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♥INSIDE OUT♥

♥MONTHS AGO♥

♥INSERT 01♥

♥ASANDE♥

Hlubi : this is not my child

Me : but ...

Hlubi : hey , you will get off my back . And find your brata father

Me : Hlubi ...it's your child , you're the only guy I've ever slept with . And you knowthis

He laughs

And I'm on the verge of tears
, I didn't expect this

Maybe I loved him and he
didn't love me
But this is his baby

I didn't think he will react this
way

And treat me like dirt I am hurt
Hlubi : Asande , take a good
look at yourself
He gestures to the whole of me

Hlubi : I can never make a child with someone like you , just
leave me alone . And
don't you dare spread rumours about me , otherwise we will
have a big problem

Me : but , what am I going to do ?

He clicks his tongue annoyed

Hlubi : you're asking me ? If you don't know the father of
your thing , then kill it

Me : what ? I can't do that
He sighs shaking his head annoyed

Hlubi : you're so naïve it's so annoying , but remember that
you chose to be a young mother all by yourself . It was your
choice , leave me alone .And don't ever say I got you
pregnant , ever again

Me : but ...I am telling you so you can help me . My father
will be very disappointed with me

Hlubi : that's your problem ,
just kill this thing of yours .And if you're so scared of your
family , then you have no other option

Me : but if you take
responsibility , then he won't
be so angry

He laughs and clicks his tongue

Hlubi : don't annoy me Asande , I've already given you
solutions

Me : I cannot kill our child

Hlubi : then leave me the fuck alone , it's your child

He turns and gets into his brother's polo

I am left eating his dust
As he disappears

What am I going to do ?

I can't tell my sister

She will tell my mother

And she won't waste time
telling my father
I know , he will be very angry

This thing is killing me all alone

With no one to share it with Libo will just rejoice
Seeing that I'm still at school
and I fall pregnant

She will finally see me and her as one

Even better , she will hold herself way much higher and
better than me

I don't know what am I going
to do
But I can't kill my child

But what will I do ?

I have exams in just threemonths

I'm already two months as it
is

Soon I'll be showing
And then everyone will know

Ohthis is a mess

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♥LIBONGWE♥

I smile with myself readinghis message

"I miss you more"

I respond back

And his call comes right assoon as he reads the text
Ntando : muntu wami (mybaby)

I blush like a kid in a candystore

Me : sthandwa sam (my love)

Ntando : unjani ? (How areyou)

Me : ngiyaphila , unjani wena
? (I am good , how are you)

Ntando : couldn't better , now that I'm talking to you

Me : when will you be back from the city ? I miss you so much , I just can't wait for you to get back seriously

Ntando : I miss you too , but I'll be back soon . And I cannot wait to wife you , and have our soccer team of boys

I smile , my smile even reaches my eyes

Me : I will give you many kids
, as many as you want
He laughs

Ntando : and that's why , I am marrying you and paying so much money . You're a wife material , and I couldn't have asked for a better wife

Me : I am glad you feel that way
He heaves a sigh

Ntando : I have to cut this call short , but I'll call you again soon . Don't forget that I love you , and I'll see you soon

Me : and I love you He drops the call

I take a deep breath Ntando is one of a kind
There's rare guys in this village

Who get the opportunity to make it in the city
Even though he is not educated and all

But he runs his supermarket And he has lots of money That's
why I love him
Because I know he will take care of me

I will never have to suffer

And I won't need to work

Because he will be taking care of me

I never made it far in school I kept on failing grade 9

My father ended up , making me quit school

He was very angry

But now , I know he's very
proud of me

I am getting married
To a guy with money

I won't even need that
education

At least , I am not a deadbeat

And he will gain something out of me

I am excited for this marriage

Especially because it's with a guy that's rich

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♥ASANDE♥

It's been a horrible day for
me

I am even scared to go home But I have no choice
I know Hlubi

And when he says something He really means it
I should have just listened And stayed away from him If only
I knew better
But it was just my stupidity

The guy changes girls , like he changes his underwear
His brother's car makes him cool

So girls just throw themselves at him

I can't believe I fell for him

After he chased me for almost 6 months , since last year
I finally gave in

And I gave him all of me Now , I am left with his seed That
he doesn't even want
I should have done better
For someone with hopes and a better future

Beyond this village

I sure made a stupid decision

♥INSIDE OUT♥

♥INSERT 02♥

♥ASANDE♥

It's a joyous week here at
home

Even I got to not stress about my issues
I am studying hard

And just trying to get better marks for my exams

I still intend on applying to universities

Outside of this village
With the hopes of maybe getting accepted in one of the big
universities in the big cities

I want better for myself Libo is about to get married
Everyone is just happy
She's the focus right now

The centre of attention

And obviously , my parents are just ecstatic

Mom : pass me that I hand her the bowl

Mom : what are you doing ?

Me : my maths

Mom : really ? Why do you even bother yourself with that ?

You can just make sure

, you're a well mannered girl .Get yourself a man and live happily

Me : I don't want to depend

on a man She laughs

I know she thinks I'm stupid

Mom : you're stupid , that's what you are . You are not going anywhere beyond this village , get that in your thickhead

I don't want to be like every girl in this village I want better

I don't want to get married and depend on a man

That's not a life I want for myself

I don't just want to be a wife

And have kids , mind the house

I want to work

I want to be educated

There's more beyond this
village to be honest

And I want that for myself I have dreams and hopes

Me : no , I want to be independent

Mom : this whole education ,and democracy thing has
ruined you kids of today

Me : times have changed ,it's not the same as your olden
days

I know I am not her favourite daughter
She makes that one clear

And she will always approve of what Libo does

But I will not let her words bring me down

Mom : in our times , girl children were forbidden to have an
education . All they
had to do , was to be wife's and bare kids for their husbands
. Minding their homes

Me : well , that was your time
. I will never settle for that

Mom : because you think you are better

Me : no , because I want better

She shakes her head

I can see she's getting angry And I don't think I should
continue with this talk

The good thing is , even if they disapprove with my decisions

They know where I stand

And I won't change for
anyone

Not even for them

Even in my situation , I still hope that I can achieve what I
desire

This pregnancy won't tie me
down

It will not be my downfall Not even before I begin

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♥LIBONGWE♥

As I wait for the results

I missed my periods last month

And this month , I'm late

again with two weeks

And I am hoping that I am pregnant

Ntando wants kids

Not just one or two

He wants more than that

And I know that's why he's
marrying me

I just can't wait

I want to give him what he wants

And what's better than
starting early ?

This would be the best surprise for him

I know he will be happy

I pick up the pregnancy test
Taking a deep breath And I look at it
I let out a scream , on top of my lungs

Me : I am pregnant !

Oh my ...

I just cannot wait to tell him this

I know he will be the happiest man ever

My parents , I hope they will be proud

They know we have sex

I mean , we're getting
married

It's not like we were just
dating

So I was allowed , to give myself to him

As soon as he made his intentions about me clear

I am not even ashamed about this

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♥ASANDE♥

We're all sitting around the
table having dinner

Everyone seems to be lost in their world

I am stressed and worried about my situation

I can forget , for a little while

But then , reality comes back and kicks in

Libo : I have news We all look at her

Dad : it better be good She smiles

Libo : it is

Mom : well , don't keep us
waiting

Libo : I am expecting What ?

Libo : I know it's not what you expected , but Ntando will be
happy . And he will
see he made the right decision by marrying me

My mother gets up ululating

While my father seems to be lost

Libo : dad ...

Mom : we're going to be
grandparents Now he gets it
And the smile on his face

It shows how happy and proud he is

It's evident

Dad : yes my girl , this is whata woman does . Now your in laws , will see they didn't make a mistake with you .
This is great news indeed

Libo : thank you dadWow !.
How I wish , I could tell themas well

But they won't have the
same reaction

They will be disappointedand angry

I don't know what they
would do to me

If they found out

And well , I am not to be married to a rich man likeLibo is

And I am still at schoolSo I cannot tell them.
I just can't

Worse , Hlubi wants nothingto do with this baby

It'll be just a shame and
nothing else

I will keep quite

I don't know for how long
Because one can never hide a pregnancy

The tummy will grow big as months go by

And everyone will know

I can't hide it forever
I don't know what will
become of me then

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♥INSIDE OUT♥

♥INSERT 03♥

♥LIBONGWE♥

It's like I have made my parents , to be double proud of me

And it makes me happy so much

Finally , I'm all they talk
about

I've done something that
makes them proud

Not only am I about to get married

But I'm also pregnant

Ntando knows he's about to marry a real woman

And I pray , I give him a son I am excited

I might not be educated like Asande

But this is an achievement for me as well

And a big one

She always thinks she's
better than me

Just because she got tomatrix at 17 years

And by that age , I was still doing grade 9

And failing dismally

But at least I got a man

Mom : I know you're excited
about this! smile Me : I am
She heaves a sigh

Me : I know I am not married yet , but I'm about to be . So it's
not really a shame

She smiles

Mom : of course it's not , but I want you to be careful . Not
everyone will be happy for
you , you're getting married
young and to a good man . Many girls and mother's will be
jealous of you , so you have to keep this a secret .
Don't tell anyone that you're pregnant as of yet , because
people with jealousy are very dangerous . They might do
something to you , or your unborn baby

Well , I didn't think about
that

But she's right

Me : okay , I won't tell
anyone

Mom : and wait for Ntandoto get back , before you tellhim

I don't know why But I'll listen to herAnd not tell him
He should be back in a fewdays

Then I'll share the news

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♥ASANDE♥

I am so tired

But I had to help around

Doing this and that

Things I just think are sounecessary

This is the weekend of thenegotiations

And it's just a bit too much

Because my mother wantseverything perfect

All because she wants
Ntando's family , to hold ushigh

For whatever reason

Of which I don't think it's
even necessary
Those people know us

And they know the kind oflife we live

They know we're not rich as
them

So our standards are belowtheirs

But my mother is not havingthat

And she wants everythingperfect

For her precious daughter

I hope after the negotiations
Things can just die down

And we can go back to ourlives

So I can really focus on the exams

Everything else happening

It has nothing to do with me

It's not even about me

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♥SPHELELE♥

Londiwe : I feel like ... She takes a deep breath Me : what ?

Londiwe : baby , do you really have to go study so far
?

Me : not this again , I'm just
going to study

Londiwe : but what if you
don't come back ?

Me : there's nothing for me here , I don't have a family . You
know I stayed because I didn't have a choice , but now
...things are different

Londiwe : what about me ?

Me : we will continue ...

Londi : no , if you leave then we are done

I chuckle

Because I know she's serious

It's like I knew something like
this was going to happen
A gut feeling never lies
I prepared my heart for
anything

Even beforehand

She changed somehow after I got accepted and I shared the
news with her

I could see then

That this might be a problem even break us up

But it's her choice and her
decision

I will just walk away with dignity

And respect her decision

Without making her feelsomehow

Me : is that so ?

Londiwe : you will cheat on me , and I'll be left a fool hung up on you . So it's best we break up , it's either me or you leaving for Cape Town

Me : okay , if that's what youwant it's fine

I get up

Londiwe : you won't even try

to convince me otherwise ?Me : no , why should I ?

Londiwe : then you clearly
don't love me enough

Me : I will not beg you , and nor will I convince you
otherwise about anything . If
you can choose to end us ,just because I am moving away .
Then I can respect
that , it's your choice and
decision

Londiwe : it's like you were just waiting for me to dumpyou ,
maybe this is what
you've been wanting all along . And I just gave youan easy
way out

Me : I didn't ask you , I didn't even hint it . You have your whole family here , your brother and sisters . Your parents , I have no one . You know my situation with Spha , he doesn't want me anymore because his wife is complaining . I stayed and endured her abuse because I had no one , but now I have an opportunity to study and make something of myself . Excuse me for being selfish and choosing myself over you , because at the end of the day you will also choose a better man with a job and money over me . We both know that's the reality of today

I open the door and walk out

It's easy for her to say

But she fails to understand where I come from

Spha is not even my family

He's just a guy who took pity
on me

When a fire burnt my home

Along with my parents and sister

But it's been hard all these years staying with them

But the past three years have been worse
It hasn't been easy

He has a wife and child

And his wife , made sure I understood my place

She made me understand I was nothing of theirs

I can't stay here anymore

I need to build my own life

And if it means losing a girlfriend so be it

Clearly , she didn't think
about life outside of village And I have
I am going to Cape Town

I didn't get accepted last
year

I applied again this year early January

Just holding on hope and praying hard

First semester passed me

But now , I have been accepted

I won't let the opportunity
pass me by

Sometimes in life , you have to lose something
In order to get something else much better

Or just a lesson And this is it for me
I love Londi , but love
sometimes it's not enough

She lives comfortable

And I don't

Her life is much better than mine

I'll rather leave , make
something of myself Or fail having tried
Than to cry and have regrets

Over what might have been or could have been

♥INSIDE OUT♥

♥INSERT 04♥

♥LIBONGWE♥

The day is finally here

I can't even contain myself
I am going crazy out of my mind

Wondering what's
happening in there I barely even slept
Ntando's family arrived here very early
And they didn't even keep them waiting long by the gate

I know my parents are excited just I am

And they just can't wait for
this whole thing to end I am hopeful
They won't even give them a
hard time

Just as long as the money is right

Everything will just go perfect

Without any drama
I keep looking at the time I am dressed

And I can't wait to be called
out

So I can meet my in-laws

It's a happy day for me
Ntando will be arriving this morning

He promised

And said he will come straight here

I can't wait to see him
It's been a tough few weeks Not being able to see him
I am never at peace when
he's not around

I trust him

I know he loves me
And he knows I love him

But I cannot trust city girls

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♥ASANDE♥

The ululations is a clear sign that all is well

Libo is happy This is her day
From here on she's someone's wife

Clearly my mother is excited

And well , my father is veryproud to say the very least

I am just glad all this will beover

Libo will go to her new home
, with her in-laws

And well , I'll still be pregnant
With a fatherless childNot having a plan
Or knowing what I'm going
to do

I just hope , this doesn't turn
to be a bother to me
My parents will be on my case about getting marriedand
whatnot

Because at this moment ,
that's so not my aim

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♥SPHELELE♥

I guess with Londiwe it's
really done

She hasn't communicated
anything

She's just quite

And neither have I

Me : there's something I need to tell you , I hope you don't
take it bad

He looks at me

That look that says I hope you're not bringing me trouble
I can tell , he's also tired of
me

Maybe it's because of his
wife

The constant nagging and all

But he's also feeling the
weight now

Me : I am grateful for everything you have done for me , and
I will never forget you . One day , I will greatly thank you

Spha : what's going on ?

Me : I am leaving Spha : what ?

Me : today , but I want to tell you that all your efforts and kindness with me did not go to waste . And I will ...

Spha : where are you going ?

Even after everything , he still cares

Me : don't worry , I will be
fine . It's time now , I go out
into the world and find
what's meant for me

Spha : I am sorry

Me : you have done more than anyone has ever done for me

Spha : I wish things turned out differently

I let out a fake smile I just have to make it
For the mere fact that I have no one

I just have to

Failure is not an option

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♥LIBONGWE♥

It's been a day

And now I'm about to leave

for my in-laws

I am scared and happy at the same time

I am scared of the unknown

Because I don't know what
awaits me there

But with my husband by my side

I know I will be okay Ntando loves me
And he will make sure I am well taken care of

Mom : you have made us proud
I smile

Dad : continue making us more proud , you're a wife now .
You have a new family ,but never forget where you come
from

Me : I won't , I promise

I look at Asande

She has no emotionwhatsoever

I am not bothered

I know we're not the best of
friends

And it's not like she cares
much

Maybe she's even happy that
I am leaving

Thinking she will be left the only child

But I know our parents

They want nothing for her ,than to get married as well

♥INSIDE OUT♥

♥THREE MONTHS LATER♥

♥INSERT 05♥

♥LIBONGWE♥

Maybe I am expected to besaying life has been a bliss

But well , it is what is it

And a bliss it hasn't been any
It's been two weeks now And I haven't seen nor heard
anything from my husbandNor is he missing
He's just left

I can never question himOr ask him anything
To be honest , if only I knewbetter

I wouldn't be here
Nothing is working out forme

Ntando is no longer the manI thought he was

He throws everything aboutmy life , that he can

Right at my face

The fact that I am not educated

That I come from a poor family

He doesn't leave anything
behind

In his eyes , I am not a wife
To him , I'm just a stupid
village girl

No easy way out in life ever works

And I am learning that the hard way

I am even ashamed to go back home

I haven't even told my
parents anything

The first month of our marriage was great

Everything was just perfect

I loved the fact that we live in our own house

Even though it's still in the same yard as his family house

But I was happy , that we

wouldn't be staying with his
family in their house

But as soon as that month ended

Everything changed

I was demanded to care for both homes

To cook , clean and do laundry for everyone

Even his sister's
And I can't even complain to
him about it

The first time I complained ,that earned me a slap

I couldn't believe it

It felt like a dream
Only that was the beginning of my now life

Not only am I slave here

I only see him twice a month for two days

And he's gone

He will come back again next month for two days and leave again

I can't say anything about that again

Because I become a punching bag
Him putting his hands on me
, didn't just end with a slap

Next it was punches and kicks

All that , in a space of two weeks

His mother doesn't even care
When I cry to her , she ignores me

This pregnancy , is hard

I'm all alone

And I feel like I made the biggest mistake of my life ever
I don't know what to do

Or how to get out

♥ASANDE♥

I heave a sigh

I move away from the mirror and grab the jacket on the bed

This is the only way I can hide this baby bump

The door opens , and my mother stomps in

Mom : I knew it

She closes the door and walks over to me

Tears stream down my face I am scared

What will she do to me ?

I've been trying to hide this
pregnancy

Mom : who's child is this ?

I say nothing

Mom : you're such a shame ,
you better be ready to tell
your father ...

Her phone rings

Mom : whoever is responsible of this , if they don't marry
you . You're going to leave my house

She takes out her phone and answers

Mom : my beautiful daughterWow !
She walks out with the biggest smile ever , plasteredon her
face

I sit down on the bed As tears blurry my eyes

Now what am I going to do ?

There's no way Hlubi will
change his mind

And telling my parents he'sthe father won't help

It's not like he's rich
I have disappointed them somuch

I'm sure by now , she's already telling Libongweabout me

And she will tell my father nodoubt about that

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♥SPHELELE♥

Leroy : I don't think you'll beable to juggle work and school
at the same time

I chuckle

If there was a way to getaway from his negativity

I would do it

But I just have to endure abit

Me : I'll be fine

Leroy : you're going to
grumble

Me : Nah , I'll be cool

I say grabbing my laptop bagand walking out

I don't have lectures today
So I'm attending a job
interview

I know my skills will speak forme

I want to get a job while Istudy

I can't maintain myself with
student allowance

And I want to stay offcampus

Leroy is a lot , and he's
degrading too much

♥INSIDE OUT♥

♥INSERT 06♥

♥SPHELELE♥

Maybe I should be nervous

Seeing that this man is wellknown

And he's a famous soccer
star

But I know I did well
I trust myself enough

Muzi : I am going to give you a chance

Yes !

I want to scream and jump for joy

But I just hold my composure

Muzi : I know , you don't
have any experience . You're fresh from high school , and
now you're freshman . But , I know what it's like to be a
young man just trying to make it out there . Only for that
reason , because I can see you're passionate and driven .
You have skills , I believe you have what it

takes . Don't disappoint me ,because we will do over very best to accommodate you .

Considering the fact that
you're still studying

Me : I won't disappoint you ,you will not regret giving me this chance

He nods

Muzi : HR will have your contract ready by the end of the day , so tomorrow beforeyou start your work report toHR and get your contract .

After you have read and understood everything , signit as return it back . You're still a young man , trying to make it .
Can you drive ?

Me : yes , I can drive . I alsohave a learners , the plan isto get my license soon

Muzi : that soon , better be . We will hand you a company car , to make things easy for you in terms of transportation .
No excuses of being late , because you were stuck at the rank or youcouldn't find a taxi

Wow ! I am beyond wordsright now

I am so happy

I don't even know what to do
with myself

I am just containing myself
And not being all emotional

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♥ASANDE♥

I am scared to go back home
I just wished school wouldn't
come out

I don't want to face my
parents

I don't know what's waiting
for me home

What if she has already told my father ?

I am scared

I don't think I can go home

I am not that brave I know my father
And he's a man with a
temper

He won't hesitate to beat
him

He won't even care just can't
I sit down by the stone beside the road
I am hungry

But going home is not an option for me right now

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♥LIBONGWE♥

Ntando arrived yesterday We barely spoke
He hardly touched me it's like he's not home I don't feel
loved
I don't feel like a woman who's married

He hasn't even asked how I'm doing

Or how the baby is doing

I've just been crying

I can't take this anymore

The door opens and he walks in

He's holding his phone in
hand

I hope my mother didn't call
his number back

Ntando : you don't want
peace ever do you ? I look at him

Ntando : I am talking to you

Libongwe Me : but I

I shake my head

Me : I don't know what you're talking about , I
haven't bothered you since
you came back

Ntando : oh really , you don't know ...

He stands in front of me

Ntando : what's this ? My whole body freezes How did he ...
I am not stupid

I knew he will not be happy about this

I deleted the call history after making the call

Me : I don't ...

I shake my head , but quickly he slaps me

I fall down on the bed , on my back

Me : Ntando please

Ntando : this is your mother's number , tell me you're not the one who called her

I say nothing

Ntando : uyangijwayela wena
(you're getting used to me)

He grabs me off the bed , throwing me down

I cry in pain , the floor is cold

But he doesn't care , as he
starts beating me up

I'm crying and begging him
to stop

But he doesn't

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As he walks out

I open my swollen eyes
I can feel even my lips are swollen

Every muscle in me hurts

He left me on the floor as I am
What kind of a monster did I marry ?
I regret what I got myself into
Not a day goes by , and I
don't regret this
I drag myself off the floor ,balancing myself with the bed
I scream in pain , as I feel a sharp pain on my lower
abdomen
Something watery runs between my thighs
I look down and it's blood
So much blood
He will probably kill me for this

But his family doesn't care They don't care about me They
know he beats me But they don't do anything
They don't even reprimand
him

I need my mother right now I grab his phone on the bed
I dial her number

♥INSIDE OUT♥

♥INSERT 07♥

♥LIBONGWE♥

I had to tell my mother, touse the back way
So they don't see her walk in

She was shocked , andterrified

Finding me in the state I was

But she helped me , andcleaned me up

The baby is gone

And I had to tell her the truth

About everything that's beenhappening ever since I got
married

I'm in bed now

I am in pain

But the physical pain

I feel nothing emotionally

Mom : I can't believe this

Me : you should go before he gets back , because he will know I called you again

She sighs

Mom : Ntando loved you

Me : yeah ...

It pains me to even admit that

Mom : what went wrong ? I shrug

Mom : what do you do ? I look at her stunned

Mom : I mean ...what do you say to him to change like this ?

No ways !

This , I do not believe Me : what ?

Mom : a man cannot be one thing , and one day just change and turn like this

Me : mom ...

Mom : no , you have to change . Whatever you're doing , stop it

This has to be a joke

It can't be

She can see how battered I am
I just lost my child

She didn't want me going to
the clinic

I don't know why

And now , she's siding with
Ntando

Me : you're my mother , and this man is abusing me . His family is acting like they don't see , but you can't turn a blind eye like them

Mom : no ...no , you cannot leave your in-laws . You will endure this marriage and see it through , don't embarrass us . Stop provoking him , be a wife . If he's cheating , then give him peace all men cheat! chuckle bitterly
Me : wow !

Tears stream down my face

Mom : you can cry all you want , but you better not tell him you lost the baby or anyone here

Me : I am notI don't care about that baby , it's a good thing I lost that baby . Now I'll have nothing tying me to him

Mom : I don't ever want to hear you talking like that , you're going to continue being pregnant

Me : the baby is gone ...

Mom : you'll pretend , they must never find out you're not pregnant . Otherwise they will kick you out , and where will you go ? Your father will never welcome you back home

I shake my head tearing up

I don't think I've ever felt so much pain

My own mother turning her back on her
Where am I supposed to run to ?

Me : and then ...what will I do in four months when they expect a baby ?

Mom : Asande is pregnant ,you will take that baby and pass
as your own

And now , I thought I have heard it all

Me : you can't just give me
her child !

Mom : mxm what child ? She's a child herself , she's not
married . And that thing is probably fatherless , and that's
why she's been trying
to hide it from us . I'll help her hide it from your father ,and
when she's due you'll have to be in labour . And I'll
personally ask your in-laws , to let you come back home
when you're due to give birth

I shake my head
My heart is so heavy

I never thought I'll see this
day

It feels like a dream

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♥SPHELELE♥

I pull the chair sitting down

There's nothing I am not
pleased about The pay is good
The office is great and has anice view

I'm driving a whole X5
Even though it's a company
car

I'm still the one cruising in itI just have to make this work
This is my fresh start
By great beginning
It won't be busy , with varsity
as well
But I'll just have to make doSure , first payment I'm
getting a liscence

And moving out of campus
I have a good feeling aboutthis
I just have to keep my eye onthe goal
And what's ahead , where I
wanna be
Where I am headed
Because this is only the start

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♥ASANDE♥

Me : what ?

I feel like she's telling me a
story

Or a joke of some sort

But then I know my mother

And I know , there's no wayshe's joking

She means it

Me : Libo is pregnant , whydo you want my child ?

Mom : your choice , whetheryou give this baby up or I tell your father . And we both know what will happen , he will not hesitate to kick you out and for good . Libo is married , and she needs this baby

Me : no !

Mom : your choice

What kind of a mother is this
?

She wants to give ...hell no !

Voice : is there anyone in thishouse ?

He shouts from the kitchenMom : get ready to be out She walks towards the door

I take a deep breath , closingmy eyes

♥INSIDE OUT♥

♥INSERT 08♥

♥ASANDE♥

Me : please ...

She holds the door handle and stops
She turns looking at me

I shake my head , fighting my tears

Me : why are you doing this to me ?

Mom : it's simple , Libo
needs this baby

Me : she's pregnant Mom : she lost the baby Me : but I don't
....

I take a deep breath

Me : I can't give her my baby

Mom : Ntando will pay for
your college , that's what you want right ? You want to get
away from the village , and go study. Make something of
yourself , be big . Well , they need a baby and you can give
them one . And
they'll make your dreams come true , you know they're rich

I sit down on the bed

Mom : just think about it ,you will get out of here .

What will you do with a baby

? You're only 18 , Libo is married . You can't achieve all these dreams of yours , with a baby . When you leave for college , what will you do with a baby ? Will you take it with you ?

She's speaking so much sense

But I know my mother

It's not like she's doing all this for me

It's for her precious daughter

Her intentions are not pure about me

I nod slowly

Tears are at the brink of falling

But I won't give her the
satisfaction

Mom : imagine what your father will say when he finds out about this

Of course , he'll be reason

I mean , we both know he
won't be happy about this

And she was right , he willkick me out

Without even thinking twiceMore than anything
My father only cares aboutthis reputation , not us

Well , maybe them But me , not so much

Mom : just think about it , and no one will ever have to
know anything . You look likeyou're just the same months as
Libo was , so when it's time you give birth . She will come
home , and it'll be like the baby is hers . Ntando willgive you
money , and you'll go on with your life . Kids arehard , I am
telling you . So imagine how hard it is , forsomeone your
age . You

can't have a normal youth ,you can't do things your
peers will be doing . And youwill lack , while you have to do
everything for the baby .

But Libo and Ntando , they have money . And they'll beable
to take care of your

baby , you won't have to
stress . Kids are expensive ,
and you're not even working

. I know I sound awful , but it's the truth . And as a mother , I
should be honestwith you . I may seem like I
don't believe you , but I want
you to do what you put yourmind on

Wow !

I would really be so touched

If really she means what she's
saying

But I know she's not

Me : it's fine , I'll give them the baby . Given that , they really
pay for my college
The smile on her face

It's like that of an achievement of some sort for her

She really must be proud of herself

For securing the bag for her dearest daughter

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♥LIBONGWE♥

I so wanted to tell him what happened

In actual fact , I wanted him to see the bump gone with his
own eyes

But unfortunately , it seems
like he's gone

He didn't come back last
night

And still , there's been no
sign of him today

I can bet , he's gone to wherever he's always at

I don't even know how I'm
feeling

I just don't see reason of this
marriage

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♥ASANDE♥

I don't know what this makes
me

Is it even a wise decision ?
I kept this baby

Even after Hlubi denied the baby

I chose to not abort I hid this very well
Even if it meant wearing a
puff jacket

Even when the sun was scorching hot

And now , so far in

I'm willing to just give it up

Will I be able to live with myself ?
Knowing what I've done

Will studying , having a future

Being the independent woman I want to be

Erase what I've done ?
Will it make me feel better about myself ?

I doubt !

How will I feel seeing this child

Playing happy families with Libo and Ntando ?
Knowing he is she is mine

A tear drops down my cheek I wipe it off
I'm so battling with my
emotions and thoughts right now

♥INSIDE OUT♥

♥INSERT 09♥

♥LIBONGWE♥

what are you doing here
?

I close the door locking it

Me : you want to get me into trouble

Mom : stop acting , I know Ntando is not here
I heave a sigh

Me : don't rub it in my face

Mom : listen , I hope you
haven't told him anything

I shrug

Me : I wanted to , but as you
can see he's not here

Mom : good , it'll give you time to come into terms with

what happened

I am not even sad

Maybe I'm a bad human
being

I just lost my baby

But I am not mourning I feel no pain
I am not sad

It even sounds somehow to say this

But I feel happy now

With this baby gone , I have nothing tying me to him

Mom : well , you're not going to do that . Because Asande
has agreed to give you her baby

Me : what ?

Mom : yes , so in just a few
months you'll be a mother This is ...
I shake my head

Not believing what I'm
hearing

Me : how did you get her to agree ?

I doubt it was mutual

Maybe she forced or threatened her

Mom : it doesn't matter , what matters is that she agreed

Me : what did you say to her
?

Mom : why are you worrying yourself about that ?

Me : because I know Asande

Mom : you should be worried about your tummy
being visible , do you know what you're going to fake it with
?

I look at her stunned I am shocked
And lost for words Mom : do you ?

I shake my head slowly Mom : well you better
She turns and reaches for the door

Mom : don't you dare
disappoint me , or our family

. You're someone's wife now
, and your home is here

Me : this will turn out verybadly

Mom : no , it won't if only
you won't open your mouth

Me : are you even considering how Asande will
feel , with me raising herchild as mine ?

Mom : Libo , don't be stupid .Asande is a child herself , what
will she do with a child
? Can she afford to feed andclothe that baby ? She can't ,
but you and Ntando can

Me : what kind of a home isthis going to be , where weraise
a child in the midst of violence and abuse

Mom : stop , I am doing thisto save your marriage

I shake my head

Mom : get your priorities right , because right now youseem
to be concerned abouteveryone except yourself andyour
marriage . Asande

doesn't even need this child ,if anything you'll be helping
her . She has her head filled with the stupid career thing ,
being a mother at 18 is not for her

But she kept her baby That says a lot v
Mom : I won't come back
here again for this

She unlocks the door and walks out
I take a deep breath

I swear , if only I knew better

I mean , what's this ?

And what am I getting myself into ?

How will Asande feel seeing me raising her child ?

I know mom doesn't care

But no one can just give away their child

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♥ASANDE♥

So many scenarios are going through my head

Maybe I should run away But where will I go ?
I don't know anyone outside
of home

My father doesn't even get
along with his relatives

We don't know anyone from my mother's family

She never even talks about her family

I don't know if I'll be able to
live with myself

A life of guilt and regret

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♥SPHELELE♥

Leroy : I see you're doing
good

Me : mhm

Leroy : I didn't see you today
, I thought you had lectures
Me : yeah , I did
Leroy : so you ditched them for work ?

Me : no , I attended
He chuckles Leroy : but how ?
I lift my head looking at him

Me : dude , I did . And now I have work to catch up on , so
please

Leroy : fine

I focus back on my laptop Just a little while longer I'll be out
of here

When I get my own space ,
I'll have no one nagging me
It's not even his business
what I do

I don't even like him

Like , we're roommates And that's where it stands
I'm not here to make friends
I have goals to achieve

♥INSIDE OUT♥

♥MONTHS LATER♥

♥LIBONGWE♥

Ntando : this is not necessary
I look at him
He's been moody all
morning

Me : you agreed to my mother

Ntando : I don't understand why you have to go there , you
can give birth here

I say nothing

I don't want to argue with
him
Because it doesn't end well

So I'll rather keep my mouth
shut

Besides , it's been tough
months

Having to pretend I am still pregnant
And it always turned into a fight

When I couldn't sleep with
him

Besides , faking pregnancy

I just couldn't bring myself to
let him have me

I am without doubt that he's
cheating

So he can go and get his needs taken there
He's always gone to Joburg I wouldn't be surprised if he
has another family there

And his parents know about it

Especially his mother

Right now , I just want this over and done with

I'm going home today
Ntando : my mother is here , she can help

I zip up my bag

Ntando : as soon as the baby
is born , you're coming back

As if he wants me here
Ntando : are you hearing meLibo ?

Me : yes

He clicks his tongue walkingout

I take a deep breath
I don't know how much
longer I can keep doing this

If only I was half smart likeAsande

Chose better for myself

Than just to settle formarriage
Look at me now ?I cry everynight
I don't remember how
happiness feels like anymore

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♥SPHELELE♥

My phone rings , I reach forit

Me : hello ?

There's silence

But I can hear the other person breathing , on the other side

I remove the phone from my ear

I look at the caller , and it's

Spha

I chuckle placing the phone back on my ear

Me : bafo (brother? Spha : how are you ? His tone is down

He sounds somehow

Me : I can't complain , and
yourself ?

Spha : where are you Spha ?

Me : I am okay , actually I'm better than okay . But you don't
sound good at all , is something wrong ?

Spha : I hope you have not turned into crime there

I frown

Me : what ...no !

He sighs

I close my laptop and get up from the chair

Me : why would you think I am into crime ?

Spha : I got a lot of money today

I let out a smile

Me : that's money for you
and your family , and for you
to finish renovating the room for the kids

Spha : this is a lot of money Sphe

I chuckle

Me : I know I can never repay you enough , but it's for
everything you have done for
me . I'll always and forever
be grateful to you

Spha : you don't have to thank me for anything , I was just
doing humanity

Me : you never asked for it , so please accept it . It's from me
with a pure heart

Spha : but where do you get this money ?

Me : okay , if you must know
. I am studying at UCT , and I am working for very big

company owned by a soccerstar

Spha : that is great really ,
but shouldn't you be saving
your money ?

Me : I am saving , don't
worry

Spha : I don't know how to thank you , this money is alot and
it'll come in handy

Me : I know it will , you don't
have to thank me

A slight knock comes at the door

Me : come in

The door opens and Muzi walks in

Me : Uhm , my boss just
walked in . We'll talk some
other time , take care
Spha : all the best
Me : thanks
I drop the call

Muzi : I am sorry , I didn't
know you were on call

Me : it's alright , what can I
help you with ?

Muzi : nothing much , but I

am here to say I'm pleased to
say the least . And I think
you're ready for a permanent position , that's if it won't be
interfering with your work of course

No kidding !

Muzi : your work speaks for itself , it would be foolish of us to
lose you

Me : you mean this ?

Muzi : more than anything , but do sleep on it

He smiles and walks out I am left in shock
Like , a permanent position means everything right now
Especially because I got my own apartment now

I am able to balance work and university

I didn't even think I'll do that
well last semester But I did
And things are going great for me at work as well

This promotion , could be great for me

♥INSIDE OUT♥

♥INSERT 11♥

♥ASANDE♥

Seeing Libo here at home

I don't know how to feel
I mean , I'm soon to give
birth

My mother has been sneaking me off to the clinic

She's played a big role in this

Making sure that no one finds out
I guess I should be glad I'm a
bit chubby

So my tummy is really not that much visible

And I've gained weight

Literally my father doesn't
make much of it
He thinks I've just gained
weight

He doesn't suspect that it's

because I am pregnant

Mom : we all know what we must do

We're both just looking at her

Libo just looks like a former shadow of herself

She doesn't look happy for someone that's married

And was so eager to be
someone's wife

And worse , even her body
She looks like she's an
unhealthy person I may be wrong
But something is definitely
wrong with her

Mom : you won't go to the
hospital

Me : do we have a midwife ?

Mom : midwife for what ? I am here , and I'll deliver the baby

What ?

Me : have you delivered a baby before ?

Mom : I am not going to go back and for with you about this

No ways !

I cannot put my health at risk
And my life into her hands
I mean , she doesn't care
about me

What will she care , whether I live or die

I look at Libo

Hoping that she'll say
something
But it's like her mind is not even here

She's zoned out on us

Is this really the person I am going to trust with my child's
life ?

She herself doesn't even look like she's living
It's been a dreadful day

And now , I am not feeling well

I tried to sleep but I can't

I don't know , but this feeling is not something I've felt before

But the slight pains , they're familiar

Like the time when I thought I was giving birth
Only it was the false labour pains

If I am giving birth tonight

I should let my mother know

I get up and walk to the kitchen
The light is on , and there's voices

I stand by the door listening

Libo : I can't , why did you lie to her ?

This sounds like a heated argument
Mom : stop being stupid , I am doing this for you

Libo : no it's for you ,
because you don't want to be embarrassed . I never said I wanted this baby , I lost mine and I've accepted that . I'm better off without a child with Ntando , he doesn't deserve

that from me . I am living in hell , and now you
want to bring Asa's child into this mess . I am not doing this ,
and you better tell her that you lied . Ntando
doesn't know anything about this , and he did not offer to
pay for any college or whatever . Because he will never
agree to something like this , I should have never listened to
you and I

wouldn't be here now

Mom : oh shut up ,
everything I did ...I did for you . But you're so stupid ,you
can't even see that

Tears blurry my eyes

This can't be

So everything was just a lie ?
Ntando doesn't know about
this

He's not even a part of it

Wow !

I really shouldn't be shocked

This is my mother after all
I turn back slowly , and use the dining room door walking
out

I rush out , in the cold and darkness

I just want to get away from this place
I don't know where I'll go But I can't be there
There's no way that I'm
giving my child to Libongwe

I can't believe I was even
willing
Worse , they tricked and lied to me

Libo knew about this from the beginning

What point is to grow a consciousness right now ?

But all these months she's
been lying to her husband
And pretending to be pregnant

Hell no !

I am not doing this

Let's see what they will do when they can't find me
I don't know how long I'll
make it

Because I can feel these pains intensifying

But I just have to keep ongoing

♥LIBONGWE♥

Right now I just wanna dragmy bag

And get out of here

But then , it's all the same
It's not like I'll get peace
when I leave here

I open the bedroom door

And it's empty

I hear my mother shouting

I turn back and follow her voice to the dinning room
I walk in and she's standing
by the wide open door

Me : what ...

Mom : she's gone

I am so lost and confused

Me : who ...

Mom : that stupid child ranaway , she ran away !

She turns around and clicksher tongue

Pacing up and down

Me : it's late , where would
she run off to ? And why
would she run away ? Thatdoesn't make sense , I am sure
she just went out for some fresh air . She will beback

Mom : she's pregnant , and
due to give birth anytime

Oh well ...
I don't know what to say
anymore

Or wether I should be happythat she ran away

♥INSIDE OUT♥

♥INSERT 12♥

♥ASANDE♥

I walked until I couldn't
anymore

Until I found this shed

I don't know who's it is

I've never seen it before

I don't even know how far I
am from home

It's so cold

But I can feel this baby is coming now
I scream my lungs out

As I feel myself opening up

Every muscle on my body painful

Tears streaming down my cheeks

I take a deep breath , just trying to calm myself down

I cannot afford to lose my breath

I can't give up

If I let the pain get to me I will lose him
He won't make it

And I will never be able to live with myself

Knowing I'm the reason he's
no more

I am tearing apart down there
I just have to endure a little longer

I push with every little strength I have left in me

I throw my head down As I hear a loud cry
I lift my head

My eyes land on him I let out a fake smile My eyes failing me
But I can't ...
I just can't

I turn to my side and grab the bottle

I break it down on the cement floor

Startling his tiny self

I grab the bottle piece , and cut the umbilical cord

I look at him and grab the small torn towel

I just found it in this shed I cover him with it
As I tie the umbilical cord

It takes me forever to get up

Even his cries are dying down I take out the bloody dress
And pick him up
Poor thing , he's sucking on
his thumb

I grab my boob

And try to feed him

But it's a struggle

I don't know if I'm doing it
wrong

Or he just doesn't know how
to do that

I take a deep breath calming myself down

I have to be patient

Maybe he will finally get the hang of it

But he doesn't , the more I
try

The more it seems like he's
not getting it Me : please eat
I wipe my tears with one hand

Trying to cover him

But it's no use
He's getting cold , he's even
shaking

He's so tiny

Will he be able to handle the cold ?

Me : please ...
He lets out a loud cry
I'm sure it's been hours by
now

He's still crying

He hasn't eaten anything

I am scared now

Even I am crying with him What will I do ?
How will I even see the way back home ?

Even if I wanted to go back

Right now , I don't know
what to do

His cries are even dying down

His tiny body is ice cold

Maybe I didn't think this clear
Here I am , all alone

And it doesn't seem like I
know what I am doing

I take a deep breath closing my eyes

The small block by the door opens up
I move back in fear

Voice : ungathuki ..(don't be
scared)

Says the voice of an oldwoman

I am scared , I don't even
want to pretend
She walks in

And I don't know her What if she's a ghost ?I mean , this is a
village

And we have heard stories ofold women
She walks towards usI look at my baby
And I realise , he has stoppedcrying

His body is now cold , waythan it was
Woman : oh dear child ..

There's sadness in her voice
I felt my head and look at herWoman : come with me , you
can't be here with ...

It's like she bites her tongue
Woman : come with me child
, where is your family ?I shake my head
I feel a sharp pain piercingmy heart

As a wave of sadness justoverwhelms me
Me : I can't go back home ,they want to take my child and
give him to my sister . Ican't ...I have to get away with him ...

I try to get you , but she helps me you slowly

Woman : lets go

I try to lift him to my chest

But I realise he's quite down ,
his eyes slight open

He's not breathing

The realisation hits me

Poor thing couldn't have made it

The coldness and the hunger

The woman quickly takes him from me

As tears stream down my face

I go down letting out a piercing cry.

♥INSIDE OUT♥

♥INSERT 13♥

♥ASANDE♥

This feels like just a nightmare

I held my baby in my hands
And he died in my arms

Like ...how does he take his
last breath

And I am not even aware Yet, he was in my hands I couldn't
sleep a wink
I kept seeing his face

My eyes would burn , everytime I tried to close them

It's morning now

And we've already buried him
Just me and the old woman

Around 5am , we went out

Not far from her hut , we buried him there

His tiny body was just wrapped in a blanket
That's just how we buried
him
This will haunt me forever And now , I know for definite
I can't go back home

Kgari : I don't know what happened between you and your
family , but you're still
young . And you have your whole life ahead of you ..and you
need them ...

Me : no , I need to leave . I need to get away from here . I
applied for school , but I still haven't gotten a reply .
But I can't stay here , they will never welcome me back home
Kgari : they will ...

Me : no , they won't understand . My family is very
traditional

She nods slowly

Kgari : where will you go ? I shrug

Kgari : last night , I wanted to just pass the shed . But I
couldn't help hearing the
little cry ... I wish I had gotten
there earlier

I nod with tears streaming down my face

I get up

Me : thank you for everything , but I have to go

Kgari : you don't know where you are going , you'll end up on the streets

Me : I can't go back home , I wanted more . A future , a career . Inspire others , and be a role model to young village girls . Being married off , is not an achievement . I wanted to be proof of that ..

I wipe my tears Me : thank you

I walk heading to the door

Kgari : wait ...

I turn and look at her

Kgari : I shouldn't be doing this , you're someone's child . And your parents are probably worried about you , but I believe you still have a chance to make it in life . I couldn't do that for myself , but I can help you

Kgari : I have a sister who lives in Joburg , she can take you in

Me : Joburg ?

Kgari : yes , you'll just have to catch the bus . I'll call her , and she'll come pick you up

at the station

Me : I ...I can hitchhike

Kgari : that is not safe

Me : I don't have money for
the bus

Kgari : I will give you money
...let me call her now

I walk back to the chair , while she takes her phone and calls
her sister

I'm smiling inside

This could change my life

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♥LIBONGWE♥

It's almost afternoon now

And still no sign of Asande

I wouldn't be surprised if she
ran away

Maybe this was always going to be her plan

To run away at the last minute

I mean , she's done with matric

They finished writing a week ago

Even though schools are not closed

She's not compelled to attend the last few remaining days
Maybe she just wanted shelter

So she can study and be done

It could be , that the plan
wasn't to give away her baby

And I am happy
My mother is here fuming

I don't know where my father
is

I haven't seen him since
coming here yesterday Maybe he went away
Because he was told I'm
coming to give birth Me : I should get going
She gives me an ugly look

Me : Asande is gone ... Mom : that one , she better never
come back to my house
I mean , we're both not blind She's not missing she ran
away

Obviously, the plan is to never come back
Me : you got me into this mess , right now I don't even know
what I'll tell Ntando .
Because he's expecting me
back home with a baby

Mom : now you're blaming
me ?

Me : you told me to lie , and keep on pretending .
Because you thought you had a plan , and now the plan has
failed and ..

I get up

Me : I am going home , but just know if they kick me out
It's all on you , I'm coming
back . And you'll explain today why I'm back ...

Mom : don't you dare

Me : and knowing that evilfamily, they will want their bride price back . I don't know what you're going todo , because surely by nowyou've spent it all

I walk to the bedroom tograb my bag

I'll get there , and tell Ntando

the truth as it is

I sneaked in

Making sure no one sees mefrom his family house

I open the door to our roomAnd get inside

And he's sitting on the bed

Holding the small fakepregnancy bump

I had two

Since I had to pretend thatthe tummy is growing

One is small , and the otherone is big

That's the one I left at home

I have nothing on me righnow

I close the door

Me : I will tell you the truth ,and leave nothing out

He looks at me

I pull the chair near the wardrobe

I sit down

And take a deep breath

I look at him , his eyes gazing into mine

I narrate everything to him

From that day my mother came here , when I lost the baby

All this time , he's just quite

Just looking at me

Me : now Asande is gone , she ran away . That's why I came back with no baby , because there is no baby . I long lost our baby

Ntando : and you wonder why I treat you the way I do

He gets up

Right now I am expecting anything

To be kicked out or beaten , maybe to be embarrassed to the whole village

Ntando : think of a lie you're
going to tell my family

Me : I'll tell them the truth ,they deserve to know the truth

Ntando : good then , you'll stay here with them and tellthem
. I am leaving for Joburg right now

He turns behind the bed
And grand his back

He walks past me and walksout
My jaw drops Just like that ?

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♥INSIDE OUT♥

♥SEVEN MONTHS LATER♥

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♥ASANDE♥

Another day at the postoffice

And still nothing for me But I am not losing hope

I am keeping my head up high

And doing what I need to do

I'll get there

It might not be today or tomorrow

Or someday soon

But I'll get there

Susan : you look down

I put down the fruit basket And sit down

Me : it's been a long day

She smiles

Me : let me wash the cups ,
and I'll make you a cup of tea

Susan : stop working so hard
, Khethiwe was here . We had some tea , and I was going to
wash those . But you know how she is

Me : she has the whole gossip of Soweto

We laugh

I get up and pour cold water in the dish , and start washing the cups

Susan : business was good

Me : I always sell best when I roam thr streets , at the ranks there's too many of us

Susan : it's not safe though

I smile

Me : I will be safe , I make sure I don't go to dodgy places

Susan : Kgari would be so proud , if she can see you now
God bless that woman's soul It's just sad that after a week I left the village

She passed away

Susan held the funeral here

And it was a beautiful sendoff

Even then , she didn't kick me out

She still accepted me

And welcomed me into her home

Said she made a promise to her sister

And she will keep it , until I find my feel

She has been just a blessing

It's just the two of us here She doesn't have any kids Kgari
has a daughter

And now the daughter has moved to the village

She's taking care of her mother's house

And she says she's taking care of the grave my little boy is at

This family has been everything and more to me

I didn't get accepted at

Varsity

Where I had applied

And now , I've applied at UJ Yet I'm still waiting for my
final results

I requested that the principal has them sent to me

I know I passed well

I did check with a phone

I just need my documents with me

While waiting for that

I had to do something with my life
So , I started a small business to sell

I sell fruits around Joburg CBD

And I am doing well

Because I am able to help Susan around the house
And I take care of myself

Susan : I have something for
you , maybe it'll cheer you up

She gets you and grabs a white envelope by the top shelf

Susan : this is for you
Me : what is it ?

Susan : open it and see Now I am intrigued
I take the dry cloth and wipe
my hands

I open the envelop
And tears blurry my eyes Just reading the first line
Me : oh my God !
She smiles

Me : I ...I got in
I tear up , as emotions just engulf me

She hugs me

I just fall into her embrace
Crying my eyes out
I am accepted at UJ to do
LLB Law

Yes !

Finally , now I am heading somewhere

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♥SPHELELE♥

Mhm , a year a few months in

Varsity is still manageable
And so is work
And my life , couldn't be
better

I have my own house now

That I just bought two months back

And now , the goal is to get my own car

I am still driving the company car

And I am not complaining

I just need one that's mine

Once in a while , I still docheck in on Spha

Life is going well for him andhis family

And I can see , me leavingdid them well

But it also did me well

Cape Town is now home forme

Muzi : I need you to go toJoburg

Me : for what ?

Muzi : the new company

we're looking to open that side , the plan is to buy a oneand not build from scratch .

And we already have a bid ,but I need to know everything from the inside before we can buy

Me : that can take a weekmax

Muzi : you think you can ?Me : yeah sure

He gets up

Muzi : my good man , come see me before the end of the

day so we can finalise the details . Also your stay and
means of transport while
you're that side

Me : alright He walks out
I lean back on my chair And look up
I wonder if my parents are watching over me and seeing this

I hope they're proud

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♥INSIDE OUT♥

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♥ASANDE♥

Susan : what is wrong ?

She asks I walk in , with a sigh placing the basket down

I sit down

Susan : did something happen ?

Me : I saw something

Susan : what ? I hope not murder

I laugh
She's always thinking about
dangerous things

Me : no , I saw this guy from the village

Susan : oh , I hope he didn't
harrass you

Me : no he didn't

Susan : so now are you scared , he will tell your parents
where you are ?

I shake my head slowly

Me : this guy is married to my sister

Susan : your brother in-law ?!

Me : yes , but I saw him with another woman . Holding two
kids , one could just be about 3 years . The other one

, maybe just over a year Susan : hah !.

Me : I was just as shocked

Susan : you think ...he's not faithful ?

Me : that woman and those kids could have been just anyone , but he had his hand around her waist . Like they're lovers , he saw me ...and he was very affectionate with her . As if he's trying to prove a point

Susan : now what are you going to do ?

Me : nothing

Susan : you won't tell your sister ?

Me : I haven't spoken to her in five months , maybe things have changed . Or she knows what her husband gets up to , I mean he didn't start coming to Joburg frequently just now

Susan : I see

Me : I don't want to get myself involved , maybe they were coming back from the village or going . Because they had luggage with them

I get up and walk in the kitchen

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♥LIBONGWE♥

It's the ululations outside
that gets to me

I get up from the bed

Maybe one of the sisters is getting married
I wouldn't know

Because no one tells me anything around here

After the village shame I got I just live here like a foreigner
I don't know why Ntando doesn't just let me go

Because living here is torture I peek through the window
I try to look through the crowds

It's hard

But I catch a glimpse of Ntando

He's holding a small baby in
his arms

And another one with his hands

Me : what the ...

And there's a woman next to
him

The more I watch , the more I
just see what's happening That's his family
Probably his Joburg family
He's had a family all along

I move back , as tears burn my eyes

Why does it hurt ?

He long showed me that he
doesn't care anymore

This was bound to happen

But with kids that age

It's been happening

I sit down on the bed holding my chest

I close my eyes as tears stream down my face

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♥SPHELELE♥

It's been a long day

I just want to get to the hotel and sleep

Arriving this morning

I just went to the company

I know Muzi , he's a man of
results more than anything

I have to make this week productive
But now I have to rest I stop by the robots
I see a finger behind

I look closely , and it's a lady she's holding a basket

I pull over to the side
And she gets closer , I roll down the window

Me : hi

She turns and looks at me Such beauty
Lady : can I help you ?
I chuckle

Me : what do you have there
?

Lady : fruits , the last of the day

Me : well , can you give me a few ?

Lady : there's only 4 left ,

how many do you want ? Me : give me that 4

She crouched down , and grabs a plastic

She puts inside the pears , and gets up handing them to me

Me : thank you

I reach over taking them

I take out R200 note and hand it to her

Lady : let me look for change

She moves back a bit reaching for her bag

I wind up the window , and get on route driving away

I catch a glimpse of her , as if she's shouting as I take a turn to the N1

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♥INSIDE OUT♥

♥INSERT 16♥

♥LIBONGWE♥

I couldn't even go outside
It's the shame

And the embarrassment I've finally gathered myself
His mother was so loud
I am sure half the village heard her
Some of the neighbours were peeking

I will go back to being talked about

As if my shame had already been done

Now , it'll just get worse
The door opens And he walks in I look at him
I can't help but be
Overwhelmed by emotions
I don't even remember how it felt being loved by this man

I don't even miss him

I don't remember how he
used to me

How we used to be
And I thought he was it forme

What changed ?

So quick and so fast How did we get here ?What did I do?
How did he lose his feelingsand love for me

It doesn't make sense

We were happy

Well , I thought we werehappy

But now

I don't even remember how
that felt like

Me : whats going on ?Ntando : with what ?
Me : outside ...the noise ?

He shrugs
I don't even know what am I
supposed to make of that

Me : that woman and thosekids ?

He looks at me

Me : is she your other woman ? And are they yours ?

Ntando : she's my fiancée ,
and not the other woman
Pain strikes my heart
I swallow a hard lump of pain

Me : Iwhy ?

Ntando : why what ?

Me : when did I start not being enough for you ?

Ntando : you lied to me

Me : and you changed , way even before that

He says nothing

Me : I could have given you kids , if that's what you wanted

He chuckles

And it's just a mock to me

Ntando : I need a heir , as a man I want a family

Me : you killed our baby , in case you have forgotten that
. You beat me without care , knowing very well I am
pregnant

Ntando : and you lied

Me : what ... it doesn't matter

does it ? Because you have what you need , and I'm clearly not that

Ntando : so you're going to blame me ?

Me : why don't you just let me go ?

Ntando : will you bring back my bride price

This is nonsense

Me : we're Africans , where have you ever heard of such?

Ntando : in case you haven't noticed , I live by my standards

Oh well

His fucked up standards

Me : now what ? She's going to be your wife , you'll play happy families . What about me

Ntando : you're a bride in this family

Me : I am your wife , funny how you need an heir but you

don't even touch me

Ntando : how would you feel sleeping with a liar ?

Me : get over it , I got over what you did to me

Ntando : you provoke me , like you're doing right now . And you want to play victim , I am not doing this . I'm here to take my clothes , I am moving to the other hut

I shouldn't be feeling this
hurt

He long left me

I don't know why he doesn't
just let me go
Why I still love him ?

There's no point in enduring
this

Ntando : I don't even know if I should take them , you and your mother are very evil people . Look at how your sister ran away from home because of you two , even to this day you have no idea where she is . Yet life goes on for you

He turns and walks out I sit down on the bed
As tears stream down my cheeks

♥ASANDE♥

I'm lost in my thoughts

Wondering about that man from last night

He just left

After giving me so much money

My money was only R23 He left his change of R177 That's a lot of money

One can never even say ,
that's a keep the change kind
of a situation

I don't know why I'm
wondering about him

I'm certain I'll never even
seen him again

But it's scary

This is Joburg

And things are said

Men target women , and joincults through them

Rich men specifically

These young ones , who havethings their age mates only dream of

Like that man of last night

He wasn't even that old

But he was driving anexpensive car

And his cologne , suresmelled expensive

But maybe I am worrying fornnothing

I mean , they give thousandsof money

Not the small change I got

I say small change , because I am sure to him that's all it is

A slight knock comes at thedoor

Me : come in Khethi walks in

Khethi : I hope I didn't disturb

I shake my head with a smile

Khethi : I have this for you , I passed by the post office

I am on my feet in seconds My heart is beating so fast

Me : this is what I think it is ? She nods with a smile
I tear up smiling , opening the envelope

Me : oh my God !
My results , and my certificate

Me : now I can apply for funding , and I can finish my
registration

Khethi : I am so happy for you
I touch my chest , taking a deep breath

Me : I will get that degree ...

Khethi : Advocate Mavuso

We look at each other and laugh

Khethi : you did it

Oh my goodness , I sure did

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♥INSIDE OUT♥

♥INSERT 17♥

♥ASANDE♥

Me : I registered for funding ,they wanted a lot of things . I don't know if I'll get it

Khethi : have faith

Me : it's ...I lied on the affidavit I made
Khethi : about ?

Me : my parents , I mean they wanted their details there . And questions about whether they're still alive and working

Khethi : what did you say ? I am sure it's not that big of a lie

I take a deep breath

Me : I said they're old , and stay in the village . They survive on my father's live stock , and my mother's garden . And per month , they only make R1 500

She laughs

Me : it's not funny ...

Khethi : it's not that bad of a lie , besides at this point you basically live like someone who's an orphan . It's not like you said they're dead

She's not helping me right
now
What if they find out that I lied ?

My mother doesn't work yes

But my father works at the farm

And he earns way more than that R1 500
Crossing fingers
Just praying and hoping Khethi : just relax , be happy .
You've finally registered , and
you'll get this funding . It was made for kids coming from
underprivileged homes
The system is so corrupt these days

We don't know what is what

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♥LIBONGWE♥

Me : I don't even know what
to call that situation

Mom : that girl will be staying there ?

Me : she stays there already ,
as it is . They've moved in

Mom : what are you going to do about this ? Because

when I try to help , I'm the
one who gets blamed

Me : the situation with Asa's baby wasn't helping , look
where it got us

Mom : if I had actually raised
kids , we wouldn't be here . Because you would be happy
with your husband and child
Even after this king , she
doesn't feel bad

Me : it's fine , I won't do
anything . Ntando is an adult
, he knows what he's doing .It's not like I can leave ,
because we don't have his
bride price anymore

Mom : where have you ever heard of such ? Even if we had it
still

Me : bye

I drop the call

She's really not helping me with anything
I don't know why I even bother myself , trying to talk to her

This is my reality now I guess

Being stuck in this polygamy of some sort

That's if it's even one

Because clearly , the girl has the man and kids

The family loves her And I am nothing

I still haven't seen her

Or even been introduced to each other

The way it's so quite

She hasn't even come in here She clearly knows why she's here

And it's for the man , nothing else

If I knew what I was getting myself into

I wouldn't have been that excited

Because this right here is hell on earth.

♥ASANDE♥

Most times Khethi has a way to make me feel better

And this is just one of those times

This is just my inside out

I mean , I've been holding on

to so much

Running away home

Never feeling the love of a parent
Always feeling like I don't
matter

Seeing my sister being favoured over me

Falling pregnant for the wrong guy

And losing my child , in the manner I lost him

Some days I have nightmares about it

The struggle has been real and felt

Inside I might be all sorts and kinds of sadness emotions
But outside , I'm ought to
flourish

And I intend to

I wasn't planning on coming
to sell anything today

But , here I am doing what I must do
Lady : can you please come inside , I need some fruits but I

left my purse inside

Me : alright

She walks ahead I follow behind her

Lady : I'm on the front desk ,so you won't go further ..I
don't want you to miss
clients waiting for long inside

I let out a smile as we walk inside the tall building

At least , we're just going to
reception

Lady : please give me three pears , and two bananas

Me : alright

I crouch down to the basket
Voice : and we meet again Lady
: Mr Mdluli
I lift my eyes
Recognising the voice

And he's looking right at me

I get up

Him : how are you ? I frown

And turn handing the lady her fruits

She hands me a R20 note

I reach in my bag and give her , her change

Me : thank you

She awkwardly smiles

Him : don't just ignore me

Me : I am not , I'm attending a customer . In her work place

He chuckles

Him : yeah , last I checked I was a customer too

Me : and you drove off before I can give you your change ..

Him : don't

He looks behind me

I turn , the lady is still here

She shamelessly walks around her desk

He shakes his head and takes my hand

That awkward feeling

Not knowing how to react Whether to remove my hand

Or just be rude to him

We walk outside of the building

I finally retrieve my hand back Me : I don't have your
change , I didn't think I'll see
you ever again

Him : is that what you usually do to your customers ?

Me : what ? ...you're the one
who left

Him : don't get all worked up
, I won't leave ever again . And don't worry about the
change , I'll get it back much more in return

Now I am lost

He reaches in my basket and takes out an apple

Me : you'll ruin my business ,you can't keep your change on
me just so you can take fruits for free from me

Him : it'll never be for free ,I'll remind you of this day 5 years
from now on . And
you're Mrs Sphelele Mdluli ,carrying our first born princess

He takes a bite of the apple and walks back inside

I'm left standing stunned

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♥ASANDE♥

I reach over to the side

It's cold

Like damn cold

I slowly open my eyes

And the bouquet of roses ,brings a smile to my face

I let out a chuckle

I bring my side down Putting on my sleepers

I pick up the roses , andcheck the card

"We'll be out there , cheeringloud for you mommy"

I let out a slight laughgetting up

I grab my silky gown and putit on

I make the bed

And head over to thebathroom

I take a pee , and brush myteeth

I walk downstairs

And the aroma in the kitchenfills my nostrils

Me : mhm ..

She turns and looks at mewith a smile

Khethi : finally the graduateis up

I laugh sitting down

I grab a piece of bacon and munch on it

With my eyes closed

And I can feel her eyes piercing at me
As soon as the tasty taste is gone , there it comes

I frown opening my eyes

Khethi : why are you doing that to yourself ?

Me : don't judge me
She laughs handing me a ginger biscuit

My mood just drops Me : I hate this
I take a bite , and it feels so much better

Me : why the frown ?

Khethi : do you want to faint on stage ?

I laugh

Me : don't be dramatic ,
eating this much I might just

Khethi : don't be selfish

Me : I don't like the fact that you're so wise

Khethi : it comes with the age

We laugh This woman !
I can never get anywhere

Me : let me go bath , I still have tons to do . Make your shoes
the dress

Khethi : I still don't understand why you have to pick
everything on the last day

Me : just for the thrill of it

Khethi : it doesn't make
sense

I get up

Me : finish up , I am coming to eat

I walk back upstairs

♥SPHELELE♥

I can't even hear what this
woman is saying My mind is not here

I keep checking my watch And time is moving fast
But there's nothing from her

No text , no missed call I am getting worried
Muzi : Uhm Mdluli ...are you
still with us ?

I lift my head and look at them

Muzi : is something wrong ?

Me : UhmI am ..

I get up

Me : I am really sorry , but can I please be excused . My wife
is graduating today , top of her class too on Law . I just want
to ...

He laughs

Muzi : what are you still doing here ?
The others laugh as well

I take a deep breath with a chuckle

Muzi : congratulations to her
, and hey ... before they start to head hunt her , connect me
to her . I might have something for her , especially

if she's anything as good as
you were in your youthWe laugh
Me : what are you saying ?

Muzi : come on , you're still as young as they come . And
better than good , when I met you 6 years ago

I shake my head grabbingmy laptop

I walk out of the boardroom

I take out my phone callingher as I walk to my office

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♥LIBONGWE♥

Sonti : you know it's such a
shame

I look at her

Life has been anything butgood

I'm more like a slave in this
place

I have endured so muchI am worn out
That I don't even have
energy for anything
As if it was not enough , thatshe came here with two kids

She had another one twoyears ago

And she's pregnant again as
we speak

As for me , I'm still me
I don't even believe I'm a
wife anymore

Ntando hasn't touched me in
all these years

I don't know a man

I don't even remember how it feels to be penetrated and
pleasured

But surely Sonti gets it all

She can't even hide her gloat

As she keeps on producingevidence

Sonti : I don't know what
your deal is being here ..

Me : why don't you ask your
so called husbandShe laughs
She annoys me so much

We're not fighting for
Ntando per se
Because it's clear and evident
that the man is hers

But she rubs in on my face every second she gets

I hate that we live in the same yard

And we're bound to just
bump into each other

The same Ntando who only stayed here for two days a week

Now he's always here
everyday

He sleeps home every night Clearly the idiot was me

And still is

Now , I'm just a former shadow of myself

I've lost who I am

Sonti : husband darling , I'm
the legal wife remember ?
She flashes her ring in front of my face

Just three months after she moved here

They had one massive white wedding

Sonti : why don't you just leave ? Because if you do , I
promise you he won't come
running after you

Me : are you so sure ?
Because he doesn't want me
to leave

Sonti : keep lying to yourself
, clearly you enjoy this kind of treatment . I don't know what I
expected , you're a
village girl . And you think marriage is an achievement , had
you done something
with your life . You wouldn't
be here

She picks up the bucket , and carries to the main house

While tears blurry my eyes
I hate her , but unfortunately
she's right

I shot myself in the foot

By thinking getting married ,is making it in life

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♥INSIDE OUT♥

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♥ASANDE♥

Where do I even begin ?This was just a dream
And there were times I didn't
think I will make itBut here I am
Coming from where I was
To now where I am

I can't believe the grace of God that has been upon mylife
thus far

This is my dayI have made it
And I'll certainly rejoice and
be proud

I look over to my side Khethi looks proud as everI know I've
done well
Even to this day , she's still
by my side

I appreciate her so much

That's why when things
changed in my life

I wanted her here with me

I just couldn't leave her alone
in Soweto
I took her with me

And now , she mostly certainly feels like the only family I
have from my aside

Apart from my own littlefamily

The driver parks the car
He gets off and opens thedoor for Khethi

My door opens , I lift myeyes and look at him

My lips curve into a smile

He holds his hand out , andhelps me out
His hands trail to my bumpl smile
Sphe : you're so beautifulMe : mhm ...
Sphe : you don't look
beautiful , you are beautiful
Me : I love you

I lean over pecking his lipsSphe : I was worried
Me : I know , but I'm here
now

I look into this man's eyes
And I see the genuine love he has for me

My life changed for the better

Meeting him , I didn't think four years later we would be
here

Been together for these past four years

And we've been married for two years

We've been living together in
Rosebank for three years

So much has happened in the four years

And now , we're just a week away from delivering a brand
new person

It turned out to be four years and not five

And the first born princess is coming
Just as he wanted

I have everything I need and want
Life turned out for the better From today onwards , I'll be
addressed as Advocate
Mdluli

I didn't hesitate taking his
surname

Getting rid of my own attachment

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♥SPHELELE♥

I look at Khethi , she's one
proud woman

I remember my own graduation

We've just gotten engaged

She was there

And she cheered the loudest I am happy I met this woman
And now , we can experience these life moments together

And be there for each other

I am a proud husband She deserves this
Because sometimes we had sleepless nights

But they have paid off

Now we're here

Seeing her on that stage
Making her speech
And receiving her degree

It's a moment I would have
never missed for anything

♥ASANDE♥

Trust Khethi and Sphe to treat me

It's been a great day

Now I am tired , I just want to soak myself and rest

After the graduation ceremony we had lunch

It's was nothing but spoils

Our own little celebration

Sphe : want me to rub your feet ?

Me : come bath with me
He smiles

Me : innocently Sphe : okay yes fine I laugh

He takes my hand and we walk upstairs to our bedroom

Sphe : you know , now that we're here . And seems like this
is where we'll raise our family , I think we should do

something about that house in Cape town

Me : what were you thinking

?

Sphe : definitely not to sell ,it's property babe . We can generate income from it , create a business of some sort

I nod

Me : alright , we'll think of something

Sphe : I love you so much I let out a smile

Me : and I love you

Sphe : let me go run you a bath

He pecks my lips

And walks to the bathroom I lay back down on the bed As I feel little kicks

I close my eyes

The feeling bringing tears to my eyes

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♥INSIDE OUT♥

♥INSERT 20♥

♥ASANDE♥

I open my eyes slowly

As I feel the moist inbetween my thighs

I let out a slight moan And he thrust in deeper I flinch a bit ,
moving up Sphe : I am sorry ...

He caresses my nipples

I close my eyes , letting out a moan

He breathes hoarse on my ear

I grab tight on his arm He increases his pace

I roll my eyes back , as a wave of pleasure runs through my
whole body

He deep grunts , as I feel his dick jerking inside of me

He slowly moves over I turn my head

As his lips grace mine And we passionately kiss Just as a kick
startles us

We pull out of the kiss laughing

Me : you woke the baby up

Sphe : she lacks timing and all

Me : we ...

I let out a scream of pain , asl feel a sharp cramp on my lower abdomen

Sphe : what's going on ?

Me : it's ...

The warm liquid runningthrough my legs

Me : oh my Godcall Khethi

He quickly gets up and putson his pants and t-shirt
He runs out of the roomI slowly sit up straight Khethi walks in

Me : I think my water justbroke

Khethi : okay , we don't havetime . Because we don't know how fast you're dialitang , Mdluli will get thebag . Put on a dress , let's goto the car

Me : without bathing ?

Khethi : there isn't time for that , or else you'll give birth in this house

Me : I thought ...I still had a week

Khethi : mhm ...lets go

This is awkward

How do you give birth Right after having sex

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♥SPHELELE♥

It's been three hours

I am pacing up and down Yet she seems to be so calm
I don't understand why

Me : are you okay ? She smiles

Asa : yes

Me : babe ...

Asa : for real , the doctor is coming anytime now

I nod slowly

At least she's not anxious as I
am

And 30 minutes later My princess is born

A spitting image of her mother

I couldn't be more happier as
a father

I have a whole human being I created this person

Asa : hey ...

I look at her with a smile

Me : she looks so much like you

Asa : let me see her

I move closer to the bed And place the baby on her
Asa : she's so beautiful

Me : she's a baby , she's cute

She laughs

Asa : ouch ...

Me : take it easy , you've just
given birth

Asa : are you happy ?

She looks into my eyes

I lean down placing a kiss on her forehead

Me : I am more than happy
She smiles

Me : I told you this was
gonna happen

She laughs Asa : just stop

I couldn't be more content
than this

♥LIBONGWE♥

I grab both my bags and walk out

Ntando is outside with his wife

Right by the tree , and their kids
I just can't do this anymore

I've reached my breaking
point

I'm done being here

And for no reason

Also being treated like this
I am walking out of here

I'll see if he will stop me or
what

I walk out , and head to the gate watching them

And they're also just
watching me
Ntando doesn't even look
like he cares

He's not even paying me any
attention

I guess , this man doesn't see
me as anything

I walk out of the gate
And they've turned their eyes
away from me

I wipe the tear that drops down my cheek

I walk over heading to my home

I don't know what will await
me

Maybe my father will kick me out

That's possible

But right now , I have no choice

I don't know why I'm still
living in that house

I'm sure he wouldn't even
care to go to my parents

And ask for his bride price

Because that has never been heard of

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♥INSIDE OUT♥

♥INSERT 21♥

♥THREE MONTHS LATER♥

♥ASANDE♥

He holds my hand I smile turning over
Sphe : are you okay ?

I nod with a smile

He gets out of the car

And walks around to open the door for me

I get out

He walks to the backseat ,and takes Ovayo from her seat
Sphe : should we give you some alone time

Me : please

Sphe : okay , we love you He pecks my lips
I take the shawl and throw it over my shoulders

I walk over to the grave Five years ago
I didn't think I'll ever come
back here But here I am

For the first time in five years
, I'm here to see my little boy

I kneel down

It's very clean

And Kgari's daughter has done a great job keeping it well

Even the tombstone Sphelele put

It's just beautiful wipe my tears As words fail me
And I have so much to say to this little guy

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♥LIBONGWE♥

I walk in the kitchen
And find my parents in a mayhem

Me : what's going on ?

Mom : at this time , you're only waking up now . And you
wonder why your marriage failed
Those are words I eat every day

It doesn't even get to me at

all

I am fine just as I am Seeing that even Ntando
didn't follow me
Not cause any drama

It's just these villagers

I'm a return soldier to them So it's fine , I don't care
I cared what people would say about me
If I was going to end up not getting married

I was happy for marriage

Without knowing what marriage is

And the hardships that come with it
As of now , I am fine as I am

Mom : we're going to the outskirts , it is said your sister is
here

Me : what ?

I ask in shock as they walk out
Leaving me stunned

But I am not missing this

Is she alive , after so long ?

I run out , pulling the door closing it

This , I want to see.

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♥ASANDE♥

Me : I do feel I should have done better , known better . I
thought I was protecting you
, I didn't know what will
happen . I was young and
clueless , I didn't want to give you away . Maybe if I did , you
would still be alive today
. I am so sorry my baby , if I could reverse the wings of time
I could . I am sorry , and I hope you find it in your heart to
forgive me . I will always and forever love you , I will never
forget you .

Watch over us ...

I wipe my tears off

I feel a hand on my shoulder

I lift my head and look at them

I raise my hands and take Owayo

Me : this is your little sister Owayo

Sphe kneels next to me

I close my eyes in happiness

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♥LIBONGWE♥

We get to the house

And there's a beautiful black
car parked outside

I watch as my parents walk in

And I follow behind them

The door opens before they can even knock

My jaw drops

This cannot be the same Asande

♥ASANDE♥

Okay!

How do they even know I am here ?

I didn't expect to see my
parents here

And Libongwe

She looks so shocked

She doesn't even look like herself

She's even lost weight

My dad looks like he's aged a thousand years

I look at them

And the pain, the hurt and rejection is not even here
Mom : Asande ! Me : sawubona ma
Mom : where ...where have
you been all these years ? Her voice is shaky
I take a deep breath
Me : I don't have a lot to say ,but seeing you here ...I didn't
even know how I'll feel when
I see you. But I feel nothing,inside out
They just look at me

And I turn back inside the house

I close the door
Sphe and Kgari's daughter
are gawking at me

I laugh , leaning by the door closing my eyes

I feel lifted !

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