and eating, then drinking two litres of juice alone, plus cake and sweets. She needed it so I really did not mind. Then slept on my chest beside our son] I love you so much and I know we will get through this.

Nompilo: It was the Madi's they just abducted us. I'm afraid.

Me: Rest my love.

Nompilo: Baby can I have fried chicken with chocolate cake and ice-cream?

Me: Anything you want. [she giggled] plus juice.

Nompilo: Mmm. [closes her eyes]

Me: [I watched the both of them sleeping, in the morning Matt took us home. They had installed safety features in the house. The first thing she did is open the fridge and take out the pots. She is so strong. Our son finished four bottles of purity, his growing fast I tell you.]

Matt: I will send some men to watch the house.

Me: Thank you so much. [he left and I received a call from Madi] I don't know what else to do, any

knew info? Maybe she doesn't want to see me.

Bab'madi: [confused] I don't know, with all the influence you have not found her.

Me: Money is not everything I guess, [I could tell that I am on speaker] I would give anything to see them again. At this point, I am suspecting Nomandla, I haven't seen her what if she has them?

Bab'madi: Don't be silly. Call you later [hangs up]

Me: They want war, we will give them war.

#Madi Mansion

The Traditional cleanser arrives and to their surprise, Nompilo and Hlelo are not where they

were left. They search everywhere and even check the cameras do not show anything out of order. Bab'madi calls Themba but nothing is out of the ordinary with him. They check the spy cameras in Themba's house and do not find who they are looking for but a strange woman around him.

Nomandla: where could she have gone? Is Themba cheating? How could he do this to my sister? She loves her so much.

John: the man must have been depressed, I mean imagine losing your woman and son twice. I am even surprised he has not gone insane.

Nomandla: My sister is going to be shattered, she loves this man. This is happening because of me, everything she is going through is because of me. I haven't been a good sister.

John: don't speak like that, calm down we will find her.

Nomandla: this was a bad idea, I know I was sick mara this will crush my sister. How could Themba be playing happy family with this thing. No offense but Baba, she will never give us an ear after this nonsense. This is bad.

Traditional Cleanser: where is Ndalo? Can we start this ceremony?

Bab'Madi: The family goddess is not around, Ndalo was here last night but she left.

Traditional Cleanser: without her you shutter, without her there is no Madi clan. She is the goddess after your mother, her anger is enough to kill.

Wrong but Right Path

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The next morning, I personally went to the shops bought her all she wanted to eat and came back. I went to the room and found her about to wake up. I made sure that her food was before her. She woke up with this beautiful smile and told me she dreamt her grandmother. I didn't like the dream so I put it to God immediately, no wife of mine is going to carry some old evil spirit in her. Not on my breath, she explained what it meant and I still did not like it because the madi's were involved. Despite that, I love her, my heart beats for this woman. I picked our son as he attempted to cry.

Me: I think I am in heaven, don't know if this is how it feels.

Nompilo: [melts into a smile] so this is where you

went?

Me: I had to get my queen everything she requested.

Nompilo: [blushing] You should have told me that you're the next in line for the throne of your village.

Me: those things do not matter anymore, we have grown and we are okay with the government leading all of us. Being next in line, I wonder who they will find because as for me I am not interested. I have everything I want in this life and beyond.

Nompilo: Sometimes I wonder if you still love me with the way you behave.

Me: [I kissed her and dammit, you know that she knows and I know we wanted more than just a kiss. I want her but she is still healing, what a temptation.

I pulled out] Baby you need to heal.

Nompilo: [tears streaming down] Please just for a minute, I beg you baby.

Me: I don't want to hurt you [she gave me this hurt look as we broke apart and I felt like my whole world just paused. I took our son to his bed and attended to my business, it hurt her make her feel pains but I can't lose her because of a silly thing like this. I kissed her and it was beautiful. As we finished, there was blood and pain] I'm sorry.

Nompilo: [Tears streaming down] I love you so much.

Me: [I carried her to the bathroom and helped her take a shower. Then called our doctor and she laughed at me, then told me that if she had been taking her recovery meds this would have never

happened. I searched for her meds and she took them after eating a bit.] I love you my sugar plum, your the best my love. Still the most beautiful woman inside and out, your the best there is in this wide world. I love you Mamakhe, you're the best.

Nompilo: [giggling] Hope we didn't make baby number 2 neh.

Me: Don't start with me, we are already trying to manage Hlelo. God can't do that to us as yet right.

Nompilo: I would like to have a little girl wouldn't you?

Me: that would be sweetest. Whatever is in the plan of God baby, that's what will happen.

Nompilo: Hlelo is awake, bring him purity. I see you

have a drawer full of them.

Me: A man has to be prepared [I went down to my kitchen and noticed someone at my gate, I answered the gate radio.] what has brought you to my house?

Mma'madi: Who is that you are with?

Me: I don't know what you are talking about, enlighten me but wait, why are you worried? You people didn't want me with Nompilo and she has finally disappeared. Someone else would give me less hustles don't you think?

Mma'madi: My daughter loves you, do not leave her.

Me: stay away from me, my personal life is none of your business. [I disconnected, I took the baby food

and rushed to the room. I found her eating and feeding Hlelo chips] is that legal?

Nompilo: [laughs] his craving your son, what should I do?

Me: Wena baby, [I took our son and started feeding him, he didn't eat beyond 4 spoons which was weird] How many chips did he eat exactly?

Nompilo: Enough, I wasn't counting. Relax he eats a lot, give him about 3 hours.

Me: Okay. [I placed him on my shoulder and his mother just settled on the bed to sleep] your going to sleep vele? Your mother was at the gate begging me not to cheat on you, the woman has some guts.

Nompilo: Don't let her know that I am here. Call Matt.

Me:[the thought of sleeping left her mind she set up and shievered in fear, what the hell did they do to my wife these people?] She doesn't know that your here, I am calling Matt right now.

Nompilo: Please don't allow them get to us, can we go to the basement? We will be in the safe room.
[stands up in pains and takes Hlelo.] Please.

Me: [I carried her to the basement feeling bored and they were locked in, I spoke to matt. Then went outside to see this woman] what's your problem?

Mma'Madi: Nompilo is going to come back, we will search and leave no stone unturned.

Me: You have tormented my entire adult life, are you not tired? Will you die before I have peace?

Mma'Madi: But.

Me: stay away from me, simple. Who I sleep with is none of your business. Do not come here or you want me to get you arrested. Just be on your way right now.

Mma'madi: My daughter doesn't deserve to be a single parent, its too hard please reconsider. [leaves]

Me: [it was weird seeing her defending Nompilo but well she could be pretending after all. I went back into the house and got some work done. I mean when she is comfortable she will come out of the basement. I had two conference calls. Afterwards I took a shower and locked the doors.]

#Madi Mansion

Tension is in the air as to where is Nompilo. I mean they have searched everywhere plus Themba's people have stopped searching. Mma'madi fears that she has never built a relationship with Nompilo and now she could be dead in a ditch somewhere. John comforts Nomandla who is in pains. Bab'madi still thinks that she went to see her husband.

Mma'madi: she could be anywhere, what if she can't? What if she can't communicate? What if she is hurt and cannot even communicate to us. We have searched everywhere and she's nowhere to be found.

Bab'Madi: we will find her, she is thick headed. She must be watching us fighting and enjoying it.

Mma'madi: Nompilo is not thick headed, she acts like she is strong but right now, I know she is afraid,

fragile and hurt. The injection you gave her must have taken her to a place we don't even know.

Allowing you back into my life was a mistake. If you had accepted her to marry the man she loves none of this would be happening, she would be safe. As it stands now, she is out there alone and Themba is housing some slut.

Nomandla: Mma please you don't mean that.

Mma'madi: I don't mean what? The most responsible child I have is out there, I don't even know if she or her son are alive. You never loved Themba but you were just selfish and wanted him to yourself. Themba told me to my face that I should be happy that my child is going to be a single parent. Being a single parent is hard, its not the life I wished for my Mpilo.

J ohn: We will surely find her with time.

Mma'madi: [takes the house keys] I'm going back to my house.

Wrong but Right Path

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While I was sleeping, I heard pots. I continued to sleep until she came to wake me up. She kissed my face and we went to the kitchen together. She had dished up, we prayed together and started eating. She was a lot better, she was chatting about positive stuff and we could really use this time. I gave her a foot massage while she breastfed our son. She's just my whole world and she doesn't even know it. As we were enjoying our time, my work phone rang and I picked.

Me: did you get the contracts I s....

His grandfather: Your in laws came to see us, what is this we hear that you have another woman?

Me: they never wanted me with Mpilo so they should be happy, all of you should be happy that we are apart. I mean you should be throwing parties.

His grandfather: come to the house because we need to talk to you.

Me: I am on a business thing, when I am done, I will come there. Bye for now [I hung up] what's with people? When I am with you, they fight against us. When we are apart they fight for us to be together. They are confused these people.

Nompilo: Continue please, I was enjoying my massage before you received that call mara.

Me: I have every intention of giving you the
mass age.

#Mtimande's household

All the elders gather at the thought that Themba is considering abandoning his son. That alone is scary, it brings regret to many who fought Nompilo. I mean this mystery woman could be worse than Nomandla. Mma'bele paces around feeling stressed out. Fikile arrives with her children, she is relaxed and quickly notices Mma'Madi who is sitting beside Bab'madi. This makes her frightened that something about Nompilo has been discovered and its negative. She sits down.

Fikile: what seems to be the problem? Why are these people here?

His grandmother: you should respect your elders.

Fikile: I don't have any atom of respect for these people, they poisoned my brother's wife and still do not have remorse for it. Who knows they might have been the ones who abducted them and are here trying to get my brother to pay them.

Mma'bele: How does your brother get another woman so soon? Its barely a week.

Fikile: You just started hating Nompilo all of a sudden, what did she do to you? You made her life miserable for saving your son's life. Lets start there.

Mma'bele: it doesn't give your brother the right.

Fikile: there is nothing like another woman in my brother's life. [calls her brother] Wasekhaya.

Sine: I must be trending, everyone is calling me today. What's up?

Fikile: Has any information come forward?

Sine: I have decided to close that chapter, maybe she doesn't want to be found. I looking into the future and newness of life you know. Maybe we were not meant to be.

Fikile: [chuckles] you love that woman, whatever your mind is thinking now is just for show.

Sine: love is not enough.

Fikile: who's the person talking in the background?

Sine: the newness of life.

Fikile: Your drunk, talk to you when you are sober.

Sine: I should consider being drunk everyday in future. Bye sesi'wam [hangs up]

Fikile: who the hell is the Newness of life? Is that even a name? You are here getting depressed, you should be out there looking for Nompilo. If she has not gotten herself a new suitor as well.

Mma'bele: Nompilo is good for my son, she has opened so many things for him. Without each other they parish. Their marriage cannot dissolve when it just began, what kind of parents are we? We have to find Nompilo and speak some sense into both of them.

Fikile: goodluck with that, I am leaving my kids here. I have an urgent meeting and my husband is not

around. I will fetch them soonest. [leaves]

His grandmother: at this point we could use someone who has a great relationship with Mpilo.

Mma'Madi: a person like Nina.

#Nompilo

I don't know how my heart can just be this forgiving, they injected me with something that gave me this huge sleep. I immediately dosed off thinking I was hopeless and the monitor doesn't even work. I woke up a few hours later as my body came in contact with lavender. My skin itched so bad and to my surprise I was with Themba. He had found us, that made me feel safe and loved at the same time. I thought I would never see him again. I expressed my concerns about my work because I have not been to work in a whole 8 days. We used a secured

line and contacted my boss who linked Themba's laptop for me to get some work done. I knew it was a matter of time before the Madi's show up, this time I was prepared to deal with them. Themba left for work and I had some work done on his laptop. The gaurds outside were walking around all the comes of the house. Out of the blue sky, Nina showed up. I didn't allow her into my house. I continued with work and when I finished. I used the secured line to call Mma'Madi.

Me: I hear you are looking for me, what is it? Your daughter is fine, why are you looking for me?

Mma'bele: You have everyright to be angry but right now you need to come back so we all can fix your marriage.

Me: If it's about Themba's woman, I am not interested. My son will have the right surname so I am not worried, you shouldn't be too.

Mma'madi: How do we know that you are safe?
Where is Hlelo?

Me: Don't be worried, you stand to gain if Themba leaves me officially. So just enjoy this one mos.

Mma'bele: [emotional] Don't say that Mpilo, differences aside you are part of our family. I know I haven't been the best mother since the accident but I want us to settle our problems and be reconciled.

Me: [I laughed at the thought] you are gathering to bring us together? Why build something you destroyed? In fact you know what, its none of my business. Stop looking for me, I am fine. [I hung up and stared at my son who had this beautiful toothless smile] its not funny yazi Hlelo.

Hlelo: [baby moans]

Me: J a, you are growing very fast and soon I will have to leave you at the daycare.

Wrong but Right Path

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I started preparing dinner for my person because he appreciates it a lot. As I was busy and Hlelo was exploring his toy. I felt arms surrounding me, his cologne sold him out as it tortured me. He kissed my neck and he let go. As he was greeting his son, I ran him a bath. While he took a bath, I dished up for us and fed our son. He came to the living room, shirtless. It's things I never talk about really but his hella sexy. I started to sweat just looking at him.

Me: I see you've been going to the gym.

Sine: yes, the way your looking at me right now is just so priceless for me. Are you keen on going to the Retreat with me next weekend?

Me: I will ensure I finish my work then we shall go.

Sine: Your beautiful and its effortless. You are just so beautiful baby.

Me: Can we sit down and have this dinner please?

Sine: [chuckles] I have a woman here. [they pray and start eating] I was thinking of legalising our marriage but at the same time, I acknowledge that you need a wedding.

Me: J ust a small ceremony at the beach with a officiator will do for me. A nice dress and suit for you two will really make my day.

Sine: Is that it? No parents involved? Nothing like that?

Me: Nothing like that baby.

Sine: [kisses her hand] I pray to go that I may fulfill that desire for you.

Me: what should I pack for the retreat?

Sine: Hlelo's stuff, two dresses, a suit with shoes plus a outfit. The rest we will buy when we get there. Would you like to come back with a flight as well?

Me: Let's just say, I love road trips.

Sine: I love you Mpilo, I don't think I can go a day

without you. I love what you've done with my life, I love every change you've brought to me.

Me: [I heard the gate] why not lock the gate? [I stood up and took our baby. I went into the guestroom and locked. I heard him opening the door]

Sine: this is not a good surprise, the entire family here. What's up?

Mma'bele: If you think you can replace Nompilo with the chick you have here, you have another thing coming. Where is she? I can tell she is here so where is she?

Sine: You don't run my life, its none of your business.

Mma'bele: You are not replacing my daughter in

Law, it will never happen forget it. Tell your thing to leave this house.

Sine: if you don't leave my house right now, I am going to call the security and they will remove you. I am tired of hearing about Nompilo who you didn't love in the first place.

Mma'bele: We had our differences with Nompilo but she's the best thing that has happened to this family, I know what happened was bad but it doesn't mean that I hate her. I was angry and said somethings I shouldn't have but families fight, it should not be taken to heart. Every since she came into our family, my mother in law speaks to me. She used to hate my guts everyday while your father was alive but Nompilo giving birth to Hlelo changed my story. All this years she thought that I was unfit for your father but now she asks me things like when are we seeing Hlelo. Hlelo looks like your father exactly even more than you.

Sine: that makes me feel a lot better right? There is no Mpilo or Hlelo here, so please leave my house. I would like to get back to what I started in my chambers.

Fikile: Nompilo doesn't deserve this, she's a good woman that deserves everything. Please stop this because it will hurt her.

Me: [hearing them say that warmed my heart, I didn't want to hide away from anyone anymore plus Hlelo was about to blow my cover. I walked out and found them in the middle of the kitchen.] greetings.

Mma'bele: how am I glad to see you.

Mma'madi: I thought I'd never see you two again, it was a scary feeling.

Me:[I took out Hlelo's bottle and gave him.]
goodnight. [I went to our bedroom and shut the
door. I don't know what happened but they left, he
came to bed]

Sine: I didn't lock the gate sorry, it won't happen
again.

Me: apology not accepted [turns her around, his
breath was too close] doesn't make it ri....

Sine: [kisses her and pulls her close] In my family
we doesn't sleep at odds.

Me: [he straight up tortured me until I begged him to
stop. He didn't stop until some hours then he let go
and slept on his side.] I hate the way I love you nx!

Sine: Goodnight love.

The night was peaceful until he received a call from someone, he jumped out of bed and there he was gone. In the morning, I tried calling his phone but he didn't pick. That worried me but I prayed it out. I did my work for a bit and looked after our son. He didn't pick up his phone, around 6pm in the evening I heard a bike and my son just lost it. I didn't know what to do. I opened the door and the man I slept next to had changed a thousand times, then his old friend Vuyo had this silly smile on his face.

Vuyo: Your really the bull bafo, you are snagging her sister! Wow that's some balls man.

Sine: Don't talk to my wife like that.

Vuyo: No, thats where your wrong. She is your fiance not wife. You are practically not married until the fat lady sings.

Sine: Don't get on my nerves infact you know what leave my house this minute.

Vuyo: hoaw! Your being controlled now? This woman is controlling you again.

Sine: [grabs him and throws him out, shuts the door. Fixes himself and approaches Nompilo] How are you my sugarplum?

Me: Upset, you were not picking up my calls. I was worried.

Sine: [kisses her cheeks then forehead] No one is going to ruin our union, your my wife wena. I don't care who says what, but wena usis'sponono sam for life. [kisses her nose] I'm sorry for making you worry.

Me: Does this mean, its okay for me to dish up for you or you already had so....

Sine: even if I eat 11 burgers baby, I still want my plate. Its a privillage to have you cook for me despite you recovery, babysitting and work. I appreciate it baby. [they hear a knock] I will never house someone who speaks ill of my woman.

Me: [I dished up for him and we ate, it rained. We heard his friend leaving and he locked the gate. Then he watched his son while I finalised my documents]

Sine: Sugarplum.

Wrong but Right Path

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He set down and helped me scan. When we were done, he carried me to our bedroom and Hlelo was peacefully asleep. I filled his two bottles and took my pills. He pulled me close and let me rest on his chest. The next morning, we woke up and he told me about his day with Vuyo. I have never experienced it before but we discussed his friendship in detail. He was just open about everything and I prepared his clothes for work. Then he just found it lovely to just be touchy.

Me: Is everything okay baby?

Sine: I just feel like I leave you here and your alone the whole day. The television is not enough company. I am grateful to have you and Hlelo in my life. You've made me a man I used to see in the movies. I love you wena, sugarplum.

Me: I would like to go shopping for some things and maybe comfortable clothes, I have lost a bit of weight.

Sine: Okay, how much do you need?

Me: I don't need cash baby, I was just informing you that I would like to do so.

Sine: why make money if you don't spend it? Come on baby. How much?

Me: Don't be like that please, I am okay really. [he stopped the engine and went back into the house. I could tell he was upset. I followed him after some minutes, he had taken off his tie] I don't mean that I don't need you. I just like spoiling myself with my sweat.

Sine: I feel like that, you never ask for anything Nompilo. I know that your capable but it pleases my heart to do this for you. It motivates me.

Me: I won't take money from you, if you want to spend on me. You have to go with me.

Sine: Fine, I will pick you up after my meeting.
[stands up and kisses her cheek] I love you.

Me: [he left the house and I lazied around doing work. Hlelo was not even in my business. He just explored his toys. As I was cleaning the house, I heard a knock on the gate and walked outside. It was his mother and sister] Wow this is a surprise.

Mma'bele: don't open, I don't want you having problems with my son. I just came to find out how my grandson is doing.

Me: His growing fast but his father doesn't want me going anywhere with him. His concerned.

Mma'bele: can you tell him that we have a family thing for this weekend?

Me: I will tell him, [they got inside the car and drove off. I went back into the house and fed Hlelo. We bathed. As I came out of the bath and we were getting dressed. I received a call from Sine.] Babakhe.

Sine: My sugarplum, be ready I am on my way.

Me: we are ready. [he arrived after some minutes and we locked up, then went to the mall] salon first.

We went to the salon where I did my business, Hlelo was so restless. It was hard to shop but his father

handled it with calmness. I shopped for an entire wardrobe then he dropped us at the house. I immediately prepared my veggies for dinner. Then took a nap beside my son. I woke up to kisses on my face boom he was back and I had not even touched dinner. As I attempted to get off bed, the aroma came through the opened door. He had cooked for us, which was really sweet of him. We had dinner in the bedroom.

Me: Mma and your sister were at the gate this morning, there is a gathering this weekend.

Sine: We are not going there, we will be somewhere close to the sea on the retreat I told you about.

Me: Okay, I forgot it was this week.

Sine: please conclude work before we go because I just plan to have your undivided attention.

Me: It's like you love attention wena, whats with you?

Sine: I can't get enough of this love you give me, I pray that it grows and continues to blossom until forever.

Me: I'm sorry I was too tired to clean the kitchen and make dinner.

Sine: Cook because you want to not because you are forced to. This man of yours will have you any day, food or not. You are the best thing I have ever had in this world. [kisses her and pulls her close] I miss you.

Me: [I understood the language but fortunately I had not healed properly. We just kissed and I just felt nervous that this will probably make him look elsewhere as I said it in my mind, he just looked at

me] what?

Sine: I value you for than sex, there is no need for me to be looking around for another. The charm between us would never let me. I love one woman and that woman is you, Nompilo. No one else. There is nothing I don't love about you, I love even the way you get angry with me sometimes.

Me: I know this intimacy thing is bugging you and it worries me.

Sine: What bugs me is you being this worried about sex, I am in bed with you and just the thought of being in bed with you is enough for me. I appreciate this, I don't take it lightly. Sugarplum just rest because this pain is necessary, look at our bundle of joy.

Me: You make everything so simple but I am doing

my best to heal faster.

Sine: You've been with an ax, I am not an ax. I am your man and your happiness, health means more to me. I need to you understand that wena you are a queen and I can do anything for you. What I do will never depend on us being intimate. Leave this John mentality behind and love me.

He kept kissing my face and tickling me until I eventually fell asleep. I am happy and it feels so weird because I am used to tissues the whole time. Its scary the way he loves me and I honestly never thought I could be myself around someone but with Sine, its hard not to be me. He respects me and loves my flaws. The next morning, I woke up to breakfast in bed. He said he was babysitting and I should go to the office. It was weird, I filled four bottles and drove to the office. Kerren's wife started to panic. I went into my office and there was a pile of complains about mistakes in contracts issued to

the clients. I believe in teaching people and not judging them. I called her into my office.

Me: take a seat Daniel.

Daniel: [Kerren's wife, nervous] Please do not give me another written warning.

Me: I am just here to find out what is happening, are you having a hard time keeping up? What is happening? I want to help you because these mistakes we cannot afford to happen.

Daniel: The workload is more, Kerren doesn't do anything. He just throws everything at me.

Me: You do not work in the same division, this is not personal its business. He cannot help you, so just take the next contract and we will talk about your

future in this position.

Daniel: [gets up and takes the contract] Yes Ma'am.
[leaves]

Nina: [enters] You said we'd go shopping and nou?

Me: Askies, Bae just rocked my boat upside down.
How can I make it up to you vele?

Nina: [melts into a smile] I have two spa tickets,
finish off and lets go.

Wrong but Right Path

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I don't know please don't ask me, Nina and I just get
along. I finished off at work and sent Themba a

message about the spa thing. Then we went for a spa day and I bought us some food. Nina never eats without her kids. Everywhere you buy her something, you have to buy her kids as well. We did some late shopping and talked about everything. She hates Nomandla's guts because John is not giving her any attention. I thank God for current events I mean what would I have done? Second wife? It would have stressed the hell out of me. I drove her to her apartment and she gave me some magic pill. Apparently you place it inside your cookie and it fixes you up in a matter of hours. It was uncomfortable as I try it but I stayed at the cafe for the remaining 4 hours and got home after dark, my phone was dead so, Themba was terribly worried. I washed my hands and picked my son. I breastfed him and tucked him in. As I went back to the living room, he was sitting sipping coffee.

Sine: WHAT THE HELL HAPPENED TO YOU? YOU JUST WENT OUT WITH THIS WOMAN FOR WHAT MARA?

Me: I'm sorry baby.

Sine: I WAS LOSING MY MIND, HOW COULD YOU DO THIS MARA? OUR SON IS A BIT YOUNG FOR YOU TO BE HANGING AROUND LATE. I'm sorry for shouting but I am not happy with you.

Me: [I set on top of him] You are tense baby, I am sorry love. Forgive me.

Sine: Where did you go vele? I called the spa and they said you left.

Me: I'm tired of discussing this thing with you, do you have rubber?

Sine: Rubber for what? Hlelo is not in school. What rubber are you referring to?

Me: I thought you said Hlelo is too young to have a sibling, that rubber.

Sine: [chuckles, picks her up] baby what are you saying? Where did you go?

Me: I can show you better than I can explain to you.
[we went to the en-suite and had fun]

#Nina and John's apartment.

Nina shares the goodies with her kids and its amazing because the money she got from Nompilo will help her to pay daycare and continue with her business. She orders her stock and her kids eat then go to bed. In the early hours of the night Nomandla enters with John who is laughing on top of their voices. They open the fridge and discover that it's empty. They bang on Nina's door which

scares the kids. She puts them to sleep again, comes out in her lingerie.

Nina: J ohn, what seems to be the problem?

J ohn: [his smile disappears. Goes into the room and turns on the lights, searches it then comes out] who is he?

Nina: who is who?

J ohn: The man that you've been with, how did you manage to pay for the daycare and buy them new clothes? If I find out that you are cheating on me?this ground will not contain us both.

Nina: I am tired of fighting with you J ohn, you don't buy anything for your kids. You don't even spend time with them and honestly I understand that the

family has been enlarged but our kids need you still.

John: Baby I am sorry, I promise to do better.
Please don't let anyman come close to you, please baby.

Nina: Do your part as a father John, provide. My friend bought us these things because our kids were hungry. [tears forming] I don't know how to watch my kids hungry John, I refuse to. Your lawyers do not seem to be fast enough, lets just dissolve this marriage. Goodnight John [kisses his cheek and enters her room, shuts the door]

Nomandla: How is it that she is always asking you for money? You don't have money, can't she make a plan like a woman should?

John: Please go to bed, I will met you there.

Nomandla: No, how come we never discuss this?
You don't have money tell her.

John: The mother of my kids and wife is not up for discussion. Leave I need to think on how to put my house in order. [she leaves and he stands up, knocks and goes into Nina's room]
Cupcake....cupcake I'm sorry.

Nina: You don't love me anymore, so allow us go live with my mother.

John: I promised your parents that I would take care of you, this retrenchment thing has my mind spinning and baby I don't know whether I am going left or right. [takes out his bank card] this is all we've got left. Please manage it until I can receive something from our share investments.

Nina: Your food is on the dresser.

John: I don't eat without my wife, I know you gave me your share. Come join me.

Nina: No, I'm fine eat baba.

John: [takes the plate and brings it to the bed] I don't eat without my wife, sit up.

Nina: [giggles] You're so terrible yazi.

John: [initiates a kiss and they share a kiss] Please don't be angry, where did you get the money?

Nina: Nompoti took me out like she promised. You should leave some love for your other wife.

John: Mother Teresa, can I enjoy my wife please?

[they start eating together]

#Sinethemba

I have been living in perfect peace, it bothers me that I always leave her alone the whole day and she does all these chores. She needs to relax, I decided to work from home and babysit. It was not as simple as I thought, Hlelo is a handful. He demands things to be done at his time. When I thought my woman was coming from work Nina stole her and she just stayed out until around 9pm. It was scary because I am just insecure. When she came back, she just dropped a bomb on me and the rubber broke as I discovered that she's not in any pain. We had a wonderful night and into the morning, she took some prevention pills. We took a shower and I woke up late for work. I didn't even care about going to work. She woke up and we laughed for no reason.

Me: whats this magic thing?

Nompilo: Promise you won't be angry.

Me: My love come on, just tell me hoaw?

Nompilo: I don't know it but Nina gave it to me. She tells me its good with such matters but it makes one very fertile.

Me: how many did she give you and where did she get them?

Nompilo: she gave me one and it was just for last night. Least we fall pregnant again.

Me: Are you saying you won't be happy if we get Hlelo a little sister.

Nompilo: Yeah, I would be if I had Hilda here.

Me: I don't want that woman around you or our child.
I don't know why but my spirit does not accept her.
Please do not bring her here. I beg you.

Nompilo: Can I please visit Nina today? I want us to
start a sawing business together.

Me: No problems, as long as you can be safe.

Wrong but Right Path

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#Nina and John's apartment

Nina wakes up early in the morning and cleans the
house. Nomandla follows and starts washing

everyone's clothes which shocks John. Then Nomandla leaves the house, John walks the children to the daycare. As that is happening Nompilo arrives with goodies and enters the house.

Nompilo: I hope this is not a bad time.

Nina: You are really an angel, more goodies vele?
For us?

Nompilo: Come on now, don't be like that. You know your kids are my kids, when I see something nice I will buy it for them.

Nina: [Looking into the plastics] this will definitely last us a lot.

Nompilo: I want to know where you got that pill.

Nina: The side effects are too dangerous, I can't tell you that because I need you alive and well for Hlelo. He deserves to have a healthy mother.

Nompilo: Oh okay but the honeymoon was nice while it lasted.

Nina: John and I fixed things last night too, it felt great to know that he still cares. I don't mind having Nomandla here its just that John is not balancing between that and our kids. I know he loves Nomandla a lot but his kids should be a priority.

Nompilo: I hear you. I should rush to work because last night I came back late. That affected my man and child, don't want to repeat that mistake.

Nina: You shouldn't girl.

#Sinethemba

We woke up and Nompilo went about to her friend's house. I didn't have a problem with that, I challenged myself to pull up my socks as daddy. Weirdly enough I received a call from Nomandla, she wasn't hash or anything like that. She was calm and humble which reminded me of the girl I used to love in the past. She apologized about the who abduction thing and asked me to beg her sister to forgive her. I just listened and said nothing, I could tell that she was hurt by something that is why she was speaking to me. We ended the call and my woman returned.

Me: why so soon?

Nompilo: God works wonders, imagine being a second wife? My sister is miserable and John is set on mending the fence with his wife. Its painful to watch, I guess she did me a favour.

Me: I know what I am going to say is going to come out wrong but I know someone who has been dying for your sister's attention. Its just that we were married then.

Nompilo: I know, Vuyo. I don't trust him so I don't want to get involved the unemployment in there.

Me: Nomandla is good at what she does and her kids should not remain with your parents. You know they are not to be trusted. I will speak to Vuyo, he will definitely hire your sister. Let me call him now. [took my phone and called Vuyo]Bafo.

Vuyo: Whats up?

Me: I need a favour, I know its bad but I know you can help me out.

Vuyo: Let's hear it.

Me: Nomandla was retrenched, can you make a plan for her?

Vuyo: [chuckles] Hoaw weeeemma! Wonderful tell her to come through tomorrow morning with her documents. I have a spot in my lower division, you should really hook me up. You have 50 shades yet I don't even have 1 shade.

Me: she is married okay, don't do things that will make us fight again.

Vuyo: For sure Bafo. [hangs up]

Me: [I went to the living room and found Nomandla with Nompilo. It was weird to see them together like

that] Hello.

Nomandla: Your wife said you wanted to talk to me about something.

Me: It's not much but I spoke to my friend about your employment situation and he agreed to check you out. Tomorrow be at Dan-neel's with your documents, I cannot assure you that he will employ you but I put in a good word for you.

Nomandla: [tears streaming down] Serious? You found me a job?

Nompilo: kill that interview, murder it. [takes out some money and gives her] this is for taxi fare.

Nomandla: I don't know what to say. Thank you, I promise to do my best.

Me: Goodluck. [she hugged her sister and rushed out the door, we looked at each other] we did a good thing, this could work in our favour.

Nompilo: I love your big heart, this is why God blesses you. Don't keep grudges baby. What's for the eating in this house.

Me: Chicken wings with chips, our son gave me a run my money.

Nompilo: sounds great but I feel like I need a nap.

Me: Your not pregnant mos?

Nompilo: I have a very capable husband but honestly we don't mind having more people messing up our plans. I'm just tired, not pregnant.

Me: [I was sad but she went to sleep while I ordered in. I missed talking to her about everything and nothing at all. Our son woke up and demanded her attention, she breastfed him and he just went back to sleep like nothing is happening.] I miss you, I can't help it.

Nompilo: Come here you.

Me: [I came closer to her and she pulled me onto the bed, then climbed on top] This is a temptation straight.

Nompilo: [giggling] I want to sleep mos.

Me: On top of me, you want to sleep? Haaaaa Baby, this is outrageous.

Nompilo: I can't ride for the next 4 weeks or so, I can't just watch you.

Me: So you want to torture me is that it?

Nompilo: [laughing] Playing with my husband can't be a bad thing right? Besides the view is amazing.

Me: Ngelosi, get off right now. [she was laughing at me and I was laughing as well] I am warning you.

Nompilo: You can't do anything. [gets off and runs out the door]

Me: [its funny but I chased her around the house, then had a pillow fight in the living room. This woman and this life was worth the wait I tell you. Watching her smile and laugh is priceless, I just enjoyed every second of it.]

Wrong but Right Paths

#Insert31

#J ohn and Nina's apartment

Days turn into weeks and weeks into two months. J ohn battles to make ends meet like he would like, Nina's new boyfriend picks her up with the kids. Nomandla moves out of the apartment into the next one where she moves in with her kids who are happy with their mother. Nina sends Nomandla a video of J ohn sleeping with yet another woman. This video keeps her away from J ohn and Nina finds it proper to torture J ohn at any chance she gets. As she gets violent and hits J ohn with a clay pot, Nomandla walks through their apartment door.

Nomandla: Please don't kill him.

Nina: YOU ARE USELESS! WHAT THE HELL AM I DOING WITH A MAN WHO CAN'T KEEP HIS TROUSERS CLOSED!? YOU ARE GOING TO MAKE ME SICK WENA AND INFAC T I SHOULD HAVE TOLD YOU BUT THE DIVORCE IS FINAL. AND YOU KNOW WHAT YOU GOT? NOTHING! THIS APARTMENT AND YOUR STUPID CAR BELONGS TO ME. IT ALL BELONGS TO ME AND I WANT YOU OUT OF HERE TOMORROW FIRST THING IN THE MORNING.

J ohn: Nina think about our kids please.

Nina: They were never your kids, you stupid desperado! Desperate thats what you are! Look at you! Your peers are better than you nx! Be out tomorrow. [leaves]

J ohn: [as he tries to stop her from leaving, she grabs the beads on his arm, breaks it. He immediately falls on the floor]

Nomandla: [gets the first aid kit and cleans his wound] she loves you and you love her, she'll be right back as usual don't worry.

John: I don't want as usual, does that mean you don't love me?

Nomandla: You never loved me and I am fine with it now, that's why I moved out remember? Don't be with me because you want a rebound for Nina.

John: Baby, I am going to get tested and from there I am going to try my best to be a proper husband to you. Whatever demon that leads me to women, we will fight it together. I'm sorry baby, please don't give up on us.

Nomandla: [stitches his head and shoulder, then gives him a pain killer] Come, let's take your stuff

and go to my place because as much as you are a scumbag for women, I don't wish to be a widow again.

John: [they got into his room and pack his clothes into suitcases. Then leave his key at the security guard, then head to Nomandla's apartment]

#Nompilo

I never thought that something so bad as being abducted could just bring the whole family together for me. My sister has stopped whatever nonsense she was on since Vuyo gave her a job. Its a small circle but Mma'bele and I are trying to get along with each other. As for my hubby-hubby I love this man God he just covers all the corners for me. We went to the retreat together and man we had so much fun. When we came back, he told me that he would like to make our marriage legally recognized. That made me very happy but my father is still

angry about the whole freebee situation. His family and mine worked it out, then bridal price was paid and as it stands now, nothing is before me and getting a wedding on the beach. Hlelo has grown so big and Nomandla's children enjoy being around him each time we visit.

Sine: if my wife could get off her laptop and come to the dinner table. It would make me the happiest man alive.

Me: [I stood up and picked my son who was beside me on his chair] what's for dinner?

Sine: its a surprise, come on.

Me: [we went to the living room and he had prepared us a candle lit dinner. It was so beautiful man I felt emotional just looking at it] wow baby.

Sine: I love you [opens a chair for her and she sits]
we've been through hell and we are together. I
celebrate my love for you baby.

Hlelo: [starts crying and his mother breastfeds]

Me: your father is spoiling me, these are tears of joy
baby. [I finished breastfeeding and placed him on
my shoulder] this smells delicious baby.

Sine: today is officially the last day I get to sleep
without intimacy, it has to be celebrated, by all
means.

Me: so that's why you've been all Mr Romantic.

Sine: its a copy machanism baby. [they both laugh]

Me: [right then we received a call from the neighbours that my parents were fighting. We got up and drove to my mother's house. I never really knew why my father just disappeared but the minute I saw the bruises on my mother's face, I knew I had seen them before. Sine and John held him off. Nomandla helped my mother up while I reached for the first aid kit.] what happened here?

Mma'Madi: this is why this thing could not stay with us!

Nomandla: Calm down Mma please. [gives her water]

Mma'Madi: all this time I thought he came back to fix things but all he wants is his stupid sacrifices, his not happy that your all settled in your homes. His greedy!

Bab'madi: DON'T YOU TURN THEM AGAINST ME!

Mma'madi: Tell her how you tied her womb for your selfish desires!? You deserve to die, you are selfish.

Me: [I looked at him and I felt anger which I could not understand where it is coming from. My hands just shook and I could tell something has just taken over me because I normally never get angry. I ran outside. I set down and prayed but nothing I couldn't calm down] God please help me I am not ready, please give me more time. I need to enjoy my union and my son please. [I heard people screaming and I ran inside the house, my dad was dead on the floor. All eyes faced me, I knew that things are about to change] Sine I can exp.....

Sine: what? What can you explain? His dead!

Me: Don't do that, don't take our son away from me.

[he took our son who was now crying, I can't control what is happening to me, when it happens it happens that's all I know about it. Many say that I am evil, partly why my family resents me. I grow up very hard. I rushed after him and he drove off with our son]

Nomandla: Sesi, take it easy. Please forgive him because Hlelo needs him alive.

Me: Let's call the funeral people, I wish I could stop this but I can't. I don't have any control over it.

Nomandla: I used to think you evil all my life but now I understand you more. The cleanser shared some light, our grandmother was hated all her life yet she was kind to the point of death. She was a peaceful woman. You didn't kill our father, it was time for him to go.

Me: [I couldn't believe I was being comforted by the same person who used to hate me, we called the funeral people. My mother was emotional because of the bruises. Nomandla took her to the hospital after the dead body was picked up. I took a taxi home and from the cars outside my in laws were around. I opened the gate and went into the house expecting the worst] Greetings.

Sine: what are you doing here!?

Me: I didn't do anything Themba.

Sine: YOU CARRY A DEMON! YOU KILLED YOUR FATHER, HAVE YOU NOW COME TO KILL US TOO. YOU NEED TO STAY AWAY FROM US!

Me: You don't have the right to separate me from my son.

Sine: Watch me! You will never see my son again!

#Love is Kind, it's patience, it does not alter when it sees alterations. It's not hush.

#Can love stand strong?

#Do you expect to be judged by the person you love?

Wrong but Right Path

#Insert32

No amount of tears could replace the way I felt, I guess I thought love could also cover this one but he said the most inhuman things as I touched him to stop the pains. I asked his mother to help me pack my stuff and my son's stuff. Then called a cab for myself, I placed my son on my back. I never thought it would be this simple for us to break up

but I guess this is it. Its unfortunate that I couldn't see our future together anymore. I went to my house and packed into the cottage. I explained everything to my son even though his months old, his spirit could hear me. I received a call from Nomandla.

Me: How did it go? Is she going to be okay?

Nomandla: The sins of your father are so many, I didn't expect everyone to be at peace like this. Looks like the reason all these things were happening in our lives was because he wanted what you carry.

Me: I don't want what I carry.

Nomandla: Don't worry Sine will come around he loves you despite the nonsense he was vomitting. Give him time.

Me: The things he said to me in front of his people, they cut like blades in my heart and besides this whatever I carry almost killed him. I think I enjoyed it better when I couldn't see or hear the things I hear.

Nomandla: If you stop judging it, you might notice that there is a positive side to it too. Mma says you can predict things, so I....

Me: No, take life as you see it. John loves you and the thing that had tormented him has been broken so his path is clear now. Just put the reset and forgiveness buttons in your heart, then the rest shall follow.

Nomandla: Guess who's calling me right now? I think he misses you already.

Me: Don't tell him where I am, I am still hurt he

might die.

Nomandla: Take care of yourself, you are not a demon like people would like to believe. God gave you this gift for a reason, ask Him to teach you about it. I love you and Hlelo.

Me: Thank you. [she hung up and guess what, it seems like the death of my father triggered everything. I started having lots of visions. Opening a tap of water I saw lots of things in the water. Then these very scary creatures with wings appeared beside me, I knew that were my protective angels the minute I saw them. I breastfed my son who just slept. I locked up and took a shower, then slept.]

#Sinethemba

I thought the rumours were not true, the things Vuyo told me about my woman. I thought they were

not true, I prayed against such but when we went to her mother's house, I saw her for who she is and anger just took over me. How is it that I fell in love with a demon. She did the same to me as she got to the house, I saw my life going out of me. She packed out of my house and the night was hard, what if this whatever is going to come for me. I slept with lights on. The next morning I woke up and my mother was in the kitchen.

Mma'bele: I still cannot believe that you would curse the woman you love like you did last night. She doesn't even know what is happening to her, she knows nothing about. Now she has to figure out how to live without you, I hope you don't live to regret this.

Me: Her father is dead, you should have seen her nonsense manifesting. I can't regret leaving a demon.

Mma'bele: That demon gave you the child you so longed for.

Me: I don't want to talk about this.

Mma'bele: Hlelo has the blood of the demon in his veins, are you going to reject him as well?

Me: My son will never carry a demon.

Nomandla: [enters through the open door] Greetings. I came to fetch my sister's stuff which remain yesterday.

Mma'bele: what happened? How's she doing? Is she coping?

Nomandla: Her family will be with her, where are

they?

Mma'bele: [goes into the corridor and comes back with three suitcases] I pray she forgives this one's stupidity.

Nomandla: You may come see Hlelo at my parent's house anytime, just call prior. Thank you Mma.

She left and my mother left as well. I felt so angry but seeing her birthday present tore my heart into two. What is more important? What you believe in or how you feel in your heart. I couldn't go to work or do anything. I spent the whole day in confusion. Later on, I called and went to see my son. She was nowhere on sight, my heart wanted to see her but my head was not about that life. I set with our son for about three hours before John came through the front door.

John: [embraces Nomandla] I got the job.

Nomandla: Wow look at God, take a seat let me make you something to eat.

John: No love, I am taking you out.

Nomandla: I insist baby, let me cook. [goes into the kitchen.

John: If it makes any difference you have shuttered her but I guess its for the best.

Me: My son needs to be breastfed, where is she?

Nomandla: [comes from the kitchen with another bottle] here, Vuyo picked her up this morning.

Me: Vuyo which one? My friend Vuyo.

Nomandla: I don't know Vuyo your enemy, he picked her up, why do you care? Allow her to move on.

Vuyo: [enters all smiles with a big bunch of red roses] Greetings, Hello Bafo. Where is the Madam?

Nomandla: You were the last person to see her, isn't she with you?

Vuyo: she left my house after praying for my sick mother. She is off life support, I don't know what she did but her prayer worked wonders. Please tell her that I owe her my life and I am sorry for the lies I believed.

Mma'Madi: when his done, ask your sister to pick him up.

Nomandla: Yebo Mma. Hoaw Vuyo, never thought I would hear you say that about my sister.

Vuyo: I will forever be indebted to your sister, we thought my mother was going to die, she has been on the bed for over 8 months. I never thought she would wake up. I never believed that by just living with Sine's mother she could open her eyes but now its evident.

Me: she didn't open my mother's eyes.

Vuyo: Thats your business bro, give this to her when she visits. Thank her for me.

Me: [I didn't believe that Vuyo who was spreading rumours about my person had changed his tune. I stood up and said my goodbyes. I left their house in confusion, I went to see my grandmother. I found

her with my uncle] Greetings.

His uncle: Didn't think we all would be discussing your separation this soon.

Me: Separation?

His grandmother: its all over that you threw her out of your house, you will live to regret this. Sonny.

Wrong but Right Path

#Insert33

The next few months I didn't hear or see her. I tried calling her but she had blocked me on every side. I couldn't blame her. Our son has grown, he grabs spoons and can eat solid foods. He reminds me of his mother everyday when we see. All I hear is testimonies about how Nompilo brought healing to

their families. Its a hard pill to swallow, as I was doing my shopping. I heard her laugh. I searched and she was with a strange man in the queue.

Me: Its been a while.

Nompilo: [her smile disappears] Mr Wrobes this is Sinethemba, the owner of the oil company I showed you that time.

Mr Wrobes: We should all do dinner sometime, just to get some ideas running.

Nompilo: I would be among two men, if you have dinner.

Him: Dad, please excuse us.

Mr Wrobes: One of these days J ustin, you'll have to make it official and stop stealing my shareholders.

J ustin: Babe, can we? This queue is too long, let me stand here and you can sit.

Nompilo: That's okay. [goes and takes a seat]

Does this mean she has moved on? She didn't even give me the time of day, is this it? I left the cart there and just left the store. I lost the mother of my son due to stupidity. I got inside my car and indeed tears just did their thing. I cried all I could, then drove to my house. I got into blankets and continued to cry. It hurt so bad shames.

#Nompilo

I decided as my heart was broken to pick up myself

and embrace what I am. Its funny but discovering this whole gift has brought in so much peace. My son is growing fast and becoming like his father more which doesn't even give me a problem because after three months of not receiving any apology or bridge of mending the fence, I closed that door for good. I deserve better, I deserve to be loved and love. I have limited myself from meeting him at anytime. My sister and I have gotten so close, its weird to think that a few months ago we used to fight. Seeing Sine after such a long time, made me realize that I have moved on from the pain and disappointment I once knew. The Wrobes have been keeping me as busy as ever now that girl is shareholder. What an achievement I know. As I returned home feeling really tired, I met Hilda at the door.

Hilda: You must be hungry.

Me: Tired not hungry, where is my bundle of joy? [I

heard him crying and went into the living room, he was with Sine's mother. I picked him up] Greetings Mma. How are you my boy?

Mma'bele: Isn't it a good time for him to go for church blessing?

Me: I can't take those type of decisions alone, what's his father saying?

Mma'bele: I spoke to him but he said with your permission, then it's okay.

Me: Then set it up Mma, I don't have a problem.

Mma'bele: Can you drop me off at the church? I think a taxi is hard to find around this time.

Me: Okay. Let me change. [I went upstairs and changed, then came back] Lets go Mma.

Mma'bele: Alright.

Me: [we drove off with my son, the church was deep in some plot hidden by trees. They were allowed to wear jeans and no doeks. I parked and walked into the church building with her. As we were walking in, I felt eyes on me and this man was just standing there pretending that his not looking at me. He walked towards us and I just became all nervous] Mma, I think I should head home now.

Him: Mama ka Themba, is this your daughter?

Mma'bele: Nompilo this is brother Siya.

Siya: the woman that your son was proposed to

marry?

Me: [that nagged me out] Okay Mma, let me head out.

Mma'bele: Drive safely.

Me: [I walked out and this dude was following me, I stopped] what?

Siya: I didn't mean to get you upset, sorry. I am glad he didn't marry you.

Me: Don't get your hopes up, the sight of you disgusts me.

Siya: I am not interested in bitter people, your bitter and its disgusting enough to make anyone find you

unattractive. Sorry he hurt you and your walking around with all that hurt, thinking that everyman is never going to be better than those you've met. Your beautiful, your eyes glow like the stars and have such an effortless smile but you're bitter.

Me: [I wanted to be angry with him but I couldn't, something about him just earned a soft spot in my heart. It scared me, I left him there and placed Hlelo in his seat. Then walked over to my side]

Siya: I'll make it my prayer point, Goodnight.

Me: [I got inside my car and drove to Nomandla's place. I parked, we went inside the house. I just took a seat]

Nomandla: Spill everything I'm listening, who is this that got you this worked up?

Me: Its no one important, I took Mma'bele to church and this dude came up to us. I could feel his eyes on me and it was irritated me. He comes up and is like his glad Themba didn't marry me, I mean like as if that's not enough he follows me outside and calls me bitter to my face. His arrogant.

Nomandla: Its been over 7 months babe, are you and Sine going to fix things or what? I mean you have just about refused over what 28 guys and you were not irritated like you are now. What makes this one different.

Me: He has this beautiful stature and a tattoo on his buffy shoulder. Gold dust chocho as if that's not enough the cologne yakona! S****! excuse my language. On top of everything that is already going wrong, we are at church imagine.

Nomandla: Manje wena no Sine?

Me: who's that person? Who are you talking about?
Where does he live? I can't do relationships right now. They are too stressful for me, my man is Hlelo and my bank balance.

Nomandla: Sine was foolish but not everyone is like him. Maybe this is your chance at forever besides you have needs don't you?

Me: I don't need a man, [as we were talking, I felt my throat getting dry and I suddenly felt really hungry, then my breasts started hurting. I tried to feed Hlelo but he wasn't about that life so I knew it was someone else.] we need to go.

Nomandla: this thing yako it doesn't have timing ai.
Bye ke.

Wrong but Right Path

#Insert34

I picked Hlelo and we went into my car, as we went pass the hospital my son started coughing so bad that I stopped. I parked and placed him on my back. I didn't even know the person or child I was looking for. I walked through the corridor, I set at emergency and prayed. After some minutes an old woman walked in with a baby who was screaming. She set beside me. Thank you God.

Nurse: Is she going it again?

Old woman: I tried feeding her and she threw up. She is hot and has been coughing all the way here. I don't know, I called her father. Can you give her a drip or something?

Nurse: Let me ask the doctor. [goes into the ward]

Me: whats wrong with her? [she looked at me with a mean face] does she have a temperature.

Old woman: [looking through her with disgust] my granddaughter doesn't need any muthi from you, whatever you are seeing keep it to yourself.

Doctor: Look Mma'Dlamini we cannot do anything, her medical results are clear go home and speak to your ancestors or something. This is not the help she needs.

Me: [I could tell she was not getting better, my body was starting to hurt. This thing is hard, as soon as she placed her on her car seat. I took the child into my arms and breastfed her, while holding her forehead. I prayed for her and she settled]

Sphehile, your grandmother is going to take you home now. This shall never happen to you again, rest my baby. [the woman had already rushed for security, I placed the child in their car seat] she is

struggling to connect, place her on your chest each time she is sleeping and you will see an improvement.

Mma'Dlamini: [looking at her granddaughter who is now calm and sleeping] I didn't mean to be rude, what did you do to get her this settled?

Me: I understand, I am no traditional whatever you call it. This shall never happen to her again, she doesn't like the formula the doctors recommended, try something else like Nido.

I left her there and drove to my house. I can't explain it but I can't eat certain foods anymore, I have to pray atleast three times a day. I don't go where I want and don't see who I want. I cooked and fed my son. Then we took a shower. I got some work done until around 2am in the morning. Then I slept. Some hours later I woke up to my phone ringing, I picked up and it was Sine or so I thought.

Me: Hello.

Her: Leave my man alone, he has chosen me. Stop taking his mother places, get a life. Stay away from me.

Me: Nobuhle I have better things to do than chase your man around town. Besides Sine made it clear that he is not interested in me anymore and that's okay with me. Rest on his chest and relax because I have really important things to do with my time.

she hung up and reminded me of how much I loved my baby daddy. I set up and just cried because I hate remembering everything. I suddenly had a headache, I took a bath and decided to bake because I was stressed out. My son woke up around 5am and I bathed him. I started feeding him, I heard my gate. I wondered who is that, I wore my

gown and went outside with the remote. The minute I saw the driver, I went back into the house and shut the door. What does he want here? How did he even locate me, I prayed and Hlelo attended to his toys. As I was sitting the gate opened and then my front door. Hilda walked in, I picked up my handbag.

Me: I was even thinking of sending you an ub.....[the old woman from last night walked in with Siya plus the little baby girl] what is this?

Hilda: Madam I can explain, th.....

Me: I have no time to entertain this right now, I am late for work. Give them tea and biscuits. I just fed Hlelo. [he stood in my way and I sighed in irritation] what!

Siya: My mother told me what you did for Sphesihle, just wanted to say thank you not offend you again.

Sorry yoh.

Me: Can you please move out of my way? [I turned and used the back door. I got inside my car and drove off. What is this? My whole self was nervous, my heart was beating so fast I was sweating my make up off. God what is this mara? I drove to work and called my women which is Fikile, Nomandla] Angazi, like I don't know here.

Fikile: [giggles] whats going on?

Nomandla: Gold dust again?

Fikile: I am guessing Siya and his mother came to your house?

Me: Siya, Gold dust whatever showed up at my house and Hilda allowed them in imagine.

Fikile: Its a small world my superwoman.

Me: how do I explain the way I feel each time he comes around? He makes me nervous and scared at the same time. I still have goose bumbs and I loo....[he walked through my office door] s****!

Nomandla: Let me guess he just walked into your office? [they laugh and hang up]

Siya: we started off on the wrong foot, thank you for restoring my daughter's health and I'm sorry for what I said about you being bitter. Let's start over, my name is Siyabonga King Dlamini, father of Sphesihle.

Me: Please stay away from me, stay the hell away from me.

Siya: Granted, thank you for what you did for my daughter Nompilo. [sits at the edge of her desk]

Me: Leave!

Siya: Have lunch with me.

Me: Not on your life, get out of my office while you still can. [he wasn't bothered at all infact he set on my chairs, it irritated me. I called security to remove him. They did as told. I set there and did my work. After some time I heard a knock and boom Sine walked into my office I didn't know what to expect but I guess if he hates this gift I have, its the same as hating my guts.] Bab'Mtimande.

Sine: No need for us to breath the same air, I came to deliver my wedding invite because I want my son to be present.

Me: [its hard to even believe I was onced loved by him, the hate in him said enough] congratulations. Your mother can pick him up on the day [tju it hurt shames, the wedding invite. It hurt very bad, as tears were forming. Siya burged into my office with Sphehile, I stood up from my chair] what happened?

Siya: [panicked] she's not breathing, She was crying then the next thing. She just kept silent, I don't want to loose her. Please help my daughter.

Me: [I stook the child and her body looked lifeless, held her to my shoulder and walked out to the balcony with her. I prayed for mercy and didn't like the answer that I got, how do you tell a man who loves his child to leave her with you until further notice? After praying she coughed and started breathing, I went inside and he was there with Sine who had the demon in the room look] she's fine now but she should remain at my house just so I can

monitor her from time to time if that's okay with you.

Sine: Your going to trust this demon with your daughter.

Siya: I don't know who you are or where the hell you came from but Mr get your story correct. What I do with Nompilo shouldn't concern you. Can I visit her from time to time?

Me: You can visit her at anytime you want.

Wrong but Right Path

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You'd expect someone to just be like you are not taking my daughter and have trust issues but his answer was as long as she can be healthy. Sine left angry and Siya took his daughter. I continued my

duties until knock off time. Then drove home, I found that Mma'Dlamini had come to drop off Sphehile. Its funny because she was already pulling things like Hlelo does these days. Since he started moving on his own, his just everywhere and his toys are everywhere. I washed my hands, kissed both children. Then went upstairs and changed into something comfortable. I came back downstairs.

Mma'Dlamini: a few hours in your house and she's crawling around, being naughty like any other child. I had doubts about her staying here but now they have rested.

Me: We thank God.

Hilda: Madam, I am off. [takes her bags]

Me: Have a safe journey home. [she leaves] Has she offered you anything? I am about to cook, can I

offer you coffee or tea in the meanti.....

Siya: Black coffee with two spoons of sugar [kisses his mother's cheek] Greetings.

Mma'Dlamini: How was your day Dlamini?

Siya: [looking at his daughter] its like she is a whole different baby, she is crawling now?

Me: [I made them coffee and served them, while I cooked. As I was dishing up, my mother walked in and just gave me a huge hug] Mma, is everything okay?

Mma'Madi: You mother your own mother, I don't know where you get the strength sometimes. I heard about the wedding, I am sorry.

Me: I can't force people to stay in my life, should I dish up for you as well?

Mma'Madi: who else is here? Hlelo ka gogo.

Me: [she went into my living room and I heard Hlelo laughing from the kitchen. It was heart warming, I finished cooking and dished up. I placed everything on the table and called the babies. I set them on the table and fed them] Mma, this is Mma'Dlamini and her son. They are parents to Sphesihle.

Mma'Madi: We've met before. When are you taking your mother to a spa day vele?

Me: Whenever she would like to go.

Mma'Dlamini: Take notes Siya. She just said whenever.

Siya: Seconds would be nice.

Me: follow me to the kitchen. [I placed the kids on the mat and went to the kitchen with him. I dished up for him again] what happened to her mother?

Siya: Cancer, Sphesihle was her last breathe. Burying the woman I love at just two weeks after birth w..

Me: sorry, I need to head to bed. Let me show you where to place your daughter when you are done bonding with her. [he followed me to Hlelo's room which is just a glass door to mine. He stood there looking at the room, between trust and hurt. It was clear that he felt like he was abandoning his daughter, tears formed in his eyes and his entire face changed, his veins popped. It was painful to watch, leaving my son with Sine is a territory on its

own I can't imagine a complete stranger. His mother appeared] I will come to your house and try to figure out what is causing this.

Siya: I promised her mother that I would never let her out of my sight, this is just ..

Mma'Dlamini: Hayi Dlamini this is what is best for her health. I am sure her mother would understand, if you are like this she will never rest. Its hard I know.

Siya: Okay, can I connect to your monitors? I just want to see her sleeping.

Me: there are no monitors inside this house, [I opened the door to my bedroom] I will be here to watch her every move.

Siya: Can I bring my own monitors?

Me: whatever makes you feel comfortable, its okay.
[he left with his mother, and I bathed, then tacked in the babies. Then prayed in their room and went straight to bed. During the night, I heard Sphesihle crying, I went into their room. Changed her nappy and placed her on my chest beside Hlelo who was now awake. I hushed them back to sleep, I passed out on the rocking chair. I woke up to little fingers in my face. I stood up and we all bathed. Then went to the kitchen, I looked outside and discovered Siya's car outside my house. I placed the babies on the couch and stepped outside,opened the gate. I walked over to his car and knocked on the window. He woke up]

Siya: [opens the door and steps out] I'm sorry I coul.....

Me: come inside, I am making breakfast. Bring your toiletry bag with you.

Siya: How is she?

Me: Come see for yourself. [he parked inside the yard and followed me inside the house. I gave the babies fruits while I made porridge.] the bathroom is the third door on your left. [he walked over there and took a whole hour in there, that was scary I am not used to a man who bathes for that long. As I wanted to knock on the door, he opened] Yoh I thought you had collapsed in there.

Siya: its important for a man to be clean.

Me: Okay, Hilda is on her way so I am going to be leaving soon. There is breakfast in the oven just in case you are hungry. The babies are fed.

Siya: Your skin is so smooth, one could think you have make up on or something.

Me: None of that, Good here comes Hilda.

Siya: Can I have you number for emergencies?

Me: Good one but I don't think so, I had a revelation about your house. After work we need to go there and dig out some things.

Hilda: [enters and looks at them] Hoaw weee
Madam, he slept here?

Me: The babies are fed, there is filled bottles of best milk in the cooler. Please ask my mother to take Hlelo to Mma'bele. Themba is getting married tomorrow.

#Siya

Pains are normal, after multiple relationships I fell in love with this very beautiful woman but after we paid her bride price, we discovered that she has cancer. At the time I thought we could win through it but we discovered that we were pregnant, that's when she decided not to take treatment in order to keep our child. Two weeks after the birth of our baby she passed on. That ripped my heart out of my chest but I had to be strong for my daughter who soon became sick. The doctors cannot diagnose her, I am not a traditional person. I joined a church and the problem subsided then eventually came back. In a nutshell Sphesihle is my life, she is all I breathe for. My mother has helped me in every way since my woman passed. I vowed never to fall in love with anyone else from my woman but I don't know, I met this woman. She is so beautiful and doesn't even try to confront her beauty, it's like she doesn't know it. At the sight of her, the vow went out the window and past remained in the past, she makes me lose my speech. Each time I see her, I

just feel all nervous. I thought I would never see her again until I discovered that she is the medicine my daughter needs. After seeing her I went to see my brother.

Me: I just don't know how, Mtho.

Mtho: [laughing his lungs out] I need to see this Healer Bae of yours.

Me: Don't call her that, she is still very hung up on her baby daddy and other things.

Mtho: [laughing to tears] which one? Sinethemba is getting married, that one is a no go area. I need this chick, your sweating and she is not even in the room.

Wrong but Right Path

#Insert36

He just about laughed at my dilemma, I know Themba and I can't be chilling around his ex although we are not even close. Mthokozisi, laughed all the way to our site. I must say I felt embarrassed, that I couldn't say two words to her yet I am falling deep into her heart. The day was just heavy, after a long day of work. We went to my mother's house where I found my uncles outside already. They had a woman who was dressed in a blanket, it nagged me out and my sister in law met us at the door. The last thing I need is my family picking out a wife for me, I mean what the hell? Mtho just laughed at me of course.

Mma'Dlamini: Your fathers are here to speak to you, your wife's cousin sister is willing to come in and continue where she left off.

Me: This is not a good time, I came to fetch you so

we can go to my house. The healer is coming to remove what makes my daughter sick.

Mma'Dlamini: Talk to your uncles and we will go.

Me: I don't want any woman, allow me to mourn my woman in peace. Its been just 8 months. Let's talk in a year, maybe my heart will be ready to open up for another person. For now my daughter needs me, Mma are you coming?

Mtho: Ledi, lets go baby.

Mma'Dlamini: sorry my husbands, as you all know, Sphehile is very sick. We have to go now.

Me: [we all drove to my house and she was already waiting. She had make-up on, God! Why? She was wearing torn jeans with heels and Relay shirt plus a

doek. She looked gorgeous.] sorry we are late.

Nompilo: No problems, your wife's spirit is not resting, its here. Go into the house and go into your bedroom. Speak to her spirit, release her to go.

Mma'Dlamini: ask her about her cousin sister while your there.

Me: How will I know she can hear me?

Nompilo: she will give you a sign.

Me: [I went into my yard and went into our bedroom, he favourite dress was on the bed don't know how it left the suitcases. I set on the bed] Nompilo says that you can hear me. I am struggling to let go, your people and my uncles keep imposing that I should marry someone but I am not ready for that, I guess I

am afraid of how they will threat our daughter. I know I promised to never marry another woman or love another after you but I am failing to keep that recently. There is someone, she's got her own issues but she treats our daughter well but I am struggling to express myself. It hurts that we are worlds apart but watch over our daughter like an angel. I love you always. [I felt a breeze and just cried my last because I knew she had left. After sometime I stood up and went outside.] she has left.

Nompilo: she was a beautiful soul, she told me that you should follow your heart and stop crying, its enough. Please fetch your daughter, Hilda will leave in an hour.

Me: I'm right behind you.

Nompilo: Please fetch her because I need to head out of town on business.[gets into her car and drives off]

Mtho: Excuse my language, she is on fire!

Ledi: Capital F..I..R..E, she looks really good.

Mma'Dlamini: Out of your league, don't bring me a healer please.

Me: My wife said I should follow my heart not your ideas.

#Sinethemba

After we had a fight and I heard about what she was going around doing, I wasn't sure whether she was going around demonising people, my spirit did not accept it so I made up my mind that I am not going to apologize for believing what I believe. The first three months she kept calling and apologizing

but I wasn't about to get back with her. Infact all the things that have been happening were signs that we are not meant to be. A month after I regained my senses from loving a demon, I met a woman who turned my blue skies into sunshines. Nobuhle and I fell in love without complications. This woman is everything I want and more. I love her and now I am marrying her for all the right reasons. Her people are not lunatics, they are calm and normal not up down.

Mma'bele: well we have to get going now but Hlelo has been crying, I have tried everything to calm him down. What should I do?

Me: Bring him to me.

Mma'bele: [goes and comes back with Hlelo who is crying his eyes out] calm down Mfana ka gogo.

Me: [I picked him up and he just vomitted on my suit]
this is Nompilo! Witch! My son must be under a
spell.

Mma'bele: Don't speak like that about her because
she never poisons your son against you. [takes
Hlelo] Mfana ka gogo.

Vuyo: I don't why you have to be so angry with a
woman that doesn't even give you the time of day.
Why you are here walking around with the past
Nompilo has moved on with her life and accepted
that you are not in it. [wipes him clean and they go
out as people ululate] I'm sure your bride is
beautiful.

Me: You know she is. [we went to the pulpit and
stood. As my Buhle walked towards me, I felt
nervous she was beautiful, as I held her hand
everything felt right. Ofcourse Hlelo was still
screaming, I asked someone to take him out of the

chapel]

Minister: Dearly beloved we are all gathered here to witness the love between Nobuhle and Sinethemba. If anyone has an objection to this wedding, speak now or forever hold your peace. [waits for two seconds]since there is no one, Mr Mtimande you may say your vows.

Me: I take you Nobuhle, Omuhle wami to my partner, wife, mother of children and the woman that I love forever. In front of all these people let this be a symbol of my love for you, I love and honour you and vow to take care of you as long as we both shall live. May we have plenty of children and be fruitful in everything that we do may God prosper us. I love you.

Minister: Nobuhle you may proceed.

Nobuhle: thank you that you have chosen me to be your wife out of all these women on earth. I vow to help you reach greater heights and love you even at your lowest. This ring is a symbol of my love and that you are taken, everything you have is mine and what's mine is yours. I love you and will care for you forever I love you.

Minister: Before God and Man, I pronounce you husband and wife. You may kiss your bride.

Me: [we shared a kiss] I love you. [we walked to our reception and my mother rushed to us] Mma.

Mma'bele: Hlelo is vomitting foam, I am taking him to the hospital.

Nobuhle: Give him milk or something, he will be fine. There is no need for you to ruin my day.

Vuyo: Lets go Mma, this could be serious. [they leave]

Me: why the hell could he be vomitting foam? Thats not normal.

Nobuhle: Must be his witch of a mother.

Wrong but Right Path

#Insert37

We had a blis sful day and went to the hotel room where we unkempt everything. I placed my phone on flight, in the morning we drove to my parents house and my uncles were sitting around the table with worried faces like something just happened. My mother had a swollen face beside Fikile who couldn't even face me.

Me: why the down faces? What's wrong?

His grandmother: Hlelo was poisoned.

Me: Poisoned? How? By who?

Mma'bele: My grandson died in my arms, Nompilo couldn't handle it. She just collapsed.

Me: It can't be? Hlelo can't be dead! Is this some joke?

His grandfather: They said his brain dead meaning its just a matter of time before his little body gives up. Whoever did this to my great grandson, will suffer the consequences.

Me: how does my son die? How does my son get

poisoned?

#Nompilo

As I was out on business, I started feeling sick and vomiting blood. I called Mma'bele to check on my son and she couldn't talk on the phone. I immediately told my boss and I got onto his jet which took me back home. I found my son's lifeless body on the stretcher, all the lights went out. I woke up to someone sprinkling water on me, tears fell fresh. I can't be saving other people while my son dies. They said that he was poisoned and his brain dead but his body has not given out. They are asking to donate his heart. I picked him up and placed him on my chest. I don't know how to swear so I set there and cried. I saw my grandmother's ghost. It touched my son's head and disappeared. I received a revelation, I took my son's body like a crazy woman and went out. I bought a chicken and went to the bush, I placed my son beside me. I used

a glass and dug a whole, I stripped my son naked and placed his clothes on the chicken, I slaughtered it and bit it farewell as thought it were my son. I closed the grave and walked to my house while carrying my naked son. When I got to the house, I bathed with him and took him to another hospital. They examined him.

Doctor: I don't know but this poison is spreading fast and right now his between life and death, we don't know but if you can get me the type of poison he consumed. I can find a solution to stop it and try to help him recover.

Me: Are you saying my son is not dead?

Doctor: His brain is dying, if you don't hurry he will die.

Me: [I drove to Mma'bele's house and marched in

there like a mad woman] WHAT DID YOU GIVE MY SON!?

Mma'bele: [in tears] I don't know but all he took was his bottle as far as I know.

Me: I JUST WANT TO KNOW WHAT IS THE NAME OF THE POISON YOU GAVE MY SON!.

Sine: Of all the things I could never poison my only son.

Me: [his wife came into the room and the signs were there] TALK! WHAT DID YOU GIVE MY SON!? WHAT!?

Sine: Don't accuse my wife for something she didn't do.

Me: YOU WANT TO SAY IT IN YOUR GRAVE!? FINE BY ME!

Nobuhle: [shaking in tears] I'm sorry, I was jealous that my husband was giving you attention. I'm sorry please don't kill me.

Me: TALK! WHAT WAS THE POISON!?

Nobuhle: They call it Bunka, its a mixture with I think aloe inside it.

Me: [I stormed out of there and called the hospital, luckily they knew it. They told to visit a certain herbalist. It was a weird looking china man, he cut a plant which I grew up knowing. I went with it to the hospital. When I got to the hospital, they placed a few drops in his drip. There was no change] how long does it take?

Doctor: Just give it a day or two depending on his immune system.

Me: Okay. [she left and I set with my son while my phone rang until it was battery low. I prayed all kinds of prayers as I set beside him]

#Sinethemba

Returning home from the hotel I got news that made me rethink my steps. Finding out that Nobuhle poisoned my son in the name of jealousy, that hurt. What hurt more is the look that Nompilo gave me, I knew she blamed me for the death of our son, I should have been more careful. Nobuhle cried and apologized but my son was dead not coming back. That hurt but I couldn't afford to lose the one in her womb as well.

Me: What you did was wrong but for the sake of our

unborn baby I forgive you.

Mma'bele: Wow! J ust wow!

His grandmother: He doesn't have a choice, we have to mend things with the Madi's over time she will forgive you.

Mma'bele: Ngicele ningihambele [please leave my house] Please. [widens the door]

His grandfather: Hoaw Koti, are you throwing us out?

Mma'bele: Please don't waste anymore time in my house. My grandson's body is not even frozen yet and you are here talking about him like he was a piece of bread.[tears streaming down] If you didn't care about him, I cared! And wena don't you ever come back here.

Me: [it hurt to see her like that, Fikile looked at me in disgust and I knew sibling-hood was broken.] I'm sorry for hurting you like this.

Nomandla: [enters emotional] Greetings, Is my sister here?

Mma'bele: No, she left a few minutes ago.

Nomandla: Thank you, [answering her phone] She's not here Mma, I don't know where she could have gone, we need to find her. Let me call John to see if he found her. [leaves]

Me: [I felt so hurt and disappointed at myself. What if she commits suicide? I will be held accountable, my mother set on the couch and wept so loud that the neighbours started streaming into the yard. We left the yard]

Nobuhle: I'm sorry baby, I'm sorry. I know it doesn't change anything but I am very sorry.

Me: Don't talk please, I will drop you off at home. I need to clear my head.

Nobuhle: Your going to look for her aren't you?

Me: No, I am trying to understand how I can build a future with someone who murdered my innocent son. Fight Nompilo none of my business but you killed my son. Being in the same room with you suffocates me right now! Right now I don't care what you believe! For all I know you might kill me aswell. So do me a favour and shut up.

Wrong but Right Path

#Insert38

I went to my house and went inside the house, I locked myself in the basement and wept. My son is gone, I couldn't remember when last I took him out to the park or something we did together. I should have suspected from the way he was crying, the vomit on my stupid suit. He tried to communicate that something was wrong with him and I didn't get it. I missed all the signs. What kind of a father does that one make me? Maybe I should have worked things out with Nompilo and none of this would be happening. As I was losing my mind my phone rang, it was Vuyo.

Vuyo: I heard what happened, how are you Bafo?

Me: how do I forgive my wife for this?

Vuyo: [confused] are you saying she poisoned Hlelo.

Me: I'm stupid, I should have suspected that something was wrong when he was crying and vomitted on my suit. I should have known something was wrong. I should have known but I was too blinded by the hate I have for his mother.

Vuyo: why do you hate Nompilo so much, what did she do that you just hated her all of a sudden?

Me: the demon she carries killed her father, you should have seen it. She killed that old man, what kind of evil person is that, no matter what she shouldn't have killed the man.

Vuyo: [chuckles] You think she killed Bab'Madi?
Wow. Who fooled you?

Me: I was there I saw it.

Vuyo: Common sense is really not common, are you the only person who didn't hear about the charm that was dug out the day he died? His wealth was because he sacrificed Nompilo's womb. That didn't work out so he brought in another charm to keep her blind but his garden boy discovered it while landscaping. She didn't do anything, in fact she is the victim in all this. I hope you didn't dump her for that right?

Me: it hurts that my son has to just die like that.

Vuyo: Has the body been found?

Me: Its at the hospital.

Vuyo: So she returned the body? According to your mother she left with your son's body in tears. When did she return the body?

Me: so she took the body? What if she is going to kill herself along side it.

Vuyo: Allow me to be your eyes and ears, right now fix your marriage. Its all you've got left.

#Siyabonga

As I came back from a picnic with my daughter, I heard that Nompilo lost her son and that he had been poisoned at his father's wedding. As if that was not enough, she was missing. I know how it feels to lose someone who is your breathe. So all sorts of thoughts must be going through her mind at that moment. I opted to get some potatoes from the store and as I was looking outside the window. I spotted Nompilo walking barefooted. I didn't know where she was coming from or where she was going but her walk told me that she had given up on life. I found a place and parked. I chased her until I met with her.

Me: Where are you walking to?

Nompilo: [crying] I don't know.

Me: Its hot on the ground and your barefooted.

Nompilo: [looks at her feet like someone who doesn't register what is happening, crying] I just want him to wake up, I just want to hold him and tell him everything is going to be okay.

Me: Let's take a seat.

Nompilo: No I need to get home and get my baby bag.

Me: [she was holding car keys and didn't even

notice it. I scooped her up and rushed with her to my car. She didn't fight me, she just wept. I placed her on the backseat, I drove to her house and we walked into the house which was not even locked. She went to Hlelo's room and came back with a bag] How about you take a shower and put on fresh clothes?

Nompilo: [nods and goes into her room]

Me: [God as I heard the taps, I second guessed myself. What if she harms herself in there, I paced around thinking on what to do. She came out after some minutes, all dressed and smelling fresh. I took her where she wanted to go and didn't ask why she wanted to go there] should I pick you up later.

Nompilo: No thank you, go be with your daughter. She needs you more than I do.

Me: [I told the security personnel to watch her closely. I drove home and found my mother with Sphesihle. I just took my daughter into my arms, I don't know what I would do if I lost her.]

Mma'Dlamini: [concerned] did you see a scary movie or something? Whats with you?

Me: Nompilo is miserable Mma, she can't say two words without crying. She looks pale, they have really dealt with her.

Mma'Dlamini: Apparently Nobuhle is the one who poisoned the boy.

Me: And Sinethemba is out there playing happy family with her? Wow. I would kill someone, we are clearly different.

Mma'Dlamini: Let me tell them that you know where Nompilo is.

Me: Hei I don't know where she is, I said I met her on the road. I just passed her, I didn't know she was missing. Besides even if I knew where she was I wouldn't tell Themba's family. Not in this life.

Mma'bele: If you know please tell me or her family. I will give you the numbers.

Me: I don't know where she is, how does an 8 month old baby consume poison and you don't notice it? All the adults at the wedding never noticed? How does that happen? Please stop coming here when my daughter is around, please I don't want problems. Infact Mma, I am taking my daughter.

Mma'bele: she might be a danger to herself please.

Me: all I can tell you is that she is safe and protected. [I took my daughter's baby bag and drove to my brother's place. I dropped her off there and drove back to the hospital. They showed me where she was, I found her staring into an incubator. Which was weird, I looked and Hlelo was inside. I knocked on the window, she looked at me and came outside]

Nompilo: Is Sphesihle okay? Why are you here?

Me: How are you? Are you okay?

Nompilo: His responding to treatment, they managed to stop the spread of the poison. So now they are giving him brain meds but if it doesn't work they will operate on his head. Thank you for earlier, otherwise they wouldn't allow me near his bed.

Me: so you managed to save your son?

Nompilo: We are not out of the woods yet so please do not tell a soul about this.

Me: there is a whole search party out there looking for you.

Wrong but Right Path

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She used my phone and called her mother who was with her sister that she is okay, sorry for scaring them. I ordered hospital food for her because I knew that you don't even want to eat in such a state. She called her boss who was very concerned about everything, he said he would send her minutes of the meeting. I left as they allowed her into the ICU again. I went to Mtho's house and found Sphesihle still playing with her cousins.

Mtho: what exactly did this woman do to my niece?
She has such an energy and she's starting to get naughty.

Me: I don't know Bafo, she just prayed for her and took her for a night, then she came back a normal child. She doesn't cry unnecessarily, she sleeps at night and eats like a normal child.

Ledi: so that's why she was sucking our son's bottle.
She breastfed her neh?

Me: I didn't know she liked it like that, sorry. I will contact the bank and ask for provision.

Ledi: Breastfeeding has the power of restoring a woman.

Me: I should stay away from her, she needs to heal

and regain herself.

Mtho: Take this God given opportunity and support, comfort, go the extra mile for her. It will pay off.

Me: [I picked up my daughter] Bye fam, see you at the site tomorrow morning. [as I stepped out, I really thought about being there for her but at the same time how do I do that? I mean she doesn't want me around atleast I think so. Maybe I should stay away, if I am meant to be with her God you will make a way for that to happen. I drove to my house and found my mother with Nompilo's mother plus Mma'bele] I don't know where she is.

Mma'bele: I know she probably asked you not to tell us but its important that we see her. The sooner we can arrange the burial, the sooner we all can heal.

Me: When she is good and ready, I am sure she will

contact you for now please go home. She is safe and sound. [at that moment she called from the hospital line] Hello.

Nompilo: [crying] Please use the details I just sent you and withdraw 50000 from my trust account.

Me: what's going on?

Nompilo: My son has relapsed they are taking him into surgery. Can you please do this for me and I will owe you a thousand times.

Me: Give the nurse these numbers 998714B675.

Nompilo: I am writing them down, what are they for?

Me: the nurse knows what they are for, give the

nurse and give him your son's details.

Nompilo: Okay I will call you back. [hangs up]

Me: Stay away from Nompilo, give her space to breath and heal. Please go home and know that everything is fine. As for me, I am hungry and very short hearted. [I went inside my house and made food. Then ate with my daughter on my shoulder. She called again] how's he doing now?

Nompilo: [crying] They are exploiting your medical aid, they called in some brain specialist. He gave my son some injection on the brain. They didn't take him for surgery. They are offering me Romance Pizza? How much is on your medical aid?

Me: Enough to serve a million people, relax I got this.

Nompilo: [sniffing] I can't pay you back today or next month. The money spent here is not even half my salary per year. You can't be doing this for free, what do you want because I can't give you cash?

Me: I want Hlelo out of hospital, I want him back to his naughty self. Plus you owe me a date.

Nompilo: I'm not ready for any relationship, they don't go down well with my situation.

Me: Stop calling your gift a situation, its not a disease or leprosy. Its something that God has blessed you with. Its the coolest thing, its like being a super heroin and stuff.

Nompilo: [laughs] It puts my life in a box, I can't go anywhere I want or see people I want when I want to see them.

Me: You see those who need to see you not those who want to see you. I don't think your demonized or whatever, nothing like that. Your just Healer bae.

Nompilo: [laughing] You are one crazy man but honestly relationships don't qualify.

Me: I don't want to be friendzoned or brotherzoned nothing with zone in it. Think about where you are going to put me because it won't be zones. And ofcourse Sphe is fighting for this phone now. [I gave my daughter the phone, she can't even talk. She kept breathing on it and linking my screen. Then she just laughed and gave me the phone] Night.

Nompilo: [laughing] Come get breast milk tomorrow, she is developing so nicely but her immune system is not where it should be.

Me: Goodbye Healer Bae.

Nompilo: Later Gold dust [hung up]

Me: [I made her laugh wow, it felt like winning an award. I couldn't wait for tomorrow. I bathed and tacked in Sphehile then got some work done on my laptop before sleeping]

#Nompilo

I didn't know that misery was on my path, when I heard how much the surgery would cost. It made me miserable I couldn't call Themba who has the money. I thought of Nobuhle and knew that no one else could give me this money, I called and asked for a loan on my trust. They offered me 50000. I couldn't leave my son so I called a favour. I don't believe in human kindness anymore but this shocked me to my boots. Siya's medical aid pushed.

They gave him the injection and after about four hours, my son started moving his fingers which was a beautiful sign. It encouraged me a lot. The next morning, the nurse told me to attempt breastfeeding him and he responded which was nice. Then we allowed him to sleep because his body was weak. They moved him to the ward, as that was happening Siya walked through the door with Sphehile.

Me: Hope you brought enough bottles.

Siya: should I be offended that you call me Gold dust?

Me: Don't be silly now, [I took Sphehile from him and just breastfed her] so bottles?

Nurse: you need to breastfeed into these for her.

Me: right after I eat and drink water. I will get to it.

Siya: thank you very much nurse. I am disconnecting my medical aid. She can handle it from here.

Me: Thank you very much, honestly your a life saviour. So when is this date happening vele?

Siya: Lets get our babies healthy first, I realize that you've been to fancy places. You have money, you've received roses, chocolate and shopping sprees. If I do that for you then it means I am common like other guys. I need to add something that is not there in your life, once I find out what that is. We'll talk about dates.

Me: You know what I need? To forget the past and allow myself to trust the next person. [this guy mara, he took notes of what I was saying. Hlelo suddenly

cried, I couldn't believe it. I tried putting Sphe down and she held on. So I justed picked them both]

Nurse: Are they twins?

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I was happy to see my son awake, Sphesihle is a good influence on him. The minute he saw Sphe playing on the mat. He wanted to play as well, I was afraid of putting him down but Siya encouraged me to believe in my son. They kept playing with the toys he had brought. The doctor came to examine him and received a shocker. No child at his medical state could be that active. Siya bought us chips and both kids just enjoyed themselves. Then slept on my lap, he took a picture.

Me: Thank you for coming for me when you did, I

appreciate. I never thought I would be this grateful to anyone.

Siya: Can I ask? Please don't be angry.

Me: Yes, ask me anything I won't be angry.

Siya: I heard people say that you and Sine were really in love, what happened?

Me: One minute I was his most loved and the next he just changed like a channel. We fought the negatives in our relationship then as we were supposed to be enjoying rest and peace. We received a call and as I went to my parents house. My late father had beaten my mother which I realized wasn't the first time. In that very moment it was revealed that my father tied my womb, I felt so angry that I began to shake because for over ten years I have been begging for a baby but nothing,

my boyfriend at the time was so concerned about his lineage that he made 9 kids outside, Sine was married to my sister who was abusing him. In a moment of weakness one day we slept together and boom Hlelo happened. He divorced my sister who retaliated against me. To cut the long story short, he thinks I killed my father but I didn't his charm which was discovered by his gardener killed him. Because he thinks I killed him, he hates me with a passion, my heart was broken when he threw me out. It was like death. I tried several times to call and explain what happened but he would not let me. I eventually gave up as I discovered that there is another woman in his kitchen.

Siya: Wow you are tough.

Me: all I want to do is forget it ever happened you know.

Siya: You have been through a lot but your scars

made you so beautiful. I noticed that your eyes glow when your happy and laugh, its the most amazing thing in this world. So wear your scars with pride. I really have to rush to work before I upset you.

Me: [he kissed my cheek and they left us. I realized that his the first person I have opened up to since I was dumped some months ago. I felt relieved off a lot and felt really light. I started pumping into the hospital bottle for Sphe. After about an hour or so, sleep just fell upon me while I held son to my chest. We were woken up by the nurse] Sorry.

Nurse: No problem, the doctor needs to examine him.

Me: Okay. [I placed him on the bed and the doctor, took something like a picture and placed it on the screen in there. It was my son's brain. He examined it and kept making some pointers. Then I picked him up] Is he out of the woods yet?

Doctor: His out of the woods but we need to keep him here for atleast a week just to monitor his progress. The injection is doing much but his other organs need to recover as well.

Me: Can I head to my house for a change of clothes?

Doctor: Yes but be here before he wakes up. Because seeing people he knows will help him relax and recover without any problems.

Me: Yes sir. [I left the hospital. I drove to my house and found Sine with uncles] this is not a good time what do you want? [my mother, sister and uncles arrived at that very minute] Look I have back to back meetings.

Sine: I just want to see him and say my goodbyes to him.

Me: I'm no longer angry with you, I forgive you and Nobuhle.

Nomandla: don't go near my sister! You have some guts, after everything you did with this thing of yours. You show up here as what?

Me: I have back to back meetings, I will contact you if I need you for anything. I parked inside my yard and inside the house. I packed a bag with my son's clothes alongside mine. I took my laptop and work phone. I went to the kitchen and took some fruits.]

Nomandla: You don't need to be pretending, we know that you need to grieve.

Me: Look I really need to go, I wish I had that time but you know the gift, its demanding and right now I am enjoying every second of it. [I kissed her cheek

and my mother's cheek] I love you, you are the best support system on this earth but I need to rush for reals. [I got inside my car and when I got to the hospital Siya was already there holding my son who was awake. He stood up as I entered the ward] sorry I took too long.

Siya: No problems, I guess I was just in time and you being here marks the end of my shift. I need to be out of town for a week, maybe two. Is it okay if you call me?

Me: [I laughed, I took his phone and saved my numbers] Yes you may call me, infact I'm sad your leaving. Thank you for the talk, I honestly felt a lot better.

Siya: this jerk has your back, just in case this one misbehaves. I wrote down instructions with regards to our medical aid. Thanks for the milk but Sphe is so on it. No pressure.

Me: [his watch sent a reminder. I accompanied him to the door and he just kissed my forehead. I took my son, I set on the chair. He was sleeping, I placed him on the bed and checked on work. I had about 15 emails of work. The deadlines were unreasonable. I got started as it kept my mind off things. The doctor came into the office] Yes?

Doctor: We just received patients with the chronic illness, your son is very sensitive so I would like to transfer you to another hospital or maybe go home, then I schedule you for check ups.

Me: Schedule us for check ups. [they gave me instructions and the signs I should watch out for. I took my son and we left the hospital. We went to my house and surprisingly he didn't want to sleep anymore. I took out his toys and he just started pulling things as usual. I made him snacks]

Hilda: [emotional] I don't believe it, God.

Me: He has given me a second chance, I am sort of words.

Hilda: [kneels] Hello boyza! I'm happy to have him back.

Me: His still in recovery so his not 100% as yet, he might struggle to remember certain faces and things. We need to watch him closely and disinfect as much as possible. [we heard a car parking on my drive way. Hilda took my son to his room. I am not in the mood for visitors but as I approached the door, I heard Sphehile screaming. I opened the door and walked towards this young couple with Mma'Dlamini. I took her into my arms and she just rested] what's happening? Is she sick again?

Mma'Dlamini: My son is spoiling this child, she has

taken seven bottles. She finished the hospital donation in just one day. These things cost money, she refused Naledi breastfeed her. Clearly spoiled.

Me: [I set at the edge of my car and breastfeed her. She immediately fell asleep] I'm sorry Mma, Hello Naledi. We've all met before right?

Ledi: Yes, when you went to see Siya's house. This is my husband Mthokozisi.

Me: Nice to meet you Mtho, I am not going to prophecy you or anything like that. I am not like that so you can relax. I am led to people who need me not where I feel like I am needed.

Ledi: so how does this thing of yours work? Do you take money? Your house is huge.

Me: I can't, I am not allowed to accept any compensation for this. Its freely given. Everything is my blood and sweat. Aside from this? I am a shareholder and overseer at International, just like everyone I went to an interview and set in the same position for years until I got a promotion.

Wrong but Right Path

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She was really interested, Mma'Dlamini asked clarity questions about what I do. They found my answers unbelievable and I could tell they expected me to be arrogant and proud but nothing like that. I was just meek as they come, I allowed them inside my house. I placed Sphe down. We made tea and Mtho was interested in telling me about how his brother is such a superhero.

Mma'Dlamini didn't take that one lightly, its funny. We spent half the day together and like we know each other. But offcourse Hlelo screamed and I

fetches him, the room went dead silent like they were seeing a ghost.

Me: [I calmed him down and he wanted to play with Sphe who was now awake. I cut some fruits and placed them on a plate. They ate together which shocked the family] I would like that no one hears that his here. We just came back from the hospital and each day is not like the next.

Mma'Dlamini: Sphe never agrees to share anything, never mind food.

Me: I guess laying down ground rules helps a lot. I give them equal treatment, they both know that.

Mtho: I have to speak to my brother about this, they are so blended.

Mma'Dlamini: So do you go to church?

Me: Never been there before for an actual service, when I took Mma'bele to church was my first time inside the church building.

Mma'Dlamini: Well I would like for you to go to church with us some time.

Me: I'd like that very much Mma.

Sphehile and Hlelo: [crawl to her lap] Mama.

Me: [it was so special, I picked them up and span them around] Wow! [they pointed at the snacks. I placed them on the table and poured them snacks. I looked at the Dlamini's and they were giving each other the look. Right then I received a call from an unknown number.] Hello.

Sine: Can we please talk?

Me: I will never talk with you without Nobuhle, I don't want problems with her.

Sine: Okay, We are outside your yard.

Me: Okay, give me a few minutes I will be right out, Hilda?

Hilda: Yes Ma'am, here I am. Your not letting them into this yard right? I am not going to allow you give Hlelo to them.

Me: We have to talk at some point, I will speak to him in a few minutes. [as I was coming out, Mma'Dlamini stepped out behind me. Nobuhle looked down. I walked over to them and went

outside the yard] When I am good and ready, I will let you people know.

Nobuhle: my husband has something to say.

Me: [suddenly I received a call from a number outside the province] I'm fine really.

Siya: I heard Sphehile spoke for the first time, did you take a video.

Me: I didn't know how you'd feel hearing that her first word was Mama. It's not my place but it was a proud moment for me. No offence.

Siya: it's still a word, please record it when next it happens?

Me: no problems there, I will send you the video. [I could tell something was on his chest but could not figure what exactly is it.] see you when you come back.

Siya: Alright thanks. [hangs up]

Me: [I didn't know I was smiling until I saw Sine's eyes, I stopped smiling] please I will contact you when I am done. [Nobuhle got inside the car and shut the windows, Sine became nervous. That scared me as to what he wanted to tell me.] what's this about?

Sine: I realized my mistake and I would like to say, I am sorry that I just didn't understand and led things, I hurt you and spread a lot of bad rumours about what you do. I was wrong and I would like us to start over and have a proper life. Where you don't have to look away when you see me. I had no right to end things the way I did, I hurt you and I'm

honestly very sorry.

Me: Thank you for coming here and apologizing because you tore me down, I felt like I am not worthy of life at the time but I thank you for hurting me because at least now the right person for me can locate me and I won't be carrying hurt into our relationship. From here please don't ever call me, for anything. Don't come here again. Have a nice life and stay out of mine. [he stood there and I didn't even know what he was expecting. I went back into the yard and Mma'Dlamini was standing there looking really worried about something, as I came close I notice she was crying. I went inside the house and the mood had changed]

Mtho: I think we should head home now. Sphe come baby we need to go home.

Me: [Sphe just cried and rolled herself on the floor, it was really bad and clear she didn't want to go. I

picked her up and kissed her forehead] who's going to watch Gogo if you stay here baby? Please go with Gogo, she will bring you here tomorrow and you can play [she wasn't taking it, she held on to me and her grandmother didn't even attempt.] Please Nana.

Sphehile: [holding on to her shirt, tears streaming down]

Me: Please let's not force her, I will contact Siya and ask for permission.

Mma'Dlamini: I will bring her bag tomorrow morning, let's go. [they left]

Me: [she waved goodbye and continued to play like nothing is happening, I sent Siya a text. Then I set down to do my work because there was a lot shames. After about two hours, I paused and made

food. They ate which was a challenge as usual, then they set in front of the television as though they understand. Which I did my work double checked it and sent it to management. I think it's not weird but I feed my kids four times a day and ensure their vitamins balance.]

#Dlamini house.

As they arrive, Mma'Dlamini gets inside her house in silence. Its clear that she is either hurt by something or dislikes something. Naledi walks in and goes to the kitchen to make coffee, Mtho tries to talk to his mother about what is bothering her and tears form in her eyes. She sits and stares at the picture of her late daughter in law and husband. More tears just stream down, Mtho tries his best to comfort her but nothing works. Naledi joins in and they beg for her to speak.

Mma'Dlamini: My cross is too heavy, why did Bheki

leave me here?

Mtho: Mma please speak to us, ever since we left Nompilo's house. You've not been yourself. What's wrong?

Mma'Dlamini: I am catching feelings and so is my son, my granddaughter is already clinging to her.

Mtho: Mma, its going to be okay.

Mma'Dlamini: Mtimande wants her back, I saw it in his eyes and she didn't exactly refuse. Your brother is busy making money while his daughter is warming up to this woman. As we set with her, I felt like my family was whole again. My heart accepted her, I could already see myself introducing her to the whole street as mine.

Naledi: Mma, we can't rush these things. I believe that Siya has plan around this whole thing.

Mma'Dlamini: I looked into that boy's eyes, its just a matter of time before he leaves Nobuhle. The desire to get back together burned in his eyes. I know that Mma'bele has it as a prayer point. She always tells me that they used to be inseparable and she doesn't even know why they broke up in the first place.

Mtho: I will appeal to my brother about this whole thing again, please don't be like this Mma.

Mma'Dlamini: She makes my granddaughter happy, when she's around Sphe doesn't throw tantrums. She is happy and playful, naughty like any child her age. When Themba gets back with her, what will be the fate of my granddaughter? How will she cope through it all?

Mtho: Mma what's impossible with men, is possible with God. Believe in your son and pray that everything works out. Pray for him to find the right woman.

Wrong but Right Path

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The next few days, were boring. Themba keeps calling me and sending me funny messages, I have blocked over 4 of his numbers and reported the matter to his mother but he won't stop. I hate that this might harm whatever is developing between me and Siya. Sphehile and Hlelo are already like siblings they're birth is two days apart. I enjoy the way they both challenge me to be better, we do everything together and I hate to say it but I am attached to Sphehile, can't imagine me without her. Hlelo is out of the woods and active as ever. Sphehile is just sweet, they sleep in my bed so we bond a lot. As I finished bathing my babies and

poured them some chips. I received a skype. I connected thinking it's Siya since we haven't spoken for over 13 days but it was Nobuhle.

Me: You and your husband should honestly leave me alone.

Nobuhle: We can't keep denying it, he loves both of us for different reasons. The house is honestly big enough.

Me: I have a boyfriend and its very serious, please don't ruin this for me.

Nobuhle: Tell me that you don't have any feelings for my husband?

Me: I don't have anything like a feeling for your husband, infact I am starting to hate him for

stalking me. Who I am now is done with him, please explain it to him.

Nobuhle: My husband cannot lose to a begger you know mos? He will try his best to get you to back. His very happy that you saved Hlelo.

Me: [I heard the gate then the door] I am done with Sine, his money doesn't move me. [I disconnected and went to the door. I opened and I felt so excited that tears streamed down] I thought you've forgotten about us.

Siya: [hugs her and kisses her forehead] I'm sorry, the site I was sent to didn't even have network.

Me: [I don't know, I just cried] you didn't even call, you just left us.

Siya: [picks her up and places her on the kitchen table] I'm sorry, I should have tried harder. I'm sorry.

Me:[the kids appeared and demanded to be picked up, he picked them up] We really did miss you.

Siya: What have you people been eating, they are so heavy. [the babies demand to be put down and they crawl back to the living room] I'm sorry.

Me: Its fine, when did you come back?

Siya: an hour ago, I found your message and came here. I would like to take us on a date.

Me: Okay, where are we going?

Siya: Its a surprise, just be comfortable no dress or

heels please.

Me: [I picked the children and bathed, then changed them. I took a shower and wore jeans with a shirt. Then we got into his car and drove off. He would tell me where we are going. After 30mins, we got to an amusement park. I have never been there before, I felt him with the kids and got on the machines. For someone who has never enjoyed childhood. I took every advantage and got on as many machines. The babies enjoyed their machines. Then he bought us cotton candy] I have never had this much fun in forever and ever.

Siya: I'm glad you are having fun.

Me: [we walked to another side where we met his brother, Ledi and mother. We all set on the picnic blanket and chilled like a family should only I am not even close to being family] That's enough cotton candy for one person. Please don't spoil my

kids this way, sugar rush is not good for them please.

Mma'Dlamini: their so big, what are you feeding them?

Me: Love, care and food.

Naledi: What's going on between you two vele?
What's your story?

Me: [we stared at each other for a while in silence]
But these rolls are so fresh.

Mtho: Your chilling together, your kids are getting mixed signals and so are we. We don't know whether your coming or going. What is this friends hip?

Me: [I just kept silent and looked at him, I was so ambushed]

Naledi: We are just curious.

Me: I have an early morning tomorrow morning, this was really nice. [I stood up] Are you going with me? Or Daddy?

Siya: Please don't make her choose, I will drop you off.

Me: [I stood up and picked Hlelo, he picked Sphe. I didn't know what to say, I just kept silent all the way home. We parked outside my yard, as I attempted to leave. He locked the doors, sigh] here we are.

Siya: [Initiates a kiss and she doesn't respond] sorry.

Me: [I removed my seatbelt and responded to his kiss] Speak to me in a language I can understand.

Siya: I'm in love with you, I know that you said that your off relationships. I am willing to wait until you feel ready.

Me: I had a wonderful night out, thank you so much Babe.

Siya: I'd like to call you tomorrow and the day after that one.

Me: You are most welcomed to call me at anytime, help me get our babies inside. [he opened the gate and we went into the yard, then inside the house with the kids. I gave them a fizz that calms their sugar levels. They fell asleep within 30mins, then he tacked them in. I walked him outside] tomorrow. [I would be lying if I told myself that I was okay with

him leaving, I missed him the second he said night]

#Madi Household

As the sun is not even up in the sky as yet. Mma'Madi and her grandkids are woken up by people shouting at their gate. She looks at the time and it's 4am in the morning. She gets off her bed and calls her brother in Law and father. She explains what is happening and what she should be doing. She cleans the house and in less than 10 mins, the Madi men arrive and use the neighbours gate into their yard.

Her uncle: who are these people?

Mma'madi: I don't know them, I don't know any Dlamini's.

Her grandfather: Let's allow them inside before they go back with their money. Make tea, Philip go open for them.

Mma'madi: Yebo Baba. [goes into the kitchen and within minutes, the people are brought into the house.] there goes my sleep. [she takes a tray of cookies and tea to her dinning room]

Her grandfather: They say they have seen a flower in our garden and have come to legally take it. What I can't understand is which of our daughters they want.

Mma'madi: [her phone rings] let me enquire with my daughters. [goes into the room and picks up the phone] Nompilo? Are you okay?

Nompilo: I had the weirdest dream Mma, I dreamt that I was married.

Mma'madi: [Bored] HAYI MAAN MPILO! Do you know the Dlamini's?

Nompilo: Yes, why are you asking?

Mma'madi: They are in my living room, I can't believe you'd do this to me yazi. [Ends the call in confusion, while her mother goes back to the dinning room] Nompilo says she knows them.

Her uncle: Okay.

Wrong but Right Path

#Insert43

I had that dream and called my mother, she just asked me about the Dlamini's. I was a bit confused

as to why but I couldn't deal with it. I woke up took a bath and bathed my babies. I prepared breakfast for them and went to work the minute Hilda arrived. I had back to back meetings which were long, after about four meetings, I drove to my office and as I arrived I found a very panicked Siya at the reception this guy mara. We went into my office and I made us two cups of coffee, I asked him to seat and he didn't even.

Me: What's wrong with you?

Siya: I did something, I don't know how you are going to take it but you have every right to be angry. The cost of us being apart is getting to high for me to handle and I know I want to be patient with you, I'm sorry.

Me:[i placed my feet up and sipped my coffee, calm]
What did you do? Speak up.

Siya: I sent my people to your house, its too soon I know, I should have waited but I failed because I can't see me and Sphe without you, I can't imagine not coming home to fat children and a wonderful woman. I'm sorry.

Me: [I just laughed] Wow okay, so thats why my mother was bored when I spoke to her? Your people came to my house? Its no problem, can you please take a seat?

Siya: [takes a seat beside her] I'm sorry, I know its a conflict of interest.

Me: I had so much fun last night with all family, it was really special to me. Thank you so much. I don't have a problem with your people coming to my house, you've made your intentions known to them. But I have been engaged twice and it was hell.

When I thought I was happy and let my guard down something happened, the people would show me characters that I didn't expect from them. My last relationship almost took my breath away, I felt like I was having a heart attack as it happened. I lost myself in loving someone and I don't want that to happen.

Siya: I will never try to compete with the exes because for me, it doesn't matter where you've been. The fact is, you are here looking as gorgeous as ever and wearing your scars with pride, I know your nervous that I will probably start listening to people about what they think your gift is but I won't because I know your still trying to figure it out and I want to figure it out with you. I love you in a way I never thought I would ever love again, I am terrified of losing the ones that I love so I bring them closer.

Me: [I placed the cup down as he spoke about my gift. I never thought I would find someone who

would just see that I am also trying to figure this out, someone who doesn't judge me. It was an emotional moment] Its very demanding at times, I wake up at night and go out.

Siya: I want to be there when you go out, I want to chase your dream with you. If your a demon then I don't want to be an angel.

Me: [fresh tears streamed down] serious?

Siya: I want you to be my woman and I know we are not anywhere yet but I want to go through this life with you. I want to see what your worst day is like, I want to nurse you when your sick but wait do healers fall sick?

Me: [I laughed, its not funny but the way the question came about. Hayi maan] I don't know, I guess we will see.

Siya: I don't mean to rush you or anything but they are asking for a wedding date. I want to marry you like yesterday. When I was under the ground in the mines, you are all I could think about. I don't have money like a river or drive an expensive car or have a mansion of a house, all I have is what I feel in my heart and I am asking you to give us a chance.

Me: I don't know, I mean if we set a date for this coming week, its going to be crazy. We'd have to go buy your people gifts , the cow. You need to get my wedding dress. I mean it would be mad baby.

Siya: I love you, its been the best 4 weeks of my life and I want it to be forever.

Me: [we shared a kiss and were interrupted by Nomandla entering my office] Ses 'wam.

Nomandla: Nice to meet you Gold dust right?

Me: Siya this is my sister Nomandla.

Nomandla: Siya who? Dlamini? [she nods] s****!
excuse my language sorry.

Siya: [stands up] Nice to meet you Nomandla,
[kisses her forehead] I will call you later, I love you.

Me: [he walked out the door and My sister picked up
my cup of coffee and set beside me] don't give me
that look please.

Nomandla: His a catch babe, if he makes you happy.
Marry him, I support you.

Me: Thanks for the support, I don't know Noma, he

gets me in not so many words. Makes me feel important, its so dangerous and scar....[my phone rang and it was Nobuhle] these people are nagging my life yoh! [I picked up on speaker] Mrs Mtimande.

Nobuhle: Is it true? I hope you are not doing this because our husband will not take this lightly. He will fight, he will never lose to a begger.

Me: If I were you, I would be focused on your marriage.

Nobuhle: our husband is going to crush him.

Nomandla: THE GUTS! Ayibo? Shouldn't you people be happily married? Your are unhappy and you want to drag my sister into it? Your out of your mind. Your crazy, you and your stupid husband.

Me: His not our husband, he is my husband. [I hung up]Imagine the nonsense. Yoh I sometimes fear that this will harm my relationship with Siya. I mean the man is sending me text messages for africa and calling me like my phone is a public phone. What's the problem? He dumped me so it's his loss.

Nomandla:I know you will figure this entire thing out. Please tell Siya about it. I have to go [leaves]

#J ohn and Nomandla's apartment.

Nina arrives and apologizes to J ohn. In her mind she is set on coming back but to her surprise J ohn has turned a new leaf this time. He refuses her advances and nicely asks her to get out. She does so in shock. After some minute, J ohn comes out and goes to the school, fetches the kids. Then makes them lunch and helps them with homeworks. Hours later, Nomandla enters with groceries and goes into the shower to cool off. Its weird that they

don't speak to each other or sleep in the same room. Nomandla come our and prepares dinner for everyone. Then sits in the balcony alone, looking at the open sky in tears. J ohn sees her and can't even tell whats on her mind.

J ohn: the silence between us is killing me, I took the tests. I am clean and have not touched or thought of another woman apart from you since.

Nomandla: Nina is outside the door, I think you two need to fix things.

J ohn: I need to fix things here, please forgive me. I am really trying to mend my ways, please baby.

Nomandla: this isn't working J ohn, it's not. I will move out at the end of the month. You may keep this place, I don't mind. I will pay the rent until you get back on your feet.

John: [tears stream down] Noma, please show me how to fix this.

Nomandla: You can't. Not this time.

John: I'll do anything baby, anything, please don't leave me.

Nomandla: [crying] You will survive, I will not keep this baby from you. You can come see your child anytime you wish to.

John: [sniffing] We are pregnant? [she nods] Baby I will go for that interview tomorrow and make sure I get the job for us. We'll get a house and cars again. Please.

Nomandla: My mind is made up. [kisses his

forehead] I love you, always.

Wrong but Right Path

#Insert44

After work, I went to the house and found my babies with Siya, Hilda had to rush somewhere. I started feeling pains on my chest, I went into my room and prayed. The feeling just subsided a bit, I called Nomandla and she was crying. I am used to her pretending to cry so this was genuine, I asked her what happened and she wouldn't talk to me. I felt so worried about my sister, I kept calling her and discovered that she was pregnant with John's child and Nina was just tormenting her life, I felt really bad but encouraged when she said that she is moving out to go live alone with her kids. I felt arms surrounding me, he turned me around, okay this is new.

Siya: Can we have your attention? Then you can go back to your call. We haven't seen you since morning and we missed you the whole day.

Me: [I hung up and walked to the living room, where the kids were playing. I picked them and kissed their foreheads] How was work today?

Sine: [enters through the opened door] Really bad, he was fired.

Me: what are you doing in my house? What is this?

Sine: I love you and you love me. What are we going to do for our one year anniversary? Its coming up soon soon.

Me: [Siya has such a calm and gentle spirit, he continued what he was doing in silence] I don't have

time for idiots like you, why are you here idiot?

Sine: I would feel upset if you meant that but I know you don't, you love me so much.

Me: Is that so? Is that why I am pregnant for another man? [his face changed from calm to irritation] I have a feeling its twins this time.

Sine: You are not serious.

Me: You don't have to believe me now, believe when you see my baby bump. Please leave my house, I would like to get intimate with my person, or Yini you want to watch? [Siya melted into this handsome smile, it got me blushing all over the place] excuse us Sinethemba, its a copying mentally for me especially in my condition.

Sine: This is not over [rushes out in angry]

Me: No wait, come watch us. [we both laughed as he left] what's he expecting me to say?

Siya: You know how to get under his skin, this will make him angry and want to avenge.

Me: I don't have a care in the world, you got fired?

Siya: Mtho and I had an argument about the family business. He fired me and honestly babe, no one alive or dead is going to tell me to cancel my wedding. Nothing in this world is going to stop me from getting married to you. Look at how happy you make Sphe? What am I waiting for?

Me: Is that why you want to marry me? Because of Sphe?

Siya: I wish I could pull out my heart and show you just how much I love you. Every second away from you feels like I am suffocating. I don't have words to describe the way I feel about you, its crazy because I thought after Sphe's mother, I would never love again but here I am. I love you deeper than I have loved anyone before and I fear the way I love you. They say I am losing my senses but I stopped having senses the minute I met you at church.

Me: [he was so serious, tears formed as he said this to me. God I am not used to anyone loving me like this, I knew his willing to give up anything for me and the fear that we don't know each other that well got to me but I felt his love.] Church neh.

Siya: I am not marrying you to be Hlelo's father, his a very handsome boy and puts all my dreams of having a son in reality but I love him because His a part of you. When I look into his eyes, I see you and

its exciting.

Me: [it was an emotional moment, then he kissed me goodnight. He said his goodbyes to the kids who didn't mind. I accompanied him to his car, I didn't want him to go but I understood there was no other way.] See you soon.

Siya: I love you so much, I will lock the gate. Make sure you lock the doors please.

Me: Yes sir. [he drove off after locking the gate. I locked the house and found the kids already napping on the mat. He had bathed them and fed them. I tucked them in and prayed. Then I received a call from an unknown number] wrong timing.

Sine: Are you sure about this guy? Is he good for you? What if he is targeting you for your money? Do you know that he has googled you about 40 times?

What if his a stalker?

Me: why are you calling me at this time? You dumped me and didn't even want to hear about me. You publicly called me a demon, once upon a time I loved you. I loved you and trusted you so much, I gave you my life, I thought we'd be something together but you obviously had other plans.

Sine: I am outside, can we please talk about this in person?

Me: No go home. [I hung up and sleep just disappeared. I couldn't figure out. The worst part was receiving his search details on my email. The sites he opened and it was 90% me, where I live. Basically even things he could not find online. I decided to work all night and sent an email to the office that I will be working from home. Hilda walked in around 7am in the morning]

Hilda: Hoaw Madam are you not going to work today?

Me: why do I attract lunatics vele?

Hilda: Whatever this is, confront him and speak to him. If he is really a lunatic, you will see him.

Siya: [enters with a rose] hello Healer bae wam.

Me: How foolish do you think I am? Why are you after me? Yini is it my bank balance? What the hell are you here acting all nice? What do you think I am? You have some guts yazi! What the hell do you think I am, a get rich scheme! Is it money!? STOP PRETENDING NX!

Siya: [emotional] Whats this about?

Me: You think I wouldn't find out that you were stalking me and doing research on me? I give it to you, uyapretenda shame.

Siya: [tears streaming down, goes outside and comes back with his laptop] I thought it would be nice for your birthday. This is why I searched you on the net.

Hlelo: [Coming from the corridor, crying] Papa.

Siya: [picks him up and goes into the room, changes his nappy and comes back with Sphe] I love you Hlelo wam, your the best thing that has ever happened to me. Without you I am a poor man, I need to take Sphe to the clinic. Take care of your mother, protect her. [kisses his forehead, then puts him beside her. Sits down] I have never ever desired your money, I might not be a big shareholder or

drive an expensive car but I am content with what I have.

Me: [he made me a movie about me, I felt so stupid for saying what I said] I di.....

Siya: no use crying for spilled milk [deletes the movie and picks up his laptop, sniffing] I will tell the family that everything is off, we are clearly not on the same page. [stands up and leaves with Sphe]

Me: [I felt so stupid, I didn't know what to say or how to say it. I stood up and followed him by then he was gone. I heard Hlelo crying, I rushed inside the house and he refused me picking him up. I called Siya and it rang to voicemail then I called again] I didn't mean wh.....

Mtho: what happened? Why are you calling off the wedding? What's going on?

Me: is he there? I'm coming o....

Mtho: He dropped off the car here with Sphe, he just ran out. What exactly happened?

Wrong but Right Path

#Insert45

That was scary, I sent him a voicenote to apologize. The whole day everyone searched everywhere for him but he was gone. I drove to the Dlamini house with Hlelo. Everyone was gathered but his my fiance and I am prepared to fight for this one to stay. I set with our kids and his mother. Naledi kept giving me the evil eye. They all went to sleep around 9pm and I set up waiting. Around 3am, he returned and I was waiting.

Me: SHOUT! SCREAM AND DO WHATEVER! AS
FOR ME, I AM NOT CANCELLING ANY WEDDING!
MIGHT AS WELL KILL ME HERE!

Mma'Dlamini: Dlamini take a seat and eat Baba
calm down please.

Me: No, Mma please I want to speak to my husband.

Mma'Dlamini: Koti, allow him to eat.

Siya: Why is this woman here?

Mma'Dlamini: I don't know what's wrong with both
of you but I need to sleep mina.

Siya: [goes to his room and shuts the door]

Me: [I followed him into his room and got onto the bed with him.] So one hiccup on the road, I was stupid to have listened to Sine. I am sorry for that, I hurt you with words and my intentions. I get it sorry. Be angry, fine by me. [I switched off my bedside light and slept, while he tossed, turned.]

Siya: [sigh] I didn't like what you said but I get that you were angry. I'm sorry for disappearing like that but I can't be in bed with you right now. It's not godly.

Me: So your asking me out of your parent's house? [I turned on the light and wore my shoes] Its fine, consider me gone. [I went out of the room and went unlocked the front door, I went out. My car was blocked in, I got inside my car and slept in there.]

Mma'Dlamini: [comes from the house in the morning and notices her in the car, knocks on the window] Mpilo? You slept here? Come out please,

let's go inside.

Me: [I lowered the window] he doesn't want me here, I was waiting for Naledi to remove her car so I can leave.

Mma'Dlamini: This is too much.

Me: Please Mma, this is Siya's house not mine so allow him have his space. [she went inside the house and I felt this huge pains on my heart, I stepped off the car with my purse. I walked out of the yard and as I walked towards taxi's the pain continued which only means the person is close. As I stood there an old woman appeared with her grandchildren. She was complaining so bad and her heart was deteriorating. I set on the side walk because the pain was just too much] Hello babies, they are beautiful Mma.

Old woman: Please I need to get the the charity ground on time allow us please.

Me: [I opened my purse and gave her everything which was in there]Buy whatever you need.

Old woman: [takes deep breaths] can you come to my house, let us make tea.

Me: [I stood up and walked with her to her house, the blankets were smelling, curtains dirty. Four children and an old woman, she went outside and made a fire. I could tell they had not received a visitor in a while. I called some shops to arrange blankets and curtains. I didn't ask for permission, I removed all the curtains and blankets out of the house, she didn't even shout or anything, she stared at me. The delivery van came and delivered the curtains plus new blankets. Then I took a bucket and clothe, I washed windows and disinfected the house. After some time, I heard Mma'Dlamini's

voice. I finished up and installed the curtains.]

Mma'Dlamini: You kind hearted child of mine.

Old woman: [emotional] It doesn't look like my house.

Me: Please stop stressing Mma, death has taken but you are not at a loss.

Old woman: May God hide you from your enemies, may those who plan against you be disappointed. I can't even recognize my house.

Me: [my phone rang and it was my mother] Mma.

Mma'Madi: Are you okay? What is happening? Why is the wedding cancelled?

Me: Honestly Mma, maybe it's better we just leave it like this. If he decides to cancel it is not the end of the world. I will survive as always.

Mma'Madi: Where are you? You are not at your house. Please come home, please bring my grandsons with you please.

Me: Okay, Mma. I am on my way. [I hung up] Mma I have to go, please try not to stress its not good for your heart. [I rushed out with my purse while Mma'Dlamini remained with her. When I got to the house, I went inside and found Naledi with all the kids] Morning, can you please open up for me? I need to head home.

Naledi: Atleast have breakfast. Siya and Mtho fought because of your situation. We are used to living in peace please do not come with dis-unity.

Me: I don't understand why you have to be mean to me but luckily for you, I won't be here longer than I am here. I am going to see my family and stop this entire thing.

Naledi: [stands up] I didn't mean it like that.

Me: please remove your car, I need to get home. My uncles are expecting me, I don't like to keep them waiting. [I picked up Hlelo who was the only child who wasn't given food but well it's fine. She took Sphe before I could get to say goodbye and that hurt. I went out and Mtho was back with Siya.] morning, can you please move your wife's car? I really need to rush out. [they went into the house]

#Dlamini Household

Mma'Dlamini returns home and finds Mpilo's car

outside but she is nowhere to be found. She looks at the kids and quickly notices that Hlelo was not given a plate. This runs on her nerves and she tells Ledi exactly what is on her mind to an extent that she has tears streaming down. As Mtho comes from the kitchen and finds her mother waiting for them.

Mma'Dlamini: Why are you people like this? What the hell is this? She left here to go to her parents house and didn't even eat, nevermind sleep in this house. With all these rooms you couldn't use them Bonga? You allowed her sleep outside, I must say I can't believe you are my husband's children.

Naledi: Mma I can explain, I.....

Mma'Dlamini: when you first came to this house, you received a warm welcome yet you are failing to do same with your co-wife? You will not stand the fire you have just started, when the music starts

playing for you, dance. [they hear a knock] come in.

Man: [enters] Greetings, I was sent to come take Mpilo's car and belongings.

Siya: why can't she fetch it herself again?

Man: Our grandparents have taken her to the village, don't know when she will be back or if she'll be back.

Siya: why did they take her to the village? What about work?

Man: She complained about a pain on her chest and then next minute she collapsed. They said that she went where she wasn't supposed to go. But I understand, love lives in the heart and when it burns you, it can make you do outrageous things.

Siya: Are you saying she is on her death bed because she came here?

Man: Her situation is very sensitive, it can kill even the one who bears it if care is not taken.

Wrong but Right Path

#Insert46

I left the place to my house and the pains on my heart got severe. To an extent that the last thing was Nomandla approaching me and taking Hlelo from me. I don't know but I asked her to take care of my son. I woke up on the road and the pain had not subsided. I noticed that I was being taken to my grandparents house. I couldn't stay awake for long because the pains were just too much. I slept and woke up in the village. They helped me get off the car and the pains I was feeling. I prayed as they took me to my room because I couldn't understand

what was happening. The answer I got was not okay, I needed to isolate myself.

Her grandmother: this time you survive but let this not be a habit. That Dlamini boy is not worth it.

Me: Yebo gogo.

Her grandfather: we are not trying to mislead you but if he wanted to honestly marry you, he would have done so. Now you've slept with him, there is no use.

Me: I never slept with him, I slept in my car when he went inside. [they looked at each other, then back at me] Am I allowed to see my son?

Her grandmother: Nomandla said she will bring him later today. They went to get your car for that.

Me: Thank you.

#Siyabonga

I know I was angry about what she said because I was planning to surprise her. I never thought she would risk her life just to come and see me. I fought with my brother because he wanted that we should go fetch the brideprice from her house but I wasn't about that life. I can't give up because of a small argument. As her car left, she kept looking at the door to see if she is coming. She sat at the door and was just moody. I went to her house thinking I would see Hlelo but they told me that they are both in isolation until further notice. She told me about her gift but I never thought it can be this merciless. For the 3 days I couldn't lift a finger, what if she dies? I won't be able to forgive myself. The day which we were meant to get wed came and I guess I expected her to appear or something. Her uncles came to my

house with straight faces, I didn't know what to think apart from death. They set with my uncles and called me into the living room.

His uncle: Take a seat, these men are here to return the brideprice.

Me: I don't want it, they must keep it.

Her uncle: As it stands now, Mpilo can't even get off bed on her own without help. She asked that whatever happens to her should not be in your mind but it has gotten to a point where we don't know if she will wake up the next day.

Me: [it hurt bitterly] I am not taking anything back.

His uncle: this girl might die at anytime, do you want to be widowed again?

Me: I would like to see her and discuss this with her first. I am not taking any brideprice back. My heart lives with her, I can't.

His aunt: Can our son at least see her? Then I am sure he will have a decision.

Her uncles: [writes the address down] he may go but we must return th....

Me: I will marry her even as a dead body, its fine. [they all stared at me, I took the address and took off. It wasn't as far as I thought. When I got to the house, it was packed with her family like she's dead. That scared me a lot. I went into the yard and went into the house.] Can I see her please?

Nomandla: it doesn't look good.

Me: Please [she showed me the room, I went into the room and her clothes were hanging on her, she was so thin to an extent that her bone shape was visible. This was just happening fast] You warned me and I think I didn't expect the punishment to be this bad.

Nompilo: [removes the oxygen support] How's my baby? Is she eating okay?

Me: [tears streamed down]she keeps looking at the gate expecting you.

Nompilo: I feel cold please close the window for me.

Me: [I went and closed the window, then climbed on the bed with her and wrapped my arms around her tiny body.] this is hard.

Nompilo: [shaking] Please go, you cannot watch this. Help Nomandla take care of my son please.

Me: Not without you, I love you and I really want to marry you. [she kept shaking and battled breathing] God please don't take my wife, please I need her and our children need their mother around. Take me instead please. [I didn't let go, I prayed and continued to pray. She kept silent and I could see life leaving her body.] I love you so much. [I held her to my chest and caressed her beautiful face. I don't know how I fell asleep but I woke up after dark with her sleeping on my chest.] God I wasted time going around and being angry, I wanted to spend every minute with her. Give me another chance.

Nompilo:[tears streaming down]Please let go, my body hurts.

Me: I'm sorry, [I turned her around and kissed her forehead] promise me that you won't die?

Nompilo: I can't do that but you can't be here, you might fall sick as well.

Me: Accompany me to my car.

Nompilo: I can't, my body hurts.

Me: [I got off the bed and helped her up. I helped put on her sleepers. Then we walked out one step at a time. The gate is a bit far, people were staring at us but I didn't care. When we got to my car] can I take you on a ride?

Nompilo: Please help me back into the house.

Me: I am not ashamed of walking around you, I don't care what they say. [I placed her inside the car and went to fetch Hlelo, we all got inside the car and I drove off. I drove us to my parent's house and she was silently looking at me. I parked outside, I helped her off the car and took Hlelo as well] Baka Dlamini, this is my new wife and our son. Her name is Nompilo and our son is Hlelo. Accept them, don't fight against them. Protect them like you do your own. I have brought them home and apologize for not introducing them to you.

Mma'Dlamini: [tears streaming]Mpilo.

Nompilo: Please take us back, I don't want to do this. Please, I don't wish to die here. Take us back.

Naledi: [comes with Sphehile who immediately wants to rush to Nompilo] wait baby.

Me: [I placed them back in the car and took Sphe]
we have to go Mma.

Mma'Dlamini: Bonga please find a solution to this,
my daughter cannot suffer like this.

Me: This is Malume suggested we do. [I drove into
the yard and drove out, then passed a joint where
we got some food. She ate ice-cream and had no
interest in food. I ate with the babies then drove to a
shop, I bought her some goodies then took them to
the house] Sorry, I just thought we should just have
a breathe of fresh air.

Nompilo: Thank you, I needed to just get out.
Everyone seems to think we slept together that's
why I am suffering like this. If I had known this is
what would happen, we should have just slept
together then I would know what I am suffering for.

Me: Is it okay for me to check up on you each time I have time.

Wrong but Right Path

#Insert47

I don't know what Sphe said to her but as I was leaving, she refused I take her with me. I tried to talk with her but she showed me the marks on Sphe's hands. That defeated the whole purpose. I just allowed it and drove to my house. I arrived really late, I turned on the lights and locked up. I called her but she didn't pick, that scared me a lot but I reasoned that she might be sleeping. The night was just not peaceful for me and I had work to attend to. The next morning, I woke up and went to work. I received a call from an unsaved number, I didn't know if that was it but I picked.

Me: This is Siya.

Nompilo: [laughing] Okay, morning Dlamini. I was expecting your morning call for the past 5 hours.

Me: I tried calling yesterday but nothing, you sound a lot better today. It's nice to hear you laughing.

Nompilo: Your kids woke me up at 5am and wanted to play. This is abuse straight.

Me: so I guess you had a good night?

Nompilo: When Sphe and Hlelo are together they are trouble, I don't even have two minutes to nurse myself. They are always up to something, your kids are naughty hayi yooh!

Me: [she was laughing the whole time] Tomorrow is the big day, I bought your dress. Don't know if it fits

but I guess you will figure it out when it gets there.

Nompilo: [stops laughing] No, your not serious. I thought you cancelled the whole event.

Me: Cancelled what? Everything is already paid for and even if I wanted to cancel I wouldn't reach enough people you get me. Tomorrow I be wed, we will come to your house in the morning do the blanket and gift exchange, then Saturday you do your white dress.

Nompilo: I don't think my people are aware of this.

Me: J ust ask because two cows were delivered to your house this morning for tomorrow and saturday.

Nompilo: You are not serious, I am not strong enough to walk and you are continuing.

Me: Please understand that I can't stop this, its too much short notice. [she hung up on me]

Mtho: [enters] I heard you are going on with this death trap.

Me: Are you here to accompany me to the jewellery shop or? I will marry her tomorrow, whether you feel like or don't feel like. I will marry her.

Mtho: this is a mistake, its a huge mistake.

Me: you're not the one who's marrying her so please relax.

Mtho: How are you even sure if she's the right woman for you? What if you marry her and she can't even fulfill wifely duties? This is dangerous.

I went to the jewellery shop with my brother who found reason to complain about everything. The price of my wife's ring and what we fought about that made me angry. All these are none of his business, I shopped for my wife and sent her deliveries after she notified me that she is back at her mother's house. I am tired of sickness, no sickness will ever stand in the way. Later on, I dropped off my brother to fetch his car and went home to see my aunts. I found them sitting around the table, drinking tea with Naledi. This woman is no good.

Me: Greetings, hows everything? Is it ready for tomorrow?

His aunt: we won't go there for a dead body, forget it. I haven't seen Sphe around here where is she?

Me: With her mother.

Mma'Dlamini: I heard she's back in town, is it true?

Me: apparently they don't want to go.

Mma'Dlamini: she is my daughter in law, I will make a plan wena don't worry. We must fetch her at all costs.

#Nompilo

I thought not seeing or hearing from him for 3 days was a sign of break up and prepared my heart for it but boom. He just appeared on the 3rd and on the 4th day my life lost format. I called my mother who confirmed that cows were delivered. Funny enough everyone just forgot about my sick self and were ululating and celebrating. My kids enjoy my

attention shames, I had to travel back to my mother house, the pains were so severe. I felt like I could pull out my heart and wash it with water. When I arrived I felt so tired, I couldn't even fit my wedding dress which looked honestly very beautiful. After feeding my kids, I went to sleep. The next morning, I felt the sun in my face and people ululating and singing. Mara God yoh, I pushed myself off the bed and took my time bathing. As I finished my sister walked in with my aunt.

Nomandla: how are you feeling today? Can you walk or should I assist you?

Me: How could Siya do this to me mara? How am I sure that this dress even fits?

Nomandla: its a thing of love.

Me: [they helped me get dressed and I slowly went

outside. I took my seat and watched as they dressed everyone then placed me in this huge very hot blanket. Lord mara, I didn't know, emotions just exploded and tears steamed down] Thank you for coming.

His aunt: Mma'Dlamini, when we come to the house we expect a warm welcome. We expect lots of kids, your husband must be very happy with you. Feed him in all departments and you must be submissive to him, only him.

Me: [they gave me all the rules of brides and he walked in with sweets. Then knelt before me which offended a lot of people] Please rise to your feet.

Siya: [whispering] I am dying to just kiss you.

Me: [I straight up laughed, he stood up and they walked us around the yard a few times. By then I

was too excited to even consider the pain I was in. then I went to change for my reception, I thought my wedding dress would not fit but it fit me perfectly. I never thought someone would ever walk the mile for me like this. We went to the reception which was beautiful, it didn't even feel like a tent. A minister came through]

Pastor: Dearly beloved we are gathered here to witness love. If anyone here would like to object, please there is plenty of food and drinks which we would love to get to. With that said, Siyabonga you may say your vows to her.

Siya: [takes the ring and looks at her in silence] In the most reckless and beautiful way I love you. When the ships were down and I thought the sun would never shine. You came along and made me believe that there is unexpressed joy which I knew nothing about. You had me from the first day I saw you in church, I knew that I wanted you to answer

Mrs King. Of all the gifts God chose to give me you and I am so grateful. I love you forever, amen.

Pastor: May God help you in your way to keep these vows, Nompilo you may proceed.

Me: [I didn't even know what to say, tears streamed down] I could think of a million reasons why you should not marry me, all the things people are saying about me. Didn't matter to you, you just make me so nervous and fascinated at the same time. Your amazing, you turned my sorrows into joy and I believe God that from here, I will be your biggest fan, wife, friend and sister. I pray that he helps me in keeping you as happy as people could envy. Thank you for all this, I appreciate it more than you will ever know.

Pastor: Wonderful, Father we thank you for what you have brought together, may no one separate it. By God I pronounce that you are one and now

married as Husband and Wife. You may kiss your bride.

Me: [he removed my veil and man he kissed the living daylights out of me yoh. I even lost balance and he held me close] Wow.

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After that they made us sign the marriage agreement and we had the first dance as one. I love God because I never thought that this would be. Everything I dreamt about and thought was not meant for me was there. But he had to leave with his people which was a bit sad for both of us but well it had to happen that way. The babies left with their father and honestly all I wanted to do was sleep. I completely passed out you hear me? I passed out and was woken up at 4am. They drove

me to his house with the gifts, a bed and kist. I remained in the car, bathing had taken all my sleep. Around 7am they opened for us and we dressed them until around 10am. Then I was given the rules of the house and they gave me my bridal attire to wear. I set on the table beside him feeling honestly very tired. After eating we were released because people started to drink, dance and enjoy themselves. I went into the kitchen for a glass of water.

His aunt: So what now? Our money has just gone for nothing? If you as much as try that nonsense with my nephew I will come for you. I am not afraid of whatever so called powers you have. When I deal with you, what you are going through will be a child's play.

Me: [I didn't know how to take that, I set down and I couldn't hold myself. Tears streamed down really quickly.]

His second aunt: whatever charm you gave my brother's son, will eat you until you die. How can someone as full of life as Siya marry a dying thing like you. This is clearly a demon.

Nomandla: [enters] what is going on here? [rushes to her sister's side] what's wrong?

Me: Nothing, I just have a headache.

Nomandla: Okay let me get you something for that.
[leaves]

Me: [the pain on my heart just exploded, so bad that seating just hurt. My body hurt everywhere and I took deep breathes] God help me, your my strength when I am weak, allow me to rest from troubles.
Help me. [the pain continued to an extent that I fell to the fall, lights went out and I woke up to voices]

His aunt: This thing of yours has died in my brother's kitchen. Why did you marry this dying thing in the first place, you must be bewitched wena.

Siya: [spinkles water on her face and gives her a glass of water] I should have not left her side. If you are so perfect why didn't you people stay in your husband's houses. [picks her from the floor and helped her sit, Nomandla gives her a pain shot] How do you feel now?

Me: [he felt so guilty for leaving me alone and I felt so bad for allowing him to marry a sick person like me] this was a bad idea.

Siya: I love you, I don't know what these people said to you but I love you.

Me: [we shared a kiss and it was very intense but emotional as we broke apart] help me up.

Siya: Let's just go home and leave this people.

His aunt: As soon as this your so called honeymoon is done, she will back her to do bridal duties.

Mma'Dlamini: [enters worried] Are you okay Nana? Stay away from my children. This is my husband's house, go rule your own husband's houses. Your great grandmother has arrived, please bring her in.

Siya: Two minutes baby.

Me: [the pains were stronger than any pain shot. I laid on the ground, as soon as his great grandmother walked through the door. I felt so relieved, all the pains gone like I was never in pains. They allowed her to sit] Thank God. [I stood up and was grateful to have my body back] Thank God.

His great grandmother: They told me you were coming, I have waited for you for such a long time.

Me: [the room went dead silent but I was convicted as I was the one she was talking to] Mma?

His great grandmother: Please pray for me, these pains have been with me for such a long time. I have tried everything, not even death will take me.

Me: [I touched her hand and prayed for her. I literally felt something leaving me and I immediately felt tired. I knew this was a charm. After some minutes she stood up and checked herself]

His great grandmother: [stands up on her own and walks around the kitchen] Worth the wait, thank you for accepting this call upon you.

Me: we thank God, I want to see my kids. I miss picking them up yoooh. [I rushed outside and located my babies. Yuuuu I picked them up at the same time, it felt so good to hold them. I even forgot that the blanket on my shoulders was off. Siya came with it and I placed my babies down] thank you for allowing God use you like this, I thank God for you.

Siya: Honeymoon?

Me: I would like to finish the wifely duties first then do honeymoon later, if that's okay with you.

Siya: I don't love you any less, so glad to have you in my life.

Me: Dankie. [I continued bonding with our kids who were just laughing, afterwards I attended to a pile of

dishes alone. After everyone had left and his evil aunts were on their toes.]

Mma'Dlamini: You should go to your house tomorrow, I will take care of things this side. Your husband has been through a lot these days, I imagine that you need to explore your emotions. Go home.

Me: are you sure about this Mma? [she nodded, we packed the dishes and I went to the room outside where Siya was passed out with our kids. It was so cute, I took a picture. Intimacy is a thing of love and I don't think I am there yet with Siya.]

Siya: Your not there yet, I get it. I am prepared to wait for you. When you are ready then we will do it for now lets just find a way to be comfortable around each other.

Me: Thank you. [I took off my dress and wore the gown I found, I slept beside him. He turned and kissed my forehead] Goodnight.

The night was really peaceful, the kids didn't wake up during the night. It was wonderful but I knew that his aunts were waiting for me to fail. I woke up early the next morning, swept the yard and went into the house cleaned everything apart from the rooms. Then made breakfast for hubby and our kids. He came into the kitchen and I served him. His brother and everyone else followed. They ate breakfast and left a pile of dishes. I folded my sleeves and I heard him shouting. Then he came into the house and folded his sleeves.

Siya: I will wash and you can wipe them.

Me: Okay. [we washed the dishes and he swept the rooms while I followed with a mop. Luckily for me there was no washing in this house. Then I went to

the room to rest because I was very tired. I heard them talking]

Mtho: I thought I'd hear some moans and groans last night, thought you said she was healed.

Siya: for your ears? I don't think so.

Mtho: Meaning what?

Siya: stay out of my personal business, what I do with my wife doesn't concern you. Stop being stupid, it looks bad at your age. If you don't mind I would like that you go sit elsewhere my wife needs to rest.

His aunt: Yini is she sick again? By just sweeping the yard? Its not even a big yard.

Mma'Dlamini: Whats going on here? Mpilo hasn't eaten, can you ensure that she eats. Mma says that she should be dismissed to go to her house. [they stare at her] do you want to argue with Mma? The door is open.

Siya: [walks into the room] Baby, come I will drop you at your house and will come to visit every one to two days.

Wrong but Right Path

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We spent the day with them and he dropped me off at my house where I immediately attended to work which kept me up the whole night until 7am in the morning. The kids were with Siya so I had time to myself. I continued to work until around 11am and emailed them, then took a bath and slept. I woke up around 3pm to my phone ringing, I picked up and

discovered it was Sine.

Me: what do you want?

Sine: I thought that we could arrange for our son's blessings ceremony.

Me: [I heard Buhle crying bitterly in the background and knew that she just suffered a miscarriage] I will discuss it with my husband and we will let you know.

Sine: Congratulations.

Me: I have to go. [I hung up and bathed, drove to my husband's house. The kids were playing in the river sand he bought for them. They stopped and cried as they saw me. I parked and went into the house. I picked the kids and went to his room. Naledi was

there half naked. I cleared my throat] I'd say hello but why are you in my husband's bedroom?

Naledi: I spilled something on my dress and needed to change, that's why I came in here because it has an en-suite. Your husband's chambers are in the next two doors. Sorry.

Me: [I shut the door and went to the room I was sent to. He was watching a video of our wedding already editing it I guess] Its rude not to call me.

Siya: Being apart is killing me. I don't know how to handle it.

Me: [I went over to him and set on his lap, we shared a kiss and things just got heated as I was really in the mood, he pulled back] Baby what's wrong?

Siya: Don't do this because you want to satisfy me, its a two way street.

Me: please don't leave me this way.

Siya: [kisses her forehead] you need to heal, plus our kids are outside. [opens the door to find Mtho in the corridor] surely you should be done with the spill. Please excuse us.

Mtho: [smiling] sorry. [they leave with him]

Me: [how could he leave me like that, I watched his brother leaving with his wife. My babies were done playing with sand. They were tired. I placed them on the couch and it was lights out. I changed into one of his shirts and went to the pool. I entered and relaxed in the water. I chilled on the stairs and it calmed me down, I closed my eyes for a few minutes and felt water on my face. I wiped my face]

allow me to cool down.

Siya: [kisses her] privacy at last.

Me: [I didn't know what I expected but everything just happened so smoothly yet fast. We got intimate and it wasn't like anything I could describe in words and someone listening would feel that intensity. The water turned to be really warm between us, after countless hours in there I was numb. He picked me up and we got out of the pool. We went inside the house and cleared the kitchen table. It was going down bro! We climaxed as the babies woke up and were crying. I could not walk or sit. He took me to the living room, I laid on the couch, drunk in love]

Siya: [picks up the babies and changed their nappies then gives them food] what would you like to eat?

Me: just veggies for me.

Siya: Coming right up, that was unexpected. I can't explain the excitement I feel right now. It bursts out of me. Thank you so much babe.

Me: [he served me and I ate, then I received a call from an unknown number, I placed it on speaker]
Hello.

Sine: Mpilo, I'm outside your house. I need to talk to you baby please.

Me: I am tired of saying this to you, listen I am married and have no plans of cheating on my husband. Please allow me to be happy and I don't know which outside you are talking about because if its my husband's house, your begging for trouble. Please I beg you, stop calling me. How many times

must I change my numbers?

Sine: I love you and I know we can fix this.

Me: I love my husband, I don't have space for you.
Stop calling me.

Siya: Please stop calling my wife, respect yourself.
[hangs up] was that for show or?

Me: I really do love you, it's just my insecurities that
always play a role.

#J ohn and Nomandla's apartment.

Nina arrives with her kids knowing that J ohn is
alone at the house and it hurts that out of all the 9
kids he had at first only 4 are truly his and the

triplets have passed on so he has only one child. She gets in through the opened door and takes a seat. Nomandla's kids stand up and immediately go to their room than shut the door.

John: What has brought you to my abode?

Nina: I need us to fix this, I love you and I have realized that I was wrong for just beating you down everytime. I am sorry.

John: Years and months ago, I tried my best to be alone with you but that left me with scars. As it stands now, I thank you for opening my eyes. All these children I have been supporting are not even mine. You have helped me and I thank you for that. But we are never getting back together that is impossible. In all this nonsense I landed me a good woman and I have no intention of disappointing her anymore with you or any other woman out there. I love Nomandla, she sees me for who and what I am.

Nina: Oh really now is that why she allows you live here alone. I know she moved out.

John: Yeah, she did because I needed to realize how much she means to me. She means everything to me. She is the air that I breath, when I was down and out she kept me afloat, she did not even complain about me spending her money going up and down looking for a job. She is the woman for me and I need you to respect that. Stop calling me or texting me, I am not interested.

Nina:[tears streaming] I love you, doesn't that mean anything anymore.

John: Tell yourself the truth, go back to your baby daddy which is not me you know.

Nina: please don't do this to me.

John: Please leave I don't want her to meet you here, be on your w.....[she drops her jacket revealing her lingerie, he looks down and smiles] I am not interested Ma'am please take yourself and get out of my apartment. I am not interested.

Nomandla: [enters the room] is this what you invited me for?

John: this one is in my past, I wanted to say that I am sorry for what I put you through and thank you for being patient with me. I love you and I am this man today because of you. I love you so much. [takes out a small box] I want to be a man for you and no other woman.

Nomandla: [emotional] what's in here?

John: [goes on one knee] Will you marry me?

Nomandla: Yes, I will marry you. [opens the second box and finds house keys] Okay.

John: My wife deserves to have an abode, where she can arrange any event of her choice, our kids need to have a home and this is not it.

Nina: [in disbelief] You bought her a house? How dare you?

John: I want to make you a wedding as well, I am tired of this customary nonsense, I want to show the whole world that you are mine and mine alone.

#What can we say about second chances?

Wrong but Right Path

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He gave me this look that had me blushing, I finished my food and we bathed the kids. Then he allowed them watch cartoons while we snuggled. We talked about everything, I realized that what he does is very dangerous. He's a safety officer for mines and earns a huge salary but it's not consistent. He told me about the business he would like to venture into and he thought it was a stupid idea but I thought it was really great if only he had a bit of time. We washed dishes and he went outside, then came back inside.

Me: what's on your mind?

Siya: [pulls her close] when am I seeing you again?

Me: Our clothes are in the boot, I didn't unpack. My suitcases are still there from my grandmother's

place. I hope you have enough closet space.

Siya: [grabs her car keys] You're serious?

Me: go find out. [he went outside and came back with my two very huge suitcases. I dished up the second time] what's in these veggies vele? I never eat seconds.

Siya: Welcome home babe.

Me: [he went to our chambers with my suitcases. We found the kids passed out and tacked them in. I took a shower and got into bed. We shared a kiss and suddenly there was a knock on the gate.] Haaa baby, at 9pm serious?

Siya: Mtho and Ledi fought that's why she is all grumpy. Thats probably my brother who was kicked

out of the house as usual. Ledi is a good person only when she is happy. I am in bed with my wife, I am not about to entertain him. There needs to be rules and regulations, we are not here.

Me: I need to go to the office tomorrow, are you going to be okay with the kids?

Siya: [pulling her close] tomorrow after work, we have dinner plans.

Me: Your cologne is all over me, this is not fair.

We shared a kiss and I slept on his chest. The night was just too short, he woke me up and scooped me out of bed. I took a bath with roses, then lotioned and made the bed. I went to the kitchen and he had the kids dressed up. I heard a knock on the gate and went outside to see. I met Nobuhle and Mma'bele, I ran inside the house and Siya met in the corridor.

Siya: No one is going come here and attack you, don't allow them to scare you.

Me: [tears streaming down] I don't want any drama, I don't want to give your aunts reason to hate me even more then they do already.

Siya: [wipes her tears] I love you, relax breath. We are in this together. [goes outside and comes back with Nobuhle, Mma'bele who immediately gets inside the house, then take a seat] what seems to be the issue here?

Mma'bele: This marriage is not valid, your brideprice was meant to be brought to the Mtimande's.

Mma'Dlamini: Uthini? What? Please don't get used to me. You woke up to come vomit this nonsense at

my son's house? Stay away from my daughter in law please or I will report you to the elders. Please stand up and be on your way, right now.

Mma'bele: [quickly stands up] ask the elders.

Me: [my husband is not a talker but I could feel that he was just irritated by the entire thing. He stood up after they walked out. I didn't know how to plead my case, I kissed my babies goodbye] Mma, I am late for work.

Mma'Dlamini: Don't leave the house in tears, there is nothing like that. Do not worry about this, I will personally look into it.

Me: Thank you Mma. [I took my handbag and drove to work. As I got some time alone, tears streamed down. I don't want my marriage to end when its just begun, I want to be happy God. Fleshbacks of how

Siya reacted to the entire thing hurt a lot because I felt like I was losing him already. After having my moment, I prayed and started my day. I dealt with the business of the day.]

Kerren: Boss, there are departments that have not submitted their progress report.

Me: I am onto them thank you for the alert.

Kerren: [looks at her for a while] Alright. [leaves]

Me: [my eyes were red and my face was a bit swollen. I went to our lower division to hear what seems to be the problem and set with them the entire day. I folded my sleeves and hit the ground running with them. Its hard work that takes your mind of things]

#Siyabonga

My wedding was exactly as I dreamt it, very beautiful and memorable. The next day I didn't know because my wife are not at knowledge level with each other but by the grace we just got intimate. It was so beautiful, excitement just bursts out on me. As we woke up on the next day, Mma'bele came to my house to vomit nonsense and I honestly didn't know how to handle it. I just walked away so I could cool down and when I came back she had left. I called her phone and it took me to voicemail. I called their reception and they told me that she was in the lower division where phones are not allowed. I went to work and had the hardest day of my life. After 12 hours of work, I returned to the house and my aunt had come. I am not in the mood for this drama. They had cooked, I kept myself busy because my wife was not back at 8pm. She doesn't have her own keys to the estate gate. My aunt was already complaining about her whereabouts. Around 9:50pm, I heard her car

entering the yard and noticed she didn't even come out of the car until after about 10mins. My aunt was shouting but then there was dead silence. I went out of the room and her face was swollen red, her eyes puffy.

His aunt: We were worried that you were not coming.

Nompilo: I'm sorry that I arrived late, was there something I needed to do?

His aunt: No dear, its late. Your food is in the oven.

Nompilo: Thank you so much, greetings Dlamini. Sorry I could not return your call, I was in the mud. [goes to the kitchen and places the plate in the fridge, then goes to the babies room and comes back] I'm off to bed, thank you so much for watching my kids.

His aunt: Okay. No problems.

Nompilo: [goes to their bedroom and shuts the door]

His aunt: It hasn't been 48 hours since you got married yet she is crying? Has a swollen face and red eyes? I am not happy with you Bonga, this is nonsense which I will not tolerate from you, what will her people think? Fix this. [goes into the guest bedroom and shuts the door]

Me: [I went to our room and met her wet pillow. She was in our en-suite and came out after some minutes. I pulled her close] I am not angry with you, it's not your fault. When I get angry or irritated I walk away just to cool down, doesn't mean I love you any less. I'm sorry babe, please stop crying like this, it's breaking my heart please.

Nompilo: It's fine. [breaks their embrace and enters

the bed and sleeps on her side]

Me: [I entered our sheets and pulled her close. It was sad to have her crying like that, made me feel like s****. She tried to break out of my arms but I held her as tight as I could] Baby please, I am begging you Mma'Dlamini please, tell me how to fix this and I will do it. I can't allow us sleep at odds please, baby please. [she just continued to cry silently and I found myself in the same boat] Please Mpilo, please I beg you.

Nompilo: It's fine, I just want to sleep.

Me: Mma'Dlamini its not fine, I don't know how I hurt you but I am sorry please. I beg you Mpilo, please.

#whats a girl to do? We are still on wrong but Right Path.

Wrong but Right Path

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I tried everything to get her to stop crying it fell on deaf ears. I couldn't sleep a blink, it bothered me. It felt like we were getting separated or something worse. I eventually allowed her to sleep on her side and set up. I got some work done on my laptop and double checked everything. Around 3am she woke up and went to the bathroom, she came back without her gown. She was wearing lingerie and I didn't even look. I continued to work and close up deadlines that are weeks prior to this one. I worked until 6am and woke up. I took a shower and as I finished she opened the door. I wiped myself and cleaned it, then went to our bedroom. I wore my work clothes, not everything can be fixed by sex. I went out of the room and went to see my kids. I kissed their little faces and she came out after me in her work clothes.

Nompilo: Greetings Mma, [kisses the babies and kisses his forehead, warms her food from last night] how was your night Mma?

His aunt: It was okay, I came here to watch the babies because your mother had somewhere to be. I don't know what is happening between you two but you need to just fix it. You can't be coming home with a swollen face and puffy eyes. It's bad from all angles, your mother is on her way. I'm leaving my cab is outside. [kisses the babies and leaves]

Nompilo: Can we please talk?

Me: I'm listening. [I continued eating]

Nompilo: It hurt me when you just shoot up and forgot that you said you'd drive me to work, made

feel like Sine was coming between us. It made me feel like you were angry at me and I felt alone at that moment. I'm sorry, I cried it further than it was necessary.

Me: the impression you gave to everyone that saw you yesterday is that going to be wiped? My aunt is upset and they are probably going to give me a meeting of expectations. What will be my defence? What hurts most is not knowing how to comfort the person you say you love. It's fine Mpilo. Your running late for work. I will watch the kids until my mother get here.

Nompilo: [kneels beside him] I'm sorry, please forgive me for my carelessness.

Me: Apology not accepted, your getting late for work. [she remained on her knees, I ate and finished then as my mother arrived I drove out before she could ask me questions. I went to the site and got down to

business. After about an hour, I heard the men whistling and my name being called three times on the intercom. It nagged me out, I went out of the shaft and boom. My wife had come wearing this extremely sexy dress with stilettos and make-up on, she was irresistibly on fire. My man immediately reacted before I could think of my next move, she knelt before me]

Nompilo: I'm sorry baby, it will never happen again. I'm sorry Dlamini.

Me: We will discuss it after work, when I get home.

Nompilo: [attempts to prostrate and he lifts her up fast] Please.

Me: [I picked her up, Mtho appeared at that moment] Its fine Mma'Dlamini, its okay. [I accompanied her to the parking lot] Baby, it's fine. As long as you

promise that it will not happen again. Go to work please.

Nompilo: I love you [they share a kiss] I'm really sorry for ruining your reputation. It won't happen again. Sorry.

Me: I love you more, please don't go to work wearing this dress. [she laughed] I'm serious, its for my eyes only please. [she nods and drives off. I went back to the site and everyone was discussing my wife] There's work to be done, gentlemen.

Mtho: was that Mpilo I just saw?

Site manager: she is sexy for days, no offense bafo.

Me: I'm a married man, who were you expecting it to be Mtho? Yes that was my wife.

Site manager: You should have just taken a sick leave, I would gladly sign you out. I mean that apology, its too nice.

Mtho: they are not there yet. They are still getting to know each other.

Me: [I went back to the shaft, my hormones were all over the place. The overalls hid my situation, everyone was discussing my wife and I hated it. She's very extremely sexy but she is mine alone. I increased the workload and the gossip died down in sweat. 7 hours later, we knocked off and I drove to the house. My wife was wearing an apron and the kids were not around.] Greetings, I don't see my babies.

Nompilo: Mma took them out for ice-cream at the park, I just finished dinner. You must be tired,

freashen up and I will dish up for you.

Me: [I dropped my bag and everything just lost format. Dammit I couldn't hold myself. We utilized the time we had very productively. I love this woman God. We ended up taking a shower together and we both got into our pyjamas. We went to the kitchen and as she was dishing up, my mother entered with our kids] Oh hello.

Mma'Dlamini: [chuckles] Greetings, I would love to have my grandkids over at my house, if that were okay with you.

Me: we will discuss it and get back to you Mma. Thank you, they really need to be out of the house. [I picked them up and within seconds it was lights out] the park seems like a good place.

Mma'Dlamini: I'm going to my house now, I will see

you people tomorrow. [she leaves while laughing]

Me: what was that about?

Nompilo: your shirt is under our couch for one.

Me: they are sleeping, I'm not hungry right now. I will be in my room.

Nompilo: Okay, tuck them in please.

Me: [I tucked in the babies and went to our bedroom, I set there trying to calm my hormones]

#Dlamini_household

The house worries that the newly weds are fighting and no one seems to have a solution to what is

happening. Mma'Dlamini enters the house all smiles. They remind her of the situation on the ground and just sits down with confidence that there is no divorce that is going to be caused by Sinethemba and his armies. Naledi comes from the guest bedroom and Mma'Dlamini stops smiling.

Mma'Dlamini: what did you people fight about again?

Naledi: Mtho doesn't understand Mma, we can't have another child. We are already battling to support our three kids as it is.

Mtho: I'm sorry I let the baby thing go to my head. I'm sorry my wife.

His uncle: we will not gather for you again
Mthokozisi not again. You hear me?

Mtho: It will not happen again. Please forgive me, it will never happen again.

His uncle: Have you spoken to your brother today?

Mtho: I spoke to him at work, Nompilo just came and gave him an incredible apology that is still fresh on everyone's mind. I don't think there is anything like a fight there.

Mma'Dlamini: 9 months from today I might be inviting you all for Siya's third child. If anything I think they just had a minor misunderstanding which they sorted out. My son is happy, so happy that his eyes are glowing. My babies are fine, its Only Mtho and Naledi that need a serious intervention.

#which challenge matters? The one inside or the one outside?

Wrong but Right Path

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I eventually calmed down and fell asleep, during the night she came to bed really cold. I felt her feet on mine and wrapped my arms around her. Is this what being fulfilled looks like? I love it here. The night was too tiny. We woke up the next morning, I received a call that a client wanted to see me. Suddenly my wife just fell as she was coming from the bathroom, I rushed to her side alarmed.

Nompilo: [tears streaming] Please this job is not worth your life, I will give you the money please.

Me: Baby this is my most paying and trusted client, he might get angry.

Nompilo: Please your life is more important, let them try someone else.

Me: Baby please, we need to pay our rent and buy groceries, please allow me do this. [I bathed and got dressed. As I got inside my car and drove off. I need to provide for my family no matter what. I drove to site and as I parked my legs refused to move. Then I suddenly felt the edge to go to the bathroom which was opposite the site. I went in there and within minutes I felt the ground moving, then people screaming. As I made it out of the bathroom, the mine shaft had killed many people. My car was buried in big stones. I ran to the main road called for help. The ambulances came but as that was happening, I advised them to leave the area. The garage and everything in that area just became a big whole. I escaped in some men's van. I hicked and went back to my house, I found my wife on her knees] Mma'Dlamini, Thank you for saving my life.

Nompilo: [crying] I had to do something, Mthokozisi is involved in an accident. I didn't want him to go to the site following you. His ribs are broken but his

going to be fine. [stands up and goes into the bathroom, then cries her lungs out]

Me: [I went into the bathroom and wrapped my arms around her] Thank you for saving our lives, he will heal. Its fine baby, I know it wasn't easy for you to do what you did but I appreciate it. [my phone rang and it was a hospital line, I picked up] Hello.

Naledi: My husband has been involve in an accident, he would like to speak to your wife.

Me: we are listening.

Mtho: [clearing his throat] I should have died but you saved me, thank you so much. I should have listened to your warning and none of this would have happened. Thank you I appreciate it, the car was a write off, there was no way for me to survive with minor injuries like this. Thank you.

Me: Mma'Dlamini please calm down, thank you Mtho. [I hung up and she was just sniffing. I realized that she is very sensitive and fragile.] I'm sorry my jewel.

Nompilo: I just want to sleep, please watch our kids.

Me: [I took her to our room and tacked her in. I kissed her forehead, then went to watch my kids suddenly there was a bang on the gate. I walked outside and two strange looking men stood there] Can I help you?

Man: we are looking for a seer with the name Nompilo Madi, is she around?

Me: No, she isn't here. I borrowed her car because mine is damaged. She is my very good sister.

Man: where is she? Where can we look for her? It urgent that we find her.

Me: [they kept looking around and I could tell they were armed, dangerous criminals] She said something about going to the mountain to pray, she has been complaining that her visions are not clear. I don't know when she'll be back. I can give her a message for you.

Man2: we'll be back don't worry. Does she live here?

Me: No, she doesn't live here. I guess you will come back again later. [I went back to the house and I sensed that someone is trying to kill my wife. I went inside the house and went to check on her. She was awake] I'm sorry for listening to my stupid desire. I should have listened to you.

Nompilo: I want to go to my office, my employees might be wondering what's going on with me.

Me: I need you here, I almost died and I feel somehow. Please stay with me.

Nompilo: [gets off the bed and gives him a really tight hug] I'm so glad that God saved you for us. What's for breakfast in this house?

Me: Anything you wish to eat, I will make it for you.

Nompilo: [laughs] anything?

Me: Yes, whatever you want. [she pulled me back and gave me this kiss that broke all the laws of life. We had an intimate session which was wonderful, just magical. It was completely out of this world kind of fun. After some time I heard the kids crying

and got dressed, we went out. I made the kids food and we fed them together. We just chilled together as a family, I don't know when or how but the babies are more on the bottles more than breastmilk. Thank God because I need my wife's boob to look nice you know? Nice nice.] I love you so much babe.

#Mtimande House.

Sine walks into his mother's house sick, he sits on the couches and shortly his aunt enters following him. His mother takes a shower and makes breakfast for herself like nothing is happening. Than sits and watches television. Fikile enters with her kids who are very happy to see their grandmother.

Fikile: Mma can I please leave them with you, their father will come and fetch them.

Mma'bele: How's Hlelo doing?

Fikile: I haven't spoken to Mpilo as yet but I heard that his recovering faster than most. She said the doctor requested that until he is 1000% okay, he should be monitored closely so I guess that is why she hasn't been going out with her kids.

Mma'bele: I miss my grandson, I miss his smile and naughtiness.

Fikile: Tomorrow I will come by here and we can video call them. I know she won't refuse for you to see him if her husband agrees. For now just stay healthy because when they come over here, they will mess up this house. Besides that mend the fence with Mma'Dlamini. They visit her house a lot.

Mma'bele: You're right.

His aunt: so my brother's son is just going to die and you people would not care.

Mma'bele: what's wrong with him? Ask him.

Fikile: I have very important places to be, Mma. Jackson will fetch them. [leaves]

His aunt: What's wrong Mtimande?

Sine: who did I even get married to? The miscarriage wasn't mine. [his mother chuckles] we went to see the doctor about having children in future. She said nothing is wrong with us but I don't know why it's not happening.

His aunt: Have faith, everything will work out for you people.

Sine: My business is not making much like it used to and its getting hard to pay my bills.

His aunt: she needs to get a job and help you. Have you discussed that?

Sine: she was my receptionist, where is she going to go?

Mma'bele: I need to go see Mma'Dlamini, you know that my health condition is not where I can take bad news.

His aunt: are you not going to encourage him?

Mma'bele: When Hlelo was conceived, my husband appeared to him and gave him clear instructions. Did you follow them sir?

Sine:[sits up straight] Mma I forgot.

His uncle: Enters we are on the right, the brideprice was supposed to be received by us. This can be a matter for court, their marriage can be made void if we so demanded but I suggest we settle out of court. What's your decision Sinethemba?

Wrong but Right Path

#Insert53

We enjoyed the day together and the next day we were summoned by my family to come. We bathed as a family, had breakfast and drove to the Dlamini house. We discovered her uncle's car and grandparents car outside. We parked beside it. I had a bad feeling about this entire thing but I remained calm. Whatever this is, we will face it together. We shared a kiss and prayed before entering the house.

The room was packed. When I went there, we set on the couch with our babies on my chest.

His grandmother: You both need to understand that there is no other way because this was a grave mistake that we should have taken into consideration at the early stages of your marriage. The Mtimande's are demanding that they were the ones who were supposed to have received your brideprice as tradition demands but as you know we are not traditional so we looked passed that.

Her grandfather: we would give them the money if they demanded for it but that's now what they want. They have demanded that you go back as their bride or they will go to court.

Nompilo: [tears forming] go to court? He threw me out and his people never came to speak to me about anything, they just accepted things as they were. Where do they get the right to go to court?

Her uncle: they paid your brideprice and they are entitled to decide on your future. This path was right for you but wrong according to them. So we came here to discuss this thing and try to find a solution.

Me: [Calm] Let them go to court, I would rather die than allow Sine take my wife. If they want a war, they should just say so.

His uncle: the court might rule in their favour, meaning that your marriage will be made void.

Me: I will take my chances.

Sine: [enters with two police officers] I have come to take back what rightfully belongs to me.

Me: TRY ME THEMBA! I DARE YOU TO TRY ME! My wife and son are not going anywhere, officers I would think of the long line of the unemployed if I were you. Money doesn't rule the world, God does. Take you dirty selves out of my parent's yard.

Sine: Your a popper you can't do anything, you should be ashamed to be called a man. You go around and steal people's wives.

Me: [I noticed that he wanted me to get physical with him but I remained calm] Respect yourself, go back to your wife.

Sine: You can't do anything, I will crush you!

Me: I can't wait. Do your worst! [they leave and the entire room goes silent. I set beside my wife who laid on my shoulder] Not with my family.

Her grandfather: [chuckles] well I guess there is nothing to worry about, our daughter is in safe hands.

Mma'Dlamini: [comes with cookies and tea] its to early for fights. [puts them down and Hlelo, Sphe walk up to the sugar, their grandmother pours it on a side plate for them] My grandbabies love sugar, they are teething. I think we should get them rubber toys.

Nompilo: Granted Mma, I will do that after work tomorrow.

Me: [one minute they were between us and the next they were in the bathroom. I followed them, they were being naughty] HLE-HLE HAYI! [they looked at me and cried, I heard their mother laughing behind me] Daddy doesn't like this. [I picked them and hushed them] I won't apologize, you people are just too naughty now.

Nompilo: [laughing] You see a little pat will set them straight.

Me: I don't want anyone laying hands on my babies, please.

Nompilo: [laughing to tears] their naughty your kids daddy.

Me: I will deal with it myself.

Mma'Dlamini: Help me in the kitchen Mpilo.

#Mtimandehouse

Everyone has gathered expecting that Sine has brought back Nompilo and Hlelo. The policevan

drops Sine alone and his very upset. He kicks the soil as he enters the yard. Nobuhle rushes to him and tries to calm him down. His uncles stand in anger and Mma'bele has tears.

Mma'bele: why are you doing this? Its not like you need the money.

His grandfather: He wants his family back and that boy is not going to stand in our way.

Mma'bele: so what are you people going to do because love is very ruthless when its beginning?

Sine: Anything it takes to get them back, I want my wife and son back home.

His aunt: Stop questioning just support him for the first time in your life.

Sine: He says we should go ahead and do our worst.
This boy is testing me.

His uncle: he thinks we are out there to play, we
must surely teach him a lesson.

#Nompilo

So far so good, my husband loves me so much its a
bit scary. Its weird but I think I am addicted to
having him around me, I mistaken people's names
for his. His always on my mind like 24 hours of my
day. He prays with me and encourages me to serve
people through this gift. After the nonsense the
Mtimande's vomitted, I didn't know how he would
react but he called his lawyer who wasn't in the
country. We explained the matter to him and he
declared that the Mtimande's do not have a case.
Our babies are growing so fast and I am in love with

the best men ever. As I left my company building, I noticed that I was being followed, I drove to my in law's place. I entered the yard and hit the hooter. No one came out, the person in the SUV blocked me in and four men came out. They dragged me out of my car.

Me: [I recognize the smell, it was the people who wanted to beat me up while I was pregnant with Hlelo. I didn't know what to do. The neighbour's kid saw the men and rushed back into their yard. Within minutes, I don't know where he came from but it was a war, four against one. My husband fought them and they beat him while he did same to them. As they were fighting, the police arrived and I rushed to my husband's side, he was bruised]
Thank you for coming for me.

Siya: Tell Themba that he has failed, nx! Come back for another beating yezwa!

Police officer: what happened here?

Siya: Stop faking you think I don't know that you will not arrest these men? I know so get your asses out of my yard.

Me: [the neighbours had now gathered around, the officers were really embarrassed. They placed the men inside their van and drove off. He gave me the keys to his parents house. I opened and helped him inside. I located the first aid kit and cleaned his wounds then plustered his head and hand, than kissed him] Thank you babe.

Siya: my duty is to protect you. Mma is at our house with the kids.

Mtho: [enters alarmed] Bafo? What happened here?

Siya: I am going to my house now, fix the gate.

Me: [I helped him up and drove us home. We went into the estate and got to the house, His mother met us at the door] Mma.

Mma'Dlamini: Are we safe?

Siya: 100% I will take you home in the morning.
[they proceed to the babies room and kiss them, then go to their chambers] I love you Mma'Dlamini wam.

Me: You're the sexiest man I have ever met, Bab'Dlamini. You are a temptation.

Siya: [chuckles] it's just scratches on the forehead and hand, other parts are okay.

Me: [we shared a kiss] So all night prayer? [he pulled me close, I love this man]

Wrong but Right Path

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We prayed then had the deeds. Its not tiring with him because he is fully present in every second. During midnight we woke up and went to the kitchen, where we ate cake together. Then went back to bed just to snuggle. I love my hubby, despite the odds. I don't care about traditional regulations, he makes me happy. I would marry him everyday all over again. We woke the next morning, the kids were restless. This teething thing is not okay one bit. We held them to our chests, then gave them their meds because they don't want to eat in such a state. Mma woke up two hours after us, I had made breakfast with Sphe on my back.

Me: Yebo Mma, how was your night?

Mma'Dlamini: it was okay, I heard there was a fight at my house last night care to explain?

Me: some men were following me, I recognized them from when I was pregnant with Hlelo. They wanted to beat me up because I asked for a job as a taxi driver but God sent someone to save me. Last night they thought they had me as I parked, they dragged me out of the car and my husband protected me because I think they wanted to abduct me.

Siya: Is my breakfast coming together?

Me: Yes, I am done. [I dished up for him and he ate while pacing around] I am grateful to my husband.

Mma'Dlamini: Police came there this morning to report that one of the man was driven to the hospital, they suspect that blood dropped into his brain.

Me: Are you going to drop me off at work?

Siya: Yep, then I will go see my insurance people. They're pay out is close, I will just get me a car for the time being.

Me: I will add on to whatever they give you, so that you get a befitting car.

Siya: I don't care about cars, I just want to be able to.....

Me: As long as I be the Mrs King forget it. You are going to get something befitting my husband. Infact

why am I asking you or discussing this with you.
Your car will be delivered later today, take your pay out and invest it or something.

Mma'Dlamini: Your serious aren't you?

Me: Infact let's head to the dealership, first before you drop me off. [he kept quiet and stood up to leave]

Mma'Dlamini: He doesn't accept gifts like that your husband.

Me: Then let him be angry for the right reasons. [we had breakfast, I knew he would be angry for a long time so I drove to work. When I arrived I found my mother waiting] this is a surprise.

Mma'Madi: I heard your husband was arrested,

how's he doing? What happened?

#Siyabonga

Out of joy I went to my parent's house then Themba came to vomit nonsense. Mpilo is my wife and I will not share her for any reason. I received a call that some people were parked at my parent's house, I thought nothing of it until my wife alerted me. When I arrived I found four dreamers which were sent by Themba. If anyone wants to test me, I am ready, let them come. I am not a fighter but for my family one must die, there is nothing I won't do for them. I told her about the car thing and she vowed to buy me a car, I felt a bit bruised that she would just say I should use the insurance pay-out for something else. As I was licking my wounds, the estate security called that there was a truck that needed to come to my house and police had followed it as well. I thought nothing of it, I allowed them inside. 7 police vans surrounded my house, after the truck

entered my drive way.

Me: What's this about?

Police detective: You are under arrest for the attempted murder of Stanza, Ntutuko and Bezwe, Mazi.

Me: [they came out of the vans surrounded by police and I just laughed] Cowards! So you brought police to arrest me? Tell me officer how could I beat up four men alone. How? I don't have any boxing training. If anything I should be the one pressing charges.

Police detective: [looks at the men than back at Siya]Something here is not right, you say this man beat all four of you? [chuckles] Can you follow us to the station sir something here is not clear.

Me: I need to alert my lawyer before we make any further moves, he will request you to provide proof because as it stands now its a hear say.

Police detective: We are sorry for interrupting your morning sir, we humbly apologize for the misunderstanding. [turns around and they get inside the car, then drive off]

Mma'Dlamini: How did you manage to beat those men up?

Me: Nompilo is mine and I am not the sharing type. And then wena?

Delivery man: I was sent with a gift for Mr King Dlamini, please sign here sir.

Me: [I signed and they opened their long truck, then

invited me inside] I am not going in there.

Delivery man: Sir, please we need you to choose one.

Mtho: [arrives and parks beside the truck] Bafo?
How are you? Uright?

Delivery man: Sir.

Me: tell the person who sent you that I am not interested.

Mma'Dlamini: So your going to reject the gift, your own wife has sent you.

Mtho: [melts into a smile with excitement] Mpilo is gifting you a car? Let's switch places bafo. What's

on the menu?

Delivery man: Sports Ranger, Land rover and Golf 2019.

Mtho: Hehehe! Your refusing, give me permission to speak to my sister in law. I can get it on your behalf.

Me: [my dream car Golf 2019, I went into the truck in disbelieve. I stood beside it, the leather seats and the engine. I felt like I was losing my mind. I have been saving up for this car half my life. I felt numb]

Mtho: Choose Land rover, I can hold it while you decide.

Me: [I passed him and went outside, tears formed] I will take the golf.

Delivery man: Good choice sir. [goes back to his partner and the remove the two cars, then park his goft inside the yard and give him the keys] Thank you sir.

Me: [they placed the cars back and drove off. My car still had a bow on it. I set inside and bowed my head then wept. She called and I picked] Mpilo.

Nompilo: Askies baby, we can return it if you hate it. I don't want us to be at odds because of useless things. I will call the dealership tomorrow morning.

Me: [I couldn't talk, I just wept]

Nompilo: [emotional] Dlamini wam, I didn't mean it like that. Baby...Bab'Dlamini. [speaking to someone in the background] take my calls, I am going home. [call ended]

Mma'Dlamini: Haaa No Bonga, don't do this.

Wrong but Right Path

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I felt numb all over my body, I cried all that I could until I gained a headache. After about 30mins, she arrived. I heard her rushing into the yard. She opened the door and set on my lap. I didn't know what to say or how to say it. She just gave me a tight hug. She had dropped whatever just to come to me and I must say I felt a bit guilty because the car is probably on credit.

Me: we can't afford this right now.

Nompilo: Its fully paid for, one of my clients gave us 80% discount because I refused to take it for free.

Me: how much did you pay for it?

Nompilo: 50000, we can return it. I am sure the old man won't mind but will be disappointed because he wanted us to come to his dealership and choose any car of your choice.

Me: Ever since I became a man, I have desired this car baby. It feels like I am dreaming right now.

Nompilo: Please don't cry like this, I love you and I want the best for you. Ever since you came into my life, I have no worries. You make me so happy and each day I wake up just to thank God for you. I no longer see all the people who pull me down. [laughs] I love you Dlamini, you just cover all the corners without even trying.

Me: [we shared a kiss and she moved to the passenger seat] let me give you a ride back to work.

Nompilo: [holds his hand] You and our children mean more to me than any position I could get. You're the reason I get up in the morning, so unless you are 100% sure you are okay do not take me back there.

Me: I am 100% now that we've talked. [I drove her to work and carried her handbag inside] I will pick you up mos?

Mma'Madi: Oh thank God, I was worried. Thank God, the police did not reach you.

Me: we thank God Mma. [we shared a kiss and I left her work. I went back to the house and parked beside her car, I went inside the house to find Mtho eating. My kids were walking which was beautiful, I took a video and sent my wife. As they saw me, they set down like nothing is happening] You need

to start walking otherwise I will not buy you ice-cream.

Mma'Dlamini: So Mpilo was here?

Me: she meant no offense, she honestly had to go back to work. Without the mine I am unemployed so we need the money.

Mtho: [coughs] she pays the bills?

Me: I don't allow her to pay our bills.

Mtho: she must have really deep pockets to afford you a Golf 2019, to even take it on credit.

Me: Its not on credit, stop asking me funny questions. I have decided to start my rubbish

collection business as I have been saying.

Mtho: [laughs] you want to come here and smell like rubbish? Why are you doing this? You are not serious about this.

Me: My wife supports me and that's all that matters.

Mtho: Don't ask me to invest, I don't have money.

Nompilo: [enters in tears]

Me: [I rushed to her side and scooped her up]Baby, what's wrong? [she was shivering, Nomandla followed her inside very angry] what happened?

Nomandla: WHO DOES HE THINK HE IS!? Themba has forgotten, I will deal with him. I will so deal with

him shame! Don't cry Mpilo, I will handle him.

Me: [I embraced her and held her very tight. I noticed under her jacket, her shirt was torn. I took her to our room and we took a shower together, she stopped crying, then I tucked her in after we prayed together. The lingerie she wore under her clothes was ripped like someone was trying to tear it off. I allowed her to sleep while my heart was bleeding. I went to the living room] what happened?

Nomandla: my company normally does rounds around their office so I went in to check on her and I normally don't knock, I threw myself inside and the dumb ass wanted to rape my sister at gun point. I will so deal with him!

Me: Thank you for bringing her home. Thank you very much, I will take it from here.

Nomandla: I will deal with Themba, I will so deal with him. [leaves]

Mma'Dlamini: The Mtimande's are bent on destroying my daughter in law. Just comfort her.

Mtho: [angry] who does he think he is? He will not miss what's coming to him.

Me: [I went to my bedroom and she was wide awake looking out the window. I wrapped my arms around her] I love you so much, your strong.

Nompilo: I cry because I can't allow anger take over me. I don't know how to take this, I am afraid of walking around alone because of one person. I know this won't be good for me to say but please don't be angry. Don't be angry for my sake.

Me: what actually happened?

Nompilo: Nobuhle had a miscarriage, his desperate for a child. He wants me to give him a child by force but I can't do that. He threatened to kill me, its not the first time his brought a gun with the thought of killing me. He once threatened to kill me and hlelo together with him because he wanted to marry me and his family and my father refused. I knew he could kill me, I never thought I would see you and our kids again. We need to watch Hlelo closely he might take him. I left everything at the office, Nomandla hit him and his friends with a golf stick. My sister is no angel baby, she marked them.

Me: [we laughed about it. Then I showed her the video of our kids first walk. It was special for us] as I dropped you off, I received an alert for the insurance payment and I want to start the rubbish business.

Nompilo: That's wonderful news, let's go pop champagne. Its none alcoholic, I made sure.

Me: [she wore her gown and we went to the kitchen. We reached for the champagne as people gathered for some funeral. We popped champagne] To profitability.

Nompilo: And prosperity. Cheers.

Mma'Dlamini: [enters with his aunt] what are we celebrating?

Me: [you'd think someone would nag and beat you down for being unemployed but with Mpilo I don't even feel like an unemployed man, I feel like a billion dollars] My brand new car and future business.

His aunt: are you both in your right minds? After the events of the day? Should you not be rushed to the hospital?

Me: My wife is fine, they didn't succeed her [they looked at me] everything is in order.

Sphe and Hlelo: Mama.

Nompilo: [picks them up and they put fingers in the slice of Cake on the table] I knew it.

Mma'Dlamini: Uright?

Nompilo: Yebo Mma, his doing this because Nobuhle suffered a miscarriage so now he wants to suffocate my marriage. We are not going to allow it, Themba wants a child very serious but I don't have space. This time next year I should atleast I will

probably be pregnant or have an infant.

His aunt: [smiling] So you people are that serious?

Me: we don't discuss it, it will happen when God decides.

Wrong but Right Path

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We had a nice time but in my heart, I was just broken that someone could just attempt to rape my own wife. It hurt me really bad that I couldn't sleep a blink, I got out of bed and just went for a ran. It gave me time to pray and really open up to God about everything. Praying is like breathing, it made me feel a lot better afterwards. I went home and my wife was in the kitchen worried. She just embraced me so tightly, her heart was beating out of her chest, she was afraid of something. I locked up and we

went back to bed and just snuggled. The next morning, I took her to work because she insisted that this will not stop her. Her boss was there already shouting at the head of security. I accompanied her to her office and they were taking fingerprints. We shared a kiss and I went my way. I noticed I had forgotten something so I went back to the house, they didn't hear me entering.

Mma'Dlamini: God will help my son.

His aunt: I don't know how things got to be in such a mess, if she doesn't get released from the Mtimande's. She will never conceive again, she will struggle and Siya will be miserable. They might have two kids individually but that's not enough.

Mma'Dlamini: we will pray, God knows we are no longer into tradition and cultures. My husband raised my son in the ways of the Lord and I will not fear things that are not even gods in the first place.

His uncle: You know that our forefathers exist, my brother might have not followed them but you know there are things that need to be done.

Mma'Dlamini: As for me and my family we are set apart for the glory of God. I know that this I....

His uncle: Don't allow yourself to fall for that evangelist nonsense. Your daughter is a person of the ancestors and its just a matter of time before she is commanded to get properly initiated, like traditional healers.

Mma'Dlamini: That will never happen, my daughter has a gift from God and nothing related to your traditional nonsense. No child of mine is going to be initiated for any reason.

Me: [I entered the house and they went silent] I

forgot my files, didn't you see them Mma?

His uncle: Mshana tell me, what is this thing which Nompilo has?

Me: I don't want to discuss this but I will have you know that its nothing related to tradition. Otherwise she would be wearing beads or wearing white clothes praying in the river. None of that, she doesn't use any herbs. The only herbs we use in this house are food spices. [I took my files and went my way]

Everyone is starting to wonder and give a name to my wife's gift. Its weird because she doesn't heal anybody, only the ones that are revealed to her and each time it happens, it leads people to seek the face of God. This stayed on my mind the whole day, I went to a few departments to seek for like a tender to pick us bins and found none. I kept trying and I got one which is out of town. It doesn't pay much

but I was happy because I got something. After a long day, I went to fetch my wife from work. She came out of the building and I opened the door for her. Then we drove off, she was awfully silent, I parked at a garage.

Me: what's bothering you, talk to me?

Nompilo: I feel empty like something is missing, I don't know why but I feel a void which has been there and I just don't know how to fill.

Me: There is a church service tonight, would you like to come? You can sleep in the car if you feel tired.

Nompilo: [melts into a smile] Yes, I would like to come.

Me: Let's fetch our kids and Mma, then head to church. [I drove us to the house, where we took a shower and wore comfortable clothes, took my babies and we all drove to church. I haven't been there since I got married so I just missed the atmosphere. We entered and she set with other nursing mothers, I went to serve because I normally mop the church. I mopped in the bathrooms and as I finished the man of God entered. I went to seat beside my wife but she was not on her seat. I noticed she was sleeping at the man of God's feet. I set with the kids and enjoyed the teaching, as the man of God ministered, she woke up and was ushered to the back. She set with the interviewers. I went to see her as the kids were fast asleep] Babe.

Church media: we would like to interview her about what made her sleep there.

Me:[she didn't utter a word] when she starts talking, we will bring it to you. Come my wife. [I took her to

our seat and she silently set just staring at the pulpit. Like someone who's in a trance.]

Mma'Dlamini: I am going to get food would you like something.

Me: No Mma, we will eat when we get to the house after church.

Mma'Dlamini: Mpilo? [she doesn't respond] okay.
[she leaves]

Me: [after about 30mins, she exhaled and I knew she was back from the trance] Baby.

Nompilo: It's beautiful, I saw angels in this beautiful garden, it had fruits of many kinds even the ones I have never see before. Did you understand the teaching?

Me: I don't know if you understood it the way I did.

Nompilo: He was teaching about us being legal in this body, like as much as we are spiritual beings, our bodies are also important because we could not come as ghosts because ghosts are illegal on earth. Christ would not have reached many as ghost because they would run away. He had to come as a human with flesh.

Me: [don't get used to God I tell you, she explained the teachings the man of God has been giving for the past two weeks. One day in church and she is already ahead of me, I love this. We went for an interview, where she explained the garden and everything that she saw in the trance. As the man of God was teaching, he called us. We both walked to the front, that was scary because I have never been specifically called, I didn't know how to look at the man of God, I looked at his feet]

Man of God: Don't be scared son, you need to protect her and cover her. She carries something very special, healing is not a gift to her, it's who she is but for now you need to cover her until she matures spiritually. Make sure that you focus on God, whatever comes your way focus. Everything that has been happening to you is not a mistake, God made it like that. Its intentional, your still going to encounter a lot of things but be consistent, honour the call of God upon your lives. Then you will see how God will reward you in the open. [holds his hand] I know what they told you, don't worry about anything, God is with you. This is your wife, no matter what people may say or think but this is your wife.

Nompilo:[emotional] I want to have a child for my husband.

Man of God: God is with you both. [holds their

heads together and prays for them] You will bring a testimony.

Me: [after the prayer, the love in my heart just wanted to burst out. We went to be interviewed again, then went to our kids. After the service, we drove home and I was worried she would be tired. When we got to the house, we took a shower together and bathed our kids. Then I drove her to work] are you sure your going to be fine.

Nompilo: I had a blessed night, when are we going again?

Me: Sunday Morning.

Nompilo: I took your bible with me, don't search for it.

Me: It's fine, I love you. [we shared a kiss and she went to into the building, Mtho called me] Bafo.

Mtho: The suppliers did not deliver again, can you send me the number of the other supplier? Please I have a customer.

Me: [I sent him the contact] I just sent it to you.

Mtho: Can you come by the site, we need to discuss.

Me: I don't work there anymore, I need to head to work Bafo. I will see what I can do.

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I passed by the parks where people are searching

for jobs and picked two guys. I explained to them what was going to happen. We went to the area I was set to given the tender, it was hard work but funny enough we really wrapped up the entire township. The mayor's of the town came and was impressed with our work. He brought me in to sign a contract that I will do this once a week every month for the next 12months. That excited me and the two guys that were with me. I dropped them off and went to fetch my wife. I took off my work overroll and went up to her office. I found her still in a meeting. I waited patiently, then when she was done. She gave me this beautiful smile.

Nompilo: [smiling] How was your first day?

Me: Great, I signed a contract and employed two people. I agreed to give them 5000 each per month, don't know how I am going to do that because I spent all the money on my truck. I pay for it to park at my grandparent's farm house.

Nompilo: we are in this together baby don't worry.

Me: Thank you very much, can we go?

Nompilo: Yes, Mma called a few times that the babies had a temperature. I allowed her to take them to the clinic. They are at her house. Let's go see them, I arranged for a day off tomorrow.

Me: Don't worry, I got this. I only do my business once a week.

Nompilo: Okay but I won't focus without making sure that they are fine.

Me: [we drove to my parent's house and as we parked, we heard them screaming. As we walked through the door, my aunt and mother were clueless.

Their mother came into the room and picked them up.] they are teething.

Nompilo: Please get me my handbag. [kisses their foreheads] Its fine, its okay thula.

Mma'Dlamini: they have not eaten anything the whole day, they refused to eat the doctor gave them something for their teething but I can't give them without them eating something.

Me: [I brought her handbag and she took out mush mellowes]

Hlelo and Sphe: [sniffing on their mother's chest, take the mush mellowes and eat]

Nompilo: Thank you for taking them to the clinic
Mma, I will take it from here. Babe bring me their

meds please. Bye Mma, thank you again. [leaves with them]

Me: [I went to open their door and went back into the house] their mother will take care of it Mma, please don't worry.

Mma'Dlamini: the court summons arrived. [gives him the envelope] drive safely.

Me: Okay. [I went to the car with everything and we drove off. We passed the mall, she went into cake City. We bought a chocolate cake and more sweets, the kids were no longer teary. We went to buy chips as well then went home. Their mother opened the cake and placed them on the mat.] hehehe sugar rush.

Nompilo: it will keep them busy while I make us dinner, what's in the envelope?

Me: [I opened it and Themba was suing us for home wrecking] His suing us for home wrecking.

Nompilo: [burst into laughter] Sine uneDrama, how can a man be this dramatic? His got drama shames.

Me: [we laughed about it, which was weird] we are set for court this coming Monday.

Nompilo: We will not give him a cent, I mean one cent.

Me: [we just laughed about it, while she made us dinner. When she finished, the kids had abused the cake. Their little fingers were all over it. They had eaten it and were now very sleepy which was weird] I thought sugar would make them active.

Nompilo: the sugar overpowered their system. Tomorrow they will be very active for now they're small tummies are full. Between the cake and their bottle, they are fast asleep. We need to monitor them too. My sister is getting married next week so I will need to help her with the planning and choosing a dress.

Me: should I feel comfortable that your going to be around J ohn?

Nompilo: J ealousy is a time waster, I don't have time for these people I have you. There is no way for me to cheat, you call me 14 times a day and know my whereabouts everytime. I am very happy with you, can our kids share our bed? I need them close.

Me: Okay. [we ate and went to bed. The babies slept between us. It was really cute but bad because tomorrow is her birthday. I don't have

money for something huge but all I got is a creative mind. I need to make it special. We slept and the babies woke up during the night, I took them to the living room with me. While she slept, I placed them on their rocking chairs and gave them their bottles. It was 3am so I decide to bake my wife a cake with the blueberries from our garden. I did my best and as I finished decorating the cake. I felt hands surrounding me] Happy birthday Mma'Dlamini.

Nompilo: [smiling] You made me a cake, I appreciate this baby.

Me: to many more birthdays with you, I just wanted to appreciate you for everything you do for us. Your kindness, patience and strength is appreciated baby. I appreciate everything you do for us, I pray that God keep you for us. Thank you for being the best we've got.

Nompilo: [tears forming] I love you, this is a

wonderful surprise. Can I cut the cake?

Me: [I placed the candles and lit them] make a wish first.

Nompilo: [blows the candles off and cuts the cake, then eats it] Let me guess, the cakes that are normally in this house, you made them?

Me: living alone for 8 months can teach a man a lot of things, I needed to learn a few things.

Nompilo: You're a man of many talents, I thought you went to like culinary school, there is no difference between this cake and the one we bought yesterday. This is the best birthday ever. [her phone rings]

I cooked us a whole meal and made her a lunchbox because she was going to work. She took a bath

and I drove her to work, then went home with my kids. They were just moody, I placed them on my chest as we got to the house. I can't believe that my wife was pleased by a simple thing like a cake. I wished I could do more for her because she is such a wonderful woman. I cleaned the house and did some spring cleaning everywhere. As I was chilling with my kids. Mtho walked in with Naledi. I am not in the mood for haters right now. My kids are teething.

Mtho: We thought it wise to check up on the newly weds. Where is the birthday lady?

Me: My wife is not around, my kids are teething so its not really a good time.

Ledi: I heard today is her birthday, are you not having a braai like?

Me: I understand oneness through my wife, she is everything on this earth. She is content.

Nompilo: [enters with her handbag] And given a forceful leave day.

Hlelo and Sphe: [raising their arms] Mama.

Me: one might think they love you more than me, [she washed her hands and took them] what's the plan since your off?

Nompilo: Nomandla and her husband gifted us, a spa day at some resort. I thought we could go but I understand we c...

Me: this is a much needed spa day, [I took the gift and read it] full body massage, steam room and dinner under the stars. Somepeople are serious

about being family members yazi. We could use a massage baby. Plus I am sure our kids will not mind swimming in chocolate, they will stop being moody.

Nompilo: No Mma asked that we bring them. I explained everything but she insisted. I told her I needed to discuss it with you first.

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Mtho and Naledi were having a filled day in envy of us. Some people rob themselves, we drove the kids to the Madi house and surprisingly my mother was there as well. They were having some elderly woman thingy. We drove off the kids who were a bit excited because their cousins were there. We said our goodbye and went to the Spa day. Oh Lord yes, we booked in and they just massaged our body then I went to steam while she went for chocolate

treatment. Then we met for lunch, then were given keys to our room while we are there. This felt like a piece of heaven because my wife is peaceful.

Nompilo: what are we going to do with the court case situation?

Me: nothing, me and you don't have problems. That one is a third party and should not be given the right to mess us up.

Nompilo: [chuckles] I realized that I can't heal everyone, its just the selective few and I feel like one day that is going to put me in trouble.

Me: My duty is to cover and protect you. Those meant to die will die baby there is nothing we can do about it. It's God's decision. I don't want you worrying about this thing please baby, I love you so much. We will figure this out.

Nompilo: the cake was really nice baby, thank you.

Me: Birthdays are once in a whole year, its sad that I can't get you more than just cake.

Nompilo: Don't worry, your finances will get better, just keep supporting us and you'll see God will be with you. He will help you know what to do.

Me: I love you baby, so much. [we shared a kiss and she laid on my chest. We just slept in that position. As we dosed off, I have multiple dreams all at the same time. Its funny when I woke up I discovered that I was only asleep for just 30mins. I carried her to the bed and we just slept like nothing is happening. Then woke up to dinner alerts, we went to a buffet of a dinner. Which was just memorable] thank your sister for us, this is nice baby.

Nompilo: the food here is delicious, I was thinking that when the kids get better. We should take them to the fun games. I think it would make them very happy.

Me: No problems there. This was just much needed alone time for us to just rest.

Nompilo: I must say that I miss my babies, we can't sleep here. I want to see my babies, being away from them is torturing me.

Me: I love you. [we finished our food and checked out. We drove to fetch our kids who were drunk with sleep. Their mother had a moment with them while I stood outside with her uncle]

Her uncle: how are you people going to handle the nonsense that Sine is throwing at you? That boy is not serious.

Me: don't worry, he will never win or get a cent from us.

Her uncle: heard your mother say that your site collapsed and your unemployed now, must be tough.

Me: It would be if Nompilo allowed it, she is very supportive and encouraging through everything. She just loves me through it.

Her uncle: I am really glad that you love my niece for real, she has been through hell and high water. I just pray that you don't change on her.

Me: I am very blessed to have a wife like Nompilo, she's just amazing.

Nompilo: [comes with a plate of food] tried to convince her that we just had dinner but she says you can't leave here without eating.

Me: this is a big plate, your with me mos?

Nompilo: Okay, let me get a spoon. [goes back inside]

Me: [we went inside and set to eat. My stomach honestly wanted to explode. We ate half and didn't even have space for more but her mother was taking no prisoners. Luckily for us, the babies woke up and we all ate together. We finished the plate and went out the door before her mother could get near the kitchen. I drove us to the house and nobody wanted to be awake for any reason. I locked up and we all passed out. During the night my wife's phone rang and I knew who it was ofcourse.] What's on your mind this time?

Sine:[emotional] I want to speak to Mpilo.

Me: she can't come to the phone, honestly I understand. You made a mistake and I just came before you could correct that mistake. I can't be sorry for that, you know what's worse? You are giving her reason to hate you, you keep nagging her out when she should be focusing on me.

Sine: [crying] you don't understand I love her, I just want to hear her tell me that all is well. I miss her.

Me: I pray for you, that you get over whatever this is before you make the entire nation to hate your guts. I pray that God helps you.

Sine: Nobuhle is worse than Nomandla, she is flames of hell. I don't even know how to divorce her, she is my worst mistake.

Me: Pray, get down on your knees and pray. We have Hlelo to raise, he doesn't need to see us fighting. Stop this entire thing and clean up your life, stop smoking drugs please. [I honestly can't believe I was being this calm with someone, I think my wife's character is rubbing on me, we spoke for 2 hours. He explained his situation and I just listened then advised. Then as he hung up, I went back to sleep with my family. I love them so much man, they mean the world to me. I passed out as I was staring at them. I woke up to fingers in my face, these babies are trouble some] this is wrong.

Hlelo and Sphe: [laugh] Papa.

Me:[their mother was fast asleep, it was at 10am and my wife is not an oversleeper, this was weird but I thought of her workload and our full stomach. I picked the kids and took them to the kitchen. We made breakfast and Mommy appeared at around 12

in the afternoon] Morning Babe, you were so peaceful in your sleep, I didn't want to wake you. How was your night?

Nompilo: refreshed, what's for the eating here?

Me: [I dished up for her and the kids. Who just set down and abused their mush] in this family we are getting fat. Look baby.

Nompilo: [laughs] we definitely love food. I didn't see my sanitarines, so I took the one that was originally in my handbag.

Me: Sorry they are inside my drawer. I should have told you sorry.

Nompilo: No problems, its just that my womb is in pains as usual.

Me: let me make you a tonic for that, two minutes. [I took out the blender and made her a pain relief smoothy which I used to make for Sphe's late mother. I gave her and she just felt better] it works wonders.

Nompilo: I just received an email that Themba cancelled the court appearance. What did you say to him? I mean did you threaten him?

Me: Nothing like that, you've thought me a thing or two. I told him that he needs to get over it and grow up in not so many words.

Nompilo: I love you but I don't trust him please be careful each time he comes around you. He might be planning something.

Me: I know, I am watching him closely. He will never win this fight baby.

#Goodnight

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The next 9 months I experienced the most love and care in this entire world. My wife is learning more about herself and we go to church a lot because she is doesn't even want us to miss one service. My business is growing really slowly but I keep the hope going. The kid's birthdays were something else, I enjoyed them. We made them very special for our kids. We haven't heard from Themba.

Apparently he was admitted for drug addiction at some rehab. Nobuhle has used that opportunity to exhaust their finances. They are on the media about troubles in finance. Well its boring me a lot because my wife seems to cry out of the blue for nothing. You'll find her crying because her shoes lost a hill. That has made me very protective of her because I

don't know what's causing this. We went to several doctors but nothing. I found her passed out in the living room, with her laptop on. I took it from her and she didn't even notice. I think it's someone she has to meet and pray for that's making her this way. As I went into the kitchen, I heard her crying.

Mma'Dlamini: [concerned, sits beside her] what's wrong my baby?

Nompilo: my shoes hurt.

Me: [I bent down and gently removed her shoes. I wiped her tears and gave her a huge slice of white cheese. That's the only thing that calms her down when she's in this mood, then took her to our room. I tucked her in and went back to the kitchen, my mother was giving me the look] don't ask me I don't know.

Mma'Dlamini: this thing doesn't make sense, she cries for nothing, is easily jealous, oversleeps and eats weird things but you say she's not pregnant?

Me: I buy the diapers in this house, If she with child I would know. Plus she would have atleast gained weight in the right places but none of that. This is probably someone she has to meet. In this case I can't wait until they meet because I miss my wife.

Mma'Dlamini: it doesn't make any sense. Are you not going to work today?

Me: I don't want to leave her like this, I need to be here for her every need.

Mma'Dlamini: the bills need to be paid.

Nompilo: [crying] I will be fine baby.

Me: [I brought her close and kissed her forehead, then hugged her tightly] I love you so much, I will be gone for just a few hours and I will be back here.

Nompilo: is the tonic still in the fridge.

Me: I don't like this. [she has been drinking these pain tonics for over two months now and nothing is happening. I confronted the man of God and he laughed at me then said God is with me. This breaks my heart. I made the tonic and gave her, I couldn't help but be emotional] Can this person just come along already, I can't bare to see you this way.

Nompilo: Can we talk in our chambers?

Me: [I followed her to our chambers and she asked me to set on the couch] what's wrong?

Nompilo: [sits on his lap] I know what's been happening is strange but my dreams plus signs are pointing to one thing. It doesn't make sense right now but my dreams do not lie. I'm pregnant.

Me: but how? You have your cycle still?

Nompilo: I think I am due anyday, I don't know but I need you to get me baby clothes. Buy me four baby grows, namely yellow and brown ones, two blankets. I had a dream, they were born here with just us.

Me: shouldn't you be taking some days off, to prepare.

Nompilo: this birth is meant to be a secret, they are looking for them. No one is meant to know about our babies until we see the man of God. After their birth I will be weak so call my sister, she used to be a paramedic, she'll be able to help me. Then its up

to you to protect us, in this do not trust anyone.
Now I really want to sleep, I love you. [kisses his forehead]

Me: [I placed her on the bed and she completely passed out. I kissed her forehead and it all made sense how I am meant to protect them. I left her there and went to see my mother in the kitchen]
Honestly Mma, I just want her to locate this person.

Mma'Dlamini: this person is driving my sweet daughter crazy, she just cries out of the blue for nothing.

Me: Please watch her while I head to work, I need to take over since she is not really at power. From now onwards please don't discuss my wife's condition with anyone. We have devils out there so I don't want anyone taking advantage of her weakness.

Mma'Dlamini: Its a hard matter to discuss, I mean everyone knows that your wife sees things that we don't even think are possible. She makes me believe in God, yesterday I went to pray with her in the garden and I must say I enjoy each moment spent with her. She's just the daughter that your father and I desired for a long time. Honestly your brother's wife is my worst nightmare, I can't catch a cold around her. Around Mpilo, she covers all the corners of this world. Just yesterday she was confessing her love to me. She told me she loves me.

Me: that's exactly why many hate her off late, I will be back Mma.

As soon as I kissed my babies and left the house. I was just emotional, I prayed to God about everything. My wife is a target on all corners. Whether at church or home, they hate her with a passion. When I got to the site, I couldn't utter two

words. We did our daily duties and I was called to come to the office by the mayor. I honestly did not feel like working at all because all I wanted to do was be there with my wife. Everyday I ask myself have I done enough? Do I make her happy? I miss her happy spirit. I got to the office and took my seat.

Me: Yes sir, you asked to see me.

Mayor: You and your team have threatened us so good. I recommended you to my committee and we'd like to add four more blocks. We will double your payment at least three times. Well done.

Me: Thank you so much sir, thank you.

Mayor: You should be excited but I see your not cheerful like the other days. Is there something we should know about?

Me: [she said that walking towards me] Thank you for the new blocks, I will wait for the contract to be drafted. Thank you Ma'am. [I stood up and left her office, I went to park the truck. Then drove straight home, As I walked through the door, my babies were miserable. I picked them up] how are you?

Mma'Dlamini: [emotional] Mpilo's not waking up, she has a fever and sweating.

Me: [my stomach turned at the news, I set down and sighed] God.

Nompilo: [appears from their bedroom] Sorry I scared you Mma, I had to go somewhere. Babies wam, are you going to help mommy make dinner?

Sphe and Hlelo: Mama kuke.

Nompilo: Baby, I prepared your bathing water. We honestly missed you, congratulations on your promotion and tell Ms Mayor that for you I will kill someone.

Me: You look a lot better love.

Nompilo: Sorry but I had to delay you.

Mma'Dlamini: You are naughty my girl.

Sphe and Hlelo: [laugh] haaa gogo.

Me: [I went to take a shower and we went to drop my mother at her place. An angry Naledi was already outside, we parked] Mma, here we are.

Mma'Dlamini: [gets off the car and Nompilo follows]

Hello Lady.

Naledi: You think you are the only daughter in this house wena! Mma how do you suddenly not tell us, we are closer than they are.

Mma'Dlamini: Tell you what?

Naledi: There are no groceries or lights here.

#Did you miss us? How was your weekend?

Wrong but Right Path

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One knows not to get involved with Naledi, the girl can just ruin your mood. We went inside and the electronic box had burnt. The fridge had melted and

there was nothing in it. No meat or anything. That made me feel bad because I thought she is covered. I called Mtho and he told me that Mma is no longer receiving her cut anymore. That hurt a lot, I wanted to kill someone. I noticed the leak on the geyser and it threw me over. Naledi set down staring at me while my wife mopped the floors. My mother couldn't say anything, I looked to find my wife in tears.

Nompilo: Mma, I thought you loved me. So you can just silently die of hunger while we are around? While we eat and throw away, you want to strave Mma? When did this box burst exactly? A day ago? Two days ago? Why are you doing this to me Mma? I can't do this, sorry. [stands up and goes outside with the kids]

Naledi: Mma your just going to sit here and say nothing? I thought you said that you could handle it, than Mtho can remove your benefits. You agreed

Mma.

Mma'Dlamini: I was trying to keep the peace, the business is struggling as you know.

Me: I can't believe this Mma.

Nompilo: [enters with her babies and sits beside her husband] We are hungry, Dlamini.

Me: [the way she was sounding pressed the right notes. My wife does things to me bro, I forgot to mention neh but this condition of hers neh. It's given an upgrade to our intimate personally. Its like she just unleashes the beast which triggers me. I immediately stood up] Well Mma, I will sent the electronic people tomorrow morning, in the meantime you may sleep over at Naledi and M.....[Naledi clears her throat] or are you going back with us?

Mma'Dlamini: No, I will stay here in my husband's house.

Me: Okay Mma. [I took my car keys and we left. I drove us to the joint where we bought food which my wife didn't even touch, she said it smells bad. She has an hour glass figure and is set to be pregnant, I am in love with the healer. We drove to the house and she cooked then ate. The kids were just active, they were not even thinking of sleep. It was weird but well what can we say? We chilled with them and I wondered how altered our lives are going to be with a third baby around.]

#SineThemba's house

He finally arrives from the Rehab to find the entire house in disarray. He goes up to his room and finds Buhle sleeping in his blankets. He sighs in defeat

and goes to the guest bedroom. He takes a much needed nap and wakes up after a few hours. Cleans the house and makes some food for himself than sits in the living room staring at the television set which is off. Right then Vuyo walks through the door in cheers.

Vuyo: You made it out okay, how are you man?

Themba: I don't know if I am glad to be back I have done so much damage to a lot of people.

Vuyo: when you can't be in here hiding. [his phone rings and he picks on speaker] this is not a good time.

Nomandla: the IT specialists are here to reset the system, so we are going to be down for atleast 7 hours if not more.

Vuyo: there is no problem, just tell them to send

their invoice to the office.

Nomandla: Alright sir, Can I take a day off for tomorrow please?

Vuyo: Why is it Lilly's appointment with the doctor?

Nomandla: Yes sir.

Themba: [feeling Jealous] Hello Noma.

Nomandla: Welcome back Sir, sir?

Vuyo: No problems, but you are not taking a day off. Just come in late.

Nomandla: thank you sir. [call ended]

Themba: who is Lilly?

Vuyo: Her daughter, she had her after she got married while you were in Rehab.

Themba: She sounds very happy.

Vuyo: Don't go there, I know that look. John will bury you alive and forget about your existence.

Themba: Nomandla wasn't always a devil, once upon a time she was the most amazing woman ever.

Vuyo: She is married, leave married women alone.

Themba: The day she beat me up after what I did to

Mpilo, she told me something that I don't know if I will ever live with myself. It made me overdose.

Vuyo: what did she say?

Themba: she suffered four miscarriages during our marriage and I didn't even pay enough attention to see or comfort her. And my aunts told her where to get off, she had no one and I was busy playing hero to her family at her expense. How the hell did I miss four miscarriages? How? I claimed to love her, I claimed that she was abusing me but she was just retaliating and obviously the only time I gave her attention was when I wanted something from her. I did her wrong.

Nobuhle: That's in the past so just get over it.

Vuyo: That explains why she was so angry when you impregnated Mpilo, your going to rot in this

hell. I promise you.

Nobuhle: Baby, my credit cards have been declining for some weeks now. The manager won't speak to me. Can you speak to them?

Themba: The could has given the company to the trustee until I am declared sane again. I can't do anything for a murder, you don't have any remorse wena. You just about killed the bridge of love between me and my only child, I will have you know that if I die. Everything belongs to my son because we are married in profit and loss. Nothing I had before this marriage will be shared with you. Keep misbehaving and planting charms all over this yard, enjoy it while it lasts.

Nobuhle: [emotional] Did you ever love me?

Themba: Maybe before you drawned me in your love potion. I will never forget what you did to my

son. He didn't deserve what you did, right now I can't even claim my rights as his father because of you. But I don't hate you because I need God to punish you for me.

Nobuhle: [holding her heart, battling to breath] Call the ambulance.

Vuyo: [alarmed, calls the ambulance] Buhle calm down, I think you are having a heart attack.

Themba: I will not stand for this, I need fresh air.
[picks up his car keys]

Vuyo: Be reasonable please.

Themba: Was she reasonable? My son almost died and she didn't even care. Hlelo is my flesh and blood, the only person I have on this earth and I

can't even set my eyes on him. I can't even teach my son how to ride his first bike, I honestly don't care. She can do whatever she wants to do. I am out.

Paramedics: [enter and place Buhle on the stretcher. Then leave with her, after some minutes they return] Sir, we tried all we could but we lost her.

Themba: [chuckles] get her to the hospital, I am right behind you. [they leave confused] there comes life insurance. She insured me for 5million and now I will receive it for her. Interesting.

Wrong but Right Path

#Insert61

By the time we got to the house my wife was fast asleep, she looks so peaceful in her sleep and its just amazingly beautiful. This gave me a pressure

to work on the wedding surprise I have for her. I need to finish it before she can find out that I am spending money elsewhere. I prayed and felt a strange presence around my house. I prayed and protected my family. The next morning we woke up to the calls about the family gathering which I had completely forgotten about. I didn't want to even go there for anything. I continued to sleep with my family, we woke up around 11am. Took a bath and ate then I drove us to the farm house which was packed with my aunts. We parked and went into the house, I pulled a chair for my wife.

His grandmother: Is it that you were never taught that wives need to wake up early and join in the chores when family gatherings come around? You should have come here last night.

Me: I wasn't planning on us coming here, thought you knew that I don't like gatherings.

His aunt: she's just going to come here and eat? As what? Were you not taught wena? Can't you speak for yourself?

Naledi: I don't think so, I thought you were the favourite daughter what happened? Did you oversleep?

Me: [I could tell my wife was about to spit fire, I laughed] we didn't come here for your food, my fridge is overflowing with food.

His second aunt: Imagine how proud you are depending on a woman, real men are out there searching for jobs and your here, house husband. You should be ashamed of yourself but you are here proud with your backbone-less ego.

Nompilo: [stands] Wooorrrr besss! You will never speak to my husband like that, look at him with

respect and accord him the respect he deserves or you will have me to contend with. How dare you speak to my husband like you are coming off a tree. You see the job your husband, he does well so don't get on my nerves. Respect yourself.

Me: [the whole room went silent, dogs just dug holes and hid themselves. My kids just set down and played together on our tablet like nothing is happening. My mother came into the room with cake and tried to give the Hle- Hles but they were not even interested] we had breakfast before coming here so I would suggest that you give them time Mma.

Mma'Dlamini: Mpilo, I would honestly love to say sorry for what happened last night. It was not intended.

Nompilo: which part was not intended? The snake visiting my house or my husband's money that you

put in a calabash? Please take his money out of there because I tell you that whoever is in on this will surely pass one way or another they will pay dearly.

Me: calabash?

Mma'Dlamini: [looks at his aunts then grandmother] it was for his own good.

Nompilo: My husband doesn't need any special prayers or rituals to get me pregnant. He could do it yesterday if he so desired, stay out of my marital business. We will make a baby when we are ready.

Mma'Dlamini: I didn't know that your a talker, where did you get this attitude from? Just go out there and drop it by the gate. Go back to your senses.

Me: [my wife stood up with our kids and went out. The room was dead silent] why is my money inside

a calabash? Which calabash is this? You people consulted witches about my business?

Mtho: If you weren't being supported by a woman, that girl has you wrapped around her finger. You can't even say one thing without her interfering. She doesn't see you, financially you are nothing that is why you don't have a say in your house. If it's still your house because as it is, she pays the bills and just about owns you. She's pulling you by the nose, everyone is worried.

Me: Oh so this tea party is about me, you set down to discuss my business? I don't need you to validate that I am a man and I am not going to argue or defend anything. If you feel that I am such a liability, just allow me live with my family, don't come to me or invite me when you have a problem because you clearly think I don't have a brain. [I went outside, I found my wife sleeping in the car and our kids watching cartoons on the laptop. I took deep

breaths and didn't even feel like going back.]

His grandfather: Hoaw, are you people not joining us? Why are they sleeping inside the car?

Me: we were just about to leave.

His aunt: Your brother and mother did not mean it the way it sounded. Please just consider the way they see things and their perception of things. They didn't mean to belittle you.

Me: You don't have to pretend to like my wife, we all know how you feel about her. I don't want to even have this conversation, goodbye Pa.

His grandmother: Hoaw Bonga? Your angry just like that?

Me: [I went inside my car and started the engine. I left the farm and drove us around then we went home. Photography always moves my mind off things so I dropped my family and went out with my camera. I came back after an hour, the aroma that met me at the gate, was inviting. I went inside and she was cooking in her underwear and bra, plus an apron] Haaaaa baby. Jealous down!

Nompilo: [giggles] I thought we should eat something special, are you okay now?

Me: I am now, [I scooped her up and we shared a kiss] I love you shames.

Nompilo: I am sorry about what they said inside the house, you are my king and if I have ever belittled or pulled you by the nose in any case. I repent, please forgive me. It was never intentional.

Me: People who are not happy in their marriages tend to put other people down. I am happy in my marriage, my bread is buttered on both sides.

Nompilo: [Chuckles] I love you too much.

Me: [we shared a kiss that was just intense but my phone rang] ish some people mara. [I picked up] this is Siyabonga.

Mtho: we need to speak to you, just allow us inside the gate.

Me: I'm not home, sorry.

Mtho: I can see your car outside your home.

Me: I am not home come back tomorrow because

right now I am in middle of Glory and you are interrupting me. Excuse yourselves.

Mtho: Its important pl....

Me: [I hung up and we took this fire to the chambers. It was just mad amazing, after some minutes she went back to the kitchen. While the kids were now hungry, she dished up for us. We set together and ate while my phone rang off the hook. I picked up] I am pressing you in, wait yoh. [I went to the kitchen and opened for them. Then they came in and parked. The first thing I noticed was my late wife's cousin plus parents. They walked into our home] Greetings.

Nompilo: I will be in the kitchen. [goes to the kitchen]

Mtho: No please stay this concerns both of you. They are asking to see and have Sphe for a week,

honestly I know how it sounds but they are part of her life too.

Nompilo: [tears streaming down] whatever you decide I will support you.

Me: [I knew this was coming sooner or later. I went into the room and spoke to Sphe who didn't understand that well but agreed. Hlelo completely lost it, My wife took him] Please call us for me to know that she is fine.

Mma'Nduna: She looks so much like her mother, I appreciate this so much.

Wrong but Right Path

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They left with Sphe and my son didn't take it that

well. He cried and refused for me to touch him which hurt a lot. My wife was just silent, she avoided my face. Right then we received a call from Sine's sister, that she was requesting to have Hlelo visit them and at that request, I felt like my heart was being torn apart. This hurt a lot, as soon as my wife said yes. She came over and took him with her. My son didn't even wave goodbye, he was upset at me and I didn't know how to fix it. My wife decided to go for a walk, I could tell she was crushed by current events. After three hours she came back and took a shower, then went straight to bed. I joined her and Themba called her.

Nompilo: [sniffing] I hope this is not a custody request.

Sine: [chuckles] You've done such a handsome job with him but I can't allow him to be apart from you. He doesn't understand it, his too young to feel separation from you. All I would like is to visit him

with supervision.

Nompilo: [sits up and takes a deep breath] Your serious?

Sine: Noma gave me a beating back to reality, I would like to see him just maybe once or twice in a week but for now I don't want him to sleep away from you. Please come pick him up, the last thing is my son being present at the burial of a witch.

Nompilo: I'm coming to fetch him, thank you very much.

Sine: You'll find him in his old room, your finger prints are still recorded in the scanner.[hangs up]

Nompilo: Please drive me there?

Me: Okay. [she wore a maxi dress, with a doek and looked really pretty wife material, then we drove to Themba's house which is honestly a lot of house for one person. I felt threatened I will not lie. He came out of the yard with Hlelo and Nobuhle's people were giving us the evil eye, he had given my son a new expensive toy] thank you Man.

Sine: Don't be threatened by all this money and house, it means nothing when you don't have someone to make it a home with you. She is completely yours, in all senses of the word.

Nompilo: Two days in a week.

Sine: I would also like to pay for doctor's appointments and daycare plus maybe buy him clothes.

Nompilo: I will discuss it with my husband and I will

get back to you. Thank you so much for this God bless you a thousand folds.

Sine: that's a lot of blessings for one person, now be gone please.

Hlelo: Bye bye Nene.

Sine: [chuckles] Bye Mfana.

Me: [we got inside the car and he set in his mother's arms, he fell asleep] do you think he will forgive me?

Nompilo: His a toddler, he will eventually but my worry is if he will cope without Sphe. I am having a tough time with it so you will need to explain it to him.

Me: So Sine? Are we trusting him now?

Nompilo: I don't know but I think let us give him a benefit of a doubt. I mean maybe rehab did him some good. This is the new normal, we need to build us around it. It won't be easy and I don't expect it to be either.

Me: I just need to ensure that Sine doesn't poison my son.

Nompilo: Yeah that goes both ways, they are probably going to break the news to Sphe that I am not her real mother than I will have to face that storm. We all have some growing up to do.

For the first time in a really long time, no one was interested in eating anything. As the day came to an end, I called Sphe and she was just calm, she refused to speak to my wife. That hurt her but she didn't utter it out. We just went to bed and she

tossed, turned while crying in her sleep. The night was heavy, in the morning. She couldn't say two words to me, she took a bath and got ready for work. As she was packing her bag, Hlelo woke up and cried his lungs out. Which was not normal but he left with his mother to work. Then I cleaned the house, as had the garden done. I was so sweaty, I took off my shirt and remained in my shorts. I threw myself on the couch and I don't know how but Sizani was on top of me doing weird things, as I was trying to remove her. My wife and Nomandla walked through the door. I pushed her off.

Me: I know how it looks like but nothing happened.

Nomandla: Well I'd be damned! Yeah nothing is happening, she is naked on top of you and your shirt somehow landed in the kitchen table. Interesting.

Me: Baby it's not what it looks like, believe me.

Nompilo: [goes into the room and comes back with her travelling bag] I packed all he needs in here, if there is anything please contact me. Oh this is Sizani, Sphe's aunt. Welcome feel at home, there are strawberries and chocolate in the fridge. Please continue, don't let me stop you. [they leave]

Me: [tears streamed down] Why are you doing this Sizani?

Sizani: You said I should give you a year and you betrayed our love, you brought that chick here. You got her too close to our daughter. I don't like it.

Me: You don't even understand what you've done, how dare you Sizani?

Sizani: This is my sister's house, no woman is just going to come here and take over like she owns the

place. Do us a favour and take my bags to the room. I hope your not thinking of throwing me out. My sister's will states that you don't have the right to do that. This is my home too, my sister's sweat built this house.

Me: [I stood up and went to my chambers, I didn't know what to say or do, I felt broken in so many pieces. I locked me in a closet and just wept. My beautiful life is falling apart right in front of me.]

Sizani: [banging on the door] I made your favourite, come on I am sorry but you didn't give me a choice. I am sorry King, understand where I am coming from.

Me: [I just took my time out and got out. I drove out and went to her workplace. I waited for her to knock off. As she came out of the building, I knelt] I have sinned, I should have locked the gate.

Nompilo: I won't run away, Sizani won't make me run away. I refuse to give up without a fight, I guess she is still in our house?

Me: [she lifted me up and we drove behind each other to a restaurant. We set down and she ordered cake] Why are you not angry?

Nompilo: My husband is free spirited, thick headed and careless, leaves his clothes everywhere. It nags me out sometimes. If you had slept with Sizani I would know love, I know she ambushed you because when you intend on being intimate with someone you never do it in plain sight where anyone can just walk in.

Me: So glad that you know me, I was worried.

Nompilo: Today we celebrate 10 months in marriage. Happy birthday baby.

Me: [this made me emotional, my wife is an angel]
Happy birthday babe.

Nomple: two more months and we turn one year. I will deal with Sizani, find my daughter. I had a dream she was missing last night. I prayed about it. For now let's just eat cake.

Me: A lot has happened to us lately and I don't expect you to have emotions like a car, your not an automatic, so you have everyright to retaliate. I love you and don't want you to burst one day.

Wrong but Right Paths

#Insert63

We had a nice conversation, I fit the bill and we drove home while speaking on the phone. When we

arrived we parked. Madam met us at the door, she was wearing my wife's silky gown which I wanted to tear it off her skin but I just didn't allow it get under my skin. She had moved my wife's things to the guestbedroom this is pushing it God. Can I just finish my house already? This is too much. I passed the kids room and Sphe was there. I went into the guestbedroom and we took a shower then slept. The next morning, I woke up to my wife crying.

Me: whats wrong? I'm sorry, I will do better.

Nompilo: they have poisoned my daughter against me. Sphe says that I killed her mother for you and my child did not have such thoughts before.

Me: please stop crying, I am sorry for all this nonsense. [I comforted her and we got off bed. I scooped her up, we went to the kitchen and I made her breakfast] I love you so much.

Sizani: Is that so? Your food is in the oven.

Me: [I ignored her and fed my wife, Sphe kept crying for me not to touch my wife. I finished then we shared a kiss] what should I prepare for you to wear today?

Nomandla: [enters with Hlelo who is emotional] He didn't sleep last night.

Nompilo: [takes Hlelo and calms him down] How are you baby?

Hlelo: [demands to be put down] shap Mama.

Me: [the second Hlelo landed on the floor, Sphe hit him and I picked him up. He cried so bad. What is happening to my family God? I calmed him down

and my wife took him into the room with her] thanks for bringing him.

Nomandla: I see second hand goods is still here, you will never succeed in this your stupid mission. Tell my sister I will call her later [leaves]

Sizani: Sphe is your child, she should always come first before that bastard.

Me: Excuse you, how many kids do you have again? You don't even qualify to utter anything. Sphe'sihle if you are going to beat up your brother then you will go live with gogo, you understand me? If you are naughty, I will leave you here with aunty Sizani. [my children know the laws of the land so I will not tolerate if from them. As I was talking Mma'Nduna walked in with Mma'Dlamini.] Since you have succeeded in poisoning Sphe'sihle, its best you take her and she can live with you.

Sizani: Greetings Mma.

Mma'Nduna: what are you on about?

Me: I tolerated you people while your daughter was alive but right now, I don't have to. You know why? Because my mother in law knows how to mind her own business. She doesn't come to this house as much as you people have done. I know you are here to take this house and you know what I want you to have it. Take your granddaughter, the nonsense you've been feeding her, God will be the judge.

Mma'Dlamini: what is happening here? Sizani? You slept here?

Nompilo: [comes from the room ready for work, bends down and picks up Sphe by force] I love you, have a wonderful day baby. [kisses her forehead and then picks up Hlelo, kisses him as well.]

Greetings Mothers. I was thinking that its time we take them to the daycare.

Mma'Dlamini: am I being punished? I love staying with my babies.

Nompilo: Baby, I am running late for work. Hlelo behave you here me? [he nods] Sphe, I love you by force. You are my daughter and I don't care what they tell you, I love you by force. [picks up her bag and leaves]

Me: [I placed Hlelo on the couch and gave him the tablet] Its going to be good for them to go to daycare, they will teach them a few things.

Sizani: Come on baby. [tries to pick up Sphe and she refuses] I will give you mush mellowes.

Sphe: [tears forming] Akies Hleyo. Askies neh.

Me: [That was a proud moment for me, atleast I installed the right values] if you beat up each other I will throw you out of my house. [I placed her on the couch and they shared the tablet] Stop ruining my kids for me. Please don't mess with me.

Mma'Nduna: Hoaw Mkwenyana, we.....

Me: point of correction, the person who is meant to call me that doesn't call me that so please don't try it. Wena Sizani, you can keep this house burn it. Stay away from my wife's clothes because what will catch you not even your pastor can help you.

Bab'Nduna: Are you cursing my daughter? Who do you think you are? I warned my daughter that a pig will always go back to the mud no matter how hard you try to wash it. So now that my daughter's

money made you, you think y.....

Me: With all due respect but when I was taking your late daughter to school where were you? Your daughter never gave me anything, this house we are both in was a joint bond which I have continued to pay for ever since she died, so you don't get to tell me how things happened. I have tolerated enough of you, not again. Wena Sizani consider this a warning, stay away from my wife's clothes.

Bab'Nduna: Uyadelela Mfana.

Me: What you can do, I do in my home so respect yourselves. Hle-hle get your bags we are going out. [the kids go to their room and come back with their school bags.] stay here and teach your daughter some manners.

#Nompilo

Challenge should be my middle name. Sizani just showed up to ruin my life and my sister wanted to cut her short but I decided for her not to. The Nduna's a proud and have belittled Siya for a long time so I will allow him to deal with them and not intervene in their business. They tried to poison my daughter but Sphesihle is my baby. I know her like the back of my hand, I will disarm whatever they planted in her. I went to work and during my lunch Noma picked me up. She took me to a fancy club, where we ordered drinks, non-alcoholic for me. I could tell something was eating her.

Me: Okay spill it, what's with you?

Nomandla: [tears stream down] I guess know that the truth is out about my miscarriages, I feel so light. Themba called me last night and just apologized for everything. I thought those feelings were dead. I mean he hurt me and drove me to hell. He didn't

care.

Me: You have a beautiful home and your settled, do not go back to your vomit.

Nomandla: He deposited 1 meter into my account, he said that I should spoil myself because while we were married. I did all the paying, I feel so torn but one thing is clear. I won't leave J ohn for anything in this life.

Me: Themba is desperate, I think you should spend the money and forget him. You deserve more than just a meter babe, he put you through seven seasons of hell. Did you tell J ohn about this?

Nomandla: Yes, he feels insecure about it but last night he gave me this beautiful session. A tear escape, I don't know but I think we made a baby last night.

Me: [I can't believe we are having this conversation, we laughed and drunk to it. Blood is thicker I tell you] Sizani poisoned Sphe, she had my daughter cursing at me. I mean this fight should leave my children out.

Nomandla: what are you going to do about her? Are you going to just sit back and watch her?

Me: I got just the person for her, Naledi and her have a history.

Nomandla: Yeah but little Ledi hates your guts, don't go there.[chuckles] No, my sister is an angel. Don't go evil on me.

Wrong but Right Path

#Insert64

When one is faced with war, you merge parties.
Naledi wants to be first daughter to Mma'Dlamini
and well I want Sizani out of my hair for good. After
the drink, I returned to work and completed my day.
At the end of my shift, I drove home to find the
family there. I knew they were cooking something
but may the best woman win. I set at the edge of
my couch.

Me: its a full house and I see my husband is not
back yet. Has my co-wife given you food? [Naledi
was clearly irritated] I acknowledge that she came
here before me.

Naledi: This family will not contain me and this
thing. Co-wife? What the hell is that? You can't allow
yourself to share with this prostitute. Are you done
with the poles wena?

Me: Sister Ledi, she has changed.

Naledi: Changed to what? Does your mother know that your sleeping with people old enough to birth you? Don't try me bitch, do not try me you hear?

Sizani: I learned from the best, you were my teacher.

Me: [secrets just popped out faster than one could take a deep breath. Mtho sat like his not even in the room. I made pop-corn]

Sizani: You are enjoying this aren't you? You are evil yazi?

Me: Evil is finding you seducing my husband and throwing you big boobs in his face deary. You know how much I wanted to just kick, punch and beat the nonsense out of you, Wow. There are so many

things that were in my mind at that moment, Mara I know that Karma doesn't forget an address. You see one day, your going to find a wonderful man and love him to bits then when you least expect it Karma will pay you a visit. Goodluck with that, your going to need it.

Sizani: I saw you breaking up with Siya, it was sad and it rained. The bad part was that you had a train of kids and he had me by his side.

Me: Atleast I don't go around throwing my ass around in people's faces for money. That is not how you land a man sweetie. Allow them to come to you lest you come across as desperate but wait you are desperate.

Sizani: I'm the one who got dumped at the alter twice, Siya probably saw your sorry face decided to boost you, I mean like seriously. Gain some weight girl this is not Africa, he married you and you still

don't have a decent ass to begin with.

Me: He chose me, not you so there is clearly no comp.....

Siya: [walks through the door] NOMPILO! WHAT IS THIS? DID I MARRY A STRAAT MATE? YOUR VOICES ARE FROM THE STREET MAAN! SIES!

Me: [I felt like cold water had been poured on me, I set and continued to eat my pop corn. What irritated me was when he bent down and smelt me. He went into the kitchen and searched for something then came back, fuming with anger]

Siya: HOW COULD YOU DRINK IN YOUR CONDITION! WHEN DID THIS ONE START? YOUR DRUNK, WHAT DID I EXPECT? OFCOURSE YOUR SHOUTING MY HOUSE DOWN.

Mma'Dlamini: which condition?

Me: Exactly Mma, which condition? What condition are you talking about?

Hlelo and Sphe: [walk into the room] Lambile.

Sizani: I'm sorry Dlamini, we shouldn't have been that loud. I just felt attacked because she brought Naledi here to attack me.

Mtho: Excuse you, don't mention my wife neh.

Siya: what's for the eating in this house, we are hungry.

Me: [he stared at me and I stood up, picked my handbag. I went to the guest bedroom and ordered

fried chicken plus buns. Then I went into the shower and tried to cool down. I locked the door of the shower as I heard the door. After 30mins, I heard my phone. I finished up and wiped myself, I wore my pyjamas with my gown. I went outside and received my order. I went into the house and everyone was bonding on the dinner table. Of course she cooked, I set in the tv room and unpacked my dinner. My sister called] Can't believe I am drunk.

Nomandla: [laughs] you don't have a drop of alcohol, My husband bought me a brand new car. I don't know why but its wonderful. I have two extra cruise tickets.

Me: He bought you a car, wait what does my brother do again? I think I want to join his hustle. Baby I would love to go on a cruise, you have nice life problems wena.

Nomandla: Please don't stress about the Sizani thing, it will go away.

Me: I don't want to talk about that, give me a ticket. I could use the break from all the double load I push at the office. I honestly want to just quit but I won't try it. Themba's banker called me, Hlelo's allowance is four times my salary.

Nomandla: I think he feels guilty about the miscarriage thing.

Me: Haaaa, girl he needs to let it go. I so want to abuse Hlelo's benefits right now. Imagine my little son affords a private jet and I am not even close.

Nomandla: Sinemali is feeling generous, just spend that money after the nonsense he put you through.

Me: Hlelomali the first [we laughed and it cheered me up. I ate and got some work done with a cup of coffee in the guest bedroom. I felt so tired at that moment, I paused and went to wash my face. When I came back, Siya was in the room]

Siya: [feeling guilty] I'm sorry I popped our secret, I was ang.....

Me: This is not a good time, I need to finish my work as in yesterday.

Siya: Okay, I get that you are angry but you had no right to be missing my calls, arguing with Sizani like that. You know how loud she can be and being drunk.

Me: [I felt my brakes failing FAST!] Please I need to finish this, excuse me.

Siya: people were going to find out either w.....

Me: WHAT DO YOU TAKE ME FOR SIYA, I AM NOT SOME STUPID GIRL YOU PICKED UP FROM SOMEWHERE. HOW DARE YOU WALK THROUGH THAT DOOR AND ACCUSE ME OF BEING DRUNK WHEN YOU KNOW I DON'T DRINK. YOU JUST HUMILIATED ME IN FRONT OF ALL YOUR FAMILY MEMBERS! RIGHT NOW I CAN'T EVEN STAND THE SIGHT OF YOU AND IF YOU ARE GOING TO DEFEND SIZANI, GO AHEAD AND BE WITH HER! I WOULD RATHER END UP WITH A TRAIN OF CHILDREN THAN A DOUBLE MINDED MAN! Arg, [I took my files and locked myself in the ensuit. I don't know but I just cried because I felt like emotions were just late. After some time I got ahold of myself and went out to see my kids. I picked them up and they laid on my shoulders. I placed them in bed and as I walked out of the room, Mma'Dlamini was in the corridor] This is not a goodtime.

Mma'Dlamini: Sorry about what happened earlier, Sizani had no right.

Me: Please just give me space. [my phone rang at that moment and I thought it was my sister. I picked up and as soon as I heard my mother's voice. I sat in the corridor and cried] Mma I can't.

Mma'Madi: what is happening? Mpilo.

Me:[I couldn't talk, I just cried over the phone until I didn't even have a voice] I feel weak Mma, I don't know if I can remain calm. I am trying Mma.

Mma'Madi: What the hell is going on there exactly? Please calm down, its going to be okay.

Wrong but Right Path

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I cried it all out then went to tuck myself in. I tossed and turned a few times before sleep fell upon me. The next morning, I woke up and went outside for a run. When I came back Mtho had come, he just hugged me which was weird, Naledi didn't even feel offended by it. After the awkward moment, we all set outside and discussed business. They had a few glitches and we just sorted them out. They left right as we finished, Mma'Dlamini came from the house feeling really guilty which I did not expect. I stood up and went into the house and took a shower. I prepared for work and made cereal for myself. Hlelo was awake, I picked him up and he was holding on in fear. That broke a lot of things, why is my son afraid? I went into their room and found that my son was sleeping on the mat. My whole body ached, I am done talking in this house.

Me: Do you want to visit Nene?

Hlelo: Hlungu la shhh Mama.

Me: [my son's body was aching, I examined him and he was bitten by something. Where exactly did my son sleep because in this house we don't have insects. It broke my heart into a thousand pieces, Hlelo is my life. I called Themba, he picked up] Hello.

Sine: Your calling me for real? Am I dreaming?

Me: I need a favour.

Sine: Okay, I am listening.

Me: Hlelo is complaining that his body hurts, its like he was bitten by something. Can you please take him to see a doctor just to ensure that everything is in order? I have a GM today.

Sine: I can always call the doctor to come there to

examine him.

Me: Mtimande please, I promise to fetch him soon as I am done with the meeting.

Sine: [clears his throat] I'm coming to fetch him but please speak to him. I hate it when his uncomfortable.

Me: Thank you sir, I will meet up at the junction in 15mins. [I hung up and went to bath my son. I packed him a travelling bag, I left the nappies out because Sine is capable of buying him that. My phone rang and I picked] Sorry, I was busy with his bag.

Sine: I am outside the estate gate, please bring him.

Me: Thanks. [he hung up and I took Hlelo with his

bag. We walked to the estate gate and my son was a bit cheerful when he saw his father. That gave me a bit of rest, he placed him on his lap. Hlelo was excited at the thought that his driving. He was excited, I waved as they left. I walked back to the house and Siya was awake.] Greetings Dlamini. [I went to the room and picked up my handbag. As I was about to leave, everyone was awake] Greetings Dlamini's.

Mma'Dlamini: Where is Hlelo? I didn't mean to allow him sleep on the floor.

Me: [I looked at her, then Sizani and lastly Siya who immediately looked down] His father took him.

Mma'Dlamini: what do you mean by took him?

Me: I would rather have my son stay with his father if his going to wake up in the morning with an aching body because something bit him. The

Mtimande's have their faults but better the devil you know than the one you completely don't know.

Siya: How the hell do you put Hlelo so sleep on the floor? Whats your problem? When is he coming back? We should take him to the doctor.

Me: I don't know, Sine wasn't pleased with how his son looked and I am not ready for anything like a custody battle. When he is good and ready, he will bring him. Otherwise I will not ask him. I have a meeting, have a nice day. [I left and as I was about driving out, I heard Siya shouting on top of his lungs. I drove to work and went into the meeting. After two hours in my meeting, I came out and went to my office. I made a cup of coffee. Within seconds my office door popped open and Boom a very excited Hlelo] Mtimande men? Your trying to give me a heart attack nina?

Hlelo: [giggling] Haaa Mama.

Sine: The doctor discovered that it wasn't a bite of any kind, he was injected with a substance. They took blood tests to see what it is but we gave him antibiotics which are going to help his system fight whatever this is. Otherwise we went to Toy land because the doctor injected him, he was crying his lungs out. I am not spoiling him, I just wanted him to calm down.

Me: Thanks for alerting me, I am sure your mother is going to be happy to see him.

Sine: I don't want my son to mix with people I don't trust, I made that mistake once not again. Can I have him for like a day or two?

Me: If he is settled then I don't mind, he can stay with you. I will visit him from time to time but for now please be gone Wrobes is in the building.

Hlelo: Bye Mama. [they leave]

I haven't seen Hlelo excited lately, it eased me up. I continued with my work and met my sister for bonding session. The car John bought for her, is mad amazing. The engine, wow! I almost felt jealous but I love her too much for that. I concluded my day and video called Hlelo, they picked and they were at the beach. Wow? When did they even fly out of town? They were building a sand castle and my son was happy. We spoke for a few minutes before my airtime ran out. I drove to the house with a clear heart. When I walked through the door, Sphe was demoralised on the couch with Siya and the women. I greeted and went to take a shower. I wore my pyjamas and went to cook dinner, I brought the house down with an aroma. Mtho arrived with his wife and kids. He just picked me up so high. It made me so nervous that I laughed.

Me: please put me down sir.

Naledi: Your magic works, we were able to sort out all the outstanding data. You saved us a lot of thousands but I must say we came at the perfect time, it smells good in here. But wait, where is Hlelo?

Me: I don't know where my son slept last night but Sine came to pick him up. We had medical issues.

Mtho: what do you mean by medical issues? He was fine when we last saw.

Me: As I was preparing for woke this morning, he complained that his body was painful. When I went into the room, I discovered that he slept on the floor. As I examined his body I discovered what I thought was a bite mark. That surprised me because we don't have insects in this house, I had a GM in the morning so I couldn't take him to a doctor.

Mtimande came and took him to his doctor. They

discovered a strange substance in his body, the mark I saw was actually an injection. I am not trying to kill my only son in the name of love, so I allowed Sine take him because I know that if something happens to Hlelo, he will demand for my head on a platter.

Mtho: Injection? What could that be?

Mma'Dlamini: it was a chicken pox vaccine, it was for his own good.

Siya: You did that without informing us why?

Mma'Dlamini: I am their grandmother.

Naledi: Witchcraft is not flying, so after being so called vaccinated you made the boy sleep on the floor? Do you understand how cold it is for a child?

Wow!

Me: The doctor took samples to the lab, I hope for our sake that its honestly a vaccine because I am not ready for any custody battle.

Naledi: so Sphe received the same vaccine?

Sizani: she didn't need it, she received it when she was just a few weeks.

Naledi: Interesting, I can't wait for the results because I know for sure sure that Sine, I put someone in prison and throw away the keys. Have you not heard that the last person who attempted to harm Hlelo is 6 feet down? She just died. Let's just hope that this is really a vaccine because if its not. I might be in line for a shopping spree of a lifetime.

Wrong but Right Path

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I finished cooking and dished up for the house. We all ate and I washed dishes as Naledi left with her family. Mma'Dlamini and Sizani were very jumpy. I just ignored it, Sphe came and I picked her up. It affected her that Hlelo is gone but I made her understand that just like she has Mma'Nduna and the others, Hlelo has Sine. It was a bitter conversation but better now than never. I bathed her and tucked her in. Then I went to bed where I ensured that I pass out for keeps. Siya came into the blankets and just wrapped his arms around me, drove my sleep away.

Siya: Sorry about the happenings of this past days, is my son coming back?

Me: Hlelo is safe and happy where he is. I think its

best we wait for lab results. If he wants to keep Hlelo there I won't fight him because I don't want to lose my parental rights.

Siya: I miss us and I understand that this is all my doing. Sorry is not okay, I get it.

Me: He woke up this morning with fear, he was afraid of something. I don't want him to live in fear, it pained me, when he complained about his body aching. The worst part is having to trust Sine with my son because I can't protect him. I work 16 hours and I can't even bring him to work. I slept here with you while my son was in pains. Its either this or I will just move back to my house, Hilda will take care of him like she's always done. After the doctor's appointment they came to my office and my son was giggling, excited. I can tolerate anything but not when it comes to Hlelo. I will never tolerate anything that hurts him or even tries to hurt him. How do you expect us to live like prisoners? His not coming

back until further notice.

Siya: I'm going to fix this, please give me a bit of time. I will fix it.

Me: when are you going to fix it? Is it when I move out of this house? When Siyabonga? When?

Siya: Soon.

Me: Well I guess Hlelo is not coming back here anytime soon, you know you keep saying that you will fix it but you will not do anything about Sizani living in this house because you are keeping Ntombi's last wish. I will never compete with a dead woman for you, infact you need to make up your mind. You have been respecting Ntombi's wishes for what? Why? If she's that important to you then it's best I move out for you.

Siya: please try to understand, her wi.....

Me: This is my will Siya, if you don't get Sizani out of this house. I will leave this house for you and her to play house. I will not tolerate this from you. No ways.

Siya: Please just try to understand.

Me: I don't want to understand anything Siyabonga, its either Ntombi's will or Me. Choose wisely because you will not get a second chance. [I felt pains around my abdomen. I thought its because of the coldness I was feeling plus the stress.] Please I want to continue my sleep.

Siya: Okay.

I continued my sleep but the pains were getting

more and more by the second. By the time 5am hit I couldn't handle the pains. I texted Nomandla to come take me to the hospital or something. I took a bath and as I finished then got dressed. She had arrived, the entire house was now awake. John scooped me up and they rushed me to the hospital. The minute I got to emergency, I felt water running down my legs. I knew that it was happening. All the nurses refused to touch my case, John placed on the stretcher and Siya came into the ward. He held my hand and after 15 to 20 minutes I delivered. I was shocked when I discovered that it was twins. My sister cut the cord and demanded that someone give her the gear. She bathed and examined my babies. The doctor came when she was done, my sister walked in with my babies.

Me: they are so big, where were you people sitting?

Nomandla: God does wonders, I have the birth papers and I have sent John to get you Lilly's baby

clothes. Then we will get them clothed.

Me: I feel tired, please don't leave their side.

Nomandla: I will not dare.

Me: [I fell asleep out of tiredness. I woke up after some hours to clothed babies, sleeping beside me]

Siya: This is a wonderful gift, thank you and I promise that I will fix my situation.

Doctor: I will discharge you this afternoon, make arrangements for transport.

Me: Okay. [she left and Nomandla came into the room] thank you.

Nomandla: I spoke to Mma, she has prepared that you come home and she will help you through everything until you get this situation sorted because if you think I am going to allow you two put these innocent babies in the same house as Sizani, you have another thing coming.

Siya: They need to come home.

Me: I am going to my mother's house, my sister is right. Mnqobi and Nqobile Dlamini, sounds beautiful what do you think?

Siya: Its wonderful names. [they sign the papers]

John: [enters with food] you must be hungry, babe I am off to work.

Nomandla: I will come check on you before you are

discharged. [leaves with J ohn]

I didn't want to argue with anyone. My babies were so beautiful, one girl and one boy. Wonderful news indeed. We rested and my mother was so happy about this birth, she ululated on the phone as I called her. I could tell Siya was upset that I am going back to my parents but I didn't care. We stayed in hospital until around 5pm in the afternoon and then my sister took us to my mother's house. She had prepared the house for us, she helped me bath the babies and place them in new clothes. Then we went into the room and slept. Siya came with some clothes, his eyes were red blooded, he had been crying.

Mma'Madi: they are so beautiful.

Me: please excuse us Mma. [she left the room] I am staying here Siya please don't fight it.

Siya: I saw the man of God, [kneels down] I am sorry for everything. I was a fool and I don't know what I was thinking.

Me: wonderful apology but I am not going back to that house with you sorry. Not going to happen.

Siya: I found another job, I will be gone for about two months if not more. This isn't a good time because our new borns just came into this world but I acknowledge that this is a sacrifice that we have to make in order to change the life we live.

Me: [this brought back bad memories that I was dumped when Hlelo was still a new born, tears escaped my eyes] If you love us, you will find something else because I need you here.

Siya: Please allow me do this to better the future of

our marriage and children. We can't keep depending on one salary to sustain us. We need this.

Me: if you truly believe that we will be here when you return take the job. [he kissed our foreheads and left. That hurt a million times thousand, I cried in silence but there was nothing I could do. The twins started crying and I breastfed them. Somehow I found myself so fulfilled in them. We just slept and he called] Hello Siya.

Siya: Baby please try to understand me.

Me: Understand what? That you are leaving me after the birth of our kids to settle a score? Which part should I understand? I must say we all thought you are different but atleast you are exposing your true colours just in time. Go do what matters to you, I will be fine with my children.

Siya: [sigh] I am trying to.....

Me: my body is in recovery, I would like to get to my sleep. Go do what is best for you and hopefully you like the results that come with it. Goodbye Siya. [I hung up and cried myself to sleep.]

Wrong but Right Path

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The first week without him was hard without him but the hardest part was Sphehile suddenly falling sick and me fighting to take her out of the Nduna's arms. I know that they are not giving her proper medical care and I don't have parental rights to her. It hurts bad but I just want to hold her and try to figure out what is wrong with my daughter man. The twins are settling nicely with Hlelo, he has grown a bit more. He tells me when the babies need their bottles and enjoys kissing their little faces. At this

point I just want my daughter at all costs because they have made a protection order against me, I can't go near the house. What eats me most is that they haven't consulted a doctor but everyday I keep having nightmares and each time, I fight against the spirit of death. Church has become my second home, I am always there praying with the ministers about this situation. As I was sleeping I felt like my spirit was leaving my body and I prayed in my heart. I woke up after four hours of being trapped, there was a shadow in my room. I just had goose bumps and I knew exactly what was happening, I cried because I knew Sphe was fighting for life. After some time, it left and I didn't have a sense in the world. Hilda walked in as I was kneeling in tears.

Me: does God hear me? I feel like He doesn't hear me.

Hilda: There is nothing like God does not hear you, He is doing something about it.

Me: these people are feeding my daughter all sorts of traditional medication, she is not well. They are making her sick and she battles just to stay alive.

Hilda: She is not alone, you are fighting for her with her. These things could have killed her long ago if you did not step in the gap as a parent. Right now fighting them will make things worse, drop all these things and allow God deal with them.

Me: I am not ready to loose my baby, Hilda. I can't stomach it for one second.

Hilda: Right now you need to trust that God knows what you need. Allow Him fight for you, don't fight for Him.

Me: It hurts and I can't even locate or speak to Siya.

Hilda: Don't be angry with Siya because we all know that his job situation is miserable business but you know he loves his job and with that job you can afford some peace.

Me: Okay, thank you. Let me just bath the kids and get them fed.

Hilda: Your mother in law is outside the gate, should I open for her?

Me: I don't want to see that woman anywhere around me or the kids. I think I want to invest in the flat on the fourth street.

Hilda: Haaa Madam what do you do with this money exactly? You are always doing something with it.

Me: [right then it clocked] Nothing, I have just the thing.

Hilda: I don't like the way you look, you look like evil Noma please. Don't do whatever you are thinking.

#The Estate

The Nduna keep on trying to get Sphe to forget Nompilo but she keeps remembering her even after drinking over 7 different attempts. The child is unable to walk or talk as brightly as she is known. All this is ignored because Sphe is bent on saying that her mother is Nompilo Dlamini. She refuses to recognize Sizani as her new mother. After an hours long in the bush digging and looking for Sphe's amblical cord, they give up and go home. As they enter the house, they find Sizani drunk and passed out on the couch. They proceed to the bedroom and discover that Sphe is nowhere on sight. They start searching everywhere for her and even wake

up Sizani.

Mma'Nduna: Where is Sphe? She was in her room.

Sizani: [falling to get her head straight] who?

Mma'Nduna: Usphehile where is she?

Sizani: Ah she was sleeping in her room as usual.
She can't wake or talk what is she going to do?
She's sleeping in her room.

Bab'Nduna: she's not in her room or anywhere in
this house.

Mma'Nduna: was someone here with you? No but
the doors and windows are closed. Where is she?
SPHESIHLE COME OUT GOGO HAS SWEETS FOR

YOU MY BABY.

Bab'Nduna: That witch probably took her.

#Nompilo

After a rough morning, I went to the Market to get some supplies because the nappies were out. I had left the twins with Hilda so I needed to be quick. As I finished my shopping, Police officers had come to seek me out. They just arrested me in front of people and as they placed me in a van. I saw Mma'Nduna and that nagged me out. We drove to the station and I found my Lawyer already there. I guess they passed my house before coming to the shopping centre.

Me: What is it that you are saying that I did?

Police officer: where is Sphesihle Dlamini?

Me: Heeeeeee! You lost my daughter? Where the hell is my daughter?

Police officer: this is not a circus, answer the question.

Me: I thought police were supposed to have senses but you are senseless so this drunkard who is drunk even as we speak opened a case against me because she lost my daughter and you are arrest me? Where are your senses. Are you sure that your okay upstairs?

Police officer: Ma'am respect yourself.

Me: I am definitely going to respect myself, I am going to report this to a radio and newspapers.

Police officer: You wouldn't dare.

Me: I like a challenge, try me. [my phone started ringing] it could be a call from my infants who are probably abused with hunger because of senseless people like you, remove these cuffs. [I felt so irritated and they removed the cuffs. I picked up my phone]This is Nompilo.

Her: Hello Mma, I am sorry to call like this. I got your number from facebook. I am the lady who walks at the Estate, the one you assisted when I was fired and had nowhere else to go.

Me: Oh hello Celia, this is not really a good time, can I call you back?

Celia: I got another job, its outside the estate.....

Me: Can I please call you back when I can?

Celia: I don't know how to explain this but my master's dog dragged your daughter to the house. I think she is hurt, she is not moving or talking but she is still breathing, I can't come into the Estate without a code, Can we meet so that you can see what is wrong with her?

Me: [my heart sank and tears formed] Give me a few minutes, I am going to fix it now. Sorry for the mistake. I will correct it immediately. [I hang up] You don't even have evidence that I took my very own daughter.

Her Lawyer: You have no evidence and you know where my client was this morning. The cameras are clear. Release my client and stop this nonsense or I will fill a suit for harassment. I hope that is clear sir.

Me: My kids need their nappies are taking me back to where you found me from or I will sue for defirmation which I have every right to do.

Wrong but Right Path

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They drove me back and I recovered my shopping bags, then I drove home and arranged for an cab to fetch Celia. After about 45 mins, She walked into the cottage with my daughter's lifeless body. Her skin was dark and she had eye bags, she had lost abnormal weight. Tears just streamed down at that moment, I called Hlelo's doctor who came. He examined Sphehile and gave her a shot of some kind. She vomitted immediately and it made her numb. Her vomit had green things which I didn't even know and different small things. He just told me to give her some medicine after she is done. As he left Sphe vomitted until I literally wept beside her, it was hurtful to watch. After about 10mins, she

stopped and I gave her the medicine. Then placed her on my thigh, while I breastfed the twins. Hlelo just took care of us, he brought me water as I requested. Then set beside me while we watched cartoons my phone rang.

Me: This is not a good time.

Sizani: Please I just want to know that she is okay, please.

Me: You refused for me to see her or get anywhere close, then got me arrested and to top everything you are still accusing me of kidnapping. If you know what is good for you, find my daughter because if you don't. So help you God!

Sizani: Please I know you have her.

Me: have her where? Right now I just want to press charges. If you don't mind I have a pile of things to do, find my daughter finish and klaar. [I hung up, as the infants slept. I made food and woke up Sphe. She just took one spoon and just gave up. Hlelo continued to eat, I brought her yoghurt and atleast she lightened up. She ate and even wanted to share with her brother. I don't know what is happening but she has not uttered a word or moved on her own. This is a huge red light for me. After they finished eating the yoghurt. I bathed them and discovered more marks on her body which were swollen. All she wanted to do was sleep afterwards. I placed her on the couch while we watched television. I received a call from Mtho] Buti.

Mtho: I was just calling to find out how you people are doing? When is the next appointment?

Me: I will check and let you know. I'm sure you heard that Sizani tried to get me arrested, she lost

my daughter. I am can't help but feel uncomfortable. I mean she could be anywhere by now.

Mtho: I will personally look into that, do not stress just keep the babies happy. Has my brother called you yet?

Me: no, his probably in a tight spot as usual. The network is probably bad.

Mtho: Its not an excuse, I will keep trying to find out where the hell is he.

Me: Alright, send my greetings to your family bye. [I hung up and went to tuck the toddlers in, then remained with the twins. I opened the door and Sine stood there about to knock] I can explain, I shouldn't have called Hlelo's doctor for my personal situation. It will never happen again.

Sine: [sigh] I thought I could come see Hlelo for a bit before he sleeps.

Me: His fast asleep.

Sine: Heard you were arrested, are you okay? What was that about?

Me: Nothing. [I went out to behind the house to remove stuff on the dryer. Then came back to find him standing in the very same position] Aow Come in, you just stand here.

Sine: The other thing is that I would like to have Hlelo over the weekend.

Me: if he agrees to go with you, I will not object to it.

Sine: Thank you, I should get going. Bye. [leaves]

Hilda: I hope its not what I am thinking because Siya is coming back.

Me: I used Hlelo's benefits for Sphe so that is why he is here. I shouldn't have done it, it was wrong.

Hilda: True but you had no choice.

Me: I can't believe that Siya just up and left me like this, in my state. It hurts and I miss him.

#Sinethemba's house

As he is sitting in the dark and trying to forget the pain he feels, the regrets he has are forever in his face. It hurt more than words can explain. Fikile

walks in with her kids and turns on the lights to find his brother covering his face while tears make paddles on the floor. He picks himself up and wipes his face.

Sine: this is a surprise, you came to visit me?

Fikile: You know that this is going to make you sick right? Hlelo doesn't deserve to lose you now that you are starting to bond with him.

Sine: I try to go through the day but during the nights I feel like I am surrounded by chains of regret.

Vuyo: [enters] there is a match tonight.

Sine: It doesn't make sense why I have such a big house but no one is living in it.

Fikile: You need to go back into the dating game and f.....

Sine: I am done doing anything like dating, I have to wait until Hlelo is a bit grown. I don't want our relationship to be ruined by people again. My son doesn't deserve that.

Vuyo: She is married and very happy the sooner you get over it, the better so please get over it.

Sine: True she is married but I don't if you would be happy if you found out that your husband was in town, buying house materials with another woman. Its none of my business but I hate withholding this information but I know it is not my place to tell her.

Fikile: are you saying that Siya is in town with another woman? While his infants are barely a week?

#Nompilo

As the evening progressed into the night, Sphe's condition just worsened. I asked Hilda to watch the kids and I took her to emergency. They placed her on the drip and examined what was wrong with her. They explained that the substance which she drunk, has been affecting her ability to move, speak. The only way to beat this is for her to be motivated to start walking. They discovered that she has signs of trauma. We remained in hospital until in the morning. She looked a lot better as she finished her drip. I drove us home and Hilda was already miserable because the twins were screaming. I attended to them and breastfed. I suddenly received a vidoe call from Siya this man has some guts, hearing the sound of his voice made led me to tears.

Me: they are sleeping, I suggest you call later.

Siya: Baby, please don't cry.

Me: Like I said, they are sleeping. I need to be busy with work, if you don't mind.

Siya: I can tell your still angry at me, I missed your lawyer's call what's the court summons about.

Me: We are done here, I need to get on with something more important. Goodbye.

Siya: [tears streaming down] are you divorcing me?

Me: [I didn't answer him, I just hung up. I sucked a lemon and checked my work emails]

Hilda: are you getting a divorce?

Me: this is the last time I allow myself to love someone because it always ends up just like this. I

shouldn't have fallen for him, I regret it, I regret the way I feel right now. I can't even catch a break, everything is on my neck. I am done with this kind of love.

Wrong but Right Path

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We talked and she was telling me about prayer but at that point I didn't want to hear it. Why is it that each time I think of laying my guard down this happens. I decided that we are done at that moment, divorce I don't have money for so it's not on the cards. I need to pick up the pieces of my life and move on. I honestly got lots of work done before passing out. The next morning, I woke up to someone knocking or should I say banging on my door. I opened the door and Boom Siyabonga stood there. I had no words for him just tears, I wanted to embrace him and tell him that I missed him but I wasn't about that life.

Me: The twins are awake, I just breastfed them.

Siya: Please reconsider.

Me: there is nothing to reconsider, I am not going to divorce you because my finances cannot allow it to happen until then support your children, please don't bang on my door like a mad man anymore. Call before coming and I would like to have my house keys back.

Siya: I love you and I won't allow myself to lose you.

Me: You lost me the second you step out that door, stay out Siya.

Siya: I was trying fix everything with our living situation.

Me: Because of your fix, I was arrested and as it is now. Sphe is fighting for her life because your so smart. You left her with Sizani and your people. I am disgusted to be called your wife, I have never seen such a useless partner. I regret allowing you into my heart, it was a mistake that will never happen again. So see the twins and be on your way. [he walked in and set down. I brought the twins to him and they just screamed. I breastfed and Hilda came with Sphe who didn't look bright. I held her in my arms and prayed] God please, Sphe please don't leave me baby. I promise never to leave you again. [she had a fever, I placed her in cold water. She suddenly woke up] Speak to me baby, I'm sorry baby. Please forgive me. Askies baby.

Sphe: [crying while holding on to her] shiyile mina.

Me: I will never do it again baby, I love you Sphe wam.

Sphe: [sniffing] akies Mama. Mina nobehava neh mama. Ngashiyi neh.

Me: Never again baby, I need you to tell me when you feel pain. [she nods, I took her out of the water because she was now shievering. I changed her into fresh clothes. Hlelo woke up as well. I bathed them and gave them food] Your father is here to see you.

Siya: [with a serious face] Lets not test each other please.

Me: [he gave me a stare that made me shiever, it was uncomfortable] So much for asking to be loved.

Siya: Don't you dare walk out on me, we ar.....

Me: Oh you mean the way you just left us? You threw us under the bus and you are here to say what? An apology is not enough, I am not even sure you are the man I married. You are my worst nightmare.

Siya: [pulls her close and pins her to the wall, caressing her face,whispering] I love you and the only way your going to leave me is in a coffin. Otherwise nothing will separate us, I have a past my love. Please don't make me relapse.

Me: [fear just fell upon me, this was the scariest thing. He stared into my eyes and kissed my forehead. He picked me up and placed me on couch beside the kids, anger was soaked in serious fear]

Siya: I'm sorry I left but no matter how angry you are, never think of leaving me please. Anything but that. Go out there and kiss a lot of frogs but tell them that wena your mine.

Me: [I swallowed a lump and focused on my laptop.
I consumed myself with work]

Siya: Tomorrow morning we are going home, not
this you leaving here.

Me: With Sizani?

Siya: what's for the eating in this house? [stands up
and goes to the kitchen]

He just took over, cleaned and left Hilda jobless. He packed all our bags there was nothing left in the closet. He didn't even ask for my opinion, out of fear for my life. I got inside the car willingly and the drive was long enough to put me to sleep. I woke up in this very spacious room, it was fancy like a hotel almost. The twins were peacefully asleep and they had beds with their name tags. I set up finally, I walked off the bed and the view was amazing. The

place was close to the shore, I looked out and saw Hlelo and Sphe playing in the sand. As I was confused and pinching myself as to what is happening here, Siya walked through the door.

Siya: My surprises never work with you. They always left you in anger, welcome home. You may check, there is no Sizani. The woman I was seen with around town was the decorator. I wanted everything to be prefect. I am sorry, very sorry.

Me: [tears streamed down] Your going to give a heart attack.

Siya: I promise this is the last surprise in our entire lives. Sorry, I really mean it. It will not happen again.

Me: What kind of a husband are you? [I went outside the room and it was beautiful, very glorious. The kind you see on extreme homes. I felt stupid for

shedding tears but his timing was just not right. The house is majestic. The kitchen, like a master piece. I could contain myself, I video called my sister and she picked] Siyabonga wants to kill me.

Nomandla: How? When did he even come back? How do you know that? But wait where are you? Are you at a resort.

Me: He built me a house as a surprise.

Nomandla: I said it, Siya can't change on you. He loves you that man, he can cross a fire for you.

Me: well I did think he abandoned us.

Nomandla: After your six weeks is done, you need to give him a serious apology.

Me: I hear you but I won't apologize because his timing was off nje. It was just off.

Nomandla: we deserve to be happy bro. Bye for now.
[hangs up]

Me: [I felts his arms surrounding me, he turned me around] I am not happy with you.

Siya: I will earn your forgiveness, I promise to work it all out. I'm sorry you had the most miserable 9 days without me. I am sorry my love. It will never happen again. My surprises come late for you and I am sorry for that.

Me: You are full of nonsense, nx!

Siya: I don't love you any less, I love you more everyday.

Me: I hate your surprises, they make me miserable because they never have timing and right now I feel like I want to struggle the nonsense out of you.

Siya: I am sorry Mma'Dlamini, I am very sorry that I faked that I was going for a job. I will continue apologizing but being apart from you killed me, you felt like you were competing with Ntombi when in actual fact you didn't need to because your all I think about and it hurt when you gave me a choice to make. I love you Nompilo, more that anything on this planet and beyond please. I messed up again by leaving you when you needed me most but I chose you long ago. I'm sorry I was just trying to finish our home which is what we needed. I am really sorry.

Me: [I felt bad that God has blessed with a man who always chooses me even when I don't see it. He left me there and I went outside and set with the

toddlers] How are you feeling today, how is the pain?

Sphe: [giggling] shap Mama.

Hlelo: Sihlala la Mama?

Me: we are home babies, your going to play here until you grow up and have husbands and wives, then have your own kids.

Hlelo: [laughing] Haaa mama.

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He spoiled us the entire day and finally I could sleep without waking up four times to attend to the twins. I honestly felt rested as I woke up the next morning.

I woke up to a note that he had gone to work. The twins are bathed so are our toddlers, plus fed. My food is in the microwave. I got off the bed and discovered that the Dlamini's had come visiting. Who told them that I live here? Oh must be the selfie I took with my family last night. I found the toddlers in their play room, they didn't even give me the time. They had their worried faces on and I went to meet them at the gate.

Me: this is a surprise, what could be happening?

Mma'Dlamini: Sizani has passed on. The stress of losing Sphe killed her.

Me: My condolences, is this why you have come?

Mtho: Mma and her buddies have grown sores. Doctors cannot figure out what is happening to them.

Me: [I knew the hate moment had come and I didn't even feel ready] Have you tried going to the man of God?

Mtho: We have been there already, please don't let my mother die.

Me: I'm sorry I wish I could help but I can't help. I go to people which are revealed to me and she wasn't so I can't help. Sphe's situation has affected me a lot and I am struggling to cope as it is.

Naledi: [emotional] But you are our last hope.

Me: Sphe was returned to me and she now fresh was ICU, she can't do anything for herself. She doesn't eat normally or move on her own. The worst part is not being able to heal her, its like I can't do anything. [I opened the gate for them and they came

in. They were looking around the house, I allowed them inside the house and offered them a seat. I attended the twins in another room. Then came back] Can I offer you water?

Mtho: Can you atleast try to pray for my mother?

Siya: I thought I warned to not to get this mother anywhere near my wife. Truth is she lost the gift months ago because she's stressed.

Mma'Dlamini: I am in pains Siyabonga, allow her to try atleast.

Siya: Leave my house.

Mtho: Please just for to touch Mma.

Me: [I was already seeing the desperation that I should do something but I knew I couldn't do anything. My husband allowed me to touch her and instead of the pains leaving her, they affected me to an extent that I fell to my knees and my husband called the paramedics because the pains were so bitter that I could not move an inch. Something weird happened, Siya prayed for me and the pains just left me like nothing was happening. He placed me on the couch]

Siya: You are not yet there, please allow yourself to mature first. Stop trying things please.

Me: I was trying to help Mma.

Siya: You can't help her because she was not revealed to you. You go to those who need you not those who want you. Understand yourself please, do not be moved by emotions.

Paramedics: [walk through the open door] what's your emergency?

Mma'Dlamini: I am in pains please take me.

Paramedics: [they place her on the stratcher and leave with her]

Me: [I could feel that my husband was angry about what I just tried, they left and only his aunt remained] I'm sorry I couldn't help.

His aunt: Honestly I am surprised that you touched her after everything she has done. Now I know that you don't have a gift of healing, if it was someone else you would have touched and something would have happened but truly its God's grace that you heal. We all are going to hate you for not being able to heal her but honestly she has lived her life. Mtho and Siya can survive but Hlelo, Sphe and the Nqobis

will not survive it. They will be miserable and be at risk of the Sizani's in this world. Sorry yazi.

Siya: In that hate know that God is not some traditional healer, He doesn't go back on His word. Whoever has to die will die because its their time.

Me: [his words cut so deep and scared me, I couldn't imagine losing my mother in law. It would be sad beyond anything on this planet earth. His aunt left and he set on the couch, with red eyes and his veins popping out] I'm sorry.

Siya: [emotional] You were ready to lose your life for my mother. What about us? Did you even think of us? I know it looks like I am strong without you but I'm weak, broken without you. I can't breathe without you, I would rather have you upset at me then not have you here at all. [crying] our kids are too young Nompilo, we can't survive without you, we need you here with us.

Me: [the way he was emotional, it was like I was dead. It hurt so bad that I found myself in tears too. I didn't know what to say. He wept so loud that it filled the house, before I could touch him. He stood up and went upstairs. I hurt him and felt horrible about it. I locked up and went to find him upstairs. He was on his knees, weeping in silence] It will never happen again.

Siya: Being widowed is the most horrible feeling, you go through mockery from people around and your life completely stops. You struggle to cope yet people are nailing you on the cross. You wanted to leave us for what?

Me: [I embraced him and he wept to an extent that he passed out in my arms. I rushed and sprinkled water on his face. He woke up and I helped him onto the bed] Sleep a bit, [I kissed his forehead and waited for him to rest. I can't believe his that afraid

of losing me. I went out and started eating the food he had made for me and the man of God appeared]

Man of God: you and your husband need to go on prayer and fasting. They need to take out that thing that is inside the bottle. Your finances are bottled up, you need to start praying. Go wake him up before they take him.

Me: [I jumped off my chair and went upstairs, I shook my husband. He didn't wake up, I kept shaking him until he woke up with a swollen face] I missed you.

Siya: I dreamed I was being chased by this huge snake. It swallowed Mtho and everyone I know but I ran away before it could catch me. It was a horrible dream but we need to stop allowing people come to our house.

Me: [we shared a kiss, God I am terrified of losing my crazy husband too] Can you do prayer and fasting with me?

Siya: Okay but can we start tomorrow?

Me: Yes we can start tomorrow.

Siya: You can't heal them because they are not being truthful. Karma never forgets an address, the whatever they did with our finances is paying back in kind. We need to pray for that too.

Me: that's the thing, I try to pray but I can't pray for them.

Siya: there are people you are not meant to pray for because they will not miss their reward. I am tired of us having to work like elephants just to be happy.

I am tired of being incapable of taking care of us the way I wish to. I am tired of budgets.

Me: We will pray and God will make a way.

Siya: I work hard but breakthrough is ten times harder. This entire thing is pushing me and I really worked hard not to be that person anymore.

Me: Which person?

Siya: I don't want to talk about now, when I am ready to tell you about my past then I will do so.

Me: I'll be waiting.

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I honestly wonder what he means by that person and his past. I mean what is it that he can't just tell me? He went back to sleep and was gone for most of the day I wondered if he was not going back to the bin business. I opened his phone to get numbers of the decorator and I found some woman texting my husband that they belong together and stuff. I didn't get angry because his response to the texts was impressive. As I was going through the texts the woman videoe called, she was like a super model but I wasn't threatened.

Her: where is King? Why are you holding his phone?

Me: the question should be who are you?

Her: I'm his ride or die, his future.

Me: Okay future, what is your name?

Her: Ruby, can I speak to him now?

Me: His resting, you can leave a message.

Ruby: Tell him I am coming to see him right now.
[hangs up]

Me: [I turned and he stood behind me with this weird smile] Haaa, I wanted to know why such a sexy woman is texting my husband.

Siya: What's mine is yours baby, there is no need for me to hide anything from you. My father was a gang leader and best friends with Ruby's father. I used to sell drugs from the age of 15, then after my dad was shot right in front of me. Mtho and I quit the business. We used the money we received from my dad's policy to start the family business. Ruby is now the leader of both gangs and she is considered

to be the most dangerous woman after Naledi. Who was thee lady back in the day.

Me: should I be worried?

Siya: Baby you should know that I am very attracted to you. You drive me crazy like upside down.

Me: I mean why is she hunting you suddenly? Are you people cooking a deal?

Siya: I have lived a life of fearing the police, I don't want that for me or our family. If anything I am very interested in whatever she thinks she has for me.

Me: [we heard a knock as we were talking, they didn't wait to be invited inside. They just matched into my house. With this very pretty lady who's eyes paced through my body, she had 4 guys behind her.

I set on my husband's lab.] Normal people wait for an invite to come inside.

Ruby: this is what you settled for? A loud mouth?

Siya: there is no contest here, what do you want Ruby?

Ruby: You know that I need you to come home.

Siya: Unfortunately for you, I am happy with my new life.

Ruby: what do you see in these chicks that you keep on cheating on me with them?

Siya: Seriously, my wife just gave me twins last week. Why would I be chilling around you for? Look

at her closely, model figure, gorgeous face and so much more. Why are you here? To see my beautiful wife?

Ruby: [clears her throat] last week as in what? 10 days ago?

Siya: do you need a birth certificate to verify? [Ruby looks down] why are you here?

Ruby: I need a loan and I promise I will bring it back double.

Siya: I don't have money, I used all I had to complete this house. So I am practically broke, I think you should try Mtho.

Ruby: Please do this for me, I am sure you will recover. I mean your mine is making much.

Siya: My mine? What are you talking about?

Ruby: [chuckles] Its not funny King, the money you made in the field while as a distributor matured and before your banker died, he used it to buy a coal and diamond mine. On the south. It was mentioned to your family after your father's funeral but your mother said they should sell it but your banker gave her half of the money and used the rest on the mine because he knew that your mother was not exactly a fan of you having millions.

Siya: I don't know anything about any mine, I would like you to get out of my house.

Ruby: [writes the address] this is your banker's Lawyer, contact him. Please I just need 8meter and I will be out of your hair for life. [stands up and they leave]

Me: it all makes perfect sense why they bottled your stuff. You are monied baby.

Siya: I think we should just investigate if its true or not first.

We were both in shock as the day came to an end but there was no question about it, we could use a boost on the financial part. As our toddlers slept, the twins made us dance the night away. They just cried the whole time. We prayed for them and pulled out every trick we have as parents but nothing worked. It nagged us out to an extent that we drove them to hospital for consultation. They cleared them after taking tests. They said everything is in order, we drove back home around 2am in the morning as the little angels finally decided to sleep. We were exhausted, we threw ourselves on the couch and shut down. Around 6am the toddlers woke us up and we bathed everyone.

Me: we need daycare services please Dlamini.

Siya: I never thought I would agree more with you. You are very right we need it. I am so tired, I can't even keep my eyes opened to save my life. [teary eyes] I commend you for keeping up with them for such a long time. I would have died, they are ten times active more than anything.

Me: so what are we going to do about the mine business?

Siya: I don't trust Ruby for anything but I know when she is desperate. Right now she is very desperate. I mean why didn't my mother and Mtho tell me? I think we need to find out if what she said is real, if it is, I will spoil you the way I have always desired to.

Me: can I make some calls?

Siya: Feel free but I am dying to just have a piece of sleep. [sits back on the couch and closes his eyes]

Hlelo: papa bola.

Siya: [opens his eyes] Daycare for keeps, Lord I need sleep.

Me: [the twins slept and everyone wanted daddy's attention. I snicked up to my room with the twins and slept. It was really lovely just to sleep, I woke up after a good three hours to the twins. I breastfed and they kept moaning. I took them and we went downstairs, my husband was buried in a pile of toys and pazzles. He wanted to cry as our eyes met] I have my hands full too, they missed having you around, I am sorry.

Siya: Not even coffee is working, I just want to sleep so bad.

Me: We pray your time will come. [I set down]
what's for the eating in this house? [he gave me the
evil eye] did I say something wrong?

Sphe: Asambe papa. Chise.

Siya: save me please. I beg you.

Me: You had ten days leave, this is your turn sweets.
Enjoy daddy.

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You can trust my toddlers they made him sweat. To
an extent that sleep just ran away from him. By then
I had gotten some work done and had to head to the

office. He said he could handle our kids, it felt good to just be out and pamper myself even if its just for an hour or more. I attended all my meetings and took myself to the mall than my bank card declined. It was so humiliating and painful that I could not afford a pocket of sweets for my babies. I went out of the shop and as I was walking, I came across Naledi and her husband, they had countless shopping bags and to my surprise I spotted the mayor you employed my husband as well. It was very strange, I walked up to them and greeted them.

Me: this is indeed a surprise, hello. [they were all uncomfortable] Ms Mayor, good to finally meet you.

Mayor: Is this some sort of joke? Or something.

Me: I pray that all the people that are busy eating my husband sweat chock and die a slow yet painful death. Mara let me not be too rush, how's Mma?

Naledi: what do you mean by your statement?

Me: Nothing, just thinking out loud. How is she?

Mtho: [panicking, starting to sweat] She was admitted to hospital, they are trying to manage her situation.

Me: The truth will eat anything that stands in its way, it will eat one like acid. Slowly yet fast.

Mtho: nice seeing you, lets go babe.

#Siya

I went away and worked to the T finishing my home but now I am the most broke person ever, I am

under paid. I can't complain but I always have really bad dreams, in these dreams I meet a long of things that don't make sense but I can say that my wife's prayers work. They keep me going. Ruby came with news that I have money and it rubbed me the wrong way because Mtho being my mother's favourite son was not subject to hush conditions like I was. He had all the finer things in life while I struggled to get a proper lunch box. He was the king and I the servant, at a point I felt like my father doesn't love me. But I grew up and worked my hardest to be where I am today. My wife came back and told me that she saw the mayor with my brother I knew exactly what was happening. She was so hurt that she went into our bedroom and I heard her praying in sobs. It hurt a lot but I know I will do better. Apart from rubbish business, I do photography, electricity services and plumbing. I went to the room and carried her to the kitchen. I kissed her, I showed her my list of clients for the day. I got inside the car and left. Its hard work but it has to be done. I went out there and hustled, by the end of the day I had 35000 in cash. I drove back home and my kids were

asleep beside her. I placed the money in her hands.

Me: I don't care they can keep it, please don't be hurt by this. God is on our side. This needs to go to the bank tomorrow morning.

Nompilo: [chuckles] I worry about how hard you work.

Me: I hate it when you don't have money lying around. That bothers me.

Nompilo: [melts into a smile] How did I get this lucky again?

Me: I am the lucky one, I hate to see you cry about a useless thing like money.

Ruby: [arrives] Tell me that you have contacted the lawyer, time is what I don't have. Come on brother.

Me: what exactly do you need this 8 meter for?

Ruby: I need to pay someone to remove some things off the net, it was a mistake that shouldn't have happened. If I don't pay my nudes will be all over the net. I can't allow my kids to see those things.

Me: I will help you because I don't want you in my hair like this. Who's the dude who owns the site?

Ruby: Ricko Orion, he wants 25meter to just take it down.

Me: He won't know what hit him, babe get my laptop please. [she brought me my laptop and I got on the

job. The last thing I need is to make an enemy out of Ruby. I set there for a good two hours staring at the screen. I planted a virus on the site and it corrupted itself. I shut it down from the core. Then I placed the laptop in a sink. I poured water on it which damaged it] I want a new laptop.

Ruby: [in disbelieve, checks the site and finds it gone] You have too many surprises, Are you a mere laptop is all you want?

Me: And for you to stop coming to my house, I am out and I would like for no one to know that I did this for you. Leave my house Madam. [I opened the door] Get out Ruby.

Ruby: You have a man right here. He can do anything this man.

Nompilo: Goodbye Ruby.

Me: [she left and I looked up, then scooped up my wife. We went into our bedroom and just snuggled] Forgive me because I will really pass out, I am so tired I can't hear myself think.

Nompilo: I really needed the time out, thanks. I will deposit the money in the morning. Right now lets go to sleep otherwise your kids will abuse us. I love you goodnight.

Me: You are so right, I just want to pass out. [we shared a kiss and prayed, then we just passed out. I was too tired yet bad dreams kept coming for me. I woke up every two hours to pray and I finally found peace after a long night. The next morning, I woke to the sun in my face and my phone ringing. I picked] Hello Bafo.

Mtho: Mma has passed on.

Me: [I just paused and took a moment of silence]
when did this happen?

Mtho: The hospital called around 1am in the morning.

Me: Please call the family, I will try to be there as soon as I can. [my brother was shattered ofcourse, he was sobbing so hard on the phone. As I was on the phone, Hlelo walked out the closet with my blazer on. These kids are naughty straight, they didn't see me watching, Sphe was wearing my wife's lipstick all over her face with her dress.] I will be right there soonest.

Mtho: They need you to sign off on the life insurance people.

Me: I don't have a life insurance. I will see what I

can do. [I hung up and took a picture] You are naughty shame!

Sphe and Hlelo: [scared, start crying]

Nompilo: [walks through the door] I told you not to wake up my husband Nina, [sits on the bed] how are you feeling?

Me: Mma'Dlamini has passed on. [she immediately teared up, I am married to an angel I tell you. I comforted her and suddenly our phones beeped at the same time. Someone had just deposited 10meter into our joint account. We looked at each other and forgot about tears.] Ruby.

Nompilo: The laptop arrived this morning, what are we going to do retur....[1,5billion is deposited into his bank account as a tax return, they stare at each other] Baby?

Me: I think Ruby told the lawyer person the truth, I don't want problems baby.

Nompilo: [counting the zero's in excitement]Heeeee Siya'wam, if this is a tax return than how much is your profit? I thank God this is happening during my time.

Me: We have to get to the house and figure out funeral materials.

Nompilo: [tears streaming down] I never thought one day, I would be Mpilomali.

Me: All I want is to provide for my family nothing more.

Nompilo: so what are we going to do with this

money?

Me: Anything you want to do with it. I will take the 10meter and you can keep the rest.

Nompilo: [crying] You love me too much.

Wrong but Right Path

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Honestly money is nothing, when I had nothing left. Nompilo loved me and didn't consider me less of a man. What is money that I can't give her? Her mates are married to rich men and throwing wealth in her face but she stood by me, when our bank card declined she worked harder and did not complain that I was not doing enough. We bathed and had breakfast, Sphe and Hlelo didn't want to leave with us but we bought them over with ice-cream. I drove to my parent's house and people were gathered

emotional. I parked and strapped the twins on my chest. Then I placed Sphe and Hlelo on their stroller, then we walked into the yard. My grandmother met us at the door.

His grandmother: [melts into a smile] Wow, Nqobile and Mngobi. They are so fat, what are you giving these people really? Shouldn't you be at home in isolation with them?

Me: I can't go anywhere without my wife.

His aunt: I always have one problem with you, brides do not arrive this late.

Me: Please do not attack my wife, she is still in recovery. Have you ever had twins before? Do you know how costly it is on one's body? Please let us have peace.

Naledi: [with a swollen face] Please come in, we need to discuss how we are going to bury Mma.

Me: [we went inside the house and set on the couch, the twins were uncomfortable so I stood up, I paced around with them] I don't have life insurance.

Naledi: We do but they think Mma did not die a natural death so they won't make the payout so now we have to dig deep into our pockets.

His grandfather: My society can give us a coffin and food nothing more.

Mtho: I spent money on her medical bills and the shopping we had to do for my children yesterday. I don't have a penny.

His aunt: Are you saying that you don't have money

to bury your own mother.

Mtho: Unless we keep her in the freezer for at least a month, I don't have money to bury her.

Me: [the way they were talking, I was disregarded as usual. Siyabonga the broke man, I left their presence and discussed it with my wife. We drove out to some places. Bought groceries, paid for the tent and all the funeral needs. Then went back to the house and set outside with the people. My wife breastfed inside the car. Mtho appeared from the house]

Mtho: Can you come into the house we would like to discuss something.

Me: [I stood up and went inside, I sat at the edge of the couch] Here I am.

Mtho: we are thinking that we should take a joint loan between us, you can do half and I will do half.

Me: [chuckles, I took out the slips] My mother will be buried respectful this weekend. No loan is needed. Don't worry everyone, I spoke to my wife and we agreed to do this.

A wise man used to say that children which are favoured over others normally never succeed in anything in their lives. Mtho could not give a cent to bury his own beloved mother. My name suddenly changed to Buti Siya, when people have been calling me Siya, wena and all these names. My aunts did not allow my wife to touch anything even in the kitchen. The whole day we spent chilling and being offered coffee. I helped where I could then my asked for me to drive her home which I did then came back to the funeral house. I found Mma'bele among the women doing veggies. I monitored everything and stayed away from family politics. I

mind ed my business, I received a message alert to go service a client whose water pipe just burst ed. I got into my car and went over there, then got the surprise of my life because the client I helped the previous day recommended me. I fixed about 4 houses, by then I was tired so I drove home. To find my wife in the living room praying, this woman mara. I joined her and as she finished.

Nompilo: I miss the birds and the bees, I don't even know what to do with myself.

Me: Your in recovery, I promise I will make it up to you as soon as its safe to do so. I love you that much.

Nompilo: I am tempted each time you come around me.

Me: [this is not the kind of vulnerability a husband

likes, its the worst kind] I will take you the doctor tomorrow morning and so we know whats the situation on ground.

Nompilo: otherwise your kids are driving me to the wall, they messed up my closet.

Me: I will fix it, don't worry about anything. I love you so much.

Nompilo: Am I spending the night alone? Are you going to be at your parent's house?

Me: For what? They will call if they need something, I have no reason of sleeping alone. I enjoy being married, its the best thing ever for me. Just waking up next you at night, you clinging to me. Joys of being married I tell you.

Nompilo: You brought me more deposits I guess?

Me: Yeah, the demand has just gone higher that side but I can't match it because I don't have equipment. Otherwise I can't do the bin business and that at the same time. Honestly I was thinking of laying off the bin business because its more of a liability and not helping us in any case.

Nompilo: Alright, the last thing I need is the rate of my services going down. I like my beast active not tired. Whatever you decide I will accept it.

Me: I will head to the office tomorrow.

I scooped her up and we went to take a shower together, then I tacked her in while I went to lock up, I turned on the security feature and monitors. Then joined my queen. Are you kidding me? This is heaven, {Akuna matada for the rest of my days} it

means no worries. The night was peaceful, I completely switched off. The next morning we had our morning prayers then took a bath, I bathed and prepared the kids. Then we went to the doctor's office, in a private institution. We had an appointment with the gynecologist. It felt good to afford to take her to a proper doctor no long queues. God thanks.

Nurse: Mrs Dlamini, the doctor will see you now. Come this way.

Me: [I followed her with our kids who were sleeping. They placed her on the bed and examined her] is she healing?

Gynecologist: she is healed but she is still sensitive, plus I can tell you need to clean your womb. You stand the risk of infections. Should I clean it now or you would like to make another appointment?

Me: won't this affect her?

Gynecologist: she won't be able to walk properly for two days, then everything will be in order.

Me: Okay then, [my wife agreed and I didn't want to watch for the kids. After about 4 hours, she came out on the wheelchair. I fit the bill and I drove us home. She was in pains, I took her to bed the second we got home, she was just fragile. I fed our kids and typed the resignation letter. I sent it to the office of the mayor and within just two minutes I received a call from an unknown number] This is Mr Dlamini.

Mayor: why are you resigning? You can't just resign.

Me: [I could tell she was surrounded by someone that made her fear, the person kept telling her to put me on speak which she did] I was promised a raise

to my income but I know have five blocks at the price of one. I can't pay my workers correctly and this has become a strain on my family. My wife just gave birth to twins last week so she doesn't need the stress. I have four children and a wife, plus bills to pay this is not working out.

Him: Your payment is suppose to be comfortable.

Me: Then I have attached my payment papers to the email. Thank you for the opportunity but my family needs to feed.

Him: what is happening here? What is this Mayor? Can you come to the office so we can sort this out?

Me: No, I can't. My mother just passed on yesterday so I need go out there and find money to bury her, then pay buy my kids some food. I am sorry sir, its best you find someone else. Thank you bye. [I hung

up.]

Sphe: [emotional] Mamami.

Wrong but Right Path

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One could easily undermine the bond between Sphe and my wife. She refused to leave my wife's side. The next two days were nothing sort of hell. My wife was in so much pains that I took her to the ER twice. They gave her pain shots, this has kept me by her side. I don't even know how the funeral arrangements are going because no one will talk to me about anything. As the day before the funeral came my wife woke up and just cried, it was sad that she still remembered my mother as an angel despite her deeds. I comforted her and we whispered it to the kids so they would not ask after her. It was a sad morning. We bathed and got

dressed. We drove to my parents house and people were outside eating away. As I entered the house, everyone just gave us the evil eye. I asked my wife to remain in the car with the kids. I went into the house and found a witchdoctor.

Me: Interesting, very interesting.

Mtho: who called you here?

Me: Oh, who called me to where? This is my parents house.

Mtho: Did you not hear? She willed everything to me and so please be out.

Me: Are you throwing me out of my own parent's house? Who do you think you are?

Mtho: Heeeeyi! I said get out of here. We are doing something important here.

His grandfather: Do not speak to your brother like that, it is tradition that everyone should cut their hair as a sign that your mother has past on. You all must go bath with the herbs in the river so that the deaths will not continue.

Me: Hehehe! I have seen it all in this life. I separate myself and my entire family from this, I will not be involved.

His grandmother: then it means you won't be allowed to come to her funeral. You have no manners wena.

Me: Meaning what? You don't have a right to keep me from her funeral. You have absolutely no right.

Mtho: Her will states so, if you don't want to ruin your life stay away and never set your stupid foot here ever again. You cease to be my brother, do not dare come here again.

Me: Okay. But I must bury my mother.

His grandfather: DO NOT TRY ME!

Me: Is that a threat?

His uncle: [punishes Siya and he almost collides with a wall] Get out!

Me: [I felt so angry that I started to shake, my wife entered and begged me] How th....

Nompilo: Calm down Dlamini, its not worth it.

I don't know how to not keep my wife's word. We left as they threw us out like dogs. It was bitter. I went home to my house and rested on my wife's thighs. She kept saying that its better this way but it hurt so bad I didn't even have an atom of believe but on the brighter side she gave me honey. It felt so amazing, I felt the effect the gynacologist mentioned. It was so wonderful, made me forget about the whole family issue. I felt intoxicated in a good way, she surprised me and as went to check on the twins, I feared that we might have made someone. I received a call that I needed to go see the Mayor. I went there with my printed resignation. As I arrived, I met some old men which I had met while in business. I greeted them and set down.

Old man: I am the right hand of the King, this is king Ndaba the third.

Me: [I bowed my head]Ndabezitha! Ndaba. I am

sorry I did not accord you the desired respect when we met.

King Ndaba: I would like to know who gave you that tattoo?

Me: A friend of mine who has passed on now. We had identical ones.

King Ndaba: My son gave you this tattoo?

Me: I don't know your son sir but this one I got from the man who practically raised me into a man that I am today. He was my very great friend.

King Ndaba: Can you show me where your friend was buried?

Me: Yes, he was buried in the local graveyard, here.
Is there a problem? Am I safe?

Old man and King Ndaba: [laugh and shake hands]

Me: [I received a call from my wife] Sthandwa sam?

Nompilo: Mtho is here with police at the gate,
should I open for them?

Me: No, I am on my way there.

Nompilo: Okay baby, please hurry. [hangs up]

Me: Is the mayor here? I really need to head back to
my house.

King Ndaba: What seems to be the problem? I

believe she is on her way here.

Me: Some family business thing, I need to head home. I normally don't just leave my wife and our four kids unannounced like this. The infants are still too young, the toddlers are just too active.

King Ndaba: I have four grandkids.

Me: [this was very weird, I left the place and went to the house. Turns out the area security had removed Mtho and the police from my house. I was given a restraining order to not come to the funeral with my entire family, even the twins were included in the order. I don't need this drama. I went inside the house and my wife hugged me] Are you okay?

Nompilo: I feel like I am followed by rejection.

Me: To know who you are in Christ, you need to check the lives of those who have rejected you. Whoever rejected you check where they are now and you will know yourself.

Nompilo: Mtho threw a certain bottle into our yard and it broke on the drive way. It released a certain clothe, I am concerned baby.

Me: Looks like we are finally free financially, that is probably the bottle. I need to get you nice jewellery and diamond nails.

Nompilo: [giggles] diamond nails? You are not serious.

Me: I want to get my kids a private daycare teacher, who will come teach them at home.

Nompilo: That will not be a good idea, they will be too spoiled.

Me: I love you so much, I need you to be spoiled on my behalf. What I didn't have as a child, I want them to have it in abundance. There were days where I wished I could take you on a romantic get away but I could not because I was broke. Now I want to travel the world with you, I want to share as much as God will allow with you baby. You are the best thing that has ever happened to me. I love you more than the words. [she was now blushing which I always enjoy, I enjoy how she never loses interest in me. She makes me feel special and captures my entire life in her gorgeous smile. I don't mean to brag but my wife is beautiful] I want to spoil you.

Nompilo: [giggling] Meet me in our chambers in two.

Me: What about the babies?

Nompilo: Spoil me, I am the first born.

Wrong but Right Path

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She went to our chambers and the babies started striking. I couldn't balance and by the time I was done with the toddlers and had the twins sleeping. She was fast asleep in this sweet number, I have never seen this one. It was my first, I tried to wake her but she was so sleepy that she didn't wake for anything on this planet earth. I felt really bad because I knew she was disappointed. Trust me when I say I didn't want more kids. I didn't notice how much I hate disappointing her until tears just escaped unannounced. My phone rang at that moment, they needed confirmation. Mtho had decided to change the coffin on my behalf. I declined that I was not giving my mother a 100k coffin, there were other ammendments too which I

declined to pay for anything as outrageous. I won't be at the funeral so what's the big deal. I hung up and noticed my wife had multiple work emails that their deadline was soon and she had not touched. I woke her up and gave her a bowl of ice-cream as an apology.

Me: I'm sorry I took so long.

Nompilo: who gave you this tattoo?

Me: You're the second person to ask me that today, I got it from a friend. When I was in school, I was close to. He used to call his son and my father hated the man with a real passion. They used to fight but the man practically got me out of trouble. He taught me everything he knew and when I became of age, he gave me this tattoo at the verge of death. He developed lung cancer and it killed him. I promised him that I would get out of the game and make a name for myself.

Nompilo: Did your father know the man?

Me: No, he was one of those dirty men who sleep on the street. My father said I could not be seen around such a dirty man like that but I liked him because each time the police came searching for me he would hide me in his blankets. He kept my secret, I called him Hero and never knew his real name. When he died, my heart was broken in a gazillion pieces. I stole money and paid some people we buried him in the local graveside in the rain. After I fulfilled the promise, I erected a tombstone for him.

Nompilo: This tattoo is a will, he practically adopted you as his son. I can't believe we could not translate. He was bewitched because he killed a woman, the curse was there he could never get a child or family. His father banished him and from there he wondered on the streets. You made him feel like he

had everything, the regret and guilty just went away.
This tattoo means you are son of the cursed.

Me: I guess you saw this in your dream? Interesting.

Nompilo: His brother passed on without any male children and your next in line because it seems as though the throne has located you.

Me: [I chuckled] A throne? Did you just say the man was royalty? No ways. I already have a lot on my plate.

Nompilo: You will be asked to double barrel, do not refuse. This is God blessing your lineage.

Me: this sounds crazy and unreasonable baby but I will not judge it. Only time will te....[I received a call from Naledi and picked on speaker] Hello.

Naledi: I'm sorry about what happened, tradition likes to get the best part of your brother and you know how unreasonable he can be at times. Can we meet up somewhere and talk about this entire funeral.

Me: And get arrested? I don't think so. What's this about really? Why are you suddenly polite with me?

Naledi: Mma tried to keep the peace between you people as much as possible. She deserves to have a befitting burial. Tomorrow her body is coming home and then we take her to the grave. This your mother and now that she is gone. All we have is each other, the people making us fight are not even family like that. We can meet at a public place, please.

Me: I'm very sorry to disappoint but a video call would be best because I am not about to risk my life now that its coming together for me.

Naledi: Mpilo please speak to your husband, we need to come together as family.

Me: I'm sorry but I need to hang up now, the twins just woke up. [I hung up and we stared at each other then laughed] Money neh.

Nompilo: It can rule a person if given the opportunity. So suddenly you people are no longer at odds?

Me: No matter what, I will never pay 500k to bury my mother. She was my mother sure case but I will never try it.

Nompilo: She carried you 9 months and nursed you, she deser.....

Me: Please don't say things like that, they quickly run on my nerves. Let this sound as a warning, if you dare try to give them that money, pack out of my house because I will cease to be in this marriage. I would rather take this money and give it to your mother, she has been the only parents who has not given me problems since we got married.

Nompilo: [laughing] I will not try it, especially now that you are rich.

Me: That's not funny yazi.

Nompilo: Haaa baby after what we've been through I won't leave you for any reason. Nothing at all, if you cheat I must bewitch that woman to run crazy.

Me: You don't know the first thing about witchcraft.

Sphe and Hlelo: [walk into the room crying]

Me: [I picked the both of them up because I knew they were hungry.] I am not done with you.

Nompilo: I would rather have plastic surgery then give them that money baby, no ways.

#Dlamini house.

The church people arrive to start the night vigil and Mtho is in absolute panic because the food is finished. The people who came during the week cooked everything that they had left. What should have lasted for the funeral is gone, his aunts come into the house and they wonder what will become of them. They all gather to find a solution to this entire thing.

His second aunt: I haven't seen Siyabonga, is he not supposed to be here?

His aunt: How could he come here? These clever people gave him a restraining order because he refused to do the ritual.

His second aunt: Hehehe there is nothing you will not see in this life, who doesn't know that Siya has been the Man of God in this family, from the age of five. He refused to be part of anything like a ritual, in fact one time he threw out the rope which was tied around his waist. He has always been the black sheep of this family. That is where they had problems with your late parents. He was extremely naughty, never followed what he did not understand. Now you gave him a restraining order for that? He always been like that, even your late parents know that.

Naledi: Mma willed that anyone who does not

partake in the ritual must not be present in the funeral.

His aunt: She should have had a funeral cover for herself. How are we going to bury her now? Atleast Nompilo and Siya always have a plan. We need money right now.

His grandfather: You need to go retract the order, your aunts are right.

Mtho: My mother's wishes must be respected.

His grandmother: what are the people outside here going to think if we do not have food tomorrow morning.

Mtho: I would rather sell my car.

Naledi: WOOOOOOO BASS, that will happen over my dead body. That car is our only source of transportation.

Mtho: My mother needs to be buried.

Naledi: I will not take it from you Mthokozisi! I will never take it from you.

Wrong but Right Path

#Insert76

In the bliss of everything, my kids just kept me busy as I possibly could be. The mayor sent me an apology with a nice cheque for compensation. I shared it with my employees and apologized to them. They agreed to come back to work but I told them that I am not up to it. They did not seem very pleased with that. For people who just abandoned me to do all the work, they seemed to be very

displeased with me and believe me when I say I did not care. You don't just up and leave someone like that. As soon as my wife was done doing her work, she gave me a bit of a break. She placed the toddlers on their twinly duties. I closed my eyes for a few minutes and boom I woke up 5 hours later with a deep headache. My wife had made us a delicious dinner which I wasn't even interested in. I felt like I had a hangover.

Nompilo: [comes from the kitchen] You don't look okay, whats wrong?

Me: I have a deep headache, I am finding it hard to even look at you right now.

Nompilo: ANGEKE NJ E, YOU WILL NEVER TAKE MY HUSBAND WITH YOU MARTHA, USELFISH WENA YOOH! NOT WITH MY HUSBAND, YOU ARE DEAD AND YOU AGREED TO DIE ALLOW MY HUSBAND TO BE. DON'T TEST ME SIES!

Me: [I don't know why but my headache completely disappeared. Everyday I get to spend with my wife, her being just keeps surprising me to the core. My body just became light and I could move my head without a problem.] Was her spirit here?

Nompilo: Throwing that bottle here should have made you their lap dog but I will never allow it. God will never allow it, I heard that the funeral is nothing going as planned. They finished all the food stuff, the church sister called to ask me what is happening and I didn't know what to say. They are asking if they should donate the food. I sent them to ask Mtho.

Me: I'm sorry but I am feeling like I want to get away with you. I want to just book us into a lodge until this entire thing blows over. Funeral and everything.

Nomandla: It smells amazing in here, the gate was opened, sorry.

John: you are right about one thing, I hope you have lots of extra food.

Nomandla: Are you not supposed to be at the funeral? Mma and Malume went there last night. They were not very happy with the way things were being wasted by the cooks.

Me: we are not going to attend the funeral.

His great grandmother. I could use a delicious meal.

Me: [the one person who never visits anyone's house, walked through my front door for the first time and I honestly did not feel safe. Like really who brought her to house] Gogo?

His great grandmother: [washes her hands and goes to where the twins are] they are beautiful koti.

Nompilo: [shocked] Thank you Mma.

Me: [the Hle-hle's broke our sudden awkward silences, they invited their cousins into the house. Within seconds they were exploring the play room and backyard. I rushed behind them because I had not shut the beach door. I went there and locked it. I went back to the house, everyone was bonding. I don't know when my wife backed but the dinning table was over pouring with food.] I hope every one has a big appetite.

Nompilo: Can you get the kids please, lets eat.

Me: [before I could say a word, the Hle-hles walked in with their cousins. The soil that followed them

had my wife giving me the evil eye. I laughed it off. They sat on the mat and she served them.]

His great grandmother: I will never die of hunger, if people want to hunger I am not part. I am old, all I want to do it eat, drink and sleep. I must say Koti you really did it this time, I can't stop.

I hate to admit this but I am jealous, I hate having a full house. It makes my wife tired but unfortunately she is as welcoming. Her sister and husband took the guest room. I didn't know that my toddlers could be that welcoming. They were open to sharing which made it hard for us to put them to sleep. When we finally made it to bed, she looked at me and laughed. It throw out all my irritation. She was clearly laughing at me people and it was ridiculously sexy. We had a pillow fight because I started feeling bad about it. Then slept, I love my wife. The night felt too short, we woke up to the twins being moody and the Hle-hle talking about

picking them up. We literally jumped out of bed and went out there in a storm. When we arrived, we almost had a heart attack, the toddlers were inside the babies court and kissing their little faces. I noticed that the twins were clearly being woken up. I finally took a breath and Mtho called. I picked.

Mtho: [sigh] I was wrong, I can be thick headed at times. In all senses of the word she is your mother too. You deserve to have a say.

Me: whats this about?

His great grandmother: [loudly in excitement]
WOOO there is a beach to this house? Open for me.

Me: [we looked at each other and held out just so we don't laugh] I hear you Mtho, I am in the middle of something, I will call you right back.

Mtho: [shocked] Is that gogo?

Me: [Gogo was already opening the slidding door to the backyard. My wife opened for her to go and she was so happy she laughed at the top of her small voice. By then we were dead with laughter. When we finished I remembered that I was on phone.] I'm sorry Bafo.

Mtho: We don't have money to bury Mma.

Me: So what do you think we should do? Its too late to call the loan shark.

Mtho: Please speak to your wife, maybe she might have something for us please.

Me: Babe Mtho is asking for money to buy some things for the funeral.

Nompilo: I kinda used all we had and I can't approach the bank now, unless we delay.

Mtho: Mpilo I am on my knees please.

Nompilo: But if I get the money? I will I bring it to you. You have a restraining order against me. So maybe start by removing the order and I can go to the bank.

Mtho: There is no time to do that, my mother's body will be melted by then.

Nompilo: Unless I go the bank which opens at 9 and its 6am, I cannot help you sorry. I wish I could and I honestly would.

Me: Deal with the order, I can't do anything [I hung up and took the twins because my babies were just

ambushed from their sleep shams. I went to our bedroom and I found my wife in tears, that slowed me down] what's up? Honestly baby you can wire the money to them if you so wish.

Nompilo: [in tears] Its not that.

Me: I hate to see you crying, please baby. What is it then?

Nompilo: It feels good baby, so good to have a great bank account. [laughing in tears] It feels so good and its scary as ever.

Me: sthandwa sam, you don't have to cry about that.

Nompilo: You don't understand, a few months ago I had to be Wrobes lapdog because our bills were sky high and I was working unreasonable hours. He

called to tell me about overtime and for the first time I refused with a smile. It feels go to just feel that I don't need to work.

Me: Baby this money is yours. Get used to it because I really hate to see you crying.

Wrong but Right Path

#Insert77

She instructed me to take the twins to her sister and as I came back God. She did things for me, normally I do not expect her to give me the cookie because women are delicate, they are fragile in the worst way. I can't be chasing my desires when she is having pains, the biggest gift I have come to love, is the ability to give my wife what she needs, when she needs it. Her womb is very sensitive and sometimes when its cold outside. It has pains and on those days she is on her weakest. Well enough

about life, she shut me down. I found myself begging for mercy. Out of her merciful self she gave me a lease, I couldn't anything for the next two hours. She came back into the room and set beside me.

Nompilo: I know its been a while.

Me: Worth the weight, what's everyone doing?

Nompilo: we are having a braai by the beach, everyone is asking what you are doing in here.

Me: I can't get out of my thoughts about what just happened, it's just so amazing that I don't have words to say right now.

Nompilo: I love you and I would love for you to get out of bed now. [climbs the bed and kisses his

chest] Can you do that for me?

Me: [I found myself giggling like our son] baby woa.
Wait wait.

Nompilo: [on top of him] Okay I am waiting.

Me: [we both laughed at that moment] Okay
Mma'Dlamini, allow me ke.

Nompilo: its silly mara this is the only time I really
get to have you no interruptions, plus this birth thing
has been on my nerves because my hormones are
sky high.

Me: I love you too.

Nompilo: do still remember the first time we did it? I

recall that moment and I can't help but desire you.
That day was memorial, more like the beginning of
our love.

Me: Its been a while since I gave you such
treatment, I repent.

Nompilo: I don't desire your repentance, I want you
King.

Me: I thought you liked walking around your house.

Nompilo: I love my husband more.

#Dlamini Funeral.

The funeral place brings the body of Mma'Dlamini
and they all go to the graveside where the burial

rights are performed. She is buried beside her husband and everyone just leaves after they are told there is no food to be given out. They all depart leaving Mtho alone, he stars at his father's grave and tears just stream down when it hits him that he finally has no parents. It is very painful and the most painful part is the promise he made to his father, that he would keep the family together.

Naledi: Baby that's enough, come lets go.

Mtho: Our parents are gone and my only brother hates my guts.

Naledi: He doesn't hate your guts, he is a peace maker and you know it.

Mtho: I miss him, I know we don't have a normal relationship but I enjoy the fights with him. His my brother and I love him that way. I can't bare to be

hated by him.

Naledi: You can always fix that, do not worry about it. [holds his hand] lets go home this is not helping at all. Please my love. [they go to their car and drive to their house instead of the funeral house. He goes to bed] I have whipped something for us to eat, please eat something.

Mtho: [emotional] I made my brother miss the funeral because of what Mma believed in. Now my brother who happens to be the only link to my parents hates my guts.

Naledi: He doesn't hate you and you know it. They are currently having a braai at their place, I doubt they even got time to be angry about the funeral.

Mtho: how do I live with myself?

His second aunt: Its a bit late to be thinking like that don't you think, people are waiting at your parents house and your here doing what? You need to explain that there is no food.

Naledi: Normally people knock, they don't just march in. This is not a community hall its my house.

His aunt: Oh please, you are not even part of us. I don't get why you are talking in the first place.

Naledi: [feeding her husband] finish here first, please baby.

They finish eating and head to the Dlamini house, where they find that people are sitting down eating. Apparently Nompilo put in an effort and a catering company delivered some food. Everyone is settled, they get inside the house and discover that everything has been paid for. That puts Mtho at rest

and many into a corner for speaking badly about Siya and his family. As they are all seated and people are now leaving. Nomandla arrives to drop off Gogo, who is not even bothered. She walks into the yard with her travelling bag, enters the house where she is offered food.

His great grandmother: No thank you, Nompilo and Siya fed me enough. How was the funeral?

His grandfather: You should have been here Mma.

His great grandmother: I don't answer to you, your father is in the grave and so is my father in law. I needed to see the twins, they are so fat and very healthy. I love their little faces so much.

His grandmother: well the funeral went well, we buried my daughter in good spirits.

His great grandmother: Good, so when are we making Nompilo a welcoming ceremony? She needs to be officially welcomed as a mother of Siya's children. You should see Sphehile, she looks like Mpilo.

His aunt: we will have to settle issues first before anything like a welcoming will be done.

His great grandmother: I hate people who vomit nonsense as though they do not have brains. What issues? Do you know how much convincing it took for Siya to allow her call the cater? I hate it when adults are senseless.

His second aunt: What do you think should be done Mma?

His great grandmother: soon as the twins turn one month, we need to buy her gifts and the house a gift.

Naledi: what kind of a gifts? Like baby clothes?

His great grandmother: No, like a new stroller for the twins.

Mtho: I will put it into budget.

His great grandmother: [burst into laughter] your father died too soon, he should have been here to see the evident works of God. He vowed on his life that you were going to be richer than anyman alive, he would have suffered a heartattack hearing you say budget with such confidence.

Naledi: Siya and Nompilo budget a lot too.

His great grandmother: You call someone who pays 10000 rent and spends 7000 on food and just donates 60000 unplanned for a funeral, you call

that budgeting? [chuckles] interesting.

Mtho: are you saying the rumour about my brother being a man with billions is true?

His aunts: [chuckle] are you sure they didn't say cents.

His great grandmother: while you people are living in tins you think are houses, he lives in a Mansion of a house, close to the beach. You see the sunset and sunrise right in his kitchen. The Ndaba's are coming to adopt him because his the heir apparent to their throne, sit here and laugh all you want but Siya and Mpilo are going places while you sit and gossip about them.

Wrong but Right Path

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I felt bad but good that she could remember our first time. It was a moment of panic for me because I didn't know how she was really feeling then. That gave me a bit of confidence that I honestly need to treat my wife. We got out of the room and watched the visitors leaving. By then our backyard was a mess, we had to do house keeping immediately. By the time we finished, all the kids were tired. The twins just screamed because they just wanted to nap. I placed the Hle-hles on the bed and helped my wife deal with the twins. She took a nap after the twins slept. I checked if I had video gigs, because I edit videos just on my spare time. I checked that out, until my wife's phone rang and I picked up.

Me: she is no.....

His aunt: Thank you so much for coming through for us, we really needed the money and the cater you called came just in time. I want to thank you on behalf of my late sister, her funeral did not become

a shame like people thought it would be so thank you very much.

Me: My wife did what?

His aunt: [hesitant] I..she...she...it...it wasn't her fal....

Me: what exactly did she do?

His aunt: she donated some money to the cater, to bring food to the funeral. Please do not be angry with her. She honestly saved us and was begged by gogo. You know how she gets.

Me: [I just hung up in irritation, I felt betrayed. As I turned she was already on her knees. I just didn't have the words for her]

Nompilo: I know it was wrong but it's your mother, despite who she was recently. She was good to us once upon a time. I did this for the good side of her [they hear a knock] for the sake of our kids.

Me: Come in!

Ruby: [enters with her gang, with a bottle of non-alcoholic wine] I still don't know why you love this thing so much, its just bitter like rotten juice.

Me: [I just found myself laughing] how did you even get to it in the first place?

Ruby: I am going to AA meetings, they say one step at a time. I'm sorry it tastes this horrible, its like drinking bleach.

Me: Take a seat bro, I have just the thing for you.

Ruby: I am sorry for interrupting the meeting, sorry Mma'Dlamini.

Me: we were done before you could come. [I went to the kitchen and whipped her a tonic to help with her leaving alcohol. And served her] there you go.

Ruby: I hope this one doesn't make me sick like the last one you made for me.

Me: I was a boy then, its different now.

Nompilo: well this is cosy? You just find it great to come to my house unannounced neh?

Ruby: I didn't know I needed permission to see my friend.

Nompilo: Get up and leave my house Ruby.

Me: whats this about? She came to.....

Nompilo: RUBY I SAID GET OUT OF MY HOUSE!

Ruby: [stands up and leaves with the tonic.]

Me: what's your problem?

Nompilo: I sleep for one minute and you have another woman inside my house, a woman who you know wants you. How dare you?

Me: Oh I didn't know I mattered that much to you. Atleast my words are law to her which is something you are clearly failing to do. How dare you pay caters under my nose, when I told you not to help

those people.

Nompilo: I can't be heartless because you are having a mood besides the money came from my very own pocket.

Me: what's that supposed to mean?

Nompilo: You are not God over me, I can afford to do anything I want and when I want. You don't dictate to me, Mma'Dlamini deserved to have a good funeral.

Me: I'm sorry for always communicating about finances, I see that its clearly not what your about.

Nompilo: I am not your kids that have to ask for permission each time they do something.

Me: thank you. [at that moment my heartached, I mean I thought we were on the same page, how did we get here so fast? She kept shouting even after I had left her presence. The pains on my heart kept going up. I tried to calm myself down because I knew I was experiencing anger and hurt at the same time. I went and took a cold shower. Then got into bed, I prayed. I don't know how to explain it but I started to gasp for breath. Strength started leaving me, I found myself on crouching on the floor, trying to get to my phone but fortunately it all went dark so I don't if I reached it or not but I heard it ring]

#Nompilo

Everything was going fine but I noticed that I basically am owned by Siya. The guy dictates my life, he takes out clothes for me and knows my whereabouts. He keeps tabs on my accounts, its like I cannot do anything without him knowing. I decided to pay for the cater because he clearly

would not, I mean what's the problem all about we have the money. When I saw him giggling with Ruby, my brakes just failed, it irritated me that he wanted to defend Ruby. We argued about it, I mean like really? Arg its not even worth my time. I cleaned up the mess in the kitchen and the twins suddenly started crying. As I was trying to calm them down, Ruby came back into my house unannounced as usual.

Ruby: Get him, his in their chambers. Hurry!

Guys: Yes boss [rush upstairs]

Me: [this girl is riding on my nerves] what the hell is with you?

Guys: [come back carrying Siya's lifeless body] his not breathing but the pulse is weak.

Ruby: Place him on the mat, call an ambulance.

[start doing CPR on Siya] Come on!

Me: [at that moment I knew it wasn't a joke, it stopped me on my footsteps] what's happening?

Ruby: [tears forming] She's not worth it Siya! Please don't do this, try to breathe please.

Paramedics: [arrive] Move away from him Ma'am. [they place him on a stretcher] what happened?

Ruby: I don't know, I left her about 15mins ago and he was fine. Then as I was driving home, my phone rang. All I could hear was him battling to breathe, I think he's having a cardiac arrest. I tried CPR.

Paramedic: Has this happened before?

Ruby: he had heart issues long ago, the doctor advised him against anger and being hurt. I am right behind you. [the medics leave] Siya loves you more than breath, he made it clear that we are never going to cross paths. It's clear that he doesn't matter to you but he matters to me. I don't know how you got him to have this heart complication but I hope you are very happy with yourself. [leaves]

Me: [I just felt numb, he told me that if I do this then it's over, I took that for granted. I didn't think he was serious. Nomandla called] Sesi?

Nomandla: What is happening? A friend of mine just alerted me that your husband has been admitted to hospital, is it true? Please tell me it's not the one in ICU right now.

Me: We fought about the catering matter and Ruby. He didn't say much, he walked away and the next thing the twins were screaming and Ruby bursted

into my house. She saved his life, if it wasn't for her, my husband would have died of anger and hurt. He said that I shouldn't help the Dlamini's and I did out of my thick headed self.

Nomandla: This is bad, the heart specialists are currently out of the country on a conference.

Ruby: [enters] I need a few of my friend's clothes. I am flying him abroad immediately.

Nomandla: is that the stupid Ruby speaking?

Wrong but Right Path

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She took his entire wardrobe and I couldn't even defend myself. Everyone is going to hear about my little stunt and hate my guts. Within just 1 hour, the

Dlamini's had come to my house to find out what happened. I told him what he was angry about and everyone blamed me. They told me to my face that Siya's life was worth more than hunger at a funeral. That made me feel really stupid. I stayed awake praying for everything to be okay. I had a wonderful marriage, I don't want to be widowed. Hours just turned into days, days weeks and weeks a whole month. Ruby did not even give me any feedback, nobody knew where was husband was and the worst part is I keep dreaming of being served divorce papers. Apart from other things, I am having complications at work and I can't reach the money in our bank account without his signature. As I set outside trying to feed the kids, a black range rover. Parked and my toddlers stood up hoping to see their father but nothing it was sinethemba. He came into the yard and the kids didn't even give him audience.

Sine: I heard what happened and I had to come.
How are you doing?

Me: I'm alright, this entire thing is waying the kids down.

Sine: Oh okay, I was wondering about Hlelo's allowance.

Me: what about it?

Sine: The banker adviced me that I should get him groceries card instead of giving you people money. I came to tell you that I can't you money anymore.

Me: [I didn't even feel anything because despite his so called support thing my husband has been the one who takes care of Hlelo's every need] that's okay.

Sine: Alright keep well. [turns around and leaves]

Me: [as he was leaving, an ambulance appeared and I stood to my feet. I went towards our gate, Ruby came from the Ambulance escorting my husband who was thin and pale. He had something that monitors his heartbeat. They came into the yard and Ruby stopped at door, the nurse they came with took him inside] Thank you.

Ruby: No need to put up a face, I know you hate my guts and I honestly don't care. The nurse will monitor him from time to time, she will make his meals and help him take his pills. In a week he will be going for check up. Please allow the nurse do her job, I will pay her.

Nurse: Ma'am, he asked for his pillows.

Ruby: they are in his second suitcase. Kyle this is Nompilo, his wife and these are his kids. I believe he

will recover fast here.

Nurse: Alright, greetings Ma'am. I want you to know that I am committed to helping your husband fully recover.

Ruby: I am a phone call away if you people need anything. [leaves]

Me: [they left us with the nurse, I honestly did not know how or what to say to him. We went to see him in the guest bedroom. The toddlers found their way onto the bed and his wedding ring was off] Hi.

Siya: Hello Mpilo, they are so grown thank you for watching them in my sick state. I heard you were denied access to our joint account. I think that we should dissolve the account, your share will be deposited into your account. Mine into the kids investment account.

Me: I'm sorry about what happened, it was uncalled for. I don't know what I was thinking.

Siya: I don't want to talk about it, please.

Me: Alright, how are you feeling now?

Siya: I am on balance emotion pills so, I can't really say I feel anything. Its great to see my kids again, I realise now that life is important. When everything was slipping away all I could think about was my children, I could not handle the thought of them growing up without me. I don't want to miss their lives.

Me: [he had zero emotions while saying it, it was like he wasn't even in the room. The love filled eyes he used to look upon me with were just gone. I regret paying the cater, I regret fighting with him about money and Ruby. I left the kids with him and

attended to my phone which was ringing] Naledi.

Naledi: I know we are not friends but I believe you need to know what you are dealing with.

Me: please don't morck me.

Naledi: You shouldn't have paid for those caters, you shouldn't have used a cent because that was a pledge. To cut the long story short, Mma wasn't what you thought she was, she was a very ritualistic person. By doing what you did, your marriage has to break or you will be widowed. I'm sorry that you are affacted by this.

Me: [tears were already streaming down] what can I do to fix this?

Naledi: divorce to keep you both alive because this

thing will come for Siya's life. As long as he loves you, it will never stop.

Me: how is divorce going to solve my problem?

Naledi: goodbye, you did not hear this from me.

Me: [she hung up and went back to the room] I didn't mean for all this to happen, I am sorry.

Siya: I'm sorry you felt like I was caging you, it wasn't my intention. You have every right to do whatever with your money. I know its said that I must divorce but I won't do it for the sake of my kids, I don't want them growing up in ruins.

Me: does this mean that you don't love me anymore.

Siya: I don't know what it means but I will be moving to the basement.

Me: I will not allow you to move down there, I should have listened. I will find a solution to this entire thing I promise you.

He played with the kids for a while then his nurse came into the room and requested that he should rest. The kids did not understand that language, I was just too emotional to beg them. He spoke to the nurse to allow them stay in the room. He took the pills and as he was passing out the kids slept beside him. I took the twins downstairs and made me food to eat. Its weird because the gift is now ten times worse. It wakes me at any given time and I need to get to the person. As I was eating I dosed off into a vision. When I came back, I took my car keys and went to locate the person. He had collapsed in the mall, I didn't want them to be alarmed.

Me: Please get up sit, this will never visit you again.

Him: [sits up] I am in pains.

Me: [I touched his chest as I helped him up. We set on the banch, we had a conversation so that he doesn't panic or acknowledge what is happening to him] the paramedics are coming to fetch you.

Him: How did you do that? I feel fine, not even my pills make me feel this grate.

Me: [I left him with his family members, I drove back to my house and paramedics were at my house. My husband's condition was just worse. His skin started turning blue around his mouth.] what's going on now? Are you okay?

Siya: I don't feel very good.

Me: [they gave him a drip which he finished then left. I took him back into the house. I made us food] they say I am not allowed to be feeding you.

Siya: where were they when I married you? [eating the plate of food] its been a while since I ate this, I never knew I could still taste food.

Me: [it wasn't funny but I laughed, his chest rips where popping out and his laughter sounded painful.] are you not afraid that I might poison you?

Siya: [laughing] You know Hlelo came up to me and asked me if I am dying, if I die can he have my baseball jacket and phone. I am not about that life, I can see that you are terrified that I might die. You regret the help you rendered but you have a good heart despite people's motives. That is why I fell in love with you in the first place. I can't divorce you

because the thought of another man touching you is death on its own. I'm jealous, I'm sorry.

Wrong but Right Path

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I cooked and we ate, then ended in a bowl of dessert. Then he got comfortable beside me and slept on my thighs. His breathing felt painful this reminded me of when he proposed to marry me. I was just as thin. Down and out, no one thought I could make it. After two hours or so, he was woken up by the twins which demand attention as usual. The toddlers made us a fruit salad, shames they really try to assist me. The nurse kept wanting to chant my hubby around but he wasn't about that life. We had him while she nagged. Around night time, we tucked in the kids and I went to our chambers. I took a shower and as I came out to lotion myself. He was in bed, that was very exciting because I missed his touch so much. I wore my

undergarments and got into bed. He pulled me close and kissed me behind my ear.

Me: I am really sorry that I put us in this stupid fix, I regret it.

Siya: I came in here because of the peace that resides here, can we please not bring issues into this place.

Me: I love you.

Siya: Can we please get a nanny? Between your assignments and our kids, it will give me rest.

Me: if only we had someone who was qualified.

Siya: God will show us someone, being hospital

made me miserable. Looking at the four walls and the doctors coming in with horrible food. I am sorry to say but I am dying to have waffles with blueberries. I miss eating dumpling and mince. I miss eating baby, your husband is dying of hunger. Its my current predicament.

Me: [as we were talking, his stomach literally cried] this is serious mos.

Siya: I'm hungry in the worst way baby.

Me: two minutes. [I went out of the room in my undergarments, his nurse was watching tv.] Oh hello.

Nurse: Your naked please.

Me: In a few minutes, me and my hubby will be

doing it on this table, this couch on the floor everywhere. Respect yourself and go in there, sleep because its about to go down.

Nurse: sies Maan. [rushes to the room and is heard vomitting]

Me: [I went into the kitchen and made my hubby proper dinner. Then took it to our room because honestly he found it hard to walk or do anything on his own. When I arrived with the plates, he destroyed the food faster than I could spell Jesus. After eating, he settled on the bed and within ten seconds he was fast asleep. It was so cute, it reminded me of Hlelo. I pulled the blanket over him. It felt so good to have him home shames but the moment was short lived because I had to assist someone. I drove out in the middle of the night to some stranger's house. J ust to warn them against the danger that is about to befall them. It took some convincing because I am a stranger to them. After

some minutes they agreed. We left the place and I had to ensure that the person was safe. In the early hours of the morning, I passed a fatcake joint before going home. When I arrived the nurse was awake.] Oh morning, this is going to take some getting used to.

Nurse: is this how married women behave, you left here midnight and come back at 5am in the morning, are you not afraid that something will happen to your babies.

Me: whats with all the questions? I don't see my husband complaining, so how d.....

Nurse: How can he? When he is practically dead in his sleep.

Me: I don't have your time, get a man and stay out of my business. [I went to my chambers and took a shower. As I came out of the shower, I found Siya

awake munching my fatcakes] Morning hubby.

Siya: [wiping his mouth] sorry hope you don't mind, the smell of them was captivating.

Me: they were yours, how are you feeling today?

Siya: I don't know, I slept like a baby. No pains nothing. I just went you know?

Me: I had to leave last night, I wen.....

Siya: I know you had to go save someone, I prayed for you. She was definitely a tough cookie that one.

Me: [its like he was there with me, we laughed at the awkwardness in the room. He knew everything about what happened to me.] I worry about leaving

the kids alone.

Siya: we have very intelligent babies if you haven't noticed. I rushed to the nursery to check on the twins which were moody and found the Hle-hles replacing their bottles. Otherwise I have your back, we are in this together. These are not your kids, they are our kids and God's children first. He wouldn't have entrusted them to us. We will figure this one out.

Me: [tears just streamed down] you always get me.

Siya: Oneness is not home affairs, marriage is spiritual baby.

Nurse: [knocking] sir Dlamini, your breakfast is served.

Siya: I am right behind you.

Me: [he had an irritated face on, I got dressed and helped him out of bed. Then accompanied him until he got to the dinning table. This woman served my husband salad without dressing with water. Even I didn't want to eat that.] what's in this?

Nurse: he needs to eat this, the doctor is coming to check him this afternoon.

Me: That's wonderful, I would really like to have a word with this so called doctor. My husband is not a rabbit, he is immune to greens and aside that I am very unhappy with the shape that he is in right now. This is my house, he will eat whatever he feels like eating.

Nurse: You are not helping matters but worsening them.

Me: His my husband remember, I do whatever I want with him. He is mine not ours.

I went into the kitchen and made us breakfast. The toddlers joined in, I bathed them and set them on the table. I bathed the twins who didn't even want to be awake for any reason. They just went back to sleep immediately. We all ate and the nurse ate as well, that is where I noticed that she doesn't know how to cook at all. She just eat two plates no problemo. Then I step out to take a call, when I came back. Mtho had come to my house and they were having a deep conversation.

Mtho: why are you doing this? You know that she will be shuttered when you die right?

Siya: I would rather die that watch other man touch my wife, I will not divorce her for any reason. I have chosen to die beside her, she made a mistake and I have made peace with that.

Mtho: The last time someone tried this they died within two weeks. Do you understand that you will miss out on your children's lives? Do you realise that they need a father figure? Hlelo needs you to mentor him into a man, you know Sinethemba is just a weakling. Please just divorce and we will figure this out.

Siya: I don't want to talk about this again.

Mtho: [sniffing] You are the only brother I have, the only link to our parents. I beg you please.

Siya: This discussion is over, my funeral will be an all expenses paid one. Don't worry please. As for divorcing my wife, forget it.

Mtho: its not worth your life, you are being selfish. You have four kids for God's sake, what are they

going to do without a father? I would have thought that dad's resentment towards you could make you a better father but you are following in his footsteps. What is Mngobi and Hlelo going to do without a father?

Siya: I pray.

Mtho: Prayer? Wow, is that what is going to fill the void of not having a father? You are selfish.

Siya: considering that this is my last month on earth, I don't need to be stressing about nothing.

Me: [as I was listening, I had a vision he was dead and everything was in a mess. Sine threatened to take Hlelo and his nurse was fighting for the twins to be given to charity because she felt I was an unfit mother. I was alone and no one to defend me. For a minute I forgot that it was a vision, I came back as

someone touched me] Mmm.

Nurse: Your crying, is everything okay?

Wrong but Right Path

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It hurt that he was seriously considering death. I made some calls and received a call from his aunt. I told her about the whole situation and she just laughed at me. She laughed so hard that she said that my husband has never bowed to any ritual before and he will probably never do it in his entire life. Otherwise he told me to relax because my husband has never been affected by rituals and it won't start now unless I intentionally do it. She informed me that they are coming to make me a welcome to mother land party. After the call, I just laid back and relaxed. I went to my chambers and laid on the bed, then just passed out. I woke up to

kisses on my face.

Me: No nana, Mommy needs to sleep a bit neh.

Siya: [chuckles] So its been that long.

Me: [I opened my eyes] please do not tempt me, Dlamini senior.

Siya: It's been a very dry dry holiday away from home, I miss us.

Me: [we shared a kiss and the strings just broke really fast. I didn't ask any further questions. We made up and you know mos, making up is mad amazing. Then we just laid in each other's arms] I really missed you.

Siya: thanks for the breakfast, I actually feel normal again.

Me: a day without you feels like hell, we all stare at the door waiting for you to come through that door. It was a very horrible wait, I can't imagine putting you in a grave. It would make our kids parentless. I refuse to deal with sinethemba, his people or anyone else's dusty attitude. I refuse to work 19 hours a week, I don't want to teach our daughters that boyfriends are bad, I don't want to be a single parent, I don't want to be single again. I don't want to think and guess who will be the best dad. I don't want my daughters standing the risk of being molested.

Siya: [wipes her tears] it won't happen, we are going to grow old together and have the bees and the birds talk with all our babies.

Me: I'm afraid Dlamini, I am more afraid of losing

you each time you close your eyes.

Siya: when I close my eyes, close yours too because I enjoy dreaming about you and I will never stop it. I fantasize and day dream about you all the time. I enjoy it a lot. You my wife Mpilo, there is no woman for you and I don't care what anyone thinks. There is no woman for you, you hear me? Not even the 1st lady comes close.

Me: [it just broke me out of the emotional bubble, I found myself giggling like a school girl] serious?

Siya: the reason all these things are happening is because, we are the best fit for each other. I love you even when we fight about stupid things like Ruby. We are all made in the Image of God, but there is no woman for you Mrs me.

Me: I really needed to hear that baby.

Siya: Please call the nurse for me.

I ran and called the nurse for him, by then he was battling to breath. He asked me to pray with him. We resided the Lord's prayer together and I watched him close his eyes. He said that he was going to be asleep for a while. He held on to my hand until he was unconscious. The paramedics came and his nurse went with him for the sake of the children. Nomandla and my mother bursted into my house while I bursted into tears. I need my husband beside me, he made me promise to keep the faith but at that point I had none. After two hours the nurse arrived.

Nomandla: You must be the nurse, what is going on?

Nurse: I don't know, I am kinda confused. Someone offered to give him a heart, he said something about him being loyal to him.

Nomandla: what exactly is wrong with him?

Nurse: honestly speaking he has been taken to the best doctors and specialist but no one knows what's wrong with him. They just checked him and for the first time, his recovering from an unknown source, he couldn't eat a full plate before he came home but his actually a lot better.

Siya: fighting with my wife makes me sick, why are you crying? Are we fighting?

Me: [I rushed into his arms] I hate you.

Siya: I'm hungry Mma'Dlamini.

Me: what would you love to eat?

Siya: anything made by my wife, I see everyone is gathered as if I am dead.

Mma'Madi: its not like that, we care about you.

Sphe: Papa, R2.

Siya: please don't love money, I beg you. [searching pockets] but what are you doing with money?

Me: forgot to tell you, they are going for their first day at the daycare tomorrow.

Siya: Great some privacy would do.

Hlelo: Papa, shambe.

Siya: where are we going? [holding his hand, they disappear into the corridor]

Nurse: Honestly I don't believe in Christ, I didn't think He was someone to be considered but your husband's case has changed my mind. I don't know if you have heard but your husband died twice while abroad and came back. It must be your prayers because he is healing in a way no one expected.

Me: To God be the glory, that is what we always like to hear those around us say.

Sine: Well this is a great su.....[Siya appears from the corridor and punches him so fast, he spits blood]

Siya: IF YOU EVER LAY YOUR DIRTY FINGERS ON MY SON AGAIN, YOU HEAR.

Sine: he wa.....

Siya: HEY! I DON'T WANT TO HEAR IT, NO ONE BEATS MY SON. HOW MUCH IS YOUR STUPID CAR THAT YOU ARE SO PROUD ABOUT? LISTEN I HAVE TOLERATED YOU BUT DON'T TEST ME!

Me: [I have never Sine shiver like that in our lives. Yoooh, he starred at me but I wasn't about to argue with my husband] Apologize.

Sine: I am sorry Dlamini, I was just trying to set him on the right path.

Siya: WHEN I AM NOT HERE, HE IS THE MAN OF THE HOUSE. ACCORD HIM THAT RESPECT YOU GOT IT?

Sine: It won't happen again.

Siya: why are you here because my son is going nowhere?

Sine: he is my son first, I have rights, you cannot bully me.

Siya: you don't have the stuff to produce anything like my son.

Sine: who do you think you are?

Siya: try and see.

Wrong but Right Path

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#ThankYou

The fight got so intense that Sine escaped outside and came back with a charm which made all us cough, even the twins started to cough which scared the nonsense out of me. My husband hit him so he banged the door and the small claypot broke into two. He just crawled out of our home and we heard him gash out with his car. My husband swept the nonsense out and when he came back. He attended to the toddlers while the nurse helped me with the twins.

Nurse: Now I know that witchcraft is real, I mean what else does he need. He has money and cars, everything that anyone could ever wish for but he comes here with a charm imagine. I never knew that is literally there for us like this.

Siya: [comes back with the toddlers who are okay]
are you okay babe?

Me: I don't know what just happened but my throat

is painful.

Siya: fear a lion even when its sleeping, your my wife not some people's play ground.

Me: [he helped me up and held me to his chest. His physic smelt like medicine so I can't say I had fun until he picked me up, now that I did enjoy a lot, giggling]haaaa Dlamini.

Sphe: Nami papa.

Siya: Mommy first.

Me: [I don't know but we went to the beach side and he kissed me in a way I never expected. Love happens to you. Then we set down just staring at each other] I missed these moments.

Siya: its understandable, I haven't been really there over the past month and I am sorry for that.

Me: its okay, we will make up for the lost time right?

Siya: [looks at her and melts into a smile] thank you for being this understanding in all that we just go through together.

Me: You make that all worth it, I wouldn't have wished for a better partner.

Siya: than.....

Nurse: some people are here to see you.

Me: [we looked at each other because I was not expecting anyone] two minutes.

Nurse: should I allow them into the house?

Me: Tell them we are coming. [we followed her slowly and four couples walked into our home which was weird because we don't even know anyone of them] How can we help you?

Her: Can we have a seat?

Siya: [takes the twins into his arms and sits at the edge of the couch] whats this about?

Her: I am Ray, this is my husband Kgomo and these are our close friends.

Me: what has brought you to my house?

Ray: I wanted to show my friends the people who

encourage me in the faith.

Me and Siya: [looking at each other in shock] faith?

Ray: Yes, your journey together as I have been watching it has inspired me a lot. Especially when my husband and I could not conceive. We were told that according to tradition my family and his family are enemies from the past so we could not bare any children. Honestly after months and years of not having even a miscarriage, I gave in but Nomandla told me about your story and I felt so encouraged to not only stay in my marriage but have faith in God. I must say, the trials are very high all the time but hearing about you has kept us going.

Me: [I didn't know what to say or how to react, I just blinked in shock]

Kgomo: I followed your ways closely, I watched you

going in and out of prayer sessions at church while the evil one was busy with you, you never gave up so I didn't have an excuse. And today I am proud to say that through your testimony my wife and I now have two beautiful boys.

Me: Wow, I guess I never realized that normal for us, could inspire anyone.

Ray: well I held my babies in my arms for the first time and knew that you have conquered for us. You went through storms just to encourage some of use, at times I felt like God could not see me but your story encouraged me, it brought me closer to God as well as my husband.

Kgomo: my sisters just used to put my wife down but reading about you leaving your entire family just to be with your wife, encouraged me to put them in their place. I used to think that being born again means that we need to accommodate the family

and tolerate but I guess I get what is meant by oneness in marriage. The minute I blocked them out of my life, I experienced peace and could actually hear myself think.

Siya: I have never met you people before and some of the things you are saying Noma doesn't know so how did you come to know about it?

Ray: we live on the same street with your parents, your aunt comes to my house to visit my grandmother. She honestly testifies about your life and honestly, I never thought anyone could go through the hell they put you through and come out alive. You might not know it but for some of us, you are just the Abraham and Sarah of our lives. We look unto you.

Kgomo: I guess when we heard that you were told to divorce we felt like God was unfair and I must say we prayed because you are role models to us.

Siya: I am not leaving my wife for any reason, no death will separate us. I love this woman, there is nothing I won't do for her.

Ray: So your not getting a divorce? God is so good.

It was unbelievable to us, we were inspiring people we didn't even know. Is this being in the presense of God feels like. For a moment there I said prayer within myself. We made food and hosted our guests. I must say you don't know why you go through some things sometimes but someone is out there testifying about you in your absence. Have you noticed that when you are in trouble you tend to remember some who is in a worse situation and feel instantly better without even praying or opening the bible. I never thought I could say this but there is God in everyone of us and its such a shame when one judges the God in the other. Fire cannot burn out fire, God does not retailate but we retailate so

many times when faced with challenges its unbelievable. At the end of the day, I went to my chambers and found a candle lit dessert thingy. It was extra sweet.

Siya: You deserve to be treated like a queen.

Me: Yeah, as if you believe in valentine's day.

Siya: Everyday is valentine's day for me, I love treating you especially when I can. You remember when we had nothing, you were all I had then and you are all I have now.

Me: should knowing that we are role models make me nervous?

Siya: God doesn't need faith to be God. Our lives are before we can even experience them. We should

leave that glory to God and continue our lives.

Me: Maybe one day we must write a book about our story.

Siya: we are already open books and it doesn't need to be documented but that could be a thing. One day when we have taught our girls that boys bring babies.

Me: [laughing] One step at a time, I completely get it.

Thank you for being on this journey with us, the end.