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The party was so, so, so party like. Loud music, booze everywhere and I was very uncomfortable. I refused to drink alcohol so I was drinking some soda.

Khensane disappeared on me and I badly wanted to go home

I went inside the house looking for my twin so we could go home but she was nowhere to be seen . I gave up and slumped on the couch

A good looking guy by the name of Nicolas Mbatha joined me. He was the host of this party and we were at his home. He was very popular in school for his good looks and brilliant brain.

He was good at all the sports in school

and he had just finished writing his matric
exams

He is also my twin's crush and she melts at the sight of him

Him: "you look lost why aren't you mingling?"

Me:"I am looking for my twin sister and it seems like she disappeared"

Him: "drink?" he waved a Heineken bottle in front of me

Me:"no thanks but I'm surprised that you drink" Him:"because?"

Me:"well you are in the praise worship team and ..."

Him: "you are also at a party"

Me:"that's different"

Him: "how so?"

He leaned closer for a kiss and I found myself closing my eyes before him. He kissed me and I soaked up to the affection(mind you this was my first kiss ever, I mean I'm front a strick family and all).

He went on a bit longer pushing his tongue in my mouth slowly. He sucked on my lips interchanging both the bottom and the top lips. His lips were so smooth. He had a slight bitter taste from the alcohol but the sweetness of his mouthwork overtook the bitter taste

He lifted me without breaking the kiss and

carried me to his room, I almost didn't notice what was happening around me. He put me on his bed and kissed me hungrily then he stopped

Him: "shall I lock the door?"

Me:"uhm yeah"

I cleared my throat while he locked the door, my heart was beating out of control as I wondered what would happen next. If only my twin was here, she'd know what to do.

He smiled sheepishly at me and took off his shirt. I gasped at his body,it was like one of theses on the movies, six pack, portable muscles, everything in shape and lots of tattoos

Me:"wow"

Him:"you like?"

Me:"it's very nice"

He stood by the bed and helped me take of my clothes while he continued with his mind blowing kiss. I felt his breath on my neck as he nibbled on it, then he went on to my hard nipples making me moan involuntarily. He looked at me straight in my eyes and entered.

I was so ready for him agreeing to minutes of the greatest pain of my life. Realising that it was my first time he handled me slowly and gently while I occasionally pushed him off as he went deeper filling any spac that I might have had down in me. My mind burst into excitement as I reached climax for the first time. I called out his name unwillingly and he let out a howl and relaxed on top of me. He mashed our bodies together and pulled out resting his head on my chest

Him:"wow"

Me: "you used protection right?"

Him: "no but I'm clean don't worry"

Me:"I have to go"

Him: "no ways, rest a bit I know you hurting down there"

He said that rubbing my clit with his thumb

Me:"this was a mistake"

I suddenly felt guilty as I remembered that my twin badly wanted this guy

Him: "relax you worry too much"

With that he fell into a deep slumber and I lay awake processing what just happened

I moved carefully not to wake him and put on my clothes. I unlocked the door and went out to meet my drunkard sister dancing with an older guy who was already touching her inappropriately. I dragged her out of there and we walked home

A car pulled next to me, the driver rolled down the window and my heart nearly stopped as I realised that it was Nico

Him:"it's not safe to walk at this time especially in this neighbourhood"

Me:"we'll manage"

Him: stop being stubborn and get in. Your sister can barely walk

He helped put my sister at the back and I got on the front seat and directed him to our home. He helped us sneak back in and I tugged my sister in. I heard him drive off and took a deep breath

I was dying to take a bath but I couldn't because my parents would hear me and start asking questions ... Perks of living in a five room house with two bedrooms, kitchen, bathroom and dining room. It was not small nor big, just enough. Father worked at the butchery and mother was a house wife but did people their hair, she also sold sweets and snacks so we were never hungry

The next day we woke up to our chores with

twin having a hangover. She was busy with laundry while I was sweepings the yard. Dad was by his favourite chair observing us

Him:"look at how her hands lazily move when she was washes those clothes"

Me: "she's not feeling well papa"

Him: "gaah nonsense"

Mom: "breakfast is ready everyone"

We gathered up the kitchen table and ate in silence.

After that we continued with our chores while dad went to the butcher and mother attended a customer who wanted a straight up.

I went and ran a bath. Twin bore her huge eyes in me

Me:"what?"

Her:"your neck"

Me: "what about it?"

Her:"love bites, you got hickies even on your breast"

Me:"huh?"

I looked at myself in the mirror and sure enough, the red marks were visible

Her:"tell tell tell"

Me:"well it happened that I did sleep with someone"

Her:"you lie" she gasped and sat on the toilet seat staring at me the whole time

Me:"it just happened and I didn't plan it"

Her: "we said we were going to break our virginity together on our 16 th birthday"

Me:"I know but it just happened "

Her: "the details sister"

She made herself comfortable as I swallowed difficulty but I didn't lie. I told her every detail and she sat in silence. I couldn't read her facial expressions for the first time in my life. I was done with my bath and we went to our bedroom

Me: "any comments?"

Her:"no"

Me:"I know you like him but ..."

Her:"it's okay sis, I am glad you are past that painful stage"

Me: "but I don't have any feelings for him or

anything"

Her:"please do me a favour and stop feeling guilty. I wasn't even with the guy so it's not like he cheated. I just liked him that's all"

Me: "right so let's go to the park"

Her:"I just want to rest. You can leave



Good morning

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The next few weeks were really awkward between us, twin was always off and kept avoiding me but said she wasn't angry at me.

She was always on her phone and kept the conversations short

I didn't see Nico that much either. We saw each other at church only and he was being his usual self, he didn't bring up what happened that day he just asked if we were okay then that was it

I was also not my usual self, I felt like my body wasn't mine. After some time, I decided to buy a pregnancy test and almost fainted when it came out positive. It was on Christmas day and I remember crying all morning

Twin tried comforting me

Her: "pull yourself together, people at church will notice that you are not okay"

Me:"I never expected this"

Her:"you should have been expecting this especially when you didn't protect yourself with a guy you hardly know"

Me:"don't judge me"

Her: "whatever"

I finally gathered the courage to tell my dad after lunch even though twin warned me against it. I made my way to him and twin pulled me by the arm and whispered

Her: "you can have a safe abortion"

Me: "no I am telling dad"

Her: "don't be stupid do you want him to beat you black and blue?"

Me:"he won't"

Her: go then

I sat down next to my father and told him and his response was unexpected.

I couldn't miss the disappointed look on his face because I was an angel in his eyes, he always thought Khensane would get pregnant first

Father was so concern with what people would say if his daughter was pregnant out of wedlock . He put that wedding together so fast that I didn't have time to blink .

Nico also didn't have a say either, his father was a deacon at my father's church and he wasn't going to let his son embarrass him by impregnating a girl outside of marriage. So by the 31st of December we had already signed and married.

His father paid lobola and I was to drop out of school and go live with his grandmother in the rurals

On new years day I packed all my clothes and prepared to leave. Twin came to the room with a glass of juice

Her:"I can't believe this"

Me: "me neither. Everything is happening so fast"

Her:"drink"

Me:"thanks"

I took the glass and gulped down all of the juice while standing up

Her: "wow you were indeed thirsty"

Me:"I am just too sad"

Her:"me too"

Me:"I'll miss you"

Her: "this is the first time we'll ever be separated"

Me:it's seriously not cool"

Her: "but ey it's happening. You are married to thee Nicholas Mbatha"

Me:"we are not even in love and he's not coming with me to the rurals, I am going there for a full year"

Her:"it's not fair"

Me:"I'm sorry"

Her:"I'm sure if I was the one pregnant father would have ..."

I felt a sharp pain cross my waist. I screamed, I

started feeling cramps and twin rushed out to call my mom and I was rushed to the nearest hospital.

I remember waking to the sound of beeping machines . When I flicked my eyes open a nurse was in the room

Me:"Where's my baby?" I asked touching my tummy

Nurse:"I'm so sorry you lost the foetus"

Me:"noo"

Nurse:"I'm so sorry ,your family have been waiting for you since yesterday"

Me:"it can't be"

Nurse:"it's very possible especially because you were only a few weeks pregnant "

Me:"3 weeks"

Nurse: "so because it was still being developed ,anything was possible. Did you know you were pregnant?"

Me:"I only found out last week"

Nurse: "did you drink something maybe?"

Me:"I only had a glass of juice"

Nurse:"I mean were you trying to get rid of the developing foetus?"

Me: "no I wasn't doing that"

Nurse:"I see"

She scribbled on my file and walked out . I had lost my developing foetus just like that. I remember crying until I passed out ... yes it was unplanned but loosing a child is very painful. The whole family was there but it didn't change anything(other than the fact that I was

going back to school)

I hadn't healed and I wasn't ready for matric

The story starts tomorrow properly with all the characters included this is still the introduction



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10 years later

I am a doctor now, still married to Nico since that day and we don't have any kids after the one I lost. Nico was an engineer student but now owns an engineering company.

We live in a triple storey and were labeled as one of Mzanzi's richest couple amongst the few. We own a private school, an orphanage and a recording company whereby my twin sister is the star of the company. She makes music and is a celebrity who rolls with the big dogs. She is also a model(my father still disapproves of her career choice)

My husband came downstairs and found me on

the phone with my father, I had just got in from my shift. He perked me on the cheek and got himself a bottle of water from the fridge. I put down my phone and looked at him

Me: "Shandu"

Him:"yebo Dr Mbatha"

Me:"I see you going for your jog"

Him:"yes but after that I'm coming back. I want to spend time with you"

Me:"I like the sound of that"

I said smiling, he was hardly the romantic type. We learned to live with each other after I finished my matric, we never talked about the child we lost.

In fact, we are not really close as some people think. Everyone is wrapped up in their own lives He finished drinking water and took out another bottle

Him:"see you"

Me: before you go uhm remember that my twin will be here tomorrow

Him:"cool"

Me: "okay bye"

He went out just like that. Our marriage was just an agreement to accommodate each other that's all. No love no nothing

I went to check with the helpers, told them to prepare a room for my twin then went to take a

nice bath and rested. That was pretty much my life, work work

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Nico

I was enjoying my jogging when my phone rang. It was Ntombi

Me:"Ntombi"

Her: "come and get me I'm stranded"

She sounded drunk and I sighed

Me: "where are you?"

Her:"I don't know . I think I am somewhere somewhere"

Me: "okay stay where you are I'm coming now"

I rushed home and took one of my cars, Ntombi is one hell of a sister. She's always asking for money and drinks it away. I think she's now into drugstore, I tried the rehab thing but she escaped. I tried tough love but I can't seem to help her

I used the 'find my phone' tracking app and found her sitting on the pavement in some place. I got out of the car and embraced her

Me: "are you alright?"

Her:"I am thanks"

Me: get in let's go

We got in and she told me what happened while I was driving to my place. I listened attentively untill we arrived then ordered for her to take a bath and rest. I asked one of the helpers to bring her food

I went to the bedroom and found Tsakane busy on her laptop

Me: "thought you were resting"

Her: "what happened to your jog?"

Me:"oh emergency call. Had to take care of something"

I sat on the couch and switched on the TV. Her

eyes were bored into me

Her: "you know we've been married for ten years but you still find it hard to open up to me"

Me: "what are you talking about?"

Her:"we don't do deep conversations like normal couples do. It's just casual sex and nothing more"

Me:"what do you want Tsaki"

Her:"I want more Nico, example, what emergency you had to attend?"

Me:"it was Ntombi"

Her:"uh-huh"

Me: "she's pregnant but doesn't want the baby"

She kept quiet for a few seconds

Her: "let's adopt the baby"

Me:"excuse me?"

Her: "yeah I mean, Ntombi is your sister and it would be nice to have a child running around"

Me:"no"

Her: "pardon?"

Me:"I said no"

Her:"but . . . "

Me: "the topic is exhausted so let's leave it "

I entered into the bathroom for a cold shower

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Khensane

Lights! Camera! Action!was the life I lived. I enjoyed every moment of it

I finished with the photo shoot. I was advertising swim wear and I was on my way to lunch with my BFFs Bonang Lelaka and JayaJay . I drove to the restaurant and found them already waiting for me

Me:"hello hi"

Jay:"girlfriend"

B:"bestie mine"

Jay: "we already ordered for you sweetie"

Me:"thanks Jay"

I sat down after giving them both hugs and dug in, we talked about random stuff like we always do

J is flamboyant and bubly, he makes me laugh every time and he is very good with hair and makeup. He is a fashion designer, he owns a salon and is Somizi Mhlongo in the making more especially because he is Jason Mhlongo himself

B is a straight talker, she's really upfront about everything unlike the sensitive J. She is always moody but I like her just the way she is. She is an artist and owns her own gallery studio... Talk about life goals, I have thee most wonderful friends in the world

J:"so what have you planned this weekend missy?do you guys want a girl's night in?"

B:"we've already had both girl's night in and girl's night out in one month J"

Me:"I'm going to visit my sister in Johannesburg. I'm leaving tomorrow sorry guys"

J:"so I'll be alone this weekend bethuna"

Me: "we just a phone call away J don't sulk"

J:"single life is not cool after all"

Bonang was eying me in a peculiar way and I knew she had something to say because she kept pouting her lips

Me:"talk B"

B:"I want to ask friend"

Me:"okay"

B:"how are you going to face your twin?"

Me:"meaning?"

B:"I mean she's married to your crush and you'll be around them for the weekend"

Me:"first of ... Nico is no longer my crush and secondly, It's not like I haven't seen these people for ten years. I always see them"

J:"but you only see them for a few minutes while you guys are visiting home, now it will be the whole weekend with them"

Me:"I've spent so many weekends with my twin bethuna"

B:"yeah yeah but you've never been around the two of them and ..."

Me:"I can't believe you guys "

I got up and grabbed my bag

B:"I'm just saying that if you need us ,you can call anytime"

J:"and you can just spend the day and not the whole weekend"

Me: "yeah right thanks you guys"

I stormed off, I don't know how these two think that I'm still hung over something that happened ten years ago. I mean they got married because they were forced to not because they loved each other and anyway Nico wasn't my boyfriend so what could be the big deal

True that I haven't been around both of them for a long time but it doesn't matter at all. I went to my apartment and started packing then had an early night



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Nico

I came back from my jog and found Ntombi eating ice cream from its tub. She had her body inside the fridge

Me:"you know you could use a bowl"

Her: "oh hey I'm sorry"

She closed the fridge and sat down while I

drank some water

Me:"Ntombi you are just 17 but I have taken you out of the worst possible scenarios yet here you are thanking me with pregnancy"

Her:"I told you that I don't want this child"

Me:"then why didn't you use protection?"

Her:"I don't know"

I sighed and looked at her eating like a mad person. Tsakane came and smiled at us

Her:"morning"

Me: good morning

Ntombi:"sho"

Her:"I haven't seen you in a long time Ntombi"

Ntombi:"yeah yeah ... I'll be in my room for the day"

Me:"okay"

Her: "Shandu will you be home to welcome my sister?"

Me:"no why"

Her:"I have to go to work"

Me:"the helpers are here and Ntombi is also here"

Her: "okay ... where did you sleep last night?"

Me:"one of the spare rooms"

Her: "oh okay, I have to go then"

Me:"bye"

She looked at me with some sort of expectation. I perked her cheek and she left. I went to take a shower and prepared to go to work .Ntombi

emerged at my room

Me: "privacy Ntombi this is a bedroom"

Her:"I'm so sorry but I'm going"

Me:"don't make me ask"

Her:"to my boyfriend's"

Me:"just like that"

Her:"I wasn't asking"

Me:"don't you dare contact me when you are stranded"

Her: "whatever"

I really care about her but I lack disciplining skills. I wish I could toughen up on her but I couldn't. I took a deep breath and went to work

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Tsakane

I spent the day working tirelessly, being a doctor is hard work. I was monitoring a baby. My heart broke into a million pieces as I thought about my child who would now be ten. I didn't even get a chance to feel him or her kicking

What makes the whole thing worse is that my husband and I hardly talk and I do wish I had someone to share with. I asked the mother of the child to hold the baby and she let me. I held him for a few seconds then returned him

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Khensane

My twin lived in wonderland. I kept admiringly the house for hours while waiting for her arrive. I had finished unpacking and was now surfing on the TV channels wearing a comfortable dress

Voice: "take your feet off the couch"

I almost jumped in fright because I thought no

one was in the house. I looked up to see a muscular tall man who I recognised from the news. Nico

Me:"you are very rude"

Him:"it's my house isn't it?"

Me:"I am a guest duuh"

Him: "exactly why you should remove your feet from my couch"

He rudely removed my feet off the couch and I got up

Me: "what is wrong with you?"

Him:"you are a celebrity in Durban not in my house"

Me: "wow, rich and arrogant"

The door opened my twin entered. She looked so serious and grown up. I rushed to her and

jumped at her unexpectedly

Her: "whoa whoa let me take these off"

Me: "Dr Mbatha girl"

She turned around and I claped hands for her as she did some dramatic movements. We laughed and hugged then went to sit down

Her:"I'm so glad you are here twin "

Me:"I'm so happy to see you"

Her: "can I get an autograph"

Me:"oh but you are also living that life look at this place"

Her: "hard work pays off right. How's Durban? "

Me:"you know Durban is Durban."

Her:"I see you and Shandu get along well"

Me:"I wouldn't say get along well but yeah we've

met"

Her: "good"

Not to be observant but I could sense some tension. Looks like trouble in paradise and I felt sorry for twin . Marriage must be difficult I could see

Nicholas looks like an arrogant selfish bustard and I didn't like him one bit. I can't believe that I had a crush on him back then but I was young

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Tsakane

We spent the whole night talking and catching up. I realised that we grew different but she was still my best friend and I loved her dearly. She told me about her boyfriend

Me: "so you are dating your music producer"

Her: "you should meet Mxolisi"

Me:"I'll definitely make time for that"

Her: "when was the last time you went home?"

Me:"I was there last weekend "

Her:"oh"

Me: "mama really misses you"

Her: "well we talk every time on the phone but you know I can't go see her"

Me:"I can talk to father you know"

Her: "uh uh, father should apologise to me for disowninng me and kicking me out"

Me: "but I'm sure you'll find common ground"

Her: "Let's not talk about father please"

Me:"okay"

Her: "how's marriage treating you"

Me:"er it's just okay twin . You know we got married at a very young age but we are making it work as best as we can"

Her: "your husband looks like a bully. Does he hit you?"

Me:"uhm no ... speaking of my husband, I'm sure he's wanting me by his bedside"

Her: oh ohk"

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Nico

She got in bed and smiled at me

Me:"you look happy"

Her:"I'm just glad that my twin is here"

Me:"I can see. She seems like a nice person"

Her: "she is you'll see that"

Me: "okay ... come here"

I pulled her closer but her body was tense. I kissed her and she took long to respond then

pulled away

Her:"ahem"

Me: "what's wrong?"

Her:"it's just that it's been months since you touched me so I'm surprised that you want to now"

I didn't say anything. I undid her silk gown. She wasn't wearing anything underneath and that turned me on. I got on top of her and started planting wet kisses all over her body starting with her forehead down to her fit thighs

I bought my head slightly up and muffed her until she cum on my face. I positioned myself and entered her. She gasped and dug her nails on my back. I thrust fast and hard like never

before

I put her in different positions until she couldn't handle it anymore. I cum insiders her right after she did and I massed our bodies like I did the first time I slept with her

It was the first time in ten years we've done something like this. Usually I would just give her one round that left her unsatisfied but she never complained. Then I stopped touching her

Me:"I know I haven't been the best husband in all the ten years and I've seen you try everything in your power to be the best wife. Forgive me for my actions"

Her:"I'm glad you see things from my view"

Me:"it's already dawn so let me go to my study

to do some work"

Her:"okay"

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Khensane

I couldn't sleep, I guess the couple was having make up sex. The way they moaned and groaned turned me on especially because I was right next to them

I tried calling Mxolisi twice but he didn't pick up .I rolled my eyes and automatically my fingers went into my already wet cookie. I bit my lip as I worked out myself

I felt a shadow and opened my eyes. Nico was standing there watching me

Me: "what the fuck dude"

Him: "keep it down"

Me: "you guys are the ones who started it"

Him: "it definitely wasn't a competition"

Me:"I'm sorry I couldn't help it"

Him: so are you going to continue?

I flattered with embarrassment at the thought of what he saw me doing

Me:"yeah now if you don't mind"

Him:"okay"

He closed the door behind and I covered myself with the blanket and forced sleep. What an awkward first day



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Khensane

I woke and found missed calls from B and J, I smiled at the thought that they missed me already. I video called them knowing that they must be together. They answered and they

looked a mess.

Me:"Friends!!"

J:"girlfriend"

B:"hello"

Me: "how are you guys"

J:"you haven't updated us"

Me: "after what you guys did?"

B:"we just outlined facts"

J:"but we are truly sorry"

Me:"I see":"

Me:"the house bethuna"

B:"I know I know I've seen it on Top Billing"

Me:"it's breath taking"

J:"the guy? I've been on his Instagram and he's smoking hot"

Me: "my twin is living large yooh"

B: "how did he treat you?"

Me:"they are just okay"

J:"and that flushed face?"

Me:"the guy caught me musterbating bethuna"

B:"you lie"

Me:"it's true"

B:"and did you sleep with him"

Me: "he's my brother in law bethuna"

B:"the same brother you were supposed to sleep with ten years ago"

J:"oops oops"

Me:"please stop bringing that up guys. Actually we are done"

J:"no baby don't ..."

I hung up and went to do my hygiene process, lotioned and wore blue summer shots and a white Kappa shirt with white flip flops. I applied vaseline on my lips and tied my weave neatly

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Tsakane

I woke up in a cheerful mood but Nico wasn't by my bedside. I called in one of the helpers and told her to prepare a nice big breakfast for us, after that I realised that Nico was taking a shower. I decided to join him

I put my hands around his hips and he turned . I got in

Me:"can I join you?"

Him:"I'm done here but I can spare a few seconds"

Me: "can we do this every day please"

Him:"well we can"

He turned the water on full blast . He spun me around and made me face the other way and entered without warning and moved slowly

Me:"oh wow"

Him:"you like?"

Me:"uh huh"

He pumped harder lifting my leg up and going faster. I felt myself splashing in a second

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Khensane

The breakfast table was so 'five-star'. I sat down and immediately heard two gigging love birds making their way to the table . They sat down and kissed

Me: "get a room guys"

Tsaki: "good morning to you too twin"

Me: "argh I'm serious bethuna"

Nico:"morning Khensi"

Me:"hi"

I flushed again with embarrassment, what was he doing in my room anyway?

Him: "did you sleep well?"

Me:"I did thanks"

Him:"okay"

Tsaki: "baby will you be home for the day?"

Him:"I want to give you and twin space, there's lots of catching up to do"

Me: "excuses excuses"

Twin's phone rang and she excused herself

Him: "no I've got billions to make"

Me:"look who's gloating"

Him:"you also rub shoulders with abo who's who on TV girl"

Me: "but I don't have billions "

Him:"yet"

Tsaki: "guys I have to go"

Me:"why?"

Her: "emergency at the hospital, doctor Shezi needs assistance"

Me:"go then"

Her:"I'm really sorry twin"

Me:"just come back after sorting everything out"

Her: "baby you okay?"

Him:"I'm just glad I get to spend the day with you while you are at the hospital"

He said beckoning to me and we all laughed. Twin gathered her things and left me with his talkative husband, to think that I actually thought he was rude and arrogant ... this was a different person.

We spent hours telling each other about ourselves, we actually had a lot in common

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Tsakane

I worked hard assisting Doctor Shezi, a handsome guy who every nurse is crushing on. He called me to his office

Him: "you sure worked your ass off today"

Me: "am I supposed to be flattered doc?"

I asked sitting on his desk while he got in between my legs with his chair

Him: "maybe ,you seemed in a good mood today, better than every day"

Me:"I loved what I saw this morning, my husband was getting along with my twin very well"

Him:"okay"

Me:"yeah so I am happy"

Him: "you know what usually happens when you leave your husband with your sister right?"

Me: "no no my twin would never"

Him: "you think so?"

Me:"I know so"

Him: "okay, I rest my case"

He touched my thigh and I got up

Me: "you don't give up do you?"

Him: give a dude a break hey

Me:"I will never sleep with you Musa Shezi"

Him:"ok"

He gave me a puppy face which I ignored. Musa is my best friend and always tries his luck on me but I won't give him a chance. I went home and was welcomed by twin been given a foot massage

Me: "okay okay I'm jealous"

Her: "your man gives the best foot massage sis"

Me:"I can see by your facial expression"

Her:"I envy you sis, you got everything you want, perfect man, stable job and it life"

Me:"I'm so tired"

I threw myself on the couch and kissed hubby

Him: "how was your day?"

Me:"busy"

Him: oh yeah, your twin here was telling me your childhood stories

Me:"I'm hoping that she didn't fry me"

Her: "no no I just painted you with the brush father wouldn't paint you with"

That hurt me, the relationship between my twin and my father seems to be hitting her hard and I needed to make a plan . She got up

Her:"I'm going to take a nap bethuna. See you in an hour"

Me:"immediately also going to rest then we'll talk while counting the hours before you leave for Durban"

Her:"yeah sure"

She went upstairs and I sighed

Me:"you two get along so well"

Him: "your twin is so awesome"

Me:"I know right"

Him: "she should visit more often"

Me:"oh well she will, I'm glad you like her. I was convinced that yesterday you guys weren't okay"

Him: "we got off on the wrong foot but now we are okay"

Me:"good, now let me go upstairs for a while" Him:"sure thing"

I got up and he spanked my ass, I giggled, I liked the sudden change in him

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To be continued yesterday I had a hectic day bethuna and I apologise for not posting

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Khensane

"We kissed the stars and embraced the moon." No!

"Your love is hurting like a broken dream .It feels so scary that I could ever loose you . Let the mountains fall . Let the oceans dry . Let the stars above start to shine no more . You will always be right here in my heart where you belong" No!

"I wanna feel your love wanna feel your love wanna feel your ohh ohh ohh ... " argh it's not working!

I was trying some new lyrics for my new song but something didn't seem right. A round of applause made me look up from the bed. Nico was standing in the doorway

Me: "clearly you don't give people privacy in your million dollar house"

Him:"I'm sorry but I couldn't help but feel obliged to listen to the wonderful melody coming from this room"

Me:"well sir you are wasting your time because I can't get the lyrics right. I want to go back and start working on a single"

Him: "speaking of single, are you single? I didn't ask yesterday"

He asked that sitting on the bed next to me

Me: "actually no I've got a boyfriend"

Him:"is it serious?"

Me:"I think so why?"

Him: "how long have you been together?"

Me:"a month and why the sudden interest in my love life?"

Him:"I'm just asking"

Me: "okay that's so weird"

Him:"I'm sorry"

Me: "what were you doing in my room that other night?"

Him:"like I said I heard some noise then decided to check out the details"

Me:"I see ... listen, that made me very uncomfortable and I really hope that nothing like that happens again"

Him: "sure thing"

Me:"you should get going because I want to pack and finish this one verse"

Him: "yeah yeah of course"

He got up, turned on his heels and walked away slowly. Okay this guy is really acting very weird.

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Tsakane

I was taking a peaceful nap when I got a call from my father . I answered with a smile

Me:"papa!"

Him:"daughter"

Me: "how are you?"

Him: "we are well thanks and yourself?"

Me:"I'm good thanks, to what I owe this pleasure?"

Him:"is it wrong for a father to miss his daughter?"

Me:"no nothing it's just that it's me who usually calls"

Him: "your mother and I are on our way there"

Me:"on your way to my house?"

Him: "where else?we are taking the first bus there tomorrow morning"

I thought of twin, father didn't know she was here and I am afraid they might have another fall out because they fail to tolerate each other

Me:"okay father, that's good news. I can't wait to see you"

Him: "me too see you then bye"

Me:"bye"

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Nico

I called Ntombi. We talked for a few seconds and I was glad that she's okay. A few minutes later I was sitting in the lounge with my best friend Vincent Van Wyk having a few drinks

Him:"I'm sorry to invite you at such short notice, my wife wanted it to be a surprise party but ended up telling me to gather my friends"

Me:"don't worry, I'll come"

Him: "are you going to take your busy doctor?"

Me: "yes but if not I'll ask her sister"

Him:"is the sister in town?"

Me: "she's right under this roof"

Him: "can I see her?"

Me: "stay for supper then you will see her"

Him: "and please hook me up"

Me:"I don't think Nadia will be happy"

Him:"it will just be a once off thing"

Me: "unfortunately not with this baby here"

Him:"I don't understand why you are so overprotective dude unless you want her all to yourself"

Me: of course I ..."

Him: "aha see right there"

Me:"I was going to say of course not dummy"

Him: "remember back in high school how you used to want a piece of her?"

Me: "how can I forget dude"

Him:"I still wonder how you married the other one though. You never talk about it"

Me:"I think that's your cue Vinny, you talk too

much when you are drunk. Tell Nadia that I'll be there"

Him:"are you kicking me out?":"I've already called you a cab. Will bring your car with me tomorrow "

He left in a sour mood, people liked poking their noses where they don't belong.

I hate having to explain to my former class mates why I chose to marry the 'wrong twin'

He may be my best friend but he needn't know everything that goes on my life

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Tsakane

The dinner table was awfully quite as each one was wrapped their own head

Me: "what time will you leave tomorrow twin?"

Her:"I was thinking of leaving round about 12 midday why?"

Nico:"uhm Tsaki how's your schedule for tomorrow?"

Me:"I have to attend a conference after church, it's a Sunday remember"

Him: "so Vince invited me to a party which needs a plus one"

Me:"I can't go about partying while you know that there might be an emergency at work, I

should be at church at least"

Him: but Vince is my buddy and ..."

Me:"take twin"

I said without hesitation ,they looked at each other uncomfortably

Her: "hello I have to be in Durban by Monday"

Me:"you haven't worked out a song yet and you can't just jump every time your boyfriend wants you to"

Him: boyfriend?"

Me: "yeah her music producer is her boyfriend"

Her: "thanks sis thanks"

Me:"I'm just being honest"

Her: "but you are right you know, he hasn't even called"

Me: "see ... do it as a favour then I'll owe you one"

Her:"if you put it that way ... but I didn't bring any fancy clothes"

Me:"you can have the card first thing in the morning"

Her:"you lie"

She jumped up and down on her chair with glee, I had forgotten how childish she was

Him: "make sure you are here by twelve"

Her:"I promise"

She ran upstairs and we went to bed



Good morning IF THE CROWN FITS

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Mxolisi

I was up all night busy drafting ideas for Khensane's new album . I passed out on the couch at the apartment and was woken by someone hammering at the door

Me: "don't break my door please"

I opened and she threw the envelope at me

Me: "what's this?"

Her:"take a look"

I opened the envelope and inside were sonar scans

Me:"en nou?"

Her:"I'm pregnant can't you see"

Me:"don't come here with that bullshit, I gave you the pill"

Her: "clearly it didn't work because I am pregnant, see 18 weeks"

Me: go get rid of that thing and get out of my sight

Her: "that thing is our bab..."

Me: "Hey!I am not ready to be a father"

Her:"you should have thought about that before riding me like a horse and planting your seed in me"

Me: "are you going to leave or rather you have security throwing you out?"

She paused her lips and looked at me up and down for a cool ten seconds

Her:"I wonder what would Khensane say when she hears of this"

Me: "as if she'd spare you"

Her:"try me sweetie"

Me: "Go!before I do something I'll regret ... oh and close the door behind you"

She clicked her tongue before banging my door

loudly that I felt it's hinges dangling a few seconds after she had left

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Khensane

Shopping for the party without using my money has to be the happiest moment of my life especially if it's a limitless card. I shopped till I dropped and by the time I went back Nico was already ready and impatiently waiting

Me: give me two seconds

Him:"two secs tops"

I rushed upstairs to do my things, I tried calling Mxolisi to tell him not to expect me tonight

Him:"yes"

Me:"I'm not coming"

Him:"pardon?"

Me: something came up

Him: and I care because?

Me: "why didn't you call me?"

Him:"I didn't have time now I'm expecting you before the night falls on"

Me:"but ..."

He hung up

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Nico

I had been waiting forever when I heard the sound of heels coming downstairs and turned my head to see.

I almost drooped my jaw at this drop dead goddess I saw coming down the stairs. She was very simple yet elegant, wearing a jumpsuit that hugged her body perfectly and nice heels. Her makeup was on point and she was breath taking ...

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Tsakane

After church, I welcomed my parents into my home. After they settled in and had their food, father asked me to sit facing him with mother by his side

Him:"I see life is treating you well"

Me: "all by God's grace father"

Her: "but something is missing"

Me: and that would be?"

Him: grandchildren, we know what happened last time but we were hoping you would have tried again this time

Me:"I'm just 25 and there's still time"

I shifted uncomfortably on my seat, if only they knew how badly I wanted kids

Her: "we are not getting any younger Tsaki"

Me: "can we not have this conversation.

Khensane doesn't have children either yet you guys are roasting me alone"

Him: "Khensane is not married and will never be. She's not a mother figure but you are. Intelligent, married, driven and you fear God" Me:"I don't know"

I was saved by a call from work

To be continued ...

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Nico

[AT THE PARTY]

Me:"you look gorgeous"

Her: "thank you mister"

Me: "let me introduce you to everyone"

Her:"I'm so excited"

I introduced her to every high roller and big fish, many knew her from the billboards. She instantly got along well with Nadia, the lady of the house

Vee:"I see why you didn't want me near her"
He said standing next to me handing me a drink,
we looked at Nadia and Khensane chatting
across the room

Me:"I still want her dude"

Him: "have her"

Me: "she's everything I dream about and more"

Him:"I can see it clearly, she a ten out of ten"

Me:"exactly"

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Tsakane

I watched her getting into the car that I had parked in the ghetto streets of Alexander, she greeted me and bore her eyes on me

I had told my parents that I was going to collect something at work but ran to Ntombi instead Me:"thanks for agreeing to meet me"

Her: "did Nico send you?"

Me:"no but he did tell me something interesting the other day"

Her: "spit it out"

Me:"he told me that you are pregnant and that you don't want to have the child"

Her: "so much for being a discreet brother"

Me:"no I'm his wife remember so we share our burdens"

Her: "did he say that I'm a burden to him?"

Me:"no not at all"

Her:"talk"

Me:"it's just that I don't want you to terminate the pregnancy"

Her:"oh?"

Me:"I want you to give me that child"

Her: give?"

Me: "yes but Nico doesn't have to know"

Her: "bathong Tsakane!"

Me: "please I'm desparate"

Her:"I can't do something like that to my brother I'm sorry "

She got off the car and left me shaking at the thought that she might tell her brother. I went home and tried acting cool. I had to fake a headache so I could be allowed to go to bed

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Khensane

LATER

Nico and I had such a time at his friend's house. Nadia is such a wonderful woman. We were in the car driving home

Me:"thanks for taking me to the party"

Him:"thank your twin but I should also thank her for letting us go together, you are great company"

Me:"just don't get too attached sbari, I am bad influence"

Him:"I might just enjoy the attachment"

Me: "oh wow, bad husband"

Him:"so why didn't you tell me you had a crush on me years ago"

Me: "it was such an evil thing to crush on you"

Him: "come on I'm not that bad"

Me:"first of you are married to my twin and you are trying to flirt with me"

Him: "probably not a bad idea to try"

Me: "sies I can't believe you"

Him: give me a chance

He stopped on the side of the road, got out and came to open the door on my side. He helped me out

Me: "what are you doing?"

Him:"I am trying to seduce you"

He aimed for a kiss and I turned my head. I must say that I was tempted by his pink lips and his cologne that filled my nose making me weak on my knees,but I knew my place and I wouldn't do anything to hurt my twin especially seeing how she trusts me around her man

Me: "no Nico, we can't do this"

Him:"why?"

Me:"I've got morals"

Him: oh ... okay I'm sorry

Me:"this better be the last apology from you"

He shifted slowly making sure that I felt every part of his body. My cookie was making butterfly movements but I made sure he didn't notice

My body was screaming but I kept cool and we continued with the drive. As soon as I entered by the door, I froze, I saw my parents sitting comfortably at the dinner table

We greeted each other and sat down to eat. Father kept looking at me up and down but I ignored him

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Tsakane

I excused myself from the table and answered

the phone that was ringing silently

Me:"hello"

Her:"I've thought about what you said , give me the details"

Me:"I so badly want to have a child with Nico so I thought that if I pretend that I am pregnant, I might have a shot at gluing my family together"

Her:"I think I understand. I'm in"

Me:"listen, you will be far away until you give birth then I'll take the baby as mine. It will be worth it I swear"

Her: "so you'll pretend to be pregnant then will falsely give birth the day I do?"

Me:"yes"

Her: "okay I'm in but it's going to cost you"

Me: "any price"

Her:"ten million"

Me: "are you crazy?"

Her:"it's me being pregnant for nine whole months"

Me:"okay then"

Her:"deal"

I hung up relived then sighed at the thought of therisky move I am about to take



I'm disappointed at the people who hardly comment but are quick to run to my inbox and complain about the "crop tops" I write. I'm human, I try and I'm not perfect

Y'all remember that!

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Khensane

I woke up very early and took my bags before anyone could see me. I wasn't going to be humiliated by my father because if he did, one of us would be sleeping at a cell tonight

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Nico

I waited until she finished praying then faced her. Usually I don't listen to her when she prays but this time I heard her asking for forgiveness many times

Me: "what's wrong?"

Her:"huh?"

Me:"you kept tossing and turning the whole night"

Her:"I think it was a bad dream"

Me:"your father talked to me last night"

Him: "about?"

Me:"well he asked why we haven't started a family"

Her: "speaking of family ... I am pregnant"

Me:"what?"

Her: "18 weeks pregnant"

I stared at her in disbelief and opened my mouth to speak but nothing came out

Her: "say something"

Me:"I'm getting late for work"

Her:"oh?"

Me:"yeah"

I got out of bed and showered

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Tsakane

I will never forget the look at his face when I told him about the(fake)pregnancy. He even left an hour earlier for work just to get away from me

My father asked to talk to me in my office. I got in and found him seated on my chair. I sat on the desk and looked at my watch

Me:"let's make it snappy I have to be at the hospital in 2 hours"

Him:"you ran away from the conversation yesterday"

Me:"you put me on the spot"

Him:"I'm sorry nunu"

Me: "but in fact, I am pregnant"

Him:"you don't look pregnant and why say this now"

Me:"look father, I'm always under a lot of stress and I am very busy. I didn't tell you yesterday because I took the test this morning"

Him:"I see"

Me:"so I couldn't ruin it and tell you whilst I wasn't sure"

Him:"I understand"

Me:"so let me go before I get late"

Him: "come straight home so we can talk about your twin"

Me:"please don't be hard on her until I come back"

Him: "when you come back"

I smiled and went to work

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Bonang

I unlocked my apartment and almost screamed because there were people inside

Me:"you guys gave me a fright"

J:"well you haven't been taking my calls so I waited for you"

Me:"now is not a good time"

He looked at me from across the room. He was watching TV with my younger sister Kemisetso

Her: "have you been crying?"

Me:"No!"

J:"you don't look okay choma"

Me:"I said I'm fine"

I snapped and they were both taken aback

J:"I'm trying to help and I get my head bitten, I rest my case"

Me:"I'm sorry"

I mumbled walking over to the fridge and taking out some yoghurt then sitting on the couch next to them

Her: "what's wrong sis?"

Me: "nothing it's just that I'm working on a difficult piece at the gallery"

J:"I'll pretend as if I believe you"

Me:"really J"

Her: "did you go to the doctor yesterday?"

Me:"what doctor?"

Her: "you said you were going to the doctor because of the way you've been lately"

Me:"oh and I did. He gave me some meds and I feel fine"

J:"you don't look fine"

Me:"I'm not going to argue with you"

J:"let's call Cancer"

Me:"no!actually J you should go home because I'm heading straight to bed"

They were looking at me like I am a maniac but I didn't care. I needed the space. I got up and opened the door for him, he got up slowly and then blew a kiss to Kemmy then left

Me:"do not disturb"

I addressed to Kemmy

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Khensane

I unlocked the door slowly and found him at the kitchen, sipping at the Heineken bottle he was holding

Me:"surprise!"

Him:"en nou?"

Me:"I'm home Mxo"

He chuckled and sat on the couch. He turned on the TV and watched soccer

I dragged my bags in

Him: "thought you left with one bag"

Me:"I did but I got the privilege of shopping with a black card"

I continued dragging the bags inside. Next thing I felt something cold land at the back of my head which caused me to double up and land on the floor

Him: "why can't you listen to simple instructions huh?"

Me: "what did you I do?"

He grabbed me by my weave and made me stand. He twisted my arm

Him:"I make you a star, I give you fame and you pay me back by refusing to listen to me"

Me: "Mxolisi you are hurting me"

Him:"I haven't even began"

He pushed and kicked me till I blacked out

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Khensane

I opened my eyes to a sharp pain on my chest. I was still on the floor and drops of blood made trails from when I was banged around the room.

I struggled to get up, Mxo wasn't anywhere near so I grabbed the opportunity to pack a miny bag and limped my way to the door

I froze upon opening the door because there he was leaning against the door having a smoke

Him: going somewhere Cancer?"

Me:"uhm"

Him: "you still have the audacity to run?heeh you're a chancer"

Me:"sorry"

I turned back but he caught me and he strangled me making me stand on my toes

Him: sorry won't cut it but I have just the thing in mind

He put his hand in my skirt and grabbed my bum while licking my ear. I was wearing a Jean skirt with a shirt which he tore at

It took a few seconds for my mind to register what he was about to do

Me: "no please stop"

Him:"make me"

Me:"I am begging you don't do this"

He didn't listen, instead he carried me to the bedroom after locking the door

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Bonang

I tried calling him but to no avail.

He had blocked me on all the social media platforms and put my calls on reject list.

I wanted to write 'men are trash!they'll use you then dispose you' but I didn't.

I put on my gown and made my bed then I picked up the tissues that I had used the whole night for crying I decided to change the wet

pillow cases.

I took a deep breath ...

'Come on Bonnie you are strong, you are Queen B remember? You don't get broken easily. You got this' said the same voice in me

Kemisetso opened my bedroom door and sat on my bed while I was still clearing up

Me:"you don't just burge into someone else's bedroom without knocking!what if I was getting laid"

Her:"then I'd join in"

Me:"go to hell"

Her:"J is here"

Me:"this early. Why?"

Her:"I don't know but he looks troubled"

Me: "argh tell him I'll be with him in 5"

Her:"okay"

She made as if to go out but stopped and turned

Me: "is Jesus coming back?"

Her:"huh?"

Me:"I mean you must be waiting for him right there"

Her: "no I just wanted to ask"

Me:"okay"

Her: "are you OK?"

Me: "why shouldn't I be?"

Her: "uhm yesterday I heard you ... sobbing"

Me:"I'm fine"

I smiled for reassurance but she didn't buy it. She shook her head and closed the door behind her

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Tsakane

'Hi it's your girl Cancer. I can't take your call right now so leave a message. Kisses'

Me:"Khensane mtase, I'm really worried about you. I left a dozen messages but still you are not replying. I just want to know if you are safe because you left without telling me. Call me back"

I sighed and put my phone in my handbag. I finished the paperwork I was doing and was about to leave when a security guard knocked at my office

Me: "ah bab' Ndlovu"

Him: "morning Doctor Mbatha, Doctor Shezi says you must meet at the storeroom"

Me: "okay baba ngiya bonga (thank you"

I finished everything and my phone rang. It was my father

Me:"papa"

Him: "you didn't come home yesterday why?"

Me:"there was a lot to do so it was double shift but I'm on my way just now"

Him: "how can you leave your husband sleeping alone all night?"

Me: "we talked on the phone all day father"

I lied, he just called telling me that khensane was gone

Him: "this is wrong. Come home now"

Me: "okay father I'm on my way"

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Bonang

I gave him water mixed with sugar then sat next to him

Me:"drink up!stop crying!and tell me what's wrong"

Him:"we broke up"

Me: "with Tyson?"

Him: "yes choma he was cheating"

Me:"you deserve better than Tyson mgani"

Him: "but I love him"

Me:"okay okay, first of, that guy wasn't even your type and you knew he was a player but still allowed yourself to love him. I warned you Jay!"

There goes my straight talking self. I was tired of J always crying over guys I warned him about . I noticed Kemmy looking at me from the kitchen

Me:"what?"

Kemmy:"I would never come running to you when I have problems. You are too harsh"

Me:"I tell the truth only. If I sugar quote then I'm not a good friend"

J:"it's okay choma you warned me before"

Kemmy finished making breakfast while we sat and talked about Tyson, in a few seconds J was his usual self cracking jokes making me forget I had bigger problems

Me:"guys I have to go to the studio to finish a piece I'm working on"

J:"can I stay in, my appointment starts at 2"

Me:"Kemmy?"

Her:"I don't have class today so it's OK"

Me: "alright then bethuna, I'm going to bath"

Kemmy: "and the dishes"

Me:"ai suka wena"

Her: "it's nice to see you 'not sick'"

J:"don't get started"

That moment, I held my mouth and ran to the bathroom

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Tsakane

I entered the storeroom and he pulled me closer. He kissed me while locking the door

Him:"you took your time"

Me:"I was still gathering my things"

We talked between kisses

Him: "come here"

He led to a pile of bandages and stuff and lay me down. Our storeroom was very untidy yet clean. He undid the buttons of my dress and I didn't stop him.

I found myself unbuckling his belt and opening for him after he tossed my panties to the side. He was about to enter when I suddenly felt somehow, usually I get this feeling whenever my twin is in danger. I pushed him off

Me:"I'm sorry Musa I can't"

Him: "ahem! I understand I'm sorry"

Me:"my twin is in danger"

Him: "how so?"

Me:"I don't know but I have to check her"

I reached for my phone again and tried calling her but it was still off

"Dear Lord please intervene"

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Khensane

I was very dizzy but I could feel the tears burning my cheeks. I was raped and abused by my own boyfriend. He didn't listen when I said stop. He literally forced himself on me

I lay on the bed powerless, hopelessly, defeated and dirty. Few minutes later he was done and got off me

Him: go bath, you stink

He said this while using a credit card for his 'stuff' then he rolled a joint. I was in great pain, emotional so

Me: "why did you do this?"

Him:"because I'm the man sweetie, the man who gave you fame, I made you and this was a reminder that I could break you anytime"

Me: "you won't get away"

Him: "honey I'm your boyfriend and I can eat you whenever I want but if you want to report then go and see if they care" He got up "and don't you dare think of running because I will kill you"

I trembled with fear. I knew Mxolisi used drugs but I never thought they'd go into his head one day. I was so scared

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Guys I'm sure you've all seen and heard about the brutality of this country. Women are being raped and killed I was touched and hurt by the story of Nene Iet's take care of ourselves bethuna the country is rotten please be

safe

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Khensane

I wrote a letter and put it in my pocket. I felt empty, more like the walking dead

Mxolisi came and threw insults at me, he named me the B word but I ignored him. He followed me to the bathroom and continued insulting me which I bathed

He then followed me to the kitchen where we fought tooth and nail until I stabbed him with a

potato peeler

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Tsakane

I was really worried about my twin., I could feel that something is wrong and she's not answering her phone. Musa drove me to Durban

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Nico

I was really worried about Khensane, tried calling her a dozen times but her phone is off. Tsakane called to inform me that she was on her way to Durban because her instinct told her that her twin is in danger

I couldn't go to Durban now as I needed to take care of work but if she isn't found then I'll have to go there. I really grew fond of Khensane and I couldn't imagine anything happening to the love of my life. Tsakane was great and all but both not compatible and she knows

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Bonang

I was busy cooking and Jay has been on the phone for a while and he looked freaked out.

After he hung up he sat on the kitchen stool and sighed

Me: "and that look?"

Him:"uhm Cancer... no her twin called asking if she's in danger"

Me: "why would she say that?"

Him:"I don't know but she's sounded very worried. I gave her directions to where she

lives"

Me: so one twin didn't know where the other lived?

Him:"and funny enough it was the first time Cancer actually visited her twin's house just now"

Me:"something is definitely going on and Ms Perfect doesn't tell"

Him: "let's not gossip about our friend choma"

Me:"the thing is, she thinks she's better than us and ..."

Him: "hold on a second I've got a message"

He looked at his phone and dropped his jaw

Me:"you can't wait for me to ask"

Him: "they found blood at the apartment and still

don't know where she or Mxolisi is"

Me:"what!"

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Tsakane

It was a long drive from Jozi to Durban but we made it. Along the way I got hold of one of her friends and he gave me directions to Mxo's place

The door was open and it was a mess, there were blood trails but no one was there. I

panicked and Musa held me as I sobbed at his embrace

Him:"it's okay I've got you"

Me:"it's not Musa it's not"

Him: "we'll find her calm down"

Me:"No you don't understand"

I tried fighting and hitting his chest but he held me very tightly

Him: "let's call her friends again"

Me:"okay"

BeforeI could dial, my phone rang 'hubby' was displayed on the screen

Me: "Shandu"

Him: "how is it going?"

Me: "really bad I haven't found her"

Him:"I talked to your parents and they are praying for her"

Me:"I'm so hurt"

Him:"I've ordered my man to be on the lookout"

Me:"I'm even going to the police because we found blood in their apartment"

Him: "please do that. I'll fly there as soon as I'm done here. You can't be alone"

Me:"Musa is with me"

Him: "Shezi?"

Me:"uhuh"

Him:"okay"

He hung up but now I didn't have time for their beef, my husband and Musa don't get along and see Shandu has warned me to stay away from him

My priority was finding my twin

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Khensane

I put the note inside my pocket after reading it one last time. I had confessed to my twin about the baby she lost. I had asked my father for forgiveness and I just wrote a lovely message for my mother and friends

I couldn't take it anymore, I was emotionally hurt. The guy literally broke my spirit and ripped me off my pride. Yes I wasn't a virgin but I wasn't supposed to be stripped off my dignity. I stood at the top and watched the cars passing. My life ends here. I cannot live with myself

I took one last look then jumped, I felt that adrenaline rush. I felt everything

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Bonang

I checked the time ... 2:17, gosh who could possibly be knocking this time! I put on my gown and angrily went to the door

Me:"Mxolisi!"

Him:"shh"

Me:"what are ..."

Him: "you are the only person who can help me"

He slid past me weakly and landed on the couch. I closed the door and scanned him, he was holding his stomach. I raised my eyebrows at him

Him: "the bitch stabbed me with a potato peeler"

Me:"why?"

Him:"I don't know she just went rouge and crazy. Keep me here please Bonnie"

I didn't want to but he looked at me with those eyes and I couldn't say no

I started by cleaning up the wound which was really bad because it wasn't attended to immediately then gave him painkillers.

He was very weak and looked like he could die any second

Me:"I still can't believe she did this"

Him: "she was starting to loose her marbles"

Me: "you should have gone to the hospital"

Him: "no they'd arrest her"

Me: "yes because that's what ought to happen"

Him: "no I can't loose someone like Cancer"

Me:"you just said ..."

Him: "and she's also my girlfriend besides the fact that she's a star"

Me:"but you just said ..."

Him: "if you don't have anything to say zip it"

He clicked his tongue

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Nico

I had gone home to fetch my password so I could rush to Durban when I found my in laws glued to the TV. Mr Maluleka beckoned me with his head to come and see

Him:"look son"

'25 year old Famous singer and model, Khensane Maluleka also known as Cancer has jumped off a 4 storey building in Durban as suicide attempt but miraculously she didn't die. She was taken to the hospital and we still don't know her condition as yet. No one knows why the beautiful Tsonga lady wanted to commit suicide ...'

I switched off the TV as my heart sank. I looked at the two parents helplessly in front of me

Me: "uhm .. I don't know what to say"

Mom:"let's pray Richard, let's get on our knees and pray"

Him:"I knew that that child is possessed!"

Me:"this is definitely not the time for that"

Mom: "exactly son"

Me:"let me organise my private jet then because we can't book a plane now and get there in time"

I made a few calls but I still can't believe how Richard wants to label Khensane as the bad guy even if she's critical. This father has something to tell but I'll attend to it as soon as Khensane is fine

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Khensane

I was pacing up and down. She has been in there for hours and no one is saying anything. Musa couldn't stay so I was alone

I don't know why my sister tried to common and was worried because she didn't say anything when she left. I could have done something .I

should have protected her but I was too wrapped up in my work

The doctor came and I rushed to her

Me:"doc how's she?"

Her:"I won't lie she's very bad. Luckily her skull didn't crash but she's very critical. She hurt her spine though and I'm afraid that it's more bad news for her. She is very lucky to have survived because normally the skull would be open."

Me: "do you think she'll survive?"

Her:"I don't want to raise hope bar miss"

Me:"so she could die?"

Her: "let's go to my office"

She looked so serious and I followed her into

her office and we sat down

Her: "first of all, I'm doctor Dubazana"

Me:"I'm doctor Mbatha"

Her:"thought you looked familiar. Anyway nice to meet you"

Me:"likewise"

Her: "what relationship do you have with the patient?"

Me: "she's my twin sister"

Her: "so I can tell you ... uhm the patient was raped"

Me:"what?"

Her: "there were signs of forced penetration so we did a rape kit on her and the police have to be informed"

Me:"I'm not sure I understand"

Her:"I know it's very difficult but surely you understand because you work with these things."

Me:"rape?"

I got up and cried. Who could have raped her?where was her boyfriend?who's blood did we see in the apartment?what actually transpired?

My doctor self disappeared as I broke down. My heart was literally bleeding

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Nico

We arrived at the hospital to see a dozen journalists crowded, looking for answers. They saw us and tried bombarding us with questions but I kept a straight face and pulled the "no comment" line

The police were also inside talking to Tsakane. As soon as she saw us she ran straight into her father's ebrace

Her:"papa"

Me: "how's she?"

Her: "critical but stable. They won't let me help"

Me:"leave it to them she'll be fine"

Mom: "can I see her?"

Her: "no she's not in a position to have visitors mama"

They went to sit down and I stayed behind with Tsakane

Me:"Tsakane, you look exhausted. I've booked a suite so you can go there and have some rest"

Her:"no I'm fine"

Me: "where's your boyfriend?"

Her: "really Nicolas?my sister is in there fighting for her life and all you can think of is your beef with Musa argh you annoy me sometimes"

She walked to her parents

Me:"I'm sorry but I'm also worried"

Her: "whatever"

I took out my phone and he answered

Me: spider what do you have for me?

Him: "we found him and we are taking him to the tunnel"

Me: "OK but don't hurt him"

I sent a text to Vincent and thanked him for his guys. He called immediately

Me:"I just want him to get a message only don't let your guys hurt him"

Him: "that's not possible Niks"

Me:"I'm not a bad guy Vinny, I just wanted to know if he's behind her attempted suicide that's

all"

Him:"I'll tell them not get rough on him then"

Me:"you know I'm not the type who hurts people"

Him:"years yeah you are very saint and innocent I know"

He hung up. I am convinced that this boyfriend did something that pushed Khensane to the edge and I'll make sure he doesn't walk around scout free



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Bonang

He was gone when I woke up, he didn't even say goodbye. Mxolisi is a very weird person and it was hard to keep up with him

I went to the kitchen and found Kemisetso frying eggs and singing Level up by Ciara twerking like crazy

Her: "hey sis"

Me: "hi, you are rather cheerful this morning"

Her:"I'm not telling"

She kept swaying and humming

Me: "have you seen the newspaper?"

Her:"I haven't picked it up yet"

Me:"let me get it"

I went outside to get the newspaper which is delivered on our doorstep. I froze in shock then ran inside

Kemmy: "you look like you've seen a ghost"

Me:"you won't believe it"

Her: "don't keep me in suspense"

Me:"apparently Khensane trip to commit suicide by jumping off a building"

Her:"no way"

Me:"but why?"

Her:"it's not possible"

Just then, Jay came in holding the paper, his face looked white with shock

Him:"someone told me it was on the news yesterday"

Me:"I can't believe that our friend did something like that"

Kemmy: "it's not possible, Cancer would never"

J:"you think something went down at her sister's house?"

Me:"I don't know but Mxolisi was here saying Cancer stabbed her with a potato peeler"

Kemmy:"that's strange"

I suddenly felt nauseous and ran to the bathroom to throw up

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Tsakane

I got a call from Musa

Him: "hey, I called for an update"

Me: "they haven't said anything yet"

Him: "how you holding up?"

Me:"I'm hanging in there Musa"

Him:"I'm sorry I'm not there for you but I talked to my father to give you a few days off and he said you could take as many days as you like"

Me:"thanks boo"

Him:"you'll be fine just pray"

Me:"I will thanks"

Him:"let me call you later so you can brief me on how she's doing"

Me: "OK no problem"

Him:"bye"

Me:"bye"

Him: "hang up"

Me: "no you hang up first"

Him:"you do it"

Me:"OK lemme"

I giggled a bit then hung up . Musa can cheer up anyone anytime

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Nico

Khensane was still critical but I managed to get her parents to wait at the suite. Tsakane was the one waiting with me

She wasn't speaking to me even now and was on the phone with Musa. She didn't even try to hide it. I turned to her as soon as she was done

She sat a few inches from me and put on that 'serious doctor's face'

Me: "would you like something to eat or drink?"

Her:"no"

Him: "what's her condition"

Her: "she might be paralysed, suffer from brain damage and ..."

Me:"and?"

Her: "this is very sensitive"

Me:"please tell me"

She tooka deep breath and Held my hands. Her eyes were shinning

Her: "she was raped"

Me:"raped?by who?"

Her:"I don't know"

Me: "where was her boyfriend when this happened?"

Her:"I really don't know Shandu, maybe someone broke in and raped her I don't know!"

Me:"what did the police say?"
:"they said they'd investigate what really transpired in that apartment"

I became livid, who dares to rape my woman?! This can't be happening

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Bonang

After throwing up in the morning, I decided not to face those two. I kept myself busy with work but I couldn't concentrate

I did my hygiene process, lotioned and wore red Kappa tracksuits. I caught them talking about me and they stopped the minute they noticed my presence

I went to stand in front of them and folded my arms

Me:"continue"

Kemmy: "no sis we were just ..."

Me:"just what? Poking your nose where it has no business to be?"

J:"just concerned about you"

Kemmy:"sit"

She pat the space between the two and I sat

and J stroked my cheek while Kemmy squeezed my hand reassuringly

Her: "are you pregnant?"

Me:"yes I am"

J: "why didn't you tell us?"

Me:"I was embarrassed I guess"

Kemmy: "why?"

Me:"it's too complicated":""

Kemmy:"is it your exe's"

Me:"no"

J:"who's?"

Me:"Mxolisi"

J:"who's that?"

Me: "Mxolisi Vilakazi"

There was some awkward silence

Me:"I knew you'd judge me argh"

I got up

J:"it's not that I'm judging. I'm too shocked"

Kemmy: "especially because we know you know Mxolisi and Cancer are together"

Me:"I know guys it's just that ..."

Kemmy:"I can't believe you even want to justify that shit"

Me:"I can't believe you sitting there judging me as if you are holier than thou"

She also stood up and faced me

Her:"I may not be holier than thou but at least I know better than to claw my hands on my friend's man, even worse sleep with him and give him a child"

I slapped her and J stood up

J:"Bonang! Kemisetso!"

Me: "you don't talk to me like that missy"

Her:"and you don't backstab friends ... lucky you are pregnant else I'd have kicked your hoe ass black and blue bitch"

She clicked her tongue and I tried hitting her again but J stopped me while She went out and slammed the door hard

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Tsakane

We eventually left the hospital because the rude head of the hospital told us that we can't hang around there as if we are homeless

At the suite my mom and dad were on their knees praying hard. Shandu and I joined them

After prayer, we ordered room service but no one could eat. Shandu kept busy with his phone

which I sat with my parents

Me: "God has heard our prayers and Khensane will wake up"

Mom: "amen my child"

Father: "we never really got along but her being at death's door made me realise that I love her so much"

Me:"lol papa I never thought I'd hear you say those words"

Him: "but I do love her"

Mom:"I'm glad to hear that and I think that as soon as she wakes up, you should tell her"

Me:"I agree one hundred percent"

I was happy that my father actually admitted to loving Khensane, I can't wait to tell her



Have a blessed Sunday IF THE CROWN FITS

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9 weeks later

Tsakane

As soon as she got out of ICU after being unconscious for six weeks, my twin was transferred to the hospital I work at so I could keep an eye on her but I couldn't treat her

Mxolisi Vilakazi was behind bars for rape and assault. I don't know how Nico managed to get him to confess but he did three days after she hospitalised. I can't believe that her own boyfriend would rape and assault her. The guy is trash and deserves to be locked for good

I also forced to go back to work and actually enjoyed the attention I received from Musa, he was such a gentleman and would often send chocolates and flower to my office.

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Nico

Tsakane was working 'extra shifts' again and I woke up to an empty bed yet again. I don't know why she's changed so much but it's not like I care or anything

I went for my normal jog then decided to work from home ... the lovely thing of being the boss. I worked from my home office then decided to visit Khensane.

I had a quick shower then stopped by the mall grabbing a few things

I had to bribe the guard to get in her ward because it wasn't visiting hour yet

Her head was rested on the pillow and she looked so pretty while sleeping. There was something in her I couldn't get off me

I brushed off her untidy hair off her face and ran my fingers on her cheek to her lips. She mummered in her sleep and turned

I shook her gently and she flung those big beautiful brown eyes open and smiled reveling her dimples ... see, they may be twins but they are very different. Tsakane is voluptuous more like Bontle Modiselle and Khensane was skinny like Bonang.

They had the same beautiful facial features but Khensane was more beautiful, she looked like the 12 year old version of the twins while Tsakane took the serious and matured

motherly look

Her: "earth to you Mr Mbatha"

Me:"I didn't notice that you were awake"

Her:"I am"

She blinked weakly and looked like she struggle to speak

Me:"I come bearing gifts"

Her: "thanks but it wasn't necessary and you know it"

Me:"I got you pudding, it's soft so open up wide and let me feed you"

She smiled shyly making me wanna jump on the bed and kiss her. I took the pudding and spoon and fed her. Afterwards I gave her a bottle of water

Her: "are you always this romantic to my sister"

Me:"well she's always busy so I never get a chance"

Her: "you should talk to her, communication is the key to a fruitful relationship"

Me: "halala sis Dolly"

Her:"lol I'm serious"

Me:"you are very beautiful"

Her: "with scars, crippled and all?"

Me:"yes"

Her: "you know it's inappropriate for you to say that to me"

Me:"I know how you feel about me"

Her:"I'm glad you know. I will never cross that

line"

Me:"yes I know but I like you very much"

Her:"I think you should leave"

Me:"I will go but know that you've got this vibe I can't get enough of"

Her: "OK that's enough leave"

Me:"OK I'll go"

I stood up and kissed her but she didn't return the kiss,instead she looked away

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Bonang

The father of my child is behind bars and here I am 7 months pregnant. I can't even go visit Cancer at the hospital because I am ashamed and embarrassed for what I did

My sister moved with J and our relationship is in ICU. It's like I've got no one to turn to but luckily I don't work heavily at the gallery

I sat on the couch eating pap and maotwana when my phone rang ... shit, it was on the kitchen counter to my dismay. I dragged my swollen feet and noticed it was a very weird number

I picked up but didn't say anything

Him: "Bonnie it's me"

Me:"Mxolisi?"

Him: "yeah babe so I need a favour"

Me:"no Mxo I can't ..."

Him: "bring me some toiletries and a ..."

Me:"I can't do it"

Him: "why not?"

Me:"I just can't help a ..."

I took a sharp breath and rolled my eyes. Thinking about it just makes me wanna throw up

Him: "say it, rapist? I didn't rape that bitch she's just trying to get attention"

Me:"please stop contacting me"
Him:"you'll rue the day wena nxn!"

He hung up on me but I couldn't associate myself with his kind but his threat did hit home

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Khensane

I was thinking about what Nico did but couldn't decide whether to tell my twin or not.

The doctors were amazed at how fast I healed, I didn't even suffer from brain damage but I get massive headaches. I did hurt my spine though and I heard them saying that I might not be able to walk again. I couldn't feel my legs

I know Mxolisi is locked up but he still tore my soul apart and I don't know how I'll recover from that.

When my father came to visit, I was shocked especially because he never came to visit since I woke up

He smiled and kissed my forehead then crunched low for a hug which crammed me

Me: "don't forget the drip papa"

Him:"I'm so happy to see you. Can you talk?"
Me:"yes I can force talking"

I won't lie, I was in deep pain and my ribs were worse but yeah miraculously I could speak

Him:"my daughter, I want you to know that I love you so much. I probably gave you tough love but it's because of love, I've never been happy of your life choices and maybe I wanted you to be more like Tsakane because she fears God"

Me:"wow"

Him: "but come to think of it, I'm actually happy that you are different. Yes you rebellious and stuff but I can't afford to loose you"

Me:"I don't want to loose you too papa"

Him: "promise me that you'll come home as

soon as you are out of here"

Me:"I promise papa"

Him:"I love you daughter"

Me:"I love you too papa"

His eyes glowed and he wiped something with the back of his sleeve, yes the great almighty Malleability shed a tear or two and that really touched me

We both apologised and promised to mend our father - daughter relationship. He read me a few scriptures and left at peace

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Tsakane

I went to her ward during visiting hour. I had her letter in my pocket. I looked at her for a long time before she noticed my presence

I smiled as soon as she looked my direction

Me:"hey hey"

Her:"hi"

I grabbed a chair

Me: "instead of calling you Cancer they should

actually call you inkunzi"

Her:"I'm not as strong as an ox"

Me: "yes you are not, you are a bull"

Her: "bullfighter?"

Me:"no silly but look at how you pulled through all those weeks. You are soon to go home"

Her:"a home in which I don't have ,I don't even have a career"

Me:"my house is your home twin and you should know that by now. We'll discuss the career path after your healing process"

Her:"I can't walk what are you talking about?"

Me:"you can't walk yet but you'll soon start with physiotherapy"

Her: "my life is over sis O-V-E-R!"

Me:"we don't talk like that. Where is your faith in God?"

Her: "God?"

Me:"yes God"

Her:"there's no God, and if there was then he probably has favourites"

Me:"He does exist and all you have to do is believe in him"

Her: "nope, I can't believe in him when he took away my everything just like that"

Me:"you jumped off the building, did you expect him to catch you?"

Her: "he might have just did that. They say he plans our lives but ..."

Me: "shhh, your BP is going up"

Her: "argh whatever"

She stared into distance and I took her hand in mine and kissed her forehead

Her: "hey, I've got you okay"

Her:"I know that"

Me:"uhm the letter you wrote"

Her: "did you read it"

Me: "no I didn't. I think you should have it"

Her: "it was me confessing"

Me:"whatever you did , I forgive you mtasekhaya"

Her: "wow then I guess I should take it then"

Me:"you can tell me what you wrote when we both in heaven"

Her:"wow"

Me: of course we'll die together because we are twins right

Her: "lol yeah we will. I love you twin sis"

Me:"and I love you more but I think it's time for your meds and I should go. I'll come visit at 7" Her:"okay bye"

I left her with a smile. I was very kind at heart and due to that, people always took advantage of my kindness. They probably taking it for weaknesses

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Bonus Insert 16

Khensane

I couldn't relax at all, something tells me that

Tsakane did read the letter I wrote but what bothered me is that she's being all nice as if nothing happened

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Tsakane

Musa had booked a spa date for me as soon as I got a gap . He came to my office and gave me the voucher

After locking the door, he sat down and beamed

Me:"aah Musa, you really are kind as your name says"

Him: "anything for a lovely lady, plus you do deserve it after the events that happened the past few weeks. You need to relax a bit"

Me:"may I ask why are you spoiling me this much Doctor Shezi?"

Him: well for starters you are a very beautiful woman though unappreciated and often undermined, I see you as someone who needs to be loved the way you deserve."

Me:"wow OK"

Him:"I'm serious Tsaki, you are amazing"

He walked over to my chair and held my hands

Me:"I'm speechless"

Him: "you don't have to say anything"

He sat on my lap and kissed me wildly so

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J

Kemmy and I were at the hotel in Johannesburg, we wanted to see how our girl is doing because it would be unfair not to visit her at the hospital

She came from the shower wearing a towel and sat on the bed. We had booked one room because we live together and were used to sharing

Her: "can you come lotion my back"

Me:"yeah sure"

She threw away the towel and laid flat on her chest, exposing her back and round fine ass to me. I swallowed hard

Me:"I can't do it"

Her: "why not?"

Me:"I can't have you running naked every time I'm around. I am a man Kemmy" She sat up straight and looked at me bemused

Her:"I'm confused"

Me:"I want you to stop feeling that comfortable whenever I'm around. You walk around naked or semi nude in my presence and it's not right"

Her: "but I thought you date guys"

Me:"to be honest, after my last break up and you moved in with me, I kinda found you attractive"

Her eyes were round and she quickly snatched the towel she threw and wrapped herself

Her: "er I'm sorry, I didn't know"

Me:"yeah it's weird I know ... uhm let's get going. I'll wait for you to finish up by the receptionist"

Her: "yeah yeah sure"

It was an awkward moment for both of us

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Nico

Tsakane isn't acting like a pregnant person and I was bothered. I approached my father in law before he headed home

He was in the living room having his tea and I

sat down to face him

Him: "aah son"

Me:"yes father before you leave I want to address something with you"

Him:"yes"

Me:"so is it normal for a pregnant person to be working this hard?"

Him:"I see you are referring to Tsakane, son, we need to join forces and make her quit her job. She must take care of your child and must be in it full headed. I see it's even affecting her wifely duties because you have so many maids"

Me: "helpers father, we refer to them as helpers not maids but I have an issue "

Him:"issue?"

Me:"yes er ... is it possible for me to marry Khensane?"

Him:"it's very possible but I didn't know you wanted both twins"

Me:"I think Khensane deserves someone who will love and take care of her"

Him: "you are right son but let's wait for her to heal first then we'll discuss this"

Me:"there's nothing to discuss. I wanna marry her"

Him: "she was raped and she's crippled"

Me:"exactly!no man can accept her with those flaws and surely you want her to get married one day"

Him: "okay son, you'll get the other twin but only if Tsakane agrees. I must go now"

Me:"I won't be able to see you off but we'll keep in touch"

I left for work, I had to attend to something in

Pretoria

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Khensane

I got the surprise of my life as J and Kemisetso came in holding balloons and flower along with a big basket. They were even dragging a big white teddy bear with them

We did a bit of catching up here and there

Me:"aah thanks you guys for coming to visit me"

J:"I mean it's the least we'll could do choma"
Kemmy:"I don't think I've seen someone jump
off a building and survive yazz"

Me:"look at me"

J:"yeah when it's not your time it's not hey"

Me:"I guess ... so B couldn't make it because?"

They became uncomfortable, shifting and darting their eyes in every direct. I clapped my hands weakly as a sign of waiting for an answer

J:"er choma there's something you need to know about B"

Me:"I'm listening"

J:"I'm so sorry to tell you this but B is pregnant with Mxo's baby"

Kemmy:"I'm even ashamed to call her my sister"

I didn't know how to feel about it but I knew it wasn't my worst case scenario because I've dealt with major things in life

Me:"it happens and well then it's done and I can't do anything to change it"

J:"it must be really ..."

Me:"don't J please. I'm avoiding to think about that trash guy"

They stayed a bit longer , cheering me up with jokes and Kemmy giving me a pep talk

I know it's not long but it was the least I could do ... it's not edited

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Tsakane

I woke up and smiled because I was being spoilt, I was being served breakfast in bed after a wonderful night and a good morning glory

I sat up straight as he walked in with the tray

Him: "morning sunshine"

Me:"morning"

Him:"it's a good thing we are only going later to work"

Me:"yeah otherwise I wouldn't be able to keep up after last night's performance. You didn't give me a chance to breath"

Him:"I couldn't get enough of you"

Me:"you drive me crazy"

Him:"is it?"

He kissed my forehead and we ended up not eating the breakfast he made

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J

I slept on the couch because I could see how

uncomfortable Kemisetso was. I woke up with a stiff and painful body and found her looking at me, looks like she had already showered

Me:"hey"

Her:"hi"

Me:"you good?"

Her:"yeah"

Me:"I'm sorry for what happened yesterday before our visit to the hospital"

Her:"it's cool"

Me:"I hope it changes nothing because I've grown very fond of you. I don't want to loose this friendship"

Her: "nothing has changed we good"

Me:"thanks"

Her:"I've called in for room service, hope you

hungry"

Me:"I am thanks. Lemme go shower"

You could literally cut the tension with a knife. I took a quick shower and when I was done, the food had arrived. I kept stealing glances at her

Her: "so you are not gay"

Me:"I am but I happen to find you attractive"

Her:"tell me about it"

Me:"I've never found females attractive but with you its a different story, I genuinely feel like I should hold you or something "

Her: "okay let's see. Put your hands on my boobs"

I hesitated but she took my hands and placed

them on her round boobs, I felt myself getting erected and she noticed. She placed her hand on my cock and stroked it

Next thing we were all over each other, hungry for each other. I went for her neck and all the way down to her honey pot which was dripping wet. I never had sex with a woman before nor muffed someone

I wasn't the type who wore dresses and weaves but I've dated men all my life but this unleashed something in me

I instantly became a man and worked my tongue on her while she brushed my head. I emerges and positioned myself then went in after a few struggles because I wasn't used to this

I made a few strokes then splashed. I was deeply embarrassed

Me:"I'm sorry"

Her: "it's okay, the first round isn't always wow"

Me:"I see"

Her: "let's try again"

She kissed me again and got on top of me, I wanted to scream because this was the sweetest thing I've ever tasted. Gosh I've been missing out on some good stuff

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Bonang

I was at the gallery working on a beautiful painting. A couple had asked for me to paint a design for their baby who is on the way. I made finish touches and smiled at the beautiful art

I don't know why I did it but I found myself taking my phone and calling Khensane

I was about to hang up when she picked up with a very low voice

Her:"hello"

Me: "hi Cancer it's Bonang"

Her:"I know it's you . What do you want?"

I was taken aback at her coldness

Me:"I called to check up on you"

Her:"yeah right"

Me:"wow you are so cold choma"

Her: "choma?you must be fucking kidding me"

Me:"yooh"

Her:"I see you playing dumb. I know about your pregnancy and all the shit you've been doing behind my back"

Me:"I didn't want you to find out the wrong way. I was scared at how you'd react. I ..."

Her: "argh save it"

She hung up on me and I cried. Kemisetso obviously told her. I sent her the message cursing her for her big mouth

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Tsakane

I went home and my parents had already left, shoot I had forgotten about them. I went by the partio and called Nico

Him:"hey"

Me: "Shandu"

Him:"yes"

Me:"you are not home"

Him: "yeah I'm in Pretoria"

Me:"OK we need to talk as soon as you get here"

Him: "yes I also have some news for you"

Me: "okay see you when you get back"

Him:"bye"

One of the helpers came to me while I was busy with my phone

Her: "mam you have a guest"

Me:"let him in"

Her: "it's a she mam. She's in the living room"

Me:"okay"

I walked to the living room and found Ntombi sitting there with her big belly

Me: "what are you doing here?"

Her: "my account is very dry"

Me: "oh that. I've been very busy"

Her: "so I'm here remind you that I have shopping to do "

Me:"you want to see me bankrupt huh?"

Her: "come on, you guys swim in millions. A couple of thousands won't hurt"

Me:"mamaRuth!"

Ruth:"yes mam"

Me: "make her something to eat"

Her: "yes make me some good food"

Ruth obeyed and made her something to eat while she mocked me for the fake belly I wore

Her: "stop the lies it's not good"

Me:"I've already initiated the plan even though I have regrets"

Her: "you can always do things right. It's never too late "

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Khensane

I've been so busy, physiotherapy is so frustrating because it doesn't work on the first day nor the second. I still can't walk and I really lost hope

I was really worried about the person who tried to kill me. I know I've done so many wrong things but I feared for my life

I try not to think about the rape and focus more on healing but Mxolisi kept calling asking for forgiveness.

A nice looking man came to my bed and read my file

Me: "what are you doing? "

Him: "sorry for being rude, I'm doctor Shezi"

Me:"you don't look like a doctor"

Him:"I'm off duty but your sister insisted I have you discharged so I wanted to look at your file first"

Me:"that's not even legal"

Him:"I know. You are going home today"

Me: "so I'm really going to use a wheelchair?"

Him:"it gets better with time and this is the first step"

Me:"yeah yeah"

Him:"you are very beautiful"

Me:"so I've been told"

Him: "one day I'll take you out for dinner hey"

Me:"okay"

I smiled as he scribbled something. He was very handsome and I liked him. I really wanted to go home so bad

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Nico

I was on my way home after doing some business in Pretoria, I also made sure that this Mxolisi will be sent a very strong message while he's in prison

I stopped by the hospital to pick up Khensane

as Tsakane has asked and found her laughing with Musa. She was on a wheelchair and the guy kept cracking jokes for her

Me: "hi, uhm let's go Khensane I'll wheel you out"

Her: "hey sbari, this is Musa ..."

Him: "doctor Musa Shezi you mean"

Her: "oh doctor Shezi"

She giggled and he turned his nose up in arrogance

Me:"I know who he is!"

I replied coldly and wheeled her out. He followed us and continued chatting with Khensane

Him: "so I walk to this place and there's ..."

Me: "yeah yeah doc we'll be fine thank you geez"

I was loosing my patience

Him: "hey what's your problem?"

Her: "hao sbari, no need to be rude"

Me:"I've got businesses to run and don't have time to listen to silly jokes"

Him:"I take no offence at that but anyway Khensane, you got my number right?"

Her: "yeah will definitely call you "

I rolled my eyes, I know that he was just trying to piss me off. I put Khensane in the car, folded her wheelchair and drove to the house I got her All along she was quiet but as soon as she saw me parking at that house she spoke

Her: "what's going on?"

Me:"I bought you a house"

Her: "why on earth would you buy me a house?"

Me:"I wanted to,plus it's wheelchair friendly"

She took a sharp breath

Her: "Nico I don't get all your bribing and stuff" Me: "I'm not bribing anyone. I just feel like you deserve something best suited for you. And if you must know, twin agreed"

Her: "she did?"

Me: of course she did

I helped her out of the car onto her wheelchair. I wheeled her in where we found our two guests

Me:"this is Nadia Van Wyk, you met her at the party"

Her:"I do remember her yes"

Nadia: "good to see you out of the hospital, this is my daughter Jane, she's a professional and qualified physiotherapist, she'll be your stay in nurse"

Her: "nice to meet you all"

Me:"thanks Nadia"

Nadia: "pleasure. These are the house keys. I'll leave you to it then"

Me:"thank you so much,bye"

She hugged her daughter then left. This house belonged to Nadia and she's agreed to sell it to me and got me the best physiotherapists, her daughter

Me:"ladies, while you two get to know each other ... I'll get some groceries"

Her:"okay"

She squirmed her eyes at me and I blew her a kiss which made me feel like she could jump out of the wheelchair and chase me

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Mxolisi

Everywhere I went there were cat calling and whistling, I feared for my life because we all know what they do to people who are in for rape

I made sure not to stir any trouble or step on someone's toes since the day I arrived

I made my way to the bathroom after lunch and saw two guys following me. I prayed that it was just my imagination, I walked quickly and did my business and when I looked up, there was this big fat guy with dreadlocks standing in front of me He was sweating and he smelled bad. He looked at me up and down and I noticed the knife in his hand

There were three other muscular guys guarding at entrance

Me: "uhm I don't want any trouble"

Him:"sure you do"

Me: "can I please pass"

Him:"do you know what they call me":"no":"they call me big Mac and big Mac doesn't like people who rape"

Me:"okay"

Him: big Mac wants rapists to pay

With that he looked at me dead in the eye and

thrust the knife deep in my stomach and I struggled catching my breath.

I went down on my knees and he beckoned to the guys to deal with me. They beat me to a pulp

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Khensane

The nurse was very friendly and kind. She told me about herself

Me: so this used to be your home?

Her:"yes"

Me: and you can walk now?

Her: "yes I was pushed out of a moving car and had to use a wheelchair for a year but I've healed and I can walk again"

Me: so there's hope for me?

Her: "definitely but only if you want to"

Me:"I'm getting excited. Tell me what to do"

Her:"it's nota walk in the park but you'll get there"

Me:"let's start"

We started with the basics but I was getting impatient so I dozed off due to frustration while she went to help Nico unpack the groceries

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Tsakane

I was tired of this fake belly but I couldn't just take it off incase someone clashes with me. I only take it off when I'm with Musa

I had met with my lawyer earlier and he took me through the whole process so I knew where I stood

I took a drive and strolled to my school and had a look at the books because I hardly check here. Everything was up to date I went home to rest and Nico was still not in. I wanted to call him but argh it was no use. My phone rang, it was my father

Me:"papa"

Him:"Tsakane"

Me: "did you guys arrive safely?"

Him:"we did thanks for asking":"I'm glad. Sorry I couldn't see you off"

Him: "it's one of the reasons I called"

Me:"okay"

Him:"I take it Nico has already told you that he's taking a second wife"

Me: "excuse me?"

Him: "so you haven't seen your husband?"

Me:"I've been busy working"

Him:"I see ... work work work"

Me:"that's what you've wanted papa. Me to be a successful woman"

Him:"until you got pregnant and had to get married"

Me:"I'm not in the mood for arguments"

Him: "you've changed a lot I see"

Me:"it must be the hormones"

Him:"to hell with the fake hormones Tsakane, Nico is taking a second wife because you can't bear children. End of discussion"

He hung up and I was so hurt, so everyone thinks I can't have children? It's not that I can't, it's just that I am a busy woman and I can't just bring children into this world. I want to have a baby so bad but I'm busy,I can't fit a baby in my busy schedule

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I was back at my saloon and to my dismay, my expensive equipment has been stolen and I was running around like a mad chicken

Khensane

Me:"uhm can I ask"

Her:"yes"

Twin was by my house, she had bought wine and was pouring it into the big wine glasses Nico bought

Me:"how did you feel when you lost your baby. I mean the one you miscarried ten years ago?"

She bore her eyes on me and paused her lips then she smiled and passed me a glass

Her: "well I accepted it but to be honest it was

the greatest pain I've ever felt my whole life. I was broken, emotionally and mentally but I had to be strong because papa wanted me to finish school"

I cringed as I sipped on the wine, I was very uncomfortable and I could see that she's still hurting. She sat down and didn't drink hers

Me:"I've been meaning to tell you sis... It was me"

Her:"you?"

Me:"yes sis, I'm the one who killed your unborn baby"

She smiled

Her:"I know, that's why I put poison in your wine"

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Khensane

Last night I had a dream that kept me up all night. What if Tsakane did read that letter? Why hasn't she confronted me yet? The suspense was killing me

On the other hand, I still couldn't get used to the wheelchair life, I felt trapped in my own body . I

was suddenly supposed to adjust to this new life and I don't think I can

I wanted to go to the bathroom but Jane was still asleep I guess and I didn't want to wake her. I checked my Twitter and there was nothing interesting, at least the dust has settled on my case

A call came through with a number I couldn't recognise .I know I was already awake but for heavens sake who calls at 5 bloody am?

Me:"hello"

Him: "Khensi, it's Musa"

Me: "doctor Shezi?"

Him:"yes Musa ... I called to see how you holding up"

Me:"I won't lie it's pretty bad"

Him:"you'll get the rest don't worry, patience is the key"

Me:"I've never been a patient person you know"
Him:"first time for everything. Look I've got to
go now but I will make a date just to see you"
Me:"oh?"

Him:"there's something I want us to discuss"
Me:"very well then, whenever you feel like it"
Him:"bye"

I wanted to scream and shout, I mean I'm crushing on the doctor so bad and I'll have to get some tips from twin because she's a bit closer to him

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Mxolisi

I woke up at thr prison clinic with a very sore face. Being in prison is not fun at all. The nurse was looking at me

Her: "best advice is for you to stay away from fighting"

Me:"I was attacked not fighting"

Her:"yeah right"

Me:"I'm honest"

Her: "OK sit up so I can give you your meds"

I tried sitting up but it was sore where I was stabbed

Me:"thanks"

Her: "don't get too comfortable, it's a prison not a hotel"

I don't know why she said those words but I was scared to go back to my cell

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Tsakane

Nico didn't come home again but it didn't bother me now, maybe he was with his second wife. I checked my schedule and realised that I had enough time to visit twin

I drove to her place and found her busy with her training, she didn't look happy to see me

Her: "Jane let's take a break"

Jane: "no problem, I'll be outside if you need me"

Her: "you don't look okay is anything the matter?"

I sat on the couch and sobbed

Me:"it's Nico"

Her: "what about him?"

Me:"papa called yesterday and told me about Nico's intentions"

Her:"tell me about it"

Me: "Nico is taking a second wife twin"

I wailed loudly

Her: "no ways why?"

Me: "papa says because I can't bear children"

Her: "but you can ,you are preggies remember? ... hey, what happened to your bumb"

Me:"I lied. I was never pregnant"

She looked so shocked but didn't crucify me

Her: "why?"

Me: "it was a matter of desperation"

Her:"I'm not judging"

Me: "so he wants a second wife imagine"

Her: "maybe it's for the best if divorced him"

Me:"I've thought about it but it was before I heard about the second wife thing"

Her: "why?"

Me:"well there's this guy who treats me like a queen while Nico doesn't"

Her: "you are cheating? Lol that's so weird"

Me: "well when a husband can't satisfy"

She burst out laughing and I joined her. She

offered a sisterly shoulder and knew just the right words to comfort me

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Khensane

All I could think of when you my twin was here was that horrible dream. Maybe it's a sign

But I honestly think Nico is a pig especially for wanting to take a second wife

He came by after Jane helped me with my hygiene process, it wasn't really great to have someone helping you do things you should do by yourself but I had no choice

He walked in holding flowers and pizza

Me:"you so unbelievable"

Him:"really?"

He kissed my forehead and pulled the wheelchair closer to him as he sat down leaving me between his legs

Me: "how dare you take another wife?"

Him:"I see you've spoken to your dad"

Me: "dad knows about this?"

Him: "he gave me the green light" Me:"you are pathetic" I spit on his face and he wiped it with the back of his sleeve. He got up and left 0 0 0 Bonang I called Kemisetso while I was at the gallery

Her: "what do you want?"

Me: "can you come to the gallery?"

Her:"why?"

Me:"I want us to mend fences"

Her:"I've got nothing to say to you"

Me:"please"

Her:"I've got to go dude"

She hung up on me and I cried. I packed my things and drove home, there was this pain I kept avoiding but now it was becoming intense

I stopped on the side and took a few deep breaths. I couldn't stand it as the pain deepened. A guy saw me and offered to drive me to the nearest clinic

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J

I found a dozen missed calls from Kemmy ,maybe she wants to know where I slept yesterday so I called her back

Me:"Kemmy hi"

Her:"I'm so mad at you"

Me:"why?"

Her: "why didn't you call or check up on me J?"

Me:"equipment was stolen from my saloon Kemmy" Her: "oh I thought you didn't love me anymore"

Me:"huh?"

Her: "you were confessing your love for me"

Me:"I did?"

Her:"yes . I'm coming over to the saloon to check up on you"

Me:"I'll be fine"

Her: "no I'm coming right now"

Yooh women and their tantrums . Imagine her with me the whole day

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Nico

I have been waiting for Tsakane and she walked in talking on her phone, giggling

Her:"I swear I am fine ... I'd love that yes ... okay see you later then ... I love you ... bye"

I choked on my drink and she put away her phone

Her: "what's choking you?"

Me: so you were on the phone with another man"

Her: "yes it was Musa"

Me:"oh that"

Her:"I'm not going to hide it but I love him so you can go jump in the lake"

Me:"where is he"

Her: "he's a doctor duuh obviously hesitate at the hospital"

I got up and drove to the hospital and found him at the car parking lot . I grabbed him by his coat

Me: "Dude stop targeting my territory"

Him: "what are you talking about?"

Me:"so you are dating my wife"

Him: "definitely not"

Me: "but I heard you guys on the phone"

Him: "we slept together so?"

I punched him

Him:"this isn't about your wine, I know it's about Khensane"

Me: "stay the fuck off my territory"

I clicked my tongue and left him wiping blood off his nose

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Bonang

I thank God for the kind man who drove me to the clinic, I've been tossing and turning at the pain while they organised and ambulance for me

Labour pains they said, I was about to give birth to a premature baby

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Tsakane

I just got out of the bathtub when I felt my phone vibrate. It was a message from Musa 'put a leash on your dog' I immediately dialed his number but surprisingly his phone was off. It was weird because he just sent me a text

An hour later Nico walked in and threw himself on the bed without taking off his shoes or jacket. I rolled my eyes and switched off my side lamp

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Bonang

[AT THE HOSPITAL]

I was in deep pain and I couldn't bear. I kept going up and down the labour ward cursing and pulling my hair

The kind man who drove me to the clinic has called Kemisetso for me and offered to bring my car. I didn't trust him but I didn't have a choice

The nurse asked me to get on the bed and I did. She insert her finger in my vagina checking the dilation

Her:"you are fully dilated, assistance on bed number 5!"

I saw the student rushing to my bed, I couldn't

concentrate on them as the pain

Student: "okay then take a deep breath and push"

I tried. I really tried but it was so hard. I pushed a couple of times and almost gave up but I didn't

Student: "you are almost there give it one last push"

I gave it my all and heard that tiny cry. I got so overwhelmed with mixed feelings

Nurse: good job it's a girl"

Me:"can I hold her?"

Student: of course

I don't even know the right words to describe the feeling I felt when I held my girl

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Nico

I had passed out but when I woke up I shook Tsakane roughly

Her:"what"

Me:"we need to talk"

Her:"there's nothing to talk about. I'll hand over the divorce papers to you tomorrow"

She didn't even turn to face me. She just mummered everything in her sleep . I forced her to sit up

Me:"your boyfriend doesn't even know you guys are dating. He doesn't love you"

Her: "oh and you do? I can't believe you are even selfish"

Me:"I'm not selfish, he said so himself"

Her:"lol"

Me:"you know what this is a waste. I'm trying to protect you and you are pushing me away it's ok"

Her: "wow protection"

She laughed out so loud and covered herself with blanket

Me: "okay then we'll sign the papers tomorrow and I'll be out of your hair"

Her:"good"

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Khensane

I talked to Musa the whole night, that guy

knows how to make a woman droll.

Jane knocked on my room

Me:"I can't understand why you knock coz it's not like you might find me naked or anything"

Her: "hai you'll never know remember Mthunzi from Scandal?"

Me:"I don't watch soapies"

Her:"it's time for training"

Me:"okay before that though I want to write a song. I need to get to studio and maybe a hit single would do"

Her: "confidence I like that"

Me:"yeah"

We did the morning routine and guess who parked his car?Nico

Me:"Jane please tell this pig that I don't want to see him"

Him: "Tsakane and I are divorced"

Me: "as in separated?"

Him:"yes"

I wanted to chase him out but he looked hurt

Me:"come on follow me"

I wheeled to the garden and he sat flat on the grass

Him: "yeah she's already with someone but what hurts is knowing that the guy doesn't feel the same"

Me:"you'll be fine. You never really loved her but how do you know that dude doesn't love her"

Him:"I confronted him"

Me:"I see and she doesn't believe you"

Him:"yes"

We talked for a while and he stayed for lunch

Me:"for someone who owns the kind of properties you own, you are relaxed"

Him:"I have to focus on my wedding so I handed over everything"

Me:"when is that?"

Him: "you have to decide"

Me:"I'm not a wedding planner"

Him: "but it's your wedding so"

Me:"lol how can it possibly be my wedding?" Him:"you are the one I'm getting married to"

He looked serious and I blinked in confusion

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Tsakane

I was happy that we signed the papers. We were just going to split everything in half with no complications. I finally came clean about the baby saga and he didn't seem to care

I was taking strain at work though because it was hectic but I went to Shezi's office for lunch. I went in holding doggy bags and drinks

Him:"learn how to knock!"

Me: "geez it's me"

Him:"I'm busy"

Me: "what happened to your nose?"

He had an elastoplast on his nose. I walked over to him and placed the food on his table

Him: "Nico Mbatha of course"

Me:"I'm so sorry but good news is that we are divorced"

Him:"why?"

Me:"I want us to begin on a clean slate"

Him:"us? Start?"

Me:"our relationship"

Him: "what relationship Tsakane?"

Me:"I thought ..."

Him: "you thought wrong now get out"

I got out with a tail between my legs. I wonder what Nico did to piss him off like that



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Tsakane

I walked into the canteen, skimmed through and saw sister Nomzingeli and gave her the doggy bags because I had lost my appetite. She happily accepted

Her: "the Lord will bless you Doctor Mbatha"

Me: "thanks Nomzigs"

Her: "it's like you saw my situation ngiyabonga"

Me:"you know how God does these things Amen"

I left while she was still thanking me. I felt good for helping out someone in need

I worked with a heavy heart afterwards because

I couldn't digest what Musa said

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Khensane

Me:"we don't joke about stuff like that and you know it"

Him:"I'm not joking"

He took out his phone and dialed

Me: "what are you doing?"

Him: "calling your dad"

He put it on loudspeaker and I heard my father's voice

Dad:"son"

Him: "papa I've been trying to tell Khensane that she's going to be my wife and she's not taking it well"

Dad: "why because she should be happy"

Him:"I don't know but she thinks I'm joking"

Dad:"it means you told her in a manner that convinced her you were joking. I'll call her"

Him: "okay keep well"

Dad:"bye"

I couldn't believe it, I was so shocked that

nothing came out of my mouth. How could our father do this to us especially Tsakane

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Bonang

Kemisetso rushed to my bed followed by J and the kind man

Kemmy: "oh sis I'm so sorry"

Me:"what for?"

Her: "for not being there when you needed me

the most"

Me:"it's okay you are here now"

J:"so it's a premature?"

Me:"yes she's so tiny"

Me:"hi"

I addressed to the quiet guy standing up holding flowers

Him: "hello I just Wanted to check on how you are doing"

Me:"I am well thanks, I gave birth to a baby girl" Him:"congratulations but unfortunately I can't stay so here's my card and oh your car keys. Keep well"

Me:"I will thanks"

I said taking the card and giving him a warm smile. He smiled back and keft

Kemmy: "who's that handsome baeb?"

Me:"I don't know you are the ones who came with him"

J:"come on"

I laughed and explained everything to them

Kemmy: "were you given stitches?"

Me:"no"

J:"can we see her?"

Me:"no J you can't"

Kemmy: "what's her name?"

Me:"I haven't named her yet"

Kemmy:"Remoratile" Me:"why?"

J:"we do duuh"

Kemmy:"names of today, either they are Remo something, Rea something or Oa something" Me:"shuu Remoratile is perfect"

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Nico

When I came back from my morning jog she also came in back from work looking a mess.

We colluded at the door and I let her in first

She walked straight upstairs while I drank some water and called Khensane

Her: "just because you and my father are parasites doesn't mean you can call any time"

Me: "morning to you too Khensi"

Her: "argh what do you want?"

Me:"I want us finish our conversation, yesterday you didn't give me a chance"

Her:"there's nothing to discuss. I won't do that to my own twin"

Me: "but you should think about it carefully"

Her: "there's nothing to think about bye"

I ran upstairs to shower but overhead Tsakane

on the phone

Her: "of course I have forgiven you. I knew you were saying that out of anger ... yes we are divorced ... I know it was a hasty decision but the sooner we got done with it the better ... I'm glad you apologised ... see you later"

I got in and didn't say anything to her, just went in the shower. I know that this guy is playing tricks on the twins and I don't know why

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I was lying on the thick rug thinking very hard and Kemisetso was by the table studying

Md:"Kemmy can we talk?"

Her: "sure what's up?"

She put away her books and lay down next to me

Me:"I think you should move back with Bonang":"why":"she just gave birth and needs your support"

Her: "support which I can give even if I'm here"
Me: "look this whole thing is overwhelming, it's happening so fast"

Her: "what whole thing?"

Me:"this ... this relationship thingy, it's too much for me I think I need time to digest everything"

Her: "no what you need is a stop kick on your chest"

She said getting up looking like she just would kick me. I got up too

Me:"don't take this the wrong way , yes I'm attracted to you but I'm still gay"

Her: "heehee this guy bethuna!"

She went back to the table and continued studying leaving me hanging

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Tsakane

I was on my way to see Musa when my dad called. I put him on Bluetooth hands free

Me: "papa I'm driving can I call you back"

Him: "no its urgent. There's a family meeting this weekend and I want you to come"

Me:"I can't I'm working"

Him:"I know that"

Me:"so papa maybe you should tell me about this meeting"

Him:"I'm telling everyone at once"

I stopped the car on the side

Me:"you understand that my work is important"
Him:"I don't but I do know that I'm seeing you
this weekend"

Me:"but ..."

Him: "since when do you refuse to listen? you are coming end of discussion"

Me:"okay"

I swallowed hard and turned back home. My father is something else, the weekend was tomorrow and how is he expecting me to just show up at home

I drove to twin and she was already in bed. She was talking on the phone and didn't look happy. I got in with her and waited for her to finish

Me:"babe"

Her:"hey"

Me: "you don't look good"

Her:"it's your father "

Me: "argh I'm so angry at him"

Her: "imagine me going home in this state"

Me:"I wonder what the meeting is about" She looked uncomfortable "you know something?"

Her:"it's about your marriage and Nico taking a second wife"

Me:"okay"

Her: "Nico wants to take me as the second wife"

I went deaf for a second

Me:"pardon?"

Her: "but I refused"

Me:"I see uhm I'm sleeping"

Her: "goodnight"

I didn't sleep well

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Bonus Insert 22

Khensane

The drive home was very long and exhausting. The mood was so sour especially because I couldn't tell what Tsakane was feeling. Her, Jane and I were in the same car driving behind Nico.

I checked my Facebook and saw that Bonagang had posted a status 'Baebii Remo '. I really don't know how to feel but I wasn't angry her anymore, it was no use

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Bonang

I had to stay for a while at the hospital because Remo is a premature baby but Kemisetso bought the things I asked for

Her:"I can't stay. I just bought the things you requested"

Me:"thanks what's the rush and where's J?"

Her: "he's very busy fixing the saloon"

Me: "what's up with you guys?"

Her: "what's with what?"

Me:"you two seemed too close"

Her:"I have to go"

Me:"okay"

She dashed off and I laughed at her, my sister always thought J was too handsome to be gay

I logged in on Facebook and noticed that Cancer reacted on my status with a heart. I decided to call her

Her:"hi"

Me: "how are you?"

Her: "can't complain, you?"

Me:"I'm well thanks. Look, I know a lot has happened between us but I miss you mtase"

Her:"I miss you also .. uhm mama Remo"

Me:"oh yes I gave birth to a premature baby about 30 hours ago"

Her: "premature?"

Me:"yeah"

Her: "unfortunately I can't come see you. I'm on my way home and besides, I can't do the things I used to"

Me:"I'm sorry about what happened to you"

Her: "it's okay. I'm glad you called"

Me:"I hope we see each other soon"

Her: "or we can video call like we used to"

Me:"I'll call later then"

Her: "cheers"

Me:"bye babe"

I was so relieved after talking to my best friend. I can't stop blaming myself for allowing Mxolisi to come between us

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Mxolisi

I swear this isn't any fun, the person who stabbed me has now made me his wife and it's not pleasant at all but the it's what I can do to survive

Big Mac joined me in bed and held me. I was disgusted because Big Mac was really fat and he sweat a lot

Him:"xoxo darling, tomorrow they are searching the place and I want you to hold some stuff for me"

Me:"that's dangerous"

Him: so you are refusing?"

Me:"no I just ..."

Him: of course you wouldn't refuse now pass the vaseline

Me:"I'm tired today please"

Him: "please what wena? Dunusa"

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Tsakane

We were all in the sitting room, Nico, twin my parents and I . I was so ready to hear what

these backstabbing people had to say

Me:"we are here"

Mama: "let me bring the refreshments"

She got up seeing the tension could be cut with a knife

Papa:"Tsakane, when you fell pregnant, I was hurt and disappointed because I only wanted the best for you"

Me:"you made it very clear"

Him: "Mbatha and I organised that fast low key wedding because we were both protecting our reputation and we thought you'd both grow to love each other as arranged marriages always work"

Nico: "but this one didn't"

Him: "you were both in a loveless marriage built on lies and deceive"

Me:"I tried to love Nico"

Nico:"I know you tried and I appreciate that"

Him:"I see. I still think you can both make it work"

Me: "how is that? thanks mama"

I said taking the juice and biscuits mama offered

Nico:"it's no use coz we are already divorced plus Tsakane here has got himself a man to entertain her but she was too busy for me plus she faked being pregnant"

Me: "you want my twin sister as your second

wife how selfish. Oh about the pregnancy, I was under pressure okay"

Dad: bickering won't solve anything since you guys decided to sign divorce papers without checking with the lawyers first. Who does that?"

Me:"I know it's stupid but it's for the best"

Nico: "can we solve this like sensible people"

Dad: "Shandu here gave me some reasonable facts about marrying Khensane and I think he should have you both, you are not strangers and ..."

Khensane: "what possible reasons papa?"

Papa explained everythingand we took a lunch break

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Khensane

I really think this meeting is really not going anywhere. How can someone want to marry me because I'm crippled and was raped?besides, Nico already made moves on me before I became like this

Mom went all out with lunch because everything was delicious. Jane had on her headsets and kept nodding, probably listening to the demo I home - recorded

I wheeled to her and she took off her headsets and looked at me with a mouthful of akgni. Mom specialised in cooking Indian food

Her: "your mom is a great cook you know"

Me:"I know right"

Her: "how's the meeting going?"

Me:"I can't even imagine what conclusion we'll come to after desert"

Her: "everything will be fine"

Me:"I guess"

Jane was so amazing, she didn't know what we were discussing but she spoke positively. I liked her

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Nico

After desert, it was time to conclude on the matter. We all talked about how we felt about this

Me:"I can only blame myself for making
Tsakane to believe that I didn't love her which
led her to cheating. I'm sorry for everything
Tsakane"

Her:"I'm also sorry for everything, I didn't realised that I wasn't giving this marriage a chance. I think we should give our marriage another chance"

Khensane: "hallelujah!"

Her:"and I think it with work if you agreed to be his second wife twin. It's reasonable and you've got nothing to lose"

Khensane: "uhm I don't know"

Her:"it's okay it will work"

Her: "okay but no pressure or anything, don't expect me to sleep with him or anything. Nothing changes but if it makes you all happy then here goes nothing ... me getting married to my twin's husband"

She didn't look happy but everyone was. Funny how life could just work in your favour just like that,but easy come easy go I know



I'm not posting tomorrow I'm sorry IF THE CROWN FITS

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Khensane

What happened back at home was definitely surreal. How can everyone agree to something that doesn't make sense like that? Nohh man it happened so fast and we all know what happens when something comes so easy

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Tsakane

Him: "so what happens about Musa?"

Me:"well we do work together meaning we see each other often but I'll draw boundaries"

Him: "that's what I'd like to hear"

Me:"I can't believe we went as faras signing the papers"

Him: "don't even mention it, the level of stupidity"

Me:"but I spoke to our lawyers and everything is getting fixed"

Him: "hhhm doctor fix"

We laughed while having this conversation in the bathtub, it was just too good to be true. We scrubbed each other's backs and teased one another here and there

Me:"I think we should renew our vows and throw a little party, we never did have a white wedding"

Him:"you want a big wedding Tsakane, after ten whole years? ... ten years, yooh it's been too long"

Me:"right and we have both matured into this marriage. Let's make it work"

Him:"let's definitely make it work"

With that being said he carried me to the bed and spread my legs

Me:"oh my god"

Him:"tonight I want you to feel special"

Me:"ohhhh"

I was so excited as he kissed my thighs slowly then up my stomach then going back down to my honey pot. His tongue made my toes curl and my legs shake. I brushed his head then I felt it coming

I splashed on his face and licked some and looked at me with strange eyes. He snaked himself on top of me and positioned himself

Him:"I love you okay"

Me:"yes daddy"

I moved forward so he could enter me because

I couldn't wait any longer. We fucked like mad people, it was like we've always envied one another. It was like we were drunk

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Khensane

I felt his horrible breath, he was breathing heavily on my neck enjoying himself. I tried pushing him off but he was too powerful

I then felt someone shaking me and when I opened my teary eyes , it was Jane. I rubbed my

eyes and sat up. She stared at me as if she'd seen a ghost

Me:"hey"

Her: "you you sat on Your own"

Me:"I did?"

Her:"try moving a bit"

I did and my legs moved. I was able to move my legs. I screamed in joy and we hugged

Her:"this happened so fast meaning we are only left with getting you to walk"

Me:"yes I'm so excited"

Her: "what were you dreaming about?"

Me:"it's nothing"

Her: "it's better to open up you know"

I told her about my nightmares

Me:"...yeah so I usually dream about it"

Her:"now it's not the time to think about that,
now let's train extra hard to get you walking"

We started with the training

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Nico

we woke up in the kitchen and said "how the hell did this shit happen?"ohh baby. Drunk in love we be all night

And in the kitchen is where we woke up to this song. I was hitting it from the back which she held on to the sink and I guess we passed out after I collapsed on her back after a crazy night

Me:"we better go upstairs before the workers wake up and find us naked on the kitchen"

Her:"yes and I have to prepare for work and go see twin"

Me:"about that, I think we should leave her out of this"

Her: "meaning?"

We rushed to our bedroom and I sat on the bed

while she walled in the wardrobe

Me:"the whole polygamy idea was just out of the question"

Her: "you think you should no longer take her as your second wife?"

Me: "yes but it's embarrassing because I had already spoken to your father"

Her: "Don't worry about father I'll talk to him"

Me:"yeah plus you saw how Khensane didn't look happy"

Her:"yeah"

She got in the shower while I wore my tracksuits for my daily jog

Me:"I'm heading out"

Her: "where to?"

Me:"jogging"

Her:"I thought you were joining me"

Me: "better luck next time"

I went in to kiss her then went out. I thought about this whole situation and marrying Khensane wasn't really a good idea. I ran faster ,running away from my feelings for her

I realised that I love Tsakane with all of me even if I thought I didn't so I was going to focus on her only from now

Here's something I managed to come with

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Khensane

I was so excited to feel my legs and be able to move them. Jane and I worked extra hard with the physio . After my morning training I called Bonang

Her: "babe"

Me:"mama Remo, how's she?"

Her: "she's coming out of the incubator and I'll be able to hold and feed her"

Me: "must have been hard"

Her:"yeah it is"

Me: "are you okay?"

Her: "yeah I'm good how about you?"

Me:"I'm blessed because it looks like next year I might actually be walking"

Her: "that's great babe. We'll be able to reconcile"

Me: "guess what"

Her:"what?"

Me:"I'm getting married"

Her: "you lie!to whom?"

Me:"thee Nicholas Mbatha mgani. Multi billionaire"

I heard her screaming on the other end

Her: "when?how?why?"

Me:"I'll tell you the details one day bye"

Her: "wait before you hang up . do you love him?"

Me:"nope"

Her:"okay"

I also called J and he was also shocked. I may not be in love with Nico but he'll definitely give me the wedding I've always dreamt of especially because I would be walking by then

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Tsakane

I saved a patient today and I was working on a very good mood singing to LOVE DON'T CHANGE. I decided to call Khensane

Me:"hi twin"

Her: "hey hey": "how are you? You sound so cheerful"

Her:"I am woke up in a good mood,how are you?"

Me: "good good so Shandu and I are coming over for dinner"

Her:"oh?"

Me: "yeah so worry less about the food we'll bring it and lots of wine"

Her: "okey dokey"

I noticed Musa standing at the door

Me: "okay gotta go"

Her:"sho"

I put away my phone and he walked in

Me:"you should know better than to listen to private phone calls"

Him: "couldn't help. I brought the Ngema file"

Me: "okay thanks"

Him: "you know we could be friends with benefits but stop telling people I'm your boyfriend, I've got an image to protect"

Me:"you area still stuck there well I've moved passed that as in yesterday now if you'll excuse me"

Her: "don't come crying to me when your Shandu sleeps with your twin"

Me:"whatever"

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Bonang

Being able to hold my daughter and go home with her was the best feeling ever. Tiny hands and tiny feet was so adorable and I felt my heart leap we joy

Kemisetso had prepared my apartment making it baby friendly. Her and J had brought everything necessary for the baby

I watched her sleeping and held her tiny hand. My phone rang loudly but she didn't wake up. I quickly answered without checking and moved away from the bedroom

Him: "didn't think you'd pick up"

Me:"Mxolisi?"

Him: "please open for me"

Me: "you are in prison"

Him: "open the door"

I went to the door and found him standing there and grinning. I stood by the door

Me: "what are you doing here?"

Him:"I'm out"

Me:"I can see that"

Him:"let me in"

Me: "no the baby is still young"

Him:"baby?"

Me:"dweeh"

Kemmy: "who's at the door? Mxolisi?"

Him:"in da flesh"

Kemmy:"leave"

Him: "this is not your apartment"

Kemmy:"I know but I'll kick your butt if you don't go now"

Me:"go away Mxolisi"

Him: "okay"

Kemisetso closed the door and we looked at each other. Some people just have a nerve yazz

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Nico

I was swamped with work today because I haven't been focused lately. I was fighting my feeling for Khensane because I've seen how Tsakane was really trying.

I have loved Khensane since she was in primary school, she used to be this vibrant beautiful person I wanted but then if fate sent Tsakane then who am I to change that?

Later I picked up my beautiful wife from work and we drove to her twin's

Me: "how was your day love?"

Her: "hectic, yours?"

Me:"busy. Have you managed to start with the planning?"

Her: "for the wedding?"

Me: of course

Her:"I didn't get a chance but I will do soon as I can"

Me:"okay"

We arrived and got in and there she was leaning on crutches trying to walk with them. Tsakane put the takeaways at the kitchen and I sat on the couch

Jane: "that's it for the day. I'll be upstairs"

Her:"thanks Jane"

Jane helped her sit on the rug and I balanced her with a comfortable pillow placed against the couch facing me.

Tsakane came and handed the food and we ate

Me: so you are already this far?

Her: "yeah this is my afternoon training and it's going so well"

Tsakane: "we are so proud of you"

Her: "thanks. Soon I'll be walking like I used to"

Tsaki: "you are so strong mtase I mean you survived a fall and you are already walking"

Her: "what can I say twin"

Me:"you are amazing"

Her: "so why are you guys here?"

Me:"we've come to tell you that I am no longer taking you as a second wife"

Her: "why?"

Tsakane: "well Shandu and I decided to renew our vows and we'll finally have a white wedding, the one we never had since we got married in a jiffy"

Me: "so we are letting you off the hook and saving our marriage"

Tsakane: "we also want you to do the planning and I'm asking you to be my maid of honour"

Her: "whoa!stop with the nonsense!so you dragged me all the way home, convinced me to marry you and now the sudden change of heart"

Me: "sorry Khensane but ..."

Her: "Jane!take me upstairs now"

Tsakane:"I'll help you"

Her: "leave me alone. Go!get out"

Jane took her upstairs and we went home confused by her behaviour. We know she didn't want this so it was all confusing

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Nico

We got in the bathtub after coming back to see

Khensane

Me:"you look tense"

Her:"I'm just worried about twin"

Me:"don't worry she'll be fine. I'll call her tomorrow when she's cooled down"

Her:"thanks babe"

Me:"how about we skip the whole hygiene process and you let me have you"

Her:"I like the sound of that"

I kissed her and the rest is history

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Khensane

I just can't understand why Tsakane and Nico think they can just toy with my feelings just like that but it really doesn't matter. I called my mom. It rang for a long time she probably was looking for it

Her: "my lovely daughter"

Me: "how are you?"

Her:"I'm blessed and yourself?"

Me:"I'm also okay you know I feel that I have abandoned you or something"

Her:"I thought I was the only one"

Me:"I miss you mama and I love you"

Her:"I know and I love you more but I'm not happy about Mbatha getting both of you"

Me:"don't worry about that Tsakane and her husband actually fixed things and are very happy. I'm no longer a part"

Her:"I'm glad because I talked to your father and tried to reason with him but he wouldn't listen"

Me:"I know how hard headed he can be"

Her:"I was hoping you could come home to heal properly"

Me:"well as soon as I take a few steps I'm definitely coming home"

Her: "take care my love"

Me:"you also take care of that beautiful self of yours bye"

I felt good after talking to my mom. We also talked at least three times a week and she

always cheered me up.

Just as I was about to put down my phone I noticed another call coming from Nico. I rolled my eyes and picked up

Me: "what do you want?"

Him:"I'm just trying to understand why you are angry because you didn't want to marry me in the first place"

Me:"I didn't but why bring it up?you know what ... it's OK because I don't live you"

Him:"I know so uhm you'll contact Tsakane when you need something"

Me: "okay thanks"

Him: "you sure you'll be fine?"

Me: of course now if you don't mind, I have to

be busy"

Him: "understandable okay take care"

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Tsakane

I woke up feeling somehow, I was a bit drowsy but I brushed it off because I needed to get to work. Nico had already left for his morning jog

I did my whole hygiene process, lotioned, wore one of my dresses, had breakfast and went to work

I smiled while sitting in my office,I can't believe how blessed I am. A text came through, from Nico 'thinking of you my love'

I decided to do some shopping during my lunch break. I bought stuff that would make tonight unforgettable ...scented candles and body oil etc.

When I went back to work there wasn't much to do so I quickly wrapped up some thing and drove to twin

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Khensane

I wheeled to the living room and found Tsakane

Me:"hey"

Her:"hi"

Me: "what brings you here?"

Her:"I wanted to check on you since yesterday you kicked us out "

Me:"sorry about that"

Her:"that's understandable I mean it's like we are messing with your head"

Me:"its okay"

Her: "guess what I bought today for my man"

Me:"what?"

She showed me the stuff and it was clear that they were going to have fun

Jane came holding my phone

Jane: "Doctor Mbatha"

Her:"hi Jane"

Jane: "you left your phone and it has been ringing for a long time

Me:"thanks Jane"

I checked my phone and saw missed calls from Bonang , Mxolisi and Musa

I smiled at the thought of Musa

Her: "spit it out"

Me:"well there's this guy I've been chatting with ever since. I think I like him"

Her: gimme the details

Mr: "not yet. I don't want to jeopardise things"

Her: "but I'll be first to know right?"

Me:"definitely"

She stayed for some hours until her husband called thinking she was lost or something. She went home and I got back to Bonang then saved Musa for last

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Nico

The weeks were moving fast andWork was pilled for me and my beautiful wife but we finally made time for each other and the planning for our wedding was coming together

We were sitting in the bedroom and
I massaged her feet after she had a long day at
work

Her: "thanks for everything you do for me"

Me: "that's what husbands are for"

Her:"I can't believe how things have changed"

Me:"me neither but it is what it is"

Her: "so what are your plans prior to this

marriage"

Me:"elaborate"

Her:"I mean how many kids do you want?what are our plans as husband and wife?stuff like that"

Me:"I really don't think I'm ready to have children but if it does happen I'll happily commit"

Her: "okay so you know that I have once faked pregnancy to try and get your attention?"

Me: of course I do why

Her: "well because I realised something..."

My phone disturbed

Me:"excuse me I have to take this its VanWyk" Her:"okay"

I got up and walked to the balcony

Me:"VanWyk"

Him: "how's the other twin going?"

Me:"why?"

Him:"just intrested I know she's getting back to her old self so I thought maybe I could get at least her number"

Me: "now she's not looking for a relationship"

Him:"I know"

Me:"please leave her alone she's been through a lot"

Him: "you gonna pretend like I never did any favours for you?"

Me:"no its just that ..."

Him:"save it"

He hung up and I tried calling him back but he just didn't pick up. I left a dozen messages but he didn't reply. I know Khensane is not mine but I won't throw her into the lion's den. VanWyk is a player and has hurt many ladies and I can't let that happen to Khensane especially after what she's been through



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Tsakane

Shandu was out jogging and I took the opportunity to do the pregnancy test. I sat on the toilet seat waiting for at least 5 minutes

then I looked . It was positive and for a moment I felt my heart stop

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Khensane

I could walk on crutches by myself without any help from Jane. We've been working so hard to get this far. Normally people would take months or years to fully heal but here I am slowly getting better. I was proud of myself

Things between Musa and I are starting to heat

up as we constantly speak. We even call each other pet names but he uses Bae or cupcake frequently

I checked my phone impatiently because I know he'll call any time soon, it rang and I smiled. Jane chuckled and gave me some privacy

Me:"hello"

Him: "hi pretty face"

Me: "how are you?"

Him:"I'm good thanks and yourself cupcake?"

Me:"I'm feeling good now that you phoned"

Him:"I hear physio is going well"

Me:"it is":

Him"so meaning I'll be able to take you out

sometime?"

Mr:"I guess "

Him:"I've got many surprises for you. You sure you don't want me to come over"

Me:"definitely not now, I want you to see me after I start walking properly"

Him: "okay I will not hold a grudge but I definitely will be counting the days"

Me:"lol get to work we'll talk later"

Him: "have a nice day cupcake"

Me: "same to you DoctorBae"

I heard him laughing before hanging up goosh his laughter makes me feel so alive. I think it's safe to say that I'm in love 0

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Bonang

Having a baby isn't child's play especially when you are a single parent

Financially, a kid needs this and that every now and then. Yes money cannot buy love and happiness but we live in the real world where a child needs food and clothes, medications and all so there's no time to spoil myself

Emotionally, those sleepless nights, the FOMO, that stress when your child is sick and helpless

you pray that God give you those pains instead not to forget post natal depression

Physically, I've seen a complete body change ... stretch marks, sagging boobs , bulging tummy, weight gain it's really tough but luckily I work for no one so there's no work pressure

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Khensane

Twin was forever at my place with me helping

her with the plans wherever I could . I watched her walking in while I was at the kitchen making a smoothie, she walked in and sat on one of the high chairs

Me:"want some?"

I referred to the smoothie

Her: "no thanks"

Me: "what's up? You look gloomy"

I sat down on the chair next to her and gulped my smoothie, she frowned at me

Her:"I'm pregnant"

Me:"no ways"

Her:"yup I am"

Me:"that's a good thing. wow amma be someone's aunt yippee. Have you thought of names yet?the likes of Jade or Nala would"

Her: "stop!stop it"

Me: "STOP IT I LIKE IT!"

I shouted jokingly imitating the KFC advert but she didn't laugh, instead she kept a groomed expressions that caught my attention. I held her hands reassuringly

Her:"I'm not sure who the father is"

She started crying and I limped off my chair so I could hold her.

Me: "Tsakane don't panic "

Her: "how can I not panic when I'm pregnant

without knowing who the father is?"

Mr:"there are DNA tests that can be done"

Her:"I know the high risk of doing that while pregnant"

Me: "how many weeks are you?"

Her: "12-14 weeks, I haven't gone to the gynae"

Me: "and when did you sleep with the other guy"

Her:"immediately after sleeping with Nico that's so irrelevant"

Me:"its not"

Her:"it is because it happened at the same time and I was stupid not to use protection"

Me:"you are many things but stupid isn't one of them"

Her:"I'm so stressed"

Me:"don't be. You got me and it's my turn to do something for you because you've done so

much for me. A baby is a blessing"

Her:"thanks for making me feel like I'm not so stupid"

Me:"you are not"

Her: "okay see you tomorrow"

Me: "avoid stressing"

She got up and we hugged then I accompanied her to the car. She had to go to work and I stayed home drawing some strategies for her

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Bonang

I was awoken by voices outside my doorstep, seems like it's J and Kemisetso.

They sounded like they're having an argument with someone. Baby Remo had me up all night and has been crying the whole day so I must have fallen asleep while rocking her

I gently went to put her in her crib and went to check the commotion outside. I saw Kemmy and J swearing at a hobo-looking Mxolisi

Me: "guys it's okay I've got this"

J:"no he was just on his way out"

Me: "it's okay you can go in"

Kemmy: "we'll be right behind the door sis"

J:"yeah if he tries anything we'll ..."

Me:"I said I got this"

They went inside and I folded my arms for him to speak

Him:"look I came to see if I could help with anything regarding this baby"

Me:"there's nothing you can offer"

Him: "please don't deprive me a chance to be a father"

Me:"last time I checked you wanted nothing to do with the pregnancy"

Him:"I didn't but now because the baby is already here I asked myself, why not start being a father?"

Me:"you're a jailbird, you were convicted for rape. How am I supposed to trust you"

Him:"I've changed"

Me:"yeah so they say, I think it's best you leave and never come back. I don't feel safe around you"

He put on that look he always got me with but not this time

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Nico

VanWyk is really giving me a hard time by wanting Khensane and I refuse to swallow the bitter pill. I arranged a PI to dig some dirt that I can use against him. I refuse to be bullied by VanWyk

I went home and worked in my office, after wrapping up some work I went to the bedroom to rest a bit before my next meeting

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Khensane

I was sitting on the edge of the bed after training with Jane who had gone to the kitchen to make us a shake. My phone beeped and I quickly snatched it from the drawer, it was Musa 'can't eat or sleep thinking about my beautiful cupcake' he had a heart emoji that made my heart dance

The phone in my hand rang and I just answered without looking

Me: "cupcake I'm also thinking of you"

Her: excuse me?"

Me:"uhm hi"

Her: "can I speak to Khensane Maluleka"

Me:"you are speaking to her"

Her:"this is Ayanda Shezi of Diamond FM and I'd like to interview you"

Me: "an interview? About"

Her: "your career and your life"

Me:"uhm okay"

Her: "sorry to tell in such notice but we need you as our Friday edition. Our celebrity guest has cancelled last minute"

Me: "but Friday is tomorrow"

Her: "yurp, can you make it to our studios by 2pm?"

Me:"I think I can"

Her:"I want you to be sure"

Me:"yes I'll be there"

Her:"thank you so much. Looking forward to having you"

Me: "my pleasure"

I hung up and screamed in excitement. Maybe

my career wasn't over at all. Jane rushed in holding the shakes

Her:"you scramed"

Me:"I did"

Her:"why?"

Me:"because this person you are looking at is having a radio interview tomorrow with Diamond FM"

Her: "tomorrow? are you sure about that?"

Me: "yebo yes so help me choose an outfit"

Her:"okay"

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Tsakane

I was weeping at the bathtub, I felt miserable. Imagine not knowing the father of your unborn baby. I splashed the water on my body and cried some more

Him: "what's wrong love life?"

I raised my head to see Nico standing, holding his hips dramatically. I didn't even here him come in. I splashed water on my face to get rid of the teary eyes

Me: "my one and only husband"

Him: "you were crying"

Me:"no I wasn't"

Him:"I know what I saw"

Me:"it must be tears of joy because I'm thinking of us"

Him:"really?"

Me:"yes and I checked with twin and the ceremony is coming together nicely"

He sat on the toilet seat, it was clear that he didn't believe me but he chose to ignore

Him:"I thought you were at work"

Me:"no I decided to not go because I have to fit my dress"

Him:"I didn't know"

Me:"I just decided an hour back"

Him: okay love. I've got a few minutes to spare so can we ..."

Me: "no not now I'm sorry"

Him:"I see ... uhm so I'll be late tonight's so don't wait up"

Me:"I will wait"

Him:"you don't have to. I'm sure after the meeting we'll have a few drinks plus VanWyk asked to see me"

Me:"okay maybe I'll pass out waiting for you"

Him:"let me take the shower since you are refusing a good time"

I smiled sheepishly and he kissed my forehead. He got in the shower and I got out of the tub, released the prop and went inside my walk in wardrobe to find something comfy

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Bonang

Baby Remo is a job and half. She just keeps on crying non stop whenever she's with me. Now I was trying to breastfeed her while she screamed on top of her lungs

Me: oh shut up Remo!

I nearly threw her against the wall. Kemisetso rushed to snatch her away from me

Her: "how could you shout at a baby?"

Me:"I'm sorry I just lost it"

Her:"I've been watching you every day. You are impatient with Remo"

Me:"I just can't stand it when she screams"

Her: "she's a baby Bonang, a baby you brought into this world. Innocent soul that is just as confused"

Me:"yeah I guess"

She sang a lullaby and Remo was fast asleep. After putting her in her crib she sat next to me with her laptop

Her: "let's look at Raising babies up the Internet"

Me: "there's no study guide for parenting"

Her: "yes but there are guidelines from

experienced moms"

Me: "okay mommy"

Her:"I'll slap you"

We looked up some parenting guides and it was really interesting. I found myself glued to the screen while she made us some food

I don't know when Kemisetso became such an expert but I really found useful information I could apply



Sorry it's short and late but I couldn't find enough time to write a fruitful insert and edit

IF THE CROWN FITS

Insert 28

Khensane

I was so excited about today's interview and I stood looking at myself in the mirror

Me:"oh yes thank you. I love you fans. I'll be working on an album but I might release a hit single. I love you I love you. Yes "

I decided to call twin

Me:"babe"

Her:"hi"

Me:"please try to sound cheerful, I've organised for you to do the test tomorrow"

Her:"say what?"

Me:"yeah so I did some research and talked to my boyfriend, all you have to do is come with his toothbrush or something to my house then we'll do it privately"

Her: "thank you mtase you the best"

Me:"yes because I know you wouldn't want to do it at your workplace"

Her: of course you know how nosey these people are

Me: "so cheer up and tune in to Diamond FM"

Her: "please send me a big shout out"

Me: will do so best one bye for now

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Bonang

Motherhood is beautiful but tiring, today Kemisetso was at campus writing and I was alone with baby Remo. She was in her crib moving her legs this way and that way while I was cooking

I heard a soft knock and wiped my hands to open the door. Mxolisi was standing there and I wonder why he's even out

Me: "what do you want?"

Him:"I come in peace. I just wanted to give you these"

I looked at the plastic bags that were surrounding him

Me:"I don't want your donations"

Him:"I just need five minutes to see the baby then I'll leave"

I thought for a while then let him in praying I don't regret it. He sat down and I fetched Remo and sat parallel to him

Me: "her name is Remo"

Him: oh can I hold her?

Me:"sure"

I was hesitant but let him. My heart melted at the way he held her, it was like he was tailor made for it. He played with her and she giggled the way she never did when with me

Few minutes later she was fast asleep in his arms

Me:"let me put her down"

Him: "she's so adorable"

I went to put down the sleeping beauty and came back. He stood up and I walked him to the door

Me: "she's got your lips"

Him: "and your eyes"

Me: "she's also got an amazing smile"

Him:"I noticed. Uhm let me know whatever she needs"

Me: "okay I will think about it"

Him: "thanks for letting me have that moment"

Me: "don't get too comfortable bye"

He waved then disappeared.

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Khensane

Jane didn't like the idea of me going to this interview . She drove me there in a sour mood

Me:"you can at least pretend to be happy for me Jane"

Her:"I just don't feel right about this"

Me:"yes you've told me a thousand times but I'm excited about this"

Her: "what if this Ayanda Shezi is related to your boyfriend?"

Me:"Musa Shezi?lol no girl come on how many people share surnames?"

Her: "okay we've arrived"

Me:"thanks for taking me here"

Her: "pleasure"

I got out and took my crutches but she remained stationery

Me: "aren't you coming with?"

Jane: "no I'll listen from the car "

Jane was being dramatic now

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Tsakane

I was so relieved after talking to twin and I know

she won't get me a fly by night doctor. Musa came into my office, put down some files on my table

Him:"I need them in an hour"

Me: greeting will never kill you"

Him: "and I care because?"

Me:"I'm sorry but I won't be able to finish without an hour. Right now I'm going to do my ward routines"

Him: "it's an instruction"

Me:"just because your father owns this hospital it doesn't mean you can order me around"

Him:"I am your senior"

Me:"should have thought of that before jumping on my bed"

Him: we could go round in circles if you like but

fact remains that I'm collecting those files in an hour. If not they'll be serious trouble"

Me:"go and have some fun dull Jack, listen to Ayanda interviewing my twin"

Him: "which Ayanda"

Me:"lol your Ayanda"

Him:"whatever"

He stormed off my office and I turned on my radio. Shezi thinks he can walk over just about anyone and get away with murder

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Khensane

I got into studio a few minutes before airing and Ayanda welcomed me warmly. We got some drinks and I put on my headset

Her:"I'm sorry for not doing a pre interview with you its just that time was not on my site"

Me:"it's okay I'm so excited "

Her: "okay so we are back from the ad break and like I promised we have our celebrity guest here in studio. She goes by the name of Khensane Maluleka but you all know her as CANCER!!Khensane welcome"

Me:"thank you. Hello listeners"

Her: "now bafethu our lovely Cancer is looking as beautiful as ever, what's your secret?"

Me:"I just drink a lot of water that's all"

Her: "so I have ten questions for you regarding your music career, personal choices and what the future holds"

Me: "okay then shoot"

Her: "dear listener you are welcome to call us on 012 ***** for now here's Cancer with Dreams"

She played one of my songs and after that we went back on air

Her: so when are you releasing another hit single or album?

Me:"unfortunately I won't be releasing anything this year"

Her: "okay dare I ask why?"

Me:"please don't "

Her: "What about Xoxo production, the one

owned by Mxolisi who happened to be your music producer?"

Me:"what about it?"

Her: "Why would you date your boss?"

Me: "personal choice"

Her: "Apparently he's your BFF's baby daddy"

Me:"yeah so?"

Her: "are you romantically involved with your twin's husband?"

Me: "no why would you think that?"

Her: "the event that took place at the VanWyk's"

Me:"I was just his date"

Her: "Why did you try to commit suicide?"

Me: "it's a long story"

Her: "are you sure Mxolisi raped you or were you just bitter because he impregnated your friend?"

Me:"you know what I won't have this humiliation"

I took off my headset furiously and got up

Her: "you are free to call and ask more questions because Khensane will still be in studio for the next twenty minutes . Here's Mitchell Jackson with Why enjoy "

The minute she went to an ad break I went to her and slapped her, her weave fell off. The guards rushed to us and held me

Me:"next time you humiliate me like that I swear I'll murder you"

She looked frightened, I took my crutches and went out. Jane was waiting for me at the car looking concerned

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Tsakane

I heard what happened on the radio. This Ayanda had a nerve to ask such questions. I finished doing my rounds and attended to the files brought by Shezi earlier

He entered into my office again

Me: "respect other people's offices please"

Him:"files"

Me:"I've just started"

Him: so you didn't work on those files just to spite at me?

Me:"no I'm not evil like you. I just didn't have time"

Him:"I'm going to have to have a word with my father about this"

Me: go ahead and run to daddy

He looked at me furiously and clicked his tongue slamming the door behind him . I laughed at his stupidity

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Bonang

I switched off the radio, this presenter is rude and it looked like she was on a mission to humiliate Khensane

I quickly dialed her number but her phone rang unanswered. My poor friend must be going through the most and I sent her a voice message telling her how much I care

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Khensane

Me:"go ahead. Shout at me and say you told me so"

I got into the car and waited for her to start screaming at me. She didn't, she just started the ignition and drove.

Her:"I will do no such thing"

Me:"you have to because you warned me"

Her:"I just didn't have a good feeling about this that's all"

Me: "why did she have to open such wounds?"

Her: "she's evil. Probably a hater determined to bring you down"

Mr:"but why?"

Her: "we don't know hun but karma will definitely deal with her"

Me:"I feel so miserable"

Her: "it's okay don't worry you'll be fine"

She went to KFC's drive thru and got me some hot wings and milkshake

Me:"ncoh thanks Jane, you are such a darling" Her:"my job is to take care of you"

I gave her a hug and she played Ciara's level up.
I turned up the volume and sang out loud while
she was drove at top speed

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Tsakane

I came back from work super tired. Shandu wasn't home so I took a nice bath and tried calling twin but to no avail. I dug out some oversized shirt and simple pants

I know twin has had a bad day but I'm definitely going to her place. I packed an overnight bag and Shandu's toothbrush. I don't know why I was so freaked out about this whole thing

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Bonang

I was busy daydreaming about the events that took place a while ago when Kemisetso got in

Her: "earth to mama Remo, can't you hear that she's awake"

Me:"oh sorry"

I got up from where I was sitting but she quickly

passed me

Her: "don't worry I got this"

She went to the room to fetch Remo. I shouted from the kitchen while dishing up

Me: "how was your test?"

Her: "yooh don't ask. It's like I haven't studied"

Me:"don't stress yourself you know you work hard"

Her:"yeah I guess. Yooh Remo has messed up. Where are the wipes?"

Me:"I'll get them for you"

I walked in the room and saw that she had noticed the plastic bags

Her:"and these?thought we were saving"

Me:"we are those were brought by Mxolisi"

The look she gave me was fierce .She was about to speak when her phone rang back in the kitchen so she had to dash

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Nico

I drove to see Khensane after hearing how her

interested went south. I found her in bed crying . She saw me and fell into my embrace

Me:"I'm so sorry you had to go through that"

Her:"it's all my fault"

Me:"you didn't know she was going to do that"

Her:"Jane didn't think it was a good idea but still I went ahead"

Me: "stop blaming yourself"

Her: "can't help it"

My heart broke hearing her cry like that. Jane walked in and gave us a weird look

Me:"can I help you?"

Jane: "uhm the police are here"

Her:"police?"

Me: "what do they want?"

Me:"I don't know they want to see Khensane"

Khensane put on her gown and sleepers and we went to the two officers

Me: "hi officers how can we help?"

Officer: "we are here for Cancer"

Her:"that's me"

officer: "Khensane Maluleka you are under arrest for assaulting Miss Ayanda Shezi. You have the right to remain silent, anything you say shall and will be used against you in the house of the law. You have a right to an attorney and if you can't afford one the state will provide you with one"

They handcuffed her and led her towards the vehicle

Me:"bathong!this is madness Khensane would never hurt a fly"

Her: "it's okay Nico"

Me:"I'm right behind you. I'm calling you a lawyer"

I went back inside the house to take my phone and keys then followed them to the station. I called a lawyer then called Tsakane

Her: "hey I was about to call you ... uhm I'm sleeping by twin's place because I think she needs my support. Her interview went bad"

Me:"twin has just been arrested I'm driving there now"

Her: "what? no"

Me:"can't give you the details now but I'll keep you posted"

Her:"where ..."

I hung up. I know she'll worry but I don't want her coming to the police station and stressing.

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Khensane

I have been in holding cells for the whole

weekend. I know Nico has been trying his best to get me out

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Tsakane

I sat down working on my laptop but I couldn't concentrate. A lot has happened and I couldn't do the test as yet because my twin has been locked up for slapping some rude presenter. I had forgotten how Khensane is the 'no nonsense' tolarater . She was that one who would go around hitting people

I called Nico because I couldn't think of anything better to do. It was the 50th time I called

Him:"wifey"

Me: "how's she?"

Him:"I got her out but it's not looking good"

Me:"tell her that I can't come see her"

Him:"I will"

Me: "please keep her company"

Him:"I'll try but she's got Jane"

I heard a beep informing me of updates an oncoming call

Me:"I'll think there's a call coming through" Him:"see you at home then"

I answered the other call

Me:"father"

Him: "daughter"

Me: "how can I be of assistance?"

Him: still angry at me?

Me:"you wanted my husband to marry Khensane"

Him: "you slacked on your wifely duties"

Me:"oh and she would make would make a good wife?"

Him: "probably better"

Me:"I can't believe my own ears"

Him: "but I'm sorry for doubting you"

Me:"yeah you should be because from now I'm bringing nothing but the best"

Me:"I see now if you don't mind"

Him: "we'll talk some other time coz it's clear that now is not a good time"

Me:"yes bye"

I hung up irritated, I've had it with father

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Bonang

I was worried about about Khensane, she isn't taking my calls or responding to my messages plus she's been offline for the weekend which is highly unlikely

I finished bathing Remo and put on her new clothes then played with her on the bed. While we were busy, Kemmy came in and sat on the edge of the bed. She didn't say anything

Me: "how was school?"

Her:"fine"

Me: "why are you angry?"

Her: "how come Mxolisi buys stuff and you accept them?"

Me: "uhm because we need those stuff"

Her: "so you are letting him back into your life just like that?"

Me:"meaning?"

Her: "need I remind you how he's not fit to be around us?"

Me: "oh please Kemmy I'm not in the mood"

Her: "he was jailed for rape and assault, he's suddenly out. You stole him from your best friend and ..."

Me:"oh shut up Kemisetso!I'm tired of your disrespect"

Her:"truth hurts"

I dismissed her from my room before I do something I'll regret. Remo sensed the tension and started crying. I picked her up and hushed her Me: hush little baby, hush little one coz mommy's gonna buy you a teddy bear

I sang until she looked at the me with smizing eyes. I know all the things Mxolisi did but I've also seen how he's was towards Remo, a tiny chance won't hurt.

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Nico

Jane and I watched helplessly at her gulping down the brandy she forced me to buy.

Me:"go easy"

Her: "leave me alone"

Me:*sigh*"Jane talk to her"

Jane: "okay I think you've had enough already"

Her: "just one's more"

Me:"no"

Her:"I spent the weekend at that horrible cell"

Me: "yes and I make sure you are out right"

She started crying

Her: "Mxolisi raped me. He forced himself on me, that's something I'll never forget"

Jane: "okay I'm giving her sleeping pills"

Me:"please"

She went to get the pills and I felt my blood boil. She has never really been open about the rape and I couldn't imagine what she'd must be going through

Jane came back and gave her the pills while she told us what happened. It was a painful story

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Khensane

I woke up on the couch to a terrible headache, all I remember is crying and telling Nico and Jane my story. Someone had covered me with a mink blanket

I saw my crutches just a few centimetres away from me so I decided to take a chance to walk towards them

I moved my legs and they moved. Slowly but surely I made it to the crutches. I screamed loudly for Jane but she didn't respond. I made a second attempt and walked halfway towards the kitchen before stumbling and falling

I got up and attempted again until I reached my phone then quickly dialed my mother's number Her: "Khensane are you okay"

Me:"mom I can walk"

Her:"what?"

Me:"I can walk mommy! I am walking!"

Her: "oh thank God my baby I've been praying day and night for you"

Me:"I'm so excited"

I started crying out of joy and Jane walked in

Her: "what's wrong?"

Me:"mom I'll call you later . Jane can't you see I'm not leaning on crutches?"

Jane:"OMG"

ME:"yippee"

Jane:"I've trained so many people but you, you

surprise me every day with that speedy recovery"

Me:"maybe that's God's sign showing me that He's here"

Jane:"I totally agree"

Me: "we should celebrate"

I called my twin and my friends informing them about a miracle that just tools place



Ran out of data before I could post your bonus but will definitely make it up to you

Allow me to spice things up

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LUNCH BONUS

Insert 31

Tsakane

I had just got home from work tired as hell, I took refugee on the couch and took off my shoes. Nico came inside from his morning jog

Him: oh hey wifey

Me:"hi"

Him: "you look tired"

Me:"I am tired and hungry"

Him:"I would work my magic on your body but

then unfortunately I have to be at work in 2 hours"

Me:"meeting?"

Him: "yeah you know plus your twin has been crying"

Me:"we'll visit her after work if you don't mind I've got some paperwork to finish then I'm off"

Him: "you are going back there?"

Me: "yeah I only came to shower"

Him: "let's go upstairs together then. I miss you"

He licked his lips and spanked me as I got up. Work has made it almost impossible for us to make love so it was a good idea. My phone disturbed us as he carried me upstairs. I answered while he planted kisses on my neck

Me: "Doctor Mbatha hello"

Her: "bathong where have you been I left you a dozen missed calls"

Me: "oh I'm sorry twin what's up?"

Her:"I can walk"

Me:"yeah you'll be walking in a few months babe don't loose hope"

I struggled to speak as my breathing changed. Nico wouldn't stop

Her:"I can walk"

Me:"how?"

Her:"I don't know. I woke up walking twin I am walking!"

I couldn't believe it. She just hung up and sent a

text saying I must bring champagne and cake later for celebration

I told Nico the good news and he was just as surprised. We had a quick one in the shower and I saw him looking for his toothbrush. He didn't ask though and luckily we kept spare ones

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Bonang

Nothing warms the heart like seeing your baby

growing bigger and better every day. I can now draw or paint peacefully without her wailing all day.

Remo is focused on the things she can hear and her rattling toys help. She doesn't sleep for long hours like before but she be taking short naps most of the day

Mxolisi has become a regular and he helps me a lot even if Kemmy disapproves

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Khensane

I have been walking around all day getting the hang of it. I would stumble and fall but I didn't give up. Jane didn't also let me rest so by noon I was exhausted

I went to take a bath and lotioned then opened my wardrobe and looked for something simple while waiting for twin and her man. My phone rang and Musa screamed on the screen. I rolled my eyes

Me:"yes"

Him: "can I come visit?"

Me:"not tonight but come to my together with the DNA test kit I asked for"

Him: okay sexy will see you tomorrow then and

don't disapoint me"

Me: "disapoint?"

Him:"I mean don't cancel on me"

Me:"I won't cancel because I have to ask you something"

Him:"ask"

Me: "do you know Ayanda Shezi, the one from Diamond FM?"

Him: oh the one you beat up yeah"

Me:"I didn't beat her up just slapped her"

Him:"yeah I know her"

Me: "are you related?"

Him: "yes she's my uhm my daughter"

Me:"daughter?"

Him: "yes uhm see you tomorrow then bye"

He hung up in a jiffy and that got me thinking a lot . I heard a car parking outside and I called out to Jane to get the door. She peeped into my room

Her: better get dressed coz I'm going out with my boyfriend

Me: "you've already told me dweeh"

I quickly pulled a simple dress and rushed to the living room to find Nico alone

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Nico

Celebrating Khensane's journey to healing. We were happy that she was able to walk. It was just the two of us because Jane had to go somewhere

She looked so lovely in a denim dress and wedges, hardly 24 hours of walking but she's already in high shoes

I opened one bottle so long we waited for Tsakane and we had a toast

Her: "to healing and being better"

Me:"to healing and being better"

We drank and talked about a lot of things plus we vibe so easily .My beautiful wife called and I excused myself

Me:"sthandwa"

Her: "Shandu listen you can carry on with twin by yourselves I'll join you a bit later"

Me:"work?"

Her: "yeah you know"

Me:"okay then we'll leave you some cake and whatnot"

Her: "thanks Shandu bye"

Her:"I love you nyana"

Her: "lol I'm sorry ... I love you dear husband"

I was a bit heart broken but I didn't read much into it. I looked at twin who

has had more than enough champagne and was onto her third bottle

Me:"I think you've had more than enough"

Her: "don't be such a party pooper"

Me: "your twin says she'll make it much later"

Her: "we both know she won't come"

Me:"yeah right"

She spill the drink on herself

Her:"wuu I'm so drunk"

Me:"I'm sorry but I have to put this away"

I put away the champagne and she got up and almost tripled over

Her: "go away, let's have a proper celebration when twin is here"

Me: good idea

She walked me towards my car

Her: "thanks for coming and tell twin that I'm so very angry at her for not coming"

Me:"I'm also hurt we had to celebrate on our own"

Her: "thanks for everything you did for me. I really appreciate it"

Me: "glad I could help"

I hugged her and I shifted my head to the side.
Our lips locked for a very long time then she roughly pushed me and went inside closing the door behind her

I debated with myself wether to follow her or

not. I stood for a long time leaning against my car

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Nico

I looked at her fast asleep and tried shaking her awake but she didn't move. Poor thing, she looked so cute in her sleep. I took my things and quickly drove home before Tsakane comes

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Tsakane

I knocked off in the morning and went home as exhausted as can be . I parked in the garage but didn't get out

Time was not waiting for me and I haven't done the test yet. I called twin

Her:"what?"

Me:"time is moving and I haven't done the test"

Her: "oh hey twin ohh I've got a terrible headache ouch I can't even lift up my head"

Me:"focus Khensane, the DNA test"

Her: "oh yeah Musa will do it this afternoon so you can come"

Me:"Musa?"

Her: "yeah my doctor boyfriend"

Me: oh okay what tine?

Her: "he'll be here around 2pm"

Me: "okay we'll be quick because I have to be at work by 3pm"

Her: "you should rest geez. Work this work that"

I hung up and made sure everything was in the handbag, then went inside. Nico was going upstairs and I called out

Me: "no jogging this morning?"

I referred to the clothes he was wearing.

Anyone would think he just got in. He turned slowly clearly startled

Him:"huh?"

Me:"race you to the bathroom"

Him: "oh I would like to bath alone but I can take the shower if you want"

Me:"we'll both take the shower"

Him:"I'm not in the mood Tsakane"

I watched him tirely climb the bed and doze which was pretty unusual but I didn't worry because my focus was getting the test done

Khensane

Twin woke me up and I was irritated, there's nothing I hate more than being woken up. I rubbed my eyes and yawned then dropped my jaw, I realised that Nico has left his belt and jacket. No no no how could I be so stupid

Bonang

Mxolisi came over again and this time I let him do everything by himself, I let him feed, change and bath Remo without lifting a finger

Kemisetso sent me a text saying she'll be sleeping at Jay's after classes but deep down I knew she was angry that Mxolisi would be spending the day here

Remo had taken her nap as usual and I went to dish up for us. I had cooked only rice and mince mixed with potatoes, didn't go overboard

He sat on the table after washing his hands

Him:"so our princess dedicates most of her time in dreamland"

Me:"you can say that again, she's always napping but come night time you'd find her wide awake"

Him:"that I'd love to see one day"

I came with the plates and handed him his then fetched the juice and sat down to eat

Me:"thanks for helping out with Remo"

Him:"it's my responsibility. I'm glad you gave me the opportunity"

Me:"yeah it would be unfair to deprive Remo the opportunity. I did it for her"

Him: "nonetheless thank you"

Awkward silence with us stealing glances at each other

Me:"have you seen Cancer since you got out?she started walking yesterday's you know"

Him:"I haven't had the bravery to face her and all. I feel ashamed"

Me: "then you should apologise"

Him:"I'll give her time to heal emotionally and like you said, she just started walking"

Me: "do you think she'll take you back?"

Him: "no but I wouldn't dare go there even if I want to"

Me:"uhm ... did you ever love me or was it ..."

His tiny phone beeped serveral times and he

got up

Him: "excuse me"

I regret asking him that question, I mean things are going to look super awkward

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Khensane

I was stressed about Nico spending the night here but I didn't dare call him. I heard a car park outside and peeped, it Was a gold BMW. I wasn't into cars but this looks like the latest

I was surprised when uDoctorBae got out. I freaked out because he was a bit early. Luckily I had already bathed and finished tidying up become Jane hasn't come back

I stood behind the door waiting for him to knock.
I adjusted my shorts and shirt then I heard a
knock and took a deep breath before opening

Me: "hey you're early"

Him:"hi"

He pushed me back and got in closing the door behind him. He kissed me hungrily and passionately that I became weak at the knees. He placed me on the counter and took off my shorts while unbottoning his shirt. I didn't know what to do but I knew that I wanted him.

Everything happened so fast and in a second we were both naked and he was rolling on the condom. At that point my mind darted back to Mxolisi

I tried to fight back the thought because I wanted to be free from the rape. I didn't want to be a victim so I let Musa do his job and opened wide

Every stroke was like a sword being thrust at my heart but in my mind I only wanted one thing, to get over and done with the rape. Having sex was going to help me forget maybe

I heard him groan and grant meaning he waste done. I limped to my room and ran a bath while he cleared up at the kitchen. I heard my sister's car parking and the sound of her heels



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Nico

I was at home in my study, I kept thinking about Khensane the whole day, I couldn't concentrate on what I was working on. I closed my laptop and dialed here's number .She picked up on the third ring

Her:"I'm busy"

Me: "clearly not too busy to taken my call"

Her: "well I want to know why"

Me:"why what?"

Her: "you know what you did"

Me:"I did nothing "

Her: "how could you take advantage of me?"

Me: "uhm advantage?"

Her: "you slept by my place that night"

Me: "yeah but we didn't do anything"

Her:"huh?"

Me:"I mean we didn't have sex so stop worrying"

I heard her sigh with relief

Her: "okay but don't you ever sleep next to me again. You've got a wife"

Me:"I'm sorry ... you good?"

Her: "busy can't talk"

She hung up on me, I don't know why she would think I'd take advantage of her drunk self but I don't blame her

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Khensane

When I went to the living room there was no one. I looked outside and their cars were also gone geez I didn't even hear them leaving or anything. I blinked and looked around confused

Jane walked in while I was sitting on the chair looking at the blank TV

I was thinking of what happened between Musa and I and I had regrets because I didn't feel any different

Her: "hope you left me some cake"

She opened the fridge and helped herself to

some leftovers.

Her:"I hope you didn't neglect training because of my absence ... earth to Khensane"

Me:"leave me alone"

Her: "what's wrong?"

Me:"two people were supposed to do something but they are not here I don't know why"

Her: "what were they supposed to do?"

Me: "something important"

Her: "who are they?"

Me:"can't tell"

Her: "okay then can't help"

She got up and left me still wondering

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Bonang

I was painting something for Remo, I missed going to the gallery and doing what I love but I love Remo more. She was in her crib holding her toys and making baby sounds that were cute

I looked at my phone then decided to post a photo of Mxolisi holding Remo with the caption 'DaddyDayCare' as my status on WhatsApp. I

replied to a few messages then continued painting

My phone rang loudly making me jump a bit . I picked it up , it was Khensane

Her:"I see daddy day care has been out to play"
Me:"yeah he is"

Her: "so you are really gonna let Mxolisi raise your child"

Me:"he's so helpful there's nothing I can do to change the fact that he's Remo's dad"

Her:"oh"

Me:"yeah look Cancer I know shit has happened between us because of him but he is doing a great job at this fatherhood thingy"

Her: "okay then"

Me: "hope this changes nothing"

Her: of course I got to go bye

I sense some jealousy there. Cancer had her chance with Mxolisi and it didn't work out so she's trying to ruin things for Remo

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Tsakane

We both parked on the side of the road in a deserted street somewhere in the township. We got out and faced each other, both leaning on

our cars

Him: "so that DNA kit was for you?"

Me: "please don't put me on the spot"

Him: "meaning I could be the father"

Me:"isn't it obvious?"

Him:"I'm sure it is mine"

Me: "what makes you so certain?"

Him: "well your man always deprived you"

Me: and you hit and ran"

Him: "surely you didn't expect me to stay did you?"

I really wanted to strangle this bastard but I kept my cool

Me:"my twin said her doctor boyfriend was going to perform the test. How come you would date my twin?"

Him:"it's a free country"

Me:"if you did it to spite me then you are an idiot"

Him:"maybe I am. The idiot who impregnated the Maluleka twins who thought they were high and mighty"

Me: "you are confusing me"

Him: "one did you'll know why I did what I did"

He walked away and got in his car. I had a lot of questions but I couldn't ask. What was the agenda? Who is this guy really ?why target the twins? Musa Shezi and Ayanda Shezi. What's going on?

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Khensane

I had finished talking with my mom on the phone and Jane was dishing up supper, twin hasn't replied to any of my messages and I was worried. I couldn't text Nico incase I got her in trouble

Jane handed me my plate and sat down with hers. I took a spoonful of the oxtail Jane had cooked Me: "oh God this is so good"

Her: "you'll surely miss my cooking and spoiling"

Me: "definitely will"

Her: "I'll be leaving for PE by the weekend"

Me:"why?"

Her: "well you can walk so my work here is done"

Me:"but Jane ..."

I put on a sad face torn by the news

Her: "unfortunately babes"

Me:"can't you not go"

Her:"I'll come and check you as a friend but I have to work with other patients"

Me: "but you can always stay"

Her:"I'm a stay in nurse and physiologist

meaning I have to stay with my next patient Miss Morris"

I wanted to cry. I really did but didn't. I had grown so fond of Jane and her terrible jokes. She always spoiled me and now she's leaving

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Nico

I was sitting in the dark having whiskey while waiting for Tsakane, I knew she wasn't at work because I passed there.

She came in the and didn't switch on the light, instead she took off her shoes and tried tiptoeing upstairs .I grabbed her arm and she gasped

Me: "where were you?"

Her:"work"

Me:"stop lying"

Her:"I was at work Nicolas let go of my arm"

Me:"I went to the hospital or do you work at another hospital?"

Her: "are you stalking me?"

Me: "what were you doing with that man?"

Her:"who?"

Me: "Shezi! thought we agreed that you will never be with him again"

I was livid, my blood pressure boiling and she was shaking

Her:"I wasn't with him for that reason Shandu believe me"

Me I:"how huh?you cheated with him and now you are running behind each other and I'm supposed to believe you?"

Her:"I'm sorry"

Me:"for what huh!"

I was raising my voice and her crocodile tears worked themselves up

Her: "you are scaring me"

Me: get out of my face before I do something I'll

regret"

She made her way upstairs and I took my car keys and went out. I can't believe she'd go back to that man



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Khensane

It was past midnight and Nico was blowing my phone

Me: "what could you possibly want at this time?"

Him: "open the door I'm outside"

Me: "what are you doing here?"

Him: "please Khensane open for me. I'm cold ndiyagodola"

He sounded a bit drunk so I couldn't resist. I wrapped a gown on my naked body and went to the glass door. I slightly opened and stood there

Me: "did you see the time?"

Him:"I had no where else to go"

Me:"your house has 20 rooms"

Him:"I had to get out so are you letting me in or not?"

Me: "okay come in"

I shifted and he slid past me making his way clumsily to the couch. He fell on it and I locked the door. I walked to him

Him: "can I please stay for the night promise I won't sleep next to you"

Me:"one condition that you tell me what happened"

Him:"we had a fight":"you and Tsakane?"

Him: "yurp she's still cheating"

Me:"she would have told me":"of course she did my source says they met here"

Me:"huh?"

Him:"yup , you gave them a place to meet yesterday"

Me: of course you did. I have pictures

He showed me pictures of Musa and Tsakane leaving my place in their cars

Me: "what's going on ?"

Him: "this is the guy she's been cheating with"

Me: "no this is my boyfriend"

Him: "Shezi is playing you. He's with Tsakane"

Me:"that's not possible"

Him: believe what you want but I know that she's been cheating with him. She even admitted. That's why we divorced for a few days

My head was spinning, Tsakane and Musa together! I looked at those pictures again and became angry

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Tsakane

I don't know where Nico spent the night and I was worried sick. I didn't sleep a wink. By 6 am I tried his phone for the 50th time but it was off

I walked to the kitchen and tried forcing some cereal download my throat but I couldn't. I went to the gym downstairs and tried working out but still

I dialed my twin and it took me straight to voice mail

Me:"twin I know you must be wondering what happened yesterday but I promise to tell you everything you need to know. Please try calling Shandu for me because we had a misunderstanding and he hasn't come home"

I put my phone down in dismay and tried working on my laptop hoping one of them would call

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Khensane

I had covered him with a warm blanket after he poured his out about my cheating twin. Everything made sense and Musa even agreed when I asked him on WhatsApp

Jane came and found me staring at him

Her: "what's he doing here?"

Me: "he was too drunk to drive"

Her: "and his wife?"

Me:"let me go change so we can start with training"

I went to change and she did her magic. I'm still sad that she's leaving. After our session she

took out a yoghurt at the fridge and dug in

Her:"I'm going out"

Me: "like you always do since I started walking"

Her:"jealousy!"

Me:"whatever"

Her:"I'll be in very late and hopefully you'll do fine with the rest of training"

Me: go wherever you need to go Jane yooh

She kissed me on the forehead and disappeared into the bathroom while I finished off her yoghurt

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Nico

I woke up to the smell of toast, geez I love toast. I made my way to the kitchen where Khensane was making brunch dancing with her headsets on

I hugged her from behind and she almost killed me with a knife

Me:"kill me"

Her:"I'm sorry but you shouldn't sneak up on people"

She took off the headset and put away the knife

Me:"I now know ey"

Her: "simple breakfast, toast with cheese and orange juice"

Me:"I can't wait"

Her:"I was also cutting some tomatose"

Me: "salad on the side?"

Her: "yeah tomatoes and a few green leaves"

Me:"no thanks"

Her: "lol go wash your face"

I hurried to the bathroom and had my morning pee then washed my face and gugled with the mouthwash, when I went back she was already eating

I joined her while we talked about things under

general

Her:"work?"

Me:"I'll just make a few calls then I'm sorted.
Worked hard the past few weeks"

Her:"lucky you"

Me: "what are your plans?"

Her: "nothing. I just want to relax somewhere in dubai spending a blessers money"

Me: "let me bless you with a few thousands"

Her: "for a shopping spree?"

Me: "could be and maybe some groceries"

Her: "please tu"

I liked the glow in her eyes when we talked about money. I sent her 25 K and watched her jaw drop when she saw the notification

She got up and hugged me

Her: "thanks blesser"

Me: "glad you are happy"

Her:"I'm very happy but I think you should call Tsakane and let her know where you are"

Me: "okay if that makes you happy"

Her: "yes bhut blesser"

She started making dance moves and she was good, I really wanted to hold her tiny waist

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Bonang

I sat Kemisetso down early before Remo woke up . She was in a bright pink short jumpsuit that revealed her back making her look hot

Me: "what time are you going to class"

Her:"I'm not going today"

Me: "but it looks like you're going somewhere"

Her: "picnic with J"

Me: "you two have become surprisingly close"

Her:"these things happen and besides, heard you talking over the phone with baby daddy so I needed to get out"

Me:"oh"

Her: "yeah so lemme run"

Me:"wait uhm so you and J"

Her:"uh huh"

Me: "what's going on"

Her: "we are in a relationship"

I burst out laughing, I mean J had a boyfriend I knew of and he is gay, she looked serious

Me:"I'm sorry were you serious?"

Her: "argh you annoy me"

She stormed off leaving me perplexed

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Tsakane

I had passed out on my desk and I woke with a headache. I checked in my drawers for some painkillers then remembered that Shandu wasn't home

I checked my phone hoping to find something but I only saw a message from the head of the hospital requesting to see me ASAP. Musa and his father are really getting on my nerves

I ran a bath and did some body scrubbing then lotioned and wore a gold silky maxi dress with brown sandals, I left a note with the workers for Shandu. I even sent him a text informing him

where I was going

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Khensane

I was at the mall with Nico and well boxed his money. We didn't use the one he sent me no. I kept resting as I couldn't walk for a long period but he was patient with me trying on the shoes and clothes and testing make up and such

After a long day he finally drove me home. I was surprised to see him throwing himself on the

couch

Me:"thought you were going home"

Him: "nope I'm still nursing my feelings"

Me:"lol I hope you called your wife informing her about your whereabouts"

Him:"I did"

Me:"I'm tired. I'm going to bath and rest"

Him: "okay I'll be watching soccer"

I went to the bathroom and did my business then after some time I found him in a clean shirt and pants. He smelled fresh

Me: "is this what we bought today?"

Him:"yup"

Me:"how long does you be in my space?" Him:"as long as I can think of"

I laughed and joined him on the couch. He was watching suicide square and I was surprised my twin hasn't come to fetch him

We had eaten at the mall so I was still full and he didn't want food either. After suicide squad we watched fifthy shades of grey and that's where the awkward moments came



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Tsakane

I found him sitting patiently at the fancy restaurant, he looked like he has been waiting for long. I quickly grabbed a seat and he waved at the waitron

Me:"sir"

Him: "Doctor Shandu"

Me: "why am I here?"

Him:"I've been monitoring your work and you are slacking"

Me:"I'm sorry sir I've just been dealing with a lot"

Him:"I see"

We placed our orders

Me:"I am a hard working doctor sir you know"

Him:"I do but now I think you should take a break to deal with whatever you are facing. I want to give you light shifts"

Me:"no thanks sir but I need to keep working. I promise I won't slack again"

Him:"if you insist"

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Khensane

We have been kissing for quite some time and I pulled back

Me:"ahem!"

Him: "what's wrong?"

Me:"we both know this is wrong"

Him: but it feels right

Me:"I know ... I mean it's not"

Him:"you know that there's something that you feel for me and I know you know that I feel something too so let's not fight these feelings"

Me:"I really want to explore this but Tsak..."

He smashed his lips onto mine again and sucked. My body was failing me. I found myself touching him, my hands all over his body

He carried me to my bedroom and placed me on the bed then kissed my body. I trembled as shivers were sent through my body. The adrenaline rush flowing through me

Me:"I'm scared"

Him: "don't be I got you babe"

With that being said he went down and muffed me, I grabbed the sheets calling out his name. He emerged and made me taste myself while positioning. He pushed and I gasped at how big he was

Me:"you are too big"

Him: am I hurting you?"

Me:"yes"

Him:"do you want us to stop and cuddle instead?"

Me: "no put it in I'll handle it"

He pushed harder and I shut my eyes and bit my lips while he moved slowly then he increased his pace thrusting hard and deep making sure he filled the space within me

He shot his load murmuring 'shit' under his breath' I thought we were done but he told me to come on top. I balanced my hands on his chest and moved up and down with his hands on my hips guiding me.

I went faster and felt my walls contract, I tried getting off but he pounded even faster. I screamed loudly as I reached a first real orgasm, my eyes rolled and I died for a few seconds

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Tsakane

Now I was on the verge of loosing my mind. I found that Shandu hasn't come home even now so I took a bottle of wine and drove to my twin's . I was surprised to see his car on the drive will and I sighed in relief

I got out and knocked but the door was unlocked so I let myself in. It was dark and quiet so I made my way to her bedroom, my shoes

making noise on the wooden floor. Before I could reach her door flung open

Her:"Tsakane!"

Me:"you look surprised. The door wasn't locked so ..."

Her: "so you decided to invade my privacy?"

She was somehow sour and her eyes were darting everywhere. She adjusted her gown

Me:"I'm sorry about the other day but Musa has been using ..."

Her: "blah blah blah"

Me:"I'm sorry but I left you a message explaining ..."

Her: "I'm over it sis, it's your baby your issue"

I was shocked by her sharp tone and I didn't want to fight with her. I went to the kitchen and she followed me

Me: "you do know that it's my house right?"

Her: "yeah rub it in"

Me: "where's Shandu I saw his car?"

Her: "uhm must be in the other room"

Me: "why didn't you tell me he's here?"

Her: "her said he called you"

I pursed my lips and Shandu emerged. I ran to him

Me: "Shandu, I am so sorry I ..."

He stopped me and cleared his throat and looked at twin. He had this weird look

Her: "if you'll excuse me"

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Nico

We had both fallen asleep after a few rounds and luckily Khensane was able to hear her sister's footsteps when she wanted to come in the bedroom . We would have been caught

Right now I was sitting on the high chair and she was sitting on the other side facing me. Her expression broke me

Me: "what are you doing here?"

Her: "with all due and respect I came to take you home baba"

Me:"I'm not going with you"

Her: "please Shandu, I don't like it when we leave things unresolved"

Me:"okay then"

Her:"I'm sorry but it's not what you think"

Me: "were you with Musa Shezi in the township?"

Her: "yes we were but ..."

Me:"that's all I needed to know or are you going to tell me the reason?"

She blinked away the tears, this ticket I wasn't shouting

Her: "please forgive me Shandu I really want to make this marriage work"

Me:"resign"

Her: "you know I can't do that"

Me:"it's not like we need the money and you know, you can focus on the properties we own, help at the company and the most important thing is that you can make me feel like your husband. You should do stuff that wives do"

She looked like she was about to burst

Her: "okay Shandu I will resign first thing

tomorrow morning"

Me: good now let me go get my things and we'll go"

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Khensane

I don't know how to feel at this moment whether I should be feeling guilty for sleeping with my twin's husband or happy that the husband fucked me good or feel bad that he actually fucked me and left with his wife

Since I woke up very early(not like I slept,I started with training. I don't know where Jane is and her phone is off. My phone beeped and I checked the message

'thanks for everything you've done for me twin. Nico says you talked to him about saving our marriage. Will come later on to give you the details'

I rolled my eyes and ears found myself crying. I hate Nico for coming into my life and turning things upside down, I'll never recover for betraying my twin twice

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Tsakane

Having to resign from work was the hardest thing I've had to do. I lived my job and now I had to sacrifice it for my marriage

I drove to the school and had everything checked then visited Shandu at work during lunchtime. He seemed shocked to see me entering his office with a lunchbox that had home cooked food

Him: "what a lovely surprise"

He got up and hugged me

Me:"I did it"

Him: "don't say it with such disappointment wifey"

Me:"I love my job"

Him: "and I love you mfazi wam"

Me:"I love you too and I'm happy that I did it for a good cause"

Him: of course you did now all we have to do is focus on each other and making this marriage the best that we can

Me:"wow Shandu, you never say things like that but I really love you my husband"

Him: "now let's eat I'm starving"

Me:"why not"

The minute I opened the Tuppaware lid and the

smell of rice and massala reached my nose, I didn't waste time but vomited

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Bonang

Kemisetso didn't come back but I'm glad she didn't otherwise she would have not been happy learning that Mxolisi spent the night

It was the most wonderful night of my life, we made love then spent the night talking about our future. We decided to give things a try and

raise Remo as a couple

I know he's done some bad things but who hasn't? So I am giving him a chance like every human being should be given. I love him, always have even when he was with Cancer.

Sleeping with him that night was a mistake but at least it has brought us a beautiful baby that brings us together. A lifetime bond

I'm not favouring Khensane hle can Yall be patient

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Tsakane

I was embarrassed after vomiting in Shandu's office. I didn't hesitate but drove straight to twin. I had gotten used to not knocking so I just barged in and went straight to the bathroom to wash my face

I heard her footsteps following me and I turned to find her passion her lips in dismay, her nose was high in the air

Me:"I'm sorry to just barge in"

Her:"I hope this is the last time Tsakane, I wouldn't do that in your house"

Me: "Nico is going to start asking questions"

Her: "about?"

We made our way to her bed and lay down facing each other

Me:"I threw up in his office"

Her:"ewe"

Me: "but I want us to talk about Musa"

Her:"father God"

Me: "So you slept with him?"

Her: "Of course I did I'm old enough"

Me:"I hope you used protection"

Her: "You think I'm dumb"

Me:"I'm just saying. Look at me confused"

Her:"If I were to get pregnant at least I'd know who the father is"

Me:"Wow Khensane"

I was hurt but ignored it, I told her what happened between Musa and I and we tried putting our heads together to understand everything

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Bonang

I was laying on his chest while Remo was on her crib

Him:"I'm so happy to have you in my life, I didn't realise that you and I would end up like this"

Me: "worst part as Remo's parents"

Him:"I want Remo to experience everything I never did"

Me:"yeah considering our father's were never father figures"

Him: "more reason I don't want Remo to experience what I went through"

Me:"you can talk to me"

Him:"there's really not much to say other than my old man used to do is horrible things"

Me: "horrible stuff like?"

Him:"I don't want to talk about it"

I now understood why Mxolisi treated Cancer the way he did. I tried talking him to get help and he agreed

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Nico

I got home and put down my things then headed upstairs, I open the door slowly and caught Tsakane holding her belly Me: "Let's discuss this pregnancy"

She turned sharply obviously not expecting me

Her:"huh?"

Me: "So you really are pregnant?"

Her:"I tried telling you but ... "

Me:"no It's not mine"

Her: "let me explain please"

Me:"it can't possibly be mine while you were busy cheating with that Shezi doctor"

Her:"I know but that was a mistake I love you"

Me:"I shouldn't have trusted you Tsakane"

Her: "if you could let me try to explain"

Me:"I don't want to continue with this any more"

Her: "Shandu"

Me:"cancel the arrangements. The wedding is off"

Her: "let's be reasonable"

I didn't want to hear any of it, I can't raise another man's child especially if that man is Shezi. My phone rang and it was Ntombi telling me that she was in labour, I rushed out leaving Tsakane

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Khensane

I helped Jane pack her things even though I was

very sad about her leaving

Me:"I will miss you Jane"

Her: "so will I but promise me something"

Me: "anything"

Her: "stay away from Nico":

Me"huh?"

Her:"I know you slept with him, don't do anything that will jeopardise your relationship with your sister"

Me:"I don't know what to say"

Her: "you don't have to say anything all you have to do is leave the guy alone, he won't leave his wife for you"

Me:"okay"

I was so hurt because the truth always hurts. I

don't know what I was thinking . I helped her silently then she handed me my phone , it was Tsakane and I felt guilty

Her:"twin":"can I come over mtase?"

Me: "you sound like you are crying"

Her: "Nico has cancelled the wedding"

Me: "okay come"

Her:"I'm on my way"

Me: "please be careful"

Jane was eyeing me in a way I didn't like

Me: "the wedding is off Jane"

Her:"I hope you know that it's your fault"

Me: "please Jane don't"

Her:"fix that call Nico and talk to him into getting back with Tsakane"

I almost cried but I decided to call him

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Bonang

I smiled at myself while looking at the mirror.

My tummy was getting back into shape and my baby was growing bigger and better. Mxolisi was taking care of us financial .Kemisetso peeped in

Her: "you are glowing girl"

Mr: "oh hey there long time"

Her: "so you are back with Mxolisi?"

Me:"yup"

Her: "and you've been sleeping with him?"

Me: "ask no questions and hear no lies"

She walked over to me and faced me

Her: "actually it's disgusting, Remo is too young yet you already letting that rapist jump on your bed"

I slapped her and she could have hit back but she didn't

Me:"now you listen here missy. I won't let you disrespect me that way. If you feel like you are a woman get out"

Her:"fine but it's still doesn't change the fact that you let you in a rapist and don't cry when he does the same thing to Remo"

Me:"he won't"

Her: "what about Cancer?"

Me: "what about her?"

Her: "nothing I'll move out but tonight"

I don't know why she's against this but I will not change how I feel because of Cancer



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Nico

I was waiting at the hospital with no one telling me anything. When my phone rang with Khensi on the screen I tried to ignore it but I couldn't

Me:"I'm busy can't talk"

Her: "Tsakane needs you"

Me:"I'm facing a serious problem right now"

Her: "promise me you'll come to my place after dealing with whatever"

Me:"I'll come don't worry"

Her: "okay good luck"

Me:"thanks"

The doctor approached me with a gloomy look. He told me that Ntombi lost the baby. I rushed to the ward to comfort her

I found her bruised and battered

Me: "did your boyfriend do this?"

Her: "it doesn't matter"

Me: "he beat you up while you were pregnant?"

Her:"no I fell"

Me:"and tore your face like that huh he's got me to deal with? Wipe your tears you did this to yourself"

She didn't say anything so I made some

contacts to have him sorted

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Tsakane

He walked in and didn't even look at me, my eyes were puffy from all the crying. I have been speaking to twin on the phone and she said he promised to hear her out

I followed him to the bedroom and he got in, I got in too

Me:"let's talk"

Him: "no I have a headache"

Me:"the wedding is still on. I won't cancel it because of one silly fault"

Him:"you didn't just cheat but you let him hit it raw"

Me:"I apologised and it won't happen again"

Him: "was he that good? is he bigger than me?does he make you cum honey?"

Me:"you are hurting me Shandu"

Him:"don't"

Me:"I'll do a paternity test"

Him: "will change nothing"

Me:"listen here Shandu kandaba, Mthiya ngenkomo.Abanye bethiya ngamahlahla"

Him: "don't do that it's disrespectful"

Me:"the wedding continues whether you like it

or not"

Him: "can't find peace in my own house argh"

He got up and took a bag and packed a few things then he left. I cried and cried but I was serious about the wedding. He's my husband and till death do us apart

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Bonang

Kemisetso didn't hesitate to take all her belongings to go live with J, I gave him strict instructions not to hurt her though.

I still care about my little sister and I don't like her relationship with J plus him and I have been very distant lately

I did my hygiene process, lotioned and put on simple jeans and kicks with a cap then prepared Remo.I woke Mxolisi who's snoring was muffled, he got in very late with a badly cut hand and refused to talk about it

Him:"what?"

Me: "we are leaving for the check up"

Him: "already?"

Me:"we are almost late"

Him: go to the jacket I wore yesterday and take

the money that's in the pocket"

Me:"okay"

I went to the jacket and there were lots of two hundred rand notes

Him: "call me if you need anything"

Me:"so much money"

Him: go it s ten past

Me:"we need to talk when I return"

Him:"alright"

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Nico

I went to Khensi to hear here out . I found her in a black dress and sleepers. She opened the door and I followed her to the living room

Her:"sit"

Me:"thanks"

Her:"I'll cut straight to the chase"

Me:"okay"

Her:"I don't know what happened between you and my twin but whatever it is you guys need to fix it"

Me: "nope, she cheated"

She gave me a death stare

Her: "you slept with me yet you are angry at her sleeping with another person"

Me:"it's different"

Her: "how so?"

Me: "she wanted to leave me for that man"

Her: "okay its simple, because you slept with me , I want you to forgive her"

Me: "she's pregnant"

Her: "doesn't matter. Put yourself in her shoes, if I was the one pregnant with your child she wouldn't leave you so you should not leave her"

Somehow she spoke some sense into my head and I think I should give Tsakane a chance to do the test because it might be mine

I was looking at her lips while she spoke to me making gestures with her hands. I grabbed her waist and pulled her closer then smashed my lips on hers

She didn't stop me and instead she helped me take off my clothes and whispered

Her: "only if you don't leave my twin"

Me:"I won't"

Her:"fuck me daddy"

She spread her legs wide while I pumped fast and hard going in as deep as I could get. I helped relive my stress with her on the couch then I carried her upstairs and had countless rounds

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Khensane

I was sleeping peacefully on his chest until he disturbed me by placing my head gently on the pillow. I woke up and frowned as he got up

Him: "sorry I didn't mean to wake you"

Me:"where to?"

Him: "bathroom wanna hold it for me"

Me:"hell no I've seen and have had enough of it already"

Him:"lol ill be right back"

I checked my phone which was on silent and I realised that there were three missed calls from a number I didn't recognise. I dialled the number and a man answered

Him: "Khensane hi"

Me:"Mxolisi?"

Him:"yeah it's me"

Me: "what do you want?"

Him:"to say I'm sorry"

Me:"save it"

Him:"no I'm being truthful, from the depth of my heart, I truly am sorry"

Me:"okay"

Him: "and I miss you"

Me:"miss me how ?isn't Bonang giving you good enough?"

Him:"let's not go there"

Me:"okay then there's nothing for me to say to you"

I hung up and my heart sank, Mxolisi was the love of my life but he did what he did and I'll never forgive him

Nico came back from the bathroom and we continued with some smooching and something a little deeper

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Bonang

Me:"was that Cancer?"

He turned unexpected obviously not expecting me. I was leaning by the door with Remo in my hands

Him: "uhm how long have you been standing there?"

Me:"is that all you care about?"

Him:"yes it was her"

Me: go back to her

Him:"I was just checking her"

Me:"is that even necessary?go to her place and check her"

Him:"it's not what you think"

Me:"what is it then?"

Him:"you know, you really shouldn't keen tabs on me it's irritating"

Me:"really?"

Him: "yeah Bonang I'm not your child"

I didn't hesitate to kick him out. I pushed and screamed and threatened to never let him see Remo



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Tsakane

He came home Monday morning in his jogging clothes and found me on the partio, he ordered one of the workers to bring breakfast then he sat facing me

Him:"you look like you haven't slept from days"

Me: as if you care

Him:"Look Tsakane you are right, I don't know how you put up with my childish self"

Me:"say your piece"

They brought the breakfast and he helped himself

Him: "please eat, you've already lost a lot of weight"

Me: "suddenly my weight matters"

Him: "no it's not good for the baby"

Me: as if you care

Him: "stop saying that"

Me:"as if ..."

He put his fork down, took my plate and filled it in fruit. He pulled me to him and fed me forcefully. When he was done he wiped me like a little baby then poured me a glass of water

Him: "now someone is on the way to do the test"

Me: "it doesn't matter anymore"

Him: go get ready

Me:"I'm fine"

Him:"Tsakane!"

I got up and went to wash my face and put in something presentable

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Khensane

It's so lonely without Jane and I was bored. My phone beeped and it was Nico, he had sent a couple of thousands saying I should go pamper myself at a spar in zimbali

I got excited and called him and he didn't answer but I didn't stress, I called a cab and went to enjoy free relaxation

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Nico

After the test was done and the doctor left, I took a shower and put on some shorts and a shirt. Tsakane has been staring at me the whole time

Me: "Ntombi lost her baby so I'm going to get

her from the hospital. Tell the workers to prepare a room for her"

Her:"I had no idea. I'm coming with"

Me: "no you stay here I'll be right back"

Her:"the least I can do is come with you Shandu"

Me:"remember that we lost a baby ten years back?"

Her:"I can never forget that pain"

Me: "so I don't want to open old wounds"

Her:"I understand thanks"

Me:"I'm coming right now"

I made as if to leave but she was looking like a chicken that wanted to lay eggs

Me:"what?"

Her: "uhm when can we expect the results?"

Me:"tomorrow"

I had paid a lot of money to speed up the process. I wanted to make sure that I do everything right

The love I have for Tsakane surprises me daily, especially when I think I don't love her to find out that I really do

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Bonang

Mxolisi didn't hesitate to walk out on me and the baby all because of Khensane! I should have known that this would happen. Tomorrow I'm going to make sure that nothing in her life works out

I struggled to fall asleep especially because Mxolisi didn't even bother to call. I took my phone and dialed

Her: "do you know what time it is?"

Me: of course I do but I've got a scoop

Her: "okay I'm listening"

Me:"I'm going to send us an email about the Maluleka-Mbatha drama"

Her: "that I can't wait to receive"

Me: "remember to keep me anonymous"

Her:"I'm ethical "

Me:"good"

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Khensane

After a great day, I decided to stop by the mansion. Nico didn't look happy to see me but I didn't care and Tsakane was happy with my arrival

Her: "what a pleasant surprise"

Me: "wanted to see how you holding up"

Her:"I'm okay we are about to dish up"

Me: good causes I'm starving

Shandu left the table just before we started eating

Him:"I'll be with Ntombi"

Her: "but Shandu we have a guest"

Him:"I'm hoping the guest doesn't mind"

Me:"not at all"

Him:"thanks"

I don't know why he wasn't his usual self but it didn't matter

Me: "so twin how are you?"

Her:"nervous"

Me:"why?"

Her:"I'm awaiting the results for the DNA"

Me: "when are they coming?"

Her:"tomorrow"

Me:"shuu sis"

Her: "won't be able to sleep"

Me:"I'll sleep with you don't worry"

Her:"please"

We talked about the possible outcomes of tomorrow and all. Twin is a lovely person and sleeping with Nico was giving me the creeps especially when she talked of how much she loves him We were now in a spare room under the covers with her telling me about Nico

Her:"I know the wedding was planned but I do love him and he loves me too"

Me: "what makes you so sure?"

Her:"I can tell from the way he looks at me"

Me:"oh okay"

It was a long night indeed



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Khensane

I had forced sleep only to be woken by someone getting inside the covers. I tried screaming but he had his hand on my mouth.

I was wearing a shirt only so he easily put it in and moved slowly. I moaned softly when I heard a different touch,more like a rough pat . I flicked my eyes open to find Tsakane staring at me

Her: "wet dreams Khensane really?"

Me:"I'm sorry but I ..."

Her: "don't worry it's okay but I hope itself not

about Musa"

Me: "definitely not"

Her:"I can't sleep"

Me: "don't panic you might be relieved"

Her: "what if I'm not?"

Me:"either way you and Nico are never going to separate so don't stress"

Her: "how do you know this?"

Me: "my name is Khensane C A N C E R"

Her:"lol okay"

Me: "now try getting some shut eye"

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Nico

I went for my usual jog but this time I ran, I ran a long distance trying not to think about the results. I don't think I'll handle raising Shezi's child but I'll be doing it for Khensane

When I got back I found both twins awake by the TV room looking very curious. I sat down on the single couch

Me: "what's going on?"

Tsaki: "we are waiting for the news"

Kheensi: "apparently we are the latest juice"

Me:"turn up the volume please"

Tsakane turned the volume up and the news

Reporter:"in other news the Maluleka-Mbatha drama continues ,our reliable source told us that Nicholas Mbatha was supposed to marry the other twin known to us as Cancer as his second wife, apparently he has been having an affair with both of them. Tsakane Mbatha is also rumoured to have forced her twin to commit suicide after ..."

Khensane got up and Tsakane covered her ears

Khensi:"switch it off"

Me:"I'll handle this"

I took the remote and switched the TV then made three calls. Someone will pay for this 0

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Bonang

What was said on the news wasn't really what I wanted. That couldn't possibly hurt Khensane but it includes her twin as well but then serves them right. They think they can have a luxurious lifestyle while some of us worked hard to be successful

At this moment I was very broke because I Haddenham to pay for a stupid thing. Ayanda

called and I ignored it she then sent a text saying Nico is suing the TV channel for the lies they said .I called her

Her:"I thought you said all those things are true so why is he suing?"

Me:"they are true I'm telling you"

Her: "people are going to think that I have a problem with Cancer especially after the interview I did. Now I'm in deep trouble"

Me: "Nico won't take the case far trust me"

Her: "if I go down so do you Bonang"

Who the hell does she think she is making threats like that to me? I shouldn't have trusted her

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Tsakane

Someone is definitely on to us and we don't know why but I trust Nico to make sure that they all pay for it. Deep down, I knew it had something to do with Musa but I didn't say anything

Khensane wasn't handling the news so well and was going up and down the house playing with her fingers. I got up and went to check on Ntombi but she wouldn't let me in

So much drama was going on inside this house and it was all too much. I called Sofia, one of my workers who's been here ever since. I asked her to bring me some tablets for my headache and when she did, she also handed me a white envelope

Her: "this was delivered ten minutes ago"

Me: "has anyone seen it?"

Her:"no mam, it was delivered after Mr Mbatha left"

Me: "and my twin?did she see i5?"

Her:"no mam"

Me: "okay please don't tell anyone about it"

Her: "as you wish mam"

My heartbeat changed and I struggled to breathe for a second, these were the results of the paternity test. I went upstairs holding the envelope making sure that Khensane didn't follow me.

I got in and locked the door, sat on the bed and took a deep breath and opened it. I stared at the results long and hard not knowing how to own feel about what I saw

I think my mind froze for a few minutes then I felt the tears burning my cheeks, I had to think carefully

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Nico

My lawyer advised me not to take this further because it could drag on for years and I'll be dry by the end of the case so I had a peaceful meeting with the people of the news channel and they made sure that the news reporter was fired and they gave me a reasonable offer but I was going to get to the bottom of this even if it's not the legal route

It was late when I got home and strangely, it was awfully quiet. I put down my keys and started with N tomb, I knocked softly but there was no reply.

I saw the cook and asked her if there has been a parcel delivered and she said no just like the guys at the gate

I went to the guest room that Khensane usually stays in and there she was doing some Yoga stretches displaying her fine ass. She didn't see me drooling over her

I then went to my bedroom and couldn't find Tsakane, I went to shower then open the wardrobe to get something simple for dinner, it was then when I realised that her clothes were missing

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Bonang

After putting Remo to sleep I called Kemisetso because I don't like how we've fought especially over a guy

Her:"what?"

Me: "please come back home"

Her: "no Bonang, I will not surround myself with a negative vibe"

Me: "Mxolisi is harmless, I swear"

Her:"I'm good here with J"

Me: "you can't promote cohabitation"

Her: "says who?"

Me: "at least come check on Remo then" Her: "that I can try but only if your boyfriend isn't home" Me:"deal" 0 0 0 Nico

I called everyone downstairs, everyone came except Ntombi and Tsakane of course

Me: "Khensane and the workers, where is

Tsakane"

Khensi:"she's in her room"

Me:"she's not!"

Khensi:"she didn't tell me if she was going somewhere"

Worker: we saw her leaving in her car some hours ago just after your sister left maybe she followed her

Me: "okay good night"

They all went to their cottages outside and Khensane put down her phone while I tried calling Ntombi

Her: "her phone is off"

Me:"so is Ntombi's but let's not panic. Her:"Let's eat I'm sure they'll come back"

Me: "Tsakane took her clothes"

Her:"why?"

Me:"how would I know because you were the one in the house!"

I replied annoyed. She definitely knows something

Her: "don't shout at me I'm not your wife"

Me: "you should consider going to your place"

Her:"I'm not going there by myself"

Me:"I'll take you. You are suffocating me in my house"

Her:"fuck you"

Me: "what did you say?"

Her:"I said FUCK YOU!"

I stepped closer to her and she didn't move. I admired her bravery and kissed her. She slapped me

Her: "what if Tsakane walks in?"

Me: "what if she doesn't"

Her: "no you were right, I have to go to my place"

She tried going up the stairs but I grabbed her and pinned her to the ground. She tried fighting me but I went for her neck until I felt her body surrender

I carried her to a guest room that is rarely used and tore off her dress then sucked on her nipples Her: "you make make loose control"

Me:"I love you"

Her: "it's not true and you know that"

Me:"it's true. I really love you Khensane Maluleka"

I spun her around and hit it from the back. She's a freak, she moves her body like she's from Brazil and I found myself calling my mother's name as I cum on her back.



Wanted to give you this as a bonus but my phone was acting up

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Bonang

I was so happy when Kemmy came to visit and spend time with Remo, they were glued to each other like mother and daughter and I was a bit jealous

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Khensane

My cookie was on fire when I woke up because Nico didn't even let me breath last night but I have to say that it was the best night ever. We tried new stuff and added some spice

I know I'm going to make that heartless choice but I can't control myself when it comes to Nico and I pray twin never finds out because she will definitely drop dead. I don't want to be his side chiq but I definitely can't let the D go

He wasn't by my bedside so probably Tsakane had come back or something so I took a long bath and went downstairs for breakfast. I was alone but I didn't mind. I ate and ate like a mad person which was a first because I am very careful about the amount of food I eat

After eating the eggs and sausages, I went for the fridge and helped myself to some ice cream and yoghurt

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Nico

I got to say that I'm the luckiest man alive, I get to have Tsakane as a wife and her twin as my bae. They may be twins but they are different down there. Tsakane is wet, very wet, the kind of wet every man wants to come home to. Hers has that warmth and juice that marks her as a wife

On the other we have Khensane who is very tight and deep, her bullet hole drives me crazy and the things she does are flames. Both of them are sweet and I definitely am keeping. I know it sounds greedy but I'm a man. A very lucky man

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Khensane

I spent the day in the pool while Nico kept glancing at me from the balcony, he was working on his laptop but we kept sexting and flirting

I took off my swimming bra and sent him a picture of my boobs, he replied with a picture of his erected D. I giggled thinking of all the things that it does to me

I felt my cookie making butterflies and I told him that I wanted him. He didn't respond but a few minutes later he was by the poolside

Him: "you are a very bad girl"

Me:"oh yeah?"

Him: "now you made daddy leave his work and come this side to have you"

Me:"oh makes me wanna scream oh lala. Come inside"

Him:"I must cum inside?"

Me:"lol however you want. I'm all yours"

My bravery is on another level. My twin could walk in on us any minute but I didn't care. I'm sure they've never had sex in the swimming pool buttons, I Khensane Maluleka had the privilege to do so

We were disturbed by one of the workers who looked at us like we were mad

Her: "telephone for miss Cancer"

Me:"from who?"

Her:"I don't know mam"

Md: "okay I'm coming"

Nico: "Sofia I'm sure you know that you are in

this house to clean and not talking rubbish to others?"

Her: "certainly sir"

She had her head bowed all the time and I rushed to the phone

Me:"hello"

Her: "mtase it's me"

Me: "where are you?"

Her: "what does Shandu say about the results?"

Me: "they've arrived?"

Her:"yes they are at the bedroom. Give him a clue and text me his reaction. Gotta go bye and please don't mention this call to Shandu"

I don't know what's happening so I called

Shandu and told him that the results were in the bedroom. He went in and came back with a strange face

Me:"talk to me"

Him:"the baby is mine"

Me:"yooh"

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Bonang

Someone was banging the door very loudly and

if I don't get up it will break. I made my way there and opened with an attitude ready to attack but instead there were about ten police men standing outside

Me:"uhm evening"

Officer: "evening mam we are looking for this man"

They showed me a picture of Mxolisi and Kemmy saw it too because she had followed me to the door

Her:"in connection of?"

Officer:"it's confidential depending on your relation"

Me: "eerh I haven't seen him in days"

Officer: "we have a warrant to search the whole place"

Me: "he's not here"

Officer: "mam please correspond"

Me: "okay go ahead"

Officer: "search the whole place guys and leave no stone unturned"

He addressed to his crew and they went in and turned the place upside down waking Remo up. They didn't bother tiding up they just left

Me:"I told you he isn't here"

After they left, I had to answer to my sisters who was already having her handbag with her

Me:"you can't least now Kemmy don't be stupid"
Her:"I warned you about that guy he's a danger"
Me:"but still you can't leave"

Her:"watch me"

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Tsakane

I left because I felt that Nico could have at least not judged me. I won't forget how he didn't hesitate to call off the wedding the minute he thought the baby wasn't his I really love him but I feel like I should give him space to gather his thoughts. He should apologise for the things he said and how he treated me

Sofia came back looking tired, she took me in her home and didn't tell anyone because she seemed to understand. Mind you she's been staying with us for ten years

Me: "mama I cooked pap and chicken"

Her: "you didn't have to ngwanaka"

Me:"I was bored and didn't know what to do"

Her: "all will be well my child. Just go back to making God your first love and your best friend"

Me:"you are right. How's my twin?"

She chocked a little then smiled at me

Her:"let's pray"

We prayed long and hard and I couldn't hear what she was saying but she Washbourne in a very deep prayer. She even had tears afterwards. I guess I have to give her more money maybe she has problems

I thank God for her letting me stay with her until I decide on my next step

Things are about to turn

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Nico

We have been searching for Tsakane the whole night to no avail. I was worried because she left because of how I treated her, I regret mistreating her. Her absence marks that I really can't do without her

I parked the car and turned to Khensane on the passenger seat

Me: "what are we going to do?"

Her: "that maid knows something"

Me: "who Sofia? Naah"

Her: "let's stop by her place"

Me:"I'm only going because I have run out of options"

I started the ignition and drove to the cottage side, I knocked on one and they directed me to hers. We went there on foot and Khensane knocked while I remained in the shadows

Voice: "who is it?"

Her: "mama please open"

sounds of someone coming to the door and unlocking

Sofia: "how can I help"

Her:"I am looking for Tsakane"

Sofia: "why would you look for her here?"

Her:"I know you have her. I just want to tell her something that's all"

Sofia:"I don't think it's a good idea"

I stepped in

Me: "Sofia let me see my wife"

Her: "she's not here"

Me:"please"

Tsaki: "what's going on here?"

She came to the door and we looked at each other for a long time. I don't know how she's feeling and I didn't know what to do

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Tsakane

We were now sitting in the car talking in private whilr my twin was inside with Sofia and right now my heart was bleeding

Him:"I'm sorry for everything I've said and did"
Me:"okay"

Him: "cheating is wrong but it didn't give me the right to conclude things my own way"

Me:"yeah"

Him: "please say something"

Me: "what can I possible say?"

Him:"that you are coming home with me right now and that we will get couple's therapy"

Me:"I don't know Shandu. I'm not sure"

Him: "please let's go home"

Me:"on condition that you will never bring cheating up"

Him:"it's a promise"

Me:"and that this time we do work on our marriage not just words but we both apply efforts"

Him: "Newton's third law"

Me: "okay let's go"

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Khensane

Sitting in that cottage with that woman was very awkward and uncomfortable. She didn't say a word or anything just opened her bible and sat on her own bed

After a few minutes we heard the engine roaring and the car leaving. I just went numb. They left me and didn't even warn me at least

The woman put her Bible down ,got up and put on the kettle then turned to me

Her: "you can walk with me to the mansion"

Me:"uhm thanks"

Her: "you knew that he wasn't going to leave her for you right?"

Me:"of course I wasn't expecting him to leave her"

Her:"I'm just saying. Look at the situation now. They left as husband and wife and he didn't even hesitate to leave you behind"

Me:"or you can give me the direction I'll walk there myself"

Her: "how do you sleep at night?"

Me: "okay that's enough"

I stumbled to the doors and struggled to open. I sat down again in frustration

Me:"I've been through a lot and this is my way of dealing with everything?"

Her: "everyone goes through a lot at some point but we don't run to ruin other people's lives"

Me:"you won't understand"

Her:"I've seen far too worse so don't tell me about not understanding"

She went with her hygiene process and told me how she lost her children

Her:"I was the second wide and gave birth to two girls, they were only two year apart. The first wife had given birth to a boy. Our husband abused us and we had to send our children away to go live with family members when the youngest was about 7 years old, then we both ran for our lives. I never saw my children again

and neither did the first wife. She passed on without meeting her boy"

She wiped her tears and looked at the cloak

Me:"I'm so sorry but maybe you'll find them"

Her: "it's late let's run"

Me:"I'll leave Nico alone"

Her: "good"

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Bonang

I should have known that Mxolisi would be nothing but trouble. I got up earlier because I have to get a few things by the mall. Just as I was about to leave Mxolisi came in

Me: "what are you doing here? the police were looking for you"

Him: oh that yeah its sorted

Me:"huh?"

Him:"I was with them just now"

Me: "what did they want from you?"

Him:"I wanted a job there at the station"

Me:"huh?"

Him: "you won't understand"

Me:"make me"

Him:"I don't want to be interrogated, I just want

to sleep"

Me:"you can't be surprised at me questioning your comings and goings if you live here"

Him: "okay I'll tell you when you get back. Here's some money"

He gave me a lot of two hundred rand notes again. I wanted to say a lot of things but I didn't

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Tsakane

I know this sounds stupid but I was ready to forgive Shandu, we spent some hours in our bedroom talking about a way forward and our marriage. We were saving the marriage because we believed that it takes two to tango. Believe me marriage is so hard especially because you can't just pack your bags and leave. We both agreed that from now we'll broaden the communication line

He left to go sort things at the office and I made a few changes to our ceremony for this weekend. We decided to change things into a very intimate thing because the public will have something to say so the guest were few and all

I took a bath then went to fetch my dress, luckily we didn't stop the preparations while things were rocky. I pray and hope that nothing

goes wrong this time

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Khensane

I was cleaning up my place since I don't have servants, luckily it's not a big house otherwise I'd die. I scrubbed in anger, didn't know why I was angry but I know that I hated to be alone

My phone hasn't beeped or anything meaning no one misses me. I grabbed a bottle of wine and went to fill a bubble bath. I got in and called J for some catch up because it has been long

I was shocked to learn that he's involved with Kemisetso because he is gay but I didn't judges. Then he told me about Mxolisi and Bonang cohabiting. I sure will pay those two a visit sometime

When I finished talking on the phone, I heard a knock. I quickly wrapped myself with a towel and rushed to the door only to find Nico

Me:"argh you"

Him:"yes me"

Me:"I'm I'm not no mood for you so please leave. Go and play house with your wife" I made to close the door but he blocked me and entered . I leaned against the counter

Him:"I just came by to talk to you since you left without saying goodbye"

Me: "what did you expect after leaving me by the cottages?"

Him:"I was fixing things with Tsakane"

Me:"wow and that's supposed to make me feel better?"

Him:"I don't know"

Me:"you better leave"

Him:"I want you to know that our fling is over. I don't want to loose my wife"

Md:"okay"

Him: and I hope ..."

Me: "you've said your piece now get out.OUT!"

Him: "no hard feelings"

I didn't answer. I watched him disappear then ran to the kitchen and took out a mini knife. I cut my wrists and arms

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Bonus Insert 42

[Two months later]

Tsakane

After renewing our vows Shandu actually

became the husband I've been dreaming of. He did everything that needed to be done even in the bedroom

I was enjoying being a house wife and my son was giving no complications but I was getting fat, very fat because of the joy of expecting

Twin is a bit distant since after we renewed our vows. She went home with our parents while Nico and I were in Mauritius and she hasn't visited everything since we've all come back. Here's phone is always off and she's often not by her house

I got up to and went by the pool side for some fresh air. The landscapers have done a good job with my garden and Christmas was going to be so nice out here. I wanted to throw a party for

all the workers before they went home for Christmas

Sofia walked to the me holding a tray with lemonade which was my favourite

Her: "something to cool down with"

Me:"thank you sthandwa, sit with me and have some"

Her: "others are going to start saying I'm your favourite"

Me:"you are,but that's between me and you"

We sat in the shade enjoying the lemonade

Her: "how are things between you and your man?"

Me:"marvellous, they are so great mama everything since I started praying again"

Her: "and your twin?"

Me:"haven't seen her in a while, I think she's avoiding me"

Her:"why?"

Me:"I don't know she's always been like that. She'll talk when she's ready"

Her:"I see. I should get back to work"

Me: "okay mama thanks for the lemonade"

Her: "pleasure my baby"

She collected the tray and went to work while

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Khensane

Going back home was refreshing, I came back feeling peaceful and restored. I had the best time of my life with my parents. My father treated me good and I even forgot about Nico

My previous physio session was good and I needed to come back after six months because I had fully recovered. My career was still on a thread but I had a few promising recording labels that wanted to sign me up

Right now I woke up with a running stomach. I don't know why but even yesterday I had a

runny tummy, I guess I have to check by the doctor even if I didn't make an appointment

I got in the bathtub and scrubbed myself clean then wore a yellow mini skirt with a black crop top and high heels, I had a Peruvian weave and Nails down yesterday so I know I looked hot. I applied some make, took my handbag and went out

I decided to go to the mall instead because my stomach felt better and do some Christmas shopping. I picked a few items before bumping into Bonang and her fam. Mxolisi was even holding the baby

Me: "awe awe super fam"

Bonang: "are you making fun of us?"

Me: "how so?"

Mxo: "hi Cancer"

Me:"hey"

Him:"long time"

Me:"come on it's not like I missed any of you bethuna"

Her: "and neither of us missed you too celeb"

Me:"and I don't care whether you did or didn't miss me coz I didn't even think about Yall"

Him:"ladies ladies calm down. It was nice seeing you Cancer. Baby let's go "

Me:"baby?"

I laughed so hard that people started staring. I can't understand why Bonang would endanger herself by being involved with someone who rated me but anyway I continued with my

shopping

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Nico

I stopped by the mall to get wifey dearest some goodies. I know we have enough at home but I want her to feel spoiled, I want her to know that I'll always be a good husband

As I was walking, I saw a familiar figure approaching. The person was busy on her phone and didn't look to see me heading straight at them

I tried moving but she bumped straight to me,her phone fell and I picked it up

Her:"I'm sorry sir, I wasn't looking ..."

She realised that it was me and stood stationery for a sec

Me:"Khensane"

Her:"Mbatha"

Me: "didn't think I'd see you"

Her: "It's a mall duuh a public place"

Me: oh yeah it is

She rolled her eyes and made as if to go but I

held her arm and my throat went dry. I swallowed hard

Me: "how have you been?"

Her: "that's so unnecessary. Sorry I bumped into you sir now let go of my arm"

Me: "please don't give me a cold shoulder"

Her:"gaah"

She shook herself free and walked away. She didn't even turn back

I didn't want things to be like this between us. I wanted her to understand that I had to save my marriage but instead she is bitter and hurt. She looks very hot and sexier than before

I drove straight home forgetting the things I wanted to go buy

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Bonang

Him: "why are you so sour?"

Me:"do I look like I'm sour?"

Him: of course, Remza look at mommy angry at daddy

I was chopping the onions roughly irritated by

the event at the mall with Cancer

Me:"I'm not angry and I won't argue"

Him: "ncoo Remza your mother is something else"

Me: "what was that situation with Khensane?"

Him: "what situation?"

Me: "you being all buddy buddy and nice to her"

Him:"I have no reason not to be nice"

Me:"oh okay"

Him:"you need to stop being so insecure Bonang, I'm with you"

Me:"fine let me feed Remo"

He handed her over to me and I fed her. I don't want to feel threatened in a relationship, we've just worked on it and now we are back to

square one because of Cancer

I also know that Mxolisi goes out to hustle and comes back with a lot of money, I've decided not to question him about it. I'm working from home and have turned the living room into my gallery studio

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Tsakane

Shandu came home earlier than usual and found me watch Dispicable Me laughing my ass

off. He sat next to me and helped himself to my simba chips while I put my feet on him

Me:"you are early?"

Him:"needed to spend time with my wife and MJ"

Me:"MJ?"

Him: "Mbatha Junior"

He said that kissing my tummy

Me:"lol that's cute"

Him:"I know, I rang into your twin at the mall"

Me:"really?"

Him: "yeah she gave me a cold shoulder"

Me: me too. She's been ignoring me for heaven

knows why"

Him:"I think she's jealous"

Me:"no way Kent isn't the type to be jealous of her twin. Maybe it's something"

Him:"if you say so"

Me:"I do"

Him: "why don't we go do a gyne check upstairs and see how's MJ"

I giggled because I knew what he ment and followed him upstairs



You guys deserve a bonus thanks for the support

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Khensane

I was eating some broccoli and mushroom salad because I enjoy eating weird things these days. I don't eat too much but whenever I get a chance, I make sure to kill

I was coming back from the toilet and this time I swear I'm going to see a doctor, can't live with this running stomach

Seeing Nico definitely triggered some things buried in the hatchet and I didn't like how I was feeling but I wasted proud that I managed to walk away My phone rang displaying a number of I didn't know and I was surprised coz I had changed my numbers

Me: "Khensane hello"

Him: "please come outside"

I immediately recognised that voice

Me:"no"

Him:"I'm begging you"

Me: "which part of no didn't you get? The N or the O?"

Him: "we neet to talk"

Me: "there's nothing to talk about"

Him:"just give me a chance. You don't have to say anything, I'll do the talking"

Me:"I said no!and never come back here again else I'm going to do a protection order"

Him:"fine I'll leave"

I clicked my tongue after hanging up. This guy is very greedy and self centred and I won't let him back into my life. I'm better off without him or Tsakane. He even has my new number

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Nico

I don't know why I decided to go to Khensane's place but I need to make sure that there are no grudges .I went to work and tried calling her but her phone was off

I felt like a fool for going to her place and her refusing to let me in . She even changed the locks. I called in my PA and a young pretty lady came in wearing a black dress with black pumps

Me: "and who are you?"

She put on a puzzled look and paused her lips

Her:"the PA"

Me:"you are definitely too young to be my assistant and why don't I know that there would be someone else instead of my old assistant?"

Het:"you hired me last week as an intern sir, and I started working here on Monday, today marks the third day"

I suddenly remembered. I've been thinking about Khensane that I forgot my new assistant

Me: "oh of course, my mind is all over. Sorry about that"

Her:"it's okay sir"

Me: "what's your name?"

Her:"Kemisetso but I prefer being called Kemmy"

Me:"okay Kemmy can you cancel today's meetings, I have a headache and need to go

home"

Her: "as you wish sir"

She walked out swaying her hips, she was very young and fresh ,new blood

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Bonang

I was surprised to receive a call from Kemmy since we weren't on speaking terms

Me:"Kemmy"

Her:"I'm outside can you let me in?"

Me: of course you shouldn't be asking

I made my way to the door and opened for her. I gave her a tight hug

Her:"hi"

Me:"I'm so happy to see you"

Her: "where's your man?"

Me:"he and Remo went out for a walk on her pram"

Her: "oh I see"

Me:"sit"

Her: "actually I was here to see Remo but because she isn't here I'll just ..."

Me:"don't be silly . I'm sure they are on their way back"

Her:"okay"

She sat and looked around uneasy

Me: "what's with the fancy clothes?"

Her:"work"

Me:"you work?"

Her: "yeah I work for Nicholas Mbatha as his PA"

Me:"I didn't know"

Her:"I didn't tell you so duuh"

I was hurt that she didn't tell me

Me:"is he nice?"

Her: "he's my boss"

Me: "why aren't you at work now"

Her: "he went home early. Said something about a headache"

Me:"okay"

Her:"I should go. I'll see Remo next time bye"

Me:"wait"

I rushed to the bedroom and fetched a photo of our mother to give to her. She looked at it with tears but accepted it

She left and I thought, if our mother hadn't abandoned us, where would we be?where is she? I bet she would be so proud of Kemisetso

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Khensane

I came back from the doctor's with a spinning head. I had made my way there at short notice but I was not happy with what I found out

I looked at my perfect model body at the mirror, there was no way I'm going to ruin such a perfect body, I had to sign a deal with a certain record company and many others so I couldn't risk a life changing process

I checked my bank balance and I was shocked

that I had blew all my cash with endless shopping and traveling. I had no choice but to call Nico, he didn't answer so I sent him a text message

I waited for his response but he didn't. I regret sending the message because I felt like a fool, he's probably ignoring the message on purpose just to hurt me

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Tsakane

I'm so happy that you are in my life and baby now that you are a part of me show me that you meaning good love and I know he loves me ...

I was singing this Beyonce song while packing my wardrobe neat. I was taking out some clothed ready to donate them to the church this Sunday, yes I had gone back to being a church lover and I enjoy it more because Shandu has been coming to with me the past few weeks

I felt arms circling around my waist and kisses being planted on my neck

Me:"Shandu"

Him:"Mbatha"

Me:"you are home early ... again"

Him:"I missed you"

Me:"I hope work is not falling behind"

Him: "not at all but MaMbatha and MJ come first in my life"

Me:"wow Okay"

He spun me around to face him then kissed me. He carried me to our bed and gently placed at the edge spreading my legs

I had on a dress with no underwear so he rubbed his member on me and entered without taking my dress off. He thrust so hard that it hurt, then he started rolling his eyes

Him: "aah Khensane!"

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Tsakane

He called out my twin's name and fell on the bed. He didn't even realise what he'd just done. I got up and rushed to the bathroom to vomit, I was disgusted. I sat on the toilet seat trying to make out what just happened

It slowly clicked, Khensane and Nico have been having an affair behind my back. I thought about all the times they've been alone together, thought about what mam'Sofia had told me before we renewed our vows

Her:"I think you shouldn't let your sister become so close with your husband. Be careful, we live in a cruel world"

I had defended her because I never thought she'd do anything like that to me. There were no red signs nor red flags or maybe I was too blind

All the dots connected and I couldn't believe how stupid I've been not to notice. I was the one who encouraged them, I gave them a platform

I went to the bedside and found him snoring like a bear, I unlocked his phone using his finger and searched.

I have never went through his phone but this time, I did. Everything was there, I saw her

naked pictures, I saw his naked pictures, they have been sexting but seems like they stopped contacting each other until today or I could be wrong because Shandu even had her new numbers

A recent message that wasn't open shocked me and I swear if I don't die from this, I'm never gonna die of anything

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Khensane

Remember the first day when I saw your face?

Remember the first day when you smiled at me? You stepped to me and then you said to me, I was the woman you dreamt about

Remember the first day when you called my house

Remember the first when you took me out? We had butterflies although we tried to hide and we both had a beautiful night

The way we held each others hands ,the way we laughed .It felt so good to find true love ...

I sang along to this song, it reminded me of Nico and I felt tears burning my cheeks. What was I expecting really? I was just fooled by his words even though deep down I knew it was just lust, I deserve every bad thing coming my way I could feel that something bad was about to happen to me. I took a bottle of wine and drank then I took out the knife but decided against it

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Bonang

It was a beautiful morning and I woke up feeling good. I took a shower and woke Mxolisi

Me:"wake up else we'll be late"

Him:"leave me alone"

Me:"Mxoxo"

Him: "yeiy I said leave me"

Me:"today is zoo day, I want us to take Remo there"

Him:"I don't want to. Take her there yourself"

Me:"but I want ..."

He flung off the blanket and got up deranged

Him:"I've had a rough night so don't fuck with me":"someone clearly has got daddy issues"

I joked and turned and next thing I was sent flying across the room.

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Nico

When I got up, Tsakane wasn't by my side. I went for a jog then came not feeling well, this was becoming a habit because I would feel nauseous every morning

When I got into the house I found Tsakane talking with Sofia, it looked urgent and they immediately went quiet where they saw me

Me: "Tsakane ... looks like you've been crying"

Sofia: "pregnant woman are emotional"

Me: "make her a lemonade"

Sofia: "okay sir, excuse me"

Me: "what's wrong?"

Her: "nothing"

She walked away and I let her be, I know that pregnant women have moods. I gulped down on the water bottle and my phone rang

Me: "Mbatha hello"

Voice: "sir it's Kemmy, can you you please come earlier"

Me:"I'm not coming today what do you need?"

Her: "your signature. Some documents need ..."

Me:"come over to my house, I'm working from home"

Her:"I don't where you live sir"

Me: "the driver will put you straight at my door"

Her: "okay thanks"

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Tsakane

To be honest, I really wanted to strangle the living daylights out of Shandu and run Khensane over with my car but then Sofia calmed me down and listened to me

She told me to think about the life I was carrying inside of me, she told me that it's not working it and that I must not do something that might send me to jail

Been crying the whole night and when I saw him this morning, I wanted to chop off his head but I decided to avoid him. I'll deal with them in an unthinkable manner

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Bonang

My lip was cut and I was bleeding through my nose. He was holding Remo and I was on the floor crunching against the wall

He put her down and gave her her bottle then came to me slowly, my heart was beating out of control. He bent a bit and touched my face

Him:"you know that I didn't mean to hurt you right?" I nodded "I want you to stop provoking me" I nodded again"this will never happen again okay" I continued nodding, I was shaking" "okay let's get you cleaned and I'll tuck you in early. I'll bring you supper"

I didn't speak, I just allowed him to clean the blood and put me to bed. I was very scared 0

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Kemisetso

I got inside the mansion and a friendly looking woman escorted me to Mr Mbatha's study, I was in awe of the house, it was splendid

The woman knocked and we went in after being told to enter

Her: "your guest sir"

Him:"thank you Zodwa, call in Sofia and tell her to bring the snacks"

Her: "as you wish sir"

Me:"sorry I'm late":"very late but it's okay sit":"I need you to sign these these and those":"okay"

I sat down on the couch and watched him reading the files. I studied him and could see that he is a very handsome man especially up close

He looked a bit stressed but you can't miss the charm he carried with him. He looks a lot like Mzi from TV only an older version

Another woman came with a tray, she greated so warmly and I studied her too and almost dropped my jaw

Her:"I brought some pancakes and honey, enjoy"

Him:"thank you Sofia ... uhm after the guest leaves can we have a word?"

Her: "certainly sir"

Me:"you look familiar"

Her:"I doubt it my daughter"

Me: "do you know this woman?"

I took out the photo that sisB gave me and passed on to her. She looked at the photo for a long time and I gave my boss an apologising look

Her: "where did you find this?"

Me:"from my sister, it's the only thing we have of our mother. Can you tell me if you know her.

You might be a member"

Him: "okay I'll leave you to it then seeing it's a sensible matter"

He went out and the woman sat down

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Khensane

I got home and took a nice bath after eating some pasta. I surfed the net then I went to bed early after my meeting with the record label, it went well and they were already preparing a song in which I could collaborate with some huge celebs like Simmy

I sat on the bed thinking of my future and what I need to do to get my life in order. I fell asleep but woke up in the middle of the night due to a nightmare

It is the second time I'm having this dream. I dreamt of my twin poisoning meet and me dying. She told me she knew that I caused here's first miscarriage hence the poison

I went to wash my face and looked at myself in the mirror

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Nico

My wife has been avoiding me and I don't know why. I finished my work and decided to check my phone. That's when I saw the message. I quickly took my keys and drove to her place

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Khensane

I was surprised to hear a car hooting outside the gate. I put on my gown and cleared the tissues fast. I went to open the gate and let the maroon G-wagon in

My twin got out and I looked straight at her belly. She looked good in a denim dress, sandals and sunglasses

Me:"mtase"

Her:"twin"

Me:"you look stunning"

Her: "thanks not bad yourself"

Me:"come in"

Her:"thanks"

We walked inside and sat down on the kitchen chairs

Me:"tell me what brings you this side this morning?"

Him:"I wanted us to have breakfast together"

Me:"I don't really have much in the house you know"

Her: "you could have asked Nico for money"

Me:"wow its the first time I hear you call him Nico instead of Shandu"

I decided to dodge the sarcasm in her tone

Her: "it comes with respect"

Me: "did something happen? are you guys okay?"

Her: "we are fine, in fact very fine"

Me:"oh I see"

We sat in silence, I really wanted her to go. Her presence suffocated me

Her: "remember when you asked me how I felt when I lost my baby?"

Me:"yeah"

Her: "wena how would you feel?"

Me:"I don't know. Depends on how I lost the baby"

Her:"okay"

Her phone rang and the call saved me because she had to be somewhere

Her: "catch up some other time"

Me: of course bye

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Bonang

Someone was banging at the door and I hope it's not the police looking for Mxolisi. I didn't get up and the banging continued until Mxolisi woke up and went to get the door himself

I heard voices exchanging then he came and stood on me bedside

Him:"it was your sister but I sent her away"

Me:"why?"

Him: because you are not feeling well and I'm going to make you breakfast in bed"

Me:"I'm fine don't bother"

Him: "but I want to make you breakfast"

Me:"I'm not hungry"

Him:"you said so last night and I let you be. If I have to force you I will"

Me:"please. My lip is cut so I won't be able to eat"

Him: "okay, I'll make something for Remo then. You can sit there sulking"

I wanted to find the relevant words to tell him that I wanted him out of my space, I can't live like this no, I refuse 0

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Tsakane

I watched her acting as if she never slept with my man. I really wanted to skin her alive but I didn't.

I was convinced that they're having an affair. I was parked a few houses from her house gathering my thoughts because I couldn't drive with such a heavy heart

I saw his Mercedes parking outside her gate and she went to it. They seemed to be arguing about something then he pulled her close to him for an embrace

This means that he got her messages and at this stage, I could drive straight into them but I had a better idea . It was heart breaking to see them like that

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Nico

I looked at her going up and down the house, she looked nothing close to pregnancy though she was beautiful as ever

Me:"you could have told me that you were pregnant"

Her: "and what difference would that make?"

Me: "a huge difference"

Her: "how so?"

Me:"just because I went to Tsakane doesn't mean I love you less"

Her: "oh please, I just want money to do the abortion"

Me: "no never. You will not kill my baby"

Her:"it wasn't a debate. Think of Tsakane for once, she's your wife"

Him:"I'll have you arrested"

Her: "abortion is legal you dummy"

Me:"I don't care. You can sign up the baby to me after birth"

Her: "what?nine months of nausea, misery and what nots, hell no

Me":"I'll make sure you have the best pregnancy ever"

Her: "my career"

Me:"your can do a photo shooting while pregnant. You are an influencer so you can advertise maternity clothes. You can do so many things"

Me:"I'll think about it"

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Bonang

It was a bit late and I was cooking pap and wors while Mxolisi was watching soccer with Remo, I still haven't had the guts to tell him that I wanted this over and done with

Someone knocked on the door and I went to get it, it was Kemisetso with some woman and I was embarrassed because of the black eye. I quickly hid my face but I was sure they saw it.

I invited them in and they greated Mxo and sat down

The woman kept eying Mxo and I didn't like it. He excused himself because of the discomfort

Me:"welcome Kemmy and ...?"

Her: "mom. This is our mother, Sofia"

Me:"sorry?"

Her:"I have found our mother, she told me everything"

Me:"oh everything about how she abandoned us?"

Her: of course not please listen to her

I listened to the story and it sounded like bull to me. I'm sure she just made it up because she didn't want to face that she'd did abandon us

Sofia: "uhm that guy who was sitting here ..."

Me: "what about him?"

Kemmy: "Bonang"

Sofia: "since you are rude like your father, I'll cut straight to the chase. He's your brother"

Me:"lol this woman, how do you know?"

Sofia: "ask him about his past"

Me:"surely, I would have recognised him if we were older than 5 years"

Kemmy:"let's go ma"

Me:"that's right leave"

How creative could that woman be cooking up such a story. I went to the bedroom however after they left to ask Mxo



This is tomorrow's dosage, I doubt I'll have time to post . Enjoy

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Bonang

No, it can't be possible that I have a child with my very own brother. I asked Mxo to tell me all about his childhood and it matched with mine.

It's so weird how we never recognised each other or something. This was taboo

We spent the night trying to digest reality and we couldn't even sleep

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Khensane

I shook him gently

Me:"Nico"

Him:"5 more minutes"

Me:"you said so 30 minutes ago"

Him: "argh you are such a bore"

Me:"whatever"

He got up and went to the bathroom. He spent

the night but we didn't do anything. I just slept in his arms enjoying the moment. Maybe I'm evil like my father always said when I grew up, maybe I'm as heartless as they say

He finished showering and sat on the bed wrapped in a towel. His wet bodywork making think twice about him going home

Him: "well you know that some months ago you brought me some clothes"

Me:"I destroyed them"

Him:"oh"

Me:"but you can put your clothes on in the machine"

Him: and while they dry?"

Me:"well..."

I wrapped my legs around his body and kissed him. I turned and got on top of him trailing him with kisses all over. I unwrapped the towel and took him in my mouth

He grabbed my head and pushed me for deep throat sucking. His finger rubbing my bean ...

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Kemisetso

I really believe that Sofia is our mother, I believe

her story and I want to give us a chance to make up for lost time because there was so much to discuss

On the other hand, it was the shocking news of Mxolisi being our half brother, Mxolisi the rapist.

It was worse because they have a child together, couldn't be more disgusted. I dispised him even more by the minute

I made my way to work and was about to put my phone silence mode when I saw her call coming through. I swiped with excitement

Me:"Sofia hi"

Her:"Kemmy, I just wanted to find out how are you"

Me:"I am well thanks, you?"

Her:"I feel good now that I've heard your voice"

Me:"I would love to chat but I'm at work so let us me call you during my lunch hour"

Her: "okay I would appreciate that"

Me: "enjoy your day bye"

Her: "same to you nana"

I felt goosebumps because I was keen to spend time with her. I got in the office and made sure that everything is in order for Mr Mbatha

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Khensane

Nico went to work very very late but I needed all the exercise and it's been ages since I've been handled in that way

I really missed Nico even though I convinced myself that I didn't want him anymore. I've made up my mind, I will have Nico whether my twin likes it or not

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Tsakane

At least now I know where he spent the night. I didn't worry myself. I heard him shower and leave and I didn't say anything to him

Right now Sofia was in a crisis and I needed to attend to her. I asked the helpers to bring tea at my study while I talked to her

Me: "So she should your daughter? I'm so glad you found your children"

Her:"I'm not so happy about Bonang, she was badly bruised"

Me:"You lie"

Her:"I'm really worried"

Me: "Bonang is Khensane's best friend. Well

used to be BFF"

Her: "he was beaten by Mxolisi"

Me: "So Mxolisi is their's half brother?"

Her: "blood brother, they are from the same man"

Me:"My God must be hard. I think you should take a few days off"

Her: "no thank you"

Me:"please at least until you wrap your head around this mess"

Her:"I can't. I need the money"

Me:"I won't deduct anything ma I promise. You've helped me a lot so allow me to use my turn to help you"

Her: "God bless you"

Me: "may He bless you more"

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Bonang

My mind wasn't working, I was numb with the pain in my heart. Mxolisi was attending to Remo while I lay down looking at the ceiling

Mxo took my hand and made me sit up

Him: "we need to talk about this"

Me:"yeah the sooner the better"

Him: "we can't change the fact that we have

Remo, we didn't know ..."

Me: and you are leaving me ..."

Him: "no one is leaving here. We continue as a couple"

Me:"there's no way that is possible"

Him:"I wasn't asking"

Me:"it's taboo"

Him:"to who?people don't know. So let me get going. I have a job lined up"

Just like that he upped and left, I can't believe how he this we can just carry on with our lives like that

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Nico

I dreaded going home to moody Tsakane, we were okay until recently . She June stopped talking to me and keeps avoiding

I got in and found her wearing a blue night gown, she was reading a book sitting on the bedroom couch. I sat do next to her and put down her book. She looked irritated but didn't say anything

Me:"hey"

Her:"hi"

Me: "how are you?"

Her:"I'm okay"

Me: good we need to talk

Her: "okay talk"

I swallowed hard trying to get out of the right words, I don't want to hurt

Me: "so I recently found out that Khensane ..."

Her: "aaargh I think I'm loosing the baby Nico"

She held her tummy and I panicked, I don't want anything to happen to my son

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Tsakane

I lied about having cramps because if he had announced that Khensane was pregnant with his child, I would have chewed off his balls.

He looked genuinely scared though asked if what he's doing isn't causing me stress. He carried meet downstairs while I faked the cramps

Him: "hold on Tsakane I'm taking you to the doctor"

Me: "no I'm fine, I just want to rest"

Him: "no you are not fine, can you walk?"

Me: "yes but if I'm going to the doctor, rather

Sofia and a driver take me there"

Him:"I want to come with"

Me:"you are the cause of these cramps"

Him:"I'm sorry, I don't want anything to happen to the baby"

Me:"then get out of my face"

Him: "okay if that's what you want"

Me:"I am going. I'll call you if you are needed"

Him: "please"

He ordered for me to be driven to the doctor's but I gave the driver money and time off. I drove to the township

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Nico

I couldn't sleep and Tsakane's phone was off. I really wanted to know what is happening with her, I wouldn't forgive myself if she lost the baby

I didn't even go for a jog . I went up and down the house like a mad person until I saw Sofia in the kitchen

Me: "please tell me she slept at your place"

Her: "she's in the guestroom"

Me: "here in this house?"

Her: "yes the one on the second floor next to her study"

Me:"thank God, okay thanks"

She shook her head while I dashed to the room. It was locked, I knocked gently

Me:"Tsakane!"

Her: "go away, the doctor says I'm fine"

Me: "do you need anything?"

Her:"I want you to give me some space Nicholas"

Me: "okay okay as you wish"

Her: "good"

She didn't bother opening the door, we just shouted through each side. I called Kemmy to

cancel all my meetings and take the day off

I really needed a distraction, boxing will do

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Bonang

My eyes were baggy due to spending days without sleeping nor resting, I can't understand why Mxolisi would think that we can continue dating

He came in holding a big case looking tired, he went straight to kiss Remo then held me from behind while I was making the bed

Him: "guess what"

Me:"what?"

Him:"I made five million last night"

He pointed to the big case that he had put next to the bed

Me:"how?"

Him:"car heist"

Me:"Mxolisi, I told you that I don't want trouble ..."

Him: "with the police blah blah blah"

I was speechless because he was so stubborn. He tried kissing me but I turned my face

Him: give your brother a kiss"

Me:"no"

Him:"I wasn't asking"

Me:"I'm busy and Remo isn't feeling well"

Him: oh well next time"

He threw himself on the bed and started snoring

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Khensane

I opened up for my twin, seems like she's going back to being a regular at my place. The way she is always here, I assume that there's trouble in paradise

I chuckled to myself while I went to the fridge to take out lemonade her favourite. We sat on the high chairs

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Bonang

I finished packing and went over to him to check if he was still sleeping. He didn't seem to hear a thing. I carried the case to the cab then quickly went for Remo and the bag I had packed

I looked at him for the last time and he didn't move. I closed the door carefully then went off with the cab

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Tsakane

We were in the middle of lunch and my hands were itching to wipe the smug off her ugly face

Me:"your complexion is much lighter. Are you baking"

Her: "baking?"

Me:"is there a bun in the over?"

Her: "actually there is"

I nearly strangled her. I continued sipping on my lemonade and ate eying her

Me:"wow I'm so happy for you mtase out with it" Her:"well he's rich, handsome and goes all night long"

Me:"I see and who is he?"

Her: "can't tell right now in case he's your man"

Me: "oh I see what you just did there lol"

I forced laughter, she held her mouth and ran to the bathroom

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Kemisetso

Spending the day with my mother was fun actually. We went to a nearby park and had a picnic while she was told me about her childhood, marriage and her life now

We talked about so many things. I had lots of quality and so did she.

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Labantwana Ama Uber

Labantwana Ama Dumane

Eh bae thatha bae faka makhalene bae thatha bae faka makhalene bae user. Yebbbo!

I danced a bit to my ringtone but stopped immediately after I realised that it was Mr Mbatha calling

Me:"Mr Mbatha"

Him:"I need you by the office at 8"

Me:"pm?"

Him: "unfortunately yes but I'll drop you off"

Me: "okay sir no problem "

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Khensane

I threw up, something that I haven't done ever since I got pregnant, I rinsed my mouth and washed my face then changed into a pure white dress in case her man shows up

I went back to my twin . One could never miss the jealousy on her face when she found out that I'm pregnant. Soon she'll know who the father is

Me:"I'm back hey you know how pregnancy works"

Her:"I definitely do. Here drink, I've refilled your glass"

Me:"thanks. How kind"

I gulped down the lemonade in one go then put my food in the microwave, she had finished her food and even offered to wash the dishes

I sat on the couch and turned on the TV . I decided that it was time to let her know. Now or never

Me: "what would you do if you find out that Nico

has another baby?"

Her:"it's easy"

Me:"tell"

Her:"I would go for the kill"

Me:"lol okay"

I doubt she could even hurt a fly. She stared at me

Me:"what?"

Her: "is that blood coming between your thighs?"

Me:"huh?"

I checked and yes indeed, I was bleeding. I panicked and screamed, she walked over to me

Her: "FYI I did read the letter while you were at the hospital and forgave you for the pain you caused me"

Me: "what did you do to me?"

Her: "black apple poison, the one you used ten years ago and my dear, I struggled to get it in the townships phwee"

Me:"Tsakane!no"

Her:"tit for tat"

Me:"no please"

I started crying as the pains kicked in. I went on my knees and she crunched low next to me

Her:"I did this because you couldn't keep paws off my man. Ciao"

She turned on her heels and I really waited for the part where I wake up from the terrible nightmare, but I didn't



Bethuna I couldn't wait till tomorrow . Unedited IF THE CROWN FITS

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Nico

I was at some strip club in town, very drunk.

The girl who was dancing for me whispered in
my ear that we should go upstairs. I came to my

sense and decided to drive. I almost crashed but I arrived

I found the gate slightly open and I panicked, what if she's being robbed . I got in and tried the door which wasn't locked too. I called out her name and she didn't respond. I pushed the door then I immediately went sober with what I saw and found

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Tsakane

I was shaking and driving home was the hardest thing because the car kept swaying. I don't know how I managed to get to my room but I found myself in the bathroom crying

I tried to be the heartless, cruel bitch my twin is but I can't. I saw her loosing the baby, I saw the fear in her eyes and worse part is that I left her

I couldn't stop myself from shaking, I ignored my phone that kept ringing irritating me. The shaking didn't stop and I went to pour myself some of Nico's brandy

One glass after another until the bottle was finished

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Khensane

I was at peaceful place, it was so calm and the breeze so gently. There were beautiful flowers and my feet felt so light like I was floating

There were three doors, I open my first white door. Everything seemed so calm and peaceful just like where I was standing, but it seemed like it was the other side of life

I opened the next black door and it was hot and blazing, I heard screams and saw blood. It then

clicked, I was dead and I had to choose my fate

I tried the last grey door and felt the adrenaline rush. I was falling ,down down and down I went without reaching my destiny

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Bonang

I was at a hotel somewhere where no one would find me as yet, I was planning to flee. I wanted to go to Mozambique with a fake passport and stuff. I really want to start a new

life away from thus drama

I checked my phone one last time before destroying it and there were dozen threats from Mxolisi, I swear if he finds me he'll kill me instantly

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Kemmy

There was no one at the office and I was scared. I waited for 15 minutes then decided to call the boss to see if he's still coming. His photos was

off to my dismay

I waited for one more hour then decided leave, it was very dark and I was reading creeped because I was wearing a skirt, I could only afford a cab that would drop me off at my sister's place

I didn't want to go there but I had no choice. I got off the cab and knocked, the door was opened by a very drunk Mxolisi who seemed livid

Him: "well well what do we have here?"

Me:"is my sister home?"

Him:"come in"

Me:"no thanks"

Him:"I wasn't asking"

Me:"and in case you haven't noticed, I don't take orders"

He grabbed me and reeled me in. My heart rate increased and fear got to me. He threw me on the couch and I fought with him. I am strong, very strong so I hit him with all I've got. He nearly overpowered me but I bit him and managed to get away

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Tsakane

My head was very heavy like I've been banging it on a rock. My phone was still ringing and I trust picking up but it switched off due to a low battery

I put it on the charger and cleared up the brandy bottles, I was so embarrassed to learn that I drank so much. I took off my clothes and paced up and down the bathroom, I could still see her face

I started crying then had an idea, why not call an ambulance anonymously so she could get help? I quickly went to my phone and switched it on, I saw the calls I missed from Nico

I decided to listen to his voice mail message

Him:"Tsakane, Khensane is at the hospital fighting for her life, I think she tried committing suicide again because she was covered in blood. Call me as soon as you get this"

I listened to the message again then dialed his number. His phone was off to my disappointment, I wore something quickly and rushed to the hospital

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Nico

I was a complete mess and people were staring at me at hospital, I had bought Khensane after I found her unconscious in a pool of blood, I waited all night and even now I'm still waiting

To add more to my stress, many companies were pulling out but I couldn't worry about it right now, I was waiting for the doctor

He came and I got up and went to himself hopefully. It was Shezi and his face was not promising

Me:"doc, what's going on?where is Khensane and the baby?"

Him: "follow me to my office"

I really didn't like the sound of that. I tried walking but my feet wouldn't move. I had to be strong so I forced myself to the office

Him:"I didn't want to say anything outside but I'm afraid it's not good news"

Me:"tell me. I can't wait any longer"

Him: "we did all we could ..."

Me:"just say it!"

I was loosing my patience and his voice trailed away, I saw his eyes started shining

Him: "we lost her. She lost so much blood and it was hard to revive her"

Me: "what are you saying?lost her how?"

Him: we found a poison called black apple in

her system, she's gone"



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Tsakane

When I got the hospital, I found Nico in a state. He was really broken. He looked as if he has been crying. I went over to him, he was with Shezi and they were talking seriously

Me:"hi"

Shezi:"hey"

Me: "what's going on?"

Mbatha:"the nerve!"

Me: excuse me?

Him: "don't pretend like you don't know anything"

Shezi: "don't cause a scene Mbatha"

Me:"I didn't mean to hurt anyone"

Him: "she's gone and never coming back"

Me:"huh?"

Him: "yeah and you come here smelling like shit"

Shezi:"Mbatha!"

Him:"argh"

He walked away and it took a minute or two for the sentence to register and sink in. "She's gone and never coming back!" My God, I killed my very own twin. I asked Shezi to let me see her but he bluntly refused

Seeing my husband that devastated, one would realise that help did love her, oh my parents! My mom is going to die of a heart attack because Khensane was her favourite

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Kemisetso

I ran into my mother's embrace and cried on her

shoulder. She looked worried but didn't put pressure on my by asking many things

Her: "it's okay nana I'm here"

Me:"thanks mama"

I cried but I didn't tell her what Mxolisi did. She made me camomile tea and when I had calmed down I called J

Me:"baeb"

Him: "hey love"

Me:"I'm sleeping at my mom's place"

Him: oh ... howzit going between you two?"

Me:"it's great actually. At least we are making up for lost time"

Him:"I'm so glad love"

Me:"yeah me too ... uhm lemme get some sleep, I'll see you this weekend"

Him: "sweet dreams. I love you"

Me:"I love you too bye"

Sofia was eying me seriously and I laughed at her

Me: "oh I'm sorry you had to hear that"

Her: "it's okay I'm just trying to get used to the fact that you are in a relationship"

Me:"lol we definitely will adjust to this life"

Her:"I'm just sad that I didn't get a chance to raise you and your sister"

Me:"we've got a whole life ahead of us don't worry about Bonang"

Her: "this thing of her and Mxolisi ..."

Me:"let's not even go there"

Her: "get some rest and don't forget to pray"

Me:"tug me in"

Her:"lol I don't "

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Nico

I've never been this sad my whole life, the woman I love is dead and there's nothing more to live for. I drove recklessly home hoping to get into an accident but I didn't

I went home and stormed into the garage looking for a rope. I tied it in a way I'd be able to hang myself

Just when I was about to carry on ,someone grabbed me and put me down. My helpers were standing there looking shocked

Me: "why did you stop me Argh!"

I screamed and went to my mini bar, there wasn't a single bottle of alcohol. I felt like I was loosing my mind

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Bonang

I was still at the hotel bored, I was patiently waiting for my things to be ready then I should be ready and out here by tomorrow

I had brought a new phone and a few things I thought I needed. I dialed Kemisetso, she picked up after it rang for a long time

Her: "Kemisetso hello ... hello"

Me:"hi"

Her: "Bonang?"

Me:"yes how are you?"

Her:"terrified"

Me:"er why?"

Her:"your boyfriend tried to rape me. I told you he's bad news"

I inhaled deeper thinking of the mess I left back there

Me: "what? are you okay?"

Her: of course not

Me:"I'm sorry Kemmy, he's probably angry that I ran away"

Her: "where are you?"

Me:"far,I'll let you on the details once I'm settled"

Her: "I'm glad you got away. Where's Remo?"

Me:"she's with me"

Her: "okay. I'm with our mother" Me: "please tell her that I'll mend fences" Her: "she'll be very happy" Me:"okay bye" What if I'm putting my loved one's lives in danger? 0 **Tsakane**

The guilt that was eating me was unbearable,

what am I going to say to my parents ?how am I going to live with myself?how am I going to tackle this?

I went to her place to clear up any form of evidence that the police might link to me once they start investigating where she got the poison

I removed everything and even tidied up

Him: "what are you doing here?"

I turned slowly to find Nico standing by the door looking like a lost hobbo

Me:"I can't believe she's gone"

Him:"me too"

Me: "she wasn't supposed to die"

Him: of course she wasn't

Me:"but maybe she was depressed and we didn't notice"

Him:"if it was suicide, why didn't she at least leave a note?"

Me:"I don't know"

Him:"come here"

He took me in his arms and gave me a tight squeeze. We cried together, if he found out that I'm behind her death, he'll murder me

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Khensane

He brought me to his place and put me on the ventilator to help my lungs to get oxygen. He is the one who lied for me and risked loosing his job by faking my death

Me: "thanks Shezi, I owe you one"

Him: "what for?"

Me: "helping me out"

Him:"I'm just glad I could help now tell me what's going on"

Me:"I can't tell you right now but I'll give you a full story some day when I get better"

Him: "okay no pressure"

Me:"I'm sleepy again"

Him:"it's okay, the medicine will take time to wear off"

Me: "okay I'm sleeping now"



Forgive the errors

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3 days later

Tsakane

Her death had brought a change in me, I went mute for the past few days dealing with the guilt of killing my twin. Shandu and I would sit watching her photos and videos but the thought that I am the one responsible eats me daily

Luckily the forensics found nothing linking me to her death and they confirmed that it was suicide, Shezi has been acting strange about this and even cremated her body without telling us

The car arrived and my parents got out together with my uncle and aunts, my father went to talk to Nico while my mother struggled to hold back her tears. Telling them has the hardest part but I did

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Khensane

I zipped the bag and sat on the edge of the bed, Musa came with a glass of water

Him:"time for your pills missy"

Me:"you really are taking care of me Musa"

Him:"I am"

Me: "ooh stop it or I might get used to it"

Him:"lol you wish"

I took the pills and he stared at me, to think that

he could be my knight and shining armour was really awkward . I blushed a bit remembering that I once dated him

Me:"once again, thank you Musa, unomusa ngempela"

Him:"you put me in a helluva position especially the part where I had to convince them to let me cremate you"

Me:"I needed to get away else Tsakane would have killed me"

Him:"you still haven't filled me in"

Me: "please not now, one more thing"

Him:"no khensane"

Me: "can you help me with this bag?"

Him: "that's the last favour from me"

Me:"I still owe you one"

Him:"indeed you do"

He helped carry my bag into the car, these were a few unnoticeable things that I took from my house

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Bonang

When Kemisetso called me to tell me that Khensane was no more, my heart broke. We were close and even if jealousy got the best of me making me sleep with her boyfriend who turned up to be my blood brother(worst punishment ever). I really loved her and her death gave me sleepless nights

I had settled well in Mozambique and sent them half of the money so they could invest and save and hopefully Mxolisi doesn't find me or worse, do anything to my loved ones

The thought of not being able to go to my friend's funeral really got to him but I had to lie low especially after taking 5 million

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Kemisetso

It was sad walking in the Mbatha household because it was filled with gloom, Jay walked with me and went to sit with Tsakane offering his condolences. I still can't believe how hard he cried when I told him the bad news

Mr Mbatha had asked me to work with him from home, business was so bad because he had taken his eyes off the ball for a while and now we were forced to work in the middle of the funeral

I brought him his drink at his study, he was staring out of the window clearly shattered Me:"your drink sir"

Him:"thanks Kemmy shall we work?"

Me: "certainly sir"

Him: "call me Nico please"

There was something about the way he said my name and the way he looked at me. We checked the papers, files and records and business was really falling apart but Nico did his magic and placed his ducks in a row

It was amazing how he could nail those stuff while he wasn't okay. I could learn a lot from him

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Tsakane

My father wasn't happy with the cremation but it was done,we were having an intimate private funeral and he was complaining the whole time

Him: "how could you cremate her without us seeing her for the last time?"

He said this as I brought him and my uncle some tea

Me:"it was a hasty decision and the doctor didn't give me much of a choice"

Him: "what will we say to the family?"

Me: "the truth father, these things happen"

Him: "Steve listen to this child, they cremated my daughter without my permission and she's telling me that these things happen"

Me:"father, will all due and respect can we let Khensane rest in peace"

Him: "what peace?!"

Me:"I'm sorry father but I think it's for the best" Him:"gaaah"

I went to the bedroom where my mom was at, she was talking quietly and urgently on her phone that she didn't notice my presence

Her:"...I can't believe it my baby girl but yes I won't tell anyone ... okay be safe, I'll get home

as soon as I can ...I love you too .. okay bye ..."

Me:"who was that"

She nearly dropped her phone when I asked, she looked like she was hiding something

Her: "Tsakane why are you eavesdropping?"

Me:"I wasn't"

Her:"okay"

Me: "so who was that?"

Her:"no one"

Me: "so you were literally talking to yourself"

Her:"I was talking?"

Me: "when I got here you were on your phone"

Her: oh yeah"

Me:"out with it"

I sat down facing her and she looked away

Her: someone from the church you know how these people are ,sending their condolences

Me: "you mean secret condolences"

Her:"huh?"

Me:"considering that you are not going to tell anyone"

Her: "don't you dare interrogate me. I'm your mother"

Me:"sure thing, let's not fight and mourn my twin"

Her: "exactly"

My mother is definitely hiding something because she kept shifting like she was being

bitten by bed bugs and her eyes were darting everywhere. I'm going to get to the bottom of this

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Nico

I missed everything about her, her scent which was still on my nostrils, her laughter and her free spirited self.

The worst part is not knowing what really happened. I was a mess and easy everyone

could see how fucked up I was

I dismissed Kemmy because she reminded me so much of Khensane, her skinny self and her beauty were all about Khensane

Me:"you may go now"

Her: "thanks would that be all?"

Me:"for the day, yes"

Her:"I hope you heal from this"

I was about to lash at her but I saw that she meant well

Me:"thanks Kemmy, I will"

Her: "it gets better with time"

Me:"yes it does"

Her: "don't drown yourself in booze and swamp yourself with work, take it easy"

Me: "don't worry I will. Thanks for caring"

Her:"it's cool bye"

She closes the door behind her and I gave a weak smile, it's actually nice when someone actually cares. I went to stare out of the window taking out my phone

Me: "Khensane! Oh how I long to hear your voice"

I dialed her number using private number thinking that I'll hear her voice through the voice mail but the phone rang to my greatest shock Her: "hello ... mama? ..."

Then she kept quiet as if she had forgotten that she was supposed to stay hidden. The person quickly hung up and when I redialed, the phone was off

I started crying and wailing because I was imagining things, Khensane is no more and here I am thinking that I heard her answer her phone

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Khensane

I forgot to change my number(in fact, I didn't forget. I wanted my mother to reach me easily because she doesn't have my new number)now I don't know who called and hopefully they don't get suspicious. I was waiting for my mother's call that's why I did a stupid thing of answering my phone

Distanced myself from ukunya, ukunyelwa and namanyala. I no longer want revenge because we both lost innocent souls through something not worth it

I had pure intentions ten years ago but it looks like I created a war, getting away from Tsakane

was the best thing I could think of

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Nico

Why has the sun refused to shine?
Why do the birds sing no more?
Tomorrow us here and yet I cry
Quietly so with a heavy
Why do we live if we live to die?
Why does it hurt coz it hurts so bad?

I could feel the tears running down my cheeks as I sipped on the whisky, her death made me weak, very weak. The song was on repeat

It was the song that Cancer never gotto finish because she died, she didn't get a chance to mother my child and enjoy life. I would have spoiled the four people rotten but no it all ended before it could begin

I sent Kemmy an email about some projects . I opened my WhatsApp and she was online . I've never spoken to her on the app before

[Conversation]

*Me:"hi"

Her: "hey boss how are you holding up?"

Me:"I'm good thanks for asking"

Her:"I'm glad to hear that"

Me: "did you get the email I just sent?"

Her: "nope but I'll check just now"

Me:"please do so because the deadline is tomorrow"

Him: "okay sir"

Me:"cool"*

I wanted to prolong the conversation, maybe ask her how's she's doing but I didn't. Instead, I looked at her profile pic and she is beautiful to be honest. I ended up checking her status messages and she had a great sense of humour for someone her age

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Tsakane

I couldn't shake off the feeling that something fishy was going on with my mom. She kept checking her phone as if expecting a secret call or something

I went to her to give her and my two aunts some tea with scones and she quickly hid her phone

Mama:"thanks baby"

Aunty 1: "you should rest baby girl"

Me:"I will rest"

Mama:"running around is not good for the baby"
Me:"okay mama"

I sat down with them and had some tea myself.
I had forgotten about the pregnancy and I realised that I've been neglecting my baby

Aunty 2:"finally you are pregnant. We were starting to get worried"

Me: "why would you be worried?"

Aunty 2:"it's just so mysterious how fast and quickly you got married"

Mama:"that's enough Phina"

Aunty 1: "why would you rush into marriage Tsakane?"

Me:"I didn't know that there was an age restriction for marriage"

Mama: "my daughter was lucky enough to get married at a young age"

Aunty 1:"at some point thought she was infertile"

Me:"I better get some fresh air "

My aunts were starting to annoy me and I went to my bedroom to find Nico lookin at his phone

Me: "Cancer?"

Him: "yeah can't believe she's gone"

Me:"the pain and guilt I'll live with"

Him: "what guilt?"

Me: "uhm ... the guilt of not checking up on her"

Him: oh ohk me too I guess"

Me:"yeah"

Him:"come here"

He opened his arms and held me tightly

Him:"we'll pull through"

Me:"I hope we do so fast"

Him:"yeah"

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Bonang

I went to the shops for a few minutes

and when I came back, the baby was gone. I had left Remo in my room because I didn't want to disturb her sleep but now she was nowhere to be found

No one broke in and it looks like they had a key because I unlocked the door

I put my hands on my head and then next I saw was blur then lights out

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Tsakane

I saw my parents off, my father was still talking with Nico and I was with my mother in the car.

My uncle and aunts left on another car

Me:"I'll come home for a few days just to clear my head"

Her: "no you stay with your husband my baby. You need each other"

Me: "but I need to clear my head"

Her: "no don't come"

Her tone shocked me, it's like she's hiding something at home

Mw:"excuse me?"

Her:"I meant you can't just behave as if you are not married, your husband needs you"

Me: "could have fooled me"

Just then ,my father came and wen said our goodbyes but my mother's behaviour was getting to me and I had a plan

Me: bye guys travel well"

Them: bye stay well

They left and Shandu and I were left to deal with the 'after' part. I debated whether or not I should tell him about my mother's strange behaviour but I didn't

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Khensane

I had taken refugee at home though my father doesn't know anything. I'm planning to lay low here because at least I will be far from Tsakane, if I had money, I would flee to another country

I heard them get in the house

Father:"you know, I feel guilty for not giving Khensane the love she deserved while growing up"

Mother: "at least you were now in good terms"

Him: "but still, the tough love made her to believe that I loved her less"

Her: "let's not talk about that"

Him:"I didn't get a chance to let her know how much I loved her"

That touched me deeply and I shed a tear

Her:"you did the time she was at the hospital"
Him:"that was never enough ... I'm going to their
room to get her favourite doll. It will remind me
of her"

I heard footsteps coming towards the room. My heart almost gave in and I quickly went to hide behind the bed

Her: "no you can't go there"

Him: "why not?"

Her: because it will only hurt you. Besides I've already cleared the toys. Remember that it's been ages since they left home

The footsteps stopped and I heard him draw in a sharp breath

Him:"okay"

My heart nearly came out of my mouth. Maybe coming here was a bad idea after all

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Bonang

When I came to,I was tied to a bed in my room and Mxolisi was feeding the baby. My head hurt a lot and I couldn't see clearly. Mxolisi finally turned

Him: "look Remo, the thief has woken"

Me:"untie me"

Him: "hell nah"

Me: "please Mxolisi"

Him:"nope"

Me: "but I'm begging you"

Him:"I don't want you to beg, I want you to learn"

I swallowed hard and he put Remo down. I

noticed that her nappy bag was packed. He took out his gun

Me: "are you going to kill me?"

Him:"on second thoughts no, you are going to kill yourself"

Me:"what?"

Him:"it'll be fun to watch"

Me:"you are sick"

Him:"maybe"

Me:"that's why I ran away"

Him: "you could have left my hard earned money out of this"

Me:"I was desperate"

He laughed at me so hard that it hurt me

Him:"I'm letting you live because you are the mother of my girl, get up let's go"

Me:"I'm tied up"

Him:"I know "



To be continued ...

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Tsakane

I was feeling guilty about the death of my twin

but two things really worried me, one was that Nico seemed more broken than me and he wasn't coping.

I can't help but wonder if he would react the same if it was me who had died

I wonder if it's because he knew that she was pregnant or what. My head was spinning as I took my vitamins and he came out of the shower

Me:"oh Shandu"

Him: "morning Mbatha"

Me:"thought you went jogging"

Him:"I went a bit earlier because I need to sort something out with Kemisetso"

Me: "Kemisetso?"

Him: oh my new PA"

I didn't know he had a new PA but it didn't matter. I watched him putting on his suit and I got up to fix his tie

Me:"I'm going home tonight"

Him:"why?"

Me:"there's something I need very quickly but I'll be back by the next day"

Him: "why didn't you leave with them then?"

Me:"this suddenly came into my mind yester night"

Him: "hopefully you'll tell me everything when you get back"

Me:"I sure will, there's lots to discuss"

Him: "about?"

Me:"Khensane"

He got uneasy but pretended to be okay. He left and I packed a mini bag, it's time my mother told me what's going on

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Khensane

My mom came in with a plate of the food and I got up

Her: "morning nana"

Me: "where's dad?"

Her: "went out to run some errands"

Me: ohk but mama I'm not safe here

Her:"that I noticed"

Me:"I don't have what I'm going to do now because I can't hide in this room forever"

Her:"it was your idea"

Me:"I know maybe it wasn't for the best"

Her: "okay nana I hear you"

She held both my hands and took a deep breath

Me:"what?"

Her: "what is going on?"

Me:"how?"

Her: "why would you fake your death, hurt other people that way and stuff? what are you afraid of?"

I dreaded this moment, I knew that I had to tell her one way or another but right now I wasn't ready. My throat got dry and the lump slowly formed

Me:"mama I did something terrible. Very terrible"

Hee: "what did you do nana?"

Me:"I killed an innocent soul"

Her: "you did an abortion?"

Me:"no worse"

Her: "what did you do?"

I cried and told her everything from scratch

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Kemmy

I woke up very early and packed my things. I was going home with J after spending time with my mother who was going back to work today

My mom and I went to the Mbatha household together and I got in the car with Mr Mbatha. He looked very nice in that neat navy blue suit and

block tie. Even though his face showed that he isn't happy he still looked good

Him: "morning Kemmy"

Me: "morning sir"

Him:"Nico"

Me: "morning Nico"

Him: "how are you?"

Me: great thanks yourself?"

Him:"I'm getting there"

Me:"one step at a time"

We kept quiet until we reached the office. I went to make him coffee and brought him his files

Me: "your cofee and your files sir"

Him:"thanks"

Me: "do you need anything else?"

Him:"I would like for you to keep me company"

Me:"uhm ... "

Him:"it means leave your desk and come work here in my office"

Me:"oh alright"

Him:"good"

I took my things and we worked together while talking about random things

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Tsakane

It really was a bad idea to drive myself home because it was a very long journey and I was tired. I stopped by a garage to buy something to eat then felt my baby kick as I indulged in the pie

Me:"dear God, I know what I Didcot was wrong and believe that me when I say I'm not that kind of personal. Please forgive me and let Khensane rest in peace and forgive her for what she did to me oh God" I start crying as I thought of what I did "all I want is for everything to be normal, I can't live with this guilty conscious please. Amen"

I drank the water I bought then continued with my journey

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Bonang

I swear I am going to die into the hands of Mxolisi, last night he tortured me for running away from with his money and that already half of it was gone

I lay there in pain watching him bath and feed Remo, whenever he was with her, the monster

in him would disappear

He used a taser on my body and it was very painful. He threw me some painkillers and splashed me with water and I closed my eyes hoping to wake from whatever I'm going through

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Nico

Kemisetso is a very hard working young lady and she's dedicated. We managed to even do tomorrow's work after having lunch together. Now it was late and we were gathering our stuff

Her: "it's late and I better get going"

Me: "nonsense I'll drop you off"

Her: "no thanks sir I'm not going to my mother's place"

Me: "wherever you need to go it's okay"

Her:"it's a bit awkward because actually I'm going to my boyfriend's"

Me:"oh ohk"

Her:"yeah"

Me:"but still I'm dropping you off its not safe especially after the time I left you stranded that night"

Her: "lol you're not going to give up are you?"

Me: "you got me there ... Ladies first "

We were about to walk out their door when the files slipped off her hands and pilled on the floor. We went down at the same time and we bumped our heads

Her: "ouch ouch"

Me: "shit I'm sorry "

Her:"lol its just like in the movies"

Me:"yeah I thought these things only happen there"

Her: "seems like it's our luck"

I helped her up after we picked up the files and she almost doubled over so I had to grab her by the waist to balance her Me: "Oh gotcha"

Her:"thanks"

She smiled and I blushed because her smile lit up my mood. I cupped her face and brought it close to mine. She looker at me with so much desire. I ran my finger down her lips and she closed her eyes

Me:"you are very beautiful"

Her:"thank you"

Me:"I want to say many things but. "

She kissed me and I returned the kiss, her lips were very soft and sweet. I pulled away after some time

Me:"let's not please" she looked away, I couldn't miss the pain in Her eyes "I'm sorry"

Her:"okay"

We drove in silence and she said goodbye then walked to the flat. I couldn't do this to her no. I do want to hurt her in any way

It gets complicated

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Kemisetso

I got in and took a long shower thinking about what happened in the office. I shouldn't have done what I did

Jay came into the bathroom ,he dragged me downstairs and I noticed rose petals. They were on the floor from the stairs going all the way down to the living room

Me:(holding my towel)"oh wow"

He looked at me and smiled and took my hand to the lounge. He had spread a blanket on the carpet and encircled cushions around. Candles and food in decorated bowls ... simple takeaways, pizza, chicken strips, French fries, salad, rolls and there was wine

Him:"for you my love"

He took my hands and guided me to sit on the blanket then he sat opposite of me. The setting was very romantic, scented candles, the only things lighting up the lounge

Me:"wow babe"

Him:"it's beautiful I know"

Me:"you went all out"

Him:"just wanted a simple dinner and forget about the whole Cancer thingy, I know you are crazy about ghetto food"

Me: "you know me so well coz this is heaven"

Him:"don't ever doubt my love for you Kemisetso" Me:"I will never"

We ate while catching up on random things, next thing he pulled me closer and kissed me. I got a flashback of what happened in the office and pulled away then ran to our room

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Nico

I really didn't sleep well because I kept thinking about Kemisetso, I wasn't going to use her as rebound or something. I just want her to do what she does best

Maybe kisses her was wrong of me and all but I couldn't help myself because I felt attracted to her in a way that shocked me

I tried calling but here's phone was off. I poured myself some whiskey and drowned my sorrows this time thinking about Khensane my beloved

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Khensane

My mother came into the room holding my dinner. She never judged me for what I told her but she didn't like it one bit.

Me:"I was so worried that I wouldn't eat tonight"

Her:"I know it's very late but I had to wait for your dad to leave"

Me: "where did he go?"

Her: "he was called urgently by some people blah blah"

Me: "when is he coming back?"

Her: "the day after tomorrow"

Me: "phwee at least I can breathe"

Her: "yes you can come sleep with me"

Me: of course I'd love to

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Tsakane

I got there while it was still early and rushed in because I was very tired. All I wanted was to throw myself on my mother's bed and rest a bit but at the same time I wanted to come shouting 'surprise!'

I opened the door and froze, Khensane was in the kitten frying eggs. I screamed, she jumped and screamed too. My mother ran to us

Me: "what's going on?" Silence "what the hell is

happening?"

Twin:"I ..."

Me: "speak up I can't hear you"

I stepped closer to her, she is alive and I've been thinking that I killed her. I got close to her and slapped her,my mom tried to stop me but I was too strong. Khensane didn't fight back(and if she did I'd be black and blue)she just stood there perplexed. I hit her on the chest while screaming

Me:"how could you do this to me Khensane?however could you mama?"

Mama:"Tsakane!"

Twin: "hit me twin I deserve it all"

Me: of course you do you little snake

Mama:"you two should sit down and talk"

Me:"someone tell me something. What's the ghost doing here?"

They were shocked, obviously not expecting me but clearly I wasn't expecting Khensane to be alive and well like this. That's why my mother was acting up. I wonder if my father knew

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Nico

There was a boardroom meeting I had to attend

to this morning and I don't know how I am going to face Kemmy after what happened last night

I drove to the company and when I went in ,she was already in my office

Me:"Kemisetso I ..."

Her: "you've got a boardroom meeting in five minutes and you'll need this ,this and that"

She didn't give me a chance to speak, she just handed me my files

Me:"can we talk?"

Her: "your meeting is in three minutes you better get to the boardroom now. I'll bring your coffee"

She turned and her coldness did sting but I went to the boardroom and she gave me my coffee. The meeting started and I wasn't concentrating

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Khensane

I don't know how my mother convinced us to talk things through but she locked us in our room and swore not to open if we haven't solved our issues It was awkward but I decided to break the ice . She was looking at me with a zero expression reader

Me:"no amount of pain can compare to what I felt when I lost my baby"

Her:"I know that feeling very well"

Me:"I'm sorry for everything I put you through. I'm sorry about your husband. I'm sorry about everything"

She sat down so that we were parallel to each other while I meant every word

Her:"me too"

Me:"huh?"

Her: "yeah me too ... I should have known better

than to fight fire with fire"

Me:"it's not your fault, I'm the evil one"

Her:"no no no"

Me:"it's true"

Her: "no its not. I've always been the jealous twin because you always got the spotlight"

Me:"no ways"

Her: "yes every guy wanted you and you were a little celebrity since we grew up. I felt like I wasn't good enough"

Me:"you are good, very good. You handle things exceptionally well"

Her:"I was even jealous that Nico crushed on you back"

Me:"that's why you slept with him?"

Her: "no that just happened and you know, I never thought of apologising to you"

Me: "there's nothing to be sorry about"

Her: "you were hurt twin"

Me:"I was"

I agreed thinking about how that cut me deeply

Her: "so I hope you can forgive me the way I'm also willing to forgive everything"

Me:"it's not easy"

Her:"I know but we can at least try"

Next thing we laughed it off and hogged each other. We both knew that it would change our lives forever but the hurting has to stop

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Kemisetso

I was walking out of the building when a car nearly hit me. It was Nico and he rolled down his window. I rolled my eyes at him

Him: "you've been avoiding me"

Me: "why would I do that?"

Him: "something to do with last night maybe"

Me: "sir if you don't miss. I need to get home"

Him: get in

Me:"I'm fine thanks"

Him:"don't make me comedy there and drag you in the car?"

I hesitated a bit but got in and we drove off ...

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Kemmy

We drove quietly but that changed as we approached his house. I looked at him from the

corner of my eye

Me: "why are we here?"

Him:"to talk without disturbance"

Me:"this is madness"

Him:"let's go in"

Me:"no my mother works here"

Him: "okay let's go to my suite then"

Me: "hai no let's talk in the car"

Him: "no Let's go to my suite"

Me: "oh God you like being a bully"

He gave me a devilish smile

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Khensane

Mama:"it takes bravery to sort out something like this without violation, Khensane, I want you to promise me to leave Tsakane alone"

Me:"consider it done. I can even feel the burden off my shoulders"

Her: "yes please start on a clean slate"

Me:"yes mama"

We were talking about this while Tsakane was still sleeping in our room. It was early in the morning and I'm glad we talked things through.

Not to say we'll be all hunky dorry as of yet but knowing my twin, she'll make sure we move past this point

I was pressured to come back to earth, alive and well and luckily the media new nothing about my 'death' so I just have to face the embarrassment of showing myself to the public

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Kemisetso

I felt my leg being lifted and his thumb rubbed

my clit . I was facing the other way having him at my back .My hand went to his hard cock and I massaged it. Next thing it was inside moving slowly then increasing the pace until I couldn't breath

He filled every space he found in me and I gasped for breath as the bittersweet moment came. My walls contracted and I released while he was still going fast.

Me:"I have to pee"

Him: "that's not pee you are feeling"

Me:"oh God"

He didn't stop, instead, he made me get on top and guided me . I was a bit shy but he seemed to understand . This is the first time I reached real climax but I've been sleeping with Jay for a long time without experiencing such

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Tsakane

As I lay in bed, I thought of myself. I want peace and tranquillity. I always forgive easily and this time it was a bit hard to deal with what Khensane did but because I want peace I'll act like nothing ever happened

I want out of my marriage though because I

know that Shandu doesn't love me, even if he does a little, Khensane will always be at heart and there's nothing I can do about it

I called my lawyer Itumeleng and asked him to draft the divorce papers then I called Nico because I wanted us to talk about it together

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Nico

I poured myself something strong after work and waited for my dear wife. Kemmy and I had

a thingy during lunch at my office but I feel like I shouldn't be doing this to her. I checked her messages and responded until I heard Tsakane's voice

I quickly put away my phone but when Tsakane walked in with Khensane, I nearly ran out because I thought I saw a ghost

Me: "what's going on?"

Khensi:"I can explain"

Me:"you are not dead"

Tsaki: "she's not let's sit down"

Khensi:"I'll explain everything after Tsakane has had her chance"

Me:"okay"

It felt like a dream as we all sat down and the helpers brought something to snack

Tsaki: "please don't interrupt me"

Me"okay"

Khensi:"I'm curious"

Me:"go on"

Tsaki:"I've noticed Shandu's undying love for Khensane and I decided to accept things the way they are and ask for a divorce" my jaw dropped but she stopped me before I could speak "I know what I'm talking about and I think it's time I set you free"

Me:"look Tsakane I do love you. You are the best thing that's ever happen to me and we promised not to run for divorce everytime something is not right"

Tsaki: "that was before you repeatedly slept with my sister without using protection or worse, making her pregnant"

Tears started welling up her cheeks

Khensi:"I thought we were over this"

Tsaki: "we are. I'm just clearing a few things"

Me: "what's going on?"

Tsaki:"I want a divorce"

Me":not happening"

Her: been in this loveless marriage for far too long please just accept it

Me:"but ..."

Her:"if you do love me as much as you claim to then let me go"

I felt like a sharp sword has been thrust into my heart .This was so overwhelming, all of it

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Khensane

After we told Nico a half cooked story he went out and didn't come back for dinner. Tsakane and I sat at the table neither of us touching our food

Me: "why did you protect me?"

Her: "by not telling Nico that we both killed his

babies?"

Me:"uhm yeah"

Her: "are you out of your mind?do you think he'd let us live if he knew what we've done?"

Me:"no but ..."

Her:"I wasn't protecting you or anything and just so we are clear, me divorcing him doesn't mean he's a free lancer"

Me:"even if he was I wouldn't dream of going near him"

Her: "good"

Me:"yeah"

This time I meant it, I don't want anything to do with Nico. I went to bed and cry myself to sleep. I could hear Tsakane doing the same thing in the next room, all because of me

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Nico

I got served with the papers in the morning and I signed for the second time, just that this time it felt real. They say Khensane faked her own death because Tsakane found out that Khensane was pregnant with my child but I feel that there's more to this than they are letting on

What hurts is that Khensane lost the baby. Right now I walked into the office with a heavy heart.

Shoot Kemmy, she approached me with a smile holding my diary

Her: "morning morning"

Me:"hey"

Her: "you don't have any early meetings but you have a lunch meeting with the supplier and ..."

The way my head was hurting, I couldn't even hear her . She stopped talking

Me:"thanks"

Her: "you don't look good"

Me:"I'm not okay at all"

Her: "you can talk to me I'm here"

I balanced myself by leaning on my desk and she was dead close to me, her perfume filling my nostrils but I couldn't make a mistake of giving her the wrong impression

Me:"Kemmy you are a great person and last night was amazing but I think we should stick to being professionals"

She blinked a few times in disbelief then laughed while clapping her hands dramatically so

Her:"no ways"

Me: "yeah I think it's best"

Her: "best for who? you took me as a lousy one night stand"

Me:"no no no, I ..."

Before I could finish the sentence, I fell her foot in between my legs. I yelped in pain as she clicked her tongue and left me there

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Kemisetso

I was preparing a report for Mr Mbatha and I don't know how I am going to submit it after I kicked his balls this morning.

I don't know why I am a violent person because

I wasn't looking for a relationship with him in the first place

I finished the report and knocked on his office door

Him:"enter"

I pushed the door and peeped in. He raised his eyes and I went back a bit

Him:"it's okay you can come in"

Me: "oh uhm here's your report"

Him:"thanks..sit"

Me:"I am really sorry about what I did"

Him:"I said sit"

I quickly sat down and played with my fingers

Me:"er"

Him:"I don't blame you for what you did"

Me:"I promise"

Him: "shhhh, however it was my fault. I tried healing my wounded heart with you"

Me: "what happened?"

Him:"Tsakane and I are divorced and Khensane lost the baby which turned out to be my baby"

Me: "Khensane?"

Him:" it's a very long story ...go on and judge me"

Me:"no of course I can't judge you my sister has done worse and so did I"

Him: "yeah so that's what was troubling me"

Me:"I see"

Him:"look Kemmy, I do like you, a lot but I want our relationship to be strictly professional because I don't want you to get hurt"

Me:"I understand sir"

He smiled sheepishly and the demon in me fought to be released. I got up and made him stand then gave him a tight squeeze

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Tsakane

I think I spoke too soon about forgiveness

because I feel resentment towards my twin. I don't even want to be in the same space as her. She came to the living room where I was and sat down a few spaces from me

Her: "can we talk?"

Me:"sure"

Her: "uhm ... so you are really leaving your husband?"

Me:"the very same husband who's heart is with you yes we've already signed the papers"

Her: "couldn't you find the fault and maybe training to fix things?"

Me:"I fixed things and set him free hawu"

Her: "how come the papers came so quickly? where they on standby?"

Me:"well it was for cases like this because I lacked to trust him"

She moved a bit closer and I felt my blood boiling. I shifted a bit

Her:"I'll leave"

Me: "good but it doesn't change the fact that Shandu and I are done, it's for the best"

Her: "it's not you are hurting"

Me:"I'll heal eventually"

Her: "everything is a mess all because of me. I wish that suicide attempt had been successful or even your poison"

I didn't say anything, I didn't want her to suffer but I was enough. Distance will do us good. Cape Town will work for me 0

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Nico

I dropped Kemmy off after we talked . She is a very nice girl and I can't help but wanna be in the same space as her it's just that I am going through the most right now

I arrived home(something I dreaded doing)and found the dinner table set and the twin sitting silently

Me: "hey guys"

Tsaki:"Shandu"

Khensi:"hi"

Me: "Tsakane can we talk?"

Her:"talk"

Me:"in private"

She got up clearly irritated and we went to the lounge

Her:"I don't appreciate being ordered around"

Me: "what about the baby?"

Her: "co-parenting will work"

Me: "but I want us to raise him well"

Her: "we will and best so separated"

Me:"but ..."

Her: "it's best for the child trust me I've thought

this through"

Me: "if this will make you happy ..."

Her: "damn right it will now please move out of my way Sakhile is hungry"

Me: "Sakhile?"

Her: "wow its not good enough?"

Me:"I'll thought we'd name him together"

She walked away and the table was awkward and Khensane excused herself

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Khensane

I sat in the room trying to do some thinking when my phone rang. It was Shezi

Me:"hey you"

Him:"stranger"

Me:"ssup?"

Him: "haven't heard from the die hard ghost in a while"

Me:"it's not funny okay"

Him: "how are you?"

Me: "well Tsakane knows that I'm not dead"

Him: "what? when? how?"

Me: "well she came home and found me"

Him: "you still haven't told me everything"

Me:"I haven't forgotten"

Him: "let's go out for a movie night"

Me:"I'll take a rain check because"

Him: "pick you up in 15"

Me:"lol you don't even know where I'm at"

Him:"lol I do"

He hung up leaving me no choice but to put on my Jeans and kicks. I left without telling anyone

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Kemisetso

Jay could sense that I wasn't my old self, I was busy poking my food while staring into space

Him: "earth to Kemmy Kemmy"

Me: oh hey Jay

Him: "what's up babe?"

Me: "nothing er I lost my appetite"

Him: "you hardly touched your meal"

Me:"don't worry I'm good"

I went to bed and a few minutes later he jumped in and moved his hands on my thigh

Him:"I've missed you"

Me:"I've got a headache"

Him:"I can be your remedy"

He said nibbling on my neck. I pushed him away

Me: "argh no man I'm not in the mood"

Him:"I'm sorry I didn't mean to force you or anything"

Me:"it's not your fault, I just had a rough day"
Him:"mhhhm"

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Nico

So Tsakane and I are taking separate rooms and she to move to our penthouse in Cape Town tomorrow. I can't believe that my marriage is over just like that. I've done so many wrong things to her, none she deserves

She's right, this marriage is better off over. I stalked Kemmy on WhatsApp noting that she was online. I gave her a video call and could see that she was in the bathroom

Me:"hey"

Her: "video calls are booked mister"

Me:"lol I wanted to catch you at your ugliest moment"

Her: "well you failed"

She took out her tongue and played with it making silly faces

Me: "how childish"

Her: "oh please it's not what you say the time you were in between my legs"

Me:"I'm saying it now"

Her: "whatever"

Me: "where's boyfriend"

Her: "sleeping why?"

Me:"wanted to steal you for a bit"

Her:"why?"

Me: "could user a friend"

Her: "okay friend you are welcome to come"

Me:"I'm serious"

Her: "oh please you wouldn't bring your cowardly

ass here would you?"

To be continued



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Kemmy

We chilled in his car and he let me on his marital problems and the lot. Most things were shocking

Me: "So Nico, you were having both twins?"

Him: "that's not a nice way to put in"

Me: "aren't you ashamed?"

Him:"I should be asking you sleeping with the boss"

Me: "oh it felt so good"

Him: "Iol you lack something upstairs"

Me:"I know"

Him:"thanks for listening to me and my problems"

Me:"it's no biggie but I have to get in before Jay has a fit"

Him: "yeah go get your morning glory"

Me:"is that jealousy I sense?"

Him: of course not

Me: "okay then see you during lunchtime"

Him:"uhm ...?"

Me:"you sponsor and orphanage so you need to be there at 8, there's a thingy going on"

Him:"yooh okay"

Me:"I've emailed you all the details"

Him: "you're the best thanks but I need you to come with me"

Me:"why?"

Him: "you are my assistant, you have to take pics and record everything I'll be doing"

Him: "consider it done"

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Khensane

The movie date with Musa was actually amazing, we watched the latesr Friday the 13th which was very creepy after that we went for quick milkshake then he dropped me off

He got out of the car and leaned on it

Me:"thanks Musa, I had a great night"

Him:"I'm glad you did"

Me: "why though?"

Him: "why what?"

Me: "why help me then take me out?"

Him: "we started off in the wrong foot so it's my way of apologising"

Me:"thanks a lot"

I gave him a friendly kiss on the cheek and turned to go

Him: "uhm there's something I'd like to tell"

Me:"what is it?"

Him: "eerh goodnight"

Me: "oh?okay same to you"

I blew him a kiss and got in

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Tsakane

Waking up to the reality of everything was just a disaster. My stomach was hurting a bit but I brushed it off. After taking a shower, I had packed my things the night before so I was just finishing up

I heard a soft knock on my door

Me:"it's open"

Him:"hey"

I turned to find Shandu standing in the middle of the room

Me: "oh Shandu"

Him: "please don't go"

Me:"I have to"

Him: "Cape Town is so far"

Me:"I know but distance will do us good"

Him: and the baby?"

Me: "you'll see him whenever"

Him:"I want to be with you every step of the pregnancy. I wanna be there on the due date wearing hospital scrubs and stuff"

Me:"you should have thought about that before sleeping with my twin"

Him:"I am sorry about that. I can't even come with an excuse ..."

Me:"I don't want to hear it"

Him:"at least wait for me then till I come back from work. I'll be early"

He tried holding my arm but I shafted away

Me: "my flight leaves at 2"

Him: "Khensane . . . I mean Tsakane please ..."

Me:"sss right there's. Go you'll be late for work"

Him:"I'm sorry ... "

Me:"leave"

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Kemisetso

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I was dancing to Life ya bora while waiting for Nico to come pick me up, I really am ghetto and Amapiano is life for me. I love doing crazy things not this office life but Ijob Ijob so what can I say

Nico is a troubled guy and I hope he can see the friend in me. I don't want anything more because I know that we don't mix business with

pleasure

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Khensane

I was having some red wine in the lounge when Tsakane came downstairs dragging her bags

Me: going somewhere?"

Her:"yes and so should you. Leave my house Khensane"

Me: "alright I was planning on leaving today if

you must know"

Her: "good"

Me:"let me help"

I got up and went to her, she roughly pushed me

Her:"I'm fine"

Me:"I was just ..."

Her:"I don't want your help"

Me:"fine I'll leave at least you'll calm down"

Her: "please tuu"

I ran upstairs and took the few clothes that were in the guest room, luckily I didn't come with luggage

My phone rang and I answered, it was Shezi

Me:"you've made it a habit to call me these days"

Him: "well this is eating me up"

Me:"what?"

Him:"I didn't tell you something"

Me:"do tell please"

Him: "can't do it on the phone"

Me:"I'm going over to my place"

Him: "meet you there in an hour"

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Nico

We had a great time at the orphanage, it was lovely to see the kids smiling because of what I had brought with me. I learnt that the twins had donated clothes and I came with food and gifts

Kemisetso was also fond of the kids and I caught her being emotional here and there. We took a lot of pics and videos then I uploaded them on my WhatsApp status

We sat on the wooden beaches will the two women who make sure this operation a success

Zodwa:"we thought you had forgotten about us"
Me:"to be honest ma I was going through the

most than I abandoned this home"

Lilly: "but you are here now and let's hope you won't forget about us again"

Me:"of course ma, my assistant will make sure I'm here every fortnight"

Kemmy: "yes I will jot everything in his diary"

Lilly:"the year is moving fast, so what do you have planned for Christmas?"

Kemmy: "which is in two days"

Me:"eerh"

Kemmy: "we can bring the kinds pools and jumping castles then cook for them seven colours"

Zodwa:"that should be enough"

Me:"yes it is"

Lilly:"thank you Mbatha"

Me: "pleasure ma"

We shook hands and went to say bye to the kids. I was dying to kill Kemmy because I don't have a budget for pools and such . We got in the car

Me: "after everything I bought today you still want pools and stuff"

Her:"it's not my fault you forgot about the orphanage"

Me:"I forgot that there's Christmas, no wonder there are a few helpers at my house"

Her: "you see that's on you"

Me: "you are going to pay for that you know"

Her: "haibo I thought things were 'strictly professional"

I laughed at the dramatic girl. At least my mind got off my problems for a bit

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Khensane

We sat down and he played with him fingers

Him:"I did something terrible"

Me:"I'm dying of curiosity"

Him: "please promise to not get angry"

Me:"for heaven's sake Shezi speak"

Him: "well I wasn't actually honest with you ... about the baby"

Me: "what about the baby?"

Him:"the poison didn't kill the developing foetus, you bled because most pregnant women bleed in their first trimester, not because you were loosing the baby"

It took a few seconds for me to register what he said in my head

Me:"huh"

Him:"what I'm saying is that the bleeding was normal. Most women bleed but you didn't loose the baby"

Me:"what!"

Him:"you are still pregnant, look I know everything is a mess but please let me explain

the bleeding"

Me:"that's not necessary. Please leave and close the door behind you"

Him:"I understand"

He got up and left while it took a while for me to understand what he just said. My mother used to call me die hard since I was little because I have survived the most but now it's too much

A failed suicide attempt could have at least left me paralysed but here I am walking like nothing happened, my twin poisoned me but I am still alive and better yet still pregnant while she lost hers by the same poison hai it's a wonder



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Nico

I tried jogging but my body refuses to do anything because I have to face reality that all is lost, Tsakane and I are over, Khensane lost my baby and hasn't spoken to me ever since, the house is empty and I'm at my worst

I dialed Kemmy because she's the only person who seems to care right now

Her:"Nico hi"

Me: "can you come over?"

Her: "nope I can't, I have to organise tomorrow's

thingy fast and make sure everything is in order for when you come back to the office"

Me: ok later on?

Her:"I'll see what I can do"

Me: "please I'm feeling lonely"

Her: "oh and I should entertain you?"

Me:"yeah"

Her: "maybe I'll make time"

Me:"shap"

I was going to go mad because of this. I hate it when life goes south so I went to take out my frustrations at the gym downstairs

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Bonang

I live in fear ,everything I do is wrong or never enough in front of Mxolisi. I do know how he can take care of our baby with so much love but turn into a monster when it comes to me

He insists that he loves me and says I'll leave him in a body bag. I think he is crazy

Him: "what are we doing this Christmas?"

Me:"I was thinking of visiting my mother and let her see Remo"

Him: oh really?"

Me:"yeah is there a problem?"

Him: "not at all why would you think that?"

Me:"it's nothing. Thanks"

He smiled out of the corner of his eye and chuckled

Him:"it would be for the best if you don't run away again"

Me: of course I won't. I know best

Him:"I love you Bonang and if you think of breaking up with me then you must have mad"

Me: and if my love for you has run out?"

Him:"then we'll use mine it's enough. Now don't make me change my mind"

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Khensane

I've been ignoring calls from Musa because I wanted to think about what he said. True when I learnt that I was pregnant I wanted to get rid of it but because I nearly lost it, I realised how much I wanted the baby

I took a shower and went to the doctor's for a first time ANC check up. I don't know why I am so excited but I know that I won't tell anyone

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Tsakane

Cape Town is very beautiful and refreshing, my Christmas will be very peaceful. I sat on the hotel bed as I waited for the call that the house was ready. They were busy cleaning it because we haven't come in a long time

My baby boy kicked and I smiled. This is a blissful moment. I said a little prayer but was disturbed by my phone ringing

Me:"Itu"

Itu:"ma Mbatha"

Me: "what do you have for me?"

Itu:"your court date is a bit far considering Christmas and all"

Me:"that's good for me, I'm not in a hurry"

Itu: "how are you holding up?"

Me:"oh don't worry about me, my baby is my priority"

Itu:"okay I'll call you when I have something for you"

Me:"thanks Itu bye"

Itu:"bye"

I didn't want to worry too much about the divorce and focus on my baby, this is something positive that I'll hold on to

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Kemisetso

I've been arranging tomorrow's mini party for the children at the orphanage and to be honest Nico will have a fit because it will hurt his pocket

Jay walked in all moody like he's been these days. He sat on the bed next to me

Him:"let's talk"

Me:"I'm busy"

Him: "what's with you?"

Mr:"nothing"

Him: "Kemisetso looking at me"

Me: "what do you want?"

Him: "Kemisetso what have I done to you?"

Me:"nothing"

Him: do you still love me?"

Me: "yooh now I won't be interrogated"

I tried getting up but he stopped me

Him:"is there somebody else?"

Me: "what do you take me for huh a slut?"

Him:"no never"

Me:"okay"

Him: "remember I left my life just to be with

you?" Me:"I know" Him: "then what's wrong?" Me: "nothing. Look J I'll make it up to you when I come back" Him: "promise?" I nodded and gave him a kiss, to be honest I'm not sure I love Jay anymore 0 0 Khensane

It's true that I am really pregnant. The visit to the doctor just made my day and now I was ready for a big lunch. I passed by debonairs to get myself a reward

When I got home I found Shezi to my dismay. I folded my arms and didn't open for him. He didn't seem to care and just leaned on his car

Him: "what are the chances of this baby being mine?"

Me:"zero"

Him:"why?"

Me: "because we used protection dummy"

Him:"wow"

Me:"if you are bored please stay away from me"

Him:"let's do the test"

Me:"no ways"

Him: "why are you so defensive?"

Me: "hey wena I'm not Tsakane"

Him: "please just consider it"

Me: "no I'm not considering anything now if you don't mind"

Him:"okay"

He got in his car, the nerve of thinking it could be his. I don't understand Shezi and I doubt I ever will

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Nico

The way I was so bored, I was even reading up in the lounge. Kemisetso walked in. She stood at the middle of the room. Holding her hips

Me:"I didn't hear you knock"

Her:"I didn't"

Me:"you are early"

Her:"I know"

Me: "okay what's going on?"

Her:"I want you Nico"

Me:"huh?"

She jumped on top of me like a wildcat and

planter kisses on my face

Me: "whoa I thought ..."

Her:"I want this"

Me:"no it's ..."

Her: "no strings attached"

Guessed what?I carried her upstairs because I am a man who needed a distraction and she offered herself so I couldn't resist



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Kemisetso

When I opened my eyes he was staring at the ceiling. I put my leg on top of him and he pulled me closer without looking at me

Me:"merry Christmas"

Him:"is it already yet?"

Me:"yes and we better get ready for the big day"

Him: "yeah the children will be so happy"

Me:"they will"

I checked my phone and found a dozen missed calls from J, my mother and Bonang

Him:"I'm going to shower"

Me:"okay"

He got up to shower and I called my mother who picked up almost immediately as if she was expecting this call

Her: "kemisetso we need to talk"

Me:"sounds serious especially with no greetings"

Her: "come to the cottage immediately"

Me:"I can't ,we are doing something for the orphans ..."

Her: "you and who? suddenly you sponsor orphanages wena?"

This sounded serious and I could sense that she was very angry

Me:"uhm . . . okay I'm on my way"

She hung up and I became confused as to why she could be behaving this way

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Khensane

Me:"jingle bells jingle bells jingle all the way, lalala lalala lalalalalalala"

I am in such good spirits and I am planning to eat, sleep and repeat. I went to the fridge and made a fruit salad, mixing grapes, pineapples, strawberries and yoghurt. Then made mystery some pancakes with loads of honey and milk

I switched off my phone and turned up the volume to some good RnB. What a life

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Tsakane

This was my first lonely Christmas, before I'd

spend it with my family then as I grew I learnt to spend it with my soon to be ex husband, even if he wasn't that much of a husband but I was never lonely

I looked at my phone then dialed my home number with some hesitation. My father picked up

Him: "Maluleka hello"

Me:"papa"

Him: "Tsakane my daughter"

Me: "merry Christmas papa"

Him:"I would say the same but you sound a little blue"

Me:"I'm okay papa"

Him: "why do you call me papa?"

Me: "eerh because you raised me"

Him: "and because I'm your parent so tell me what's bothering you"

True he could feel whenever I wasn't okay. I couldn't hold myself, the tears just came out

Me:"I moved out papa"

Him: "your mother told me about the divorce and your fighting with Khensane"

Me:"fighting?"

Him: she said Khensane discount something terrible to you making her fake her own death just to escape your wrath

Me: of course your wife would say that because khensane is her favourite

Him:"no she didn't ..."

Me: "argh just save it"

I hung up angrily and went to the spa to have a facial. Everything is about khensane and I get frustrated because of this khensane saga. I hate her

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Bonang

I found Sofia's place without difficulty and it broke my heart that she lives in a cottage. She didn't look happy to see me She sat me down and gave me a serious lecture that made me wanna do something self introspection. She told me many things and I heard her

Then I helped her prepare a Christmas lunch while we waited for Kemisetso

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Nico

I received a call from VanWyk telling me how

miserable my life is. He mocked and laughed at me saying that I haven't seen anything. You'd swear that he had something to do with all of the bad events

He even knew that my business was suffering. I decided to call Tsakane and she ignored my calls but it was expected. I spent my Christmas at the orphanage

Watching those faces as they opened their presents and playing in the pool brought me a bittersweet feeling because I realised that I really wanted to have my two kids running around my mansion with their mom's by my side but none of that is going to happen because of my greedy self

I can never forgive myself for treating Tsakane

like I did and for loving and lusting Khensane every second. Then there's Kemisetso, God that child is getting on my nerves because I swear I'll end up falling in love with her which is the last thing I need

Just as I was thinking of her she hit me on WhatsApp

[Conversation]

Her: "howzit going?"

Me: "we've just begun and the kids look so happy"

Her: "do send me a vid"

Me:"I will ... how's your mom?"

Her:"I'm approaching her place just now I'm still

in the taxi"

Me: "okay good luck with everything"

Her: "same there thanks"

I want our relationship to be professional but I find myself caring about her wellbeing

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Kemisetso

I had to go to the house and change(Jay wasn't home) then go to the cottage site to see my

mom. Nico didn't seem bothered that I wasn't going with him to the orphanage

When I got to my mother's, Bonang was there and so was baby Remo who looked bigger and cutter than ever. I ran to her and picked her up

Me:"OMG Remo"

Mama: "you took longer than expected"

Me:"I had to go home and change"

Her: "had to go home? from where?"

Me:"eerh ..."

Her: "Bonang please excuse us"

Bonang took Remo and went outside while mother unleashed the tough parent in her

Her: "are you sleeping with Shandu?"

I felt like a wave had rushed over message and I struggled to catch my drift breath. The question brought such a rush in my body

Me: "who's that?"

Her: "Nicolas Mbatha"

Me: "why would you think that?"

Her: "one question, one answer"

She came close to me and squirmed her eyes looking directly at mine and I swallowed the bitter pill

Me:"no"

Her: "okay good. Stay away from that man"

Me:"I will"

She flashed a smile and called Bonang so we could eat, I had even lost my appetite but had to force the food down my throat

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Tsakane

While I was enjoying myself at the spa, a woman walked in. She looked like a very hot slay queen grandma. She greatest everyone in the room by shaking their hands

I was last and she held my hand, suddenly her eyes became white allows over and her pupils disappeared. I nearly screamed but she became normal again

She sat down next to me and by the look of things, no one saw anything but me

Her: "Tsakane Maluleka-Mbatha"

Me: "how do you know?"

Her:"I felt your pain through the palm of your hand"

Me: "what are you talking about?"

Her: "the pain caused by your twin"

Me: "okay now you are creeping me out"

Her: "ke nna Neo and I have a gift"

Me: "sorry I don't believe in such"

Her: "you don't have to but believe me when I say that once her child is born, you'll never taste happiness"

Me:"what child?"

Her:"the one your twin is carrying. Look I don't have much time but this is my card"

Me:"but.. "

She got up and handed me her card

Her:"I can end your troubles"

She walked away without giving me a chance to ask further information

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Nico

Playing with Kids all day is fun but exhausting. By the time I left the place all I wanted to do was die. My body ached but I had this urge to go see Khensane so I drove to her place

Suprisingly she let me in without being her stubborn self. The kitchen was a mess and it looks like she spent the whole day eating

She didn't say anything to me, just looked at me as if she knew something I didn't

Her:"I think you should leave"

Me:"why?"

Her:"well clearly you've got nothing to say or do do here and I really don't have time for this"

Me:"I came to check up on you"

Her: "why?we are no longer connected our baby died before it could develop so ..."

Me:"it's not it"

Her:"huh?"

Me: "the least you can do is to say he/she"

Her: "why so I could nurse your stupid feelings?"

Me: "what are you talking about?"

Her: "ask Kemisetso, she's your new besty"

Me: "ooh is that jealousy right there?"

Her: oh please

I laughed at her because she was clearly jealous. Her nose was changing colour and she was sweating

Me:"kemmy is just my assistant and far too young and immature to be with"

Her: "gaah 'Kemmy'"

Me:"now I really don't know"

Her: "out of my house"

Me:"this is my house khensane"

Her: "oh wow"

Me:"sorry I didn't mean it like that"

Her:"it's okay I'll find myself a place but I want you to know that I want nothing to do with you"

Me: "as you wish"

Khensane is stubborn and I won't force her to talk to me or something. Actually being with her made me realise that I don't want her. I don't know why I feel like I should keep my distance

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Khensane

Someone was at the gate very early in the morning. I got up and dragged myself there. It was a van and a friendly looking guy smiled at me as I approached

Him: "delivery for Miss Cancer"

Me:"from who?"

Him: "there's a card mam"

Me:"okay"

I opened the gate and let him in, he offloaded grocery bags from PnP

Me: give me the card

I took the card and of course they were from Nico. The card read out

'Khensi, I don't have why there's a bad vibe between the two of us but I promise to stay in my Lane from now. Please accept these groceries as my way of apologising for saying that that's my house. Do not move out ... Nico'

The guy asked me to sign and I did

Me:"thanks"

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Tsakane

What child could Khensane possibly be carrying because I am so sure that she had a miscarriage. No I'm not going to entertain

rubbish from a confused grandma looking slay queen . Probably did it for attention

I tried ignoring her words but they kept ringing in my head. There are two ways to this ... one, that lady is a chancer and probably knows that I have a twin and two, she could be telling the truth but how? Khensane is so full of lies and she's a snake but I can't make sense of any of these

I opened the bible and got these words
"God rewards those who enerstly seek him" I do
believe in God and I know he will reveal the truth.
I have so much faith

I looked hard at the card she gave me which didn't even look legit. Neo Ndlovu, I wonder who

she is

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Kemisetso

Jay wasn't giving me the silent treatment and I won't lie, shit hurts. I joined him as he watched soccer but he switched off the TV and got up

Me:"this is ridiculous"(silence)"we really need to sit down and talk"(more silence)"okay I'll do the talking"

He gave me a blank expression and stayed stationary. I took a deep breath and stood up to face him

Me: "okay then I'll get straight to the point, Jay it's over"

Him:"what?"

Me: "oh so you can speak"

Him: "you are breaking up with me?"

Me:"I am and there's no need to discuss this further"

Him: "okay then"

Me: "yeah so I'll take my things and leave"

He didn't fight or argue or anything he just went out and left me to pack my things 0

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Bonang

My mother's words played in my head, I had to do the right thing even though it will affect Remo but it's best for her. I couldn't concentrate on the TV or hear what Mxolisi was saying as he was busy playing with Remo. I won't lie he is a good father but he'll have to forgive me

The knock on the door made me tremble as he walked slowly towards the door and words were exchanged. The way I was so scared, I couldn't hear what they were saying

Next thing I heard Remo crying and Mxolisi shouting

Him: "you slut!you are going to pay for this. You are going to be very sorry. Think this is a smart move?well I'll come back for you"

I wiped away my tears, got up and went to take Remo from the police. I couldn't miss the anger in his face and his veins were popping. He spat on my face and they took him away

I finally had the courage to have him arrested even if he has connections but this time he'll go down

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Nico

I was playing video games at home and drinking when Kemmy called

Me:"yes nana"

Her: "can you come to pick me up?"

She sounded like she has been crying

Me:"where are you?"

Her:"Jays"

Me: "okay I'm coming"

[An hour later]

I had her tugged after she took a bath. I went to the guest room with a bowl of ice cream

Me:"here"

Her:"thanks"

I sat on the edge and watched her indulging into the cream

Me: "what happened?"

Her: "we broke up"

Me:"why?"

Her:"I just couldn't pretend anymore"

Me:"I'm a bit lost"

Her:"I'm well aware that Jay is still gay, his boyfriends still contact him and he's busy promising me heaven on earth"

Me:"wow I'm lost for words"

Her: "it's OK I'll survive"

Me: "you should. Anyway goodnight"

I got up and kissed her forehead

Her: "thought you'd join me"

Me:"no no no, you get some rest and I'll sleep in my bedroom"

Her: "oh": "yeah nighty"

She put down the bowl and covered her head. I switched off the light

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Tsakane

My day was boring, filled with thinking and thinking and feeling the kicks which were becoming stronger by the day

I decided to call Neo I mean it won't hurt anyone. It rang for a while but she eventually picked up

Her: "Neo Ndlovu hello"

Me: "hi Neo this is Tsakane"

Her: "Tsakane Maluleka-Mbatha?"

Me:"uhm ... yes"

Her: "oh okay how can I help you?"

Me:"I want to understand the things you told me at the spa"

Her: "oh that, let's meet for breakfast tomorrow morning"

Me:"that would be nice"

Her: "great, I'll send you the location first thing tomorrow morning"

Me: "okay thanks"

Her: "no, thank you"

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Neo

I was on a video call with my husband and we were discussing our mission

Ndlovu:"was it necessary to follow her to Cape Town?"

Me:"very"

Him: "any progress?"

Me: "yebo Gatsheni she made contact"

Him: "good"

Me: "she'll lead us to her twin"

Him: and we will have a field day"

Me:"you know what I mean"

We both laughed then I put my phone down and looked at myself in the mirror. I am Neo Moeti married to Sphiwe Ndlovu, I am a very bad person and use other people's blood to survive and right now my target is Khensane Maluleka

Let's give Neo and Gatsheni a warm welcome

Our new character Neo Moeti-Ndlovu is not someone Yall be pleased with. Her character is inspired by someone I went to school with and to be honest, I still get goosebumps every time I think and her and what happened back then.

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Tsakane

She came straight on time and we ordered a simple breakfast. The waiters gave us our orders and we ate before getting into business. She talked about random stuff and waited until we were done eating before putting on her serious face

Her: "we can begin"

Me: "thanks for agreeing to meet me Neo"

Her: "it's the least I could do"

Me: "so you are a sangoma?"

Her:"no"

Me:"fortune teller?"

Her:"lol no, I just happened to read people emotionally by shaking their hands on or hugging them"

Me:"oh okay"

I understood nothing

Her: "so your twin ..."

Me: "Khensane?can we not talk about her?"

Her:"we have to"

Me:"okay"

She went on to tell that Khensane is pregnant and that she will marry Shandu making me and my baby miserable in the end. She said a lot of things that didn't make sense ...

Her:"...but I can help you with everything"

Me:"how?"

Her: "we can harvest the power in her"

Me: "harvest?power?"

Her: "yes. All you have to do is to get rid of her"

Me:"you mean kill her?"

Her: "not necessarily"

I started feeling uneasy

Me:"I don't think I like the sound of that"

Her:"if course you wouldn't at first but think about it. She has made your life miserable, you are suffering because of her. She's the cause of your pain and if you are not careful, you'll loose your baby"

Me:"what?how?"

She got up and left me in the restaurant. I don't understand a thing she said but I'm pretty sure that I won't be able to kill Khensane

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Khensane

I felt so nauseous argh it was irritating, I was a bit broke and thanks to Nico I have enough food

to last for a few days. They would last a normal people for two months but I eat too much so they'll probably last for days

I drank lots of water to get rid of that feeling but it didn't go away. After a few minutes I took a bath and looked at myself in the mirror. I screamed, my feet were fat, I was getting fat only there was no bump yet and my face was round. I cried thinking of my beautiful model body and it was still early days

I threw myself on the bed and wailed out loud. God how am I going to handle being a single broke parent. I think I should just tell him

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Nico

Me: "morning sunshine"

I entered the bedroom with a tray and opened the curtains. I had took the liberty of making Kemmy breakfast in bed. Just simple bacon and eggs with French toast and apple juice. She rubbed her eyes and sat up straight

Her: "wow thanks"

Me:"it's the least I can do for always being at my side"

Her: "but I haven't done anything"

Me:"you have baeb"

She smiled and I joined her because there was enough food for both of us. After licking our lips. She got up and made the bed because there were no helpers

Me: shower quickly so we can go

Her: "where to?"

Me:"home"

Her:"home?"

Me:"yes I'm taking you to your mother's"

Her:"I thought you'd let me stay"

Me:"well you thought wrong"

Her:"wow"

Me:"see Kemmy I hate it when people take advantage of my kindness and abusive it"

Her:"I see"

Me: "now get moving"

Her: "okay okay"

I don't know why she thinks she can just do as she pleases in my house. We may be friends but this was too much

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Bonang

I ended my call with J after talking with him for

almost two hours, he was very emotional and my ear hurt. I made Remo something to eat and while I was busy, someone knocked

I went to the door to find Kemisetso with bags and Nico by her side. I've never seen him this close before and boy he was appetising. I drooled over him for a sec until he spoke

Him:"hi"

Me:"oh hey"

Him: sorry to disturb you so early in the morning but I just came to drop your sister off and make sure she's safe and sound

Me:"thanks you are a gentleman... come in"

Him:"thanks but no thanks I have to dash off somewhere"

Me: "okay no problem"

Him:"eerh sorry for not introducing myself, I am Nicholas Mbatha"

Me: "Bonang, nice to meet you"

Him:"likewise"

I blinked a few times and Kemmy pushed her way in. She looked like she was a bit blue

Nicholas left and I closed the door and found Kemmy playing with Remo

Me:"what's up?"

Her:"nothing"

Me:"I can see you are not okay"

Her: "wow fortune teller":

Me"I'm trying here"

Her: "well don't. I don't want to be bothered"

She ran to her room and I heard her sobbing, well that's a first, I mean Kemny hardly cries unless it's very serious. I tried talking to her but she shut me out

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Tsakane

Sitting alone thinking about what Neo said, I was utterly bemused, she mentioned Khensane having power then she walked out on me and

left me hanging again. I don't know what to do or think

Khensane is a threat to me and my baby ... okay, I may be a Christian but I don't think I'll be able to watch Khensane ruining my life again and again and walk scot free . I called Neo and we met again and had a serious conversation this time

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Kemmy

I lay in bed lost in thought, I can't understand why Nico won't see that I just wanted to help. Maybe he thinks I'm after his money or something and just can't see that all I wanted was to be his friend, someone he can trust

I really don't know why I feel the need to be his friend but I won't push him any further. Bonang opened the door to my room and I pretended to be asleep

Her:"I know you are not sleeping Kemmy"

Me: "what do you want?"

I opened my eyes a bit and she stood next to the bed and looked at me with so much concern . She lay next to me Her:"I don't know if it was late adolescents or what but you moved out of here missy"

Me:"so?"

Her: "so I have to know what happened"

Me:"I broke up with Jay"

Her:"why?"

Me:"I couldn't love him the way he deserves"

Her: oh really?"

Me:"yeah look he's a great guy but not for me. He deserves better and that's not me"

Her: "you sure this has nothing to do with a certain boss perhaps?"

Me: of course not

Her:"I see"

She gave me the 'I don't believe you' look and I ignored her

Me: "even if it were, it's none of your business"

Her:"just be careful. That man can never love you sis and I would hate to see you hurt"

Me: "oh wow therapist"

She got up and raised her hands

Her:"I'm just saying"

Fuck whatever she's saying, I don't care. It's not like I have feelings for the guy or do I?

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Nico

I won't lie, I really miss Khensane and I don't know why I have this urge to call her. I hesitated for a second then called her. She picked up on the third ring

Her: "hey you"

Me: "hi how are you?"

Her: "not okay"

Me: "what's wrong?"

Her: "everything"

Me:"talk to me"

Her: "can't do it over the phone"

Me: "should I come?"

Her: "only if you don't mind"

Me:"I don't ... I'm on my way"

Her:"okay"

I took a quick shower then drove to her place. If there's one person who can say "jump" and I'll say "how high?", it's definitely Khensane

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Neo

I was excited that I got Tsakane just like that, she's so easy. I didn't even say many things in the second meeting. I just lied my way through her heart

I took out my phone and made a video call again with my husband giving him some feedback

Him: "what do you have for me?"

Me:"the fish took the bait"

Him:"you lie!"

Me:"trust me love this time I brainwashed her with all sorts of evil and I am very certain that she hates her twin"

Him: "good, you will get a big reward what you get back"

Me:"I had to lie and say that Khensane is a

threat to her and her baby"

Him: "you should use the baby more often"

Me: "yes that's her weak spot"

Him: "you didn't tell her that her twin has the kind of power we'd love to possess"

Me:"I did mention that she has power but ..."

Him:"fool!"

Me:"listen, Tsakane is very dumb and will never catch on"

Him:"I hope so. Expecting you within 3 days"

Me: "okay Gatsheni I hear you"

Him:"good"

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Khensane

My hormones are toying with me and I wanted Nico more than anything. I am deceiving my own boundaries by letting him in again. He texted me saying that he's at the gate and I went to open for him

Immediately when he got inside the house, I threw myself at him. I had switched off the lights because I didn't want him to see the fat in me. He tried stopping me but I whispered to him that I wanted him

I touched all his sensitive spot and in seconds we were naked in the lounge, I took him in my mouth and he groaned damn, I haven't heard him groan in ages. After giving him a deep throat, I sat on top of him and rode slowly careful not to hurt myself

Out of the blue, I turned wild and rode him like mad. I heard him speaking some Italian words and he grabbed my twins and squeezed so hard and then he threw his head back

I didn't get off him, he kissed my forehead and placed me on his side without taking it out, then moved slowly. I could feel his heartbeat

Him:"I didn't think I'd feel your warmth again"

Me:"neither did I"

Him: "but here I am deep inside you again"

Me: "oh hold it right there ... yesss"

He hit a spot there and my toes curled

Him:"I missed you"

Me:"I missed you more"

Him:"really?"

Me:"yeah"

Him: "really like seriously?"

Me:"yes daddy"

He moved fast, filling every space inside me until I felt tears running down my cheeks and my walls contracting. We both cum at the same time

Me:"just like old times"

Him:"yeah, no offence but today you were so yummy, I mean you always are but it just hit different"

His presence started to annoy me. What if he feels that I am pregnant?

Me:"it's been a while that's why. You should go" Him:"but I"

Me:"I didn't call you to be all lovey dovey with me so please go"

Him: "next time make yourself clear coz who knows? I might just send you the D only"

Me:"whatever"

He took his clothes and left. I don't even like the dude but he thinks we can have a pillow talk as

if it's normal

Sorry about yesterday, was just too emotionally drained

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Khensane

I don't know why I did what I did last night but I did it anyway. I woke up to a dozen missed calls

from Nico and Shezi, I don't know who told them that I'm their friend. My phone rang just as I was about to take a shower

Me: "whatever it is, I'm not in the mood"

Voice: "someone clearly woke up at the wrong side of the bed"

I checked the screen and 'Jane' was written

Me: oh hey Jane

Her: "you probably angry at me for not being in contact with you for a while"

Me: "a while?no it was forever"

Her:"lol I'm sorry but I'm sure you'd be happy to know that I am standing at the gate"

Me:"you lie"

I ran towards the window and sure exactly a gold Kia picanto was parked at the gate. I rushed to open for her then had a quick shower

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Nico

I can't seem to understand Khensane. I mean one minute she's blazing hot and next thing she's stone cold. I am tired of her games

I was in the shower when my lawyer called to

give me the court date. I really didn't think that Tsakane would really leave me but here we are going to court tomorrow

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Kemisetso

I kicked off the blankets and got up but immediately fell back. I wasn't feeling well, I felt a bit dizzy and there was a funny feeling on my throat. I got in bed again

I closed my eyes for a few minutes then tried to

open them, my head was too heavy for my liking and my eyes hurt . Bonang knocked then got in

Her: "what's wrong?"

Me:"I think I'm having a fever"

She felt my forehead and took my temperature

Her: "yeah you are definitely sick. Let me go get you some meds at the pharmacy"

Me:"thanks sis"

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Tsakane

I was on my way back to the city with Neo driving me because of the court thingy

Her: "you look tense"

Me:"I'm not on a good space"

Her:"why?"

Me: "my husband and I are separated"

Her: "aw how long have you been married?"

Me: "we were going to our 11th year"

I said that remembering that another year was supposed to be added

Her: "what happened?"

Me:"Khensane"

Her: "she took him from you?"

Me:"yeah you know that"

Her: "and the child is a threat to you I know"

Me:"yeah"

Her:"this thing is easy, you get rid of her and I promise that no one will know"

Me:"look, my twin hurt me and all and I want her to pay but I don't understand why you are so determined to help me"

Her:"I had a vision the day before I touched your hand"

Me:"vision?"

Her:"yes I was helping a woman matching exactly with you"

Me:"I see"

Her: "yeah so let me help you"

Me: "what's the plan?"

She didn't take her eyes off the road but I saw how she changed her face

Her:"I've changed my mind and think we should just not have a plan at all. You just lead me to her"

Me: "what's in it for you?"

Her: "nothing I swear"

This may sound stupid but I was willing to sacrifice Khensane just to have peace. Surely the Lord will understand

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Khensane

Jane and I were having lunch at Spurs catching up

Her: "slow down on the chips babe"

Me:"they are so good especially the ribs"

I talked with my mouth full and she looked at me with disgust

Her:"I want to give you some mommy tips coz

clearly you'll be a bad parent"

Me:"oh please"

Her: "so tonight you are coming with me, I have a surprise for you"

Me: oh goodie

I clapped my hands childishly so and she looked irritated, I missed her

Her: "you eat a lot no wonder you are fat"

Me:"I'm going to allow myself not to talk offence"

Her: "sure you are"

Me:"I'm worried about the dream I had last night"

Her:"tell"

Me: well, I was in some sort of a cave and there

were three people there"

Her: "did you see who they were?"

Me:"no but what bothers me is that I died. The man was holding my heart in his hand and the other lady was laughing like a witch"

Her: "sounds scary. Where was the baby?"

Me:"dead"

Her:"yooh":"and what worries me is that, I had a nightmare of Tsakane trying to kill me and it happened almost the exact same way"

Her: "Tsakane tried to kill you?"

She covered her mouth with her hands

Me:"long story but it happened and what if this happens too?"

Her:"I think you need to see a sangoma"

Me:"tell me you are joking" Her:"I'm not" Me: "where would I find one?" Her: "you clearly have no intension of saving your life" Me: "hai maybe it's nothing" She looked at me with a blank expression, hell I ain't visiting no sangoma 0

Nico

I met with my lawyer and he prepared me for tomorrow. I was willing to give Tsakane everything she deserves. We will be splitting everything in half and because we don't have kids yet it should be easy

I went home and drank until I couldn't get up.
The pain I felt right in my heart and I lost a good woman over something stupid, lust over her twin. I tried calling both Kemmy and Khensi but both their phones were off

I can already feel the depression kicking in. Soon I'll be a dead man walking

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Bonang

Kemisetso has been in bed the whole day and I don't know what to do because I have orders, Remo and her again to take care of

I planned to cook supper after I finish with a painting hoping that she'll at least eat. I was just wrapping up my work when I heard a knock

I got up and there was J holding flowers and a doggy bag. He looked gayish as ever and had even done a manicure

Me:"friend":"hi chomi"

We hugged and I moved aside to let him in. He sat down

Me: "what brings you here?"

Him:"you mentioned that Kemisetso was sick so I thought I'd bring her back a little something"

Me:"that's so kind of you even after ..."

Him: "after she dumped me say it"

Me:"yeah that"

Him:"I still care about her and would like to see her"

Me:"I don't think it's a good idea J but thanks anyway"

Him: "okay enjoy"

Me:"you ..."

Him: "no its okay no need to feel sorry for me"

He walked out with so much pain in his eyes, Kemmy is a fool to let such a man go. Even if he's not man man but still

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Kemisetso

I got up and went to the bathroom slowly, I was very weak. I sat on the toilet seat and tried to pee but quickly got up. I was burning down there, my eyes got teary and I tried forcing pee. When I got up, I could see bits of blood

I was so scared, what if it's STD or something because I have been itching down there. I quickly flushed and made my way to the bed to research. Bonang got in without knocking

Her: "ewe what's that smell?"

Me: "did I say come in?"

Her: "no man open the curtains and windows"

Me:"there's nothing wrong with the way my room smells"

Her:"I'm getting worried"

Me:"don't be"

Her: "Kemisetso ..."

Me: get out of my room

Her:"your meds..."

Me:"out!"

I started crying, Nico infected me or is it Jay?I'm sick and embarrassed to get checked

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Tsakane

We arrived early at twin's house but she wasn't there and I couldn't call her to ask where she was. I turned to Neo who was waiting in the car

Me:"I think our journey ends here"

Her: "well that's a pity because I was willing to help"

Me: "no its okay. Thanks for driving me here"

Her: "you have my number. Call me anytime"

Me: "here's the money"

I said giving her a thousand for driving me here

Her: "no problem so where are you going to rest?"

Me:"don't worry about me"

Her: oh okay"

Me:"bye"

She drove off and I watched the car till it disappeared. There's something wrong with this Neo and I feel like I'm getting myself into trouble by associating myself with her

I sat on the grass and called Nico to come pick me up

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Khensane

Jane parked the car in some fancy looking place

Her: "here we are"

Me: "what is this place?"

Her: "Phola lodge"

Me: "why are we here?"

Her: "well take it as some sort of something from me"

Me: "something like?"

Her: "friends would usually do a baby shower right?"

Me:"uh-huh"

Her: "well, instead of doing that for you, I brought you here"

Me:"I didn't pack"

Her:"there's a shop where you'll get a few dresses but you'll be wearing a gown/towel/swim suit most of the time"

Me:"why?"

She looked at me as if I'm crazy, but I had every right to know everything

Her: "there is a spa and a pool"

Me: "ohh I already like the sound of that"

Me: "okay let's go in"

We walked inside and she talked to someone who looked like the manager then I was taken into the rooms where I found women of all ages, mostly pregnant

The person who was talking to Jane introduced herself

Her: "hello ladies, my name is Tina and I'm not manager of this place. I am not going to say anything about what's going on here but I can just say welcome to Women's conference"

Everyone started laughing except her. We noticed that she was serious

Her:"I hope you enjoy your stay here"

She left and Jane came to say goodbye. We started introducing ourselves to each other and I had a feeling that this was going to be a lovely stay

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Nico

[31 December]

Tsakane and I were back from the doctor's appointment and I won't lie, watching your baby grow bigger and better is the greatest feeling worldwide

The past two days were spent in court but it wasn't really a battle.Both our lawyers did a grand job and Tsakane and I walked out there very happy

We sat down at the partio enjoying the breeze

Me:"I'm so glad we handled the divorce so well"

Her: "yeah you made it very easy"

Me:"I don't think you should go back to the Cape"

Her: "nah I have to"

Me:"but your life is here and you can't do all this travelling with the baby due soon"

Her:"I guess you're right"

Me:"I'm so excited about us being parents"

Her: "yeah must be great"

She suddenly looked down and blue

Me: "what's wrong?"

Her: "nothing let me go and rest"

Me:"okay"

It's sad that we are really over but I am just glad that Tsakane and I will now be co-parenting well without grudges or bitterness

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Khensane

Jane took me to some lodge called Phola lodge without even telling me. I've been here for days and really enjoyed myself

It was a mini women empowerment function whereby people taught young moms how to handle parenting. We would be given dolls to care for. We feed the dolls ,bath them and play with them. The dolls cry especially at night which prepares us for the worst

In the evenings we are taught on building up self confidence and all building up all the positivity around us

I've never been so inspired in my life, there were life coaches, motivational speaker and the lot

Tonight is the last night and we were gathered at the hall and there was a lot of commotion when Bonang Mathebe walked in and gave a world class speech. I even got to take a selfie Then came the countdown and we all screamed as the fireworks lit up the sky making beautiful patterns. I took out my phone and called my parents, Jane and my twin

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Tsakane

I finished praying ,stood at the balcony and watched firecrackers doing their magic in the sky, I hope this new year brings all the peace and tranquillity I yearn for. I have forgiven

everyone who is done me wrong and I hope the Lord forgives me too

I almost didn't hear my phone because of the noise of the firecrackers, it was Khensane. I took a deep breath and answered

Me:"hello"

Her:"I'm probably the last person you want to hear from but I hope we can find a way to put our differences aside and start a fresh"

Me: "wow straight to the chase"

Her:"I really don't like the way we left things"

Me: "how can I say no to such words"

Her:"I'm serious Tsakane, I know our twin relationship won't be the same but I am tired of this bickering"

Me:"so am I and to be honest, I appreciate your call Khensane"

Her:"truce?"

Me:"truce"

Her: "thanks sis"

Me:"it's nothing"

I can't enter a new year bearing anger and resentment. I am deciding to burry the past

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Kemisetso

My discharge has changed, it was a bit brownish and had a very bad smell. I ignored my phone as it rang while I was dancing on the toilet seat because of the burning pee. I finished update and splashed my face with cold water

B:"Kemisetso what's wrong?"

Me: "why do you always seek up on me?"

Her: "because I care Kemmy and I know when something is wrong"

Me:"no you don't coz there's nothing wrong with me"

Her: "there is, there signs are there"

Me: oh sign number one?

Her: "denial"

I looked away as a very big lump sum up in my throat

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Nico

I've been trying to get a hold of Kemisetso but it's like she doesn't want to talk to me. She has to come to work by tomorrow at least because we've rested enough. I'm sick and tired of her tantrums

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Khensane

I had another dream about me dying but I quickly brushed it off when Jane came to pick me up. I got in the car and smiled

Her: "somebody is in a good mood"

Me:"I am thanks to you"

Her: "you needed that I know"

Me:"I can't think of more ways to thank you"

Her: "well you can name the child Jane even if

it's a boy"

Me: "no ways you are crazy"

We laughed as we drove to my place, I told her about my dream

Her: "did you at least consider my offer to go seen someone?"

Me: "the sangoma thingy?"

Her: "yes or we could go to a church or something"

Me:"let's go there now"

Her: "we can't do it now but first thing in the morning"

Me: "okay but you get to keeping me company for tonight"

Her:"deal"

Me:"good"

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Neo

I walked in inside the cave and theKing wasn't happy to see me. I threw him the live chicken I had with me and he changed his face to beast mode

Him: "what's so difficult about pulling a single job?"

Me:"I tried. I really did"

Him:"is that so?"

Me:"yes, the girl wasn't there but I'll get her by tonight"

Her:"you better"

Me:"yes sir"

theKing looks exactly like the devil, I've never seen his whole body but I could tell that he is a combination of a goat, scorpion and whatever else

Okay, I am part of the illuminaty and Khensane is my triumph card to be in a higher level which is becoming queen. I have to kill someone who has some kind of power because I have no parents. I went to her place ...

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Bonang

I was really worried about about kemisetso, she's been sick in bed for days and she doesn't want to go to the doctor's and Remo is already a handful

I took out my phone and called Sofia

Her: "Bonang"

Me: "Sofia you need to come over"

Her:"I can't just be ordered around"

Me:"it's Kemisetso, she's really sick"

Her: "what's wrong with her?"

Me:"I don't know she won't say"

Her: "okay I'll make time tonight"

Me:"thanks"

Her: "okay bye"

I know Kemmy is going to hate me for this but I have no other choice. Sofia and I might not have a great mother-daughter relationship but surely we can help Kemmy together

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Khensane

The water splashed all over my relaxed body, again I had gained some weight. I sang along to my favourite song, True by Brandy when I felt someone's presence. I turned to find a woman standing at the door holding a knife

Me: "who are you?"

Her: "oh sweetie you shouldn't be worrying about that but anyway, ke nna Neo"

Me: "what do you want?"

Her:"you"

Me:"what about me?"

Her: "argh you ask a lot of questions"

She moved closer and I felt my heart rate getting out of control. I panicked

Me:"stay away from me"

Her:"I would if I could"

She thrust the knife deep into my heart and I gasped for breath. Then she took it out and stabbed me again on the stomach, my legs failed me and I went down on my knees. She went for a third thrust on the chest and I closed my eyes

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Tsakane

I really was looking forward to this new year and wondered what it had in store for me. Everything would be simple if Khensane wasn't pregnant. I don't think I have the energy to handle this

I sipped my juice and suddenly got a very bad feeling about Khensane being in danger. I quickly got up but sat back just immediately as a sharp pain took over me

To be continued

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Bonus Insert 64

Tsakane

Me: "faster Shandu faster"

Him: "we are on full speed Tsakane"

Me: "what if we are too late"

Him: "don't say that. You know Khensane is full of drama so it's probably nothing too serious"

We were rushing off to twin after Jane called and said it was an emergency. Apon arriving, there were already police cars and an ambulance I went in as fast as I could ignoring the pain I felt on my abdomen. The police refused to let me through

Me: "Mbatha tell them who we are"

Him: "officer, it's me Nicholas Mbatha"

Officer: "sir I'm afraid I can't let you through"

Me: "please I just want to know what happened"

Officer: "the deceased was stubbed several times and the people ripped off her heart"

Shandu:"deceased?"

Officer:"I'm afraid I can't provide anymore information"

I tried speaking but my tongue didn't move. I felt hands balancing me as I suddenly felt dizzy. What have I done, all I know is that Khensane is not faking anything this time because I couldn't feel a part of me

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Bonang

I opened the door to mam Sofia and let her in ,Remo was already asleep

Her: "where is she?": "locked up in her room": "take me there"

We went to the roommate and knocked

Kemmy:"I told you to leave me alone B" Sofia:"no nana it's me"

Sounds of foot steps then the door flung open. Kemmy looked at Sofia up and down

Kemmy: "what are you doing here?"

Sofia: "heard you were sick"

Kemmy:"oh so you couldn't wait to announce my sickness huh?"

She referred to me clearly irritated

Me:"I'm only doing what's best for ..."

Kemmy: "best for who huh? why don't you do

what's best for Remo and unsex your brother?why don't ..."

Sofia: "enough!now listen here young girl, I won't have you talking to us with that disrespectful tone okay"

Kemmy:"but ..."

Sofia:"and I'm definitely sure that this is the last time I warn you"

Me:"yooh"

Sofia: "now come sit on the couch and let us help you"

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Neo

It was exactly midnight and there was a full moon, I walked proudly to the centre holding the heart. Today I was going to be made a queen because of the power Khensane possessed plus the innocent soul's blood

TheKing was so happy to be fed .Everyone sang and danced for me as I waited to be crowned. TheKing called me to the side

Him:"I didn't the you'd pull this off"

Me:"but I did"

Him: "yes and you are one step closer to being queen"

Me:"you said so the last time"

Him:"I know that but right now you have to kill the person you love. A soul must be sacrificed"

Me:"but Khensane ..."

Him: "the one you love dear"

Me:"okay"

Him: "and remember that there's no going back. There's only one way out ... death"

I bowed my head as he drank the blood and ate the heart. I don't think I want to do this anymore because it means me killing Gatsheni, he's the only person I love

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Nico

We saw her covered in foil being carried out.
The forensic team were busy inside the house. I could see blood and this time I could feel that no one is toying with me. Jane looked so horrified and I failed to hold back my tears

Tsakane has been mute ever since our arrival and I didn't have the courage to go to her and talk to her. I don't know how many times Cancer has 'died' but this time I could feel the hole in my heart

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Kemisetso

Telling people that you might be infected has got to be the most embarrassing thing ever especially if one of the people is your mom but Sofia literally forced the truth out of me

Me:"...so yeah I think I might have STI or something"

Sofia:"this is simple, well just have you checked by tomorrow morning and it's probably VDS"

B:"it's nothing to be ashamed of"

Me: "gaah easy for you to say"

Sofia: "what did I say about your tone?"

Me:"sorry"

Sofia: "now get some rest, we leave in the morning"

Me:"thanks ma, thanks sis"

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Tsakane

They allowed us in the mortuary, Shandu went in alone because I can't go in while pregnant. Here came back looking strange

Me: "Shandu?"

Him: "she has a hole, right where her heart was ripped out"

Me:"oh my god"

I put my hands on my head and again felt that pain. I didn't tell anyone

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Nico

We called family and friends, others were shocked that Khensane died for the second time. It was really embarrassing and sad at the

start time.

Tsakane got up and went to the toilet.

I saw a picture of Cancer on TV and increased the volume

Reporter: "shocking news of star Cancer was found murdered at her place in Blimvile, apparently her heart was ripped out. However, twitter is going crazy saying that Cancer is like a cat with nine lives and will surely come back. Others are angry that the star is always 'dies'. Let's hear some comments from fans"

I hope they don't have bad things to say because we all know how fans can be savage Fan 1:"I will miss her music even though she did release something this year, Khensane was a legend. RIP"

Fan 2:"no man, Khensane is full of drama, we know she's alive somewhere"

Fan 3 :"she was a beautiful person but shuuu, couldn't keep her claws off her twin's husband. Disgrace"

Fan 4: "her twin probably sent someone to rip off her heart, hai I'd do the same xem if she slept with my husband"

Fan 5: "she's done bad things because she's human. No one deserves to die in that manner no matter what wrongs they've done, may her

soul rest in peace "

I switched off the TV, how could people be so cruel and heartless? How did they even know about the affair? They are so nosey and suing the media will just be a waste

Tsakane: "yeah, fans"

Me:"I'm so sorry you had to hear theses natty comments"

Her: "so everyone knows"

Me: "luckily no one knows about the divorce"

Her:"yet"

Me:"we'll get through this. I wished I could say that we did the first time and we will now but I can't"

Her: "my parents?": "on their way again but this

time they are not happy"

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Kemisetso

After receiving an injection and some pills, I felt better already but what was really shocking is that Khensane has died again. I looked up on social media and people were roasting the twin and her family, it was sad. No one offered sympathy they even made a hash tag #CancerTheCat, memes and stuff

Sofia had gone back there's to see what she can do again, it really was confusing because no one really knows which is which

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Insert 65

Tsakane

We were being flogged by the media because apparently no one believes that Khensane is gone. We had to issue a statement together with the forensic confirming that indeed she is no more

It was so heartbreaking to feel the wrath of the media, the family on the others side, was not happy to cone again and burry Khensane for the second time. They all demanded to know why they should bother coming this time, it was all chaos but Shandu and I supported each other

The pain hit again sharper than every and this time, I couldn't hide it. Shantung saw me leaning on the wall and rushed to me

Him: "Tsakane what's wrong?"

Me:"I don't know my stomach is sore"

Him: "we need to get you to the doctor's ASAP"

Me: "ooh Shandu it huts"

Him:"I got you Tsakane"

He carried me to the car and drove at top speed while I was crying at the back seat. It really hurt and I kept praying that I don't loose the baby. I was immediately attended to when we got there and I was very scared

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Neo

I watched him eat, Gatsheni is all I have and it broke my heart to have to do this to him. At least I didn't have to spill blood, I just needed to take his soul to theKing Him: "you went all out for this meal hey"

Me:"yes I did it all for you"

Him: but you haven't touched your food"

Me:"I'm not really hungry"

Him:"I see you managed to get Khensane, it's all over the news . Well done"

Me:"thanks"

I kept stealing glances at him as he innocents dug in

Him: "soon we'll be crowned King and Queen and perhaps we can take on the King"

Me:"yeah I guess"

Him: baby what's wrong?"

Me:"with?"

Him:"you of course, you seem anxious. It's likeaah"

He touched his stomach and started shaking like he was having a seizure

Me:"I'm sorry Gatsheni"

Him:"help"

I had to watch as the foam came out of his mouth and his soul leave his body. I took it in a box that theKing had given to me

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Bonang

I was on the phone with J who was just as shocked about Khensane's second death

Me:"I still can't understand what's happening chomi"

Him: "so we must go there and cry again?"

Me: "hai imagine"

Him:"I don't think we should go. I heard that they'll be live streaming"

Me:"seems like they are just full of drama nje"

Him: "seem chomi?no these people are just full of it"

Me:"I don't even know how to feel about it"

Him: "me neither yooh"

Me: "chomi Remo is awake so we'll chat later"

Him: "okay babes"

Me:"shap"

I put down my phone and attended to Remo, it was time to change her nappy. Kemisetso tapped me on the shoulder while I was busy

Her: "so your life isn't full of drama?"

Me:"I don't know what you are talking about"

Her: "you have to child with your own brother and still have the audacity to say the Mbatha family have drama"

Me:"thought Sofia talked to you about your stinking attitude because I am pissed with it"

Her: "and I'm sure Sofia wouldn't like the idea of

you gossiping with gay people"

Me:"the very same gay person you happened to open your legs for"

She gave me a death stare and was about to go smack down on but Remo cried again and she stormed off clicking her tongue

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Nico

At this point I am very scared because Tsakane has been screaming like she already in labour. I

received a call from my banker

Me:"I'm a bit busy right now can I stop by the bank tomorrow"

Her: "but sir this is urgent"

Me:"can't be urgent than what I have on my plate right now bye"

I cut the call and held her hand, you could see the the fear in her eyes. The doctor walked in and I stood up

Me:"talk to us doc"

Doc:"well it's nothing very serious, she just strained the paraspinal muscles on her lower back"

Her:"how?"

Doc:"I don't know, heavy lifting, stress perhaps but the baby is growing up so well. He's a strong and healthy boy"

Me:"thanks doc"

Doc:"I would strongly advise though, Mr and Mrs Mbatha, take it easy else there will be no baby"

Her: "we hear you doctor"

Doc: "now these are the meds and vitamins"

Me:"okay thank"

Doc: "just doing the best I can ciao"

He left us with a bit of relief

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Kemisetso

The antibiotics really helped me . For a moment, I was worried about that I might be pregnant but luckily I'm not . I attended to my phone and got old missed calls from Nico , I called him

Him:"yes"

Me:"I just saw your missed calls . I was very sick"

Him:"okay"

Me: "uhm ... what were you calling about?"

Him:"wanted you to come to work but don't worry it's sorted"

Me: "what do you mean sorted?"

Him:"the manager and his assistant will be holding the fort so long as I'll be still dealing with personal issues"

Me:"oh"

Him:"yes bye"

Me:"bye"

I don't know why I felt like he was being colder towards me but it was okay I'll rest

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Neo

Me:"it's done my lord"

Him:"okay"

Me: "aren't you going to say anything about crowning?"

Him: "what crowning?"

Me:"but ..."

Him:"nine years with us and you still haven't learned young girls. You know there no such thing as crowning or reward here"

I was taken aback because her promised to make me queen. I looked around the cave

Me:"you ..."

Him: being in power requires a lot. You have to kill until you have no conscious

Me:"that's ridiculous"

Him: "after everything I've done for you Neo ..."

Me: "what is that exactly?"

Him:"you kill and the police don't look for you isn't that enough?blood makes you stronger isn't that enough?"

Me:"no, I quit"

He laughed at me so hard I couldn't hold back my tears. I walked out ,tired of being used and enslaved. I'll find a church and live a good life



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Bonus Insert 66

Nico

I was glad that Tsakane and Nico Junior are not in danger but however, the doctor called me to his office

Doc: "Shandu"

Me:"doc"

Doc:"I'm sure you are aware that your wife is soon going to labour"

Me: "ex wife ... uhm no, I didn't realise that"

Doc: "well she is and her blood pressure is sky high which is not good"

Me:"I see"

Doc:"I advice you to make sure she eats healthy

and stops stressing. I believe it's about the death of her twin and you divorcing her"

Me:"I didn't divorce her and .. okay doctor is there anything else?"

Doc: "your have to settle the bill before she gives birth"

Me:"I thought the medical aid ..."

Doc:"ran out"

Me:"oh"

Doc:"thanks for your time, our financial department is that side"

Me:"okay"

I walked there and was surprised to learn that my card declined ,luckily I have more than one card from different banks so I used one 0

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Neo

I walked inside the cave, it was not as scary as it normally is during the night. TheKing was sick on his throne waiting for me. I didn't bowling but looked at him straight in the eye

Him: "that's quite a nerve right there"

Me: "why have I been summoned?"

Him: "what's with all the anger?here, have some blood. It's from an innocent, soul"

Me:"no thanks"

Him:"geez"

Me:"I made it clear that I wanted out"

Him:"you did"

Me:"so?"

Him:"I want you to have this"

Me:"what?"

He outstretched hosting wormy fingers and gave me a ring

Him:"take this"

Me:"why?"

Him:"put it on your index finger and stop questioning my authority, you wanted out and I'm giving you out"

Me:"fine"

I wore the ring and walked out without looking back. That's a bit of luck

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Kemisetso

My abdomen was sore and I was feeling lightheaded. Jay would think that I wanted to get rid of him if I told him

He had come to check up on me and it was nice to know that we are still friends. Bonang

had taken Remote for immunisation so it was just the two of us

Him: "you don't look okay"

Me:"I'm not"

Him: "what's wrong?"

Me:"I don't know I'm just feeling off and nauseous"

Him: "are you pregnant? is that why you broke up with me?"

Me: of course not

Him:"then I'm sure you won't mind me taking you to a doctor"

Me:"fine"

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Nico

I stopped by the bank as I promised and had a meeting with my banker's, I didn't like what I heard at all. Everything seems to be taking a toll on me, first the slow business, I get divorced then Khensane dies a horrible death after loosing my baby and then this ... I swear this must be for all the horrible things I've done

I drove home and thought ... Tsakane's tears and prayers are also adding I'm sure. My head was very heavy and so was my heart. I know I wouldn't drink when I get home due to the nosey family members who will be judging me

I heard the sound of car horns and people screaming, damn! I almost hit an old woman crossing with her grandson. I quickly hit my brakes and the guy ran to my car

Him: "what the fuck dude?"

Me: "sorry my mind is just preoccupied"

Him: "well everyone has problems but we see them concentrating when they drive"

Me:"I said I'm sorry"

Him:"fuck you"

He kicked the tyre and I let him be, if I were in a good mind I'd beat him for kicking my Audi RS 5 Coupè

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Neo

Knowing how tricky TheKing is ,I ran into the veld to throw away the ring but it wouldn't come off. I tried so hard to take it off but it was somehow locked to my finger then it exploded and I immediately went blind

I tried walking up the main road but someone grabbed me roughly and pulled me. I tried fighting but was knocked out with the back of a gun and passed on out

When I came to, I felt my private part burning as if it had been abused. The back of my head hurt very bad and I suspect that I lost a lot of blood

Voice 1:"guys she's awake"

Voice 2:"finish her"

Me:"please don't kill me"

Voice 1:"let's leave her she'll die on her own"

Voice 2: "can't take any chances"

I heard footsteps approaching me and something cold placed on my forehead, a gun clearly

Me: "please, I'm blind, I'll tell no one please"

Voice 2: "finish her"

Baaam!

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Kemisetso

We arrived and the nurse checked me while we waited for a doctor. Jay went out to buy some food because I was hungry. The young doctor came with another lady

Doc:"Kemisetso this is doctor James our Oncologist"

Me:"huh?"

Doc: "nurse, please prep the patient for biopsy"

Me: "can you at least tell me what's going on?"

Oncologist: "they found a mass on your cervix and it could be malignant"

Me:"meaning?"

Doc:"there's a possibility that you may have cervix cancer ... nurse get the cassettes"

Me:"oh God"

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Tsakane

Yesterday I was very scared but the doctor was right, I had to stop stressing but it's difficult not to. This is supposed to be the happiest moment of my life, bonding with the new life growing inside of me but I'm suffering instead. Can't even enjoy the kicks

Shandu found me sitting at the kitchen, he had them gloomiest look I've ever seen. He stood with his hands in his pocket

Me:"bad day?"

Him:"yes, ku rough"

Me:"sit and let me make us some camomile tea"

Him: "whatever that is"

I got up and made us the tea while he sat down and covered his face. I handed him his cup

Me: "here it will help calm down the nerves"

Him:"thanks though I'm not sure I'll be calm afterwards"

Me:"talk to me"

Him:"I was at the bank and it's bad"

Me:"uh-huh"

Him:"I'm going through bankruptcy, I'm not sure if I'll be able to pay the workers this year"

I pretended like I didn't know, the bank informed me days before the divorce was finalised

Me: "how is it possible?"

Him:"I don't know but all I know is that those

millions are gone"

Me:"that's unexpected"

Him: "yeah luckily for you, your share is still intactfor legal purposes only"

Me:"huh?"

Him: "sorry just got my wires crossed"

Me:"it will be fine, I've been saving so I'll lend you at least 2 million to help you find your feet"

Him:"2 meter!"

Me:"before you ask where I got it remember that I used to be a doctor who was married to this successful engineer so I'm bound to have a couple of millions"

Him:"wow"

Me:"yep"

I finished my tea and went to rest leaving him

questioning himself. The family would be arriving soon and I had to be prepared because I'm sure they'll be very rude and show no mercy



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Insert 67

Kemisetso

My phone rang while I was still in bed, it was a private number

Me:"hello"

Voice: "Miss Kemisetso we have your results. You're appointed to pick them up at 1 o'clock"

Me: "okay thanks"

Voice: "thank you have a great day"

Me:"same to you bye"

(Sharp intake of breath)

Me: "okay this is it"

I didn't tell J the details yesterday, I just told him that I'll tell once I'm ready. I didn't even tell Bonang or Sofia. I just went through biopsy alone and begged them not to tell J 0

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Tsakane

We were all gathered in our very big lounge and from the looks on their faces, no one is happy to be here

Me:"thank you all for coming, as you know, we are gathered here for the burial of my twin Khensane"

Gogo:"the very same khensane we buried few weeks ago?"

Aunt 1:"the same one imagine"

Me: "Khensane and I had our differences at that

time so she had to pretend like she died"

Gogo:"gaah!"

Uncle:"that's taboo"

Me:"I know but ..."

Aunt 2: "wee ntombazane, we use money to get here and we didn't get that money free the trees": "I'll cover the travelling costs and reimburse you the money you wasted"

Uncle: "talks of the rich, they do whatever they want because they have money. They even get buried and reburied"

I looked at my parents who said nothing. Embarrassment clearly swallowed father. This is good to be a long day 0

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Bonang

I was reading the newspaper and got the shock of my life when I learned that another woman was found dead in the veld

I sat on the couch and switched on the TV

'#am I next seems to continue as yet another dead woman found. Our reports shown that this woman is identified as Neo Ndlovu was killed and then burnt with acid. Further investigations are ...'

I switched it off again and thought that if I hadn't had Mxolisi arrested, I'd be on the news too. I watched Remo playing peaceful and wondered what the future holds

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Nico

I finally got hold of a bit of Jamsons while the family were still in the meeting. Sofia managed to sneak in a bottle for me at the gym

I hit the punching bag a few times while drowning my sorrows, nothing is going right in my life, nothing at all . I heard footsteps approaching my direction and quickly hid the bottle. I turned to find Ntombi at the doorway . I ran to her and gave a long tight squeeze

Her: "Tsakane said I'd find you here"

Me: "hawu Ntombi"

Her:"you needn't hide that bottle big brother it's me"

We sat down on the yoga mats. She looked different, slightly thin and malnutritioned. I offered her a drink but she refused

Me:"thanks for understanding"

Her:"I'm the last person to judge"

Me: "how have you been? where's the baby?"

Her: "the baby is with social workers"

Me:"why?"

Her:"I'm going to rehab today so I thought why not"

Me:"rehab?"

Her:"it's the first step. I'm taking control of my life. Last week I was at a woman's conference and I got all the positive feedback on how to handle my life"

Me:"I'm so proud of you"

I thought of how she has been running away from rehabs whenever I took her and now she is taking herself there. I felt a little guilty for abandoning her. I didn't even know she had given birth

Her:"I'm so sorry about your loss"

Me:"yeah its a hug loss on my side"

Her:"I know you loved her"

Me: "yeah so my soul is literally damaged"

Her:"I feel ya"

We sat in silence for a while

Me:"so let's catch up"

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Kemmy

I was very anxious in the doctors room, the friendly woman came and sat opposite of me

Doc:"I'm afraid I've got bad news"

Me:"just spit it out doc"

Doc:"first you must go through counselling, it's standard procedure"

Me:"no need doc, I already know that it's bad news so tell"

Doc: "we had to run a couple of tests to get clear results and ..."

Me:"and?"

Doc: "we found that you have stage 2 of cervical cancer"

I tried holding back the tears but I couldn't, I'll

have to tell everyone

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Tsakane

Everyone got settled after my father said a few words. He kept a serious face and we continued with the arrangements. Mother was not okay and looked like she was going to have a heart attack

I went over to her with a glass of water

Me:"here mama"

Her:"thanks"

Me:"I am lost for words"

Her:"I wish it could be like that time where she called and told me that she was still alive but needed to hide"

Me:"I wish so too"

Her: "howzit going with the baby?because I can see that you are close to labour"

Me:"I'm trying not to overthink things but it's almost impossible"

Her:"I understand ... and Shandu?"

Me:"we are good very good"

Her: "okay but I think you should come home with us"

Me:"thought about it"

Her: "and?"

Me:"I'll come just for a few months until the baby is strong"

Her: "yes it's a good idea"

Me:"my body is already tired":"tell that to gogo MaShandu she'll give you a massage"

Me :"yooh even Shandu doesn't want her. She's like mama bear"

Her:"I'll tell her"

We laughed a bit but the pain was started there. Reality is that I lost my twin and mother lost a daughter



Brace yourself for the funeral

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Bonus Insert 68

Kemisetso

Sofia: "why have you called us here nana"

Me:"there's something yall need to know"

She looked at her watch impatiently

Me:"it's okay, you can go to the funeral. It's nothing important. I know you want to be there by the time time the body arrives"

Bonang: "it is if you summoned us here"

Sofia: "calm down Bonang and let her speak"

I felt my mouth get dry and tears staring to burn my eyes

Me:"there's no easy way to put this but I discovered that I have stage 2 cervical cancer and need to start chemotherapy immediately"

B:"what?"

Sofia: oh my baby

She crammed me in a motherly embrace

Me: "yes I just wanted to let you know"

B:"I'm so sorry mtasekhaya no one deserves that"

Me:"it's okay"

Sofia: "we'll support you in every possible way"

B:"yes definitely"

Me:"thanks"

This is a new life I have to accept and move on. It's not like it's going to be easy but the doctor says positivity will do me good

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[Funeral day]

Tsakane

I was taken to the cemetery by the elders before dawn and got in six feet underground where Khensane will be buried. They've say it's to avoid me following her to death

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Nico

The day I've been dreading is finally here and I'm sure it will be worse than yesterday when they brought her body in. Everyone was in a state and couldn't stop their tears

We were about to go to the hall and I watched as we were being filmed

Reporter:"We are live ,recording the sad and shocking funereal of music legend Khensane Maluleka aka Cancer, celebrities, music produces and journalists from all around are here to witness as the family say their final goodbyes"

I went to her and asked her not to film anything that might embarass the family during this tough moment

The choir started singing

ntate ha ke sa sepela, hole le lagae la heso, o nthuse ke tsebe gore holokile holokile se o nkadimileng sona, gaore ke se busetse, leteng ke tla leka gore ... holokile holokile

The song hit hard because I understood every word but I don't think I'll be able to say 'holokile'. It's so hard to accept the death of the one person I truly loved. Tsakane was in a state and so was their mother as we all went to the service venue

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Tsakane

It was 8 am and we were already at the service venue which was the cemetery premises, the hall was fully packed and the huge photo of her smiling was hard to miss.

The pallbearers rolled in the beautiful and expensive glass casket, and went to place it before the stand

The service started, speeches were made, endless, from supportive fans and that snake Bonang and of course

I said a few good words careful not to mention the fallout and drama we had

Sofia:" for the good times and the bad times, we'll always love you sister(sister) farewell, farewell, farewell, hambakahle

We got to the graveside and watched as casket was being rolled down. This is it I thought to myself. I'm not a great singer like Khensane was but I had to sing this one song

Me:" lay down my twin sister, lay down and take your rest

I wanna lay your head upon the saviour's grace
I love you but Jesus loves you more
I bid you goodnight

I was very emotional but the choir helped me sing it and the grave was being filled. My mother collapsed and I almost too but was quickly attended to 0

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Bonang

After the funerall was busy with self examination, checking for any lumps on my breast. It's a difficult time for Kemisetso and I don't even know how to support her

She was asleep next to Remo and her cancer scare reminded me that this is breast cancer awareness month and I did all the research I needed

Cancer is a very scary illness because we know that it is dangerous. Early detection saves lives and it can be beaten. I'm just worried that Kemmy will not be able to have children

I peeped in the bedroom and she was playing with Remo. I went in with the egg sandwich I had made for her with apple juice

Me: "hey, you awake"

Her: "yes Remo woke me"

Me:"I'm sorry"

Her: "no its not a problem. You know how I like playing with her"

Me:"I do. I made you a sandwich"

Her:"thanks you the best big sister":"you don't always think that way"

Her:"I do, I just don't say"

Me:"that's silly, shame on you you"

I playfully hit her with a pillow

Her:"there's no need to feel sorry for me, I've got this"

Me:"I know, you are strong and you are a survivor"

Her:"I'm the next die hard"

Me:"don't joke about things like that ... I'm going to prep supper":"okay"

Me:"cheers"

I kissed Remo and got up

Her: "Bonang, I'm sorry about everything"

Me: "water under the bridge "

Two more.

...Remember to take care of yourselves and loved ones. Life is too short to hold grudges and stuff

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Insert 69

Tsakane

Three more weeks had passed and it wasn't pleasant at all. I didn't go home with my parents because the doctor said I must take it easy and advised me not to do any travelling

I asked one of the drivers to take me to the graveyard

Me:"I'll call you to come pick me up"

Him:"I think I should wait"

Me: "no don't I'll be in for a long time"

Him: "as you wish mam"

Me:"thanks"

He didn't look happy to leave me alone there but he did.I went to her tombstone and sat down on the edge Me:"hey twin, sorry I didn't bring flowers or anything" I looked around and tears rolled down my cheeks

Me:"rather not tell what put you here,maybe I'm just as selfish as you were ... all I want to say is that I'm sorry. I'm not a bad person and I thought ... argh what am I even saying"

Voice: been struggling to get the right words too"

I almost got a heart attack when I heard a voice.
I turned slowly, to find Shezi standing a
distance from me

Me:"you scared me"

Him: "didn't mean to"

Me: "what are you doing here?"

Him: "visit the grave of course"

Me:"it's surreal"

Him:"I know ... she's really gone"

We sat in silence not knowing what to do or say

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Nico

Like they always say, it's only after the burial when you feel the real pain and know who's got your back and who doesn't. With everyone

continuing with their normal lives yet you feel lonely and empty. Death is very hard to accept

Ntombi did go to rehab and Tsakane and I get along well. I used the money Tsaki gave me to balance and secure my business and its not yet promising that I'll lose everything or not

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Tsakane

We walked in the dark together. I was eager to get to the car. I wondered if I will be able to let

go of his hand

or the last time. Wanted to get it over with..I took a few steps and suddenly felt some liquid flowing between

my thighs...I stopped. He looked at me

Him:"What?"

Me:"I don't know, I just felt some liquid flowing"

I searched my pockets, looking for my phone for better light...I had left it in the car. A sharp pain went through

my belly and I let out a scream, losing balance slightly. He supported me, lighting his phone

Him:"Your water just broke"...(looking at his phone)"Fuck.. And the network is bad here"

Me: (panicking)"What??It's still early...I have 4 weeks to go...or 3 and some few days rather...It can't be"

Him:"This happens okay...It's called PPROM...
Preterm Pre-labour Rupture Of the Membranes"

Me: "Shit, it hurts now!!"

Him:"I know...I know, we gotta get you to a hospital, Now!! come"

Me: (wincing in pain)"I can walk"

Him: (picking me up)"Don't be crazy...Just do your breathing the way you know how to"

Another sharp pain passed through and I quickly held the car, nearly knocking off the mirror, he hurried to me and caught me

Me:"I have never experienced such sharp pain...What is happening?"(panicking)"Am I

losing the baby? I can't

lose the baby...Then all the pain was in vain?
What we went through? This can't be happening,
it can't"

(struggling to breathe as I held my baby bump)
It's too soon, and we are not at a hospital
(looking down at my

belly) "Okay sweetheart?...just, please, don't do this...I can't lose you now"

Him: "Hey it's okay"

Me: "it hurts. I'm loosing the baby"

He was panicking too but containing it, he held my cheeks and made me face up to him

Him: "No one is losing any baby alright? Everything is okay...I promise"

I started crying, mainly because I didn't believe him, I felt his hands trembling, but the second reason was that it hurt like hell...I felt like I was being sawn in half across my belly

Him:"I don't have anything in the car, my carrycase is at home, you need a sterile environment. He supported me, opening his back door. He pressed for the seats to slide back and helped to place me inside

Him: "Okay, listen... I need you to keep breathing...okay?"

I reached out my hands and tried to take off my

panties

Me:"I feel pressure...I need to push Shezi...I need to Push..."

Him:"No, wait...Just wait alright...Okay (panicking) Okay...Shiit, Its been such a long time since I did

this...Lie back"

I laid on my back. He reached out and switched on the light and helped to take my panties off. He lifted my

dress and had a look

Me:"What do you see? Do you see anything? What is it? Talk to me"

Him: "Shh... Just relax okay (pushing me to lie

flat...)...Tsaki, I need you to listen, alright?...Don't push"

He dashed out...

Me:"Where are you going? (holding my belly) AAAH! Oh my God...This hurts"

Him:(screaming from the car boot) "Don't push yet"

He ran back with his gym bag

Me:"It hurts so bad"

Him:"I know, I know sweetheart but everything is okay hmm? (looking at me) Just be a strong good girl and

hang in there. I know it hurts, but don't push yet.

(Rampaging through his gym bag in panic) You are not yet

done with your contractions....If you push now you can suffocate the baby...and it will strain you you can end

up rapturing yourself and bleeding out....(looking at me, sweating) I can't have you losing blood and passing

out. Please okay? (screaming) Why the fuck did I remove my medical bag from this car!!! "

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Kemisetso

I've started with chemo and I am fighting this cancer battle with all I can. It's not easy to accept that I have to change certain things in my life

I've got my mom, sister and Jay for support and I've also joined the support group. I'm trying not to see this as a downfall and counselling is helping a lot

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Tsakane

I merged my lips together trying to suppress the pain, I made a shriek, holding myself in position. I didn't want to move so that I refrained from pushing... He laid two of his T. Shirts under me and took out his Gym locker

keys which had a small flash light. He placed his towel over his left shoulder, then put his hand sanitizer on his

hands and rubbed them

Me:(through my teeth, hissing through them)
This pain is too much

He knelt on the base of the car, holding his flashlight through his teeth and dwelled his head underneath my

dress...I felt him rub around my walls and

checking how far along I was

Him: "This baby is coming" (untying his shoe)

Me:"What am I going to do? It can't come right now (crying) What if I lose this baby? If the baby arrives, there

isn't anything to take care of him/her. It's premature, probably going to need an incubator right away...What

if"

Him:"Hey...Hey...Its just two minutes and you'll be ready to push okay?"

Me: (crying, biting my lips) No...(shaking my head) I think I can hold on, while you run and make that call...

alone .We need an ambulance

Him: Running back there is going to take more than 10 minutes, you don't have that kind of

time, I

can't...(taking a deep breath and looking at me) Angela, I can't lose you, You have to deliver this baby

safely...

Me:"Just run, Shezi, you said yourself, it's been a long time since you've done this"

Him:"Look at me...Hey (holding my hands, I looked at him, panting and trying to stick to the exercises) I am

here...okay?"

Me:"I don't expect you to do this.. You don't owe me anything, I've put you through enough...

Just go get

hel...AAHHHHH Fuck!!This hurts"

Him:I'm not going anywhere (tightening his grip on my hands after checking his time) Alright?"

I looked at him and nodded. He felt the contraction again and looked at me

Him:"You are going to have to push...And this time you won't have a chance to hold it in"

I nodded

Him:"Take a deep breath (I obeyed, he took his deep breath too before burying his head underneath my dress)

Okay..push"

I pushed...trying to get rid of the pressure

Him: "Okay rest"

He counted to 5 and instructed me to push while he counted to 10 now...I repeated the process again, holding

onto my knees...I was already sweating and crying, it was all such a mess. I was so scared for my baby and if

he would make it

Him: "Okay, here is the head... Give me one giant push to get these shoulders out okay my love?"

I hung my head back, so exhausted. I felt like I couldn't push anymore...I had no energy

Him: "Okay(I looked at him) Work with me here...One big push okay?"

I nodded and pushed as hard as I could.

Holding in my breath. I pushed and pushed and after a minute I felt

relieved...I laid my head on the seat

Me:"(panting) Is the baby okay?"

He was quiet. I lifted my head and he was wrapping the baby with the towel, he started wiping the baby's

face

Me:"No cries, I don't hear any cries...why can't I hear any cries?"

He placed the baby on the seat and dashed to the front door without saying anything to me, he grabbed the

straw out of a can of red bull on the can holder then came back. I was trying to hold the baby but I felt no

energy

He placed the straw inside the baby's nostrils and sucked. I couldn't see clearly but I saw a brownish liquid

being sucked through the straw as he sucked, he repeated the procedure on the left nostril. I heard a gurgling

sound and the baby took in a sharp breath then started to coo lightly

Him:"(looking at me)It's a boy...So cold though, this towel isn't enough...Are you okay?"

Me:"(exhaling) Oh...Thank God...Just make sure

he is okay. I will be fine"

Him:"(placing the baby on the seat) I gotta tie your cord and cut it"

He quickly took out his shoe lace and tied around the cord then undid hid other shoe and tied a second section

on the cord then cut it

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around the cord then undid hid other shoe and tied a second section

on the cord then cut it in between his laces...I felt like I was suffocating all of a sudden

Him: "Shit...I need to get help, you are bleeding out"

Me:"I feel dizzy"

Him:"I haven't delivered the placenta yet...There is so much blood"

He dwelled underneath my dress again

Him: "Shit ... shit"

Me:"(no energy) What?"

Him:"You are losing blood...I have to get you two out of here...I'm going to get help okay?"

I laid my head back, in the next second he was gone...I could very distinctly hear the baby crying a little bit, he was weak, I could hear from his cries, but I couldn't get up room the seat now...I felt numb...then passed out



I'm so bad at ending things
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Insert 70

Tsakane

I woke up to the sound of beeping machines. I

felt a bit drowsy but I managed to open my eyes. A nurse was busy attending to me. She smiled as soon as she realises that I was awake

Nurse: "Oh, you are awake"

Me:"My baby...My Baby"

Nurse:"He is okay...He was tested, everything is fine, he won't need an incubator. Everything is good, he is

developed"

Me: "How long have I been out?"

Nurse: "Since last night, its now past 7pm...Your placenta was delivered, you are all good, except its going to

hurt, you have stitches"

Me:"(clearing my throat) My hospital bag"

Nurse: "Doctor Shezi brought it, He is there with

him together with your husband"

Me:"Okay"

Nurse: "how are you feeling?"

Me: "Much better thanks"

Nurse: "Okay, your vitals are good...I'll go tell the doc you are awake"

Me:"(nodding) Thanks"

Nurse:"He has something to sign off in first, so that we can bring the cutie to this floor"

I nodded, she smiled and left.As soon as she did, the door opened again and someone walked

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Nico

Seeking my boy for the first time really warmed my heart. I looked at the tiny hands and feet with so much joy in my heart then I turned to Shezi

Me:"I don't know what would have happened if you weren't there bruuh"

Him:"let's not thinks of the worst"

Me:"yes of course ... uhm ... thank you"

Him: "it was a pleasure to deliver"

Me:I'm so jealous"

Him:"lol why?"

Me: because I thought I would be there on the

day Tsakane delivers wearing hospital scrubs and all"

Him: "holding her hands and letting her swear at you?"

Me: "exactly": "better luck next time"

A few minutes later, I was able to see her. Her head was rested gently on the pillow and I had some mixed berries with me

Me: "you look exhausted"

Her:"I am"

Me: "so have you thought of another name yet"

Her: "no you name him , it was silly of me"

Me: "well I've been thinking of Nyiko Aden"

Her:"that should do. Father would be happy to hear that"

Me:"I'm glad we get along Tsakane, too bad we had to divorce and ..."

When I looked at her she was fast asleep. I kissed her forehead the ill never forget that I lost a good woman in her

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Tsakane

I still remember the first time I held my baby for the first time ,it was a priceless moment I can't compare to anything. I didn't know that you could love someone's wholeheartedly within a few seconds of knowing them

But now I really wanted a break from him I swear, Nyiko is trouble, trouble I say, he's just 4 and already has had his leg and arm broken. He almost got burnt and his day care principal has laid a lot of complaints about him ...

not to say that I'm neglecting him or not taking good care but he's a rascal and always finds his way to trouble

He is quite brilliant and intelligent though. I finished packing his bag and went looking for him all over the house, he peeped from inside the fridge. I yanked him out and placed him on the kitchen counter

Me: "what did I say about hiding insight the refrigerator?"

Him:"you said I'd die"

Me: "do you want to die?"

Him:"no"

Me: "so what were you doing inside?"

Him:"I was hiding"

I looked at his helplessly, Nico came in

Nico:"knock knock"

Nyiko:"daddy"

Nico:"my bad boy"

Me: "can you two go already, I want to rest"

Nico came to kiss my cheek and we sat down

on the stools

Nico:"that bad?"

Me:"worse"

Nyiko:"I'll grab my bag"

He jumped and ran upstairs while I looked at Nico who smiled at me

Me: something to drink?

Him: "no thanks, I'm good"

Me:"your son"

Him:"your son"

Me:"I'm serious Shandu you spoil him too much"

Him:"I don't"

Me:"I wish I was the one visiting him from time to time"

Him: "don't worry he'll grow"

Me:"mxm ... say hi to Kemmy"

Him:"lol I will"

Nyiko came down and left with his father and I could feel the fresh air I needed. I rushed upstairs, had a bubble bath and waited for Shezi in my new lingerie

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Nico

I went to fetch Kemmy, my fiance and we all went to the mall. Those two almost bought the whole mall, they got along so well you'd swear they were cut from the same cloth

Yes, Kemisetso and I started dating two years ago with the blessing of Tsakane of course, I don't compare her to the twins or anything and she's wonderful with Nyiko

I no longer have a wondering eye and I am loyal as a soldier, Kemmy makes me happy and she and Tsakane also get along. I am back to being a billioner after Kemmy and I pulled all the hard work

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Bonang

My relationship with my mother is coming together, us supporting Kemisetso made us even closer. We have so many girl's night in just the four of us(whenever Kemisetso isn't with her fiance)

Kemmy has been blessed, after her cancer battle, she is still standing strong and I'm proud of her

My life is successful careewise but I'm still

single as can be. Better luck next time

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Khensane

I'm still alive and kicking, I'm die hard remember? No one can download nothing about it no no I'm just messing with Yall she's dead

THE END.

I know it's not what Yall expected but I'm very sick xem ... but good news is that even if I'm a bit out of the weather, there'll be a new story Monday. Being away from you guys will drive me crazy

Again, thank you for all the love and support you've shown me Mow