

~The Rise Of Alpha

~Insert 01

~A Month Later

~Mapulana Kingdom

The king walks in his chamber

And finds his wife, facing the door

Sitting on the bed

Looking like someone who is definitely bothered

She looks so lost in thought

She didn't even hear him come in

The king takes a seat, next to the queen

He takes her hand into his

And she looks at him

Feeling his touch

He lets out a fade smile

King: talk to me

The queen heaves a sigh

Queen: I am worried about my child

The king looks down

He is just as worried

But he is a man

A husband and a father

Most importantly, he is a king

And he cannot show any ounce of weakness

Especially in a time like this

His wife needs him

Now more than ever

King: I miss her too, I know you miss her. And that's why you are worried

The queen shakes her head

Queen: it's not that

He heaves a sigh

Queen: this is all my fault

She tears up

As tears burn her eyes

Queen: I should have never, came up with this idea. I feel like I sold my only daughter to the wolves

King: don't say that

Queen: it's the truth, it's been a month. She hasn't called, abs last I spoke to her ...it was bad. Her voice was so weak ...

She shakes her head

As more tears stream down her face

Queen: I should have never allowed those people to take her

King: what's done is done now, the least we can do is stay strong

Queen: what if they kill her?

King: they wouldn't

Queen: she's not even carrying babies, those things inside of her are monsters

She raises her voice

And the king, raises his eye

At the word monsters

Referring to their own grandkids

King: we cannot change what has happened, and whether we like it or not. Those kids are our grandkids

Queen: I will never accept, nor embrace them. If my child dies because of them

The king looks down, feeling defeated

What does one say when things are like this?

He longs to see his princess

And see how she is

But would he even be welcomed in that kingdom?

Especially after how things were

It definitely wasn't pleasant

What will he even say when he gets there?

These are questions he asks himself every night

And he doesn't have the answer

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~Isilo



I look at Thongalethu

And his face, just drains the blood on my veins

Even he doesn't seem to have any hope left

I am slowly loosing myself

And I hate myself everyday

Its been a rough month

It feels like it has been a year

From when we left Mapulana kingdom

To being here , and nothing has been going well

Apart from the village projects

They seem to be the only positive things, happening at Isilo at this moment

I spend days and nights wide awake

That I haven't had sleep in a month

The fear I live in , each and very passing day and night

Even I don't know how to control it

Thonga: she just needs to hold on

I heave a sigh

Me: how long? She can't take it anymore

Thonga: they're not ready

Me: then let's get them out

He shakes his head

Thonga: I am afraid we cannot do that

Me: then make her better, do something and stop opposing me at everything I say

Thonga: I understand you're frustrated right now ...

Me: don't tell me that, do you understand that I took her away from her home. And said, I will be able to keep her alive. What happens when ...

I take a deep breath, shaking my head

Thonga: she won't

Me: you're telling me something you're not even certain about. They're hurting her, she can't carry them much longer. Its enough

Thonga: your grandmother carried, your father and uncles along with your aunt much

longer. Don't be so quick, to want to act on something that's so dangerous

Me: Thongalethu, lo owam umfazi akusiyena uAsante (my wife is not Asante)

He chuckles

Thonga: I know, but she's trying and she's strong

I know he is just bullshiting me

Thonga: give her the benefit of the doubt

He pats my shoulder and walks away

I need strength for this

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~Mapula



I pray day and night

I am way too young to die

I slowly crawl away from the door

It scares me more

That Isilo is scared himself

If he himself is scared

Then how much more about me

I am not familiar with anything that's happening right now

I am even afraid to look at myself in the mirror

I am all bones, I have never seen any person this skinny

I have lost myself

And I am just a former shadow of myself

I fear for me to die

And never to know my child

And for him to grow up without a mother

I wouldn't bare to see all of that

How I wish my parents were here

That I had their support

And having them by my side

Isilo is here

But he is not my father

Nor is he my mother

He cannot replace their emptiness

And that also takes the strength away from me

Rain is around, but I can't rely on her to mother me

As much as I am about to be a mother myself

I still need my own mother

The door opens and Isilo walks in

I feel tears burning my eyes

Just looking at him

He has lost so much weight

And I know it's because he is worried about me

He barely sleeps

At night he is a jaguar watching over me

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~Insert 02

~Mapula

Me: you're tired

I say looking at him

Isilo: I am fine

Me: no, this is me. So you don't need to act all tough

Isilo: you need me right now

Me:1...

I look down

Maybe now is not the right time to say this

But it's hard on him

And I can see it

He is not taking what's happening well

As much as he is trying to act all tough

I can see he is having it hard

And it's taking a toll on him

Isilo: what?

I shake my head slightly

Isilo: you wanted to say something, and you bit your tongue. So say it

Me: it's nothing really

Isilo: please ...

I lift my eyes looking at him

Me: I miss my parents, I miss my mother. I wish she was here

, I miss home . I want to be with my people , this is hard for me . I am watching my life fade away in front of my eyes , and I don't know what to do . I don't want to die , and not be talking with my parents

Isilo: who said you're going to die?

Me: look at me, I am finished. And it's no use to deny the truth , you brought me here saying it's to keep me alive. But look at me now! Tell me Isilo do I look alive to you? Is this you keeping me alive, looking like this?

He keeps quite

Me: I am sorry, but it's the truth. And we have to be honest, I am here and either way I am dying

Isilo: I will bring your parents here, you're not in a state to travel anywhere

He gets up and walks out of the chamber

I take a deep breath

Tears streaming down my face

My life has been short lived

Who knew meeting Isilo

And falling in love with him

Giving myself to him

Will bring me here?

To my own death

I am way too young for this

And yet I see no way out

I don't see how I will survive this

I don't have the hope, it feels like the end of the road for me. I can't hold on any longer

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~Isilo

Fuck!

This is not what I wanted

For her parents to see her like this

Her father will probably eat me alive

Already those people hate me

And they want nothing to do with me

So how do I even ask them to come?

Fuck!!

This is a fucking mess

But I have to do what I have to do

I call over a guard

They'll have to head to Mapulana kingdom

And send the message on my behalf

There's no way I am calling them

I know her father wants nothing to do with me

And I don't want to test him

Maybe sending a message is a much better option

And he won't be too angry

He may come over , and see his daughter

It breaks me seeing her like that

And I wish there was something I can do

Something to make her feel better

Or heal her

But there's nothing

I can't even connect with the kids

As much as I can feel they're alive and strong

But their energy doesn't match with mine in a way

There's a force within them

That's just beyond me

So there's no way I can even calm them down

I feel like a failure

Like I have failed my wife

I haven't protected her

Or done anything to help

And not because I don't want to

But because there's nothing else I can do

I have tried

But nothing is working

These kids are nothing like my father and his singling

And maybe it helped that my grandmother was gifted as well

Mapula is just a princess

She possesses no powers

She has no ancient queen guiding her

She's a normal human being

And this is too much for her

I should have thought of that

But I was so lost in love

And being with the woman I love

That I lost sight of everything else

And I didn't think of anything

Now we are here

I have put her life at risk

And I have no way of saving her

Even I can see , she can't hold on any longer

She's not okay

I am not blind to that

As much as I am trying to comfort her

I don't even have that strength

To be strong for myself

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~Mapula

I kept looking at the door

Hoping he will come through

But it's been hours

And he hasn't come back

The maidens have been coming to check on me.

And Rain stayed for a while

I know I didn't talk to him well

But that's because I am just frustrated

And I don't think anyone understands anything

Or even half of what I am going through

Its just a lot

And I may have taken my frustrations on him

So he is probably blowing steam off

And maybe he doesn't want to see me

I don't blame him

The door opens

And I get out of my thoughts

Isilo: I sent a message to your parents, what happens from there is their business

That is cold

And hits hard

Considering how things are between me and my parents

They might not even want to come see me

Me: thank you

That's all I can say

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~Mapulana Kingdom

The king walks in his chamber

With the letter in hand

And he looks at his wife

She's still in bed

He sits down on the bed

And pats her a bit

The queen looks at him

King: we have a message

Queen: from who?

He heaves a sigh, and looks at the letter in his hand

King: Isilo

Queen: what?

She sits up

Looking at the king

Queen: what does that man want now? Has he finally killed my daughter, and now he wants to give us her bone so we can bury her?

Tears stream down her face

And she wails in a cry

Queen: I know he was going to kill her

King: no! That's not what has happened

Queen: then what?

King: stop with the tears and cries, what should people say? Should they hear you cry like this? Come on, stop with the drama.

He opens the letter

And hands it to her

Queen: tell me what it says

King: Mapula is asking to see us

Queen: why? What's happening with my child

King: how are we supposed to know? I don't know why she wants to see us, the best way would be to go there

Queen: are we? I mean, considering everything

King: I still love my daughter

Queen: then let's go right away

She gets up from the bed

Queen: she needs us, despite everything that happened. she needs us, and she wouldn't have asked to see us. If she didn't need us

King: you're right

Queen: then let's go, it's not for that man. Its for our daughter

She quickly moves around the room

Packing their bag, making sure they have what they need

And head over to run a bath for them

While the king, informs his council

That he has to leave urgently

To Isilo, for a matter concerning their Princess

And they give him his blessings

While he goes on to join the queen, for their bath

And getting ready to leave for Isilo, right away

Taking with them , four guards with two cars

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~Isilo

I rub my hands together

Things are tense around here

And the fact that her parents are coming

Its not helping with anything

I am freaked out

No lies

It would be a lie if I say I am not panicking right now

Thonga: you should relax, for all our sake

Me: Thonga do you know what I would do, if I was her father and finding my daughter in such a condition? Looking at death door, and the man who took

her away from me failing to keep her alive and well

He chuckles

Thonga: you'll probably burn down the kingdom

Me: without thinking twice

Thonga: thank goodness then, he is not you

Me: still, they expect better and not what awaits them. This won't make them happy, not even one bit. I know I wouldn't be happy either, as it is I am not happy. But there's nothing I can do

Thonga: there's nothing you did wrong, give yourself some break. You can't beat yourself up over this

Me: except to fill her up with my seed, the very same seed that's unbearable for her. And could possibly take her life, it's just

I shake my head

Taking a deep breath

This is frustrating

Thonga: I swear, I thought these kids are nothing like your parents

Me: mhm

Thonga: I mean, we're having a hard time communicating with them. Why can't Isilo connect, to his linage?

Me: I don't know

Thonga: there's something that we are just missing here, and I don't know why

Me: then find out Thonga, you're my healer here. You ought to do so something

Thonga: I have tried, and they're not saying anything

Me: then try harder

Thonga: I ...

He gets up

Thonga: my king

He walks out of the throne room

I lean back on the chair

Getting lost in thought

It feels like my brain will explode

Because I am trying to find solutions

And nothing comes to mind

It's a fucking mess

One that I created myself

And now I know, I will have to answer for my actions

Taking Mapula away from her home

Marrying her in that manner

It didn't help with anything

And worse , she hasn't gotten her wedding

She's a wife because I paid bride price yes

But besides that , nothing has been done to unifying this marriage between us

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~Mapula

By the looks of it

People have been going up and down the village

Trying to make my parents stay more suitable

And to make them feel comfortable

Rain came to see me

And told me how Isilo is feeling

So much that he feels under pressure

That he doesn't know what to do

I can imagine

How it feels being him right now

But I don't want to see him stressed

He has been going out of his way

Making sure I am okay

As much as I have lost hope

I know he has tried

And still is trying

Its not like he hasn't done anything

I asked for him

And just then, he walks in

Isilo: are you okay?

He looks very worried

I let out a fade smile

Me: I asked to see you, nothing is wrong. I just want to see you

He walks over to me

And sits down next to me

Isilo: I am here

Me: I miss you

He smiles

Isilo: really?

I nod slowly

Me: just stay with me, even if it's for a few minutes

I am having so much difficulty with breathing today

I am just trying to keep a conversation going with him, so he doesn't get bored

And doesn't think much about my parents coming

I love this man

Despite him being the reason, I am today

I still love him

Isilo: I love you so much

Me: and I love you too my king

He smiles, and it's good to see

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~Mapula

Me : just make me look better

She smiles

Rain: you look great

Me: make up, won't hurt

She laughs

Rain: I love this for you, you're a great queen

Me: you don't say

I don't feel like a queen

I came here pregnant

Even though bride price was paid

I did not get married

No ceremony was made

Because at two weeks

It looked like I was seven months pregnant

And things weren't going so well

I was already starting to feel very sick

Everyone was running around, to keep me safe

Making sure I am strong enough

Preparing me for what's coming

So everything else was put on hold

I don't feel like a queen

Rain: Isilo and his people are blessed to have you

Me: I am the blessed one, everyone put their lives on hold. Just to keep me alive

Rain: you mean a lot to us

Me: mhm ... I hope my parents will be happy to see me

Rain: of course, they will be

Me: things were bad Rain

Rain: they're your parents

Me: yeah but ...

Rain: don't worry about that, at this moment I don't think any of that matters

Me: I hope so

Rain: you're looking forward to seeing them?

I smile

Me: so much

Rain: then you have nothing to worry about

I hope so

But I know my mother

She can arrive here

And just throw her weight around

Forgetting where she is

But as for my father

As much as I have disappointed him

I know he has a heart

And maybe his anger has subsided

Maybe he will be happy to see me

I am hoping

And just crossing fingers

Me: you know, if there's one thing I hope for and wish. Is for me and my parents to fix things, and to accept Isilo and forgive us. So they can accept my baby

Rain: babies

We laugh

Me: yeah, it's hard to believe I have more than one baby in me

Rain: I am not shocked, it's a thing here with the Xaluva men

Me: well, I wish for my family to get along. And for Isilo to accept things as they are, and bit blame himself for this.

Because I wanted to be with him, just as much. And I don't regret it, I am happy he will be left with a piece of me. I just want him to move on, find love and be happy once again

Rain: please no, don't start talking like you're about to die. You're still here with us, alive. So please, don't talk like that

Me: this is what I mean

She looks at me

Me: we need to accept the reality of what things are

Rain: but you're still here

Me: I am not strong enough
Rain, I have held on as much as
I could. There's no strength left

in me anymore, I feel it. Everyday I am just fading away

Rain: can we just do your make up and not ...

She shakes her head

And takes a deep breath

Rain: I think I need some air

She moves back from me

And I see tears in her eyes

Rain: I will be back

She walks out

I take a deep breath closing my eyes

It frustrates me

They just think I am crazy

Or maybe I have lost hope

And yes, I have lost hope

But that doesn't mean I should lie to them

Its of no use

I cannot give them false hope

To believe I am going to love

I feel so empty inside

Like there's nothing left in me

I am just a walking corpse

And that's our reality

The sooner everyone accepts that, the better

These kids will live

But I will not be here to see them grow up

I know I won't be here

And it's no use

To keep pretending like I will be here

I have accepted

That this will be my end

And I will never be a queen to serve her people

Nor will I be a Mrs Xaluva

Not legally anyways

I am sure even the ancestors of this place

They don't even recognise me

As much as the law may recognise me

Because of bride price

And they'll refer to me as a customary wife

Rain walks back

Rain: I am sorry about that

I fade smile

Me: it's okay

Rain: this is just hard

Me: I know

Rain: so please bare with USB

I nod slowly

Rain: let's get your beautiful, even though you already are

We laugh

Me: thank you for making me laugh

Its not something I do everyday

Because most days, I am just in a lot of pain

So much that I can't even utter a single word

And just in bed

Not even seeing anyone

Except Isilo and Thongalethu

Or Rain, if she comes to see me

Me: it's good to have some light company

Rain: exactly

She picks up her make up kits

And places it on the bed

Rain: so, no deep conversations. Just for now, I know it's a must. But just for now

Me: fine

I don't want to burden them

So best I get ready

For my parents when they arrive

I hope Isilo is alright now

He left me looking better

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~Isilo

I know asking to see me

It wasn't because she missed me as she said

It was to calm me down

And I guess it helped

Because I feel better now

Rain is with her

And they said I should stay away

Me: I am sorry of the way I snapped

He laughs

Thonga: it's okay, at least it was with me. No one understands what you're going through, as much as I do

Me: thank you for taking my punches

Thonga: and I am the only one who can do that

I chuckle

Me: I have been reading up on Isilo's history, and seems like in such situations the old kings did

things . To save the women in their lives

Thonga: what things?

I heave a sigh

Me: bit them, so they could drink their blood

Thonga: I have heard about that, but you can't do that

Me : and why not ? If it will make my wife better , why not ?

Thonga: she is a mundane, you will kill her. Don't even try that Isilo

I heave a heavy sigh, nothing seems to be working for me

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~Insert 05

~Isilo Kingdom

The king and queens car arrive at Isilo

And along the road headed to the palace

The queen is impatient

Wishing the car could go any faster

Driving here, took long

Maybe they should have just flown in

She thinks to herself

Of course not voicing that out

Because the king might be offended

Either way, they are here

Queen: I cannot wait to see my baby

The king looks at her

Taking her hand into his

King: me too

Queen: as much as I hate that boy, and I hate being in his

kingdom . I am excited that I'll see my baby

King: please, let's respect him either way

Queen : he doesn't deserve our respect

King: this is his land, we came here for our child. Not to open up old wounds

Queen: but still, it doesn't mean I have to like him

King: you don't, but he will always be a part of our lives now

Queen: Mapula is young and very beautiful at that, and she can still marry into another kingdom...

The king glares at her

She clears her throat

King: don't start, I thought you would have learnt your lesson

Queen: I wasn't saying she should, but she should come back home. And it won't be the end of her life

King: we are not here to start a brawl, please keep to yourself. Know your place, you're a queen and you shall behave as one. Do not embarrass me and my kingdom, Mapula is not a child anymore. She chose this man, knowing very well who he is and where he comes from . And still she agreed to marry him, and be his wife. She made a choice, no one forced her

The queen looks down

Clearly, her husband doesn't seem to be angry anymore

But she still is

And if she were lucky enough

To find Isilo alone

She will surely give him a piece of his mind

On that one she swears

That man caused chaos in her kingdom

That they had to lie and protect him to their people

So they don't know the truth

And they're living with a lie

Told by the royal family

As to what happened to their kids

After this monster ripped then apart

That was enough

But clearly not for him

To an extent that he took her daughter away from them

He shamed their child

He needs to hear and know how she feels about him

And seems like it won't change

As they approach the royal gate

She lifts her head looking outside

And Isilo is beauty

Words doesn't do justice to this place

In such a short space of time

This Isilo king has done great things for his people

And the fact that he has the support of other kingdoms and kings

It makes him powerful

And his land shows

It feels like a city

More than it is a village

Clearly, he has developed this place

It is in its glory

To how it was

She can't deny that

But still, it's his kingdom's riches

And doesn't erase anything he did you them

Their first car, is let in the palace

After stopping for a few seconds at the gate

And they follow behind it

Driving through inside the palace

The king looks at its beauty in awe

This young man has done good

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~Mapula

Rain was long done

I even got to sleep a bit

Now I am wide awake

Hearing the noises outside

And the praises

I know my parents have arrived

Now I am the scared one

I look better

Not that I look okay or beautiful

Not even make up can save me from sickness

To looking better

I am sitting on the bed

It would have been a pleasure to be outside

And welcome my own parents

But I cannot even walk for 5 seconds

Let alone stand for that long

Isilo was out

But he came back

Not so long ago

Said he'll rather be with me

Than to go out there

And face my parents alone

A slight knock comes at the door

He quickly gets up on his feet

And he opens the door

He greets

And I don't hear anyone greeting him back

I feel like getting off this bed

And telling my parents to greet the Isilo king back

But I am so weak

They both walk in

And my mother looks at me

She tears up

I swear, it even breaks my heart

Mom: ngwanaka!! (My child)

She walks over to me in tears

Mom: ba o entseng batho bana? (What have these people done to you)

Oh Lord have mercy upon us all

She engulfs me into a hug

Dad: not too tight, she's in pain as you can see

I look at him

He is trying to be strong

Holding his tears in

Me: it's okay

He nods with a sad smile

My mother moves away from me

Me: no one did anything to me mother, I am not well as you can see. And I am certain, we all expected it

Mom: these people took you away, and said they will keep you alive . Today you're like this , they have ruined you with their monster genes. What are these things you're even carrying? They're so selfish, carrying for their blood, while sacrificing yours

I look at Isilo

He has veins popped ok his forehead

He turns and walks out

I look at my mother

Mom: I will never forgive this boy, he should have made you abort these things

A tear drops down my cheek

Me: these things, are my kids

Mom: how can you ...

King: enough!

Mom: look at what they have done?

Me: mom, I asked you here because I wanted my mother. I

wanted you to be with me, not to fight with my husband or call my babies things and say I should have killed them. I didn't kill them, because they're mine

King: you're right, we are not here to open up old wounds. I am so happy you reached out

Me: I missed you guys

I look at them

Me: I need you, and I want my family to get along. These kids, that you're calling things are human beings. Please don't make me regret asking for you

Mom: I am justI don't know how you expect me to accept all of this

Me: I am not asking you to, please just be here for me

King: we are here now, it's okay

I nod slowly

He comes and hugs me

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~Insert 06

~Isilo

I pick up a certain scent

I am familiar with it

So I calm down

So I don't turn in attack mode

I have fed enough

As much as I still angry

I know I could still feed even now

But not on him

And I look behind me

Its Thonga

He bows a bit and looks into my eyes

Slowly I turn back into my human form

I look at him

He is keeping a distance from me

Thonga: I thought I saw a jaguar leaving the palace, heading for the dark woods

Me : you're brave to come here

He chuckles

Thonga: my own king wouldn't harm me

I look at him

And head over to the rock

I look down to the palace

Me: you should have heard what that woman said

Thonga: like any mother

I shake my head

Me: you didn't heart her, she was insulting me. And called my children things, that her

daughter should have aborted . She came here to piss me

Thonga: then don't allow her to

Me: I left, because I didn't want to rip her apart right there and there. In front of her daughter

Thonga: we don't need that, it's good you left

I take a deep breath

Thonga: but now I think you can come back

Me: or I can stay here in the woods, while they plan how to kill my kids

Thonga: that will not happen, she was talking from a place of

pain . Remember her child didn't leave home , in the state that she is now

Me: I do not want to be in her presence Thonga, because I don't know what she will say next and what I'll do to her. Its not like I am happy, or that I enough or like what's happening. I have tried, they weren't here. But I was

Thonga: I know that, more than anyone. And you don't have to explain yourself to me

Me: I can't go back just yet

Thonga: I can't leave you here in these dark woods

I don't want to argue with him

I don't want to leave

But I also don't want to worry Mapula

Especially because she's left with her parents alone

I don't know what they're feeding her

But I also cannot stand them , especially her mother right now

Maybe they came here , just to rattle me the wrong way

And to see myself loose control

Like I did in their kingdom

I cannot put that past them

Anything is possible

And I know they don't like me

They don't approve of me

Clearly their daughter is too good for me

So much that , she was better off without me . And carrying my kids

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~Mapula

I look at Rain as she walks in

I saw how he was when he walked out

And I don't blame him

I would have also walked away

It's a pity I can't

Because I am stuck here

Rain walks to me

Me: where is he?

Rain: he will be back

Me: where did he go?

There's something she is not telling me

Me: please, I am worried

Rain: don't be, he will be back

Me : he just left , I need him

here

My mother looks at us

Rain swallows

Rain: the dark woods

My whole body shivers

I have heard stories about that place

And it is said no one is allow to set foot there

But Isilo went there

Why?

Me: where is Thonga? Please, he has to come back. I need him here

Rain: Thonga will come back with him, I promise you

She moves back

Rain: I'll come check on you

I nod in worry

And she walks out

Mom: is everything okay?

I heave a sigh

Me: yes

Mom: didn't seem like it

I shake my head

Me: it's nothing

Mom: then why were you whispering?

I keep quite

Mom: I was just asking

King: she said it's nothing, learn to let things be

I look at my father

I appreciate this man

Me: you know, I am the way I am because I made a decision. And no one forced me, I chose to carry these kids. And I wanted to, I have no regrets.

Please, don't put the blame on anyone. If there's anyone you want to blame, then please by all means blame me. Everyone here has been taking care of me, putting their lives on hold for me

Mom: as they should, it's their fault

I shake my head

Me: I may die, and this is the last memory that you want me to carry with me to my grave?

My father looks down

While my mother pops her eyes

Me: can't you just put your differences aside, just for me? Am I asking for too much?

She keeps quite

Me: I want to be happy, if these are my last days then please let me die happy and in peace. You don't have to like Isilo, but I ask you that you accept him . Because with or without me, you will always be connected to him through my kids. They're my blood, as much as they are his. Or should I die , knowing my mother will never accept my kids ?

Mom : you are not dying Mapula

Me: we need to face the reality of my state right now, it's of no use to be in denial. I know I will not live past their birth

Mom: Mapula

Me: no Mom! Its enough now, this is what everyone has been doing . Shutting me down , when I want to talk. Because no one wants to accept this, but I have to say it . All I wish , is for you and Isilo to get along . For the sake of my children, because I will not be here . And it'll be only through him and you, that they know about me. And they know my people. I

love you so much, and I also love him. If I meant anything to you or him, then you will do this one thing for me. Take care of my kids, and just live in harmony. For peace sake, just try. I am not saying do it now, but it's an ask

She wipes her own tears, while I wipe a tear off my cheek

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~The Rise Of Alpha

~Insert 07

~Isilo

I move back from the door

Thonga: go in

Me: you heard what she said

I heave a sigh

Me: I don't understand why she has lost hope, and given up

Thonga: maybe we all need to ..

Me: no!

Thonga: I am not saying she will pass on, but ...

Me: no buts Thonga, you should at least be giving me solutions. And not adding to my stress

He sighs

Thonga: there's nothing any of us can do, we need to accept that

Me : if there's nothing you can do , then keep quite

I open the door and walk inside the chamber

They look at me

I look at my wife

I walk over to her

Me: I am sorry for walking out

She smiles

I take her hand into mine, intertwining our fingers

I look at her parents

Me: I know I have disrespected you, and maybe you expected more from me as a king . I admit my faults, and take responsibility. No words can take away what I have done, but once again I am sorry. I thought maybe I was doing the right thing , it was in her best interest that she comes here. But I have failed her, and I

admit that . There's nothing we haven't tried, but she's not getting better . I didn't bring your daughter here to kill her ,I simply just followed instructions by my advisor. And that's what we thought was best. If I could take her place, and trade in with her I would gladly do that in a heart beat . I know this , my mother went through the same thing if not worse . I would say , let them take these kids out . So

we give her a chance, but I can't say that without putting her at more risk. I would do anything to fix this

Queen: you can't give her back her pride, and not get her pregnant

Mapula: mom please

She keeps quite

Me: I know that

King: and what's done is done, what will not happen is for my daughter to lay on this bed. And listen to people go off at each other's throats over her, it's enough . All she asked for , is us to get along . Going back to the past, won't help us or her with anything

He gets up

King: come with me Xaluva

I look at Mapula

She smiles

I let go of her

And walk out with her father

I wonder what's this about

We take a walk around the palace

King: you have done me bad Isilo

Me: I know my king, and I apologize for my deeds

King: mhm, but for the sake of my daughter I will let this pass. So we can hold hands together, for her sake. And prepare for what's coming

I look at him

King: we have to face reality, my daughter will not live Isilo

Me : no ...

I shake my head

King: be grateful, she carried your kids thus far. At least she gave you something, to remember her with

Me: it's not

King: there's nothing no one can do, not even you. You have

cost me a daughter, the only child I was ever blessed with.

And I need to be okay with that, because she is happy

Me : we can't lose hope

King: there is no hope to hold on to anymore

Me: but ...

King: be strong, be a man.

Take heart, and know that in your loss there was a gain

I stand still on my steps

I shake my head

King: you love her, I cannot deny that. But now you need to accept, it is what it is. She was never going to survive this

Me : she's still alive , and there's a chance ...

King: you're in denial, and it will only stop you from moving on

He pats my shoulder

King: we need to brace ourselves now

I don't believe this

Why is everyone just giving in?

Does she look like someone who will die?

What if she will live?

Its not over yet

It isn't

And they just drain me

Thinking that this is the end

That there's no light at the end of the tunnel

Its draining

Me: I don't

A loud scream comes from the chamber

We look at each other

As another scream comes again

I run towards the chamber

And Rain comes out of nowhere

Rain: my king, you can't come in

Me: why not? She's in pain

Rain: it's time, please don't come in

Thonga comes running

And passes us by the door going inside

Rain: it'll be okay

She walks inside

Slamming the door

I try to open but it's locked, they have locked me out

King: let them

Me : no , no I should be in there with her

King: let them be, they'll call you once they're done

I am frustrated

King: please, don't go all jaguar on me

I look at him

And I feel my dog teeth coming out

King: okay ... I should get away from me

With the strength I have

I can literally burst this door down, without even using my strength

He walks away from me

I keep looking at the door

And hearing her cry in agony and pain

I burst the door down

They look at me in shock

Me: you can't lock me out, what the fuck is that?

Mom: son, please calm down. We didn't want you to see this

Me: it's my wife and my kids

Mom : okay

I look at Mapula

And I feel her pain

Her cries pierce through my heart

Thonga: we're ready

Rain grabs a throw , and she hangs it over the broken door . Closing it a bit

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~Mapula

I am in so pain

I have no tears left to cry

I am just groaning in pain

Isilo is by my side

Holding my hand

I look at him

Me: take care of my baby please

He looks at me

Me: II

Isilo: there's four, they're done. You'll be okay

I shake my head slowly

Me: take care of ...my baby .. promise me

Isilo: there's four

Me: I know but

I take a deep breath

Isilo: save your strength

Me: promise ...me

Isilo: I will, I will take care of him

Me: give ...

I hold my hand out

Isilo: I don't know which one you want ...

Me: eyes

I take a deep breath

Isilo: what?

Rain: it's him

She hands me the baby

I look at him, into his orange fiery eyes

Me: mymy Alpha

I take a deep breath closing my eyes

And the loud noises that erupt in the room

I hear them from afar

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~The Rise Of Alpha

~Insert 08

~A Month Later

~Isilo

I look up as the door opens

And her parents walk in

King: my king

Me : please , take a seat

They sit down

I close the laptop

King: we thought to come see you, since we didn't see you during breakfast

Me: I...I was busy

Queen: we have been here for a month, I think it's time we go home now

I look at them

Me: you're leaving?

King: we have left our home and kingdom, for far too long

I take a deep breath

And lean back on the chair

Me: I see

Queen: we are just a phone call away, if you ever need us. Do not hesitate to call

Me: thank you, and also for staying this long to help

Queen: anytime

King: please, don't bury yourself in work. Its not what she would have wanted

I chuckle in pain

Me: I will try

Queen: and ...

She looks down

Me: I will try ma, I promise. I just don't have the appetite right now

She nods slowly

Queen: you still have your life ahead of you, and you're young. Also you have four people bow, who need you now more than ever

Me: I know

King: you will stay well

I get up

Me: travel safe

They get up

Queen: I'll go see my babies

before I leave

She walks out

King: mourn your loss, but don't lose yourself in it. You're still young, so you'll still move on and find someone ...

Me: I don't want to move on, nor do I want someone else. I am okay really, I have my hands full. So any other woman can miss me

He chuckles

King: a man has needs Xaluva

This man

King: just know you can't rely on your hand forever

What the fuck?

I frown

King: I need to give you such advices

He shakes my hand and walks out

Now I wonder if he still has the stamina, to get it hard

That's disturbing

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~Isilo kingdom

The king and queen bid their farewell

And get into their car

The two cars drive out of the palace

Queen: I am worried about him

King: he is going to be okay

The king holds her hand

King: I spoke to him

Queen: he is still you b, he can still find love

King: I don't think, he will ever move on

Queen: he needs a woman in his life

King: maybe he will date here and there

The queen smiles

Queen: those boys will need a mother

King: we can't force him, and we can only support him in what he does

Queen: yeah

She lays her head on his shoulder

They remain in silence, lost in their own thoughts

As the cars drive out of Isilo

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~Isilo

I walk in the throne room

And look at the elders

I take a seat

Me: what is this? I don't remember calling any of you here

Elder 1: my king

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He stands up

Elder 1: I know you didn't call us, but we came here because we need to speak with you

Me: about what?

Elder 1: it's been a month now, since the queen was laid to rest

I shake my head

Me: your point is?

Elder: you cannot take more time, without having a wife.
And this time, you ought to do things right. Follow our culture, and traditions

Me: what are you saying?

He looks down

Me : no , repeat what you said . Maybe I did not hear you well

Elder 5: my king, if I may

He gets up

Elder 5 : we are not saying marry right away

They all nod in unison

Elder 5: but you do need a wife, and the mourning period has passed for you. The people need a queen

Me: too bad, because they will never get a queen. Not from me, so they better make peace with that Elder 1 : my king , we mean no disrespect

Me: then keep your options to yourself

I get up

Me: if this is all you came here for, then you're dismissed. And I am not going to marry again,

so never ever come here thinking you can tell me how and when to move on . Because it will not happen, never! So, do not ever speak about my wife, or how I should mourn her or end it . That's none of your business, I did not call you here. And unless I do that asking for your advice, do not ever think you can come here and advice me . Don't even dream of it

I walk out of the throne room

I wonder who told them they can get used to me like this

Her body hasn't even decomposed

And already I am expected to replace her

There was only one Mapula

And there will never be another

I will mourn her

For as long as I need to

I don't need to be told anything

Especially by them

They need to learn to mind their business

It has been hard

Trying to raise the kids all by myself without her here

I lost the love of my life

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~The Rise Of Alpha

~Insert 09

~Isilo

Me: who told those fools they can come here, and give orders?

Thonga: I didn't even know they were here

Me : never let them here in again

Thonga: I will tell the guards at the gate

I sit down

Thonga: what did they want?

Me: to tell me I should marry

Thonga: what?

Me: they're out of their minds, that's what

Thonga: where do they get the nerve?

Me: I don't even want to know, the next time someone tells me about moving on. I will not be this nice

Thonga: I'll make sure they don't come around here, especially if it's about such things

I don't want to be annoyed

I am the one who lost a wife

Not them

And no one will ever tell me anything

They won't

I will not listen to them

They can say whatever they want

But far away from me

I am dealing with a lot

And no one understands

Even half of it

I have to deal with loosing my wife

Right after giving birth to our kids

Four kids that are left with just me as their parent

Children who will grow up without a mother

And now I expected to just move on

I am having trouble to even connect with my kids

Because a part of me blamed them

As crazy as it sounds, but I did

I couldn't even hold them for two weeks

Now I am adjusting

And I have to introduce a new woman to my kids

And say that's their mother

Hell no!

No woman can ever raise my kids

The same way as their mother would

So I don't want to bring problems into my house

I am better off just as I am

Without a woman

Its not like it's a need

I am adjusting to my new reality now

And having to raise my kids

Four kids all by myself it's not easy

Kids are a lot of work

And they require a lot

Even one kid is a lot

So imagine four

When I am all alone

I still have a kingdom that needs me

A woman right now is the last thing on my mind

I will not even entertain the idea

Probably never will

There can never be another woman like Mapula in my life, she was the one

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~Mapulana Kingdom

Queen: maybe I should have stayed a bit more

The king looks at him

It's in the evening

And they have just retired to the bedroom

After a long day of meetings

With the king trying to be on speed, with things that have been happening

For the month they were not around

King: stayed where?

He knows

But just asking

His wife hasn't been the same

Queen: at Isilo

King: why?

Queen: those kids are still young, who is to say that Isilo will be able to deal with raising such small kids on his own?

King: we have to give him a chance to try

Queen: but what if it gets all too much, and he is alone? And he doesn't know what to do

King: he has to try, he is a father now. And his kids come first. He needs to get used to being their only parent

Queen: is that what Mapula would have wanted?

The king sighs

Queen: Isilo needs help

King: we told him to ask, it he ever gets to that point

Queen: will he?

King: I don't know, but we have to trust that he will

Queen: I cannot help, but wish I stayed

The king looks at her

Queen: I failed my daughter, and let her be taken away from me

She heaves a sigh

Queen: I can't fail her kids as

well

King: you are not failing them, we also have matters that need us here

Queen: I know but ...

King: Isilo will call us when he needs us, or he feels like he cannot handle things

Queen: maybe we should have taken two kids, the twins and left two

King: no! You ...we cannot separate him from his kids, or separate them from each other. That's just wrong

Queen: but ...

King: no buts, and how can you even suggest that we take those two awkward kids? Especially that one with orange eyes, no!

The queen burst out laughing

And the king smiles

He cannot remember when was the last time he head his wife laugh

King: what?

Queen: he is normal

King: no he is not

Queen: you can't say that about babies

King: they are strange babies, we can never be able to raise them. If anything, we should visit them more than they visit us

Queen: that's just being mean

He shakes his head

And takes a deep breath

Queen: I will let Isilo be, and trust he will call us when he needs us

King: yes

Queen: let's let him be with his awkward babies

They laugh, getting off the bed

And the queen opens their sheet

While the king heads over to the bathroom

The queen gets in bed , grabbing her phone

About to dial Isilo

But she quickly puts it back

And sighs

This will be hard for her

But she has to try

He has to learn to stand up for himself as a father, without them breathing down his neck

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~Isilo

It's a crazy night

These guys don't want to sleep

Not like I am sleepy as well

But I wouldn't mind to shut some eye

I had them moved from the nursery

To my chamber

It's bigger and fits us with all four cot's

I just thought it would be better to have them in here with me

Since I also moved from the chamber is used with my wife

I can't be in there

Her scent is all over everything

So I thought it best to move

And I wanted my kids with me

Than having maids check up on them

I took on that job

Its been a week in here

And they are just awkward

I don't get why they're not sleeping

I mean it's late, and it's not like there's anything or anyone making noise

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~The Rise Of Alpha

~Insert 10

~Sixteen Years Later

~Majesty



A slight knock comes at the door

Thobile walks in

Me: hey

Thobile: twinny

Me: it's a good one

Thobile: seems like it

I put down my bag

Thobile: sounds like you are excited to be leaving

Me : yeah , I plan to meet with Martin

She smiles

Thobile: that's good

Me: yeah, even though we won't be in Gabs for long. But the fact that I am going to see him, I am happy

Thobile: well, greet him for me and be sure to get enough sleep tonight. You have a long day ahead of you

I laugh

Me: I will

Thobile: let me leave you, I'll see you in the morning

Me: goodnight twinny

Thobile: I love you

Me: and I love you

She walks out

I sit down on the bed

Thobile is like my sister

Even though we are not sisters by blood

But she is like a sister to me

And we call each other twins

We meet years ago

When my pastor introduced us together

She was residing in Limpopo Musina at the time

And now she moved to Bendor in Polokwane

From the first day we met

And I was just 15 at the time

She was 28

We just hit it off and got along

And from there we just took each other as sisters

We never looked back

I moved away from home, when I was 15

Started travelling around

In Lesotho and South Africa

Also parts of Africa

I have been to Zimbabwe

To Mozambique and Botswana

Also to Nigeria and Ghana

Funny how that came about

And I just left my life behind

And travelled around

All because I was convinced that God called me

To spread his word all over

My father wasn't happy to say the least

He has always been against the whole idea

For his own reasons

But I did what I did

And I had to enrol back at school

Doing distance learning

So I can be able to finish my matric

As much as I travel, and never in one place

I still managed to write my exams well

Now I am just waiting for next year

To get my results

And see how I did

But I am not stressed

Through my pastor, I have met many people that I regard as my siblings

Mostly in Botswana

And that's how I met Martin

We were in Durban during holidays

And it was his birthday

The pastor asked that I wish him a happy birth

I hadn't met him then

And I did, then he called

We started talking and calling each other

But as siblings

Although we knew what we felt for each other

And when we first came to visit Thobile in Musina

Passing through to Zimbabwe

He called

And we spoke as usual

Until he said our energies match insanely

That I already know what he's gonna say to me

And same to him

From there slowly, we explored what was happening between us

And I don't regret taking that step one bit

We continued talking on the phone

Until I went to Botswana the first time

And we went to Gabs to meet a certain pastor

Who was his pastor

And we met that night

It was so awkward, yet there was something between us

Even our pastor, the one we all regard as our father felt it

That he mocked me about it

From there, we just met again and things were pretty amazing

He always says I was carved for him

Straight from his rib

And I don't deny that either

Maybe I am just naïve or not

That guy is my soulmate without a doubt

So it's always exciting to go to Botswana

Knowing that I am going to see him

And he plans on coming to South Africa

So he can spend more time with me

I haven't gone home in a while

As much as I still communicate with my father

I lack absolutely nothing

I have everything I need

The pastor takes good care of me

And I am always offered money

Where I preach

I make sure that my father is well off back home

That he doesn't lack

We have been in South Africa for two weeks now

Just to visit Thobile

We're heading to Botswana for a few days

Then maybe when we get back, I'll be able to go home

My phone rings

I answer with a smile

Me: hey

Martin: hey

I lay down on the bed

Martin: are you okay?

Me: I am more than okay, how are you?

Martin: I am great, now that I am talking to you

Me: been meaning to call you all day

Martin: I was packing, so I can go back to Phikwe

I squeal in excitement

Martin is from Selebi Phikwe

But he resides in Gaborone

Studying at UB

So the fact that he is going back home, I am happy

Because we don't have to head to Gabs now

I was only going to go there for him

And now I will get to meet him right at Phikwe

Where we are going

Me: that's great

Martin: I miss you

Me: I miss you more

Martin: are you not tired?

Me : not really

Martin: let's video call, I'll watch you fall asleep if you get tired

Me: alright

I drop the call

Seconds later he calls with a video call

lanswer

And get up taking off my clothes

Putting on my PJ's

Martin: you're definitely going to fall asleep now

I laugh

Me : no , I will be lazy to get up and change

Martin: I don't mind

I smile

Me: I know you don't

I place my clothes well

And walk back to bed

Getting inside the sheet, holding my phone well

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~The Rise Of Alpha

~Insert 11

~Majesty

Woke up very early today

And loaded the bags in the car

Dropped Thobile at work

And we drove to the Martin's drift boarder

Someone out there might say, I am crazy

To just uproot my life

And travel around

Especially for something I am not even certain about

But hey ...

Walk a mile in my shoes

And let's talk again

I have my own demons

You best believe, I have things I am running away from

And when church became the only solution for me

I took that with both hands

And thought it's best

But it would be a lie

To say I am completely free

Because my ghosts still haunt me

Shouting the name of Jesus or fire

Doesn't help

It never helped to be honest

And now I am just eaten by shame

And the what people will say syndrome

If I were to ever stop what I am doing

There are just things one cannot run away from

I should have known better

Before I ran

And thought I could escape

Because I haven't escaped anything

And I doubt I ever will

But I will try until there's a reason not to anymore

Right now I am happy and content, where I am

I won't change that for anything at the moment

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It has been a long day

And I am so tired

Later on we have to head to church

We booked at a bed and breakfast

I just need to rest a bit

But before that

I give Martin a call

And it doesn't go through

That's a first

That has never happened before

Like never

Every time I call him

I always get him

Even if it's at night

His phone has never been off

Now I worry, as I call him again. And still it doesn't go through

This is unlike him

I dial Wame

One of the many siblings I have here

He is from Palapye, but I know right now he is here

Wame: nnaka (little sis)

Me: hey, are you busy?

Wame: just setting up at the church, can't wait to worship with you tonight

I laugh

Me: me too, listen Martin is supposed to be coming here.
By now, he left Gabs hours ago.
But I can't reach him

Wame: I haven't talked to him since yesterday

Me: oh okay, I will try him again later. We just arrived, I am tired and just need to sleep a bit

Wake: I will try him as well

Me: thank you

Wame : see you later

I drop the call

And call him again

Still his number doesn't go through, now I am really getting worried

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I open my eyes

I don't even know when I fell asleep

Because I couldn't sleep a wink last night

After the service, Martin was nowhere to be found

No one has talked to him

He did not arrive

I called Thobile and talked to her

She tried to calm me down

Because I had been calling him over and over again

It wasn't helping

I don't know where he is

Or why his phone is off

Or maybe he doesn't want to see me?

But that thought isn't right

There's nothing that would make him disappear

A slight knock comes at the door

I get up from the bed

And put on a gown

I open the door

And Pastor Chris walks in

Chris: you're up

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Chris: I need you to take a bath and eat

Me: I am really tired, I don't feel like doing anything. Last night's service drained me

Chris: please, I am asking

I look at him with a frown

Me: what's going on?

He says nothing

Me: what are you not telling me?

Chris: I will be in my room

He turns and walks out

I rush over to my grab my phone

And I call Martin again, still the same

My heart pounds very heard

Now I am scared more than I am worried

I quickly take a shower

And put on jeans, with a simple t-shirt

And find that breakfast has been brought to my room

I eat fast

And put on my slippers

I rush out heading to Pastor Chris's room

I knock and walk in

He doesn't look very good

If anything he is pinkish

He is white after all

Me: what's wrong?

Chris: sit down

I take a seat and sit down

Me: you're scaring me

Chris: I got a call from Martin's grandmother last night after the service

My heart is pounding

Me: and?

Chris: Martin was in an accident, the bus he was coming with ...

Me: where is he?

A very bad headache hits me

And tears stream down my face

Me: where is he?

Chris: at a hospital in

Francistown

Me : can we go there ?

Chris: I am packed already, I knew you'll want to go there. So let's leave

Me: I am coming

I get up and rush back to my room

I grab my bag , because I hadn't unpacked my things

I walk out of the room

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~The Rise Of Alpha

~Insert 12

~Majesty

We're halfway to Francistown

When Chris gets a call from one of the pastor's at his church

And they tell him that Martin has been taken to GPH

Chris: what do we do now? Do you want us to turn and drive to Gaborone?

I nod slowly

Chris: okay

He doesn't ask anymore questions

And he takes a U-turn

Heading to Gabs

I hope we arrive in time

I even fall asleep during the drive

And he wakes me up when we arrive at the hospital

I am so tired

My eyes burn really bad

Its from all the crying

Chris: let me go in and ask

He gets out of the car

And walks inside

I remain in the car

And Thobile calls , I answer her call

Me: hey twinny

Thobile: hey, are you okay? I am so worried

I shake my head

As more fresh tears stream down my face

Me: I don't know

Thobile: you know he is strong right? And he will be okay

I chuckle through tears

Me: I hope so

Thobile: I am just checking on you, I'll keep on calling

Me: thanks

Thobile: I love you twinny

Me: I love you

I drop the call

And watch Chris as he walks back to the car

Me : can we see him ?

He sighs

Me: we can't?

Chris: he is in ICU, they say only family is allowed

I nod slowly tearing up

Chris: I am sorry kiddo, I will try and talk to his grandmother I promise

I wipe my tears

Me : I don't feel like I want to be here anymore

Chris: you want to leave?

Inod

He gets in the car

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I open my eyes

Feeling hands shake me

And it's Chris waking me up

I look around

And we are at a hotel

Me: we're staying here?

Chris: yes, we don't have many days here. We can't risk being this side, and our days are finished. I'll call his grandmother tonight, and talk to her . I know you wanted to go back home when we get back, but I think it's best we remain in Bendor with Thobile

I just nod defeated

Chris: I got you some biltong

I don't feel hungry though

But I know I have to eat

Or at least try

Food is just the last thing on my mind right now

The last

This is not how I expected this trip to go like

Its just all a lot to take in

And I don't think even I know how I feel right now

I wanted to see him

Just to hold his hand

Talk to him

Or anything for that matter, just to see him

Now I don't even know if I'll ever see him

Will I ever forgive myself if something happens to him

And I am not there

How will he feel, knowing I wasn't by his side

I sniff, taking a deep breath

Chris: God has never failed us before, he has carried us thus far. Let's put our faith and trust in him, it will be okay

He doesn't know that

He doesn't know that it will be okay

Me: yeah

I just say

To avoid having to talk about this

Already I feel drained

Talking about Martin right now

Is definitely not the best thing for me

I'll rather just be quite or just sleep, and say nothing to no one

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Chris wakes me up early morning

And we leave for GPH

He is not saying anything and I am scared to be honest

Because I don't know why we're going there so early

I slept through the night

I guess it's the fatigue

But it did me good

We arrive at the hospital

And he takes me with him

When he walks inside, I follow behind him

And I notice his grandmother when we get to reception

We exchange greetings

She gives me one tight long hug

Christ: we came here yesterday, but we were told we cannot see him because we are not family

His grandmother looks at me

And her expression breaks me

I am just thinking the worst

Mrs Medupe: you can go see him, we will wait for 15:00. Because they only allow him one visitor

Me: thank you so much

She talks to the nurse

And they let me go in

Putting on scrubs, before getting inside the room

My heart breaks when I look at him

And I feel like wailing

Nurse: you can talk to him, he can hear you

I look at her

And take a seat next to his bed

Taking his hand into mine

I lean over

Tears streaming down my face

I place a kiss on the back of his palm

I don't even know what to say

Words are just failing me

Its so painful to see him like this

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The nurse was kind enough to let me in for a whole hour

Even though that's not allowed

I managed to gather myself and talk to him

And silly me

I feel so much better

I swear, I am more hopeful than ever that he is going to be okay

I walk out

And Chris looks at me

Chris: are you okay?

Inod

Me : he will be okay , I just know that

He smiles

Chris: his grandmother had to leave, they'll come back at 3

Me: it's okay, I am happy I have seen him

Chris: yeah

Me : we can go back

Chris: to the hotel? Don't you want to get something to eat?

Me: I do, I am hungry. I'll grab something on the way

Chris: are you sure?

Ilaugh

Me: yeah

Chris: okay, we'll pass by the garage and get you a pie or something. Even sweets

I smile

He knows everything I love

Hence I regard him as my dad

He has never looked at me anyhow

He takes care of me

And treats me like his own blood

The colour of my skin doesn't matter to him

I am his daughter

And he makes sure I am okay

Me: thank you, for talking to Mrs Medupe so I can see him

He laughs

Chris: you really love him? Don't you?

I frown

Chris: the nurse was asking us if you're his girlfriend, because there's no way a sister would touch and kiss a brother like that

I just laugh , wishing I can hide myself . Nosey nurse

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~The Rise Of Alpha

~Insert 13

~Majesty

We got here yesterday late at night

And Thobile was already home

I didn't want to do anything I just slept

Even now I don't even feel like waking up

I am tired

A knock comes at the door

Me: yeah

Thobile walks in

She walks over and sit down next to me on the bed

She brushes my hair

I let out a smile

Thobile: I hate this

I let out a slight chuckle

Thobile: don't you wanna come to work with me?

Me: I am bad company, you won't enjoy me being there today

She nods

Thobile: if you need anything, I am just a phone call away

Me: yeah

Thobile: Chris says you got to see him

Inod

Me: he looked so peaceful, but I am hopeful that he is going to be okay

Thobile: that's the spirit, I will see you later. Please get up and go eat something

Inod

She laughs

Thobile: you just want to get rid of me now, I know. But on a serious note, just try

Me: I will

She gets up

Thobile: I love you

Me: and I love you

She walks out

I take a deep breath just covering myself with the sheets

I don't want to eat

Or maybe I should get up and see Chris

Maybe he has heard something

Like maybe he is getting better

Or that he is out of the coma

But the way I am so lazy to get up

I just can't bring myself to , I'll see him in a few hours

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I am still in bed

I thought of getting up

But I just didn't have the energy to do so

I don't even have the urge to go eat

I will get you a little bit later

Although it is already midday

And soon , I know Thobile will be here

She will definitely get me to get up

I hear a knock at the door

Me : come in

Chris walks in

And he looks at me

With nothing but just sadness in his eyes

I sit up straight and look at him

Me: what's wrong?

Chris: I am so sorry

Me: what?

A part of me already knows this , but it can't be

Chris: Martin is no more, he passed away an hour ago

I look at him

With nothing but a blank face

Chris: did you hear me?

I nod slowly

Chris: it's okay to

Me : please , leave me alone

Chris: I

Me: please

He heaves a sigh and walks out

I take a deep breath, tears streaming down my face

I grab the sheet , and scream my lungs out

Damn God!

And damn everything else

Why him?

Why did he leave me?

If God hears us and hears our prayers

Then why did he take him?

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Thobile walks in my room

And comes over to the bed

She engulfs me into a tight hug

I just break down all over again

Thobile: I am sorry twinny

Me : why

She holds me tight

Me: God is not fair, this is not

fair!

Thobile: I know

After a while I calm down

And I see Chris standing at the door

I look at him

Chris: when should we go back

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Me : let's leave tonight

He nods

I look at Thobile

Thobile: it's okay, be strong

Chris: I'll wait for you

He walks out

Me: I need to go shower

Thobile: do you need anything else? I could help pack the bag you had left with

Me: thanks

I get up and walk to the shower

I take a cold shower

I can't believe this

I am about to travel back to Botswana

After being back yesterday

And now I have to go bury the man that I love so much

The man that has my whole heart

The whole of me

Life is not fair at all

And where is God?

Where is God in all of this?

Why would he let such happen?

I serve him, with all that I am

Everything I am, I serve him

I left my whole life

And dedicated my whole life to serving him

And this is what he thanks me with?

Maybe this is my Karma

For not listening to my father

Going against his disapproval

And doing what I wanted

Look at me now!

Heartbroken, feeling my heart being ripped apart

I swear I am so done with all this

I am done

After this funeral

I am going back home

And I am done with this life

I will not serve a God that is this cruel

I will not!!

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~A Few Days Later

~Majesty

In all my life

I have never seen such a huge funeral

And I have never seen such a sad funeral

With everyone crying

This has been the hardest day of my life

I couldn't take it, when I had to go see him in his casket

I didn't even want to

But his grandmother insisted

After she gave me a chain, that she said it was his and said he was to give it to me

I was even surprised that he spoke about me to his family

They seemed to know who I am

And they made me feel like a part of them

I took out my own chain

And gave it to him

I don't think I will ever heal from this

I don't see how I will ever heal

How does one even move on from such pain?

I have been praying

Seems like my prayers fell on death ears

I don't know what kind of people does God answer, because I am clearly not one of those

He took my soulmate

Now how do I go on to still worship him?

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~The Rise Of Alpha

~Insert 14

~A Week Later

~Majesty

It is such a bitter sweet moment

I have tried , to be okay with everything

But it's just too soon

And I don't see myself being here any longer

So today I go back home

And might I say, I am not going back in good conditions

Two days ago , things took a turn

And I thought I was loosing my mind

We went out to Meropa Casino with Thobile, just us without Chris

The voices in my head, started like they never left

It was just a movie

We had to leave and come back home

And in the evening , I couldn't walk

Like, I can feel my legs

But I cannot use then

Yesterday I went to the doctor

And he said there's absolutely nothing wrong with me

But I cannot walk

I know what's happening

And I feel like I just cannot catch a break

The moment I decide I am done with God

My demons are back in full force

All along, I was able to avoid and ignore everything

But now , I don't even have the strength

And it scares me to go home like this

Because I know what my father will say

Thobile: I can't believe you're really leaving

Me: yeah me too, but I need to do this. For myself, so I can heal

Thobile: I understand, you don't have to explain anything to me

I smile

Me: I wish Chris was the same

Thobile: he is just hurt, it feels like we're loosing you. You and me are the only family he has, you know how he was after he lost his wife. As much as there's other kids, but we're the only one close to him . And you have been with him , everyday . Right now he is just in pain

Me: I am sorry for being selfish

I pick up my sweater

Me: I need to do this for me

Thobile: don't forget us, and call. Because I will call you everyday

We smile

Me: I love you so much

Thobile: I love you more twinny

We hug

For quite a few minutes

And let go

Chris walks in

I look at him

Me: I have to go

I walk over to him

Me: take care of each other, and hopefully I will see you guys soon

He sadly smiles

Chris: I love you

Me: I love you too

He gives me a hug

Thobile: we got a cab to the airport

He just nods

Thobile grabs my big suitcase with my laptop

And I grab my spots bag and another small bag that's hers

She is coming with me, because there's no way I can travel to Lesotho by myself

Especially now when I am unable to walk

Me : bye

He doesn't say anything

But nods slightly

We walk out , and head into the car

Loading in the bags

The driver drives , headed to the airport

I take a deep breath leaning back

My phone beeps

I check , the text it's a bank notification

And it's R450K, from Chris

My jaw drops

I show Thobile the text

She smiles, and just confuses me worse

Me: what's this? Do you think that maybe he made a mistake?

Thobile: no, it's money you have been making by preaching. So he was keeping it for you

Me: what? But the money I have been spending?

Thobile: it was his

Oh my gosh!

I don't believe this

Thobile: when you arrive call him

Me: I will but ...why give it to me now?

Thobile shrugs

Thobile: maybe he believes you need it now

I sure do

My father is unemployed

He works at the royal house as a council member

You can't exactly call that a job

The whole ride to the airport I am just speechless

And I can't believe I made almost half a million

Just by travelling around

Wow!!

I did not expect this

Arriving at the airport, she takes out bags

I pay the cab driver

We head over to check in

While she is using a wheelchair to wheel me in

Our flight is leaving in a few minutes

I am not ready for this

But I'll rather go back home

This is definitely not for me

I thought I could get away from things I am running from

But clearly, it wasn't from me

And I have accepted that

Especially now with what just happened, I need to leave

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After a long flight

I have made it back home

We had to take a car from Maseru

To be able to reach Mapulana

And I am happy to be back home

Really happy

I hate that I have to go to the royal house

So my father can tell the king I am back home

Here you don't just arrive

And the royal family knows nothing about you

Even if you're from here

The door opens

As we get off the car

Thobile places me on the wheelchair

And my father walks out

He looks at me

I can tell he is shocked

I pay the driver

And drag my bags inside the yard

Thobile following behind me

My father is shocked

I don't blame him

I would be shocked too

Dad: My babyke wena ona? (is this really you)

I feel like running into his arms

But that's not possible

I wheel myself till I get to him, and I break down

He leans down, giving me a hug

The pain that's in my heart

Is just unbearable

And being in my father's arms, is the best thing

That has ever happened to me

Ever since I have buried Martin

Dad: it's okay, you're back home now. And I hope you're back home for good

Inod

Dad: let's get in, and explain what happened

Thobile: thobela papa (greetings father)

My father knows her

Dad: ngwanaka dumela (greetings my child)

Thobile pushes me inside the house, I wipe my tears off

Dad: is this why you are back home? I told you what would happen if you refuse to listen, and you thought you can run away from who you are. Let's just be grateful it's just your legs, and not your life

I knew this was coming, Thobile is just shocked. She is confused, poor twinny

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~The Rise Of Alpha

~Insert 15

~Majesty

I look at Thobile unpacking her bag

Me: I wish you were staying for more days

She smiles

Thobile: me too, but I have to get back tomorrow. I don't have leave days, but when I get time I will come visit

I nod slowly

If only she knew what my father was talking about

And why I am unable to walk

She would distance herself away from me completely

Beliefs clash

Me: my father and I have to go see the king

Thobile: why?

Me: it's a thing around here

Thobile: oh okay, do I have to come with?

Me : no ...

Thobile: alright

Me: we will let him know that you're here as well, but leaving tomorrow

Thobile: no problem

And my father walks in my hut

Dad: are you ready?

Inod

Dad: let's go

Thobile pushes me out to his car

And they help me get in

He drives out to the palace

I am so nervous

I will become this villages talk

I left home , and now I come back

I can't even walk

I wish I can stay hidden forever, so that I see no one and no one sees me

We arrive at the palace

And the guards help us in

We wait for the king

To my surprise he comes in with his healer

I am already bored

Asking myself if my father called first

They greet, we greet back

They sit down

Just as a guy who may be my age walks in

And he doesn't even greet us

He kneels down before the king

And whispers something to him

And the king nods

The guy gets up

And he looks at me

My whole body shivers

At that one glance

And he walks out

King: Majesty, are you okay?

I gather myself and look at him

Me: yesl am ...l am okay my king

What the hell just happened?

Dad: we came here because my daughter here has come back home

The king smiles

King: that is great, Ngoato here tells me he has a message for your daughter. I didn't even know you were the ones asking

to see me , but he seems to have known

Dad: okay

My heart is pounding so hard

I know what he wants to say

But I want nothing to do with any of this

I don't want it

Why me?

I am too young for this

Ngoato: you know what you have been running away from, and now their patience has run thin with you. If you continue this, you will not only lose your abilities. But you will lose your

life, already your eyes are bothering you. Some days you don't see well but when spirits come to you, you see them well . Your ears are itchy, and they have a sound in them . You dream of water, you hear water . You know what you have to do , I don't even have to tell you anything because you know. And going to church, calling on your own guides demons and casting fire on them didn't help

you one bit . And you know it didn't help, because spirit still visited you . You prophesied in church, not because you're a prophet. But because you have white guides of the higher power, it was prophecy and you knew this . Stop angering your guides, you know from both your parents sides there's two old women who want you to take their gifts. One wants you to carry her bag, as she

was already working as a healer from your father's side. And your grandmother from your mother's side, wants to impart you so you take her gift and help her cross over. Because she refused it, and now she can't cross until you accept it and help her cross . I don't even have to tell you any of these things

I am a crying mess right now

He is right

He is right about everything

And I know

Dad: you can't keep doing this, you know this has been with you since you were 10. Wasn't it enough that you stayed in hospital for three months, and

the doctor's couldn't find anything wrong with you?

I wipe my tears off

Ngoato: your mother's mother is much more powerful than your father's aunt, this you can never run away from

Dad: what does she have to do? This can't go on

Ngoato: we can not force her to do something she doesn't want to do, she has to accept this.
Because fact of the matter is that, she will never work for anyone. Even if she studies she will never find work with her education, this is her work

Me: I am done running away, granny wants her red cloth that her brother had bought for her.

And I have to put on white beads, that have to be cleansed by the waterfall first. And I have to get 7 different colours candles to party with, also a white cape and a head wrap

Ngoato: this is what I mean, she knows what she has to do. Because her guides are instructing her what to do, no one will be able to help her. She has to help herself

The king looks at me impressed

King: my daughter, I am happy that you're back home. You know what's bothering you, so listen and do what's required of you. I am a very traditional man , but I believe all things are from God . The very same plants healers use, are from God. And if he didn't want those things, he wouldn't have given them to

us . Or made them be at our disposal

Ngoato: right now, I can take her to the water with the beads. So she can put them on, then she can proceed with her journey

Me: I ... I don't have the beads yet, I will have to go buy them first

I am buying time

So Thobile is gone

Then tomorrow, when she leaves

I will get the beads

Maybe I will have to cut them off

I know they will never accept me with beads and all

Ngoato: tomorrow is still fine

I heave a sigh of relief

As soon as I hear she's back home safe and sound

I am cutting them off

That doesn't even need a degree

Dad: thank you my king, tomorrow I will be sure to bring her back so she can get help

King: thank you my elder, and welcome back home my daughter. I foresee nothing but great things from you

I let out a smile

Me: thank you my king

We leave

And as my father is driving back home

So many thoughts are going through my head

Me: I am so sorry for leaving home and disobeying you

Dad: it's okay, I am just glad you're back home. And willing to do things right, this church thing was never going to work

I laugh, trust my dad to say that

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~The Rise Of Alpha

~Insert 16

~Majesty

Coming back from the village

We bought white candles

That I prayed with

In another hut, that we don't use

Of course, Thobile isn't aware of what I was doing in there

Her flight was early morning at 07:00

We went with her to the airport

And on our way back, I bought the beads that are needed

Also got the 7 different colours candles

And the white cloth

I know a lady around here

I will take the cloth to her

So she can sew the cape and head wrap for me

And from there, we went to the palace

Ngoato was already waiting

So he took me to the waterfall

Cleansed the beads, prayed for them

And then he strengthen then

Then I put them on

I feel lighter

Like a burden has been removed off my shoulders

I still cannot walk

But I am not stressed about that

As much as I do want to walk again

I can't do nothing

Its like not I can force myself to walk

But it's okay

When they're happy and pleased

They will release me

And let me walk again

I can't force them either

So I will wait patiently

My father is around

And that puts me at ease

He is here supporting me, holding my hand

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I haven't talked to Chris

I can't bring myself to call him

What will I even say?

Funny how things change

And they sure took a quick turn for me

In a split second

You can't say this was me

All new born Christian and all

Now, look at me

With beads and all

I thought I knew better, clearly I didn't

I was fooling myself

Right now , I just need to make peace with my new life

This is me

Its who I am

And who I have always been

I know that

I take my phone and call Thobile

Surely she has arrived by now , it's late in the afternoon

After a few rings

She answers

Thobile: twinny

Me: hey, have you arrived?

Thobile: yes, I was about to call

Me: that's great

Thobile: I haven't gone home, I passed by the office first

Me : oh okay , has Chris called you ?

Thobile: I spoke to him

Me: and how did he sound?

Thobile: like a grieving father

We laugh

Me : he will be okay

Thobile: yeah

Me : he still has you

Thobile: and you, Lesotho is just hours away. Come on, we will visit you

Me: yeah

If only she knew

Me: I was just checking on you

Thobile: thanks, I'll call you when I leave the office

Tears burn my eyes

I swallow hard

Me: I love you so much

Thobile: I love you too twinny

It sure feels like goodbye

Me: bye

Thobile: bye, take care of

yourself

Me: you too

I drop the call

And take a deep breath

I first block Chris

His calls and texts

A tear drops down my cheeks

I block Thobile as well

Even her office number, because I know she uses it to call me

Especially when she's at work

Its better this way

As much as hurts

But it is for the best

I don't want what I am doing, and what they believe in

To get between us

So best we cut ties now

While it is still early

They go their way, with their belief

And I go my way with mine

I go online

And look for the number of a hardware

I better use this money I have to good use

Like building us a house

A better proper house

And I'll build another hut

One that I will use for my guides

I will pay for everything

And find a builder

That won't be hard

There are many builders in the village

And they are not even that expensive

We just did not build

Because we couldn't afford to

But now I have money

I can build

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~A Week Later

~Majesty

I open my eyes

And take a deep breath

And for some reason I fell very strange

I close my eyes rubbing my eyes

I remember last night I had a dream

I try to recall it

I know , I am not one to remember my dreams

Unless it's visions that occur while I am awake

But strange enough , I remember this one

I remember it correctly

I had a visitation from cows and goats

There's a goat in particular that I adored much

It was white, with red spot on its back

And the cow, it was definitely an old cow

From the olden days

The peace that I had in the dream

It even brings a smile to my face right now

They were at the veld near my home, just in front of it

From there , another dream happened

And the red cow had entered the home

And kids were trying to chase it out

I reprimanded them , and it laid down near the door

Me: wow!

And I know exactly what the dreams mean

I mean , I don't even eat beef

Those are my ancestors

They appear in forms of cows

That's our totem

And the goat, that's definitely for my foreign ancestor

I try to sit up straight, so I can pull the wheelchair near the bed

Strangely, my leg just moves

I move my legs, and they literally move

I slide down the bed

And stand on my feet

I can walk, oh my God!

I scream, jumping up and down

The door burst open my father walks in

Dad: what?

Me : papa ke kgona ho tsamaya (father I can walk) , I can walk

I run to him and engulf him into a tight hug

He laughs so hard

Dad : yes you can walk

Me : oh my God !!.

Dad: this is great

Me: it is

Dad: the guys are here, they're already digging the foundation

Me: great, now I will be able to check on me. Without struggling

Dad: I am glad you can walk now

I laugh

I need to go buy the blue and white, and the red and black with the white and red lion cloths

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~The Rise Of Alpha

~Insert 17

~Majesty

I am happy with the progress around here

Like it's just an 8 room house

A kitchen, dining room and a sitting room

Two bathrooms, and toilet with two bedrooms

I am happy

And so is my father

At first, he wasn't for the idea

Because it's not his money

But I am doing this for him

He deserves this , and it's the least I can do

After all, he raised me all by himself

When my mother died

He stood up

And raised me

Making sure I have everything I need and want

This is my thanks to him

And he deserves this

I did not even feel this

Almost a R100 K was used

Even to pay the builders

The hut is much cheaper

They only charged R2 500

That wasn't bad

And it also coming along fine

I bought the cloths I need

It has become a daily thing for me

Everyday, I pray and talk to my ancestors

Asking for their guidance

And for them to protect me

And it feels amazing

Having to build these connection with them

I am learning a lot about both of them

The grandmother from my mother's side

And the grandfather that's my foreign ancestor

This will definitely be a journey

But I am ready for it

And I am willing to do everything they ask of me

Its also for my sake

I don't want to suffer again

Just because I deliberately don't want to listen

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~Mapulana Kingdom

The young man looks at the king by the kraal

The king looks at him and smiles

King: come over here

He walks over to the king

King: are you bored?

He shakes his head

The king sighs

This one is definitely not a talker

He is nothing like his twin brother

Who is probably running around the village right now

King: alright

He looks at him

King: I thought that maybe you can help me here

Him: with what? I am not supposed to enter the kraal

King: what ...why?

He scoffs

Him: what kind of a man would I be, entering another man's kraal. My father taught me better

The king raises his brow

What is that man teaching thee boys?

King: oh okay, I ...

He chuckles

King: I didn't know that

Him: well

The old man just keeps quite

Not knowing what to say anymore

Its usually the case with this one child

With the other one , they can talk all day long

But this one

He is just in his own world

Him: who was that girl who came here?

The king looks at him

This is unexpected

He didn't expect to be asked such

King: that's Majesty

Him: mhm, who is she?

Wasn't her name an answer enough?

He asks himself

Of course he cannot say that to his grandson

King: the daughter of one of my council elders

Him: right

The king sighs

Surely it's the end of the conversation

Him: your healer doesn't just see anyone, what's so special about her?

Okay, so it seems it hasn't finished

King: special?

He shrugs

King: she is spiritually inclined

Him: I see

He goes on to keep quite, for a few minutes

The king also keeps quite

Seeing this is the end of the conversation

But Something is on his mind

King: why?

The young man looks at the king

King: why did you ask about her

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Him: I don't like to be

bothered

King: by me?

The king asks confused

Him: her

King: have you met before or after?

He shakes his head

King: then who does she bothers you?

Him: he presence

He says

And turns walking away from his grandfather

Who is left, just stunned

This is one boy, he will never understand

Out of them all

And he kept quite all along

And only asked today

And exactly how does her presence bothers him?

He shakes his head

To stop himself from wondering

Before he bursts his mind

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~The Rise Of Alpha

~Insert 18

~Five Years Later

~Isilo Kingdom

Aphiwe looks at his brother

As they walk to the throne room

Being summoned by their father

Aphiwe clears his throat

Seeing how his brother is not paying attention to him

Aphiwe : okay

He grabs his father's hand

And they both stop walking

Aphiwe: what did you do this time around?

He asks with a little smirk

Knowing how his brother is

And what he is capable of

Their father wouldn't summon all of them

For no reason in particular

Aviwe: I did nothing

Aphiwe: come on, this is me. You are me and I am you, you can tell me

Aviwe chuckles

Aphiwe: how will I cover up for you, if I don't know

Aviwe drags his hand

And they both walk inside the throne room

Aphiwe keeps glancing at him

They greet their father and brothers

And they greet them back

The two take their seats

Isilo: I got a call from King Ngomane, telling me that his grazing lands were burnt down last night They all just look at him

Isilo: and not only that, but his milking cows have been seized

Ayabonga looks at his brother, and looks down

His heart pounding so hard

Aphiwe: oh, that's so bad

Isilo: mhm..

Aya: is he asking for assistance, or what?

Aviwe: he probably blames us, all these fucked up Kingdoms point fingers at us. Whenever something goes wrong to them

Isilo: maybe they have reason

Aphiwe: like what? That we steal from them?

Anathi: why? I mean, we're rich and we prosper

Ayabonga: it's ...jealousy

He clears his throat

Aphiwe: you're right

Isilo: is he? Or all you four, are just backing up one of you? Or maybe you're all in it?

Aviwe: you think we're thieves?

Isilo: I don't, I know

Aphiwe : what ?

Isilo: how come every kingdom that refuses to work with us, something befalls them? And yet, none of the ones we work with. And nor us

Anathi: no one would dare mess with us, it's not a secret who we are or what we are

Isilo: and you proud yourself in that?

Aphiwe: as we should

Aviwe: if Ngomane has a grievance against us, then he should come here and tell us. Or better yet, he should gather his men and meet us on the field

Isilo: cocky much aren't we? Well...

He gets up

Isilo: I will not be here around always, and I most definitely will not live forever. You decide , what kind of a king you will be . And what kind of a kingdom you will build, that's all on you Xaluva . And these three who are like your laps dogs, give that some thought

He walks out leaving them

Ayabonga heaves a sigh of relief

Aphiwe laughs , Anathi joining him

Aviwe shakes his head

Aphiwe: really? Next time you wanna burn people's fields tell us

Aviwe gets up and walks out

Anathi: just talk to your brother, honestly he is always looking for trouble

Aphiwe: he will rule with an iron fist, and anyone who is against him will feel his wrath

He gets up and walks out

While the two brothers remain

Anathi: you knew about this

Ayabonga sighs

Ayabonga: you know how he is

Anathi : be grateful dad doesn't know

His brother nods

His heart beating so fast

He had to keep his mouth shut

He could never betray his brother

As much as he did this, and he knows for certain

There are other things they have done together

Horrible things

And always their brother has their back

They'll never turn on him no matter what

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~Xaluva Brothers





~Aviwe



The door opens

And Aphiwe walks in

I glare at him

Aphiwe: what the fuck was that ?

Me: were you there?

Aphiwe: I don't ...mhm

He walks over , and sits down on the couch

Aphiwe: learn to control your anger

Me: you stare at me and just think, he has anger issues?

Aphiwe: come on!

Me: get out of my room

Aphiwe: mhm mhm ...when are you leaving for Lesotho? I am sure that will do you some good

Me: later on

Aphiwe: I better go and pack

Me : no ...

He gets up

Aphiwe: I am definitely coming

with

Me : no you are not

Aphiwe: I am

Me : can we not do this?

Aphiwe: you wouldn't survive a day there without me

Me: you are not glued to me, and I don't grasps oxygen from you

He laughs walking out

I take a deep breath

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~Aphiwe



Damn!

I don't know why

But for some reason

I am kind of looking forward to going to see my grandparents

I swear it's been a while since we went there

It was a regular thing, when we were teens

But now we have way too many duties here

We barely even have time for anything

And the two brothers are married, unlike us. They have their homes

So they don't leave the kingdom much

But we, we can still leave when we feel like it

I mean, we're practically one

No matter what the other one says, he knows I am right

And he doesn't go anywhere without me

He knows that

I am basically his armpit bag

And I like it like that

We cannot be separated

And that's just that

We can't do nothing about men who are married

We are not, so we stick together

I am definitely leaving with him

He won't tell me shit

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~The Rise Of Alpha

~Insert 19

~Aviwe

I am taking a walk with my grandfather

He has generated so much wealth

And his kingdom is doing better than ever

With fields where he plants crops, and the live stock

I applaud him

Me: I remember this place, when we used to visit frequently

He looks at me

Maybe shocked

That I am actually starting a conversation with him

I know what he thinks of me

Same as everyone else

Who comes across me

And they think I am just this uptight guy

Who doesn't talk or smile much

And that's never the case

It just depends on who you are

Grandad: indeed

Me : you have done well

He chuckles

Grandad: you will do greater

I nod slowly

Me: where is that girl?

He looks at me

Grandad: what girl?

Me : there's only one girl I can ask you about

He laughs

Grandad: around at her home

Me: mhm, by the roundavels?

Grandad: yes

Me: I see

Grandad: why?

Ishrug

Grandad: listen here, when your father met your mother. She had gone to Isilo, for the queen's funeral. And your father's inauguration as well, during that time they fell in love . And one thing led to another , he deflowered her . And my daughter was carrying beasts that overpowered her, and

because of that she lost her life. She was just a human being, who couldn't handle what was given to her . I don't want you to do the same thing your father did, and put someone else's child in danger. Your people, they should just marry their kind if there's anyone out there like you

Did he just call us beasts?

But I keep quite and let that slide

Me: mhm

Grandad: I mean that, your father came here and murder many young men in my kingdom. That we had to burn their bodies, and lie to their parents as to what happened to them

Me: I heard you, and if I want to kill anyone I would do it and they would know it's me

Grandad: Aviwe ...

Me: no I heard you, don't worry. I am not here to infest anyone with beasts kids

Grandad: that's not what I ...

Me: I heard you loud and clear

He keeps quite

And we go on with our walk in silence

Until we return back to the palace

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~Aphiwe

I walk into the room we are using

I sit down on the bed

He is getting dressed

Me: what happened to your walk?

Aviwe: nothing

I laugh

Me: what did he do?

Aviwe: your grandfather is annoying me, if he wasn't family I would have long sucked on his blood.

Haugh

And it's not funny

Because I know he means that

Its not a joke

Aviwe: I am going out

Me: where to? And with who? Are we dating already, like do we have a girlfriend I don't know about?

He shakes his head

Me: then?

Aviwe: I am just going to see someone

Me: does she have a name?

Aviwe: why does it have to be her?

Me: because, you don't meet with men. Unless it's me

Aviwe: you're just fucked up, you need help really

I laugh

Me: this one time, I will let you go alone. But don't make it a habit, and tell her I said hi. She just ought to know about me

Aviwe: don't lock

Me: mhm, it's almost 21:00 and you're going out?

I look at him

Me: don't go killing here, or stealing from your own grandfather

He chuckles

Aviwe: that wouldn't be such a bad idea, who the fuck he is calling us beasts. And basically saying, we killed his daughter

Ilaugh

Me : he is old , just let it slide

Aviwe: mhm

Me: come on

I don't like his silence

He could be plotting something in his twisted mind

Me : I hope we won't have a problem

Aviwe: you're telling me?

Me: I am just saying, Isilo is already angry with us. So let's not piss him worse

Aviwe: let me go, I don't need your lectures

He grabs his car keys and walks out

I heave a sigh

There's a part of me, that wants to follow him

But then again

I know him too well

He will definitely know I am behind him

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~Majesty

I wake up

Hearing a knock at the door

Who could it be this late?

Things have changed so much in the past five years

I finished building my father's house

And I have three huts for my spiritual work

I have done everything that was required of me

It wasn't easy

But I persevered

And finished everything

Although this journey is not easy

You learn everyday

And you can never say you know everything

I have ten initiates

But at this time, I know they're asleep

Or maybe it is them

Maybe something is happening

I get up

And grab my robe putting it on

I open the door, and it's two of them

Me: Ngonyama what is it?

Ngonyama: Thokoza baba (greetings grandfather), there is a man here asking to see you

Seven of them are doing Isinguni (Zulu)

And only three are Basotho

But having my foreign ancestor

I also did Isinguni

Hence I am able to help such initiates as well

Me: what man? At this time, is it a client?

Ngonyama: I have never seen him before, but he is using a royal car

I raise my brow

Me: I can't see clients at this time, why would a royal car come here?

Or maybe something wrong is happening there?

Me: I am coming

They walk away

I quickly change

And walk to the hut

I find them with this man

Me: greetings

He turns and looks at me

Looking into his eyes, I would never forget these eyes

I freeze on the spot

How long has it been?

I have never seen him again since that day

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~The Rise Of Alpha

~Insert 20

~Aviwe

I can see the shock in her eyes

And her body language says it all

I look at her initiates

And they look so intimidated

Me : I don't believe I ever got your name

I still remember her name well

Majesty: Gogo Mkhulu Zingeqe

This is interesting

We have oHawu noThongelethu naboRain

And they don't have these Mkhulu or Gogo names

Yeah, ukuhamba ukubona (to go is to see)

Me: mhm that's interesting, can we talk?

Majesty: what is this about? If I may ask, because I don't help clients at this time of the night. So if it's help you need, please come back tomorrow morning at least

Me: what if I am dying?

Majesty : you look very fine to me

Me: should I just blurt myself out, in front of your initiates?

She looks at them

Majesty: please excuse us

Them: Thokoza baba

They bow and claps their hands walking out

Majesty: what can I help you with?

Me: mina Gogo Mkhulu, ngiyi nkabi (I am a hit man) and I need you to strengthen me She pops her eyes in shock

Me: what? Don't tell me that you have never helped people do dark things before

Majesty: you call that help?

I chuckle

Me: yeah

I walk closer to her

Me: unless you have another definition for it

She shrugs

Me: it's not like I am asking you to help me kill someone, I am just saying strengthen me.
That's all

Majesty: you are a royal blood, that comes from great totems. So why me? Because according to me, and what you're walking with you don't need this

I smile

She is damn good

I didn't need to tell her anything

Me: I do

Majesty: I am afraid I cannot help you, I don't mess with royal blood

Me: mhm, would you rather you mess with it in other places?

She frowns

Majesty: I value my life, and the life of these children I have on this yard

Me: I applaud you for that

Majesty: then I think you can respectfully understand, that I cannot do this

Me : you just decide ?

She raises her brow

Me: what does your ancestors tell you?

Majesty: I don't need to ask

Me: either you help me and I leave you alone that you never see me again ...

Majesty: or what?

I chuckle

Me : do you really want to know ?

Majesty: is that a threat?

Me: I don't make those, but the choice is yours She heaves a sigh

Me: there is so much that I want from you, help me or you'll be husbandless

The look she is giving me is ready to kill me

If looks could kill

Me: mhm ...

Majesty: what ...I really don't have time for this

Me : okay

I move back from her

And she finally breathes

Me : do you want to die ?

Majesty: wh....what?

Me: don't ever hold your breath like that ever again, that could be dangerous. You can breath in my presence, I don't suck out the oxygen

Majesty: I wasn'tplease just leave

Me: mhm

I glare at her

And she swallows hard

I chuckle walking out of the hut

I head over to the car, feeling her eyes on me. I don't even bother turning back

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~Aphiwe

As soon as he walks in

I catch on the scent on him

I wake up and look at him

Me: who is she?

He chuckles

Aviwe: can't you just let me be

Me: unfortunately, I can't do that

Aviwe: well, go and try and your luck

I look at him

As he takes his jacket off

And he walks to the bathroom

I get up from the bed

Me : so you won't tell me anything?

I shout to him

Aviwe: you're old enough

Me: mhm ...

I grab his jacket

And it means he was very close to her

Her scent is very strong

Me: she is from here?

I walk to the bathroom

And he is in the shower

Aviwe: I found her on my own

Me: won't I scare her?

Aviwe: don't fuck this up, for your own sake and life

Me: mhm ...

I walk back to the bedroom

I sit down on the bed

And get lost in thoughts

This is insane!

As much as some things make sense to us

Surely they won't to everyone

That's certain

After a while he walks out, wrapped in a towel

Aviwe: what do you want to do?

Me : she is the one

Aviwe: I long knew that

Me: we need to capitalise

He shrugs

Me: what did you say to her?

Aviwe: nothing

Me: what? You can't go see someone at this time of the night for nothing

Aviwe: come

I get up and approach him

Aviwe: come closer but keep your fucking distance

I laugh

I hate it when he does this shit

Me : don't hurt my eyes like last time

He chuckles

Me: Aviwe andidlali nawe ke mna, uzanya (I am not kidding with you, I'll fuck you up)

And his eyes change to dark fiery orange, I gaze deep into his eyes

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~The Rise Of Alpha

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~A Few Days Later

~Majesty

I don't understand what's happening

Ever since that guy came here

I haven't had a peaceful sleep since

I have been having the same dream for three days

I am just troubled

I couldn't even answer my father

When he asked who was here that night

Because I don't know him

As much as I saw he a prince, from the linage of Jaguars

And he is what they call the Alpha

But the fact that I saw him years back

At our palace

Or maybe he is the son of the princess

The one who died giving birth

I mean , was she not married to king Isilo ?

Oh yes!!

He must be

Meaning our king and queen are his grandparents

But then why would he ...

Mhm ...

I rush inside the house

And find my father having tea

Dad: what's wrong?

Me: remember years back, when I came home and we went to the palace. There was a

guy who entered and talked to the king

Dad: yes

Me: who is he?

Dad: the king's grandson, said to be heir to Isilo kingdom

Me: Ohhh, so he is the next king?

Dad: yes

Now, why would a future king want me to strengthen him?

And I know he is not a hit man

That was a lie

He has killed yes

But not because of hire

This doesn't make sense

And why do I keep on dreaming about him?

The dream is not even clear

I see him, and I am next to him

Yet he is not alone

There is a shadow behind him

When I try to look who's shadow it is

I look at his face

But I see clearly there's another shadow

Besides mine and his

Yet I can't see this other person

Because their face is his

Even though the shadow I see is not his

Dad: why are you asking me about him?

Me: I need to go

Dad: Mkhulu

I chuckle

I always find it funny whenever my father calls me like this

I have gotten used to the name

For also three years now

That's how everyone calls me

Except for my initiates who address me as baba

Me: I will see you when I get back

Dad: where are you going?

Me: to the palace

Dad: what?

Me: I'll be back

I rush out

And get into my car driving out headed to the palace

I don't know what I'll say when I get there

Or when I see him

That's if he is still around

But I am going

I need to know why I keep dreaming of him

What did he do?

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~Aviwe

I open the door

And it's a guard

Me: mhm?

Him: my prince, there's someone here to see you

I take her scent from him

Me: let her in

He walks away

I stand my the door

Seconds later, she comes around

I move back from the door

Making away for her

Majesty: I ... I don't want to come in

Me: do not address me standing, nor at the door

I say with a stern voice

She gets in

I close the door

Me: greetings to you too

Majesty: hi ... I mean ...

She heaves a sigh, shaking her head

Me: what brings you by?

She walks over

Majesty: I need answers

Me: mhm, to what?

Majesty: ever since the night you came to my hut, I keep dreaming of you. And I don't know why

Me : and you think I would know ?

Her facial expression changes

Majesty: what did you do?

Ishrug

Me: I did nothing, but there is a lot I can do

I walk closer to her

Majesty : please ...just keep your distance ...

She moves back until she's backed by the wall

Me: and what if I did something? Would it be so wrong, seeing that we have been knowing something since the day we met

Majesty: I ...listen I am not your typical village girl, I am not that naïve

Me: and that's why I love you

She pops her eyes

I lean over , brushing my lips on hers

Majesty: we ...

Me : yes , we can

I pull on her lower lip slowly

She lets out a loud breath

Me: we can

Majesty: but ...

I capture my lips into mine

Slowly kissing her

And she kisses me back

Fisting her hands on my shirt

I grip on her waist

My body moving against hers

And my dick poking hard, on her lower waist

Me: tell me to stop, if you don't want me

I say through the kiss

Sliding my hand down to her ass cheeks

Gripping hard on her ass cheeks

Majesty: Ahhhh ...

She moans softly

I pick her up into my arms

And she wraps her legs around my waist

Her hands on my neck, brushing the back of my head

I place her down on the bed

And get on top of her slowly

Positioning myself, in between her thighs

Me: pleasestop me

Majesty: II can't ...she says desperately

And I rip her dress off, she gasps in shock

I kiss her hard

I cup her boob, sucking hard on her nipples

She brings her one leg behind my back

And she runs it down my thigh to my leg

I slide her panty to the slide

And unzip my pants, taking out my dick

Me: say it ...

Majesty: I ... I can't

I slide through her open

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~The Rise Of Alpha

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~Aviwe

Me: fuck

I cuss, through my teeth

Feeling her warmth

I can tell she's not a first timer

But it must have been a while

For certain

I love how her pussy walls grip and hug tight on my dick

As I slide out, leaving in the tip inside

And trust in again

She unbuckles my pants

And slide them down

Ripping the buttons of my shirt, and pulling it out

Leaving me bare naked against her naked body

And she wraps her legs behind me

Her hands trailing to the back of my head

She brings me down , taking my lips into hers slowly

I so badly want to fuck her

But there's a part in me, that doesn't want to hurt her

She parts her legs further, just locking her feet behind me

And I thrust in deeper, staying still inside of her

And she moves her hips

Thrusting in underneath me

I slowly move in her pace

She clings her hands to my back, rubbing my back with her fingers

I move back, getting on my knees

And bringing her legs up to my shoulders

I pound in harder

Her innocent eyes staring deep into mine

She cups her boobs

Majesty: Ahhhh ...fuck ...

I part her legs , pounding in harder

She screams in moans of pleasure

Rolling her eyes back

I let go of her one leg

And turn her to the side

Holding one of her leg against my chest

I thrust in slow pace

And she moves meeting my pace

Me: fuck

She increases her pace

Me: shit

A loud scream escapes her mouth

As she lets out a squirt, pressing her thighs together

Her whole body vibrating

She moves back quickly

My dick sliding out of her

Me: don't do that shit

I quickly grab her fast

And get off the bed

I pin her down

Her ass up in the air

And I slide in through behind her

She sinks in deeper on the sheets

As I go in harder

My balls slapping hard on her clit

Majesty: oh fuck am gonna cum

I slap her ass cheeks, and they bounce

Majesty: Ohhh fuck!

She grabs on the sheets

And pound back, fucking back

I stand still as she takes my dick in and out of her pussy

Majesty: ahh ahhhhhhh

I slide my hand beneath her

Rubbing on her clit

Majesty: fuck ...that feels so

good

She sinks down, as she squirts

And I slide down

Majesty: oh my God

I slide back in , and out

Majesty: fuck ...

I sit down n the bed

And pick her up

Placing her on top of me

And she lifts her ass up a bit

Taking my dick deep inside of her

Me: fuck

She places her hands on my shoulders

And she goes down my length

Taking me deep

I lean over

And suck hard on her nipples

Majesty: Ohhh

She vibrates , bringing her thighs together

And a muffled moan escapes her mouth

Majesty: shit!

She moves back a bit to my thighs

And slowly ride my length

Moving her waist back and forth

I place my hands to her waist, sliding down to her ass

She leans her face down

Staring into my eyes

And I gaze into hears

I move, thrusting in

And she gasps

As my dick tightens, and her walls gripping on me

I watch as her rolls her eyes

And throws her head back

Gracing my dick with her cum

And I quickly push her off

Laying her down on the bed

And I shoot up my seed on her tummy

She stares at me panting hard

I plant a soft kiss on her lips

And push her a bit

Laying down next to her

And I bring her on top of me, brushing her back

I get lost in thought

As I watch her fall asleep

And she is cuddling me

With her hand on my nipples

I look at her

And take a deep breath, recalling what the fuck just happened

I may have wanted to do this yes

But not like this

Anyways, it's not like I have any regrets

Maybe she will wake up

And just cuss at me

I take a good look at her

And I would be a fool if I lose her

After what just happened

Especially because of it

Me: shit!

I look at her once again

Me: I am sorry MaXaluva

One day , I hope she forgives me

I take a deep breath closing my eyes

And I open them again

Feeling my dog teeth coming out

Me: don't hurt her

I push her back slowly

And aim for her neck

I go in slowly, making sure it's just a small hole

Something that she won't notice

And it'll just look like a love bite

As soon as I taster her blood, I sick in slowly

Making sure not to pull too hard

She slightly moves

And I pull back

Wiping my lips with my thumb

I look at her blood

And there's a drop

Its enough

That's all I need

I move my necklace, and open the small bottle

I wipe the drop of blood inside the bottle, and shake it well with the other blood

I pull her back to my chest cuddling her

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~Majesty

I open my eyes

And the first thing that hits me, is the dream I had

I had the most bizarre dream

And I must say, I am not one to dream during the day

I only dream at night or early morning after 03:00 Am

During the day, I hear and see things

I don't dream ever!

So this is new

Just as I am about to recall this dream

The door opens

I am startled, that I almost scream my lungs out

But as soon as I see it's him

I calm down

Me: Aviwe (the one who has been heard)

He looks at me

Me: is that you?

He nods

Did I hear the name in the dream or what?

Aviwe: I brought you something to eat

Me: I am not hungry ...

I push the sheet off of me

Aviwe: wait

Me: what happened shouldn't have happened, I am not some loose girl

I get off the bed

And the pain that hits me

Has me feeling all dizzy

He quickly holds me , before I call

Aviwe: take it easy

Me: what?

I touch my neck, and I feel slight pain

Aviwe: I am sorry, it's just a love bite. I must have went harder

I look at him confused

As he helps me sit down on the bed

I don't remember him kissing me on the neck

Me: it feels like I was bit by something

Aviwe: no, it will wear off in a few days

I don't believe that , a love bite doesn't hurt like this . I am not certain what happened

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~The Rise Of Alpha

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~Majesty

Me: I need to go

Its late at night

And I am sure my father is wondering where I am

What I did was just reckless

How do I just sleep with someone I don't know, just like that?

As much as I am not having regrets about it

But that was reckless

And surely I seemed lose to him

Aviwe: let me take you back

Me: I have my car, I'm alright

Aviwe: so what? Is this your way of running away from me? Because that will not happen, I want to take this further. And I am sorry, that things happened this way. I shouldn't have just let my feelings control me, but I don't regret it either

Me: nothing will happen, you're a prince. A king to be, and I am just a mere human being

He walks over to me

And holds my hand

Aviwe: you're more than that, I have loved you since the day I saw you years back

Me: I can't ...

He looks into my eyes

And I feel strange

There's a strong feeling

Staring into his eyes , doesn't make me feel intrigued anymore

But it pulls me to him

I swallow hard

Aviwe: at least say you'll think about it, having brunch with me tomorrow

Me: this wouldn't work, you are in Isilo and I am here. It wouldn't work

Aviwe: says who? I am not looking to date you, but to marry you

I pop my eyes

Marriage?

Me : you can't be talking about marrying me , so soon

Aviwe: I do not wanna play with you, I am a prince. I don't date I marry

I smile

Me: let's not fool each other, and let what we feel right now confuse us. Maybe there's a princess out there, already awaiting you . I don't want the drama of dealing with other women, you're a royal and you marry blue blood . Next thing I'll be told, you need to marry a royal wife and I'll be a second wife. I don't want that

He chuckles

Aviwe: you have no idea what awaits you, you'll never have to deal with that. That I can assure you, it's not a promise.

Because promises can be made and broken

Me: you're just saying that now, things will change

Aviwe: they won't, let's go

He hands me his jacket

Aviwe: it's cold, put this on

He helps me put it on

And we walk out, heading to the back

Where my car is at

Aviwe: let's go

Me: where are you going?

Aviwe: I'll walk back

I shake my head

I don't want to argue

We get in the car

I drive headed to my home

His hand on my thigh

Aviwe: will I be penalised for sleeping with you?

Ilaugh

Me: yes

Aviwe: how much?

Me: R20 000, and a goat

Aviwe: that's expensive

Ishrug

I hope he knows I am kidding

Its not like I am a virgin

Honestly, I long lost my virginity

And I don't regret that either

It was a decision I made myself

And I am okay with that, besides I wanted to and I did without hesitation

It was so I lose my virginity

Nothing else

Not like it was a relationship or anything like that

I just wanted to lose my virginity , and move on with life

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~Aphiwe

I walk into our room

And he is laying on the bed

I laugh sitting down on the couch

Me: why did you do that? Did you tell her the truth?

He lifts his head and looks at me

Aviwe: no

Me: then why?

Aviwe: either way that's just how things are going to be

Me: mhm

Aviwe: we are going out tomorrow, come with

Me: huh! She agreed to go out with you?

Aviwe: I'll just rock up there and take her

Me: you're so not romantic

He chuckles

Aviwe: that's why she will have you for that

Me: whatever would you do without me

I get up from the couch

Aviwe: she says I need to pay R20K and a goat, do you think you can find me a goat tomorrow morning?

I burst out laughing

Me: what the fuck?

Aviwe: she's a Gogo Mkhulu, I don't know what's that. She carries guides

Me : ask your grandfather for a goat

Aviwe: no, I wanna buy it

Me : because you don't want him in Isilo's business

Aviwe: it has nothing to do with him

Me: fine, I'll check. There's an old man by the hills, he has livestock

Aviwe: does he sell?

Me: With the right amount, no one can refuse. I am going to make him an offer, not ask him to sell me one

Aviwe: mhm

The things we do, because we have such brothers. But there's nothing I can do about him

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~The Rise Of Alpha

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~Majesty

I am woken up by my father

And he is asking me to come in the house

I am so tired

And sleepy

We were up until 04:00 with the initiates

After 00:00, we barely get any sleep

Especially at this time

Because at every third hour, we pray

And after that, it's teachings

Hearing their dreams and visions

So when I get a chance to sleep

Most definitely I use that chance

Some are herb healers

So I also have to dedicate time teaching them about herbs

And digging them

So that when they leave , they have enough

I don't like to buy herbs

So I don't want to teach them that they buy herbs

Best they know herbs

So they can be able to dig then

I walk out of the hut

And walk in the main house

I don't think my father even realised the time I came in

Unless he did

And that's why he is asking for me

I walk in

And almost scream, as I see a goat

With Aviwe and this guy who looks like him insanely

I look at my father

Me: and then?

Dad: these men here are saying they have brought this goat, and this money. To pay a fine

I look at Aviwe

Me : are you crazy ? I was only joking

He looks at me with puppy eyes

And they won't work

What is wrong with this man?

And to come here with this

To my father worse

Dad: what did he do?

Me: Uhm ...

I mumble

Not knowing what to say

Aviwe: I have entered your kraal, but I come with good intentions. Because my intent is to marry her, but of course I will send my elders for that

I look at him in shock

How can he tell my father that?

Dad: where do you come from?

Aviwe: I am Prince Aviwe
Xaluva of Isilo Kingdom, Son of
King Isilo and Queen Mapula

My dad raises his brow

Me: okay ...I think you should leave, this is enough. And I was kidding, take your goat and leave

The lookalike looks at me

And I feel butterflies in my stomach

I look at Aviwe, and my heart beats a beat

What he hell is happening?

I cannot be feeling such feelings for these men

Yhoh!

Have I released the whore in me?

Me: and take your lookalike

Aviwe: this is my brother, Aphiwe

Me: mhm, leave then

Dad: wait add bottle to this fine, and I will forgive you. And you better be back here to marry my daughter, before I see your seed growing inside of her.

Me: what

Aviwe: I will bring a bottle, before the sun sets

Dad: do you know that you have to marry her guides before you marry her?

Aviwe: I will do whatever I need to do

Me: this is getting out of hand, no one is marrying

Dad: I like you, you seem to have strong hands and arms

Aviwe chuckles

Dad: you and your brother should come help me fence for my pigs

Me : no ...no they will not

Aphiwe: we can do that, manual labour is our thing

Dad: good, because you're not prince's in my house

I walk out just frustrated

It feels like I am not even here

They're just ignoring me

Not even hearing anything I am saying

I feel like strangling someone

I swear, now I wish I can swallow my words

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~Aphiwe

Seems like the date is not happening

Aviwe left to get the bottle

And I am left here with the old man

And I must say, he is quite a character

Who has me working like a slave

Not that I am complaining

But damn!

He has walked inside the house

And I finally get a chance to see Majesty

When she walks outside her room

And she has been in there ever since she walked out on us

I look around

And walk over to her

Me: hi

She looks at me

And the spark in her eyes cannot be missed

Me: I am really sorry about what we did, we genuinely thought you were serious ...well, my brother did. And we didn't want to seem off disrespectful towards you, or your family

Majesty: mhm it's fine, I don't understand then why are you both still here

Me: I am waiting for him to get back

Majesty: from where?

Me: he ...he went to get your father's bottle. Only because he said he wants it, not to be disrespectful. Genuinely though we are sorry, we will be on our way when he gets back. That's

if your father allows us to leave, without giving us more work

She smiles

And damn!

Her beauty is just expressed

And she's a fucking beautiful woman, I cannot deny that at all

Majesty: don't let him get to you, he has that effect to grow under one's skin

I smile

Me: well, I guess his daughter takes after him

She looks at me, and I look into her eyes

I clear my throat

Majesty: I

Voice: here you are

Mhm, he just had to be back

And ruin this moment, I turn and look at him

He hands me the bottle

Aviwe: mama please let's talk

I excuse myself

Leaving them alone

At least, I know what he did worked

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~Majesty

I am angry, yes

But maybe I shouldn't have lied to him like that

I thought he wouldn't take what I said serious

We are in his car

Aviwe: I am sorry, you shouldn't have lied to me

though. Now look at what I have done? I told you I was serious, and I would do anything to make right by you

Majesty: okay, yeah. I shouldn't have lied

I take her hand into mine

Me : so can I get a quick one ? Just to make up for your lie

She laughs

Majesty: not in front of my father's yard, this time around you will definitely be fined for real

Yeah, I was taking a chance. A fucking risky one at that

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~The Rise Of Alpha

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~Majesty

I don't know what's happening with me

Its been a few days

Since the brothers came here

And well, it has been talk of the village

Not that I care

Because people always have something to say

Whether you do good or bad

They talk

There's no way they would be quite

About royals being seen here

We exchanged numbers with Aviwe that day

And I can safely say we are now a couple officially

I love him

I know someone might say it's too soon

You don't even know him well

And he is a prince

You have guides

How do you go on about sleeping around

Well, I didn't sleep around

I just fucked with a man

And well, it's not as if sex is a sin before ancestors

There are just rules and regulations

You are not always hungry for it

And that's when they require something from you

Or you're performing duties

Like taking people to the river and such

Doing cleansings

Teaching initiates certain things

Then sex is forbidden at some instances

Like certain rituals you do

That you need to do clean

But they're not against sex

Nor do they say you should be married

But just don't be a whore

And go around giving it to everyone

Unless if you maybe accepted the spirit of someone

Who used to whore around

Then , you'll definitely take that character

With some instances, you become what you carry. And do what they did

But not always

And it's not for everyone

As much as sex is not such a degrading thing

It is also a spiritual thing

Because you carry souls of the people you have sex with

And a cleansings is always good, when the two part ways

So you don't carry the soul of that person with you to the next person

This is why some people would say to their current partners

"You're exactly like my ex"

That's because you carried the soul of your ex through sex

And without any cleansing, and doing a soul tie break ritual

You slept with another person

So now they have adapted the traits of your sex, from you passing on their souls to them

Spiritually inclined people are not nuns

And they still have feelings like everyone

As much as there are times when we are not allowed to do it

Maybe we just don't feel like it

There are also times, where we crave for it

And well, the body also needs to detox

It is also good to have sex

Like everything else, it has its benefits as well

When you have sex

And you cum, and you sweat

You're also releasing some substances that sometimes the body doesn't need

Even if you stay celibate

Just because you're spiritually inclined

We have amaNdau, and those kind of spirits are able to evoke sex in us through dreams

Not the kind of disgusting penetration that happens to you

And you feel violated

And taken advantage of

Where a creature is sleeping with you

But of course, we make sec seem and sound like it's something that has nothing to do with spirituality

Without it, what would the world be?

Because we are all here today, through it?

So I definitely don't shy away from such things

And nor do I hide behind beads and cloths

Sex is sex

And it's human nature

It happens to the most of us

And we do it

That's just that

What is strange with me, is how I feel I have connected with Aphiwe

As much as I have with Aviwe

And yet, Aphiwe is nothing of mine

But I swear, I feel something for that man

And I am even scared to tell Aviwe

He will think I am whore

I don't understand why

Why do I feel this way about his brother?

Just then , I am brought out of my thoughts by my phone ringing

Its an unknown number

Maybe it is a client

With the kind of work I do

Its impossible not to be able to answer calls

lanswer

Me: Thokoza (greetings)

The silence

Me: hello?

Voice: I am sorry, I just didn't know how to respond to the Thokoza

I am shocked

As much as I want to laugh

But I am shocked

And I can't even laugh

Why is he calling me?

And did his brother give him my number ?

Because I know I did not give him my number

Me: Aphiwe? Hi

Aphiwe: hi

Me: Uhm ...sorry, but why have you called me?

He clears his throat

Aphiwe: I am here, can I please see you?

Me: here?

Aphiwe : Uhm just down your home

Me: at this time?

Aphiwe: I couldn't sleep, please I wouldn't ask unless necessary

This scares me

Me : is Aviwe with you ?

Aphiwe: no, it's just me

Me : can't you just tell me over the phone ?

Aphiwe: I'll rather see you

Me : it's late now , at least come back tomorrow

Aphiwe: for 5 minutes

I heave a sigh

Aphiwe : please

At least he is asking, and I'll probably regret this

Me : okay

Aphiwe: thank you

I drop the call

And get up from the bed

I was reading on African Medicine

And I hadn't even changed

I put on my slippers and walk out

I see the car

Its not that car from my house

I walk out the gate and head to the car

As I approach he opens the door, and gets out

I get to him and greet

He greets me back

Aphiwe : please let's get in the car

I look at him

And we get in the car

Me: if this is some sick game from your brother, that you should bring me with. I am not

interested. Why am I here, and why would you ask to see me at this time?

Aphiwe: I will get straight to the point, because I swear I cannot deny what I feel for you.

Me: wait ...I am dating your brother, and I don't want to come between brothers.

Whatever this is, stop it now

Aphiwe : are you sure about that ?

I heave a sigh

Fuck!

My heart is beating for this guy

As much as it does the other one

And equally may I say

Aphiwe: are you sure, I will ask again ...

Me: I love him

Aphiwe: he loves you, and I love you. I don't deny that you love him, can you honestly say you feel nothing for me?

Now he wants me to lie

Me : please don't do this , I don't want to ...

Aphiwe: mhm, just tell me

Me:1....

Aphiwe: the truth

He gazes into my eyes

I look down

Not being able to hold his state

He tilts my chin

The butterflies in my stomach dance

At the feeling of his touch

Me: Aphiwe

Aphiwe: I love you

Fuck!

What the fuck did I do , to this universe ?

Brothers at that !! I am screwed

I am already dating the other

How do I run away from that?

A tear escapes my eye, and he wipes it off

His warm lips brushing on mine

I gasps hard, holding on him

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~Aphiwe

I pull her soft lips slowly into mine

And she is holding back

But her body is reacting to my touch

Softly and slowly

I let my mouth invade hers

And she gives in , slowly kissing me back

I feel tears, on my cheek

And I know it's hers

I pull back slowly

And cup her face

She opens her eyes

More tests stream down her face

I wipe them with my thumbs

And she looks at me

Majesty: please, forget about me. I love Aviwe, and I don't want to lose him. I really love him

I nod slowly

Majesty: if this was a test, tell him I failed. And that's because I love you too, as much as I love him. I want you, as much as I want him

Me: this is no test, he did not send me. I assure you that, I came on my own

Majesty: still, it doesn't change anything

Me: I will send my uncle's, and if you don't want me then you can tell them they'll return back

Majesty : no ...please don't pull such a stunt again

I keep quite

Majesty: Aphiwe please, I am begging you. Don't do this

I nod slowly

Seeing that she wants to cry now

And her voice is cracking

Majesty: please

Me : okay , let me walk you back home

Majesty: I

Me: it's okay, let's go

She quickly leans over

And smashes her lips on mine

And I welcome her

With the same passion and urge

My boy is definitely in trouble

And I am doing my best, not to push further

After a while she pulls back, and looks at me

I take her hand into mine

Majesty: in a perfect world, I would have you both. But this is definitely a man's world

She slowly let's go of my hand

I am just glad to know , I am definitely not alone in this

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~Majesty

I lay awake at night

Not being able to sleep

Every time I close my eyes

I just feel like crying

When I imagine my betrayal

And I see it playing

How could 1?

How do I tell Aviwe this?

With his own brother

Now I am going to come between them

But I have to tell him

Because right now, I am in pain

Because I cannot have a man that I want

I know I sound crazy

Or maybe selfish

But I do want them both

And I can't

I grab my phone and send Aviwe a message

He is probably fast asleep as it is

"we need to talk"

The text is delivered

And seconds later he calls

Lanswer

Aviwe: what did I do?

Tears burn my eyes

Me: nothing

Aviwe: it's always scary when a woman says such

Me: it's I did something

I sniff, wiping my tears off

Aviwe: should I come?

Me: I don't think I can be able to face you, but I need to tell you this. Because you deserve better, maybe me. But I have done you wrong

Aviwe: maybe I should come

Me: I kissed your brother

I say that as if it just slipped my tongue

He keeps quite

Me: I am so sorry, I don't know what is happening. I love you, I really do love you. Just that I find myself loving him too

Maybe I am making things worse

Maybe I shouldn't have said I am falling for his brother

Me: I understand if you want nothing to do with me anymore

Aviwe : are you done ?

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Aviwe: mama?

Me: mhm?

Aviwe: are you done?

Me : yes

He sighs

Aviwe: do you like him, or do you love him?

Me: lets ..not talk about ...

Aviwe: answer me

As if I am seeing his expression

I shiver a bit

Me: I love him

Aviwe: and you love me?

Me : without a doubt , I love you

Aviwe: you don't think it's just a phase sigh?

I swallow hard

I didn't expect these kind of questions

Me: I am certain

Aviwe: okay ke tomorrow we have to get back, but I'll be sure to see you before we leave

Huh!

I am confused

He doesn't sound angry

For someone who has just been told, his girlfriend loves his brother

Aviwe: I love you, is there something else?

He still loves me? Even after all that happened

Me: no

Aviwe: okay, ndiyak'thanda mama (I love you mommy) Stop worrying mntu wam (my person). Get some sleep, and wipe off those tears. Remember you're only human and no one expects perfection out of you okay? Promise me you gonna sleep

What the fuck?

Now I feel like maybe he doesn't love me enough

Why would he be okay with such?

He is not even raising his voice or anything like that

I swear , he is cool

Its like he doesn't care

Me: bye

I drop the call

And end up switching off my phone

I am pissed right now

Where was the jealousy from him?

Yhoh!!

I am hurt, I don't want to lie

Maybe him leaving tomorrow closes a chapter, that almost occurred between us

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~The Rise Of Alpha

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~Aviwe

Aphiwe: is she okay?

I chuckle

Me : you're such an idiot

He laughs

Aphiwe: tell me she's okay

Me: you made her cry

He sighs

Aphiwe: but she's good?

Me: I don't know, she might just cut us both you know

Aphiwe: mhm

Me : I mean , her blood doesn't mean she's under a spell Aphiwe: I know, her mind still works. So if she doesn't want this, she can always say no

Me: mhm

Aphiwe: but our blood and hers

Me: I know that, but we both know how this works. Either way, it's all up to her

Aphiwe: I hope she doesn't hate me, cause she really loves you

Me : and I love her , you better not fuck with her

He laughs

Me: I am not kidding with you, I am serious

Aphiwe: I heard you

Me: I don't know what your other family will say about all this

Aphiwe: you know them, they might just cut us off

Me : especially your grandfather

Aphiwe: he is not that bad

Me: he is, I swear I only tolerate him because he is mother's father

Aphiwe: that's not nice

Me: it's the truth, and he better just do me and him a favour. And stay out of my business

Aphiwe: you know we have to tell them some things

Me: doesn't mean I owe then any explanations, we try to accommodate them. Yet at every chance they get, they remind us or who and what we are. That's just fucked up for a family, wouldn't you say?

Unless they have welcomed you

He laughs

Aphiwe: okay, I don't deny that. But at least we try, we try and everyone knows we try

Me : yeah , we are idiots aren't we

He laughs shaking his head

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~Majesty

I take a deep breath walking in the restaurant

I had to drive to Maseru

I really didn't want to travel with Aviwe

Not knowing if his brother would be driving with him

And I guess they did

Because here he is

I greet and they greet back

Aviwe gets up pecking my cheek

He pulls the chair for me

I sit down, and just feeling overwhelmed with emotions

Aphiwe: I will give you guys some space

I look at him

And I am asking myself if his brother told him

What I told him

I still don't like how he just dismissed me

Without even feeling anyhow

How he was so calm about it

Like I didn't just tell him I kissed another man

Aviwe: no, sit down. We are all here, we might as well sit down. And know what is what, we are leaving and when I come

back here I am marrying you.
So there's no avoid each other,
because I need to know if these
feelings between you two are
reciprocal

I pop my eyes

And look at Aphiwe

He is just blank

So he knows his brother knows

Me: do you even love me?

Lask Aviwe

Aviwe: I love you so much, and I don't think you even understand that

Me: then how are you this calm?

Aviwe: because I love you enough, to let you be happy. And if it means being with my brother then, it's fine

Me: what?

Aphiwe: I love you, and he knows that

Me : are you two crazy?

They just stare at me

Me: I told you I love your brother, and we shouldn't have kissed

Aphiwe: also that in a perfect world, you can have us both

Aviwe: we are willing to have you, if you can have us

This is crazy

I have never heard of such

Except that Cele queen who married two men

The Cele Prince and the Phakade taxi man

It was just crazy

And that happened years ago

But of course, something of that nature is something people will bring up

Aviwe: we have shared girlfriends before, just toying around and fooling them. They didn't even know who we are, or who is who. That was all for

fun, but definitely not with you. So it's all in your court right now, if you keep us then it's no secret

Me: this is insane, how can you even suggest such?

Aviwe: I love you, and I am not walking away. You love each other, and I don't want to deal with you and my brother sneaking behind my back.

Because then I swear, this earth will drink blood and bodies will be turned into fertile. Better I know you're with him

Me: so you're basically saying I should have an affair with your brother?

What kind of a man who loves you will say that? Worse with his own brother

Me : no one would accept this

Aviwe: one thing about me, I just live my life and I don't care who says what. You're not having an affair, because there's no way I'll make you a wife and he turns you into some dirty secret

Aphiwe: we will marry you

Oh shit!

Just when I thought I have heard it all

Aviwe gets up

Aviwe: talk about this, and if you don't want him it's fine. I'll make sure he stays the fuck away from you

He walks to my side and tilts my face

He smashes his lips on mine

The effect this man's touch has on me

I respond to the kiss, and bring my thighs together

As I feel my girl getting hot

He moves back

I look at him

Aviwe: I love you

Me : I love you too

He taps his brother's shoulder

And walks away

I look down embarrassed to look at Aphiwe

He moves from his chair and sits down next to me

Taking my hand into his

Aphiwe: you two are disgusting

We laugh

Me : and you felt comfortable seeing that ?

Aphiwe: very much

These two are crazy to be honest

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~The Rise Of Alpha

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~Majesty

I so wish I was still in talks with Thobile

She would know what to say right now

And give me advice

Like the big sister she was

But I cut her off

When I saw they were still calling

Even though I had blocked them

And started using numbers I didn't know

I changed numbers

So I wouldn't feel bad

When I saw they were trying to call

Now look at me

No friends

And no one to talk to

I cannot tell my father such things

I don't know where Aphiwe is at

Aviwe called me to a room

And he has just been staring at me

Me : can you give me time to digest this ?

I say to break the silence

Aviwe: I don't have time, I mean it when I say I am coming back to marry you

Me: well ...how will you be okay, knowing I get up to things with your brother?

He smiles

And I wish he smiled more

Aviwe: I would even watch

Me: fuckyou're such a creep

He chuckles walking to me

He grabs my waist

His hand trailing down to my ass

I place my hands on his chest

Looking into his eyes

Aviwe: I wanna fuck you so bad right now

Me:1....

He pushes me slightly to the wall

And he lifts my dress

And slide his hand between my thighs

Pushing my panty to the side

And rubs his finger on my wet slit

Aviwe: fuck ...

I lift my one leg

And unbutton his pants

Taking his hard dick out

I push his pants slightly beneath his ass

And rub his dick on my open

He slides in through

Me: ahhhh

A soft moan escapes my mouth

I grab tight on his arms

As he pounds in

I feel his thrusts hitting me at my soft spot

I scream loud in pleasure

Me: Viwe

He moves back

And looks into my eyes

As he goes in and out of me, my walls clinging on his dick

Aviwe: mama?

He goes in harder

My legs shake

And I squirt

He doesn't stop

He pick up his pace, going in faster

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~Aphiwe

I see that we have 30 minutes to be at the airport

I call Aviwe

His phone doesn't go through

I heave a sigh taking a deep breath

And walk over to the room , I know he is at

I open the door

Without knocking

And I am welcomed by a sight

He is fucking ravishing her

Her moans and his grunts have filled this room

She opens her eyes and looks at me

As I watch his dick going in and out of her

She taps his back

But he doesn't bother turning back

I know he knows I am here

I watch as her legs shake

And he moves back, she squirts

He taps his dick on her coochie

She throws her head back

Screaming his name out loud in pleasure

I close the door and walk back to the restaurant

My dick feeling like it will burst through my zip

I have to fucking hold it in

There's nothing I can do , that was torture

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~Aviwe

We walk out of the shower

And she has been quite

Me: are you worried that he

saw us?

She nods

Majesty: why couldn't you stop

Me: why?

She sighs putting on her clothes

Majesty: he saw me naked

I pick up my clothes and put them on

Majesty: he saw us having sex

I hold her hand

Me: I have 10 minutes to leave my love, I don't care that he saw us. That's his business

I pull her closer

And kiss her

Me : I will see you soon

I take her hand and handbag

We walk out of the room

And walk to the parking lot

Aphiwe is holding his phone

Leaning against the car

Majesty: you go

Me : come on

Now she is shy of him

I take her hand and walk to the car

He looks at us

I know he wants to burst out laughing

He won't do it though

Not in front of her , he will not laugh

Me: Hove you

I tilt her chin

She looks at me

Me: I love you

She smiles

Majesty: I love you too

I grab her and give her a kiss

After a while I pull out

And get in the car

Aphiwe moves closer to her

I close my eyes

"do that again, I will not just turn back ...next time just lock the door mami"

I open my eyes with a chuckle

And turn looking at them

He pecks her lips

And turn walking in the car

Me : you're an idiot !

He laughs

And the driver drives out

Along with Majesty's car, also driving out

Me: what is wrong with you?

Aphiwe: nothing, did you have to be a show off?

Me: did you enjoy the show?

Aphiwe: I swear when my time comes, you better enjoy it

Me: mhm, don't wish for that

Aphiwe: don't test me

I chuckle

Aphiwe : do you think she'll agree ?

Ishrug

Me : we sure overwhelmed her so I don't know

Aphiwe: and in a week you're coming back?

Me: we are , I want to make her a wife already

Aphiwe: let's hope her father won't hate us now

Me: we gotta fucking explain ourselves now, and make sure that old man accepts us

Aphiwe: he already like's us

Me : you're so full of yourself

Aphiwe: someone has to do it for us

I chuckle, this is what having another you mean

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~The Ride Of Alpha

~Insert 29

~Majesty

Last night Aviwe called

Telling me they arrived well

And he is adamant, that he is coming back to marry me

Now that things have happened this way

I don't know what to say

How will I tell my father this?

And I don't want to embarrass myself

I want to tell him myself

I just don't know how to begin this

I have asked to talk to him

Dad: what is wrong?

I can't even bring myself to look at him

Dad: you know you can talk to me about everything, is there something the initiates did?

Me: no, they did nothing. I just don't know how to tell you this, I feel like it's a shame

Dad: is it about that boy? Ose a o robile lengoele? (Has he gotten you pregnant);

Me: no, I am not pregnant

Dad: then what is the shame about? Because I am proud of you, and I know that boy will keep to his promise and marry you. Or is there a royal wife in

the midst? because I asked him and he assured me there isn't and there won't be

Me: there isn't as far as I know

Dad: then?

Me: I I have feelings for ...his brother

I don't even want to look at him

I feel his eyes on me

Dad: you love the other one?

Me: yes ...both of them

Dad: is this about your ancestors? Is your grandmother, asking your for a husband?

Me: no, she is not

Dad: so what? This is a thing with the youngsters? I mean, it's a thing we see on TV these days

Me: I don't know, I am not following any trends. I just love him, and I love the other one as well. They know this

Dad: they ...they know?

My poor father

This is what he gets for raising a girl child

Without a woman's guidance

And he always said he will never marry another woman

Someone who will mistreat me

And he has kept to his word

Me: yes, and they say they want to marry me

Dad: both?

Me: yes

Dad: and do you want this?

Me: I want them

Dad: and each will pay for himself?

I look at him with a smile

Dad: I need to know, I should expect two men coming here.

Me : yes

Dad: that's good

Me: good?

Dad: because how many men can say this has happened to them? Married their precious daughter, to two men from royalty

Me : dad , I do not want to embarrass you

Dad: embarrass? My child, you should know by now I don't care what people say. They already talked when you left home, and you were busy running all over Africa claiming you're an evangelist running away from your gift . They talked when you came back, and you were wearing beads. So even now , they will definitely talk. And I don't care

I am shocked

I don't believe this

I thought he will be upset

But he seems to be even happy about this

Me : so , you will accept the cows ?

Dad: definitely yes

Ilaugh

Dad: I better prepare myself

He says with a smile

I get up and walk to him, wrapping my hands around him

He laughs

Dad: what now?

Me: thank you so much, I love you. And you're the best father, a girl could ever ask for

Dad: this girl, is my precious gift ever. And these boys know you're a diamond, hence they both want you. So don't let

them tame and tire you, be a bull and hold them by their horns

I move back with a frown

Me: what?

He laughs shaking his head, and I am puzzled

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~Aphiwe

Now it is up to me

To break this out

Because my father wanted to call the council for this

And obviously, Aviwe wasn't for that

So to avoid drama breaking out

I'll talk

Its Rain with her husband

My father and siblings with their wives

Me: Uhm, we have a found a wife and we would like a letter sent so we can get a date and go ahead and pay bride price for her

They are all starring at me

Like I have lost my mind

Me: before anyone says anything, she is an ancestral person. So it is said we have to marry her ancestors first, then marry her. And we are willing to do that

Again, the stares

Me: come on people, this is uncomfortable. Its not like you did not know this, it was never a secret that we will marry the same woman. And we have found her, so we want to marry her. Its time we also have a wife

Rain: does she know?

Me : yes of course she does

Rain: and she agreed?

Aviwe: he wouldn't be telling you this, unless of course she agreed

She looks down

And keeps quite

Even though she wants to say something

But once this one says something

No one says anything

Or even bothers to ask

Dad: where is she from?

Me: mhm Mapulana kingdom

Dad: you two just know how to do it, now I have to face your grandparents yet with another drama

I chuckle

He gets up

Dad: Thonga ...please come with me

They walk out

And this just went cold

Lets thank my twin for that

Rain: excuse me

She walks out

Me: what is wrong with you?

The other two laughs

Ayabonga : you two are just brave

Aphiwe: good luck, keeping a single woman on her toes. She will have her hands full, I sure do feel for her

Benathi: what kind of a woman agrees to marry two men? And brothers at that

Hlelokuhle: where is her dignity? They're not just brothers, but twins basically the same and one person

I look at them , they think they are whispering

But I heave very sharp ears

And it doesn't seem like only I heard them

Aviwe heard as well

And we decide to just get up and walk out

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~The Rise Of Alpha

~Insert 30

~A Week Later

~Majesty

The most anticipated day has finally arrived

My father didn't take home, responding to the letter

When he got it three days ago

They were asking to come, and they asked for a date

Even though they had their own

And it has been a crazy three days

Going up and down

Buying the gifts for them when they come

Because they're here to marry the ancestor

We had to get amabhayi (ancestral cloths) for them

Also blankets

To welcome them in the ancestral family

If all goes well

Of which I hope it does

Because I am a nervous wreck

My father is just calm

He really doesn't care about anything

We have people who came around

To help cook and everything

I was running around as well

Helping where I can

When Aviwe called and said they're at Maseru

I knew I had to leave everything outside

And get ready

Some of our family members are here

And my father told them

Of course, they're all judging me

Calling me all sorts of names

But my father is like he doesn't care

They can say whatever they want

He is going to make sure my day goes well

I am so grateful to him

He is the best father ever, no cap about that one

When people cry about absent father's

I don't relate

Because mine is everything and more to me

I am done getting ready

My phone rings

Its Aphiwe calling

I answer

Me: hey

Aphiwe : are you okay ?

Me: more than okay

I love how slightly soft he is

As much as I love how rough Aviwe is

Aphiwe: we are here

Me: wow! I am nervous

though

Aphiwe: don't be, we will make sure you do everything asked of us

Me: good luck, I wish I was in there

Aphiwe: I'll update you

Me: thanks

Aphiwe: don't stress okay, we don't need a bride with eye bags

I laugh

Me: not yet a bride, because you're here to marry my ancestors

Aphiwe: yeah still, let me go in . It seems they're allowing us to come inside

Me: alright

Aphiwe: I can't wait to see you

I smile

Me: me too

He drops the call

I put my phone down

Aviwe is the one who gave Aphiwe my number

And I was okay with that

Cause he also started calling me

And we talked

It felt like I am fair to them both

And not just giving all of my self to Aviwe

Its still early days

And we haven't gotten to serious situations

I don't know how I will handle having two husbands

Even the thought of it

Its exciting yet scary

Putting the part of people's talk aside

I have been praying

And talking to my ancestors about this

And for some reason I don't understand

They approve

And so, I understand people will call me names

Especially because I am a healer

But I have come to understand that, my calling is not a community meeting

And what happens between me and my ancestors

Is definitely no one's business

We all have our ancestors

Whether you're gifted or not

It's the same as when other people's ancestors open doors for them

Blessing them

And hour ancestors are asleep, while your things become a mess

If they wouldn't allow you doing this

Don't say, they did not allow me to do it either

Don't compare us

Fact of the matter is that they're mine

And they're nothing like yours, and will never be

One thing certain is that ancestors are not one size fits all

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~Aphiwe

We have been let inside the house

And I must say, it's a mess

Because they say Aviwe and I shouldn't even be in here

Our manhood is in question

Because we're marrying the same woman

And the person instigating this, is our own grandfather

Siding with Majesty's family

Her father is with us

And I see my father is slowly getting angry by this

Already I know Aviwe

And he is pissed beyond the words

Grandad: this is unheard of, what you're doing is bringing embarrassment to my kingdom and my family name.

Dad: these boys are of Isilo, they carry Isilo's name and not yours

Grandad: my daughter gave birth to these kids, she gave up her life for them ...

Isilo: enough! She could have aborted them if she didn't want them, but she loved these boys. And you know nothing about that, she wanted to carry them. Stop blaming my kids for your daughter's death, she's dead and so what?

Fuck!

This is getting out of control and way too fast

Mr Motheo: this is my house, and that's my daughter we are talking about. Anyone who thinks, this is shame you're welcome to leave. And my king, that goes for you as well. I

respect you yes, but don't come to my house to fight your family battles. You can even banish me after this, I don't care it's fine

Grandad: you have no idea what a curse you're bringing upon your daughter, these people killed my daughter

He abruptly gets up and walks out

I look at Aviwe looking at him

And that look fucking scares me

Mr Motheo: now is a good time for everyone who is against this to walk out

No one leaves

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~Rise Of Alpha

~Insert 31

~Majesty

I cannot sit still

Not after hearing the commotion that was happening

It's quite now

But I don't know what is what

Because I heard some cars leaving

Could it be that my family has ruined this for me?

I know they're against it

They have said so

I wouldn't be surprised if Isilo people have left

Tears burn my eyes

I grab my phone calling Aviwe

His phone doesn't go through

I call Aphiwe as well

And it's the same

Would they just leave ?

Just like that?

Even if they're upset

Couldn't they just tell me what happened?

And where is my father?

Or maybe he cannot bare to face me

To see the disappointment

And the hurt in my eyes

The door opens and Makhosini walks in

She is one of the initiates who is due to be out soon

Makhosini: Thokoza baba

Me: tell me, what happened?

She goes down on her knees

Makhosini: the king has left

I feel my knees weakening

Me: the Isilo people?

Makhosini: no, our king. He walked out with his people and left

I heave a sigh of relief

I don't know why the king left

Because I expected him to be here

Considering that my father has served him for years

And these are his grandkids

I thought he would want to support them

And be here for them

Now I am just surprised

But at least, the Isilo people are still here

Meaning it's still okay

The negotiations are still going well

I take a deep breath

I pray and hope that everything goes well

I have already disappointed my father many times

This is the one thing , he is proud of me of

And for once, he is happy

Supporting me in what I want

As much as he is happy for double payments

But I know it's not about money

Its more about me and my happiness

I cannot afford to hurt his heart again

Or disappoint him

Not after people have said so many things about us

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~Isilo Kingdom

Benathi walks in the kitchen

And finds Hlelokuhle drinking a glass of wine

She takes a seat and sit down

Benathi: where are these annoying maids?

Hlelokuhle: I kicked them out

They laugh

And she pours Benathi a glass

Benathi: it is so peaceful around here, without all these people

Hlelokuhle: I will drink to that

Benathi: I am annoyed, that they keep running around

Hlelokuhle: preparing for people who went to ask for the hand of a woman, who fucks two men

They laugh

Benathi: I don't know her, and I already don't like her. I swear, she's a whore that one. Who fucks brothers and be fine with

that? No ways, we are still yet to see her and her colours

Hlelokuhle: true, I swear I don't know what kind of a king Aviwe will be. A king sharing his wife, with his brother? I have never heard of such, it's a shame to this kingdom

Benathi : we have been degraded I tell you

Hlelokuhle: I was so scared the other day, knowing Aviwe heard us

Benathi laughs

Benathi: And Anathi was on my case, I even had to fake cry so he can get off my back

Hlelokuhle: they support this

Benathi: well it's nonsense, and we all know that

She looks around

Making sure no one is in sight

And can hear them

Benathi: listen here ...

She takes a sip of her wine

Benathi: the king is old, and he has lost his touch . I tell you , if Aya or Anathi takes the throne. Things will be so much better around here, Aviwe pulls the king with his nose. He calls the shots around here, and everyone just follows suit. Including his father, he has lost his touch

Hlelokuhle: if you're plotting, don't involve me. I don't want to die for conspiracy

Benathi: listen, don't be a coward. No one will know, I mean we're alone. Everyone knows Aviwe is responsible for all these things, that have been happening at our kingdoms. And it's no secret they're scared of him

Hlelokuhle: more reason why we should be scared of him

Benathi: he thinks highly of himself, and sees us as nothing. He would never expect us to take him down, I know he burnt all of my father's livestock. And he has to pay for that

Hlelokuhle: my father was already old, he

Benathi: don't be weak, he destroyed your kingdom as well. Let's unite and be one, we can get rid of him

Hlelokuhle takes a deep breath

She has heard things about Aviwe

She is scared for her life

Hlelokuhle: if he finds us, he will not hesitate to shred us to pieces. He won't care that we are his brothers wives

Benathi: we will be smart, just think about this. Our people deserve justice, and he did not care about them

She looks at Hlelokuhle

Benathi: think about this

She downs the glass of wine

And walks out

Leaving Hlelokuhle deep in thought

And fearing of what Aviwe would do to them

People have said that , he doesn't walk alone

Some say, he does not impart of Isilo

But of an ancient ancestor, from the linage of Isilo

Stories foretold by grandparents to the next generation

Some say it's all a myth

And there's only one Isilo, even from ancient times

Others say uthwele for power

All this freaks her out, and she forgets what Benathi said

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~Aphiwe

The meeting finally took place

And everything went great

Even though we know people stand against us

They support us

But her father stood his ground to the end

We paid what was required of us to pay

In order to marry her ancestors

In our case, we married both the man and the woman

Now that is done

And considering how some things happened

My father doesn't think her father is safe around here anymore

Although we haven't talked to Majesty about this

She is happy

And we don't want to ruin her great day

What she doesn't know is that , we have already paid bride price

And we will have the gifting ceremony soon

Right now, my father suggested this is what's best

Because a bride price letter, counts at court

It serves as marriage under customary law

So culturally she is a wife already

We just need to have the gifting ceremony

But we have planned to talk to her about everything

The gifting ceremony for this part has been done

And I must say, we look dapper with these traditional cloths on our shoulders

I swear, we look like very professional healers

Its actually cute

Aviwe walks to me

He is still pissed

Aviwe: take Majesty tonight and be with her

Me: where are you going?

Aviwe: I have work after the meeting

He is lying

Me : come on ...

Aviwe: listen, just do as I am asking. And it would be in their best interest to sleep here tonight all

Fuck!

I know this can't be good

There's now work he has to do

I know

And I am never wrong about such a hunch

Me : if she asks , what do I tell her ?

Aviwe: I am busy, first thing tomorrow morning I will be here

I shake my head

Having a feeling that great sadness is coming

I can't stop him

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~The Rise Of Alpha

~Insert 32

~Majesty

I look at Aphiwe

The energy just follows between us

I don't feel awkward being here with him

They said we were supposed to talk

But Aviwe is not around

And I want to ask this one where he is

But I don't want to start on that foot

Already making him feel like he is watching his brother

So I am letting that slide

Because Aviwe said he is working on some contract

And he asked to be alone

So he can be able to focus

I miss him

But at least Aphiwe is here, and it's just chilled

We are in his car

The rooms are full in the house

And one hut, my relatives are using it

It's the one that we just use to do beads in

I don't use it for anything else

Aphiwe: are you comfortable?

I nod with a smile

He keeps on touching me

And placing kisses on my lips

I look at him

And he smiles

Me: this serves as our wedding night in a way doesn't it?

Aphiwe: it sure does

I slide my hand to his thigh

His eyes change for some reason

And not in a scary way

But there's a spark in them

Aphiwe: you deserve so much more better than this

I smile

Me: and you'll make it up to me

I feel hot around this man

Maybe this can even be just lust

I slide my hand over to his dick

And damn!

He is packing

These men are gifted down here

That's one thing I am certain

I brush my hand over his dick

And unzip his pants

He lifts up a bit

I push his pants down

His dick hitting the side of my face

I lean down licking the tip of his dick

And slowly sucking on him

Taking his length bit by bit

My tongue circling around his tip

And my other hand on his balls

While the other, I am holding his dick with

And I go up and down his dick with my mouth

Taking him deeper

Aphiwe: fuckmami

He grabs the back of my head

I deep throat

Aphiwe: fuck

His groans just turn me on

And he slides his hand to my thighs

I part my things for him

As he slides his hand in

Sliding my panty to the side

And he flicks his finger on my clit

I let out muffled moans

With his dick deep down my throat

Filling up my mouth

He picks up his pace

I feel like I am gonna come

I gag on his dick

And he shoots up his seed inside my mouth

I move back swallowing

He quickly lays me down

And parts my legs

Getting in between my thighs

He feats on my clit

While I push his head further down in

Loving what his tongue is doing

And he fucking gives it good

My legs shake hard against his head

As I orgasm

He licks me clean

And moves back sitting down

Pulling me over to him

And I position his dick to my open

Aphiwe : fuckmami you taste so sweet

I go down his dick, taking him all in

And I let out a moan

I move my ass back

As slowly ride him

As he cups my boob into his hand

And he nibbles on my nipples

While his one hand slides down

And he rubs his thumb on my clit

I feel my walks closing in tight on him

Me: fuckPhiwe

My whole body vibrates and I cum all over his dick

He thrusts in through

And I move my waist to meet his thrusts

He brings down

Sucking hard on my neck

Leaving wet kisses

Just throwing me off

Me: Phiwe

I scream his name in pleasure

Feeling him touching all the sweet spots

Aphiwe: mami

I look at him, and he looks back at me

As we both fuck each other

And our bodies giving in to pleasure

And we cum, holding tight to each other

As my body vibrates and I feel his dick twitching inside of me

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~The Rise Of Alpha

~Insert 33

~Aviwe

I look at him

And I know my grandfather very well

He is a very cocky man

And all the times I spent with him

I was studying him

Figuring him out

And this is the kind of man that he is the one that he showed us today

Grandad: what do you want here? You went ahead and embarrassed us, it's a thing with you Isilo people

I chuckle

Me: mhm, yes it is. And with you as well, you think just because you're a king you can waltz into another man's house and disrespect him . You know what annoys me the most about you, you're nothing but a sorry excuse of a man. You're not even half a man, that we Isilo men are . I have been very patient with you, and I have waited for this moment for a

very long time . I don't remember ever, you coming to Isilo to see us . And because I love my brother, despite what you think of me I actually do have a heart . And when he wanted to reach out to you, I was there with him. We came here, visited you and tried for you to accept that . But I always knew it was never going to happen, because you have never liked us. Maybe in

pretence yes, but when your daughter died there was no once left . So I am going to do you a very great favour, since you loved her so much and you hated us for supposedly killing her. You will die the same way, in pain and agony. Then you will understand how she died, you will watch your whole kingdom crumbles . Right in front of your own eyes, and you slowly die

Grandad: you don't scare me

Me : good , because I don't want you scared

Grandad: you think you can kill a king, and get away with it?

Me: I know, I can. I don't think, there have been many before you. And there'll be more

He gets up from the chair and walks up to me

He thinks he is so smart

Grandad: this is my kingdom, you will not lay a finger on me

I nod slowly

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~Mapulana Kingdom

Isilo emerges in his true form

And the king moves back

Falling down flat

His heart racing

He looks at Isilo

And it's nothing he's seen

This is not the animal he was told up

This is a monster

A beast

That he knows he stands no chance against

He touches his chest

As it closes up

Panic running through his whole body

Grandad: hehelp ...help...

He tries to speak

But his voice is cracking

Isilo walks to him

And leans down

Isilo: not yet, a heart attack is nothing to what I will do to you

The king pops his eyes

As he feels dog teeth on his neck

Sucking blood from his vein

He screams in agony

Yet his screams are muffled no on hears him

He keeps on screaming

Crying in pain, feeling blood draining out of his whole body

Isilo moves back

The king rolls on the floor in pain

His heart feeling like it will stop

At any given moment

He closes his eyes crying

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~Majesty

Its early morning

And we had to get ready for the meeting

I heard that havoc reeked last night in the kingdom

I don't know what happened

I just heard people talking

And I didn't want to ask them

So it seems like I am nosey

I walk in the house, and greet everyone

They greet back

I look at Aviwe

He winks at me

Aphiwe chuckles

Its so awkward being in the same room with them

Knowing I slept with one last night

We made love in the car

And tried to get some sleep

Although that was hard

I sit down, on the grass mat

King Isilo: thank you all for being here

Aviwe: can I please have a word with my wife?

They all look at him

And so do I

And there's a part of me that's scared

Why does he want to talk?

I don't even know where we was last night

He gets up

And looks at me

I am just sitting still

I don't want to seem like I am rude

The elders did not say we can talk

Aviwe: asambe (let's go)

I slowly get up in shame

And we walk out

To the far end of the house

Where we are hidden from eyes , no one can see us

Me: like really?

He pulls me to him

And captures my lips into his

I laugh, giving in to the kiss

After a while we pull out

Aviwe: I missed you

Me: and I missed you

Aviwe : you know we married you ?

I pop my eyes

Aviwe: mhm, my grandfather was starting drama. And my father thought it best, we do everything. And only leave the gifting ceremony, of which he hopes will be done at Isilo

Me: wait ...back up a bit ..

Aviwe: we don't have time mama, your father already said my grandfather can banish him. And that is possible

Oh no!

Me: what's going to happen to my father?

Aviwe: my father offered him land at Isilo, the old man seems okay to move. But of course, he will talk to you about it

Me : so ...we have to leave this kingdom ?

Aviwe: he nods

I am shocked

I don't believe this

Aviwe: let's go, I didn't want you to be shocked when it is spoken of in there

Me: I am scared now

Aviwe: don't be, we are here. You have nothing to be scared of

Me: but your grandfather ...after my father served him for so long? This is the thanks my father gets

Aviwe: don't worry about him, I never liked that old man. So we're really all just better off without him

I look at him

And I feel like there's something that he is not telling me

And there's just something about him

That's just heavy

The shadow around him

Its just too heavy

I felt this the first time I met him

And I know he is royalty

So clearly, he is protected

But this is far more than that

Aviwe: let's go, before they think we're fucking out here

Ilaugh

Aviwe: and you owe me for last night

Me: who is counting?

He smile taking my hand

Me: don't do that

He chuckles

And we walk back to the house

I have so many thoughts running through my head

How do I even begin to uproot my whole life here?

And what about my initiates?

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~The Rise Of Alpha

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~Aphiwe

Dad: we are thankful that thing went alright, and we did what we needed to do . Even though , we ended up speeding everything else. My offer for the land at Isilo still stands, and you're welcome to come move in at any time you need . If you still need time, to gather and plan things well . That's also fine , if you don't have a home here anymore just know you have one at my kingdom

Mr Motheo: thank you my king, and that is very generous of you

I look at Majesty

She looks very lost in thought

Just miles away

I look at Aviwe

And he is also looking at her

I shift my attention back to the elders

I hope everything is okay between these two

Mr Motheo: I will talk to my daughter, because she has people's kids in this yard. We

need to talk about what we're going to do, and plan for these kids as well. And I hope we will be welcomed at Isilo, as we are. With what we come with

Dad: we accept our daughter in law, and she will always be welcomed to practise her work at our kingdom

A knock comes at the door

Her father let's the person in

And to our surprise

Its our grandmother

She walks in , and I can tell she has been crying

And still is

Her eyes are glossy

Grandma: I am sorry to disturb

We just look at her

She takes a seat

Grandma: I need help, my ...the king has fallen ill. He was found this morning, in the throne room. Seems he

suffered a heart attack, but I think it's more. I don't see that he will be okay

Mr Motheo: that is strange

Grandma: something happened in that room, was he fine when he left here yesterday?

Aviwe: he was very fine disrespecting us

She looks down

I look at Aviwe

That was cold

Grandma: the farmers are at the palace, something has happened to the crops and the livestock. Its all gone, they're dead. And the crops are dead

as well, something ... I don't know

She shakes her head

My father and I look at Aviwe

He did something

I knew it

He did something definitely

He was very angry yesterday

And I know he never liked grandfather

He only tolerated him for my sake

Grandma: Motheo, please come to the royal house. I don't know what's happening

Mr Motheo: things didn't end well with the king yesterday, and knowing him I will be blamed for whatever is happening

Dad: we were all here yesterday, until morning

Mr Motheo: I think this is the time I take your offer my king, I

doubt my daughter and I would still be welcomed in this kingdom

Grandma: please ...people need answers that I do not have

Me: can't granddad tell you what happened?

Grandma: he lost his speech, he cannot say anything

What did Aviwe do to the old man?

He must have suffered immense shock

To an extent of suffering a heart attack, to this extent it his affected him

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~Majesty

I feel like my head is spinning

How do I even begin to comprehend everything that has happened?

Its clear, my father has already made up his mind

That we are leaving

Just like that

I somehow understand this

But I also don't

What does the king getting sick have to do with us leaving?

I feel like there's something I am not being told here

And I cannot question my dad

But I can definitely question those two

I mean, this is a lot for me

I have initiates

And uprooting them here, to Isilo

Its not an easy thing

I will need their parents permission

They need to finish their training

And I would have to come back here

For their homecoming

Yhoh! Its all just a lot of work

I don't even know if their parents will agree

How people will welcome us here

Its just crazy

I walk into my room

It's the room they're in

Their father went to see the king

Along with mu father

Even though the king Isilo didn't want to go

My father begged him

He eventually agreed

So I know they won't catch me in a room with these two

I find them laying on the bed

Aviwe sees me and looks up

Aphiwe also sits up

And they look at me

Me: someone cares to tell me, why and how was I married that I didn't know?

Aviwe: it had to be done

Me : and why couldn't you tell me ?

Aviwe: it was going to happen either way

Me : yes but

I heave a sigh

Me: how am I expected to move now with initiates?

Aviwe: that's a totally different thing, that sick old man doesn't want your father here. Just because he agreed for us to

marry you, and obviously he doesn't agree with this

Me: I needed time for this, and to plan. I spent so much money building this house, and now I have to uproot my life

Aviwe: we'll build you another house, you'll find it ready when you come. That's not a problem, you won't have to spend money again

Me: it's not about money ...

I look at Aphiwe

And he is just staring at me

Me: and you? Are you just going to keep quite and say nothing?

He clears his throat

Aphiwe: we will build you a new home, you won't have to worry about the costs. As much as it's not about money, we will do it . Besides it's our job after all, so it's no worries. And we are not saying you'll move to the palace right away, there's still the gifting ceremony that needs to happen. And also the traditional wedding, only then you'll move to the palace

Me: mhm

They just stare at me

Me: I still don't like this

They say nothing, I walk out of the room. Contemplating on a lot I need to do

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~Aphiwe

Me: what did you do to

Grandad?

He looks at me

We have been laying in here in silence

Aviwe: who said I did anything to him?

Me : don't take me for an idiot

Aviwe: mhm

Me : no , don't say mhm . I want the truth

Aviwe: are you really interrogating me?

Me: come on, let's not do this. I just need the truth that's all, I know you did something

Aviwe: and you also think I killed his livestock and crops

I laugh

Me: like all the other kingdoms you have been attacking

Aviwe: I did all of that, and sucked his blood dry. Are you happy now?

I pop my eyes

I know my brother is heartless

But this far, with our own blood

I know he is capable of things, I guess I just don't know to what extent

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~The Rise Of Alpha

~Insert 35

~Five Months Later

~Majesty

These past five months

My life has been nothing but a rollercoaster

Trying to balance everything else

Moving from Mapula Kingdom

Trying to settle here at Isilo

It has been a journey

But now life is back to normal

Those two men kept their word

And built a house for us

With the three huts

Everything was ready for us

And it took a whole two months to move

With other initiates graduating

And having to focus on the other ones

And I received three more last month

It was a lot

But I managed well

Also having the gifting ceremony last month

It went well

And was very joyful

I even forgot being a topic

But of course, that sealed things

And it was me and me with my two husbands

Who are not only brothers but twins

And being a healer didn't help either

It was said I have given them love portion

And them being them they just laughed it off

And said if I did , I most definitely should add some more

It brushed that off

I mean, right as we were to leave Mapulana

The king passed away

And talks just followed us insanely

Hence the move just seemed like a good thing for us to do

To start afresh on a clean slate

Even though , it wasn't that clean

But I have grown a thick skin

And just mind my own business

After today, they will definitely talk even more

It's the day of the traditional wedding

My family's part has already been done

So now we're headed to the palace

I am nervous

This is the day

Where I will officially be a wife in that home

And I move in

Right now, my initiates will remain home for the time being

Until the huts at the palace are done

I can move my work there

Because my ancestors are married in that house

So I am allowed to move there

But also leaving my huts home

Especially the one I use

It'll always be their home

Rain walks in my room

And she smiles

Rain: you look so beautiful

Me: I am so nervous

Rain: it's nerves, so it's normal for every bride. Even some grooms

I laugh

Rain: are you ready? Everyone is ready

Me: yeah, I am ready

Rain: let's go

I get up and we walk out

Getting in the car outside

And they drive out

Headed to the palace

The whole kingdom is out

And some kingdoms came

And there are journalists

I think this is the one part of this life

I did not prepare myself for

To have my life in public

And my face plastered all over the news

It really gets to me

But I guess I have to get used to it now

This is now my life

The commoner healer

Who married the Isilo twins, it's crazy I tell you

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~ Isilo Kingdom

Its all ululations

As the bride and groom's say their vows

And the priest seals their marriage

As a wife and husband's

And everyone is in awe

At how comfortable the husband's look

And the wife who looks into their eyes

With nothing but love

That is evident to them

This, they don't see often

It is a wedding of shock to most of the guests

And the journalists, don't miss a single thing

Capturing every single moment

Doing their job, to provide all the juicy details

And capture their audience

And one publication

That deals with the royal afford

Was allowed the permission to stream the whole wedding live

Comments are coming in

And not all are negative

The two sisters in law are seated next to each other

Benathi looks at Hlelokuhle

Benathi: this whole royal affair, is a circus. And the nerve to even publicize such, we have been turned into a laughing stock. People mock us, because of this charade. Just nonsense if you ask me, these two are nothing but just a

shame. To share a woman publicly, couldn't they each find their own woman?

Hlelokuhle looks at her

Hlelokuhle: if I were you, I would keep all these thoughts to myself. If you know what's best for you, and you value your life

Benathi sighs

Hlelokuhle made it clear

She wants nothing to do with anything that will put her life in danger

Especially where Aviwe is concerned

As the royal healer appears

And behind him is Isilo the great ancestor

Everyone bows

While Thongalethu walks to the newly weds

Everyone is stunned

Isn't Isilo now in Aviwe?

Because as he is expected to take over the throne

Surely he has the imprint of Isilo on him

And there has never been two before

Unless his son does not have the imprint

Other kings , think to themselves

What will become of this kingdom

The day Isilo takes his final breath

Without another strong leader, with Isilo's powers and strength

With his incantations,
Thongalethu crowns the bride

As the new princess to Isilo Kingdom

And ululations erupt

Aphiwe holds her hand

And she gladly takes it

As Aviwe gets up

And Isilo turns his gaze to him

He stares directly into the eyes of the jaguar

And his true form slowly comes out

Everyone gasps

Being twice the size of Isilo

And his orange fiery eyes

Is a sight they have never seen

Majesty is stuck on her chair

Her whole body feeling like it's about to shut down

From the shock of what she just witnessed with her eyes

Isilo walks to the Alpha

The ancient Isilo

And they meet half way with roars, and thunder rumbles with great roars of great animals

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~The Rise Of Alpha

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~Majesty

What the fuck is happening?

Like what just happened?

Did my husband just turn into a jaguar?

I mean , his is this even possible ?

I mean, I thought it's his totem

That he is one with the spirit animal

But in the sense that in spirit

Not that he genuinely turns into one physically

I swear, my heart feels like it'll pop out of my chest

I am shocked beyond words

I have never seen anything like this

I thought I understood what he is

But clearly, I didn't have the slightest idea

And this I did not even think about

I mean, I did look up at Isilo

When we first started dating

But I know better

You can't always believe what you see online

Its not always the truth

Now I see , I am the one who didn't even have an idea of the truth

I look at Aphiwe

And this looks normal today

I am wondering if he also turns like that

I try to pull my hand

But he doesn't let go

Me:1...

Aphiwe: it's okay, he won't hurt you or anyone

Me: how is it that there's two of them? They said there was only one, that's what the papers said. Whoever is king

Aphiwe: my father is Isilo the great ancestor, and your husband is the Ancient Isilo the Alpha of our blood line

I was not prepared for this

I don't want to lie, this is just beyond me

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~Aphiwe

As the day progresses

I see her has let loose

And is no longer quite like she was

All the necessary ceremonies have been done

She has been welcomed fully

As a Xaluva wife and Isilo Princess

I am so tired

But I am glad all this is done

And I don't have the strength of it all

Right now I just want to rest

Some peace and quite will do right now

They're still enjoying themselves

So I get up from the chair

And excuse myself

Majesty: are you okay?

Inod

Me: I am just tired, so I am going to lie down a bit

Majesty: and you're certain it's nothing else?

Me: yeah, I promise. You can come check on me if you don't believe me

She smiles

Majesty: okay

I pull her closer

Taking her lips into mine

We kiss briefly and pull out after a while

Me: Hove you

Majesty: and I love you

I place a kiss on her forehead

And walk out of the reception area

Walking to my chamber

And I make sure to lock

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~Majesty

It has been a very long and tiring day

Its over now

And I have been wide awake for hours

For someone who is tired

I should have slept by now

I am laying down on the bed

And just thinking about everything that has happened

And all that took place today

A knock comes at the door

I am lazy to even get up and open

Me: come in

Aviwe walks in

And he closes the door behind him

Aviwe: everything is well in

here?

Inod

He walks over to the bed

And sit down next to me

Aviwe: I know you have Ankit of questions

Do 1?

Or I am just stunned

Aviwe: you can ask anything

I heave a deep sigh

Me: why didn't you tell me all this?

Aviwe: I thought maybe you knew

Me: you're a prince and protected, some things I can not see about you

Aviwe: well, now I am willing to answer any questions you have

I look at him

Me: I am tired

I don't even think there's anything I want to ask

Its all just too much

Aviwe: I love you

Me: this changes nothing, I promise. I love you more

He chuckles leaning over

And smashes his lips against mine

We kiss

And pull out after a few minutes

Me: please just hold me

He says nothing taking his sneakers off

And he gets on the bed laying down next to me

He cuddles me

I lay my head on his chest

Just listening to his heartbeat

Its such a peaceful sound

A knock comes at the door

We look at each other

Aviwe: are you expecting any visitors?

Me: not that I know

Aviwe: they'll go away

But the knock persists

Me : go open

He grunts and get up

Opening the door

He looks back at me

Aviwe: it's your husband

Fuck!

We did not talk about sleeping arrangements

As to who sleeps here

Like, we have never talked about that

Now they're both here

Are they both going to leave or what?

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~The Rise Of Alpha

~Insert 37

~Majesty

I look at Aviwe

He smiles and opens the door

Aphiwe walks in

He looks at me

They greet each other

Aphiwe: thought I'll come check on you

Aviwe closes the door

This feels very awkward

Being in the same room with them

At night ...

Me: I thought you were asleep

Aphiwe: I was, but had to get up. So I see you

Aviwe walks to the bed

And lays back down

Me: o...kay

Its just awkward

And silence befalls us

Me : okay , I think we need to address this

I sit up straight

Me: this is my room, you both have your rooms

Aviwe: are you kicking us out?

Me: no, but I mean ...

I take a deep breath

Aphiwe: you want to issue out a time table?

Me: what? No ...but, it's just awkward having you both here. I don't know who's sleeping in here, and who is not

Aviwe: it was a long day ...

Aphiwe nods

Aviwe: can't we just figure this out tomorrow? We can just Kay here, and we'll talk in the morning

Me : you mean ...all three of us ?

Aphiwe: say no more ..

He takes his jacket and shoes

Getting on the bed

Me: guys ...

Aviwe: khame bhabha (wait baby)

Aphiwe: akho nto i'wrong apha (there's nothing wrong here)!

Aviwe: ewe kalok (yes indeed)

Aphiwe gets on behind me

And Aviwe is in front of me

They just cuddle me

And damn, I am feeling hot like crazy hot

All kind of things are going through my body

I take a deep breath

Aphiwe plants soft kisses on my neck

And I feel his cold breath hitting me hard

I shiver a bit

And bring my legs together

Aviwe: uyashisa (you're hot)

Me : you two have me

...cramped up

Aphiwe: take these clothes off

Me: what ...

Aviwe: ewe (yes)

I look at them

As they shift

And taking my clothes off

Me: wait ...

Aviwe: no, you don't want to suffocate

I am left bare in between them

And I take a deep breath

This feels strange

I know I have been naked

In front of them , but not like this in the same room

We lay back down

And they go back to cuddling me

I am holding my breath that they leave

This cannot be right

Aphiwe let's out a groan

And I feel Aviwe's dick poking my lower waist

Aphiwe's dick twitches against my ass

As much as I want to get away

I can't

Aphiwe kisses my back slowly

I open my eyes looking at Aviwe

And he pulls me towards him

Taking my lips into his

We kiss, and I feel Aphiwe's hand sliding to my boob

And he rubs on my nipples

I let out a moan

And he plants soft wet kisses on my neck

Aviwe slides his hand down to my coochie

And he rubs on my clit with his thumb

With his other hand Aphiwe slightly parts my leg

Giving Aviwe a better position

He works his fingers inside of me

While his thumb is rubbing on my clit

Me: baby

I mumble through the kiss

Aphiwe: mami

Aviwe: mama

They say at the same time

Me: fuck

Aphiwe moves back

And lays me down

Aviwe moves over deepening the kiss

Aphiwe slides over , sucking on my nipples

Fuck!

This feels insane

But fucking amazing

I feel like a slut right now

Some kind of a whore

For even enjoying this

But damn!

Moans are coming out of my mouth

And these men are pleasuring every part of my body

Aphiwe gets up taking his clothes off

And he is left bare naked

He parts my legs further

Getting on his knees

And he slides though my folds

Rubbing his dick on my wet slit

Me: Ohhh fuck

I try closing my legs

Aviwe grabs my thigh

Opening for Aphiwe

As he slides through my open

Aphiwe: shit

Me: ahhh

My whole body shivers as he thrusts in slowly

I slide my hand over to Aviwe's dick

And run my hand through it

He deep grunts

And thrusts his dick through my hand

Aphiwe slides out, and taps his dick on my coochie

I shiver squirting

And he keeps on thrusting slowly

Aviwe moves up

And gets on his knees

Brushing his dick against my lips

I let my tongue out slightly licking his tip

He slides in through my mouth slowly

And thrusts in as I suck on his dick

Aphiwe thrusts in faster, picking up his pace

Aviwe leans down sucking on my nipples

I loose myself in pleasure

Screaming in moans of pleasure

I know they're fucking both capable

I can't believe this is happening

Having them at the same time

I grip hard on the sheets

As I orgasm

And Aphiwe fills me up with his seed pulling out

Aviwe moves back

And turns me on my stomach

Lifting my legs up a bit

And he slides through

Taking me from the back

He is not the slow love making type

He just rams inside of me

Fucking me hard and crazy

I feel his dick tapping on my sweet spot

I slide my hand underneath

Rubbing on my clit

And he pounds in harder

Throwing me off the edge

And I cum

With a few deep thrusts

I feel cum sliding down my thighs

He moves back and Aphiwe picks me up

I face him

He grabs me and kisses me

I kiss him back

While Aviwe holds me from the back

Me: ahhhh ...

Feeling their dicks on my bare skin

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~The Rise Of Alpha

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~Majesty

Feeling them next to me

I feel like the world could just open up

And swallow me

Events of last night just keep on playing in my mind

And I remember every single thing

I don't know how I am feeling

If I am ashamed

Or embarrassed

I never thought this would be me

Like ever!

What happened is crazy

As much as I enjoyed it

But still

Now I have to wake up and face them

And I just can't bring myself to

Why are they still here?

I take a deep breath

Aphiwe tilts my head and plants a soft kiss on my cheeks

I can tell by just his touch

He moves back and gets up

Aviwe: mama

He shakes me up

I shake my head

And they laugh

Aviwe: you don't want to look

at us?

Inod

Aviwe: please, look at me

I shake my head

Aviwe: Phiwe khawu phume nfondini (get out);

Aphiwe: k'theni? Andithi ndiyahamba (what now? I am leaving)

Aviwe: khawuleza (hurry)

They laugh

Aphiwe: ndimkile (I am gone)

I hear him walking out

Aviwe: uhambile ke, Kha ndijonge mntu wam (he is gone, please look at me my person)

I open my eyes halfway

And he laughs

Aviwe: you're not being fair

He is talking about fair?

Who ravished me throughout the whole night?

Me: I am tired

He gets on top of me

Aviwe: khandiphuze ke (please kiss me)

I peck his lips

He pulls me into a full blown kiss

We kiss for a few minutes

And he pulls back

Aviwe: I am sorry we tired you out

Me: it will never happen again, I feel so cheap

He smiles

Aviwe: mhm, we are your men. You didn't ...

Me: don't say it, still

Aviwe: okay, we were okay with that. But if it makes you uncomfortable, we won't make you do something you don't like

Me: it was amazing, but ...

Aviwe: I understand

Me: can I ask?

Aviwe: anything

Me: is this what you meant, when you said you used to share girlfriends?

Aviwe: no, it was the first time we did that. Just I meant, I didn't mind if he slept with someone I was with. And same with him, but we have never

done a threesome . That was a first

Me: okay

Somehow that gives me some peace

Maybe it's jealousy

Because damn!

They sure gave it to me good

Imagine someone else, having the same experience like me with them

I don't like that idea

Me: I can sleep the whole day, something is wrong with you two. Normal men do it for 30 minutes, and they're out

He laughs

Aviwe: can I get a quick one? I promise it will be less, say 15 minutes

Me:1.....

He trails down and rubs his thumb on my sensitive clit

Me: ahhhh

He gets on top of me

And positions himself well in between my thighs

He rubs his dick slowly on my wet slit

And slides through slowly

I rub my hands on his back

As he takes deep strokes

I move the sheets down behind his back

And lock my legs behind him

Not Aphiwe peeking through the door

Is this bad luck or what?

I mean , this is the second yoke he sees me getting fucked

Well, excusing last night

Aphiwe : like really ?

And Aviwe doesn't stop thrusting in

I bite my lower lip curving my lips to suppress my moans

Aphiwe: Ciba (finish) I am waiting for her. We gotta leave

He walks out

I hold tight on Aviwe

As he thrusts in deeper

Letting out deep grunts

And his dick tightens inside of me

My walls clinging on him

And we orgasm

Aviwe: fuck!

He smashes his lips on mine

We kiss after a while we pull out

Aviwe: well, you heard your husband. Go take a shower, he is waiting for you

Me: what?

Aviwe: go before he walks back in here, he just lacks timing

I smile

Me: I swear, we're living a freak show

He laughs pecking my lips

Me: where are we going?

Aviwe: I don't know, I am not invited

Me: mhm

That's strange

But then he is my husband

Maybe he is taking me out

Ohhhthat would be nice

I get up

Dragging my worn out body to the shower

I take a cold shower

So it can wake me up

And maybe I'll have the strength to get through this day

I am really tired

And I swear, I don't ever want to see myself between the two men again

Never again!

Unless I am signing myself up for this kind of tiredness

I walk out of the shower

And not my husband making the bed

He already has clothed picked out for me

He has them placed on the couch nicely

Me: and then?

He looks at me

Aviwe: it's the least I could do

I walk over to him, and give him a kiss

Me: you're so sweet

He bites his lower lip, I laugh walking away from him

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~The Rise Of Alpha

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~Five Months Later

~Aviwe

My father has called us

We walk in the throne room

And we sit down

Its just him with Thongalethu

I don't know where my brother's are at

They're not in here

We greet and they greet back

Dad: I called you both here, and I believe its something we should have long talked about

Aphiwe looks at me

Obviously he thinks I have gone and ruined another kingdom

I don't mind him

He has a mind of his own

Dad: I see it's been quite a long time, and my daughter in law is not pregnant yet

We look at each other

Dad : do you boys shoot blanks

Aphiwe and Thongalethu laughs

Dad: I mean ...your mother was pregnant the first night I was with her

Aphiwe : I believe we're very fertile

Dad: then where are the grandkids?

This old man is getting full of himself

Dad: I mean, you can't possibly say you haven't been having sex. And she can't possibly be strong enough, to deny sperms from two men. That she can't even get pregnant from one of you, in actual fact she should carry your seeds at the same time

Me: dad!

I say with a sigh

What the fuck is this?

Why are we talking about our sex life?

Like what's this?

Me: aren't you worried that we'll get her pregnant, and she will die like mother?

Dad: maybe, but her not being pregnant is also not sitting well with me

Aphiwe: we are not planning for kids, besides when it happens it will happen. I for one am not in a hurry

Dad: well, unfortunately you don't have the luxury of time. Because I am stepping down from the throne

Me: what?

Thongalethu: it's time you take your throne, and secure your linage. It ends with you, all of this ends with you

I frown

Thongalethu: you know who you are, and now it's time you embrace that

I take a deep breath

Dad: I need grandkids, I am not getting any younger. Don't wait until I am an ancestor

My heart is beating so fast

It feels like I will stop breathing

That I am not even interested in this talk any longer

I look at them , panting hard and heavy

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~Aphiwe

Fuck!

Isilo emerges in his true form

And jumps over us running out in high speed

Me: what the

Thongalethu: we need to prepare for the king's welcome

Me : hey ...what are you talking about ?

He gets up and walks out

I look at my father

Me: where did that son of yours just run?

Dad: he will be back, when he is ready

Me: ready? Okay, ready for what?

I am freaked out

The last time my brother ran out like this

He disappeared for a whole fucking six months, and I had no idea of where he was

When he came back

He was different and more cold than ever

So this freaks me out

Dad: don't worry, he will be

back

Me: when?

His silence says a lot

Me: what do I tell his wife?

Dad: she's your wife as well, surely you can handle her

Mhm

Too easy for him to say, he doesn't know what he's talking

about . Not even the slightest idea of that

Majesty is like a ticking time bomb

Something is going on with that woman

I cannot say that she's pregnant

Because it would be crazy

This has been happening for the past four months

And she would have shown by now

That she's pregnant if she was

So it's not that

But there is something

I don't want to answer for things I know nothing about

Besides, this is Aviwe's doing and things

They have nothing to do with me, I am not even half of what he is

I don't understand most things

I get up and walk over to Thongalethu's hut

I find him packing a bag

Me: and where do you think you're going?

He looks at me

Me : come on ...

Thongalethu: what do you want?

Me: you will not just throw a bombshell at my brother, and when he disappears you just pack up and leave

Thongalethu: your brother did not disappear, he went to the land of the ancestors

Me: what?

Thongalethu: some things are just hard to explain

Me: try me

Thongalethu: I don't have time for this, I need to go to dark woods to make sacrifices and the Isilo river to their God's so

Alpha can come back safe and sound. The more time I waste here, trying to explain things you will never understand is just a waste of time

What do you know?

He walks me out of his hut, and I am left just stunned

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~Majesty

I look at him as he walks in

I pull down my t-shirt

Me: what's wrong?

I pat next to me

He walks over and sits down

Me: talk to me

Aphiwe: your husband just vanished from the throne room, and it is said he went to ancestors realm

Me: what?

Aphiwe: yeah

Me: I don't understand this

Aphiwe: I don't understand it either mami, but Thongalethu just brushed me off

Me: well then ...when is he coming back?

Aphiwe: I don't know

Me: has he ever done this before? I mean, is it the first time it happens or Thonga is

certain that he will be back? Like he knows definitely

Aphiwe: it happened before

Me : so definitely he is going to come back ?

Aphiwe : yes

I take a deep breath, trying not to stress about this

Not in my condition

I cannot afford to stress

And put myself in jeopardy

Me: okayokay, then we will wait until he comes back. And why did he go there again?

Aphiwe: Uhm ...

Me: thetha kalok

He smiles

Aphiwe: akere baby, bare e tloba morena ke nako (they said he is going to be king, that it's time)

He says with his funny accent, but now it's not time to laugh

Me: what?

Aphiwe: yeah, I don't know a lot about these things. So I just take what I am told

Wow!

This is something else

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~The Rise Of Alpha

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~Majesty

Aphiwe spent the night with me

And I appreciated that

I was not alone

Most nights I am with Aviwe

Because Aphiwe runs a logistic company

He works a 9-5

So even when I see him, he makes the best of that time

Because he is more busy

Unlike Aviwe who is more hands on at things that affect the village

At times yes, we do have those nights we're together

All three of us

Don't give me any looks

I know I said it will never happen again

But it has happened

Quite a few times

I mean, it is fucking amazing

So kill me.

For loving my husband's having their way with me

So most nights Aviwe is here

And others it's Aphiwe

But we're not complaining

It works for us

And they're both happy

I am also happy

So we're good

I appreciated him being with me last night

Besides I don't ever spend a night alone

Because one of them always come

If not both of them

I didn't want to stress about Aviwe not being here

Having him helped

But I have been feeling pains all morning

And it's nearing noon now

They're getting worse

I know it's time

I grab my phone and call him

He answers after a single ring

Aphiwe: mami

Me: please call ...Rain for me

Aphiwe: what's wrong?

Me: please call her quickly

I drop the call

Taking a deep breath

I am feeling these pains

And I am trying my best

To sound sane, as much as it's so hard. And I just feel like screaming

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~Aphiwe

Me being me

I follow Rain to her chamber

I walk in with her

And she quickly turns and shoves me back

Me: what

Rain: you need to leave

Me: I can't

Rain: just leave

She pushes me out

And shuts the door

A loud scream of pain comes from inside the chamber

And it's definitely my wife

I try opening the door

But it's locked

Me: Rain open this door, don't piss me off

Ishout

But she doesn't open

Me: fuck!

If Aviwe was here

He would have long broken this door down

Aya: what's going on?

He says standing next to me

Aya: is that Majesty crying inside?

Me: tell Rain to open this door, because I don't understand why she has locked me outside.

While my wife is in there crying

Aya: is she out of her mind? Let's fucking bring this door down, Rain is starting to act crazy He loves closer to the door

But at the sound of a baby's cry

He stops and looks at me popping his eyes

I am shocked

Me: whatwhat's happening? Tell me you heard that

Aya: I did, that was a baby

So I am not going crazy

Aya: I didn't know Majesty was pregnant, so who is the father?

I look at him

Me: I didn't know she was pregnant either

Aya: this is strange, then how did ...I mean, you know how come she just gave birth smoothly?

I give him an ugly eye

Aya: I am not insinuating anything, just ...

Me: nothing

I turn and walk away from him

Before I lose my cool

Because I know exactly what he was fucking insinuating

I am shocked as he is, but no one will say shit about my wife

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~Majesty

I look at my babies

And I let out a smile

Rain looks at me

Me: thank you

Rain: you knew?

I nod slowly

Rain: why didn't you say anything?

I take a deep breath

Me: I know how babies are born here, and how they don't even take the normal nine months. I wasn't showing much, no one barely noticed anything. Not even my

husband's , it wasn't easy to tell anyone . I didn't even tell them , because I didn't know how to explain this

Rain: those men love you, and they would do anything for you. You went through a nine months pregnancy all by yourself, while we are here with you. I am not angry, but I am sad. Because we could have been here to support you

Me: it wasn't hard

Rain: how did ...

She shakes her head with a sigh

Rain: these men lay with you every night, how is it they didn't notice anything? Surely they would have picked up, that you weren't getting your

periods. And would have see that something was going on

Me: I was getting my periods Rain

She takes a deep breath

Rain: then how did you know?

Me: a woman knows her body, and I would feel them kicking

Rain: this is new

Me: now I am scared

Rain: why? You're going to be an amazing mother

Me: I just have birth, and no one knew I was pregnant. My pregnancy was normal, unlike of the other wives

Rain: you are you, and that's just that. Pregnancy is not a pair of shoes, it's not equal

I hear what she's trying to say

But I know not everyone will say the same, what happened to me will be questionable

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~Aphiwe

My father looks at me like I am insane

Me: what do we do? I need to go see my wife, and see if the baby is alright

Dad: I was talking to you two, and you said you are not in a hurry. How is it she just gave birth and you didn't know or even suspect anything?

Ishrug

Me: I know how this looks, but Majesty is nothing but a loyal wife. And she has never given us reason to believe she's busy with another man, I already didn't like how Aya insinuated something like that . Yes her pregnancy wasn't what we are used to , but I know that baby is mine

Dad: I will call anyone who comes with their nonsense here to order, even if it's my own sons

Me : so you're not questioning it either ?

He smiles

Dad: I would be an idiot to

That's a relief

But also strange

Dad: listen, you did not marry an ordinary woman. You married someone who walks with guides, and souls that have lived and walked this earth before us all. And Alpha is nothing like Isilo, he is not as

insane. This is his era, and he will do things as he wishes . You should know this, ancestral babies are hidden most times. And the mother doesn't even realise, they're with child until near months of birth. Some they don't realise at all, until birth

Me: are you talking about cryptic pregnancy?

He laughs at me

And now I feel like an idiot

Dad: stop with these English things of yours, I just told you she's not just an ordinary woman. She walks with spirits, they're capable of hiding such things

He gets up

Dad: let me go see my grandchild

Someone is happy

I guess his day has been made

Because just hours ago

He was giving us a lecture about kids

And now it has come to pass

I am still confused

But I am happy he is happy

And he doesn't question my baby, or insinuate something about my wife

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~The Rise Of Alpha

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~Majesty

He walks in

And his facial expression says it all

My poor husband is freaked out

I smile at him

Me : come

He walks over slowly

Me : are you okay?

He nods

His eyes keep on trailing to the babies

Me: you want to see them?

He walks to me and takes my hands into his

Aphiwe: mami ... are you okay?

His voice is shaky

Me: I am tired, but I'm okay

Aphiwe: I am sorry I wasn't here with you

I smile

Me: it's okay, you were here either way. I am sorry Rain locked you out, but I needed help. And she's the only one capable, she said it's best you don't see heads coming out of your food

He chuckles shaking his head, I rub his hand

Aphiwe: twins?

Me: triplets

Aphiwe: whoa!

His eyes pop

But there's a sparkle in his eyes, he's happy

And that somehow gives me peace

He is not questioning his babies

Aphiwe: I did that

Ilaugh

I know when he refers to them, he just says I

Only when it suits him

Honestly the twins look so much like him

The girl looks like Aviwe

I can bet my ass on that

Either way, they are theirs

Aphiwe: how did you keep three human beings inside of you?

Ilaugh

Me: it happened

He gets up

And looks at them

Me : you can pick them up , it's okay

He walks over to them

And the smile he wears on his face

Its just priceless

Aphiwe: they're so tiny, I am afraid I will drop them

A slight knock comes at the door

He goes to open

And it's the king

He is a cool father in-law

Although, I am scared of him

King Isilo: I couldn't hold myself any longer

I smile

He walks over to the babies

And he picks them up

Aphiwe: be careful, don't drop them

King Isilo: I raised the four of you, and you think I'll drop three

Aphiwe: they're small and fragile

King Isilo: there's no such thing as fragile about us, don't be fooled about the fact that they were hidden. Give them a few days, and you'll see

Aphiwe shakes his head, while his father is talking to the babies

He seems happy to be honest

King Isilo: now, even if I die I will die a peaceful man

He looks at me

King Isilo: thank you, for giving us such precious gifts. oXaluva were definitely wide wake, when they chose you

Me: enkosi tata (thank you dad)

Aphiwe: we need a list, so the maidens can go buy things for them. Because they don't have anything

Now I have them covered in my small towels

King Isilo: way ahead of you

I smile

This man has truly welcomed me into his home

And not a day goes by

Where he makes me feel like I don't belong here

Its just peaceful

Knowing you married into a family of people that like you

Aphiwe: thank you

His father nods

Aphiwe: I still think you should put them down

Isilo king: hayhii khame (wait)

Never have I ever seen a grown man fuss over babies

My husband is here thinking, they're babies and they need to be left alone

But clearly grandfather is not having none of that

So I also just let him

King Isilo: did you tell your father?

Me: I called him

King Isilo: he better come here, and see that we're finally grandparents. I was starting to wonder

What?

I laugh slowly making sure I don't hurt myself

I am sure him and lot of others

We're definitely starting to wonder

I don't blame them

You're a woman by kids

To prove you're a woman you have got to have kids

Especially when you're married

Because if you don't get pregnant

Then something is wrong with you as the wife

Because it's never the man

So now imagine me with two

A whole year has passed

Since I have been with them

Even before we got married, we were already doing it

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~A Week Later

~Isilo Kingdom

People are going up and down around the palace

Making preparations for the welcoming of Alpha

With everything happening

Thongalethu has been by the Isilo river

For three days now

But word had been sent

For people to prepare themselves

Aphiwe has been with his wife and kids

He can't bare to be away from them, even for a short while He even gave himself leave at work, just so he can be home and spend time with his family

The king has embraced the new addition to his family

Now he is at peace

Because his legacy will continue by new power and new strength

He is just enjoying being a grandfather

now he is not stressed about anything

The big awaiting is for the Alpha to come back, and to take his rightful place at his throne

Benathi and Hlelokuhle are in the garden

Benathi: I swear, those babies are not of the twins. That girl needs to tell the truth

Hlelokuhle is left stunned, and just keeps quite to avoid finding herself in gossip. Especially about a future queen, she knows her place better

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~The Rise Of Alpha

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~Majesty

Its been a very cloudy morning

With rain gracing this lands

But it's not your normal rain

It seems and feels like something is coming

My babies are very restless

And making strange sounds

I keep checking on them

But they seem fine

The king even called a doctor to come check on them

But they're all healthy and well

So they're not sick

I am startled by roars of wild animals

And I know this roar

I quickly get up and open the door

My heart beats so fast

As I see Thongalethu

He has been by the river

And behind him it's a Jaguar

I know it's my husband

The roars are coming from the clouds

It's a sight to see

Aphiwe comes

Aphiwe: are the babies okay?

Me: they'rea bit restless

Aphiwe: he is back

A smile covers my face

Aphiwe: you wanna go see him

I so badly want to

But I am also scared

Me: you coming with me?

Aphiwe: let me call the maid

He pecks my lips

And walks away

After a few minutes

He comes back with the maid

She walks in the chamber

He takes my hand and we walk to the throne room

The shock that welcomes us

I did not anticipate

He looks nothing like the Aviwe that left here

Taking his human form

And his back is imprinted

By a huge Jaguar face with orange fiery eyes

He never had this mark before

He turns and faces us

Tears burn my eyes

I am happy he is back

I just hope he is still the same man that left

The man I married

His eyes are not changing

They remain in his spirit animal colour

Aphiwe is still holding my hand

Thongalethu does his incantations

And bows down

I see king Isilo also bowing down

Then everyone follows suit

I look at Aphiwe

He nods and we also bow down

Praises and ululations erupt

I slightly lift my eyes

And Aviwe has taken the throne

He is now king

His father is bowing down to him

I say a silent prayer

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~Aphiwe

I have read about our kingdom

And I have seen some things

But never something like this

He is much more powerful

And stronger

He is a built in beast

And when they truly talk about an alpha

This is what they mean

A king that's crowned by its own people

Amongst its people

We are all witness to this

Now I understand the purpose to go to the ancestral land

It was so they crown him

And he comes back already a king

Something that hasn't taken place in our kingdom

In decades and decades

The first alpha to grace our lands

It really feels like a new era

And we are blessed enough to be a part of, to witness it happen and take place

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~Majesty

In the rains

Celebrations took place

As the people welcomed their king

And sang his praises

I had to leave

So I can see my babies

I haven't talked to him

I couldn't bare being away from my babies for long

They're quite and settled now

Maybe it was the rain

Or they felt what was happening

Babies are very sensitive

And they can sense many things

The door opens and he walks in

I look at him

Not knowing how to act or what to do

He looks over at the babies

And my heart beats hard

What if he

My thoughts are shut down

When he walks to them

And picks the daughter

He smiles planting a kiss on her cheeks

And she mumbles

He looks at me

Aviwe: I am so sorry I was not here for this, I feel like I have failed you please forgive me my queen

I walk over to him

With tears streaming down my face

Aviwe: I love you so much

Me: and I love you

He plants a kiss on my forehead

He puts her down

And touches the boys

One smiles and he chuckles

I have never seen this man this emotional

He engulfs me into a tight hug

I disappear in his arms

Its his calmness

That assures me

He doesn't even question how I wasn't showing I am pregnant

But he isn't ordinary like the rest of us

I don't know what he knew

Aphiwe walks in , and he stands by the door with a smile . I am blessed beyond means , I really appreciate them beyond words

This wasn't my story, give me a pen and a paper I'll write my story

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~The End