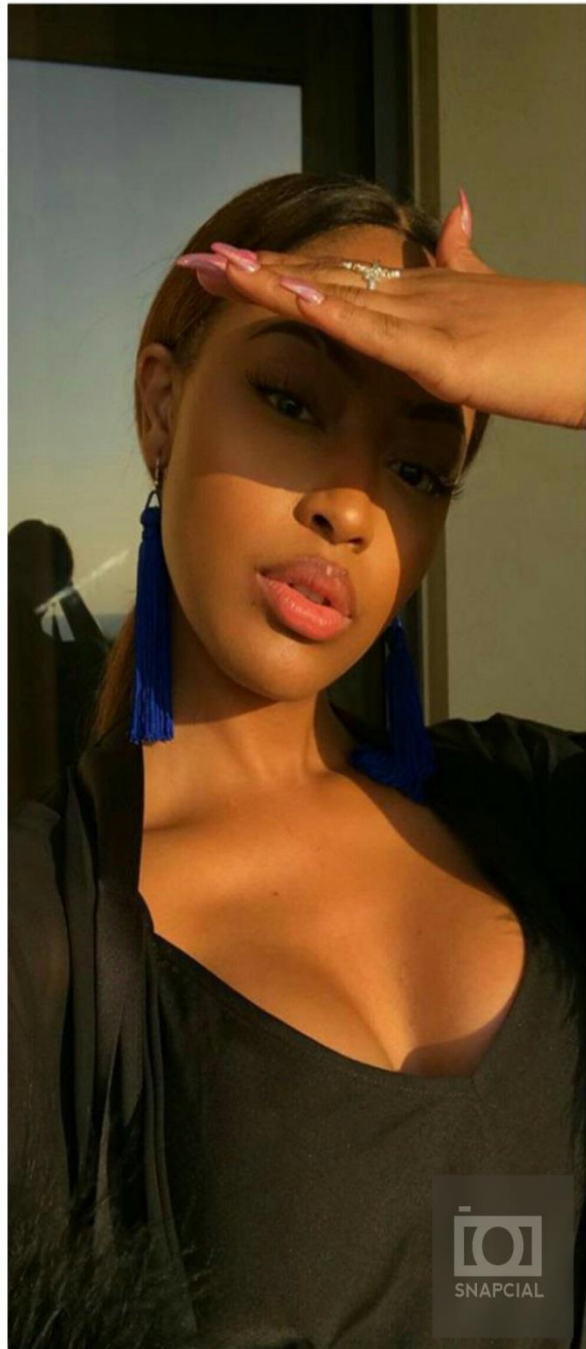


DIARY KA LEMINI



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01

Lemini - (5h00) hau!! Mama why are you up so early I thought we agreed that you won't be going to work today, you going to see a doctor?

Mom - Your fees are not going to pay themselves Minnie I need to go to work. Anyway why you dressed up this early where are you off to?

Lemini - I'm writing my exam today so I want to catch a 6h30 bus. I can't believe in 4 years to come I will be a qualified doctor.

Mom - I can't wait for you to finish my angel so that I can stop working and relax.

Lemini - Mama please you need to see a doctor because what you have are symptoms of cancer. Your health comes 1st besides I don't think that Baba Mseleku will have a problem giving you a day off.

Mom - uMnomzane won't mind but madam will.

So wena move out of my way and good luck on your exam my future doctor. *(Goodbye kiss and a hug).*



LEMINI OPV

This is me Lemini Mhlongo I am 21 years of age and doing my 3rd year at the University of KwaZulu-Natal. I live with my mother (Mamhlongo) who works as a domestic worker for a very wealthy family (The Mseleku family); my mother has worked for the Mseleku family for almost two decades. She's like a member of that family now. Mr Mseleku and his wife have 3 sons. Bukhosi the 1st born followed by Bayede the 2nd born and Ziphelele the last born. Mr Mseleku is the Minister of transport and his wife is a CEO of their millionaire company.

My mother helped raising these 3 boys to an extent that she ended up neglecting me and my sister because she was always at work looking after the Mseleku

sons (the rich kids). Years back when I finished my matric I passed with 7As and I was accepted at UKZN pity I didn't have money to pay but luckily I received a bursary from an anonymous company or person, till this day I am not sure who exactly pays for my varsity fees because the reference is always written unknown. Till this day my family and I still has no idea how this person or this company knows my results or even the amount of money they supposed to pay each year, they always pay on time and every month I receive an amount of R1800 on my account I guess it's for transport, I tried investigating but I failed. I am not really familiar with my mother's employers since my sister and I don't usually visit them. My mother has never allowed us to go near the Mseleku mansion because her madam is not really a friendly person. Even when it comes to the rich boys (sons) I can't really tell who is who I just know their names. From what my mother tells us the boys are very educated and work for the family business, Bukhosi is a chief accounting officer and Bayede is managing the Logistic section of the business, my mother speaks very highly of them except for the last born Ziphelele, the trouble maker who never listens to anybody, he does what he likes and he refused to work for the family business. If it wasn't for his mother he would be homeless by now because his father wanted to disown him.

02

AT THE MSELEKU HOUSE

Madam: Mamhlongo you late you were supposed to be here 10 minutes ago I need you to make breakfast for all of us and be very quick we already late for work, when you done please find a company that cleans swimming pools, I need the pool cleaned because I'm throwing a party for my nephew his turning 21 on Friday after that kindly do a spring cleaning especially in the bedrooms.

Mamhlongo: Not a problem madam I will get to it right after breakfast

Madam: Oh and please ask the drivers to take Bukhosi and Bayede's suits to the dry cleaner

Mamhlongo: I will madam, is there anything else you would like me to do for you mam?

Madam: That will be all for now. Oh 1 more thing the gardener tells me you were sleeping yesterday during your working hours. Is that true?

Mamhlongo: I am so sorry madam I'm not feeling well.

Madam: Stop right there. You can't sleep at work I don't care what the problem was this is a place of work not a hotel, I hope we clear.

Mamhlongo: Yes we clear, I apologise

Narrator

At the Mseleku house Mamhlongo is their domestic worker, a very hard working domestic worker. She has been working for this family for years, she does everything for them from making breakfast and dinner, clean, tidy their bed etc., her boss Mrs Mseleku is a difficult woman, she wants things to be done her way she doesn't really care what the other person thinks, she is the type of a person that enjoys looking down on others because she is rich and has a perfect life, on the other hand her husband is very down to earth and respect Mamhlongo he doesn't take her as a maid, he sees her as a mother, the problem with Mr Mseleku is that he is a very busy man and hardly spend time at home so he doesn't get to see how badly his wife treats the maids and the rest of their staff members. Mamhlongo has been feeling very weak lately, she is very sick but she doesn't get time to see a doctor because she's always busy at work and Mrs Mseleku hate it when her staff don't pitch up for work. Mamhlongo has two daughters the 1st born is Lemini and her 2nd born is Balungile who is currently doing her grade 12. Both her daughters are hard workers and very

intelligent, they both straight A students. She is a single parent her husband passed away long time ago when her daughters were very young. She owns a RDP house at Embali where she raises her daughters. Her R4000 salary from the Mseleku house is her only income but she tries by all means to ensure that her daughters get everything they want, it's a great thing that Lemini is now on her 3rd year in medicine so soon Mamhlongo will finally rest and at least live a better life. Mamhlongo started working for this family when the Mseleku boys were still below the age of 10 but today Bukhosi is 32, Bayede 30 and Ziphelele is now 29 years old. She is the one who raised them because their own mother was busy building an empire and had no time for them so she is the one who made sure that the boys went to school. It was very difficult for her because she had her own children but couldn't look after them as much as she did with the Mseleku boys.

Bayede (2nd born): Morning Mamhlongo. Please change the bed linen for me and please put a white one this time. I'm rushing to work so no breakfast for me thanks

Mamhlongo: No problem son

Bukhosi (1st born): Good morning (*referring to Mamhlongo*) I am so sorry I can't have breakfast I have an early meeting. Have a nice day.

Mamhlongo: Have a nice day as well son.

Ziphelele: Good morning Mamhlongo, you don't look so well is everything ok? I've known you my whole entire life so you can't lie to me.

Mamhlongo: I am fine son, can I make you breakfast? Your mother and brothers have left for work already, is there anything you would like me to do for you?

Ziphelele: Yes. You can start by telling me what's wrong.

Mamhlongo: It's nothing I don't want to trouble you, you going to be late for work.

Ziphelele: Work can wait.
You like a mother to me, so I worry about you.

Mamhlongo: I've been feeling really tired lately, I can't sleep properly and I can't eat. I don't know why, I can't see a doctor because I'm very busy here, but that is not something you should worry about Ziphe.

Ziphelele: Give me 15 minute to drop off this girl I came home with last night than I will fetch a family doctor to come and examine you here after that I will drive you home to rest, you can't work like this ma. I will speak to my mother for you and it's non-negotiable.

03

LEMINI

The exam paper was so difficult I have to admit. I don't want to fail; I have never failed in my entire life. Today I was summoned to see a finance clerk at the administration offices after the exam paper. I am shaking maybe that so called bursary has stopped paying, what am I going to do? My mother doesn't have money and the Mselekus are not going to help her.

*****PHONE RINGING: MOM**

Lemini: Hello mama

Mom's phone: Hi

Lemini: Hi who's this and what are you doing with my mother's phone?

Mom's phone: It's me Ziphelele. Your mother is sick but I took her to the doctor, she's sleeping now I think she got drowsed by an injection. I thought I should let you know,

Lemini: Is she owk?

Mom's phone: Yes she's owk, she's just tired it's nothing much.

Lemini: Owk thank you Ziphe, I will come home immediately after the meeting I have with the finance clerk.

I arrived at the admin office, the admin clerk that works at the finance department called me, I went to his office and he told me that my bursary paid extra money this semester they paid extra money by R100 000. He said since he doesn't have contact details for this bursary he wanted me to call them so that they can clarify this money to us. I was confused because I also don't have their contact details. I told him I don't have their number he was puzzled and said that is very strange. He promised to do a thorough investigation for me, I then went straight home to cook because my sister is busy with her matric exams we don't want to disturb her.

When I arrived home my mother had already cooked and my sister was still busy with her school work, I thought I'll find my mother sleeping but knowing her she hate not doing anything.

Lemini: Just when thought I will find you in bed

Mom: lol well nope, I can't just sleep and do nothing, it's not in my nature

Lemini: Mama though. I got a call from Ziphelele; he was using your cell phone.

Mom: Oh yes, he really helped me. That boy has a beautiful heart; he is the kindest of them all. The only issue with him is his very stubborn and he loves women, every day he brings a different girl home. He is a trouble maker; he drinks and smokes a lot.

Lemini: What does he do for a living since he refused to work for a family business?

Mom: He has his own company, I don't know what exactly his company does but he is doing so well.

Lemini: Oh that is nice.

Mom: Tomorrow please do me a huge favour since today you were writing your last paper, tomorrow I want to go to the clinic for my diabetes tablets, I need you to go at the Mseleku house and clean for me, I need you to be my standby for few hours, immediately when I finish at the clinic I will come straight to you but it will also depend on the queue. I sent Mrs Mseleku a text so she is aware that you coming. I will take you there myself and show you around after that I will go.

Lemini: Ma! No come on please don't make me do this

Mom: Minny I wouldn't be asking you this if it wasn't important

Lemini: OMG! I can't believe I am about to do this

04

In the morning, mom and I woke up, did our daily routine, bathing etc., we then rushed to the bus station. When we arrived at the Mseleku mansion WOW! I have never seen something like this in my life, it's a huge house, very beautiful, there are a lot of bodyguards guarding the gates and surrounding the house, the security is very tight, everywhere you turn there are cameras. Just before we

approach the door I saw other 2 maids I was confused as to why my mother made me come here because it's not like she is the only person working for this family, but she told me that this house is very huge so that why they are 3 of them and Mrs Mseleku has trust issues therefore she is the only one allowed near the family bedrooms and other private parts of the house. I was perplexed! Who does Mrs Mseleku thinks she is, Jacob Zuma perhaps OHO!! With the body guards I understood because Mr Mseleku is the minister so maybe he needs to be protected.

We went inside, yoh! the whole family is already awake everybody is bathing etc. we didn't disturbed them my mother showed me around, and showed me what exactly I am supposed to do and she showed me how to make their breakfast. When I looked towards the stairs I saw a woman walking down the stairs I guess this is the madam, she looks exactly like T-GOM Gracious Mabuza from The Queen, even with the dress code.

Mrs Mseleku: Is this your daughter Mamhlongo?

Mamhlongo: Yes mam it's her

Mrs Mseleku: Hello little girl, I hope me and you won't be having any problems, your mother is very perfect at what she does so please don't disappoint me, if you need help with anything don't hesitate to ask the other staff members to show you.

Lemini: Yes mam (*shaking*)

I quickly made breakfast shaking but I tried to contain myself, I went to set the table after that i went to Mrs Mseleku study room to start cleaning. Few minutes later I heard voices coming down stairs I went to look it was Mr Mseleku, his wife and their 2 sons. Yoh! The sons are so tall. Before they sat down Mrs Mseleku called me by the way I am wearing my mother's working

uniform it's so big, it doesn't fit me properly I look old in these clothes yet I am only 21 years old. Cleaning is my thing, at home my sister and I can clean the whole day without getting tired, I love a clean house. Mrs Mseleku called me I went to them she looks at me and said let me introduce you to my family this is my husband the man of the house.

Mr Mseleku: Wow! ndodakazi wuwe lo? You look different, all grown up, how old are you now?

Lemini: I am 21 sir.

Mr Mseleku: Sir? No my child call me baba. The last time I saw you, you were only 10 years old, and I bet you don't even remember. Don't be shy this is your home to so feel at home. It's nice seeing you again.

Lemini: Thank you baba

Mrs Mseleku: This is Bukhosi my 1st born and this is Bayede my 2nd born, the last born is still in bed so you will meet him later.

Bukhosi: Hello (*pressing his iPhone*)

Bayede: Good Morning (*busy on his tablet*)

Lemini: Yebo Sanibona

05

Owk that was cold I can't believe these 2 guys just looked away like I am a nobody, who the hell do they think they are. I have to say our 1st encounter wasn't great, I felt undermined, they look like twins both tall and dark in complexion, Bukhosi was wearing a blue suit and Bayede a navy suit, and they both were wearing Rolex watches. If they can give that cold attitude to me I

wonder how they treat my mother. Bloody fools, my mother raised you piece of shits. I'm already angry and annoyed I can't wait for this day to end. Well the whole family sat down and had breakfast I was busy with what I came here to do. Just when they were all about to finish some guy came down stairs, I think this is Ziphelele I saw him once long time ago when I was doing my matric, he came to drop my mother home, that day it was raining so I was running to the house I couldn't see him properly. He came down stairs greeted everyone, this guy got style. He was also wearing a suit, a very stylish suit, he sat down and took a bowl, his mother called my name I went there he looked at me, and he was very stunt, he looked confused rather. His mother introduced me to him.

Ziphelele: hawu! Lemini right? Wow all grown up. I last saw you 4 years ago when you were running to the house, it was raining that day.

Lemini: Yes. Sawubona bhuti.

(He did not even respond when I was greeting him, he continued to stare at me straight into my eyes, I didn't know what to do. I just stood there. Then I decided to just go back to the kitchen to clean but Mr Mseleku interrupted me)

Mr Mseleku: So Lemini you said you were 21 years this year right. If you need a job I can offer you one, cleaning after people is not a right thing for a young girls like yourself you can become a clerk there in our company.

Bukhosi: The are no vacancies for clerks baba

Mrs Mseleku: Bukhosi is right, its full myeniwami. Lemini doesn't mind cleaning.

Lemini: Thank you Mr Mseleku I am actually studying, I finished my exams yesterday so that is why I came here to stand-in for my mother.

Mr Mseleku: Oh you studying, that's nice. Where?

Lemini: At UKZN sir, I am doing my 3rd year in medicine.

“Loool! Everybody stopped eating and looked at me, they all just froze except for Bayede (2nd born) it was like he already knew, and he continued to eat. Mrs Mseleku looked like she was seeing a ghost, they were all shocked”

Bukhosi: So you are a doctor?

Lemini: Yes

Bukhosi: How do you afford to pay at UKZN, your mother doesn't earn much.

Lemini: I have a bursary. I passed with 7As in matric so I received a bursary.

Mr Mseleku: I am impressed. Well done my girl, make sure you study hard and become one of the best doctors in town, I am proud of you and your mother.

Lemini: Thank you sir.

They finished eating than they all stood up and they all left except for Ziphelele he went outside to smoke and after that he went inside his black range rover evogue and left. Minutes later one of the securities that work at the Mseleku mansion went upstairs and came back with a super model, tall, glamorous girl, they both came out of Ziphelele's bedroom, the security called a cab and the girl left, the other maids started laughing they said:

(Whuuu!! shame Ziphelele never seized to amaze us, different girls every day, he has energy.in fact these boys are all players, I would never allow my child to date any of them, and Ziphelele takes the crown I wonder when will he find himself a straight girlfriend like his other brothers)

I didn't care much because these boys are not even my type and I will never date any of them, they way above my league. Why would they even look at the girl like me? If they manage to play with girls looking like the one who just left than who am I, I am not that cute, I don't have fancy clothes, my mother is a

domestic worker, I don't even own a perfume, I use a spray. I don't own a weave, I have my own hair, and I'm very slim (slender). At exactly 16h30 in the afternoon the chef arrived to prepare dinner I took my bags and rushed to bus station, finally this day is over I can't wait to get home. I walked out of the Mseleku gate and started running because I didn't want to miss the bus, I won't have money for a cab so a bus is my only option.

When I arrived home my feet were in pain I immediately took a long hot bath. I can't believe I worked the whole day that house is huge, today I learnt to appreciate the domestic workers they really work hard and I saw how much my mother suffer in order for us to get a better life.

06

Mrs Mseleku is hosting a party for her nephew tomorrow night his turning 21 so I was asked to go and help out since my mother is ill, they hired two chefs for the night and 2 bar man so it's going to be lit, I will live home at around 15h00 because my duty start at 17h00. Mr Mseleku is going to be paying us for extra hours. My biggest worry is how am I going to get home at night after the party but I will worry about that later.

I arrived at the Mseleku house its damn full, the house was full of high class people, they driving PORCH, BMW, AUDI, MERCEDES, VOLVO, RANGE ROVER. Wow the was no polo or Renault Clio here. The house was full of only rich people. I got inside the house worn my uniform and began to serve the guests a glass of MOET. The music was loud, these coconuts were dancing, smoking, laughing, some were swimming, me and the other maids were busy preparing the meat, salads and pap, these people can be rich but you can tell that they black by the way they all love pap especially the males. I turned on my left I saw Bayede and his glamorous girlfriend busy kissing, Bukhosi was walking down the stairs with his jean un zipped, the was a girl walking behind him well

I guess they were “shagging” Ziphelele was on the balcony with another short, light skinned girl. He had his hands on her butts and kissing her neck. These people are party animals, Mr and Mrs Mseleku were not around they booked at Zimbali for the weekend. When I went to the kitchen I heard something breaking, Ziphelele’s girlfriend dropped a plate full of food by mistake, she was drunk in fact they all were. I was so damn annoyed now I have to pick it up and clean. She shouted:

Girlfriend: haibo ziphi izisebenzi kanti? MAID, MAID!! (Screaming). Pointing her finger at me.

Did this bitch just call me a maid; I noticed other maids were also getting annoyed by this whole thing. I swallowed my pride and went to take a broom, I was fuming, I was very angry, I felt undermined even Bayede saw how angry I was, he came next to me, held my hand and asked me if I needed help, I said no thank you (his girlfriend gave me this nasty look). I cleaned the floor. Yes I am poor, my mother is a domestic worker but I don’t deserve this kind of treatment. I can’t wait to finish my qualification in medicine so my family can stop living this life. Nokuthula who is also a domestic worker and works for the Mselekus came to me and said: agg chommie don’t mind her, she’s a bitch vele, she failed her matric but she comes from a wealthy family, her father is a millionaire, that’s why she drives an Audi A1, you way better than her, you educated, you are a doctor in the making. She is just a rich whore, Ziphelele loves rude mother fuckers all his girlfriends annoy me. I was so angry I went inside the kitchen took my bags and walked out of the gate, I called my friend who stays closer to the Mseleku mansion I asked to sleep over, she agreed so I was headed there and the time was 1 o’clock in the morning. Ive had enough of these drunkards /snobs I just want to sleep and wake up in the morning and go home.

Ziphelele: Lemini where are you going?

Lemini: What do you mean where am I going? *(He can't even stand properly that is how drunk he is)*

Ziphelele: Sorry I meant you living already?

Lemini: Yes, it 1 o'clock and I am tired now

Ziphelele: Exactly my point, where are you going at 1 o'clock, sleep over like the other workers, you will go in the morning, there is a room prepared for you guys

Lemini: No it's fine I am sorted.

Ziphelele: Listen I heard what happened and I am sorry, I apologise on her behalf, I will talk to her. She was just drunk.

Lemini: I'm not angry; I am tired that's all

Ziphelele: So how are you planning on going home, it's late and there are no taxis.

Lemini: I am not going home

Ziphelele: boyfriend?

Lemini: I am sleeping at my friend's home; she stays 3 houses away from this one so she is waiting for me.

Ziphelele: Let me get my car

Lemini: No I prefer to walk and besides you drunk, you won't be able to drive, I don't want to die. Your girlfriend is probably waiting for you

Ziphelele: I will walk you to that house, I am not taking no for an answer.

Lemini: fine. Let's go

(Walking to the friend's house)

Ziphelele: so how's school?

Lemini: its fine, well not fine fine. The exams were a bit difficult this time; I hope I am not going to fail any.

Ziphelele: A bright girl like you, nah you won't fail, I have faith in you lol

Lemini: thank you. Since you don't work with your brothers what do you do for a living?

Ziphelele: I own a real estate company lol I sell houses,

Lemini: Sounds interesting selling houses.

Ziphelele: It is, straight after matric I went to UJ to study real estate. You know what they say "you never go wrong when it comes to investing in property"

Lemini: Here comes my friend. Thank you for accompanying me, good night

Ziphelele: Sharp

07

I had a great night at my friend's home, we were laughing the whole night catching up, she has a crush on Ziphelele, its seem like everybody has a crush on those boys. I couldn't wait to get home so in the morning I woke up early took a bath and left headed straight to the bus station. While I was still waiting for the bus I had a car hooting behind me, I turned around and I looked behind it was Bayede, I waved than looked away. He parked and came straight to me

Bayede: Hello

Lemini: Good morning

Bayede: Didn't you sleep at home with the others?

Lemini: No I didn't, I went to sleep at my friends home.

Bayede: *(looking confused)* May I ask why? *(looking straight into my eyes)*

Lemini: Well I wasn't aware that there was a room prepared for us I only found out later when I was living around 1 o'clock. But it was too late because my friend was already waiting for me.

Bayede: So you walked alone at night? How brave are you?

Lemini: No Ziphelele accompanied me

Bayede: He did? Oh!! I see

Lemini: What's with the look? Why are you looking at me like that?

Bayede: Like what lol. You and ziphe?

Lemini: Don't even go there I am not that type

Bayede: Hey I was just asking, I'm glad you not that type lol

Lemini: I've got to go

Bayede: Cool, I'm also on my way to the car wash, I saw you standing here so I thought I should say hello and check if you are ok after yesterday's incident,

Lemini: I am fine, I am over it. Thank you

Bayede: Bye.

It's so weird having a conversation with Bayede; he's not like Ziphe bubbly and talkative. He's very gentle and shy yoh! I arrived home my mother was recovering and I'm glad last night was my last day working for that family and I am not going to miss any of them, it's sad because my mother has to deal with all that. Now let me relax and start enjoying my holidays, when Mr Mseleku pays us our extra hours money I will go to the mall with my sister to spend it while I await for my varsity results.

The next morning while I was busy with my house chores at home a message on my phone came in, I went to read it, it was my payment from Mr Mseleku for working extra hours at the party, it's more than I expected it was R2000 I was very excited, I was screaming so loud pity I couldn't share this moment with anybody because my mother went to work and my sister is also writing her final exam paper so I decided to just take a bath and go to the mall, I'm going to buy a grocery, lot of grocery and buy a present for my mother, I will just buy her a nice dress just to thank her for everything she does for us, working for the Mseleku family I realised how hard my mother works. I went to a taxi rank I took a taxi to town, lol I decided to spoil myself today so I didn't take a bus. I arrived at the mall, went to KFC for a streetwise two. After that I went to the clothing shops to buy my mother a dress, 1 jean and 2 t-shirts for myself and a jean for my younger sister. I went to wash my hair at the salon and finally went to Checkers to buy food for my family. I took a troll at the door I started shopping around, the troll was full and I was having a challenge pushing it. I shopped and shopped when I was done I went to pay at the till and the biggest challenge was how I was going to get all these things to the taxi rank.

NEED HELP?

Lemini: I turned around it was Bayede. If I didn't know any better I would think you stalking me.

Bayede: (*laughing*) Yeah right. I'm here to buy food I am so hungry I left early this morning to attend a meeting so I didn't have my breakfast.

Lemini: Oh

Bayede: So give me 2 minutes to get food than I will take you home.

Lemini: The is no need for that you can just drop me at the rank.

Bayede: No it's fine, I don't mind

Lemini: Thank you

My heart was beating so fast I just can't get used to Bayede his very quiet and seem very strict he is a straight talker, Ziphelele is better compared to all of them. Bayede is always busy; he just doesn't have time and it is very difficult to have a conversation with him. He takes life too serious my mother says Bayede is very secretive he keeps things to himself she says he has always been like this even when he was a child. He is the smartest of the Mseleku boys and very short tempered. He loves children a lot even though he doesn't have a child of his own but he spoils his nephews and nieces a lot. Bukhosi has 2 daughters and 1 son with his fiancé, he fucks around and cheat on his fiancé. He is still living with his parents but yeap his engaged. Bukhosi and his fiancé decided that they will only start living together once they got married. So Bukhosi bought her a double story house to raise their children while they still preparing for their wedding. He visits them all the time, he loves his fiancé dearly but he also pleases himself with side chicks.

Ziphelele has a son, he is a 3 year old baby boy but he broke up with his baby mama when she was 6 months pregnant due to the affair he had with another girl. The son stays with his mother but he supports his child. At the moment he doesn't have a straight girlfriend he is dating many girls at once including varsity chicks, his very handsome, he has a lovely heart and down to earth, he has a charisma so people love him so much. He is a ladies man so whenever he appears driving his Range rover evogue women just melt, women are his weakness. Bayede on the other hand doesn't have children his 1st girlfriend had a miscarriage when she was 8 months pregnant that affected him a lot they continued to date after that incident but eventually broke up along the way; his 2nd girlfriend had a stillborn. Right now he is dating a Mayor's daughter but things between them are not going smoothly because he just found out that she

had an abortion but she explained to him why she did it so right now they are trying to fix things between them.

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Bayede returned from the shop to buy food I was still waiting for him outside, I didn't feel comfortable waiting for him, when he came out of the shop the girls were looking at him it's understandable because his family is well known. He came and asked me if I was ready to go. I nodded my head; I pushed the troll and started walking. He looked at me smiling

Bayede: Really now lady! I can't let you push the troll

He called the dagga boys who were standing by the main entrance at Checkers; he asked them to push the troll for us. We walked behind those guys people were giving us this weird looks, because he is so handsome and rich, the dress code was on point, he was wearing formal clothes a suit as for me I had my natural hair, wearing Mr Price skinny jeans. We were like water and paraffin, but I didn't care much because I knew he was just giving me a lift the is nothing much into it. Bayede was busy talking on his phone about work and I decided to just take out my phone and go on whatsapp, we got to his car the guys unpacked the things in the boot I stood next to them not wanting to be forward by getting in his car without his permission. When the dagga boys finished packing he took out R200 and gave them, they were both shocked and said "SIYABONGA MLUNGU" than they walked away. We got inside his AMAROK just when he was about to start the engine a girl came out of the Mercedes Benz that was parked next to Bayede's car.

Lady: Baye hello. **(Looking at me up and down)**

Bayede: Hey howzit

Lady: I am good. Where is your beautiful and glamorous girlfriend, I haven't seen her in a while?

Bayede: She is at her parent's house,

Lady: I am glad you guys are still together. You should really tie a knot now you guys are match made in heaven

Bayede: Yah sure, I've got to go drop Lemini at home than go back to work

Lady: Oh so whose this girl?

Bayede: Sorry ladies. This is Lemini, Lemini this is Lerato

Lady: Its nice meeting you Lemini, I am actually his girlfriend's best friend

Bayede: Lemini is maMhlongo's daughter

Lady: Oh the maids' child. Shuuu! I can finally relax since you wouldn't date your maids child, I almost called my friend about seeing you with a girl but I see the is no need to waste my airtime. This girl is not your type

Bayede: Bye.

I didn't know whether to be angry or just laugh at her Bayede is not my type either. All I knew was that I no longer wanted to be in that car. I felt tears filling my eyes I looked down and just focused on my phone. He drove his car and we left on our way I asked him to drop me at the rank, I was so hurt deep down I knew I won't be able to pretend anymore, I know his not the one who undermined me but the fact that he didn't say anything shows that he probable thinks the same way as that bitch.

Lemini: Bayede please drop me at the rank

Bayede: Are you ok?

Lemini: Yeah I am fine really.

Bayede: listen I don't mind driving to Ekasi, I'm still on lunch

Lemini: The thing is I want to wait for my sister at the rank she is on her way here.

Bayede: Are you sure?

Lemini: Yes I'm sure

We drove to the rank I got off the car, went to the boot and took out my grocery, he obviously came to help me I said bye and thank you and I went to stand at the long queue for a taxi. He went inside his car, few minutes later when I was still standing, I realised that people were looking behind me I turned around Bayede was walking towards me. Agg what now...

Lemini: Did I forget something?

Bayede: No but I did forget to say something

Lemini: What is it?

Bayede: I am so sorry. I know I didn't say anything when that girl was rude towards you but don't think I condone such behaviour she annoyed me too I promise to discipline her, I am nothing like her, I respect you and your mother, I hope you didn't get off my car because of her. I know you and I are strangers let's not be enemies because of an ill-mannered whore.

Lemini: Apology accepted.

Bayede: Thank you. See you around neh

Lemini: Bye

The taxi came I got in and left when I arrived home my sister was already waiting for me by the gate to help me carry the grocery inside the house she kept asking me if I found myself a blesser when she saw the grocery and the gifts I bought them. It was her turn to cook so I just went to the lounge to watch TV and focused on my phone I was chatting with my university boyfriend Tumelo, we started dating when I was doing my 2nd year, his such a lovely guy and my friend likes him she thinks he is adorable and good for me. Tumelo is doing engineering, his into politics, his very famous at school I sometime feel overwhelmed when I'm around him, he is a SRC member and next year he said he will campaign to be a SRC president. Tumelo stays at the res (student accommodation) so I spend more time with him when I visit my friend because she also stays at the student accommodation. I have slept with him a couple of times and I love him he treats me so well and I have never heard anything bad about him. He is my soul mate, he promised to marry me as soon as we both complete our qualification, his a bit older than me though and his 26 years old. He is very close to my friend to an extent that I found his t-shirt in her room when I went to visit her but she told me that she was doing her laundry and Tumelo asked her to wash his t-shirts and promised to pay her, I know she loves washing so I believed her, why would she lie to me we have been friends since high school.

Mom arrived home and gave me a concerned look. She asked me where I got the money to buy all these things I told her it was my pay from the Mseleku she was very puzzled and said she can't believe they paid us so quickly she said normally they take long with the extra hour's salary. She was so happy when she saw her dress and we had a wonderful meal all thanks to my little sister, she hates cooking but has no choice.

2 weeks later

Holidays were over so I went back to varsity I received my results and I have passed everything with distinctions I was so excited, I can't wait to show my mother but since I am at the university I may as well go to see my friend. She is doing town planning so she doesn't attend as much as I do, most of the time she's free so in between classes I normally go chill with her, I can't wait to tell her about my holiday job being called a maid lol. On my way to her room I received a call from an admin finance clerk so I had to go back and see him since he promised to do a thorough investigation regarding my bursary because they are concerned about that R100 000 they paid extra. They want to clear that error just in case the bursary made a mistake. So I went to his office I knocked on the door he told me come in.

Finance Clerk: Miss Mhlongo come in, take a sit

Lemini: Thank you sir,

Finance Clerk: first of all let me congratulate you in being one of the students who did exceptionally well in exams in the medical department. And I have good news for you I managed to trace the company that pays for your studies

Lemini: Really?

Finance Clerk: it's a company called **#M.F. Mthombeni fuel**. They have a franchise with Caltex, so they own so many Caltex petrol garages in PMB, DURBAN, STANGER AND BALITO. I gave them a call but the owner was not available I spoke to his assistant and she told me that no they didn't make any mistake they are just paying for next year in advance.

Lemini: Oh wow! Thank you so much sir.

Finance clerk: Keep up the good work young lady, have a great day

I got even more confused because when I finished my matric I applied for many bursaries but none of the companies I applied too was called #**M.F.** Mthombeni Fuel. So I called my mother and I informed her that I found the name of the company that pays my fees I told her the name of it but she told me that she also has never heard of that name before. I couldn't wait for my classes to end so that I can go back home to show my mom my results and to discuss this unknown company.

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I returned home and showed my mother my results she was ecstatic she even shared a tear, time flies just few years ago I was a high school girl walking a long distance just to get to school and now I am a medical student, I am sure wherever my dad is he is super proud of us. My mom made dinner for us as we were all sitting and about to eat my mom asked me about this bursary

Mom: So what did you say the name of the company that pays for you is?

Lemini: #**M.F.** Mthombeni fuel

Mom: Are you sure you didn't apply for it? Where are their offices based?

Lemini: I have no idea mom

Little sister: Haven't you guys heard of Google? Dah!

Mom: Shush! And finish your food after that go and wash dishes

Mom: Pity I can't help you with this Lemini I am old and uneducated I don't know these things the only company I know in South Africa is **MSELEKU&SONS** which is company that belongs to the Mseleku family. They

own hotels and also do logistics Bukhosi handles the Hotel side of the business and Bayede deals more with the logistics and their mother manages both of them and their departments but I will ask Mr Mseleku to help me if you don't mind

Little sister: It's not like she has a choice mom of course she doesn't mind

Lemini: Thank you mommy

After eating i went straight to bed she said she is very tired they were doing spring cleaning today so she is exhausted. My phone rang it was Tumelo I haven't spoken to him in 3 days, last night I tried calling him but he didn't answer my call lately his very distance when I call him it's as if I am irritating him I don't want to think much of it anyways I am happy he called, I miss hearing his voice. We spoke for 10 minutes and he quickly said goodbye, its felt like he was just doing me a favour by calling, I asked him what the problem was but he told me that his just busy with the SRC stuff so his mind is all over when he said goodbye I told him I loved him he simple replied by saying OWK. I was really hurt, deep down I can feel something is wrong but without any proof there is nothing I can do, I just have to believe what he told me. To distress I decided to call my friend, she stays closer to Tumelo and they very close so maybe she knows what's eating him.

PHONING MBALI (FRIEND)

Friend: Hey chomie long time no see. What did I do to you, you no longer visiting me, who is stealing you away from me?

Lemini: Hey Chomie

Friend: Hawu chomza what's wrong?

Lemini: It's Tumelo friend. He has changed, he no longer has time for me, and I feel like something is wrong I don't know what but his drifting away, you closer to him do you know what's happening with him?

Friend: ahhhhhhhhh No, chomie bye we will talk some other time about this (hung up)

Lemini: hawu chomie hello hello. I can't believe she dropped my call just like that. Everybody is weird these days and I am slowly becoming annoyed by this whole situation.

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Friend (**MBALI**): hawu!! Tumelo I received a call from Lemini, she thinks you very distanced lately, I thought we both agreed that we not going to make her suspicious.

Tumelo: I am sick and tired of pretending like I am still into her, I love you more

Friend (**MBALI**) I know babe, I love you too but I'm also becoming irritated by her calling me and telling me about you, especially because I know me and you are soul mates. Lemini is just a simple boring girl, she just needs to find a priest and marry him lool

Tumelo: Tell me about it. Did you get morning after pills? Last night was amazing you coming to spend a night in my room again tonight right? You are so hot.

Friend (**MBALI**): Yes I bought them and I drank them. Maybe we should go back to using condoms babe.

Tumelo: No come on! now you sound boring like LEMINI that why I left her for you honey and besides a condom doesn't suit me lol...

Friend (MBALI): No problem. So when are you dumping her I am sick and tired of sharing you.

Tumelo: Wouldn't that ruin your friendship? You guys have been friends since high school and you guys are practically sisters

Friend (MBALI): Sisters my foot.. See you tonight

Tumelo: Bring dinner, I want a home cooked meal and add salads as well future wife.

Tumelo is a well-known player; he always plays with young girls. He is a 26 year old civil engineer student and a SRC member from eMlazi. He was raised but his mother who is a principle at school and she spoils Tumelo rotten. Tumelo has been in the University for 5 years already and he doesn't pass because his busy with politics and woman and also he neglect his school work. Lemini is very beautiful, she has a natural look and every guy at school is after her but she's very shy and not a whore like her friend Mbali. Mbali is a middle class girl her parents are both teachers. She is the same friend who helped Lemini sleep over when she was working extra hours for a party at the Mseleku house during the holidays. Mbali is also very focused when it comes to her school work and she wants to be a town planner her weakness are boys ever since she started dating Tumelo she has been very distracted and has failed 2 of her modules (subjects) Tumelo and Mbali have been having an affair behind Lemini's back for 8 months now.

AT THE MSELEKU HOUSE

Mamhlongo promised Lemini that she will ask Mr or Mrs Mseleku to help her with regards to this bursary that is funding her child; she just wants to know

more about this company but she is not worried that much she's just glad that her daughter got a chance to study at the university but for Lemini's sake Mamhlongo had to ask. When she got inside the house she quickly prepared breakfast and when she finished she waited next to the stairs for MR AND MRS Mseleku to come downstairs so that she will ask them before they eat and live for work. While she was still waiting Bayede was the 1st person to come downstairs

Bayede: Good morning

Mamhlongo: Morning ndodana

Bayede: Are you waiting for ubaba and mama?

Mamhlongo: Yes I need to ask them a favour

Bayede: Is it something I can also help you with?

Mamhlongo: Yes I want you to help me about this thing called GUGU I want to research something; it's about a certain company so I thought since your mother and father have connections they can help me

Bayede: You mean GOOGLE? Oh so what's the name of the company?

Mamhlongo: My daughter received this bursary. It's anonymous but the finance clerk at the university did a research for her and found the name of the company it's called Mthombeni fuel. But I know your family company is called Mseleku&sons and you guys are into hotels and logistics. But you know more about these things.BAYEDE are you owk, you seem distracted?

Bayede: Yes mama I am fine. Listen there is no need for you to ask my parents I will do a research for you and let you know. Don't ask them; let's keep this between us I will research for you. Don't worry about it. Have a good day mama..

Lemini: Mom how was work?

Mom: Hectic as usual, I asked Bayede to assist me with that Mthombeni Fuel Company, he promised to assist us

Lemini: Mama really? Bayede of all people that man is always busy and he has no time. I doubt he will do it, maybe you should have asked Ziphelele he seems like a sweet guy and he has all the time in the world.

Mom: I know Bayede will help I trust him. That boy is mis-understood because his quiet and always busy but deep down he has a good heart, do you know that he was the one who helped me when I needed CAO forms for you to apply when you were doing grade 12. He promised me and he always keeps his promises. A woman who's going to marry that boy will be very lucky.

Lemini: You mean the mayor's daughter

Mom: Yes that coconut.

AT THE MSELEKU HOUSE

Bukhosi: Bafo mama tells me you have been invited by the university of KwaZulu-Natal by the engineering faculty to be part of their project regarding fuel in South Africa especially with petrol etc. going up none stop

Bayede: Yeah they sent an email

Bukhosi: Why? I mean we deal with other things not fuel. What does fuel have anything to do with us?

Bayede: I am not sure but I will find out when I get there, pass me a beer I am so thirsty it was a long day. When is my nephew and nieces visiting us?

Bukhosi: I'm going to see them this afternoon I will spend this whole week with them but when I come back on the weekend I'll bring them with me I'm sure they miss their uncle as well. Are you and your girlfriend still trying for a baby?

Bayede: Nah! When she had an abortion proved to me that she doesn't want kids

Bukhosi: Don't lose hope bro you and that girl are soul mates hang in there.

Bayede: lol Soul mates? You are taking things too far. I know where my future lies and I am crossing my fingers for things to go as I have planned them. I have my future set somewhere else.

Bukhosi: who is she?

Bayede: I can't tell you yet.

Bukhosi: Mama will kill you

Bayede: Relax I know the deal with mama lol? Tomorrow I'm going at Ukzn to meet with the dean regarding this project they invited me to. Cover for me at the office this meeting might take long.

Bukhosi: Sharp. Let me go and see my family

Bayede: Enjoy. Let me sit here and drink beer till I fall asleep

Ziphelele: Did I hear you guys correctly. You are going at Ukzn Hmmm! so many hot girls in that place. Maybe I should come with you.

Bayede: lol and exactly what do you know about fuel?

Ziphelele: Nothing, but you also know nothing about it either. You into logistics not abo petrol, my ex-girlfriend said she saw you at the taxi rank a week ago. What were you doing there?

Bayede: Taxi rank? OH! I was dropping off uLemini

Ziphelele: Lemini? What business do you have with her? Where did you find her and why drop her at the rank and not home?

Bayede: I meet here at Checkers when I went there to buy food for lunch. She was pushing a troll full of grocery so I offered her a lift home but she insisted I drop her at the rank.

Ziphelele: Lemini has grown up shame. She is a woman now and she is hot, few rounds in bed with her Hmmm if only she wasn't MaMhlongo's daughter I would've fucked her long time ago

Bayede: Not funny bro

Ziphelele: It's a joke. Let me go and visit my son, it's the month end I have to give them cash before my baby mama bit my head off lol.

Bayede: Wait before you go how's business?

Ziphelele: Its owk. I've been struggling to get more clients lately but I won't give up

Bayede: Or maybe you should come and work with us

Ziphelele: Never lol bye (exiting the room)

Bayede: Sharp

*****KNOCK KNOCK*****

Linda (Girlfriend): Hey baby

Bayede: Hey I didn't know you were coming

Linda: I miss you that's why I came to see you.

Bayede: OH!

Linda: You don't look happy to see me

Bayede: No I am happy. I'm just a bit tired that is all

Linda: Are you home alone? Where are your brothers you seem lonely

Bayede: Bukhosi went to spend a week with his fiancé and children. Zee went to see his son and give his baby mama money for the baby since it's the month end. Mama and Baba I think they attending something at the parliament.

Linda: I'm going to be spending a night. Please tell the maids to fetch my bags in the car

Bayede: You need to stop calling our helpers by maids they are part of the family so show some respect

Linda: Fine. Where are your helpers I will ask them myself to please fetch my bags.

Ever since Linda who is Bayede's girlfriend and the mayor's daughter had an abortion things between her and Bayede were never the same. He is easily irritated by her and don't want to spend time with her anymore. But she keeps pushing hoping for things to go back to how they were. But unfortunately Bayede is struggling to forgive.

In the morning Bayede woke up and didn't have breakfast because he was rushing to meet with the Faculty dean. When he arrived at Ukzn he went straight to the office, he was looking fresh as always with his suit. University

girls were melting; he got everybody's attention the moment he came out of his car. He entered into the dean office the dean immediately stood up from his chair and rushed to shake Mr Mseleku's hand.

Dean: when I was doing my research I couldn't help but being impressed by your company the **MTHOMBENI FUEL**

Bayede: That has always been my passion but unfortunately after university I was given no choice I had to begin with my duties in my family business.

Dean: wow two jobs at once

Bayede: I am a man with a vision and through hard work all things are possible.

Dean: True. Well our students were given a project to come up with a solution to assist the government with regards to the fuel in South Africa and we wanted the input of the people who are already in this industry. They will present their projects in front of the panel which will include you and the winner will receive a prize.

Bayede: no no no the winner will be funded by my company. I will fund that project and pay for that student until he/she completes his/her degree. It's the least I can do.

Dean: Mr Mseleku I can't let you do that it's too much

Bayede: I insist. So when is this presentation?

Dean: It's in 3 weeks' time.

LEMINI

Tumelo hasn't called me; it's been a week since I last spoken to him and Mbali my friend on the other hand is giving me an attitude I wonder what I did wrong. I wonder what I did to the both of them, coming to campus is no longer fun I am

attracting enemies. My classes are now over let me just go home there is nothing keeping me here.

Bayede: DUDLU!

Lemini: lol yeah right

Bayede: yangifaka noma uyangikhipha?

Lemini: ngiyakukhipha

Bayede: OUCH! That hurt

Lemini: lol what are you doing here?

Bayede: I came to give you a lift and drop you at the taxi rank lol

Lemini: hahahahahaha!!

Bayede: I had a meeting with the science dean

Lemini: oh owk

Bayede: you look good

Lemini: OH (confused) thank you. You look good too I guess...

Bayede: lol you guess? Are you going home?

Lemini: yes I've finished my classes for a day

Bayede: Lemini its 10h00 in the morning.

Lemini: yes I had 1 class today the others were cancelled.

Bayede: oh owk come allow me to take you home

Lemini: no you don't have to do that, I'm sure you have places to be

Bayede: unfortunately I don't. Need help with your bag I can carry it for you lol

Lemini: hahaha don't be silly.

That was the 1st time I laughed today, it was the 1st time I had a proper conversation with Bayede, it's even the 1st time I am seeing him smiling. His always serious I guess I was wrong about him I thought the only funny and mad person in that family was Ziphelele. I felt relaxed being in his car today it's unlike the other day. We spoke all the way to home, he was making jokes I had a good trip. He really is smart not clever than me but his good too lol. He really cheered me up, I've been really down and lonely lately.

Lemini: Bayede do you know a company called **MTHOMBENI FUEL**?

Bayede: No I've never heard of it before but your mother asked me to do a research. Is this research really important to you?

Lemini: yes

Bayede: but why I mean they always pay your fees right?. You should worry about passing your modules (subjects). I understand it's weird having people you don't know paying for you but at least be grateful that somebody is paying for you don't stress yourself about who. We will start stressing the moment they stop paying and I doubt they will stop.

Lemini: I guess you right. Medicine is difficult maybe I should start focusing on that.

Bayede: If they stop let me know I will trace them and kick their ass lol.

Lemini: My home is that corner house you can drop me here. We have bad pot holes in front of our gate.

Bayede: I want to live you at the gate; I don't want you getting lost lol that's why I bought a AMAROK so potholes don't scare me

Lemini: Thank you so much for the ride

Bayede: Anytime

Wow!! Bayede is really handsome I've always known his handsome but I've never really looked at him this closely. Some girls are really lucky unlike me being ignored by my boyfriend for no reason. My neighbours were giving me awkward looks when I came out of Bayede's car lol if only they knew that guys like Bayede don't date or even look at girls like me.

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AT THE MSELEKU HOUSE

Bayede: Home sweet home

Mom: Hey son how did the meeting go?

Bayede: It went great mama

Mom: Did he say why he invited you

Bayede: I think it's because they needed a sponsor to fund their project.

LINDA (*the girlfriend*): baby I left my laptop bag in your car yesterday when we went out for dinner.

BAYEDE: You still here?

MOM: Hau Bayede where else would she be?

BAYEDE: (*annoyed*) the car is not locked

LINDA: Thanks baby. Do you have any plans for this afternoon? I was hoping we could go out and do something fun

BAYEDE: ahh! not tonight I have emails to send and things to organise sorry hey

LINDA: Owk then **(EXITING THE ROOM)**

MOM: She is so beautiful BAYE you are very lucky to have her, you look irritated Bayede is everything owk

BAYEDE: I am fine. It's just that I thought Linda would be gone by now mama I need my own space, I've got work to do I have no time to be playing boyfriend.

Mom: (confused): but why hle? I was the one who told her not to go home I think you two should spend more time together that is how you going to have babies

Bayede: Stop interfering in my love life mama

Mom: Stop acting like a child Bayede, you are a grown man, and maybe you need to hire her at Mseleku& sons and marry her it's about time

Bayede: Hire her as a what? She has no qualification and has no experience, Linda hates working. This conversation ends now mama I will not hire her.

LINDA BUDGING THROUGH THE KITCHEN DOOR

Linda: baby whose jersey is this I found it on the passenger's seat in your car?

Bayede I am talking to you this cheap jersey belongs to a woman who does it belong to?

Bayede: Oh it belongs to Lemini maybe she forgot it when I dropped her off.

Linda: You and her again?

Bayede: What do you mean?

Linda: I heard the other day you gave her a lift

Bayede: So? She's family

Linda: I know and besides she is not a threat to me, she is below our standard lol and she is not even your type. I'm just being silly

Bayede: Give that jersey here I will give it to her.

Linda: lol it's not even a jersey isidwedwe nje. Where do people buy these cheap things my goodness? Here catch

Bayede took the jersey and went upstairs into his bedroom with it, he changed into his casual clothes and went to the laundry room, he called one of the helpers to wash Lemini's jersey before he takes it back to her after that he immediately went to his study room. Mr Mseleku came back from work and went to Bayede's study just to have a chat with him, while they were busy talking and laughing Bukhosi walked in carrying a newspaper article.

BUKHOSI: Damn some people are rich

DAD: We are also rich what's the big deal?

Bukhosi: This Company makes more millions in one month more than we ever did

Dad: What! What's the name of that company?

Bukhosi: **MTHOMBENI FUEL**

Mr Mthombeni looked at Bayede and looked away, he kept quiet and wasn't responding in any of Bukhosi's questions, as they were busy talking Ziphelele also walked into Bayede's study room, they were all impressed by this company except for Mr Mseleku who walked out, Ziphelele was busy saying he wished he was the one owning this company but he said pity he was never good in these things, the only thing his good at is accounting. Both Bukhosi and Ziphelele walked out of Bayede's study room. When they walked out Mr Mseleku walked in again and closed the door

Mr Mseleku: It's yours isn't it? You are the owner of that company?

Bayede: Yebo baba

Mr Mseleku: I thought we spoke about this nonsense, that you had to put all your energy and focus in the family business that is why your department the logistic section is lacking it's because you busy with this rubbish, how could you do this to me (*shouting*) how can you lie and keep a secret like this. I thought Ziphelele was the only idiot in this family I guess I was wrong.

Bayede: Dad I wanted to do something I have a passion for and my logistic section is not lacking, let me live my life the way I want to. I thought you'll be proud of me

Mr Mseleku: Proud of what? Of the fact that you lied not to me but to the whole family. Now I understand why you always busy and have no time for other people maybe that's why you don't have children and not married at the age of 30. Who are you building all this wealth for?

Bayede: (**teary eyes**)

Mr Mseleku: So your company makes more money than ours?

Bayede: Yes because it is what I am good at.

Mr Mseleku: bull shit. Sell it

Bayede: I won't do that

Mr Mseleku: sell it or get out of my house and find another name for that damn company of yours Mthombeni is my clan name; I won't let you disrespect my surname like this. I told you when you wanted to start this company that it will distract you. Get rid of this business of yours before the other members of the family finds out. **(EXITING THE STUDY ROOM)**

THE HELPER WALKED IN

Helper: Bayede the jersey is ready

Bayede: Thank you sisi (**looking down**) put it in my car please

Helper: which one of your cars?

Bayede: The AMAROK sisi

Bayede walked out of the house he went straight into his car and drove away, he drove around town for hours thinking about what his father said, unfortunately he was not willing to sell his business after hours of driving he went to MaMhlongo's house the time was 8h00 at night. He parked outside, Mamhlongo and her two daughters were all sitting together at the dining room table having supper, he knocked and Mamhlongo came to open the door.

Mamhlongo: Bayede! What can I do for you my boy? Come inside

Bayede: Thank you mama. Hello ladies

Mamhlongo: What can I do for you? Are you owk you looked troubled

Bayede: (*he smiled*) I'm fine I came to drop your jersey young lady. She left it in my car earlier.

Mamhlongo: hau Bayede you didn't have to drive all the way. Tomorrow I am coming to work I would've taken it than.

Bayede: No mama I don't mind.

Mamhlongo: We having dinner, do you want to join us? Lemini take out the chicken in the fridge and roast it for Bayede

Bayede: No the is no need for that I will have whatever you guys are eating right now

Mamhlongo: awu ndodana I can't expect you to eat cabbage and pap.

Bayede: Cabbage is fine

Bayede sat next to Lemini and they dished up for him, they were all eating and talking but unfortunately Bayede is not good in making good conversation his very quiet and shy and on top of that he was very sad deep down by what his father said to him, after they all finished eating, it was Lemini's turn to wash the dishes so she stood up and took the dishes into the kitchen, Bayede also stood up and said his goodbyes Mamhlongo told Lemini to go with Bayede so that she will lock the gate. On their way outside they were just having a casual talk and Bayede stood in front of the gate and called Lemini MISS SECURITY they both laughed he went closer to her and gave her a warm, strong hug, Lemini was startled he then looked at her and said Good night little girl. Lemini laughed and she replied by asking him "who are you calling a little girl" I am very old lol... Goodnight. Bayede went to his car and drove away slowly looking at Lemini she obviously didn't notice that Bayede was looking at her because she was busy locking the gate. Lemini walked into the house, her and her sister were still shocked about how humbly Bayede really is to actually eat the cabbage. But Lemini also couldn't get over the hug Bayede gave her it was all she could think about but unfortunately she has nobody to talk to about it.

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Bayede booked into a hotel and slept there for a night, Linda kept calling him but he ignored her calls he didn't want to see her and his father. He is certain that he will never sell his business he will rather resign and stop working for his family business, Bayede is very stubborn, he is the most stubborn in that family, he doesn't talk much but when he says I won't do something he usually means it, if he doesn't like something he says it at that very same moment. Ziphelele noticed that Bayede didn't sleep in his room he thought it was very odd because

Linda was there, sleeping alone but he didn't want to say anything especially to their mother. In the morning Linda woke up and packed her bags while the other Mseleku family members were busy having breakfast Linda walked down stairs pushing her LV suit case. Mrs Mseleku stood up and asked her what was wrong before Linda could even answer Mrs Mseleku started calling Bayede, shouting his name "BAYEDE GET HERE NOW" Linda said "MAMA Bayede didn't come home last night and his not answering any of my calls". Mrs Mseleku didn't know whether to be worried or upset, in her mind she thought maybe Bayede had an accident and died or maybe something bad happened to him because its unlike him not to return home even worse not to come home knowing very well that he left his girlfriend. Mrs Mseleku than asked Linda why is she going and what if Bayede had an accident I doubt he was with another woman, he has never done something like this before she told Linda to stay. While everybody was still in shock and panicking, Bukhosi called a tracking company to allocate where Bayede's car parked Mr Mseleku just stood up from his chair took his brief case and walked away when he was about to approach the door Mrs Mseleku asked him where his going. Mr Mseleku replied and said **"well some of us have work to do"**

Mrs Mseleku: what do you mean by that? My son is missing

Mr Mseleku: Bayede is old enough; surely he can take care of himself.

Mrs Mseleku: Are you even listening to yourself?

Mr Mseleku: look Bayede is a grown man, my life won't stop or be at standstill because he decided not to come home, if something had happened to him you guys will let me know, I am a Minister and I have duties. Bye

Ziphelele: haibo baba this is your son we talking about here how can you be so bloody cold?

Mr Mseleku: watch your mouth or you will find yourself without a home as for you Bukhosi don't keep the clients waiting, get to the office now.

The whole family was still shocked by Mr Mseleku's reaction because normally he is very protective of his children, he loves his boys and they are all very close. Mr Mseleku has Ziphelele's heart, his very kind and warm so they all very puzzled about his sudden change of heart. Mamhlongo took her phone and went outside to phone her daughters just to gossip and let them know that Bayede is missing. Mamhlongo called her younger daughter because Lemini is currently without a cell phone, few weeks ago she was doing her washing and her cell phone fell inside the water, so her sister is the one with a phone. Mamhlongo phoned her younger daughter and told her that Bayede is apparently missing. She simple replied by saying: "HAWU! Shame I hope they find him alive" but she didn't care much because she hardly knows these boys and that entire family so she hung up and told Lemini that Bayede is apparently missing. Lemini tried so much not to care but for some weird reason when she heard the news she felt a sharp pain in her stomach, she didn't understand why she's suddenly worried about Bayede but she was and these news devastated her.

Few minutes later the tracking company phoned Bukhosi to let him know where Bayede's car is. Unfortunately Bukhosi had his phone on loud speaker when the tracking company phoned so everybody excluding Mr Mseleku was listening. The tracking company told them that the car is parked at the of Garden court hotel in Durban. Then Bukhosi phoned the Garden court hotel to find out if Bayede really checked in. Normally that kind of information is not allowed to be disclosed but because the Mseleku family is very popular especially Bukhosi because in the family business which consist of Hotels and logistics Bukhosi handles the hotel side of the business so they pulled strings for him, the manager told him that yes Bayede checked in last night around 9h30 at night.

Now everybody became even more confused. Linda walked out with her luggage she went into her Mini Cooper and left. In her mind she is certain that Bayede is with another girl, she felt so betrayed and very angry at him. Ziphelele then asked the helper who he saw speaking to Bayede last night before Bayede left.

Ziphelele: Sisi yesterday I saw you putting something in Bayede's car was it his clothes?

Helper: No. Bayede asked me to wash a jersey earlier and asked me to put it in his car so I did exactly that.

Ziphelele: A jersey? Why because he has many of them

Helper: I don't know but that jersey belongs to a woman

Ziphelele: Now I am totally confuse maybe Linda is right and Bayede is with another girl. YOH!

Bayede remained at the hotel for over a week but because he is a dedicated boy he still continued with his duties for MSELEKU & SONS even though he wasn't going to the office but he was attending all his meetings and still communicating with his staff members via emails and phone calls. Things in his logistic department were still running smoothly. On the other side he was also hands on in the **MTHOMBENI FUEL** business. He was very busy but at the same time he was avoiding seeing his family members. As days went by Mr Mseleku was starting to get worried about the disappearance of his son and was starting to miss his presence, he felt guilty about the way he handled that whole situation he then took the family business books and he was very shocked about how smoothly Bayede's section is running and he was also surprised that Bayede managed to close a deal with SAB, Mseleku&sons is now going to be transporting SAB alcohol throughout South Africa. SAB is now going to be using

the Mseleku&sons trucks to transport their stocks. They signed a contract with them for 10 full years. Mr Mseleku felt so bad and wanted his son home he felt guilty for even doubting Bayede, he did his research regarding Mthombeni Fuel and he was really surprised about how much his son has achieved on his own, he couldn't believe his eyes. He felt a lot of pain and his blood pressure was starting to get affected, one morning he woke up and drove to Durban at the garden court to look for his son, he went to his hotel room and knock.

Bayede: I am coming (*he opened a door*) HAWU BABA!

Dad: Ndodana... So this is where you've been hiding. Pack your bags we going home

Bayede: (looking confused)

Dad: look son I am sorry for the way I reacted the other day, it was uncalled for, come home where you belong, I am giving you my blessings you can continue with your business just as long as it won't affect your work at Mseleku&sons. I saw your achievement with SAB I am really proud of you my boy. Come now pack your bags, look at how skinny you are now.

Bayede: lol thank you baba I will start packing.

Dad: Tell me about this business of yours where exactly are your offices based

Bayede: here in DURBAN, PMB, BALITO AND STANGER

Dad: Wow son your head is not big for nothing. I wish you all the best my boy please teach Ziphelele business skills too lol. The is one more thing I've been meaning to ask you and it's really confusing me, it's been worrying me for a while now.

Bayede: Yebo baba

Dad: MaMhlongo's daughter Lemini, why are you paying her fees and most of all why are you hiding it from her and everybody else? Don't even think of denying it, I heard Mamhlongo when she asked you to do a research for her regarding Mthombeni Fuel but you denied knowing the company, I suspected that the company was yours but I wasn't sure until now that I am 100% that the company belongs to you. Why though?

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Bayede: Aaaaaaaaah!!

Dad: Suddenly you can't speak?

Bayede: Actually baba I did it for Mamhlongo, she kept telling me how much she wanted her daughter to become a doctor, when she asked me to get her CAO forms for Lemini, I saw how determine she was and I also had to apply for her online for NSFAS, I knew how depressing it is to wait for NSFAS to respond and I thought maybe Lemini might not get NSFAS and be discourage and end up like all the other girls eloxtion, pregnant etc. Mamhlongo practically raised us so this was my way of saying thank you.

Dad: Than why hide it?

Bayede: No I did it because I assumed that she will think I'm making her a charity case

Dad: So when are you planning on letting them know?

Bayede: I will. Some day

Dad: Are you sure that is the only reason?

Bayede: yes

Dad: hmmmmm Bayede! Honestly now, are you sure you don't have other ideas when it comes to Lemini after all she is a beautiful girl I wouldn't blame you. I saw how you looked at her the other day at home.

Bayede: lol NO. It's not like that

Dad: If you say so than. I hope you not lying Bayede because somebody else who is faster than you will claim her. Bye I will see you at home **(EXITING THE HOTEL ROOM).**

Lemini

Lemini went to attend her classes and she has finally decided to confront her friend Mbali and her boyfriend Tumelo. She's tired of this awkward silence between them. As it is things between Mbali and Tumelo are not so rosy, Things didn't turn out the way Mbali thought they would After classes Lemini went to the student resident to talk to Mbali she didn't want to call her because she knew Mbali will probable lie and say she is attending. According to Mbali's class mates Mbali hasn't been in class for almost a month now, they haven't seen her even around campus, as annoying as Lemini was but she was starting to get worried. As Lemini was about to knock on Mbali's door she heard voices Mbali and Tumelo were arguing and the door wasn't properly close. Lemini decided to just stand in front of the door and not disturb them. These two were busy fighting they didn't even notice that Lemini is standing behind them

Tumelo: I thought you were a smart girl, I didn't know you were stupid enough not to prevent. Smart girls take contraceptives, what kind of a fool are you?

Mbali: You bastard how could you do this to me? I thought you loved me (crying).

Tumelo: loved you? Why would I love a whore who slept with her best friend's boyfriend? No let me rephrase this, you literally stole me from your best friend. Go and have an abortion I don't want a child

Mbali: You want me to kill our child.

Tumelo: What child, the is no child. Kill that thing today

Mbali: I hate you, I hate you so much. I am HIV positive because of you I failed my tests I didn't not even write some of them, I am pregnant, why Tumelo why? Why are not even surprise that I am HIV positive

Tumelo: I know that, I was diagnosed 3 years ago

Mbali: Why didn't you tell me (crying so loud) you've destroyed me, you made me think a condom was a boring thing yet you knew you are sick

Tumelo: That what you get for being stupid.

Mbali: Lemini!!! My friend! **(Shocked)** I can explain

Lemini: explain what exactly? You two deserve each other. As for you Mbali from today onwards I want nothing to do with you. You stopped talking to me because you busy sleeping with my boyfriend. Anyways thank you, you saved me

Mbali: Lemini wait my friend.

Lemini walked out crying and very shocked she ran to the gate, she felt so betrayed and disgusted, scared for her life because even though she knew that her and Tumelo used condoms but she's still very scared. She was rushing to a taxi rank, she went past the Caltex garage taking a shorter route to the rank, Bayede saw her from the distance, he saw her running, and Bayede was busy talking to his workers addressing them about the changes in Mthombeni Fuel.

When Bayede saw Lemini he immediately stopped talking and left his workers standing there, he left without giving them a reason. He went to Lemini

Bayede: Lemini wait why are you running? Are late for something or what, let me give you a lift. Wait are you crying?

Lemini: No I'm fine; thanks for a lift ill rather take a taxi

Bayede: Lemini please talk to me (worried) (wiping her tears gently) what's wrong?

Lemini: Not now Bayede please let me go

Bayede: No! (**hugging her**) come let me take you home. Give me your bag ill hold it for you

Bayede took Lemini to his car he went to his workers and told them that he has to go they will continue tomorrow with this meeting, they were all puzzled. Bayede drove to eMbali and parked his car outside the gate he looked at Lemini while holding her hand.

Bayede: If you need my help let me know.

Lemini: Thank you.

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LEMINI

How can Mbali do this to me after everything we've been through together after so many years I can't believe she didn't value our friendship what if I am also HIV positive, Mbali is a whore but she doesn't deserve what Tumelo did to her. Tumelo attempted to sleep with me without a condom 3 times what if that busted removed the condom while I was on cloud nine and didn't notice, it's

obvious that his plan is to spread the disease why else will he behave the way he does. How can I be so blind? I did find his clothes in Mbali's room I should've noticed than. I hate man, I don't see myself dating ever (crying) I will never trust another man. They both played me for a fool as for Mbali she got a ticket for being a whore. In primary she kissed my boyfriend but I thought maybe it was because we were still kids and now she just did it again, which means she will never stop. I don't know how long it will take for me to get over this pain but one thing I know for sure is that I won't get married and I won't date again.

BEEP!! SMS FROM MBALI: ***CHOMMY I AM REALLY SORRY I DIDN'T MEAN FOR THINGS TO TURN OUT THIS WAY, I REALLY AM SORRY, I VALUE OUR FRIENDSHIP. PLEASE FORGIVE ME I NEED YOU RIGHT NOW.***

BAYEDE

Lemini better not be crying over a man because I will kill that ass hole if that's the case. Seeing her tears really hurt me. I wonder what's wrong with her; I should've taken her cell phone number just to check up on her. I developed feelings for Lemini years ago when she was doing her matric the is something about the way I feel about her, I have never felt this way for any girl. I just don't get it because ive never dated a girl like Lemini before and I know my family will never accept her but my heart is defeating me. I doubt her mother will want to see her dating me, she likes me but I don't think she loves me enough to let her daughter be with me. My mother loves Linda but I am not a mama's boy so she won't choose for me its Lemini I fear for the most because even though my mother won't say anything to me but I know how she's like, she will abuse Lemini verbally. Lemini doesn't look strong enough to stand up against my mother she's too soft. Maybe I should forget about this whole idea of Lemini and I. it's just won't work, the are too many obstacles. What if I'm fooling

myself and Lemini is happily in love with another man. I also have Linda I don't love her anymore but because her father is a mayor my mother told me from the beginning when I was asking Linda out that I better not play with her heart because her father is one of our biggest connection in business.

In my family whenever you decide to get married it is a tradition that when you engage a girl you take her to our great grandmother for her approval. My great grandmother is a SEER (prophet) she has a special gift so she's able to tell you if the girl you marrying is not right for you. My mother hates my great grandmother so much apparently my great grandmother told my dad that our mother is not his soul mate and that he won't be in a happy marriage. I can say that is true because dad is always away, his never home we sometimes wonder where he sleeps, I don't want to end up like them, they never have a normal conversation its always about business if they speaking. When Bukhosi broke up with his baby mama Anele my great grandmother told him that he will encounter problems in every relationship he gets into because our ancestors has chosen Anele (Baby mama) for him. Today he and Anele are engaged and happy even though Bukhosi is cheating but he loves that girl so much.

Well unfortunately Great grandmother has never said anything to me not even once so that confuses me because I love Lemini and God can vouch for me but what if the ancestors has chosen Linda for me. What if my great grandmother doesn't say anything to me because I am at the right path with the right person? She told Ziphelele that his playful ways will cost him one day and he will regret it but even on that day she didn't say anything to me still. Even when Linda had an abortion she still kept quiet but when Bukhosi's fiancé was thinking of having an abortion she called Bukhosi and told him that her fiancé is about to kill their child he must rush to her and stop her. But she didn't tell me to stop Linda, this is really confusing. My great grandmother is 92 years old and lives at KwaMhlabuyalinga with my aunty and my cousins we visit her every

Christmas and we enjoy spending time with her, her stories are hilarious. My mother is always alone on Christmas since she can't stand our great grandmother so she doesn't come with us.

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Mom: Are you owk sweetheart?

Lemini: Yes mom I am

Mom: Are you not going to school today/ it's 8h30 and you still in bed

Lemini: Not today mom. I don't have classes.

Mom: Are you sure?

Lemini: Yes

Mom: Fine if you say so. Enjoy your day

LEMINI

I woke up in the morning right after my mother left, I took a bath than I went to the bus stop. I waited shaking until the bus arrived. I went to the clinic just when I was approaching the clinic entrance I felt tears coming down my cheeks I wiped them than I walked in with a brave face. I took a form to fill in my details than I waited on the queue. I sat there thinking about Mbali and how she played me as for Tumelo I don't even want to think about him. The nurse called my name I stood up and went inside.

Nurse: Yes. Usizwangani?

Lemini: I want to do an HIV test

Nurse: Why? Did you have an unprotected sex?

Lemini: No but my ex-boyfriend is HIV positive

Nurse: Have you slept with him without a condom?

Lemini: No

Nurse: then?

Lemini: It's a long story can we get on with it please sir

Nurse: As you wish.

The nurse did the test and we both waited for the results. As we were waiting the nurse started counselling me.

Nurse: Miss Mhlongo being HIV positive doesn't mean it's the end of the world, many people today are living with this disease and they are perfectly fine so...

Lemini: CRYING. I'm positive right? Tell me

Nurse: (confused) why are you crying? It's our standard procedure that before we give people their results back we have to council them first. I didn't say you positive I was just educating you. Here are your results you are HIV negative.

Lemini: #sighs. Thank Goodness. Thank you sir

Nurse; Pleasure take care of yourself young lady and always use a condom

Lemini: I won't be sleeping with any man... EVER!

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MONTHS LATER

Bukhosi: Morning guys where is Baba I haven't seen him in 2 days. I have reports that I need to run past him.

Ziphelele: Go to his office you will find him there and ask him ukuth usehlalaphi lol. Where is Mamhlongo I need to ask her something?

Bukhosi: What do you want?

Ziphelele: I am thinking of hosting a huge party. It's my son's birthday next week so I decided that during the day we going to have a kiddie's party than later on we going to have a party for us adults. The party will take place at the pool area please mom

Mom: Yeah sure, I do need a distraction. I will go visit my sister

Bukhosi: parties parties parties YOH! Ziphelele where do you get so much energy?

Ziphelele: So I want to ask Mamhlongo to assist me with preparing food for kids and Bukhosi can I ask Anele to help me with the cake and décor. My baby mama will take care of the present, hiring a jumping castle and all the fun games and Bayede please ask Linda to come over to help out as well.

Bayede: uLinda!! haibo I can't even remember the last time I spoke to that one.

Mom: That is a great idea Zee that will give me a chance to have all my grandchildren and my daughters in law under one roof.

Bukhosi: owk call Anele I'm sure she won't mind helping you.

*****LINDA OPV**

Bayede hasn't called me or explained to me the reason he left me and went to book at the Garden court hotel, I felt so embarrassed and humiliated in front of his family I know he was with another woman why else will he book himself

into a hotel. After the abortion Bayede has been really distance but I know he loves me so much. He has never and will never love another girl as much as he loves me, yes he has had side chicks but they all disappeared, I am not worried about the girl he was with that day at the hotel because she will also vanish. I will be Mrs Mseleku, I am glad that Bayede forgave me for having an abortion I knew he would I explained to him that I didn't want to have a child, my body would've have been ruined. I want to pursue a career in modelling so children are not my thing at least not any time soon maybe when I turn 35 years than I might consider but at the moment I really can't and I knew Bayede would understand. But this silent treatment his giving me is starting to worry me his never this quite maybe his busy with work he doesn't want to be disturbed when his working. I don't see myself getting an 8 to 4 pm job it's too much and besides working is for middle class people. My father is rich so I don't see why I should worry myself.

I'm 26 years of age, after passing my matric my dad wanted me to go to university but I refused because I don't see a purpose of going to varsity it's just a waste of time most people I went to high school with who went to university after high school are clerks, teachers and all these other boring careers and they drive cheap cars like KIA RIO, i20, polo etc. My father gives me an allowance of R15000 a month and I drive an expensive car so why should I worry myself about a job. All my friends were jealous and couldn't believe it when I started dating Bayede; I've had a crush on him for years. We met 3years ago when my father went to see his mother at Mseleku&sons offices, he was also there sitting in his office, when he saw me he came to me we spoke, exchanged number than the rest is history. His very charming, his quiet and very strict but loving at the same time, his mother promised me that Bayede will marry me so I'm not worried that much about him and I will fit in perfectly in that family. I am a rich girl, I am glamorous and I'm into things let's not mention my looks, I am very

beautiful and his parents loves me they will never except another girl. What's left is for me to meet his great grandmother because I know how important that is to them, I remember when Bukhosi had to introduce Anele to her he was very nervous but I heard everything went well and she liked Anele. I am hotter than Anele so she will definitely approve. I don't know why they had to bother themselves about the approval of an old woman, what does she know because she was born with Shaka Zulu. We are in the 21st century so I don't understand the mentality behind this old woman's fuss. December she's coming so It's on, I know Bayede will introduce me this time his mother told me so. We only have 2 months to go till we reach December. Bayede better call me and apologise for his behaviour so that we can get back together, I miss his kiss and touch, I miss having sex with him damnnn that man is good in bed it's like he went to the university for it.

Friend: heloooo Linda!! What are you thinking about I've been knocking and knocking.

Linda: it's Bayede my friend. Remember I told you about that Garden court Hotel story

Friend: yes

Linda: guess what? He still hasn't called me

Friend: No girlfriend phela it's been months, are you sure his not seeing somebody else?

Linda: Nah I doubt

Friend: But my cousin said he saw him eloxtion dropping off Lemini I can't remember when exactly.

Linda: agg that Lemini chick is the least of my worries, Bayede won't even look at her twice

Friend: Ya but friend the truth is Lemini is also very naturally beautiful and has a great body and she's very smart, maybe you should keep an eye on her. That girl is every man's dream with that beautiful smile of hers and those eyes I'd really be worried if I were you.

Linda: it's a good thing you not me. Lemini is a poor girl and she's boring agg come on you disgusting. Imagine Bayede and Lemini sies. She's not his type.

Friend: fine I rest my case.

LEMINI

On my way home from campus with my neighbour who is also a student at Ukzn we decided to do a window shopping I love clothes pity I can't afford them especially shoes and watches. We walked around the mall for hours; we went inside a couple of shops to fit in clothes and we also went to the jewellery shop to see some watches. My neighbour's phone rang it was her boyfriend she went outside to speak to him and came back to tell me that she has to go. Her boyfriend is taking her out on a date. Ncoooh! those two are just adorable, they love each other, I was left stranded alone but I kept on looking at those watches lol the prices are ridiculous though. The one that I really loved costs R22000 lol who buys these things seriously yoh. As I was walking out I saw Ziphelele walking towards me he smiled ran to me and lifted me up. He told me that his here to meet with his baby mama because his arranging a birthday party for his son. He looked hot as usual and very hyper active as always, it's always great to see this guy because his very cool and I am not afraid of him. Well we spoke for few minutes than he said thanks Bafo for a lift looking behind me, I turned around well it was Bayede. He came closer to me and hugged me, He looked straight into my eyes, smiled and winked his eye

Bayede: How are you?

Lemini: I'm owk thanks for asking. How are you?

Bayede: I'm great. I see you not crying today

Lemini: lol

Bayede: I wanted to come and check up on you but then I thought I should give you a space and I didn't have your digits I would've called you. So you fine now?

Lemini: Yes I am. **(Hugging again)**

Bayede: Let's have lunch together that if you not rushing anywhere.

Lemini: Aaaaah sure why not.

Owk I've been around Bayede a couple of times now but seriously I can't get used to him and I don't know why. I really like the way he hugs me, he has this warm hug. Nobody has ever hugged me the way he does in my entire life and he always looks at me straight in my eyes.

Bayede: so where do you want to eat pretty girl? (Smiling)

Lemini: I doubt you'll love my choice so you choose

Bayede: mina I am a Zulu man I am crazing inhloko lol but for you let's try a Sea food.

Lemini: you eat inhloko?

Bayede: it's my favourite but don't tell anyone it's our little secret. Let me carry your bag for you

We went inside the restaurant I've never had a sea food before so this is a great experiment, people were looking at us but I'm sure they were looking at Bayede

not me. I love how humble he is, he sat opposite me and we talked about everything I love the way he laughs, he kept on asking me questions I wanted to ask him as well but I was scared. We sat there for almost 2 hours talking and laughing.

Bayede: So at what age would you like to get married?

Lemini: I don't think I want to get married

Bayede: Are you not dating?

Lemini: Not at the moment. Things didn't turn out the way I was hoping they would (*looking down*)

Bayede: Hey don't worry about it *one man's trash is another man's treasure*

Lemini: I'm over it now

Bayede: Good girl and besides you only 21 years old so you will meet somebody else.

Lemini: You right...

Then out of the blue Bayede and I just stared into each other's eyes for couple of seconds, it was weird yet beautiful than we both quickly looked away things got a bit awkward. Food arrived we ate, it was delicious. He hates prawns and calamari so he shifted them aside and ate only fish and chips. An hour later he asked me if I needed something else I said no than he asked me if I was ready to go I said yes. We stood up and he took my bag. His smile just finishes me. Outside the restaurant I stopped and said:

Lemini: Thanks for lunch

Bayede: Anytime. I love your eyes they really beautiful.

Lemini: Thank you again (*my heart was beating so fast; I've never felt this weird feeling before*)

Bayede: Come let me take you home.

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We went to the parking lot and Bayede opened a door for me I got inside than we both left. On our way home it was a bit awkward but along the way we ended up talking and laughing. His such a funny guy and very short tempered he got very annoyed when a person in front of him is driving slowly, Bayede drives like a maniac. We stopped at the Caltex garage and all the petrol attendance were giving Bayede attention even the ones who were sitting down the moment they saw his car they stood up so fast and pretended to be doing something, they all seem very terrified of him. I thought we were here to put petrol but I was wrong he parked aside and told me he won't be long he'll be back just now. He walked out I couldn't help but stare at him, he has this amazing walk his very tall. He went inside the garage shop he was in the for 15 minutes than I saw him through the glass door talking to the staff members that works inside the shop. That garage is well renovated and Morden it looks really nice but its looks exactly the same as the one in Durban and the other one I saw in Stanger well I guess all these things looks the same next to the name Caltex its written #M.F I wonder what these initials stand for. The petrol attendance kept looking at me, giving me these weird looks but I didn't pay much attention on them. If only I didn't destroy my phone with water, I miss chatting and taking selfies. If I had my phone right now I'll be taking a selfie inside this beautiful car. Minutes later Bayede walked out of the shop carrying a plastic bag. He looked at me and smiled than he came on the passenger's door and knocked on my window I opened:

Bayede: HERE. This is for you. Open inside and tell me what you like and what you don't like. If you need to add let me know we will go together inside the shop.

Lemini: oh wow goodies!! Marshmallow chocolate, Magnum, almost all the Cadbury chocolates, 100 % juice, Diggle daggle and other Simber chips including jumping jack. Wow Mr are you trying to make me fat?

Bayede: lol NO. I know women love sweet things.

Lemini: and what about you. Do you love sweet things?

Bayede: nah I love beer and vodka lol... Do you want me to add anything there?

Lemini: nah thanks a lot

Bayede: what's really your favourite of all those things?

Lemini: Marshmallow chocolate.

Bayede: let me add 10 more packet of those Marshmallow chocolate

Lemini: No lol please don't (laughing)

He continued to stand next to my window leaning at the door and talking to me through a car window. I didn't know that Bayede smokes, he took out cigarette, and I slowly closed the window. He looked at me opened his eyes so wide and smiled than he laughed

Bayede: and now?

Lemini: I don't really like the smell of cigarette but don't mind me you can continue smoking. I don't have a problem with people who smoke. It's the smell that I hate

Bayede: So you will never marry a guy that's smokes?

Lemini: No. I can handle the one that drinks beer and drinks your vodka lool but smoking I can't really.

Bayede: Are you serious?

Lemini: 100% and besides cigarette destroys lungs, I study about these things at school cigarette is bad for people.

Bayede: Do you drink maybe wine or ciders Bernini etc.

Lemini: Nope. It's not my style. I'm a boring girl I know

Bayede: You not boring, you perfect. Owk for you I will throw this cigarette away Miss.

Bayede threw the cigarette away and he came inside the car and we left. We drove to eMbali on the way the song by Mondli Ngcobo and Dj Merlon was playing and Bayede opened the radio volume so loud and started singing: "hambili umhlaba wonke mntano muntu angzangi mtholo omunye ofana nawe" he was actually singing for me. I laughed so much Bayede is crazy and I didn't know that about him. The car stopped at the gate he switched off the radio we looked at each other he came closer and gave me a hug. It felt so good being in his arms.

Bayede: Thank you for joining me for lunch

Lemini: Pleasure and thank you for these goodies

Bayede: Hey you know I've been meaning to ask you your number, I want to have it just in case I want to speak to your mother you know she has a tendency of not answering her phone.

Lemini: Well I don't really have a cell phone. Mine fell on the water when I was doing my washing. Mom said she will buy me another one in December.

Bayede: Oh! Owk. You can take my phone.

Lemini: Yours? (Shocked)

Bayede: Yes mine. I have another one

Lemini: No Bayede I can't. Where will I say I got this phone from to my mother its very expensive. My mother will be angry at me and I can't carry an iPhone.

Bayede: Owk I understand. I will give you my Samsung than. Going around without a phone is not good what if something happens to you and you need to contact your mother.

Lemini: I know but No thank you. I don't really like handovers I prefer working for things or depend on my mother to buy it for me. If you need to speak to mom you can call my younger sister

Bayede: and if I want to speak to you?... Lol

Lemini: lol... call her as well she will give me the phone

Bayede winked his eye and I said good bye. I came out of the car and went inside the house, I didn't realise it was this late my mother was already home. When I walked in she gave me an evil look and she looked really angry, if I knew she was home already I would've asked Bayede to drop me by the corner.

Mom: Where have you been this late and what are you doing in Bayede's car

Lemini: He gave me a lift

Mom: Again?

Lemini: Yes mom I bumped into him and Ziphelele at the mall and they gave me a life

Mom: I hope you telling the truth, I don't want you to be one of those girls who get played by the Mseleku boys, they are players and nothing good can come out of your relationship with any of them. Their mother will never allow it and we not in their league. Focus on school which is more important and Bayede has Linda in case you've forgotten. Please don't cause troubles for me and my employers we need money. Bayede is a good boy but not good for you he will play you. Don't get entice by his money and charms. Stay away!

Lemini: It was innocent mama. I don't want him as my boyfriend

Mom: Enough. You can get another man but not those boys. I don't have an issue with Bayede that much. It's his mother and Linda that I have an issue with. If that woman finds you in Bayede's car she will fire me from work. Is that what you want?

Lemini: No mama

Mom: I hope we clear, how dare he? After everything I've done for those boys and now his after my child, he should be taking you as his little sister. Bayede is 30 his older than you.

I went to my sister's room we ate the chocolates and all the things Bayede bought me. I went to take a bath we had dinner and mom went to bed straight away. I saw how angry she was and I felt guilty what should I do now I can't get Bayede off my head. His all I can't think about. Maybe mom is right but the's nothing I can't do I am defeated here. Weeks went by and I still can't stop thinking about this guy. I think I have feelings for him, I know I'm fooling myself he will never date a girl like me and he has Linda. Why God Why? Why is he on my mind this much? If he treat all the girls the way his been treating me lately than he really is a player. He made me feel so important and he treated me so well like I am worth something. Now I'm really confuse I can barely sleep at night. Let me just read this novel I borrowed from the Library called

NOMKHITHA STOLE MY HEART maybe I will learn a thing or two on how to deal with this heart of mine that has been stolen by Bayede.

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BAYEDE

Lemini is fun I like how cautious she is and she really proved to me that she's not one of those girls who want to be blessed by man. I respect her a lot she knows her thing and has morals. I really wanted to give her my phone or even buy it for her but she refused that shows that she won't be easily manipulated. I enjoy having conversations with her, she's really smart and has a lot of knowledge I learnt a thing or two from her. She's totally different from all the other girls I've dated. My mind is set I'm going after Lemini I love her and I want to make things work between us, it's a good thing she doesn't have a boyfriend. I don't know how to ask her out I'm a bit scared of her. I'm not a type that is scared of girls. I doubt she will want to date me but I will ask her out and hear what she has to say. My biggest problem now is Linda and my mother I know they will try to come between Lemini and I. I guess the time for me to move out and get my own apartment has finally arrived, that way I'll be able to spend time with Lemini in peace and Linda won't have access to my apartment. In the morning during breakfast I'm going to tell my parents that I am moving out.

IN THE MORNING

Bayede: Mom and Dad I have an announcement to make. I am moving out

Mom: What? Are you crazy? Where are you going? This house is big enough for everybody. You and Linda can live with us.

Bayede: Mama Linda has nothing to do with this and I'm not moving in with her. I just feel its time I grew up

Bukhosi: That madness where are you going to live?

Bayede: I'm buying an apartment

Bukhosi: Bro you being crazy and stupid, you can't just buy an apartment

Mom: You not going anywhere Bayede

Bayede: My mind is made up. On Friday I am moving out finish.

Dad: Good boy I am actually proud of you that is a great step, ask Mamhlongo to help you pack. The boy is 30 years old its time he became a man. As for you Bukhosi maybe you should consider moving in with your fiancé. Learn from Bayede.

I stood up and went to Mamhlongo to ask her to help me pack my things because I've given myself till Friday to move out. If I'm going to date Lemini I need to protect her in every way. I really wish she agrees to be my girlfriend. I'd be really crushed if she doesn't feel the same way about me, I really don't understand the feelings I have for Lemini. Spending time with her has really made me go crazy about her more. I know she's a bit younger than me and still in school; I won't disturb her in her studies. I need to find a smart way to approach her and make her believe when I say I love her.

Bayede: Mama (**Mamhlongo**) please help me pack all my things.

Mamhlongo: Pack? Where are you going?

Bayede: I'm moving out Mama. Its time

Mamhlongo: Indeed it is son but you will still be around PMB?

Bayede: Yes I will just buy an apartment.

Mamhlongo: I'm happy for you my boy. Linda must be happy.

Bayede: Linda and I broke up mama and I don't see us being together again, I am done with her

Mamhlongo: I'm so sorry to hear that

Bayede: Is everything ok? It seems like something is bothering you?

Mamhlongo: No I am perfectly fine.... Actually Bayede there is something worrying me. It's about Lemini. I don't mean to be forward my boy but promise me that there is nothing going on between the two of you and these lifts you giving her from varsity are innocent. I am aware that my daughter isn't really the type of girl you will date but I'm just a bit worried I don't want her getting mixed emotions and having high hopes over nothing. She's still young and her thoughts run very wild. Her education is very important, she is our ticket to a better life I wouldn't want anything to disturb her

Bayede: I understand mama. I was just giving her a lift home. Lemini is a beautiful girl, she's every man's type but I know her education is important. I wouldn't want to disturb her either or confuse her.

Mamhlongo: That's a relief... thanks son I wanted to make sure I am not accusing you of anything

Bayede: it's not a problem mama.

Mamhlongo: So when are you moving out?

Bayede: On Friday

Damn what's gonna happen now, I'm so confused I don't want to disrespect Mamhlongo she's more of a mother to me than my own mother but I love her daughter. I've had deep feelings for Lemini for almost 5 years now if only Mamhlongo knew how much I love her and how happy I will make her daughter. I understand from her point of view she's a mother who wants what's

best for her kid and I know she probable thinks I will play with her heart because maybe she thinks I am still that immature boy that was always sleeping with different girls and using woman. I've had my share of being a play boy I am not getting any younger I've really changed I'm no longer that person anymore. I know I've done terrible things with women in front of Mamhlongo because our mother was always away so Mamhlongo had to deal with us but even God can vouch for me that with Lemini it's was love at 1st sight and I've tried ignoring my feelings but when she came to stand-in for her mother it all came back to me. All the feelings I thought were dead and gone came back. I don't understand what's happening to me but I can't just let it go, Mamhlongo will never accept me as her son in law and that hurts a lot. Today it's that fuel presentation at UKZN with engineering students I can't wait to hear them out. I have to ask my PA to help me look for the apartment. Since I'll be busy the whole day at UKZN she has to look for the apartment on my behalf. She's been working for me for so long she knows what I like.

I arrived at the university in my silver Audi Q2; my AMAROK went for a service. I parked and went inside the dean's office. We greeted each other I kept looking outside hoping to see Lemini but I wasn't lucky. I know I'm being stubborn about this Lemini issue but I won't let it go. I refuse to just let her go. I was offered tea but I drank coffee instead. The other members of the panel arrived it was the people I knew I know almost everybody in this industry of fuel. We went into the hall, shame the students were shaking. The decoration inside the hall looked really great well the dean greeted everyone including the students and welcomed all of us. The hall was full of science students and the Professors. The presentation began, well personally I am very clever I've always been a straight 'A' student and when it comes to science I know almost everything so these student are in trouble because I will know when they didn't do a thorough research. The presentations took the whole day but the lunch was

served to us I love food and I can't go a whole day without eating I will faint. At around 15h30 we had our last presenter. We sat aside and we decided on who came out top. We made an announcement and the winner was a small boy from Free State he was over the moon especially when he heard that #M.F (MTHOMBENI FUEL) will pay for his studies until he completes his degree, he will also receive a pocket money of R1800 a month. I'm always happy to see motivated and hardworking youngsters, all these students did great I was proud of each and every one of them they all did their best. I love their dedication and I wish them all the best in the future hopefully one day they will own their own businesses. 17h00 we all came out of the hall, at the gate there was a bus with students inside, the bus came inside the gate and one of the professors said the medicine students came back really late today from doing their practical at the hospital. Normally they come back around 15h00 and now it's 17h00 they are late.

I saw Lemini coming out of the bus I didn't know what to do whether to live her alone or go to her. I don't want to get her in trouble with her mother. When she came out of the bus she saw me standing next to my car she looked at me and I also looked at her. We both looked at each other not knowing what to do. You could tell she wants to come to me and I obviously want to go to her as well she turned around and walked away I felt this sharp pain in my heart just when I was thinking of going after her the taxi stopped she went inside and left. I went inside my car very confused but I won't let her get away so easily I drove to eMbali and parked my car exactly where the taxi stops. I drive a sport car so I arrived before the taxi. I sat there I saw the quantum coming, Lemini came out of that white quantum she saw me and I went to her:

Bayede: Hey (smiling)

Lemini: Hi

Bayede: How are you?

Lemini: I'm fine but I'm rushing Bayede.

Bayede: 5 minutes is all I ask

Lemini: Bayede what do you want from me?

Bayede: Can we talk just for few minutes than you can go.

Lemini: My mom is going to kill me

We both walked into my car because we obviously can't have a decent conversation standing on the street and she is scared of her mother so I didn't want to risk somebody seeing her with me.

Lemini: what is it Bayede, my mom will freak out if she saw me sitting here like this. It's getting dark outside.

Bayede: Look Lemini your mother spoke to me and I understand where she's coming from but the truth is I love you.

Lemini: what? **(SHOCKED)**

Bayede: I'm serious Lemini I do. Listen I know you don't believe me and you shocked right now but please give me a chance to prove myself.

Lemini: Why do you love me? **(Confused)** I'm not a fancy girl, I'm very poor, my mother is your maid and she cleans after your every move. I don't have or even wear a weave, I don't speak fancy English, and I don't even own a cell phone. I am a mess and guys like you don't date poor girls like me and if you maybe looking for a girl to use please not me I have a lot on my plate.

Bayede: Please Lemini (holding her hand) give me a chance I don't care whether you poor or not. If you poor fine be my poor girl. I know you think I'm a player but let me show you that I am not like that. Allow me to love you!

Lemini: Bayede I don't know. I don't think this is a good idea

Bayede: Please! Pretty please

Lemini: My mother will kill me and your family won't allow this and I won't fit into your world.

Lemini looked very confused and didn't know what to do especially because she knows that she also loves Bayede but there are just too many things in her mind and what scares her most is getting hurt by Bayede the same way Tumelo did. Bayede tried to convince her but Lemini wasn't sure still, Bayede then went closer to Lemini slowly he placed his hand on her chin and pulled her closer slowly, gently and he kissed her. Lemini couldn't stop him because deep down she also wanted this. They both shared a passionate kiss. After few minutes they stopped:

Bayede: Think about this

Lemini: Owk fine I will. Bye

Lemini came out of the car and she ran home because it was already dark, when she arrived inside the house she went inside her bedroom and threw herself on the bed. She just couldn't stop smiling.

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Mamhlongo: I spoke to Bayede and he assured me that there is nothing going on between the two of you, I'm sorry for shouting at you the other day. I don't know what I was thinking.

Lemini: Its owk Mom I understand

Mamhlongo: Pity I won't be seeing much of him

Lemini: What do you mean?

Mamhlongo: His moving out. His buying his own apartment apparently he wants to stay on his own.

Lemini: Oh owk

Mamhlongo: and I am glad he left Linda. That boy deserve better

Lemini: So his no longer dating the mayor's daughter?

Mamhlongo: According to him no but as far as his mother is concern they still dating but Mrs Mseleku is a control freak.

Lemini: Bukhosi is the eldest so why is he still living with his parents

Mamhlongo: Bukhosi is no different from his mother. He wants to control everything and everyone. So how was your day you came back very late today what happened?

Lemini: My day was perfect and the practicals at the hospital took longer today so that why we back so late.

Mamhlongo: Any plans for the weekend?

Lemini: Nope

Mamhlongo: Good because I need you to help me wash the curtains

Lemini: Mama bathong!

(Mamhlongo exiting the room)

I doubt I'll be able to sleep today not after kissing Bayede Hmmmm! His lips... I'm still shocked though I wonder what he sees in me this relationship with Bayede will cause problems for me and my mother but my mind is made up now. I've never been around anybody like him. I am not enticed by his family wealth it's his personality that I like. Me and him are totally different but I

enjoy his company I like being around him and I like how he looks at me and how he always smiles when he looks at me. But what if he goes back to Linda one day what's going to become of me, I will be a laughing stock. I don't understand what I'm about to put myself in, I will bore Bayede to death I don't know most things, my life is a routine its varsity and being home cleaning, cooking and sleeping the whole day.

In the morning my little sister and I woke up very early we had breakfast, cleaned the house than took down all the curtains around the house we went outside on the tap and started washing them we both used to working so this is nothing to us. We also took out our dirty laundry and washed it as well, we were busy chatting, gossiping and laughing she was busy telling me about her new boyfriend. She's dating a boy in her class I wonder how awkward that is, she is busy bragging that she is never short of airtime and data because her boyfriend buys it for her. Mom will faint if she finds out that my sister doesn't want to study medicine like me or engineering but she wants to be a club DJ. As we were busy washing my mother was inside the house cooking. My sister's phone rang she ran inside the house to answer it:

Balu (**sister**): Hello

Lady: Hello may I speak to Lemini Mhlongo

Balu (sister): Owk but who is this?

Lady: It's Amanda White I need to speak to her please

Balu (sister): Lemini phone

Lemini: Who is it (confused)?

Balu: Some lady with fancy English, she said her name is Amanda White Not Black loooooool

Lemini: Whatever! Give me the phone.....Hello

Bayede: Hey beautiful

Lemini: Hey I thought my sister said it's a lady

Bayede: It was my PA. How are you?

Lemini: I'm fine. How are you?

Bayede: Now that I've hearing your voice, I'm perfect. So have you thought about my offer?

Lemini: Yes I have.

Bayede: And? (*Worried*)

Lemini: Sure let's give it a try and see where it takes us

Bayede: Are you serious! Thank you and I promise I won't hurt you. Let's go out for lunch later I promise I will bring you home before the sunset.

Lemini: I don't see a problem there. Bye for now.

Bayede: See you later baby (*hung up the phone*)

Bayede: YES YES YES!!!! WHOOOOOOOOOOOH!!

PA (Amanda): And now sir?

Bayede: Get me a bottle of MOET Amanda I need to celebrate now.

PA: Moet coming right up

Balu (sister): What did that lady want and why are you smiling?

Lemini: What?

Balu: I said what did she want (screaming) why are you smiling on your own, what's exciting you?

Lemini: Oh no it's about school

Balu: So you smiling because of school?

Lemini: Ai live me alone wena.

Balu: Mama Lemini is hiding something

Lemini: Shut up you idiot

Balu: Tell me

Lemini: NO. Mind your own business

Balu: Nothing remains a secret Lemini and that phone call wasn't about school because today it Saturday. I'm just saying.

*****LEMINI**

Now the lies and secrets are about to begin; now I have to lie to my mother about my ins and outs. I have to figure out what am I going to tell her later when I'm going out with Bayede. What am I even going to wear and my hair is a mess agg this is exhausting. Few hours later I finally decided to wear my blue skinny jean from Mr Price and my casual simple white t-shirt. I used a hairdryer on my hair and I used a bit of make-up and I was ready to go. Now the biggest challenge is my mother. I went to her and told her that I need to go to one of my school mate to borrow a text book, she was busy reading her bible she didn't really pay much attention on me she just said owk go. I couldn't believe my ears. The time was 13h00 Bayede drove past my house for me to see that he has arrived, he knows I don't have a phone that why he drove past and he went to park at the taxi stop. It's a bit far from my home I got out of the gate and went to him.

When he saw me coming he smiled I got inside and I was welcomed by a very passionate kiss and a bouquet of flowers, we drove to Durban on the way he kept singing and playing loud music his so crazy well I am a bit reserve and a bit shy by nature so I don't do crazy things. I liked what he was wearing a short and a t-shirt he looked like one of those suburban guys. It's my 1st time seeing him wearing casual clothes. We arrived in Durban and went to have our lunch. We sat at the restaurant, talking about everything, laughing holding hands the was not even a single moment where I felt undermined or out of place or even embarrassed. I was drinking milk shake and Bayede was drinking a Heineken after eating we went to chill by the beach it was so beautiful I didn't want the day to end things were going so perfectly but then we had to get back to Pietermaritzburg because it was getting late. We drove back to PMB and when we arrived at our spot (*the taxi stop*) we had a long kiss his hand was on my waist and another one on my cheek and I had my hand on his cheek as well.

Bayede: You such a good kisser Hmmm... I had a great time

Lemini: You not a bad kisser yourself lol I had an amazing time to.

Bayede: I know you said you don't like handovers but I bought you this please don't kill me

Lemini: Wow Bayede it's nice but.... (*It's a golf iPhone plus*)

Bayede: No buts lol hide it, put it on vibrate mode because I will need to talk to you we can't rely on your sister's phone

Lemini: Cool thanks. See you (*leaned over for a baby kiss*) luv you

Bayede: I love you more my princess.

I will call you when I arrive at home. (*Winked his eye*)

ARRIVING AT THE MSELEKU HOUSE

BAYEDE

I can't stop smiling finally a girl of my dreams is finally mine, I could kiss her lips the whole day. Now the biggest challenge is Mamhlongo, I can't remember the last time I played hide and seek. It's unfortunate I can't spend time with Lemini any time I want but at the same time I don't want to push it after all Lemini is still under her mother's hand, she's very young and still studying so I don't want to disturb her, I don't want to interrupt my Future doctor. Maybe I should increase her bursary pocket money from R1800 to R5000 or maybe I should live things the way they are to avoid raising her suspicions regarding the company that is paying for her, well it's basically my company. I am glad she hasn't mentioned that bursary issue after our last conversation. My father didn't understand why I was hiding the bursary issue but the truth is I knew when I saw Lemini while she was doing her matric even though I saw her from the distance but like I mentioned early that it was love at 1st site ever since that day I couldn't get her out of my mind, I heard she was intelligent and wanted to be a doctor. I knew my family wouldn't accept her so I wanted to make sure that she becomes the most educated person and the most educated wife in the Mseleku household in that way everyone will be intimidated by her intelligence and eventually accept her. She won't be depending in the Mseleku money like the others but she will be earning her own decent salary. They will respect her and they will have no reason to take her otherwise so that why I decided to pay for her myself to ensure that there is nothing standing in her way to become successful. I am so happy that so called boyfriend disappointed her she needs to put all her energy in her education not some stupid boyfriends and if he ever

come anywhere near my woman I will personally kill him. He had his opportunity and messed up it's my turn now.

Yoh! I haven't spoken to Linda in almost 2 months now, the last time I saw that girl was when my dad chased me out of the house and I had to book into the hotel, to be honest I was getting annoyed by her present. Her tendencies of coming to my home without letting me know and her relationship with my mother is just too much so I am glad she has finally got the message and stopped calling me and thinking that she and I will be husband and wife. Even if Linda didn't have an abortion we were still not going to get married she is not a wife material. I enjoyed being with her it was fun we drank alcohol got drunk together we went to night clubs, she smoke and I also smoke but when she had an abortion without consulting me and lied about it that was the final stamp. The fact that she never sees herself working and hate school and worst depends on her father for everything no I can't deal with all that. She's too much drama I need peace in my life.

Bayede walked inside the house with a smile on his face as he was busy recapping what happened between him and Lemini. When he walked in and went to the living room he found his mother and Linda drinking coffee together chatting and laughing.

Mom: Look who decided to pay us a visit today?

Bayede: What the hell is this?

Mom: Bayede what with the attitude, behave yourself.

Bayede went upstairs to his bedroom and ignored Linda. He was suddenly very upset and annoyed after months of not seeing Linda she just turns up like this. When Bayede went upstairs Linda followed him

Linda: baby

Bayede: baby?

Linda: Bayede I don't understand your attitude you are the one who did me wrong not the other way around, you know all this time I've been waiting at home thinking you will come to your senses and come to apologise. You really hurt me that day when you disappeared

Bayede: Listen I thought you will be smart enough to get the message clearly but I was wrong. Linda it's over between us. There is no spark between us anymore, you need to move on with your life because we done and this thing of coming here unannounced need to stop. Stay away from my mother

Linda: crying. Who is she? Tell me!

Bayede: Please live.

Linda walked out crying and bumped into Mrs Mseleku

Mrs Mseleku: hawu Linda what wrong

Linda: He told me it's over mama

Mrs Mseleku: Has he ever told you these words before or it's the 1st time ever since you met him, you guys have never had an argument before?

Linda: He did once when I had an He did long time ago

Mrs Mseleku: My point exactly and you guys managed to solve it and got back together. Bayede is under a lot of pressure at work his handling the biggest contract with SAB so that's why his moody. You of all people know how he is when his busy. Right now you need to be strong and be by his side.

Linda: You right mama, Bayede has never loved anybody more than me, deep down he knows I am his soul mate. Lol my friend Lerato made me laugh she

actually said I should be careful of Lemini and Bayede loool (**laughing out loud**)

Mrs Mseleku: loool (**laughing**) Lemini as in Lemini? MaMhlongo's daughter? Is Lerato mad? Imagine that combo Bayede and Lemini over my dead body Lemini can come inside that gate only if she is here to clean nothing else and I don't even believe that story of her studying medicine.

Linda: I said the same thing.

Mrs Mseleku: Well we can't deny the fact that Lemini is very beautiful just like her mother, but her sense of style, she is just not what Bayede likes. None of my sons can go for her; she is too plain and boring.

Linda: (*Laughing*) Lerato is just insane but she likes making jokes so I understand. Let me go mama I will talk to Bayede once his calm. When is great grandmother coming please remind me?

Mrs Mseleku: That Ghost is coming next month so please fix your things with Bayede so that he will introduce you to her and get her stupid approval. You 2 can get married so that I can focus on Ziphelele. I want all my sons to be married to decent girls before I die

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❖ *Bayede Calling: Future*

Lemini: Hey you

Bayede: Hey my future

Lemini: You sound really down. Whatsup?

Bayede: Nah it's nothing I'm just thinking about work. Anyways what did your mother say when you returned home

Lemini: She was next door when I got back so she didn't see me. When she returned I was already in bed reading my novel.

Bayede: Novel? Wow! You like reading?

Lemini: yeah don't you?

Bayede: novels? Hell no lol I don't read novels but I've noticed that women enjoy novels mina I will rather watch soccer. With novels it's only lies and somebody else's imagination Lol. What's the name of that novel?

Lemini: It's the Journal of Zimase, very interesting baby lol

Bayede: lol baby soccer is more interesting. I miss you already

Lemini: I miss you too handsome

Bayede: have you ever imagine us being together?

Lemini: Not in million years but I am glad we are. Listen I heard you sing in the car on our way to Durban maybe you should consider going on idols you know lol

Bayede: hahaha (**laughing out loud**) hah! I will kill you. But one thing I know for sure I sing better than you lol

Lemini: what! Don't be so sure Mr, lol I will prove you wrong

Bayede: hahaha (laughing). I can't wait to see you; you are the only person that seems to be making sense in my life right now. Goodnight my future. You can now hide your phone before Mama kills you.

Lemini: Goodnight hun.

Mr Mseleku: Hmmmm my future? Somebody is in love

Bayede: Baba I didn't see you standing there

Mr Mseleku: Be glad it was me and not your mother. I take it you not talking to Linda. Love is written all over your face

Bayede: Oh no. Hell no it's not her

Mr Mseleku: Oh God! Bayede its maMhlongo's daughter right? (**Worried**)

Bayede: Aaaaah

Mr Mseleku: Yoh! Son this won't end well.

Bayede: Its won't end at all

Mr Mseleku: I don't have a problem with Lemini, I just fear for her and Mamhlongo won't appreciate this Bayede. She won't allow her daughter to be part of this family because of your mother.

Bayede: I know baba but the is nothing I can do. The is something about Lemini no matter how much I try to ignore it but it's impossible.

Mr Mseleku: Well I am glad you following your heart, I also wish I had the same guts as you when I was young. Hold on to that girl she's decent, she will make a perfect wife and a mother to your kids, and she is every man's dream. I wish I could turn back the clock, marrying girls from rich families because of status is not a good thing. Love is more important at least now we will have a doctor in the family lol. She will be my clever daughter in law. Sort out your issues with Linda don't drag Lemini into your mess.

***MR MSELEKU

It's hard being in a loveless marriage that is why I need my sons to marry any girl they love whether poor or rich. I don't want their lives to be all about money but I need them to be happy. I'm glad to see how grown they all are and responsible well except for Ziphelele. Bukhosi is exactly like his mother his power hungry but his loyal and dedicated, he loves his work and also loves money way too much, I know he loves Anele very much I don't blame him she is a very lovely girl but deep down I know that if Anele wasn't a daughter of one of the richest man in Zululand and plus her mother is a regional head in one of the government departments I doubt Bukhosi would've married her. Yes he loves her we cannot deny that but he loves her status the most. Because of Anele he now has connections throughout KZN, I don't have issues with that because the whole family benefits. Bayede on the other hand has always been about love what he has with Lemini is different and warm. Their love is true because none of them is looking to benefit from the other one. They just following their hearts Bayede may look like a tough man on the outside but inside his very fragile and soft especially towards the people he loves. He started his own business building the empire for his family even though I didn't appreciate the idea of him doing his own thing aside but thinking about it now I'm happy he did because with Bukhosi behaving the way he does thinking his the boss I know that as time goes they will end up not seeing eye to eye especially if me and their mother passes away. What Lemini and Bayede have reminds me of my life back in the days.

When I was young I used to date a girl named Thuso. She was very beautiful; she had the nicest legs and a beautiful heart. We dated for years I loved her very much, ive never loved anybody the way I loved that woman she completed me. Thuso and I met when I used to visit my cousins at the village at Umhlabuyalingana. She used to help her mother sell vetkoeks on the side of the

road. She also used to attend to the same school with my other cousin. My father owned a shop, his shop was the only shop in the area we were well off growing up, I had everything I needed and my mother was also a nurse so we had money. Thuso and I started dating and everything was going so well. I broke her virginity we were so in love I knew that I was going to marry her one day. Her mother loved me she used to call me “Mkhwenyana”. We continued to date until we finished matric, she went to University of Zululand to study education and I went to Mangosuthu to do political science. After varsity I started my own business my parents assisted me financially when I needed help I named my business Mseleku Transport which we now call Mseleku&sons. As I was busy building and improving my business both my parents died in a car accident, at that time my business wasn't going so well I started getting poor and worse I was unemployed then I had to go and stay with my uncle who also passed away after a year. I then left and went to live with my grandmother who is still alive and I thank God for that but at that time my grandmother was already old and also not working so I had to make my business work no matter what.

Thuso also finished her degree she found a job as a teacher, she was also from a poor background so she had her own problems. But she continued loving me even after I went from a rich kid to a poor man she stood by me she still respected me and never took me otherwise she sometimes gave me money to buy food but she wasn't earning enough money to support 2 families. Then I met my current wife while I was out job hunting and also looking for people to invest in my business she was from the royal family. We dated and her father invested in my business I started having money things were going so well. Money changed me I started focusing more on my current wife because she was in my level and ignored Thuso. I moved to Pietermaritzburg and left Thuso behind, I paid lobola for my current wife and we got married. When Thuso

heard about my marriage she was heartbroken my grandmother warned me that I will never be happy, she told me that I decided to choose money over love and loyalty. But I knew that if I didn't marry my current wife I would've lost everything her father was going to stop investing in my business and I would've remained poor.

Thuso was suffering from depression after she heard I got married. My current wife doesn't know that I am aware that she is the one who sent Thuso our wedding pictures. Thuso passed away she was ran over by a car; it was a hit and run. The police failed to trace the car and to find out who killed Thuso. That is why I don't want my sons to be like me after her passing I regretted my decisions I hated myself for what I did to her. I still regret it even today because if I didn't allow money to change me Thuso would still be alive. As time went by I began to hate the woman I married who is the mother of my sons. She is very selfish I can't believe I settled for a woman that behaves this way. After some time I went back to politics, my wife took over the business and as years went by I became a minister of Transport, when my sons grew up they also joined the family business. Bayede is already rich he is the richest in the whole family, I don't see what could change him and turn him against Lemini. Bayede and Ziphelele are very humbly you won't even see that they rich.

1 WEEK LATER

*****LEMINI**

Baye and I have been dating for couple of weeks now it's been really great it's like nothing else exist in my world. His all that matters I can't think of anything else besides him and his lips. His been really good to me he makes time for me. Although his very busy ive never seen anybody who is as busy as Baye, but he makes sure that he takes time to see me and spend time with me , he fetches me from varsity, we've been going out and enjoying life. He has finally bought his

own apartment. He gave me the house keys and asked me to help him decorate the house. He told me to do whatever I want in the house even if I can paint it pink LOL he said he won't mind. I still haven't seen the apartment but yesterday he asked me to visit him to see the house so we decided that I am going to visit him today. Baye and I haven't slept together ever since we've started dating; he told me that he is in no rush. Well the plan is I will have to sneak out of the house when my mother goes to bed, my mom normally sleeps at 19h30 so I will sneak out around 20h00 and Bayede promised to bring me back around 22h00. I love how he always encourages me to do better and his always willing to assist me with varsity things. Whenever I'm writing tests he always brings me energy drinks and other things, his very sweet and romantic. Where has he been all my life?

So today I decided to have an early bath my mother was puzzled seeing me bathing so early she asked me why am I bathing this early I told her that I have a headache so I want to have an early night. She was sad when I said I was sick so she allowed me to skip dinner and go to bed early. I went to my bedroom and I got dressed in my short dress because it's really hot since its summer and wore my gown on top so that my mother won't see me in a dress. I got inside my bed and pretended to be fast asleep. After sometime my mother walked in and gave me a baby kiss she also switches off the lights for me. I knew that she was also going to bed I waited for about an hour at exactly 20h00 Bayede phoned me and told me he was outside. I slowly took off my gown and sneaked out quietly through the window. I jumped down and then pushed my window but I didn't close it properly because I will need to use it when I get back. Then I ran into Bayede's car when I got in we kissed and drove away. We arrived at his house OMG it's so huge and beautiful. His Audi Q2 was still parked outside I walked out of the car he came behind me and lifted me up, we went inside the house:

Bayede: Home sweet Home my love. Do you like it?

Lemini: wow I love it. It's beautiful

Bayede: I love your dress

Lemini; lol Thank you

Bayede: Make yourself at home baby. The house is still empty and waiting for you to decorate it, you promised.

Lemini: I still remember (smiling)

Bayede: let me get you something to drink. What do you want Hansa, castle milk stout looooooooool

Lemini: hahahahaha (laughing) a juice would be great.

Bayede and I sat on his couch having drinks and watching TV, we had dinner he cooks really nice for a guy. We went to sit on the balcony because of the heat. He was busy drinking his beer and I was also having my 100% juice. We sat outside talking about his family, how it was like growing up and I got to know him better. We had a heart to heart conversation. As we were busy talking we started kissing and kissing it got deeper and deeper he lifted me up and took me inside, the next thing we were both in his bed naked and I couldn't stop myself I also wanted it. He took out the condoms on his side drawer but before he could even wear it he looked at me:

Bayede: You sure you ready for this: (*kissing Lemini while touching her private part*) we can stop you know. I don't mind waiting for you my better half.

LEMINI

I couldn't let him stop. The way he was touching me I allowed him to continue we then went on and he inserted the condom. When I saw how big his penis was I couldn't believe my eyes he then got on top of me, we continued to kiss and he

entered his d*ck inside me and started moving up and down slowly and gentle while kissing me and touching me all over. I couldn't hold back I was also feeling him, I was holding him tight we went on and on and on until I couldn't feel my body no more and before I knew it I reached my climax and few minutes after Baye also came. We rested a bit laying on his bed the time was 21h45 so I had 15 minutes before I went home. I placed my head on his chest and he wrapped me around his arms. After 15 minutes we were supposed to dress up and go home but he started moving his hand on my butt and touching my vagina, we were still naked after all. He had his other hand on my chin he lifted my face up and kissed me all over again we went on our 2nd round and we did it again. Nobody has ever done me the way Bayede has. Immediately after our 2nd round we both passed out but I knew Bayede wanted more, I was tired I fell asleep at that very same moment on his arms he also fell asleep holding me tight. As I was deep in my sleep I started hearing the sound of cars and people talking I quickly woke up and checked the time it was half past 6 in the morning people were already walking on the streets I over slept: OH!! MY GOODNESS.... OH SHIT I AM DEAD!!!

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Lemini: Bayede wake up (panicking)

Bayede: What's wrong? Oh shit we over slept

Lemini: Oh my God what am I going to tell my mother, she's going to kill me (crying) where will I say I was?

Bayede: Baby come down. Let get me dressed than we will go

Bayede and Lemini left the house both panicking, Bayede was scared for Lemini the last thing he wants is to get her in trouble. They got inside the car and drove straight to eMbali. The time was then 6h45 and Lemini knew very

well that by this time her mother is already awake because she has to be at work by 7h30 so she knew for sure that her mother will notice that she didn't sleep at home. Bayede drove as fast as he could.

***BALU (Lemini's sister)

I can't believe Lemini is still sleeping normally she is the 1st person to wake up she doesn't like sleeping she will rather watch TV instead of sleeping. Yesterday she said she had a headache maybe I should go and see how she's doing. I'm only left with 2 weeks before I finish my matric yooh! I can't wait to DJ in the clubs I am sick and tired of school I know I will make more money with my career like DJ Zinhle. I went to Lemini's bedroom my mother was still bathing. But to my surprise Lemini wasn't there I went to check the doors they were all locked and the keys were inside I went to check my mother's bedroom there was no sign of Lemini I even went to check the toilet but Lemini wasn't there. I thought of asking mom where Lemini was but then again I decided not to. I went back again to her bedroom I sat on top of her bed I saw her gown on the floor as I was still confused I heard a loud bang of the window. I went by the window I saw that it wasn't closed I got even more confused. Lemini doesn't have a phone so right now I can't even call her. In my mind I knew that Lemini didn't sleep here at home and I realised that she went out through the window. It's impossible that she went out through the door because the doors are both locked and the keys are inside, it's impossible to lock from the outside with the keys inside. I started getting worried wondering what mama would say about this. Mom will be very upset with her.

Something like this has never happened in this house, who could be driving Lemini this mad to even make loose her mind and do something so stupid maybe it's that skinny guy Tumelo. I heard mom opening the bathroom door I quickly went back to my bedroom, I don't want to be involve myself in this

drama. The least I could do is to close Lemini's bedroom window. Mom went to her bedroom, she got dressed and she went to Lemini's bedroom to check up on her since she said she was sick last night. She didn't find her, she went to the toilet there was no Lemini then she went to check for her outside but before she could even open the door she realised that the doors are locked and the keys are inside so there is no way Lemini could be outside I heard her footsteps coming towards my bedroom oh my goodness Lemini how could you, knowing very well that our mother is strict I was shivering hearing mama coming. She opened my bedroom door when she realised Lemini wasn't there still she looked straight into my eyes giving me an evil look.

Mamhlongo: Where the Hell is your sister?

Balu: Aaahh mom?

Mamhlongo: Balungile I am talking to you? (Shouting)

Balu: Oh Lemini mama she went to jog

Mamhlongo: What?

Balu: Yebo mama she suddenly started complaining about gaining weight so her and some girls I don't know left really early.

Mamhlongo: If that is true how did she get out of the house?

Balu: Through the door mama. I went to lock after she left

Mamhlongo: You are aware that I wasn't born yesterday right?

Balu: I am telling the truth mom where else could Lemini be

Mamhlongo: (very angry) I don't believe a word that is coming out of your mouth right now. You better be telling me the truth or else you will be in

trouble as well. Go outside and take out the bin before the municipal truck comes to collect.

Balu: yebo mama.

Yoooh! Lemini where the hell are you? I went outside wearing my leggings and a simple t-shirt I took out the bin and walked towards the gate where we normally put the bin for the municipality to collect it. I stood by the gate very scared to go back inside with mama so angry I can't be around her especially because I really don't know where Lemini is. As I was still standing debating in my mind I decided to take a walk on the street just to think about what has just happened and I also want to go back to the house once mama has left, as I was approaching the place where the taxis normally stops. I saw Bayede's AMAROK I thought of rushing back to the house to call mama because I thought maybe he is here to pick her up I don't know for what but suddenly the car stopped a bit far from where I was. The passengers door opened it was Lemini who was coming out worst of all she was wearing a short dress imagine if mama can see her right now hahahahahahah!!! I have never laughed this much. I stopped and didn't move She came towards my direction I could tell from far that she was terrified but didn't see me as she came closer she saw me. She was startled and looked very frightened she then stopped Bayede was still in his car he didn't just drop her and left he wanted to wait until Lemini got home and he also wanted to make sure that she is alright. The moment Lemini saw me she got even more scared, her eyes had tears.

Balu: Where have you been do you know how much trouble you in?

Lemini: Where is mom?

Balu: At home where you left her idiot

******Lemini's phone ringing***

Lemini: Hey

Bayede: Is that your sister? Are you in trouble? (**Very worried**)

Lemini: Yes it's her but it's fine you can go I'm going to be owk

Bayede: No come on I can't live you like this

Lemini: I'm serious Bayede its fine talk to you later

Bayede: listen I am so sorry I over slept, it wasn't my intention to get you in trouble I love you owk. Call me if you need me

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Balu: (**shocked**) You have a cell phone? An iPhone plus!! That phone cost over R8000

Lemini: Aaaaaah!!!

Balu: Owk don't even answer that. You are sleeping with Bayede Mseleku?

Lemini: I am not sleeping with him. We dating

Balu: hahahahahahaha (**LAUGHING OUT LOUD!**)

Lemini: I am serious

Balu: Lemini you playing with fire.

Lemini; I know but I can't help it

Balu: That why you came out of the window last night? You really thought mom wouldn't notice anyways enough about that, let's go to that corner to exchange clothes. You will take my leggings and t-shirt and I will wear your shameful dress loooool!!

Lemini: Why?

Balu: Because idiot I told mama you went jogging she didn't believe me I haven't seen her that angry in a very long time.

The sisters exchanged clothes and Lemini poured water onto her face, she then left Balu behind because Mamhlongo saw that she wasn't wearing a dress. Lemini ran inside the house like a person who just came from jogging:

Lemini: morning mama yooh I am so tired

Mamhlongo: (*confused*) where have you been (*shouting*)?

Lemini: Hawu! mama why are you so angry I went jogging didn't Balu tell you

Mamhlongo: Where is she? Call her I want to speak to the both of you.

Lemini: Aaaaaah

Mamhlongo: NOW Lemini!

Lemini was busy shaking and thinking that their plan didn't work. Mamhlongo was still confuse whether to believe these two. She knows her daughters and can tell when something is off but this time she had no proof Lemini really looked like somebody who was coming from the gym she was wet and looked tired. Well she was tired after the night she had. Lemini was still thinking about a lie she will tell her mother so that she won't have to call Balu. There was a car hoot at the gate, Mamhlongo and Lemini both looked outside it was one of the neighbours offering Mamhlongo a lift to work because she also works closer to the Mseleku house. Mamhlongo had no choice but to go but she gave Lemini a very concerned look.

Mamhlongo: I don't understand why you jogging because you skinny

Lemini: lol bye mama

Mamhlongo: Bye next time tell me when you going early, don't just disappear you nearly gave me a heart attack

Lemini: Sorry mama bye love you.

Mamhlongo left and Balu came back inside the house looking at Lemini and also had a smile on her face.

Balu: Here is your phone. Your man has been calling none stop. You have a lot of explaining to do and you need to pay me after all you are sleeping with a rich man which means you have money.

Lemini: I told you I am not sleeping with him, we dating.

Balu: So where is Linda in all this? Or you are his side chick. How could you do this? Mama would've lost his her job if his mother saw you this morning.

Lemini: He bought his own house

Balu: And is that supposed to make it owk?

Lemini: Give me a break would you. I don't judge you so please stop judging me

Balu: Owk be careful though. I wish you all the best. So tell me how was the sex? I'm still a virgin but I am interested in knowing about it because I'll be doing it when I finish my matric exams. I can't wait to have sex apparently they say it nice. Is it? It must be nice it even made you jump outside the window loooool! **(Laughing out loud)**

Lemini: (laughing) shut up I am still your big sister.

*****Bayede calling**

Lemini: Hello

Bayede: Are you owk?

Lemini: Yes I am thanks. Mama didn't notice Balu covered for me

Bayede: Thank God I was so worried; tell her I will get her something nice. I had a great time last night

Lemini: I had an amazing time as well baby

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*****MRS MSELEKU**

Being married is no child's play especially being married to a man that is in love with somebody else. When I met Mr Mseleku we had a connection right away. We dated and it was fun even though he was still hustling trying to get his business off the ground. He needed sponsors and at that time he didn't find anybody who was willing to listen so as time went by our love was growing I loved him and I thought he felt the same way. So I asked my father who was a chief to please support Mr Mseleku financially in his business. At 1st my father didn't want to hear about this business but when Mr Mseleku proposed to marry me my father ended up financing this business because he didn't want me to be with somebody who won't be able to provide for me. The business was doing so well so my husband and I decided to move to PMB, we got married and bought a house. I started realising that Mr Mseleku was changing, he didn't want to be near me anymore so I did a little investigation trying to know what exactly was going on with him. I found out that he left a girlfriend back in the village a girl named Thuso. At that time I was already pregnant with Bukhosi. I started noticing how my husband loved Thuso more than me. I asked around and I found out that she was his 1st love well I tried ignoring the whole thing thinking that maybe it will blow over but the distance between my husband and I kept on getting worse and worse. I was starting to get annoyed because he was no

longer paying attention to me. Than one day I decided to go through his phone while he was sleeping I saw messages he was sending to her telling her how much he loved her, he was calling her by names he has never called me as hard as it was I realised that he still loved her and he was using me to get money from my family to start his own business. I was furious, how could he use me like that but another thing I noticed was that Thuso was not aware that her so called lover is now married. Our wedding was very small Mr Mseleku didn't want a big wedding now I know why; he didn't want Thuso to know. I sent Thuso our wedding pictures using an extra sim-card that I had. After sending those pictures I took out that sim-card and threw it away I didn't want my husband to know it was me who sent them. Then I was happy thinking that they will fight and finally break up and maybe Thuso will hate Mr Mseleku but I was wrong one day I took his phone again I saw messages from his friend telling him that Thuso has a depression and she's very heart broken, he told him that Thuso received wedding pictures etc. I also saw a message from my husband to Thuso telling her how much he loves her, how sorry he is and that he only married me to get money and also that he will divorce me and marry her. Thuso was about to forgive him I saw by the way she was responding to him. I was angry and told my father, my father was also angry and he told me that he will deal with this whole thing. All I wanted was for my father to scare her so that she will stay away from my husband and move on but my dad killed her instead. He organised people to kill her and made it look like an accident. Back home my father was a chief therefore he had connections everywhere including the police so nobody was able to find out who killed Thuso. When I heard about Thuso's passing I was so broken inside I know I hated her but I am not a murder I don't kill people I am not that evil. My father's friend was the one who told me that my father was the one responsible for killing Thuso I was terrified of my dad so I didn't have the guts to confront him. I don't think I will ever be able to forgive myself for telling my father about my marriage problems

because if I didn't tell him Thuso would still be alive. Maybe I should've handled this thing myself. I hate my father for what he did to that girl; I didn't think he had it in him to kill somebody. So that is why I want to make sure that my sons marry girls that are good for them, I want to make sure that none of them regrets getting married at a later stage I want them to marry girls that are at the same level as them so that nobody will be using the other one financially. I don't want them to marry poor girls like I did with their father. I married a poor man in the end he was he in love with somebody else and using me. Bukhosi made a good choice with Anele so I want Bayede to do the same and marry Linda he will thank me one day. After Bayede I want to focus on Ziphelele and find him a suitable girl.

3 WEEKS LATER

*****Mrs Mseleku**

Agg the witch is coming on the 23rd I hate that woman I can't believe it's December already. I don't understand why my husband had to bring his grandmother here knowing very well that I hate her the worst part is that she won't come alone she will bring the other annoying members of that family my sister in-law and her kids. I hate them because they also hate me it's not my problem that Mr Mseleku decided to marry me even when that witch tried to stop him but he continued. I am sure that deep down she knows that I am somehow involved in Thuso's death pity the old fool has no proof. I will have to spring clean the house I don't want her telling me that I am lazy so I have to make sure that Mamhlongo cleans the spare bedroom not the other maids and that old woman loves Mamhlongo yet she has only seen her once but she was attached to her from that instant moment I don't know why because Mamhlongo is just a maid. We also going to be having a family dinner on the 24th for Christmas Eve I want everything to be perfect I will also need extra pair of hand

to serve us so maybe I should hire part time waitresses but I don't have time I only have 3 days before Christmas Eve I will have to ask Mamhlongo to bring her daughters to help out I will pay them.

Mrs Mseleku: Mamhlongo please clean the spare bedroom khokho Mseleku is coming tomorrow so it has to be perfect you know she enjoys complaining

Mamhlongo: Lol yes mam I will make sure it's clean

Mrs Mseleku: Please find out for me if the chef has finally decided what he will cook on the 24th and 25th.

Mamhlongo: Yes mam

Mrs Mseleku: Oh and one more thing do you mind asking your daughters to come on the 24th. I need extra people who will serve us so I don't have time to get people. I will pay them, my sister in-law and her children are also coming so that's why I need more to help.

Mamhlongo: I will make sure they come mam.

Bayede: No! (**Shouting**)

Mrs Mseleku: What do you mean NO? (Confuse)

Bayede: Mom I am sure Lemini and Balu have better things to do than to be serving people.

Mrs Mseleku: It's a part time job

Bayede: Lemini doesn't need it'

Mrs Mseleku: WHAT? Why are you so sure?

Mr Mseleku: What Bayede is trying to say is that the girls are probable busy shopping and relaxing after a long year of being stressed by books at school the last thing they want is to be with strangers.

Mamhlongo: I will make sure they come sir I doubt they have any plans and they could do with extra cash.

Mr Mseleku: Well if you say so sisi

Mrs Mseleku: Well it's settled ke Lemini and her sister are coming

Bayede: (**angry**) I have to go to my apartment. Bye (**walking out**)



Mr Mseleku: Wait!

Bayede: Dad Lemini is not a maid mama is irritating me right now

Mr Mseleku: I told you that this won't end well

Bayede: I know. I will ask Lemini to refuse

Mr Mseleku: You can't ask her to say no to her mother are you crazy.

Bayede: She will be uncomfortable I know her and Lemini and I have plans on the 24th

Mr Mseleku: Cancel them; Dinner with family is more important.

Bayede: Not to me, Lemini is important

Mr Mseleku: Postpone then but behave yourself you don't want Mamhlongo and your mother suspecting you guys.

Bayede: Owk see on the 24th Baba

****MAMHLONGO'S HOUSE**

Mamhlongo: Girls I've got good news for you. Mrs Mseleku has asked me to ask you to come and help out on the 24th they are having a Christmas Eve dinner. You are going to get paid, so you will have money to spoil yourselves.

Lemini: No mama I can't

Mamhlongo: Why?

Lemini: Well I Ahhhh...

Mamhlongo: 1st It was Bayede who said no and now it's you.

Balu: I also can't mama Lemini and I have plans already

Mamhlongo: Really? What plans?

Balu: We also going to be having a Christmas Eve dinner. Just the 2 of us

Mamhlongo: Since when? Ai I don't know what's going on between the 2 of you but on the 24th I expect you to be there and ready to work. We need the money and wena Balu you going to varsity next year so we need the money to buy you clothes and other things. So on the 24th I don't need any excuses **(exiting the room)**

Balu: Well I tried

Lemini: aaaag!!! This is annoying

Balu: Your phone is vibrating.

##Lemini answering the phone...

Lemini: Hey baby

Bayede: Hey sweetheart how are you? I miss you.

Lemini: Mama just told me about the 24th

Bayede: I am so sorry my love. You don't have to do this you know and besides we've got plans

Lemini: I know but I can't say no to her

Bayede: If you decide to go its fine with me but I promise that after that dinner I will make something special for you and for Christmas I have a surprise for you. You going to love it and we can use the 24th as a chance for me to introduce you to my great grandmother. I was serious when I said I love you, I know we keeping this a secret because you said you afraid of your mother but as soon as you obtain your medicine we will tell your mom and plan for our future together.

Lemini: Baye are you sure introducing me will be a good idea maybe we should wait a bit. Your mom will kill me and my mother will be without a job.

Bayede: No relax. We won't tell my mother yet. Khokho is good at keeping secrets that's why she's our favourite person in the world. We will tell my mother once you've found a job to provide for your mother listen baby I've never showed khokho a girl before so you will be the 1st and the last.

Lemini: So she has never met Linda?

Bayede: Who is Linda (**laughing**) Enjoy the rest of the day. I will call you later and tell Balu that I have her gift for saving you the other day. I love you

Lemini: I love you.

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ON THE 23RD

Bayede: Baby lets have breakfast together before I go home

Lemini: Cool. Will you be sleeping at your parent's place tonight?

Bayede: Yeap

Lemini: So what time are going to arrive here eMbali to pick me up for breakfast?

Bayede: I am outside already

Lemini: lol (laughing) what if mama was still here

Bayede: I've got eyes everywhere my future. Come outside I can't wait to see you.

NARRATOR

Even though Lemini was almost caught for sneaking out at night but she hasn't stopped spending nights with Bayede but this time she has the help of her sister who always assist her whenever she wants to go and spend a night with Bayede, they have been spending so many nights together having lot and lot of sex lately and enjoying each other's company. Bayede has gotten so addicted to Lemini his love for her is growing each and every day. But Linda hasn't given up fighting for Bayede, she still thinks Bayede is being silly and being childish as always. She still feels like Bayede is sulking and will eventually come running back to her. She's been very busy trying to pursue her modelling career, travelling around using her father's connections to get an agent to sign her up. But she is also very sure that Bayede will marry her little does she know that Bayede has moved on and crazy in love. Lemini left the house looking very sexy and beautiful she went to the car and they drove away to Zimbali where they will be having a quite morning together.

Bayede: We going to have breakfast and I also booked us a place to chill just for few hours before 15h00 when khokho arrives.

Lemini: (leaning over to kiss Bayede)

Bayede: Here, I bought you this

Lemini: Wow baby I can't accept this

Bayede: I know you love watches and I know you love this one so I decided to buy it for you.

Lemini: Thanks hun this really means a lot

Bayede and Lemini had their breakfast and checked in where Bayede booked for them. They chilled Bayede was having his beer. Linda tried calling Bayede but he quickly switched off his phone because he didn't want to hurt Lemini. Since its summer they decided to go for a swim. Bayede had everything planned out to the extent that he had a bikini ready for Lemini. They went out to the pool kissing and holding hands, as they were busy swimming:

Lerato (Linda's friend): OMG! Could that be Bayede with another girl? Oh shit! It's that girl Lemini I knew it, I knew it I warned Linda but she didn't listen. I have to tell her.

Bayede and Lemini went back inside while wet and when they got inside the room they kissed and kissed and ended up in bed naked they did their 1st round as time went by they went on their 2nd round and when they went on their 3rd round things were so turned up and Bayede ended up forgetting to use a condom. Bayede was supposed to go home around 15h00 but he got delayed he didn't want to be away from Lemini. He had 15 missed calls from his family members he still had to drop Lemini home 1st before going to his parent's house.

AT THE MSELEKU HOUSE

Bukhosi: I have to go and fetch Linda and the kids; I want them to be here when khokho arrives. You know how khokho is like YOH! I can't wait to see her it's been a while.

Mr Mseleku: Make it snappy they will be here any minutes from now

Bukhosi: cool

Ziphelele: Mama Do you think khokho will love the gift we bought her?

Mrs Mseleku: Like I care! Mamhlongo is the bedroom ready?

Mamhlongo: Yes mam

Mrs Mseleku: Thanks Mamhlongo I hate this day it's going to be a day from hell

Mamhlongo: (laughing out loud)

Mrs Mseleku: Please bring me my phone on your way back. It's on top of the table I want to call Bayede.

*****SURPRISE! (IT'S LINDA)***

Mr Mseleku: (shocked and speechless)

Mrs Mseleku: Oh my beautiful daughter in law I am so happy to see you. Long-time no see khokho will be happy to meet you. Anele will be here shortly so don't worry you will have somebody to chill with.

Linda: Sawubona baba

Mr Mseleku: Yebo Sisi

Linda: Let me get my bags and put them in Bayede's bedroom. Where is he by the way?

Ziphelele: At his house

Linda: House? He has a house?

Ziphelele: I thought the two of you were dating?

Linda: We are and very much in love

Ziphelele: Than how come you don't know about the house?

Mrs Mseleku: Mind your own business Zee. Don't mind him my child Bayede will explain everything to you but in the meantime I will ask the maids to take your bags into Bayede's old room. What would you like to drink?

Linda: A will have a beer.

*****LINDA'S PHONE RINGING...**

Linda: Hey Lerato

Lerato: I was right about Lemini and Bayede

Linda: Where are you?

Lerato: At Zimbali

Linda: Are you drinking there?

Lerato: Yes we are. We having a party, Bayede and Lemini are having an affair my friend. I just saw them here at Zimbali kissing and holding hands

Linda: Agg! I don't have time for this Lerato I don't understand this obsession you have with Lemini, you are just drunk (*hung up the phone*)

Anele and Bukhosi walked in with their 3 children the kids were so happy to see their grandparents. Ziphelele's son was also home so the kid just followed each other into the play room. Anele and Linda greeted each other, the coconuts both went outside talking about their bags and shoes etc. Anele is a bit quite so Linda was the one talking one way. Linda was telling Anele how much she and

Bayede are in love and how they want to start a family immediately after they get married and she was asking Anele for advices on how to react when Bayede is introducing her to khokho. She was so happy and telling Anele about her modelling career while they were busy chatting Bayede drove in with his AMAROK he parked while he was parking his aunty also parked behind him. He went to their car and saw his khokho he hugged her and hugged his cousins they all walked inside the house. everybody went by the door to welcome the old lady. Mr Mseleku was so happy because he takes khokho as his mother Mrs Mseleku was just annoyed to see these people. Khokho walked in greeted everyone and went to take a sit, she's very old and therefore she can't stand for long.

Bayede saw Linda he was livid he wanted to kill her. At the same time he was very scared because Lemini will be here tomorrow, he knows Lemini will crush and be hurt if she sees Linda, he went straight to Linda and they went outside to talk:

Bayede: What the hell are you doing here? Get out now

Linda: Bayede come on why are you behaving like this?

Bayede: I thought I told you that I didn't want you here anymore, are you deaf or plain stupid?

Linda: Your mom told me to come

Bayede: My mom? Listen I need you to go right now. I am telling you this for the last time ITS OVER

Linda: FUCK! I did a good thing by killing your child and it wasn't even my 1st abortion It was my 2nd. You are so stupid and you will regret messing with me, I will tell my father about this and your family will suffer my father is connected and you won't be using his connections anymore. I hate you and you will never

find a girl who will love you like I did. You full of shit you will never have kids
I was your soul mate

Bayede: (**Bayede slapping Linda in the face**) Get out whore I have a soul mate
it's the woman I am dating now, the woman I have always loved, I was just
pushing time with you I have never loved you, I only wanted to fuck you that's
all I am in love with someone else and you did me a favour by having an
abortion I wouldn't want to have brain damaged children like you.

Linda: You have a girlfriend, so you've been cheating

Bayede: Cheating on who? I told you long time ago to live me alone

Linda: Who is she? (*Yelling*) give me her name

Bayede: Security please escorts this lady outside and make sure she doesn't
come anywhere near this house again.

Khokho: where is Mamhlongo?

Mamhlongo: I am here khokho

Khokho: Oh Mamhlongo my favourite person in this house (shaking her hand)
you know every time when I touch your hand Mamhlongo its feels like we
related somehow.

Mamhlongo: I am happy to see you too khokho

Khokho: The is this strong connection between us Mamhlongo but hopefully
because I will be here for 5 days maybe I will know what it is. I am so happy to
see you. I hope you joining us for dinner these boys will take you home after
dinner. You will sit down the table with us and you won't be working. Makoti
(Mrs Mseleku) will be the one serving us today; it's her duty after all as a wife.

Mamhlongo: (confuse)

Khokho: Where is Bayede?

Ziphelele: His bathing khokho

Khokho: And you must be Bukhosi's wife Anele (smiling)

Anele: Yes khokho sawubona

MRS MSELEKU WALKING UPSTARS

Mrs Mseleku: Bayede where is your wife?

Bayede: Wife? I don't remember getting married

Mrs Mseleku: Where is Linda?

Bayede: I told her to go Mama how could you do this to me?

Mrs Mseleku: I am trying to help you Bayede

Bayede: How? By forcing me to be in a relationship with that stupid girl who has had two abortions behind my back

Mrs Mseleku: She did what? I didn't know about that if I knew I would've chased Linda out long time. I am so sorry my boy I know how much you want kids.

Bayede: I have a girlfriend and I love her so when the time is right you will meet her for now please stop this match making of yours

Mrs Mseleku: Fine. I hope her family has connections you must think of the business 1st like your brother Bukhosi. Come on give me a hint are her parents into politics, Royalty or have businesses? I am excited already.

Bayede: Agg (SMH) exiting the room...

Bayede went downstairs they all had dinner for the 1st time Mamhlongo actually sat down the table with them she was sitting next to khokho, after dinner Bayede offered to take Mamhlongo home but Ziphelele insisted that it is his duty to drive Mamhlongo home. Khokho was on her way to her bedroom because she was tired after a long trip; her daughter went to sit with her brother Mr Mseleku. Bukhosi, Bayede, Anele and the cousins went to the pool area to have some beers. Before Mamhlongo could exit the house:

Mrs Mseleku: Mamhlongo are your daughter still coming tomorrow?

Mamhlongo: Yes mam

Mrs Mseleku: Great. Tell them to come around 13h00

Mamhlongo: I will

Khokho: You have daughters Mamhlongo oh I can't wait to meet them I'm sure they are just as beautiful as you. See you tomorrow my child.

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Balu: Hawu! What happened to you mama you back so late I almost called the police

Mamhlongo: I was having dinner at the Mseleku house

Balu: Since when are you eating with them?

Mamhlongo: Since Khokho invited me

Balu: So she has finally arrived. Khokho wo dumo!. I can't wait to see her

Lemini: Mama, tell me about her, how is she, what does she like?

Mamhlongo: She's a very good woman, she's kind and very welcoming, she's very wise and has a specially gift, she is a seer.

Lemini: Do you think she will ever like a person like me?

Mamhlongo: Why wouldn't she you very pretty

Lemini: Will she accept me?

Mamhlongo: What do you mean accept you? It's not like you marrying any of her grandsons you don't need her approval. Besides what with the 21 questions

Lemini: I am just asking

Balu: So mama how many people are we going to be serving

Mamhlongo: it's not a lot it's the usual people including khokho, her daughter, her other 2 grandsons, Anele and LINDA

Lemini: **(dropping a glass)**

Mamhlongo: And now? Why are you breaking my glass what's happening with you?

Lemini: I'm sorry mom it was a mistake

Mamhlongo: owk. Anyways as I was saying Anele and Linda will be the young females there apparently Mrs Mseleku during the week said Bayede will introduce Linda, I thought those two were over. Yoh!

Lemini: **(dropping a plate)**

Mamhlongo: Lemini you idiots (shouting) why are breaking my things?

Lemini: it's a mistake mom and I don't think I'll be able to go to the Mseleku house tomorrow **(running to her room)**

Mamhlongo: Am I missing something?

Lemini went into her room and cried thinking how could she be so stupid, Balu was also a bit disappointed at Bayede but she kept saying she knew this whole

thing was too good to be true. Lemini started thinking about how Tumelo made a fool of her and now it's Bayede, she thought maybe Bayede wants to embarrass her in front of his family by making her think that he was serious about their relationship and that he one day will marry her. She was a bit confuse though because Bayede said he was going to introduce her. Lemini cried for hours her door was locked in her room she started revising everything Bayede said to her, the trips, the messages and the gifts everything just didn't make sense to her. Lemini thought maybe Bayede wanted to have sex with her.

Balu: Lemini open

Lemini: Go away

Balu: Hawu vula

Lemini: (opening her door) he played me (crying), I was so stupid thinking that Bayede will live a girl like Linda for me

Balu: Forget about him his not worth it. So what's going to happen tomorrow? You don't want to disappoint mama and besides we need money. You just have to be strong

Lemini: I don't think I'll be able to do that

Balu: You have to. Your phone is vibrating

Lemini: I can't talk to him I won't let him make a fool of me any longer.

ON THE 24TH...

Mamhlongo woke up and went to wake her daughters to make sure that they still on the same page about coming to the Mseleku house. Lemini was still down and her eyes were swollen her mom asked her what's wrong but she said she has flue. They agreed that Lemini and Balu will arrive at 12h30 at the Mseleku house than Mamhlongo left. Lemini's phone had 15 missed calls from

Bayede. Bayede was getting worried especially because he wanted to give Lemini 48hours morning after pills since they didn't use a condom yesterday even though he wants children but he doesn't want to ruin Lemini's future. He didn't react much on Lemini not answering her phone because he knew that in few hours Lemini will be at the Mseleku house they will see each other. As time went by Lemini and Balu had to go to the Mseleku house Lemini was still heart broken. Bayede sent Lemini a message

***SMS: HEY BABY DO YOU NEED ME TO FETCH YOU, YOU DON'T HAVE TO TAKE A TAXI

Lemini didn't respond she was puzzled and had mixed emotions she wanted so bad to respond but her mother's words about Linda kept repeating in her mind, she didn't know what to make of this whole thing. They took a taxi to the suburbs and when they arrived by the gate Balu couldn't close her mouth, she was shocked about how beautiful the house is, they were a lot of securities and body guards guiding the house the two girls went in and their mother recognised them from far she immediately went to them and showed them the kitchen well Lemini knows her way around the house since she had once worked here. Their mother told them that their job is be working as waitresses serving the family, she told them that the is going to be a 5 course meal so they must wake up and do not embarrass her but she had trust in her daughters she knows how hard they work, Mamhlongo noticed that Lemini wasn't herself but didn't want to dwell much on it. Lemini decided to just help the chef in the kitchen just to avoid bumping into Bayede. The were two other maids beside Mamhlongo they were also very nice towards Balu and Lemini. Mamhlongo went outside where the family was sitting to offer them something to drink, when Balu went outside she kept looking around she wanted to see Linda because she doesn't know her but to her surprise the was no sign of a glamorous girl, she only saw Anele.

Anele was the only young girl outside, well Balu went to serve them drinks as soon as Khokho saw Balu she smiled and said:

Khokho: Mamhlongo is this your daughter wow she is beautiful, come here my baby give khokho a hug, how are you?

Balu: I am fine thanks khokho (hugging her)

Khokho: And what is your name and how old are you?

Balu: I am Balungile and I am 18 years old

Khokho: I am pleased to meet you Balungile. Mamhlongo is this your 1st born?

Mamhlongo: No khokho it's actually my last, my first born is helping the chef in the kitchen

BAYEDE

I wonder what's happening with Lemini she's still not answering her phone and not responding to my messages. I wonder what's happening with her, I have this weird feeling, I can't help but to feel like there is something wrong, I wonder what I did to her, yesterday we had a great time together at Zimbali I am really getting worried, I can't go to the kitchen because her mother will notice that there is something between us but I really want to talk to her.

Mrs Mseleku went inside the house to the kitchen to give instructions to the chef regarding the food, she greeted Lemini then spoke to the chef after she was done talking to the chef she asked Lemini to please take a glass of water outside to Mr Mseleku, Lemini was thinking of asking Balungile to do it but Balungile was also busy with something else so it was impossible, she went to the fridge poured some water then she went outside, as soon as she stepped outside all eyes turned into her direction everybody looked at her well it's no secret that Lemini is beautiful she looks exactly like her mother, the Mseleku cousins kept

starring at her, Ziphelele whispered into Bayede that if Lemini wasn't the daughter of Mamhlongo she would've definitely went for her, but Bayede ignored him he didn't even look at him, his eye were looking at Lemini thinking that maybe Lemini will make eye contact but she didn't at that moment Bayede was convinced that something is wrong, in his mind he started thinking that maybe Lemini is angry about the condom issue. Lemini went to Mr Mseleku and gave him his glass of water.

Mr Mseleku: Thanks sisi well khokho this is MaMhlongo's 1st born daughter, her name is Lemini Mhlongo.

Khokho: Oh wow what a beautiful girl, you remind me of Thuso. Come give khokho a handshake

Lemini went to khokho to shake her hand, as soon as they touched each other shaking hands khokho's face changed and everybody noticed, her smile suddenly faded, she looked straight into Lemini's eyes, she held Lemini's hand very tight and didn't let go of her. After few seconds she let go of Lemini's hand but didn't say anything to her she kept starring at her. Khokho turned around and immediately walked away from everybody living Lemini standing there.

Mr Mseleku: Khokho are you alright, is something wrong?

Lemini was puzzled thinking maybe she said something; she felt out of place wondering what she did wrong that could be upsetting khokho this much.

Mamhlongo: What happened out there, we all have never seen khokho react this way, and did you say something?

Lemini: No mama I just went next to her to give her a hand shake but when we touched she changed, she scared me. Am I in trouble?

Mamhlongo: I am not sure but as you have noticed the mood has changed outside and khokho went straight into her bedroom, I don't know what to do now

In the meantime Balu was in the kitchen gossiping with other maids, laughing they had no idea what was happening outside, Lemini walked in looking very confused and told everybody what happened Balu replied by telling Lemini that khokho Mseleku was very nice towards her she doesn't understand what happened with Lemini, Balu felt sorry for Lemini though 1st it's the Bayede and Linda story and now it's khokho.

2nd Maid: As I was saying Balu that Linda is not here today because yesterday she came here YOH! My new friend you should've seen Bayede

Lemini was staring at both of them

Balu: What happened woza nazo?

2nd Maid: Bayede was so angry when she saw her she pulled her outside and told her to get out he told the securities to never allow her inside the gates again, she told her that he is in love with somebody else yoh I wonder who is the lucky girl phela Bayede is handsome and well mannered.

Lemini was starting to feel guilty for doubting Bayede but she had no choice because it was what her mother told her, Bayede kept sending Lemini messages he got even more worried because of how khokho reacted to Lemini, Mr Mseleku went to check up on khokho but he found her praying in her room, she was in a deep prayer, she had tears coming out. He didn't want to disturb her so he just walked out. Bayede on the other side wanted ways to get Lemini alone because he desperately wants to talk to her.

Lemini went upstairs to pee at the loo Bayede saw Lemini walking up stairs he left everybody outside who were still debating about khokho's reaction towards Lemini, he went after Lemini well Lemini didn't notice that Bayede was following her after she finished she went to the bathroom to wash her hands. Bayede went to his bedroom which is opposite the bathroom. He waited to Lemini to walk out of the bathroom as soon she came passing by Bayede bedroom he quickly pulled her inside his bedroom because he didn't want anybody to notice, he pushed the door wanting to close it but he door wasn't shut properly. He looked at Lemini went close to her and had his hands around her waist:

Bayede: Baby talk to me what's wrong? (Looking really sad).

Lemini: It's nothing hun I was being silly

Bayede: Silly about what?

Lemini: Well mama said something about Linda being here etc. but I guess I was wrong

Bayede: Shuuuuuh! (**Touching her lips**) Linda who? (**Smiling**). Listen forget about that person she is a none factor in our lives. So that's why you've been ignoring my calls lol silly girl. (Kissing). You had me really worried I thought you were angry about the condom issue

Lemini: Condom issue. What issue?

Bayede: The fact that we didn't use a condom yesterday on our last round

Lemini: WHAT? I didn't notice

Bayede: Relax I went to our family doctor and she prescribed these 48hours morning after pill. You need to drink them now.

Lemini: Bayede what if they don't work?

Bayede: They will she assured me. I am sorry baby I don't know what happened I guess I was so turned on I lost my focus lol (kissing Lemini)

Lemini: Come on Bayede this better not happen again. Baby I'm worried about your great grandmother I don't think she likes me

Bayede: I am worried about her as well I've never seen her acting this way but don't worry its probable nothing. Who wouldn't love such beauty and besides I love you and it's all that matters. Come here

Bayede and Lemini leaned by the wall and kissed. Bayede was kissing Lemini on her neck holding her and they continued to kiss. Ziphelele went upstairs to fetch his phone charger in his bedroom, he went past by Bayede's room, when he was walking past he saw Lemini and Bayede through a small space by the door because the door wasn't properly shut. He was so shocked; he didn't know how to react, after kissing he saw them hugging and Bayede lifted Lemini up while laughing. He had love written all over his face. Zee knows his brother very well he noticed that these two are probable dating because this is not how Bayede behaves towards girls his using for sex. He was so confuse and the fact that he never suspected anything, he knew his brother was secretive but he didn't think he can fool them this much. Zee realised the course of Linda not being aware that Bayede has a house. Zee has been into Bayede's house, he has spent couple of nights there when he was there he saw female diesel sneakers in Bayede's bedroom, a G-string and a pink towel in Bayede's bathroom. He really thought they belonged to Linda but when Linda said he didn't know Bayede had a house Ziphelele got confused because knowing Bayede he will never allow a random girl to live her things in his house. So now Ziphelele is aware of whom the clothes belonged to. Ziphelele doesn't really have any issues with Lemini he knows she is pretty and really smart, his very fond of Mamhlongo therefore he

admire Lemini and Balu at the moment he is worried of what's going to happen if the secret about Bayede and Lemini unfolds.

Bayede: What are your plans for tomorrow afternoon its Christmas

Mamhlongo I will be at home as usual

Bayede: You need to come up with a good lie to tell your mom.

Lemini: Why?

Bayede: Because your future husband is planning a getaway trip just for 2 days in Cape Town, we will go on the 26th and return on the 28th. You have today and tomorrow to come up with a story lol good luck.

Lemini: Hey my mother will definitely kill me this time lol *(walking out of the bedroom)*

Bayede: Baby don't forget to drink those pills

*****KHOKHO**

I feel bad for the way I reacted towards Lemini, the feeling I had when I touched her hand was really shocking, for years and years I dreamt of myself shaking a girl's hand. On this dream I heard the voice its sounded like my late husband's voice telling me that these hands will be the hands of the woman who will bring change into the Mseleku family, the only wife in history of the Mseleku wife that has been chosen to relieve me from my duties. She will follow in my shoes, she will bring happiness and joy in the family she is the only wife who will live longer, and she is indeed the Mseleku most treasured wife. I never really understood that dream because decades ago I thought that maybe my dream was about Thuso but when she passed away and my grandson didn't marry her I was confused. I thought maybe it was just a dream so I never paid much attention to it. When I touched Lemini's hand I felt lightning running

through my veins, my heart was beating so fast, that's why I went to pray and the tears were there because I somehow feel like my journey has finished and I have finally reached my destination. The girl I've been searching for has finally arrived; I now understand why I have been so fond of Mamhlongo it's because she has given birth to a treasure of the Mseleku family, our Ancestors have protected this girl ever since she was born, I now wonder who will she marry in this house because Bukhosi is married already, Yes Anele is our daughter in-law and we love her, she's perfect for Bukhosi but she is not favoured like Lemini. I feel sorry for Lemini for having to deal with Mrs Mseleku, Its quite obvious that she will marry Bayede because Ziphelele has a child already and Lemini will not be able to date a man that has a child her soul mate will be a man who has problems in having children, when she gives birth one day her child will be the most loved child because her soul mate will be a man who has been longing to children, Bayede and Lemini will have bad luck in having children until they go back to Umhlabyalingana where Bayede was born. They must perform a ceremony there 1st after than Bayede will be able to have kids with Lemini. What's scares me the most about Lemini's arrival is that Bayede's true identity is now going to be revealed. The family secret will now be revealed I feel sorry for my grandson. I have to pray harder because I don't know how much time I have on this earth since Lemini has now arrived, who is the future of this family, who will lead everybody to greatness. I also need to pray for Bayede

Ziphelele: You and Lemini really?

Bayede: What?

Ziphelele: Don't even think of denying this I saw the two of you sucking each other's lips

Bayede: ... (Speechless)

Ziphelele: When did this happen, you know mom and dad won't allow this.
Linda will kill Lemini

Bayede: Dad knows and his happy for us as for Linda that whore can go to hell,
as for mom I won't be able to deal with her so that is why I decided to buy my
own house

Ziphelele: Heh! Dad knows and his fine with it but after all you are his favourite
son

Bayede: Don't be silly. What are you reading?

Ziphelele: I am thinking of changing my career; don't tell anyone especially
Bukhosi because you know how his like, he will keep on saying 'I told you'.
Bro I am broke, i can't even afford the car I'm driving now. The business is not
going so well so two months back I decided to close it. I don't even have R10
on my account

Bayede: What?

Ziphelele: Remember when khokho told me I will regret living the way I do?
Well I am now regretting it. I wish I joined the family business, look at this
article about this **#M.F** (Mthombeni fuel) this business is doing so well I wish I
did the same thing. I wonder how rich this guy is. Bayede you work under
Bukhosi but you seem to be having more money than him, your house cost
almost R10 million, you drive nice cars how do you do it and you don't have
financial issues ever.

Bayede: Come and work with us dad will be happy and besides one day I will
stop working there so in order for the business to continue growing you guys
have to be there and work hard for your kids future

Ziphelele: Where will you going?

Bayede: You want the truth?

Ziphelele: Yes

Bayede: promise to keep it a secret Zee. I will tell the other when the time is right

Ziphelele: lol Bayede how many secrets do you have 1st it was Lemini and now it's what you're about to tell me.

Bayede: I own #M.F

Ziphelele: Bayede No! tell me you joking (Shocked) it can't be true. When did this happen?

Bayede: When you refused to work with us and went into doing your own thing I also decided to follow my passion but because I did not want to hurt baba I did both. I bought a franchise at Caltex then I had a petrol garage here in PMB than I went on to have another one in Durban. When I realised that money was coming in and everything was going accordingly I decided to have another garage in Durban so in the end I had one in PMB and 2 in Durban. I bought a building in Durban to have my offices there and hired people to oversee things for me since I don't really have time because things are hectic at Mseleku&sons. As years went by I had a garage in Ballito, Stanger etc. When I was making real money I renovated all the garages and put the #M.F next to the word Caltex for everybody to see that I dominate Caltex and I am here to stay. I am trying to do something of my own and have something that Lemini can depend on should something happen to me one day; I know she will have a problem especially because mama has the most control at Mseleku&sons. She's a doctor but I want her to live comfortable.

Ziphelele: WHAT? I bet dad knows about this but since it's you I know his fine with it

Bayede: Well at 1st he wasn't he chased me out of the house that's why I was staying at the Garden court hotel.

Ziphelele: hahahahahahaha!! (Laughing) How come you smart and I am not, I am really proud of you Baye I wish I was you I hate my life right now, I failed in life and now I will be a joke of the family I am starting to regret my decisions

Bayede: Property is a good place to invest I don't understand how you went bankrupt; you need to change your lifestyle. I will help you financially and I will pay for your car in the meantime get your life together and you need to come back to the family business. But if you thinking of starting something new let me know I will help you.

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Khokho went down stairs to be with the others. Everybody was still sitting they didn't eat because they felt it will be rude to eat without khokho. Mr Mseleku was still a bit worried though about khokho because he knows her, he knows if khokho react this way then there is something wrong. Lemini was also a worried thinking that khokho hates her at the same time she is very excited about the trip to Cape Town and also happy that Linda is out of the picture, she's still surprise that Bayede left a girl like Linda just for her. Another biggest problem Lemini has is to create lies to tell her mother so that she can be away with her man. Khokho came down stairs and pretended as if nothing was wrong, she sat on her chair and said:

Khokho: Don't tell me you guys have been waiting for me, you will all die of hunger

Ziphelele: hawu! We couldn't eat without you khokho

Khokho: Nonsense ive been eating for 91 years my boy

Ziphelele: Are you owk though?

Khokho: Of course I am why wouldn't I be?

Ziphelele: Oh we thought maybe something was troubling you

Khokho: No I went to pray my boy, everything is well. Mamhlongo grab a chair and join us call your beautiful daughters to join us as well

Mrs Mseleku: No khokho than who is going to serve us?

Khokho: You will. After all it is your duty, for once be useful.

Lemini sat next to Bayede next to her it was Balu and Ziphelele, they all couldn't help but giggle at every joke, everybody was enjoying themselves, under the table Bayede was holding Lemini's hand, khokho couldn't get her eyes off Lemini to the extent that it made Lemini a bit uncomfortable but she decided to pay less attention on khokho because she thinks this is the 1st and last time she sees khokho, dinner went on longer than expected everybody had fun except for Mrs Mseleku who was bored and miserable. She can't wait for 5 days to be over so that khokho can go.

Khokho: So Lemini what do you do for a living?

Lemini: (shocked) I am a student

Khokho: Oh wow! That is very interesting young lady. What are you studying?

Lemini: I'm doing medicine at UKZN

Khokho: Beautiful and clever. I am proud of you young lady. Our very own doctor

Mrs Mseleku: What do you mean OUR very own? (Annoyed) n besides Lemini who pays for tuition?

Mr Mseleku: I don't think that is any of your business. I am proud of you as well my girl. Its rear nowadays to find educated girls. Girls today want to be blessed by rich man.

Lemini: Thank you sir

Khokho: Do you have a child Lemini?

Lemini: No khokho I don't.

Everybody was very confuse with khokho sudden interest in Lemini's life, Mamhlongo was also a bit worried and concerned about how khokho is asking Lemini but she hasn't said anything to Balungile. After everybody has finished eating Lemini and Balu stood up and helped the other maids to clear the table they took all the dishes and went to the kitchen. Mr Mseleku's sister saw the chemistry between Lemini and Bayede she couldn't believe her eyes when she saw how these two were looking at each other; she was puzzled because she has never thought a guy like Bayede can date Lemini especially with a mother like Mrs Mseleku. At the same time she was happy that Bayede is dating a girl like Lemini because she thinks Lemini has morals and she thinks Lemini is strong enough to handle the storm that is coming in her and Bayede's way. Everybody went their separate ways, boys went to sit by the pool area to drink others went inside Lemini, Bali and Mamhlongo went out with Ziphelele's car he insisted on taking them home as usual. Bayede went to her great grandmother and sat next to her, he tried to get Lemini and khokho alone but failed because Mrs Mseleku was everywhere and Mamhlongo was also next to Lemini the whole time it was as if she is suspecting something.

Bayede went to sit next to khokho. He wanted to say something but didn't know where to start so he pretended to make be making a general conversation but it was written all over his face that something was troubling him.

Khokho: Out with it, what's troubling you?

Bayede: How come you told Bukhosi about Anele trying to have an abortion but didn't tell me when my ex-girlfriend killed my children?

Khokho: Well young man it's because you were not meant to have children with that girl and besides if the children she was pregnant with were yours I was going to tell you. If they were yours I was going to feel it. The reason I felt nothing was because these kids were never yours to begin with.

Bayede: What? (Angry) which means she lied?

Khokho: Unfortunately.

Bayede: I am going kill her, nobody plays me and get away with it. Which means she cheated, I will find her and kill her (livid)

Khokho: You should be happy

Bayede: Well I am not. She made a fool of me, I would go to her and give her a piece of my mind

Khokho: You should be using all that energy focusing on Lemini

Bayede: Aaaah! Sorry what?

Khokho: Yes Lemini I saw the way you were looking at each other. So how long have you guys been dating?

Bayede: Not long but it feels like ive known her for years

Khokho: I wish the two of you best of luck and you have made the right choice, I like her so whatever happens never turn your back on her. She is one of a kind.

*****BAYEDE**

If Linda was pregnant for another man I wonder who that guy is and how come I didn't notice and if she had another man why was she behaving like a mad woman when I dumped her. Bitch it's a good thing I'm with Lemini. But I still don't understand Linda and I were not using a condom at all, how come she was never pregnant with my child? I don't understand this from what I know if a man sleeps with a woman without a condom that woman falls pregnant that is why I made sure I bought Lemi pills.

MAMHLONGO'S HOUSE

Balu: Today was fun, the food was delicious I wish I was rich.

Mamhlongo: Rich people are miserable

Balu: I doubt mama. Khokho is very nice I like her shame Ei but mama did you see the way she was asking Lemini 21 questions lol

Mamhlongo: Yeah I wonder why she had so much interest on Lemini. Mrs Mseleku tends to annoy me how dare she questions Lemini about her fees

Balu: Yes but Mr Mseleku put her in her place. That is why I like that old man

Mamhlongo: It's a good thing that besides work the is nothing associating me with that woman, imagine if one of you had to marry her sons I would kill myself because I won't allow it, I would rather die.

Balu: Hawu mama don't talk like that what if they in love?

Mamhlongo: Love? Oh please I would never allow that, not while I am still alive. Besides you won't fit in that family, I don't want to be related to them especially the Mrs

Lemini: Mama

Mamhlongo: Yes

Lemini: I found a part time job, it's something small. It's a gig for 3 days

Mamhlongo: That's nice my Angel what are you going to be doing?

Lemini: Well the chef at the Mseleku house was hired to cook at the wedding apparently the couple getting married are billionaires so he asked me to help him like I did today. It will be me and other girls; he said he will pay us good money.

Mamhlongo: It's very kind of him to hire you, go for it, where is the wedding?

Lemini: In Cape Town

Mamhlongo: NO! You not going there, have you lost your damn mind, did you really think I would allow you, and how are you even going to get there, where will you sleep?

Lemini: He said we will go with him in his car, he will be driving

Mamhlongo: Where will you sleep?

Lemini: The couple getting married booked for us.

Mamhlongo: All of you?

Lemini: Yes

Mamhlongo: In my forehead is it written stupid? Have you heard of human trafficking?

Lemini: No mama I am telling the truth and this thing is legit the other girls are always going with him

Balu: It's the truth mama. He also asked me but I am busy so I can't go. Call Bayede he was there when the chef asked us, He also said it's a good thing.

Mamhlongo: I will talk to Bayede 1st and hear what he has to say

Lemini: Thanks mama

Mamhlongo: Don't thank me yet I still need to call Bayede, Go and take my phone in my room now and hurry up.

****CALLING BAYEDE****

Bayede: hawu sawubona mama did you forget something?

Mamhlongo: No I want to ask about this job chef Thomas is giving Lemini

Bayede: Chef Thomas? (Confused) what job?

Mamhlongo: Apparently it's in Cape Town from the 26th to the 28th

Bayede: OH yes, it's a good job and it's a great opportunity they will make lot of money mama don't worry I trust him.

Mamhlongo: Well I trust you, Lemini can go

Bayede: Thanks mama bye

Mamhlongo: Bye

Mamhlongo: Fine Lemini you can go but you need to call me every chance you get, Do you understand?

Lemini: Yes mom Thank you



On Christmas day Lemini and Balu woke up and cooked, they went to set the table. Mamhlongo's family members arrived to spend this day with them they all had fun and later on they left. Lemini went into her bedroom to pack her bags for the trip to Cape Town tomorrow; she went to bed early because in the morning Bayede will fetch her. Mamhlongo has a day off tomorrow all thanks

to khokho who reminded Mrs Mseleku that Mamhlongo is human as well, she also needs to rest

ON THE 26TH

Lemini: Mama Ive got to go. I will take a taxi and go to town to meet up with Chef Thomas and other girls.

Mamhlongo: Bye nana I love you and take care of yourself don't do any funny things.

Lemini: Yes mom

Mamhlongo: Are you sure you dressed appropriate. A minny skirt though? Shouldn't you wear something longer?

Lemini: No mama its summer Bye **(exiting the room)**

Mamhlongo: bye **(looking worried)**

Mamhlongo: You know Balu something doesn't feel right about this whole Cape Town thing

Balu: Mama you over thinking this. Lemini will be fine

Mamhlongo: The day after tomorrow I want to go to town to pay for our funeral cover. I didn't pay last month. I want to be up to date.

Balu: **(laughing out loud)** Mama Lemini is not going to die.

Bayede booked a private jet for him and Lemini. He waited for Lemini at their usual spot when she arrived he couldn't get his eyes off Lemini's skirt, he thinks she looks really sexy. They went to the airport and they left, on their way to Cape town Bayede couldn't hold himself so they kissed, touched etc. When

they landed and checked into a beautiful and one of the most expensive hotels in Cape Town Lemini noticed that Bayede wasn't himself, he was very quiet and a bit distanced she didn't know what to do but she was getting worried. On the other hand Bayede can't stop thinking about the fact that Linda wasn't pregnant with his child, he doesn't really care about Linda he doesn't want her anymore but he can't help but wonder how come Linda didn't fall pregnant because they were not using any condoms, he kept wondering if maybe there is something wrong with him but then again he decided to push that thought away and convinced himself that he is fine.

Lemini: Are you ok baby?

Bayede: I'm fine Angel

Lemini: You not yourself

Bayede: Its work my love don't worry about it. Come here (baby kissing) I love you ok?

Lemini: ok. (*Still worried*)



On the 28th Mamhlongo woke up and went to town but at the same time she was happy that today Lemini is coming back home. As she was busy walking around, minding her own business she saw Chef Thomas through the windows at the restaurant with his wife and kids. She quickly went inside to speak to him about Lemini.

Mamhlongo: Chef Thomas, what are you doing here?

Chef: Hello Mamhlongo: This is my wife what can I do for you?

Mamhlongo: Where is my daughter?

Chef: Excuse me? What do you mean? Who is your daughter?

Mamhlongo: Lemini. She said she was going to Cape Town with you and other girls because you found a job there so she said you hired her

Chef: No I haven't been to Cape Town in years and I was at home with my wife, I don't know what you talking about

Mamhlongo: (In tears) Please tell me you joking even Bayede told me you got a job there in fact he is the one who convinced me to allow my daughter to go to Cape Town.

Chef: Bayede is the one who went to Cape Town I saw him on the 26th at one of the shops here in Maritz burg he told me that his taking his future wife to Cape Town to spend quality time with her , maybe you should call him.

Mamhlongo: So my daughter is with Bayede Mseleku in Cape Town so she lied to me, they both lied. Let me call her..... She is not answering her phone.

Chef: Bayede is not answering his phone as well. I am so sorry Mamhlongo.

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MAMHLONGO

Oh my Goodness what has gotten into Lemini? She's definitely dating Bayede, how can I be so stupid not to see it. It was obvious that those two are dating. All the lifts from varsity, the way Bayede looks at Lemini ive never seen him looking at any girl in that way and how he quickly got rid of Linda. Bayede is a good man but I can let him date my daughter he is not good enough for her, his family is bad for her and his mother over powers him he won't be able to stand up for her. His older than my daughter he will ruin her chances of becoming something in life, she needs to focus on her studies. I know he enticed Lemini with money, gift and whatever nonsense he does for her and now it's the fancy

trips to Cape Town I will not allow it. Bayede better stay away from my child he can have any girl in the world why pick my own daughter. Bayede is a high class person why would he love Lemini it's obvious that his playing her.

Mamhlongo: Balu you said Chef Thomas also asked you to work for him in Cape Town right?

Balu: Yes mama but I told you to relax Lemini will be fine

Mamhlongo: Yes you told me to relax because you knew that there is no job in Cape Town she's with Bayede you think I am a fool neh?

Balu: No mama (*scared*) she's not with Bayede, Bayede only advised her to take the job because it pays well.

Mamhlongo: SHUT UP! How dare you look at your own mother in the eye and lie like this? I can't even recognise the two of you anymore because of all the lies you've been telling lately. I just saw chef Thomas in town he told me that Bayede is in Cape Town and there is no job so you better tell me the truth right now young lady.

Balu: But I also know nothing mama I swear. I thought the job thing was true.

Mamhlongo: What time is that stupid sister of yours coming back?

Balu: I am not sure yet mama

Mamhlongo: (*fuming*) Bayede and Lemini the thought of it makes me sick

Balu: But mama what if they in love?

Mamhlongo: YEY! (Screaming) what did you just say? Get the hell out of my face before I give you a huge slap in the face.

Balu: (*Running to her room*)

Mamhlongo: Not so fast bring your phone here. I don't want to risk having you calling Bayede and warning him.

Bayede and Lemini on their way back to Maritzburg they were so lovey not knowing that Mamhlongo is on to them.

Bayede: I love you

Lemini: lol where did that come from?

Bayede: from the bottom of my heart lol.

Lemini: Its weird my mom hasn't called me at all today it's unlike her

Bayede: Maybe it's because she knows you coming back today

Lemini: Ya maybe. Lol I wonder what she will do to me if she finds out I'm dating you.

Bayede: What do you think she will do?

Lemini: I don't even want to think about it. she will kill me that's for sure but it will be worth it

Bayede: Hmmm look who is drunk in love

Lemini: Do you blame me you so hot (*smiling*)

Bayede: come here my better half (*hugging*)

Lemini: Baby I received my results I forgot to tell you I passed all my modules

Bayede: I'm so proud of you my love for getting distinctions in all your modules wow u really smart

Lemini: How did you know about my distinctions? (*Confuse*)

Bayede: Aaahmmm! Well I am just guessing. I mean you always get distinctions your mother normally tells us at home that you are one of the smartest in that faculty

Lemini: Oh! Well I am so excited

Bayede: I'm so happy for you. I wish years can fly so that we can start our lives together.

Lemini: How many kids do you want (*leaning over to kiss Bayede*)

Bayede: (*spanking Lemini's ass*) as many as you can give me.

Lemini: your phone is ringing

*****ZIPHELELE CALLING**

Bayede: Sho bro long time

Ziphelele: Sho man where are you? I haven't seen you in days. I am at your door step, I am here to visit.

Bayede: I'm on my way back from Cape Town.

Ziphelele: What were you doing in Cape Town?

Bayede: I was spending quality time with Lemini without having distractions like you.

Ziphelele: lol OHO! Say hello to her, so when are you going to arrive

Bayede: In the next hour

Ziphelele: Owk I will wait.

*****ARRIVING AT PIETERMARITZBURG**

Bayede: Bye baby I will call you when I get home

Lemini: Bye future lol... talk to you later (**kissing**)



Lemini walked home from the taxi spot which is her and Bayede usual spot. She walked home smiling; her bag was full of label clothes for her and Balu. She was dressed in beautiful, expensive clothes looking very sexy, she did a facial in a spa in Cape Town so her skin was smooth. She walked really slow, busy singing she entered inside the gate at home she went inside the house and found her mother sitting on the couch:

Lemini: I'm back! Hey mama I missed you. I bought you a dress in one of the biggest malls in South Africa.

Mamhlongo: Sit

Lemini: Mama?

Mamhlongo: Sit down now

Lemini: Is something wrong

Mamhlongo: I don't know you tell me. Where have you been and with who?

Lemini: Well mama like I told you I was in Cape Town I got a job from chef Thomas and I got paid here is the money. You can ask Bayede mama

Mamhlongo: Hmmm Bayede? Well I bumped into Chef Thomas earlier today he told me he knows nothing about this trip to Cape Town. I will ask you one more time, where have you been?

Lemini: In Cape Town (**crying**)

Mamhlongo: With whom?

Lemini: ...

Mamhlongo: Have you lost your voice? Balu fetch my sjambok. Who was in Cape Town with you?

Balu: Mom I can't find your sjambok.

Mamhlongo: Sit next to your sister; you probably have hidden my sjambok so that I won't hit the two of you. Lemini speak.

Lemini: I'm so sorry mom.

Mamhlongo: So you wanted me to call your boyfriend so that he can also lie to me, tell me I am wrong about you and Bayede. Remember I asked you about him and you both denied everything and now you've dragged your sister into your lies (*Shouting*)

****LEMINI'S PHONE RINGING*

Mamhlongo: what? Haibo ngiyalingwa! You have a cell phone? (Shocked)

Lemini: Yes (*crying*)

Mamhlongo: Do you want to end up like the other girls here at eMbali pregnant with no qualification and a decent job? How many girls has Bayede bought clothes for, gave them money and other fancy thing you think you different? Do you want to destroy your future over a rich boy; do you want him to dump you when his done with you like Linda? Do you really think he will marry you? How can you be so stupid and embarrass me like this? You busy sleeping with my employers son, couldn't you wait until you finish your degree and find a proper man somebody your own class and age break up with him today, no more late comings, as for you Balu lie to me again you will wish you were never born, both of you go to your rooms, this isn't over I will talk to Bayede about this. Are you aware that I could lose my job over this? Mrs Mseleku

won't even think twice about firing me she will never allow her son to date a maids daughter. If I am without a job what are we going to eat is Bayede going to provide for us because I don't think so. Think Lemini Think man!!!

Balu: But mama they are soulmates. What if they belong together? We don't chose who we love; a heart knows what it wants.

Mamhlongo: Did I say you can open your mouth? Go to your room

Lemini went into her room crying she didn't want her mother to find out this way, she understands her mother's point of view and where she's coming from but at the same time she loves Bayede so much and has seen a side of Bayede that nobody has ever seen. She knows that Bayede loves her but she also doesn't want to disappoint her mother. She went into her room and threw herself in bed.

***PHONE RINGING

Bayede: Hey baby I tried calling you earlier

Lemini: I was still talking to mama

Bayede: Are you crying?

Lemini: No

Bayede: Come on talk to me. I can hear from your voice that you not owk

Lemini: Mama knows about us, Chef Thomas told her when she bumped into him in town.

Bayede: WHAT?

Lemini: She told me to break up with you today

Bayede: NO please don't do this to me, I know it's hard on your side but we can make it work, I can't lose you I love you.

Lemini: I love you too but I can't take that risk Baye mom isn't stupid she will know we still together.

Bayede: No! I am coming to eMbali right now I need to talk to you.

Lemini: I can't come out of the house this late, it will make things worse

Bayede: I know but give me 5 minutes

Lemini: Bayede no.



Ziphelele: Bafo how are you going to get in Mamhlongo will kill you.

Bayede: I'll have to find a way. I can't break up with Lemini bro even if it means I have to see her once a week Zee as long as we remain together

Ziphelele: Then I am coming with you to eMbali that place is very dangerous at night. I never want to be in love if I'm going to act crazy like you doing right now.

The brothers drove to eMbali when they arrived they parked the car aside and were thinking about how they going to get inside because the gate is already locked and they are aware that Lemini won't come outside she is very terrified of her mother they both decided to jump through the gate and slowly walked in, they took off their shoes they walked with their bare feet so that they won't make a sound. Bayede phoned Lemini and asked her to open her window, she did and she saw Bayede and Ziphelele walking towards her bedroom, walking very slow like thugs. Bayede went inside Lemini's bedroom through the window; Lemini locked her door so that her mom won't come in, Ziphelele was left outside it's a good thing because its summer so he is enjoying the fresh air.

Lemini: What are you doing (*whispering*)

Bayede: (**Holding Lemini close**) Lemini come on please give us a chance, I know your mother hates our relationship but we will be more careful this time. I can't live without you.

Lemini: lol where are your shoes?

Bayede: By the gate lol we jumped

Lemini: lol you crazy

Bayede: I'm crazy about you. Give us another chance please (*kissing Lemini*) don't do this to me please.

Lemini: Fine I can't compete with my heart anyway.

Bayede: listen baby I've got to go before your mother catches me. Remember what I said I love you, I've never loved any girl the way I love you. I will marry you and make you the happiest wife in the world. I know people don't understand what I see in you but you know how I am around you. Look at my face this is real love young girl.

Lemini: lol owk fine bye

Bayede: Are you not going to kiss me

Lemini: (*baby kissing*)

Bayede: No I want a real kiss

Lemini: (*laughing*)

Ziphelele: Balu (*knocking in her window*)

Balu: Haibo what is happening? (*Whispering*)

Ziphelele: I came with Bayede to fix things with Lemini

Balu: He should be fixing things with mama. You guys jumped?

Ziphelele: Yes

Balu: ncooh I want a boyfriend like Bayede

Ziphelele: lool silly girl, here he comes goodnight my small friend

Balu: Goodnight my old friend. Yoh things we do for love mara.



Mamhlongo woke up in the morning she was still angry, she took a bath and left for work without having her breakfast, when she arrived she went straight into her cleaning areas later on that day around 13h00 she saw an Amarok entering the gate, she became even more angry to see Bayede. Bayede came in to get the documents his mother left by mistake. Bayede is naturally quite, his not a man of so many words:

Mamhlongo: I don't like what you doing son. This thing you have with my daughter has to stop. Why are you playing with my child, do you want to ruin her life. Why though I've always been good to you since you were a little boy, this is the thanks I get.

Bayede: No mama I won't hurt Lemini

Mamhlongo: Lemini has focus on her studies

Bayede: I won't disturb her I promise, please give us a chance

Mamhlongo: No. I can't gamble with my daughter's life, I don't have a problem with you I like you as a person but I'm sorry I can't accept this thing you have with Lemini. I just can't, please see things in my own view. One day you also going to be a parent you will understand where I'm coming from.

Bayede: I love Lemini mama but if I have to wait until she finish school fine I will wait but as soon as she complete her studies I will go back to her. I won't let her go I will wait for her. I want to spend my life with her. I am not trying to disrespect you mama you know I am not like that but when it comes to Lemini I mean every word, I can't control how I feel about her, I am so sorry mama, I didn't want things to end up this way. I will wait until she finishes school for now I will back off.

Mamhlongo: (*confuse*)

Deep down Bayede knew that him and Lemini will continue dating but be more careful and Mamhlongo was speechless and didn't know what to make of what Bayede just said to her. She fears for her daughter's life. She is just being a mother who wants a bright future for her child.

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Lemini: Your results are coming out tomorrow Balu, are you excited?

Balu: No I am not like you, you were smart, and I'm an average student so I'm a bit scared

Lemini: lol I hope you did well or else mama will kill you

Balu: Don't tell mama but Wits University 2 months ago accepting me for engineering and I received a bursary from Eskom, yoh they calling me none stop it's so annoying they said I need to bring my final results when we receive them to see if I still meet the points required.

Lemini: So why didn't you tell mama

Balu: Because I am not going there, I applied to another college in Joburg to learn how to DJ

Lemini: Lol I am not involving myself in all of this.

Balu: Fine but don't envy me when I become famous

Lemini: On a serious note Balu tell mom about wits and the bursary before she becomes even more stressed about your fees

Balu: I will. So you and Bayede are still sneaking around

Lemini: Of course we are. We planning on going out for lunch I miss him, I miss how things used to be between us, I miss waking up next to him, having sex during day isn't fun as compared to having it the whole night

Balu: Haibo!

Lemini: lol sorry I sometimes forget you not my age lol. Owk I am about to go, i have to be back before mama returns home

Balu: Bye. Bring something for me

Bayede arrived to fetch Lemini they both left and went to a restaurant in Durban because they needed to be far away from everybody they don't want to risk Mamhlongo seeing them because Lemini will be in serious trouble. They arrived at the restaurant holding hands and excited about seeing each because it doesn't happen often like before, now they see each other maybe twice a week and they both can't wait for schools to open so Lemini will go back to varsity it will be easier to see her because she will no longer be at home with Mamhlongo watching her closely. The restaurant wasn't full it had only few people and nobody in the room knew Lemini and Bayede

Bayede: I spoke to your mom yesterday

Lemini: Really?

Bayede: She's so worried about you baby, if only she knew that I have only good intentions about you. Sneaking around is exhausting but I don't mind doing it with you. You have one week left before going to reality Lol School

Lemini: lol tell me about it but I can't wait, sitting around at home isn't fun anymore. Come here (**kissing**) I missed these lips

While Lemini and Bayede were still kissing Linda, Lerato and other friends of Linda walked in. Linda was still telling them how she can't wait for Bayede to regret living her and she also said she heard that Bayede has broken off with the girl he left her for. Lerato tried telling her that Bayede and Lemini are together and things seem serious because Lerato always bumps into them and she also saw them in Cape Town but Linda refused to believe her and thought she is jealous. The other friends of Linda all believe Linda instead of Lerato. Deep down Linda was hurting about Bayede living her she wants to know who is this girl that took Bayede away from her. but she is putting up a brave face. After Bayede dumped her she dated a Maritzburg united soccer player but things didn't go well so they broke up and she moved on she is now dating a married man who is very wealthy and she still doesn't have a modelling agent and not working even when her father got a job for her in a local municipality she refused to go and work she said she is too cool to work. Linda and her friends they walked in at the restaurant while Lemini and Bayede were busy laughing Bayede was holding Lemini's hand.

Lerato: Chomie look over there, I told you Bayede is dating Lemini

Linda: Bitch (**literary shaking**) she took my man. That poor, dirty thing, that whore doesn't even own a weave, the maids daughter look at how skinny she is, the so called doctor wanna be. Fuck let me go there and give her a piece of my mind, the is no way Bayede can love that girl. Lemini and her mother must have used muthi on him. You know how poor people love muthi.

Lerato: Yes Chomie lets go to them I will go with you. It's time to put this girl in her place

Friend: So that girl is the Lemini you guys have been talking about all along?

Lerato: Yes

Friend: But I thought you said she was ugly. That girl is hot, hotter than you my friend lol

Linda: You not funny, I almost scored a jack pot with Bayede and she ruined things for me so please stop making jokes it's not funny. Let's go Lerato

Walking to Bayede and Lemini's table

Linda: What the hell is going on here, you left me for her. Well sisi he doesn't love you he loves the muthi that you and your mother used on him

Bayede: Lady can we help you? My girlfriend and I are trying to have our meal quietly

Linda: So you left me for this thing

Bayede: This thing is my future wife.

Linda: Bayede what exactly do you see in this girl. I am way better

Bayede: Go and be better somewhere else. Move before I do something I will regret and stay away from Lemini, if anything happens to her you will have me to deal with. Stay away from me, I don't want you please get that through your empty head.

Linda walked away very embarrassed in front of her friends who were puzzled because they were under impression that Bayede loves her. Bayede and Lemini decided to walk out and live because it was getting a bit uncomfortable so they decided to drive back into Bayede's house to chill there. Linda also drove back to PMB to tell Mrs Mseleku about what she just saw. Mrs Mseleku was already home when Linda arrived and she was at her drive way when Linda drove in

Mrs Mseleku: What are you doing in my house?

Linda: I have bad news for you

Mrs Mseleku: Get out now

Linda: Mama Bayede is dating ...

Mrs Mseleku: Stop! Stop talking about my son, I don't care who his dating his not your concern anymore you killed my grandchildren yes I know you had an abortion you have an audacity to come in my house get out now. Guards get this filth out of my house and make sure she doesn't come in this house again.

*****MAMHLONGO**

I want to be happy for Lemini and Bayede they make a great couple and deep down I know that Bayede loves her and will make her happy but I am scared she will get distracted and lose focus, what if she falls pregnant that is my biggest fear, how will she support the baby. I want this relationship she has with Bayede to last but I am afraid that things will get ugly as soon as his family finds out. I still don't understand what Bayede saw in Lemini. Love was written all over his face when I spoke to him, I was speechless the way he expressed his love for Lemini I was impressed, maybe I should take it easy on Lemini. If Lemini falls pregnant I will kill her literary I am not going to become a grandmother never.

In the morning Mamhlongo woke up and she was excited because Balu will be receiving her results. She can't wait to see how well her daughter did, Mamhlongo was positive that Balu will get As like Lemini. Lemini passed with 7As when she passed her matric and Mamhlongo knows that Balungile will do the same

Mamhlongo: Wake up why are you still sleeping, go and buy the newspaper, are you not excited to see your results

Balu: I am mama

Lemini: You too late mama I bought the paper already come guys let's find Balu... what's your exam number sisi?

Lemini and Mamhlongo went through the paper searching for Balu with a very big smile on their faces when they finally found her name the smiles faded slowly and the disappointment in MaMhlongo's face when she noticed that Balungile passed with high certificate (H).

Mamhlongo: What the hell is this? You wasted the whole year what are you going to be doing with your life with such horrible results.

Balu: Sorry mama the exams we difficult

Mamhlongo: Are you kidding me (Shouting) Lemini received 7As which means you haven't been studying enough. What's going to happen to you now, no university will take you with results like this, you won't study engineering with these pathetic results.

Balu: I will go to a college to work on my passion

Mamhlongo: What exactly is your passion?

Balu: To be a club DJ

Mamhlongo: A what? Are you trying to kill me silly girl, you want to play music at a club, is that your passion, that is your dream? What is wrong with you 2? 1st it was you Lemini dating Bayede Mseleku, sleeping with my employers son and now Balu you practically failed your matric and you want to play music at a club. What have I done to deserve such bad luck? Over my dead

body you not going to that college not while you still under my roof and under my care.

Balu: I'm sorry mom I tried

Mamhlongo: Whatever! What are you going to do with your life?

Lemini: Mama Comedown you have a high blood pressure. Balu will go and upgrade

Mamhlongo: You two are driving me mad

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Mr Mseleku: Where is Ziphelele I haven't seen that boy in a while

Bukhosi: His staying with Bayede now

Mr Mseleku: Why it's clear that he doesn't want to stay here at home with us than why he doesn't buy his own house?

Bukhosi: I don't know baba maybe he will buy it

Mrs Mseleku: I'm sure my boy has a plan

Mr Mseleku: Ziphelele is a failer, I went pass his offices a day before yesterday it was close I asked around they said the business was closed 3 months ago. The reason he is now staying with Bayede is because he knows we will notice that his no longer working. He doesn't even have a car anymore; the garage took the car back because he failed to pay for it. His now living off his brother.

Mrs Mseleku: That can't be true; I thought things were going well with his business, last year he went to Bali, Dubai and Italy. How did he afford to pay for all these trips?

Mr Mseleku: He paid using the business credit card. He was not saving a cent, he owes lot of people money, yesterday I had to pay R65 000 to Mr Mofokeng that Zee took last year as the capital of his business, I need my money back. I told that fool long time ago to come and work with his brothers at Mseleku&sons but he refused and said he wanted to do his own thing, I knew he wasn't capable to stand on his own I guess I was right.

Mrs Mseleku: My poor baby maybe I should find him something to do in our business

Mr Mseleku: No. Ziphelele is like this because you spoil him. If he comes to work for our business he needs to start at the bottom, he will start as a truck driver nothing else. It's the only job I am willing to offer him. When you see him tell him to come to my office I need to speak with him.

Bukhosi: I hate to say it but I told him so. He had no vision the way he was running that business it was obvious that it will fail.

Mr Mseleku: If he wants a proper job at Mseleku he needs to register and study a relevant qualification, he can even study accounting; he will use his salary that he will earn from driving trucks to pay for his fees at Unisa. I am done playing Zee

Bukhosi: I need to go and see Bayede later today

Mr Mseleku: When are you seeing your fiancé, when are you guys getting married anyway, you've been engage for almost a year now, what's holding you guys because money is not a problem in both your families.

Bukhosi: I am very busy at work baba I don't have time to sit and plan a wedding.

Mr Mseleku: Are you even listening to yourself? Do you not want your kids to be raised by both a mother and a father? Are you not in love with Anele?

Bukhosi: I am dad

Mr Mseleku: Chasing after every skirt won't get you anyway. You are 33 years of age grow up, you can't be playing with that girl you will regret it. I don't even understand why you still staying with us. Go and be independent. Be a man like Bayede, Bayede is the only sane child in this house. You need to move out and I want a date for your wedding very soon, I am giving you a month to sort your life or else get out.

MR MSELEKU'S PHONE RINGING...

Mr Mseleku: Hello

Lady: Mr Mseleku khokho is not feeling well she said she needs to see you and your wife urgently

Mr Mseleku: I will be there in few hours.

Mrs Mseleku: Is everything owk?

Mr Mseleku: No Khokho is sick she wants to see us.

Mrs Mseleku: Me? No I'm very busy; I don't have time to go to KwaMhlabuyalingana

Mr Mseleku: I wasn't asking you, we living now.

Bukhosi is a very proud man, he always wants to be praised and be worshiped, this thing of thinking his better than everyone he has had it ever since he was born, his different from his brothers that is why his not that close to them because they see thing in a different ways. He has an expensive taste in

everything including woman, even though his engage but his now cheating again on his fiancé. His cheating with one of their client's daughter and his paying less attention on Anele he thinks just because he pays for everything and gives Anele and the kids money it's enough but he doesn't know his only making more damage. Anele has been feeling really lonely for months now due to Bukhosi's absents in their lives. Bukhosi is living at home because he knows that it is the only chance and a place he can exchange different woman in. he doesn't really discuss his personal life with any one even when they try telling him about his behaviour he becomes angry and defensive. Anele tried discussing their wedding day with Bukhosi but he didn't show any interest until she stopped trying. In the back of Bukhosi's mind he thinks Anele will never live her and he thinks Anele is too stupid to notice his ways.

Anele is 29 years of age from a very wealthy family both her parents are educated and well known. She works as a State Accountant at the Department of Justice. Anele is a typical rich girl but the best thing about her is that she has humanity. She has 3 children with Bukhosi; she drives a red Audi A3 sport. One thing Bukhosi doesn't understand about woman is that when a woman is fed up the is nothing you can do about it. Anele has decided to stop trying to please Bukhosi, she knows that he has been sleeping around and knows the reason his still staying at home. Bukhosi doesn't know that Anele is aware of all this. She is very unhappy in her engagement all thanks to Bukhosi and his infidelity and running after girls with money forgetting the most important things in his life. Due to his behaviour Anele was lonely and therefore she got carried away and started having an affair with a guy named Sthelo. Sthelo is a 30 year old man his a sergeant working for SAPS, his tall, light in complexion they call him Mr Yellow bone, his very charming, loving and also romantic. He has all the time in the world for Anele. They met when Anele had a flat tyre on the side of the road she tried calling Bukhosi but he was at the meeting so while she was still

stranded that is when the SAPS van came towards her direction and offered her help it was two cops and one of them was Sthelo, that when things stated between them and as time went by things got a bit serious and now Anele has gotten so attached to Sthelo and doesn't have time and energy for Bukhosi and his behaviour. She doesn't speak about the white wedding anymore and to tell the truth she's not sure she wants a white wedding because she doesn't want to hurt Sthelo, Sthelo understands that Anele is engaged but he does everything for her and spends time with her kids, they spend more weekends together but she is very cautious because she doesn't want to get caught, she's worried about embarrassing her parents and her kids but at least now all her siblings are aware about Bukhosi's childish behaviour and both her sisters have fallen in love with Sthelo.

Bukhosi was supposed to visit Anele and their kids but as usual his always too busy for his family, lately he started to notice that Anele is no longer paying much attention on him, normally Anele calls Bukhosi 2 times a day and Bukhosi only calls once at night to say goodnight to the kids but lately Anele doesn't call Bukhosi at all she is way too busy focusing on Sthelo. Anele is not entirely wrong for starting to ignore Bukhosi because for months and months she slept crying because of the way Bukhosi treats her so now it his turn to feel the heat. Anele and the kids were waiting for Bukhosi to come home as he has promised to spend the weekend with them but he called to make yet another pathetic excuse.

******BUKHOSI CALLING***

Anele: Hello

Bukhosi: Hey Bae how are you I haven't heard from you the whole day

Anele: I am fine

Bukhosi: How are my 3 mosquitos?

Anele: They great and making a lot of noise

Bukhosi: Listen baby I can't come home this weekend something came up I have to go to Pretoria to attend a meeting, I promise to make it up to you and the kids

Anele: Its fine no problem

Bukhosi: Are you sure, look I know you disappointed right now but I had to

Anele: No really its fine, Enjoy the meeting. Goodnight

Bukhosi: Are you sure you owk, you sound different.

Anele: lol come on I am fine really. Goodnight

BUKHOSI

I can't shake the feeling that Anele is now drifting away I wonder what's wrong I know I just lied to her about the meeting while I am actually attending a party with my other girlfriend but the way she's been so distance worries me maybe I should pay more attention on her. I know she will never cheat on me that girl worships me but maybe I should spend more time with them. My children all loves Bayede more than me it's obvious because they even cry whenever he lives them. They call him daddy and they refer to Ziphelele as Mjita. Anele sounded dis-interested to have a conversation with me I now feel so down. Maybe I should give her the white wedding she's been nagging about.

MR & MRS ARRIVES AT MHLABUYAINGANA

Mr Mseleku: hau khokho what's wrong, what did the doctor say? You don't look owk at all. (Worried)

Khokho: I feel so weak, that stupid Indian doctor injected me, the reason I called you both here is because I want to talk about Bayede. I don't think I have much time left on this earth. I am getting worse the doctor diagnosed me with lung cancer

Mr Mseleku: No khokho lets go back to PMB let my own doctor examine you.
(Tearful eyes)

Khokho: No my boy I am 91 years I am tired to be alive its time I also rest. You are a grown man you are a grandparent yourself you capable of living in this earth by yourself without me. I will be fine; it is well with my soul. The reason I called you both here is to discuss Bayede, its time Bayede knew the truth, these lies are only going to affect his future

Mrs Mseleku: No I will not tell Bayede a damn thing, do you want that boy to hate me. Bayede is my son I raised him and his fine he hasn't been affected by this secret at all. He passed so well at school his smart. He doesn't have problems so nothing will affect his future..

Khokho: You fooling yourself Makoti. You and I both know that Bayede is not your son, his Thuso's son. It was so kind of you to take him in and raise him as your own but his not yours he needs to know his own roots. This thing will ruin that child's life

Mr Mseleku: It's going to be really hard khokho how do we even explain this thing to Bayede, he won't understand it will destroy him.

Khokho: The truth needs to come out, I know it's hard but it has to happen. I want to make this thing clear to the both of you before I die. It's important for Bayede to know, he has to find this out from the two of you because soon he will find out from somebody else and it won't be great.

*****MAMHLONGO'S HOUSE**

Lemini: Come on Balu you've been so down, listen I understand the stress you in right now but I think I have solution. 1st things 1st I understand you want to be a DJ but get a qualification 1st than after you can DJ all you want but at least you will have a back-up plan.

Balu: Yes I know. But which place will accept me with my results

Lemini: According to Bayede he called Majuba College yesterday and they are willing to accept you.

Balu: Majuba college where is that?

Lemini: In Newcastle. You can do your engineering there.

Balu: Really? Thanks sisi. We should go there to make sure they accept me and to register if they do

Lemini: Owk we need to get money from mama, she's been saving money for you all this time she will be happy if you get a proper education. If you want something else than you can also upgrade your matric.

Balu: Nah, Let's try Majuba College 1st. engineering was my 2nd option anyways if Majuba accept me I will be very happy. Lol tell my sbari I said his the best and thank you.

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PRIEST

Siyazi ukuthi uma indlu yethu yasemhlabeni eyidokodo lethu ibhidlikile, sinesakhiwo esivela kuNkulunkulu, indlu engenziwanga ngezandla, emiyo njalo, emazulwini.

Rest in Peace AGNES EXCELLENT MSELEKU known to her family and close friends as Khokho

Born (29 April 1929 – 24 August 2018)

Mr Mseleku: I can't believe she's no more; I am really going to miss her

Bayede: Yeah when I went to see her at the hospital she wanted to tell me something but the doctor disturbed us, I wonder what she wanted to say

Mr Mseleku: I doubt it was anything important don't worry about it son

Bayede: Oryt dad I have to get back to PMB I have a business meeting that I need to attend this afternoon, I will come during the week at home to see you.

Mr Mseleku: Cool, your mother and Mamhlongo are staying behind they will return tomorrow, Mamhlongo will be helping your mother to wash the pots and to put things back the way they were. I can't imagine my life without khokho it's really going to be hard to adjust.

Bayede: Yeah but we will be fine as time goes on. Did you just say Mamhlongo is staying behind; she will be back in Pietermaritzburg tomorrow

Mr Mseleku: Yes with your mother, Anele and Bukhosi. Don't get any funny ideas we still mourning

Bayede: **(laughing out loud)**

Mr Mseleku: I am serious Bayede don't do anything with Lemini lol.

Bayede: Her mom knows but she thinks we broke up

Mr Mseleku: Really? Why didn't you break up with her if her mother isn't happy about this relationship?

Bayede: I am not willing to let the woman I love walk away never. The only thing I can do is being cautious until she finishes varsity than I will marry her nothing else and besides khokho said she loves Lemini, she's good for me and I can also feel it.

Mr Mseleku: When did you grow up?

Bayede: The day I met Lemini (*LAUGHING*).

Mr Mseleku: How is *#M.F* (Mthombeni Fuels) doing?

Bayede: It's doing great, I am thinking of purchasing another building to outspread my offices and employ more people, its growing.

Mr Mseleku: How many petrol garages do you own now?

Bayede: 10 and I am negotiating to purchase the ultra-city on the N3 and dad soon I will have to resign from the family business and focus on mine, I hope you don't mind

Mr Mseleku: YOH! Way to go my boy. With khokho passing away at least I have one good thing in my life.

Bayede: Thanks Baba. That woman has been staring me for hours now; she also said I look like people from the Dlamini family. Who are those people?

Mr Mseleku: Never mind her she is just old and confuse. Call Ziphelele on your way out

Bayede: owk

Mr Mseleku: Ziphelele did your mother tell you that you starting work on Monday at Mseleku&sons?

Ziphelele: No baba I have my own business

Mr Mseleku: What businesses are talking about exactly, the one that you shut down 3 months ago because you failed to manage it I am also aware that you don't have a car anymore. What are you doing with your life? You have a child

so grow up and when we go back to Maritzburg I want you back home. Stop living off Bayede. I spoke to the man in charge of the trucks in the family business; he has assigned a truck for you

Ziphelele: What am I going to do with a truck baba?

Mr Mseleku: You will drive it obviously, you not going to get an office job without proper qualification and you need experience. Bayede will live the business soon so you need to learn fast. You will drive the trucks like the other general workers, you will use that money to pay your fees to acquire a qualification at Unisa and maybe buy yourself a cheap car to get you around.

Ziphelele: But I can't do that No.

Mr Mseleku: I wasn't asking you, my word is final you coming to work period. I have had enough of your stupidity who will give your child this month money for maintenance because you not working. You are coming to work are we clear?

Ziphelele: Yes baba

Mr Mseleku: Don't be late. 7h30 sharp and don't embarrass me, work hard, I gave you a chance to do your own thing and you acted like a spoiled brat. Get your act together young man. Don't wear a skinny jean at work I will get you a company overalls wear them.

Ziphelele: Yes dad. **(Angry)**

*****BAYEDE CALLING LEMINI**

Lemini: Hey my better half

Bayede: Hey Angel ive got good news for us

Lemini: What up?

Bayede: Your mom isn't coming home tonight; she stayed behind to help mama she will return tomorrow.

Lemini: Yes she just called up

Bayede: And do you know what that mean?

Lemini: Hmmm... Remind me lol

Bayede: You are spending a night in our house

Lemini: It as if you reading my mind, Ive missed waking up next to you

Bayede: I love you. Give me an hour I will be in Pietermaritzburg, I will fetch you

Lemini: I can't wait, see you soon

Bayede: Bye baby

Bayede arrived in Maritzburg he went straight to fetch Lemini and they both went to Bayede's home. Bayede was very exhausted when he returned and he still had to go attend a meeting therefore he left Lemini in his house and he went to attend a meeting when he returned around 17h00 Lemini had already cooked it was the 1st time Bayede tasting the food cooked by Lemini and he missed home cooked meal because he lives alone and he can't cook at all, he can't even make an egg. He was very impressed to come to a wonderful smell of food and Lemini was bathing when Bayede returned he went to the bathroom to tell Lemini that his back, Lemini was naked in the shower and Bayede couldn't hold himself he took off his clothes and went to the shower kissing Lemini all over, Lemini went down on him to suck his penis, it got heated up and they had sex in the shower considering how much they have missed each other. After they finished they went to the bedroom got dressed up and went to the lounge to

chill, they sat on the balcony cuddling, laughing and talking. Bayede was telling Lemini how much he will miss khokho and how sad he is now that she's gone and he also told Lemini about the old Lady that was busy looking at him at the funeral and what she said to him but he was not worried about that since his father told him the old lady is old and confused. They dished up and had supper.

AT UMHLABUYALINGANA

Mrs Mseleku, Mamhlongo and Anele finished around 17h00 to wash the pots and to tidy up the only thing she was short was to put everything back, they had the help of the neighbours so that is why they finished early, Mr Mseleku, Bukhosi and Ziphelele were also busy doing the men's duty so everybody was busy. Anele was on the phone the whole day talking to Sthelo and she didn't pay any attention to her fiancé and Bukhosi was noticing that Anele has changed and he was a bit confused as to why. While everybody was still busy Mrs Mseleku realised that she forgot her diabetes pills back in Pietermaritzburg and she was getting weak therefore Mr Mseleku asked Ziphelele to drive her mother home so that she will drink her pills Anele volunteered to take Mamhlongo at eMbali tomorrow because she came with her own car and she is under impression that Bukhosi won't be coming home with them as usual he will go to his parent's house, Anele is down to earth therefore she doesn't mind driving to eLoxton, she doesn't think Mbali is dangerous since Sthelo stays there but in a different section to Mamhlongo house, so Anele is used to driving to eMbali. Ziphelele took his car and said his goodbye. Both he and his mother got inside the car:

Mr Mseleku: What's wrong you look down?

Ziphelele: Dad said I will be one of the truck drivers I don't want that job

Mrs Mseleku: Well the is nothing I can say your dad is the head of the house and baby you need to grow up enough is enough. Did your dad tell you he cancelled your monthly allowance?

Ziphelele: What? No how am I going to live? How much do truck drivers get paid I won't survive with that small salary.

Mrs Mseleku: You need to make it work or else he will disown you. We need to go pass by Bayede's house, ive only been there once and I need to fetch other documents from him as well.

Ziphelele: Cool.

AT UMHLABUYALINGANA

Bukhosi: Baby the is no need for you to take Mamhlongo at eMbali its dangerous there for a female dad will on his way home.

Anele: I don't mind really and it's not that dangerous Lemini and other females there are perfectly fine

Bukhosi: Owk. I took leave this week I will be coming home with you so we can discuss our wedding day and I miss you

Anele: This week is not good for me I'll be very busy

Bukhosi: Cool where is that lady that was assisting you with the planning so that I can take a look to see how far you've gone?

Anele: I cancelled her since you were too busy to add your inputs so I told her that I will let her know when you free. In fact I think we should just cancel the wedding, since your life is too busy like you said before a wedding is not really important, you once said it's just a piece of paper it means nothing.

Bukhosi: (worried and shaking) Anele I am really sorry, I was stupid I didn't mean any of those things I love you and I want to make things work between us please I am really sorry.

Anele: What exactly are you apologising for? I am not angry at you, it's not as if you've been cheating on me you were busy at work like you've been telling me. All the business trips you were taking every weekend you said it was work so why are you apologising for working hard.

Bukhosi: (*feeling guilty and sad*) I promise to give you all the time you need and I will move in with you guys.

Anele: Come on there is no need for that. You had a reason for staying with your parents so why the sudden change, things are fine the way they are. We postponing the wedding until you know exactly what's more important; to you I know work is important so carry on with work.

Bukhosi: Anele please, we will talk about this when we arrive home tomorrow.

Anele: My mother is not feeling well so after dropping Mamhlango I will be driving home

Bukhosi: ohk when you get back home.

Anele: I will live my kids at home after that my sister will look after them because I have to attend a workshop in Pretoria for the whole week. OH! And while you were still busy with your own life I got promoted at work. I am now a chief State accountant.

Bukhosi: (**speechless**)

IN PIETERMARITZBURG

Ziphelele and his mother arrived in PMB and went to the area where Bayede is residing. When they arrived at the gate it was locked, Bayede and Lemini were sitting on the couch inside watching a movie, the volume was so loud so they didn't hear that there was a car at the gate. Lemini was wearing her short, sexy and expensive night dress on top she was also wearing Bayede's white gown. While Bayede was only wearing his boxer shorts and no t-shirt on top.

Mrs Mseleku: Phone your brother to open the gate

Ziphelele: No I have the keys mama don't worry, his probable sleeping you know how lazy he is

Mrs Mseleku and Ziphelele went in with the car they parked the car and went into the front door, they tried knocking but there was no answer. Bayede and Lemini were on the couch watching a movie. Lemini was leaning over to Bayede and Bayede had his arms wrapped around Lemini. Mrs Mseleku and Ziphelele went in, when they walked in Mrs Mseleku almost fainted:

Mrs Mseleku: What the hell is this? What is this cheap girl doing here, Bayede I can't believe you can stoop this low. You pathetic gold digger, you think just because you poor you can open your legs and eat my son's money. Are we not paying your mother enough money. Stay at your lane, get out now cheap whore. You stinking of poverty as it is, I will tell your mother about this, she needs to make sure that her dogs stay away from my children.

Bayede: MOM! (*SHOUTING AND FUMING*)

Ziphelele: Mama Man!

Lemini: I've got to go.

Bayede: No baby don't go please. Listen mama speak to my woman like that it will be last time you seeing me. I can't believe a woman that raised me thinks

so low of other people; right now I am very ashamed to even call you my mother. I love her get that through your skull, I won't live Lemini and I will marry her, you not going to pick for me. I don't need your approval and if I have to choose between Lemini and you, I will pick her. I love her you should be happy that I have found the woman that makes me happy. I don't want all these fancy, rich and air head girls you always pick for me, Lemini is my future and I want to settle down with her that is why I decided to buy my own house because I knew you will react like this when you find out, this is my house I call the shots.

Mrs Mseleku: Your father will not approve of this

Bayede: My father knew long time ago, he knew when I still had a crush on Lemini before we even started dating and he was happy for me, Khokho was happy for me. What's wrong with you, what exactly is your problem, status won't get you anywhere. I love my woman and don't you ever speak like that.

Ziphelele: Mama what has gotten into to you, Mamhlongo raised your kids and yet you have an audacity to call her child poor whore are you serious right now. You should be happy Lemini is a good girl and you know it, she is very smart, she's a future doctor. You should be happy that Bayede is with a hard working girl and not a girl who depend on her parents for everything, she is an independent girl like you, and do you not want that for your sons.

Bayede: I have never been this disappointed in my life. I LOVE HER accept it and you won't fire Mamhlongo dad won't allow it and by the way Mamhlongo also knows about Lemini and I. She wasn't happy because she knows you. She told me to live her daughter alone but I won't do that, nobody will break me off with the woman I love; you both need to accept this relationship.

Mrs Mseleku exits the room without saying a word and went straight into Ziphelele's car. Ziphelele went after her.

Ziphelele: Mama please behave yourself please

Mrs Mseleku: Take me home now

Ziphelele: Are you owk? You look weak

Mrs Mseleku: It's my blood pressure (BP)

Ziphelele: I will drive you straight to the hospital.

Inside the house Lemini was still in shock because of the words Mrs Mseleku called her and said to her. Bayede tried to calm her down and told her she means everything to him.

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Ziphelele: *****CALLING DAD...** hello baba mama has been admitted at the hospital

Mr Mseleku: What? What happened?

Ziphelele: Well it's a long story but her blood pressure went sky high and the doctor said it's bad

Mr Mseleku: I asked you what happened to her she was fine when she left here

Ziphelele: Well actually when we left there we went pass by Bayede's house that is when the problem started

Mr Mseleku: Your mother got sick in Bayede's house?

Bukhosi: Dad ask him what were they doing there and what happened in Bayede's house

Mr Mseleku: What happened in Bayede's house?

Ziphelele: Well when we got there Bayede was with Lemini

Mr Mseleku: So?

Ziphelele: Mama didn't know that they are dating. So she got very upset when she saw them that is when her BP went up.

Mr Mseleku: How is Bayede and Lemini's love life has anything to do with your mother and her blood pressure agg fine I'll be there 1st thing in the morning. **(EXITING THE ROOM)**

Bukhosi: Lemini as in Mamhlongo's Lemini? That girl is dating Bayede, Hawu! When did this happen, why would Bayede date Lemini though, she's pretty but I didn't think she was his type.

Bukhosi: In the morning we have to wake up early and go back to PMB mama has been admitted

Anele: Why? What is wrong with her?

Bukhosi: Did you know that Bayede and Lemini are dating?

Anele: No but come to think of it, I saw them when khokho came to Maritzburg they were standing together in a very awkward position, I thought Bayede was trying his luck I didn't know they were actually boyfriend and girlfriend. She's hot I don't see anything wrong with it. I think they make the best couple

Bukhosi: Yeah but Lemini is not in our level

Anele: Bayede is looking for true love, somebody who will complete him and make him a better person, a person who is going to be able to satisfy him to prevent him from sleeping around like a Horney dog, a person whom he will always come home to. Money has nothing to do with matters of the heart
(thinking about Sthelo)

Bukhosi: (*speechless*)

INSIDE BAYEDE'S APARTMENT

Lemini: (crying) Please take me home

Bayede: Baby come on don't let mama get to you

Lemini: I've never been this humiliated in my life I won't stand for this maybe this relationship was a mistake Bayede I can't, I need to be where I am appreciated. If these are the words I'm going to be hearing for the rest of my life than I can't.

Bayede: Lemini I love you, I will do anything just don't go me Please.

Lemini: I am not breaking up with you, I also love you but just take me home I need to clear my head please baby.

Bayede: Owk cool (kissing)

Mr Mseleku and Bukhosi arrived in Maritzburg in the morning; they went straight to the hospital to see Mrs Mseleku, when they arrived it wasn't visiting hour yet so they had to wait outside until it's time to see her. They waited and waited after an hour the nurse called them and told them they can now come in. when they walked in Mrs Mseleku's face changed when she was looking at her husband she was suddenly annoyed and angry:

Mrs Mseleku: I cannot believe you actually allowed my son to date that girl

Mr Mseleku: You will not choose for Bayede, Lemini is perfect for him stop interfering in that boy's love life, back off and let him be. His happy with Lemini, she is a good girl unlike that fool Linda I will not say this again Bayede

will marry Lemini period. Bukhosi is moving out and going back to stay with Anele and his kids

Mrs Mseleku: When?

Bukhosi: As soon as they discharge you mama, she want to cancel the wedding I don't know what to do, I don't think Anele still loves me, I want to fix things

Mrs Mseleku: Do you blame her though with the way you've been behaving

Bukhosi: I was stupid mama but I want to make things work, I hope it's not too late

Mrs Mseleku: What if she's having an affair

Bukhosi: I don't think she will do such thing, if she is I will kill somebody.

Mr Mseleku: Wait for me in the car Bukhosi I will be there just now. I need to speak to your mother privately.

Bukhosi: Owk **(exiting the room)**

Mr Mseleku: if you continue being a pain in Bayede's love life you will start trouble. Khokho loved Lemini for a reason. If she marries a wrong girl and something bad happens and he find out about his past he won't forgive us, he loves Lemini they are good together, she is an intelligent young lady, a doctor. Do you not want a daughter in-law who is a doctor, you can brag to your friends about having the smartest daughter in law not a coconut who doesn't know 1+1 = what.

Mrs Mseleku: I am not happy about this but if you put it like that than fine but if she wasn't a doctor I was never going to allow this. If they get married Mamhlongo will want to quit, Lemini won't want her mother to be a maid then who is going to clean for me

Mr Mseleku: You will find somebody else. I love those two, you should see how happy Bayede is whenever his around Lemini.

*****FEW WEEKS LATER**

Lemini woke up because she has to go and attend her classes she practically stays alone at home since Balu is now staying in Newcastle doing her electrical engineering at Majuba College, her mom is always at work and she lives very early in the morning so Lemini is always the last person to live the house. That morning she woke up took a bath and sat on the couch to eat her bowl of cornflakes. As she was eating she started having stomach cramps, at 1st she ignored the pain thinking maybe it's her period pains, as she continues to eat she realise that "SHOOT" she hasn't been on her period for 2 months already. But then again she was happy thinking that maybe her circle was changing and now she will get her periods. The pain got worse when she stood up the was a flood of blood on the couch. The pain got worse she fell on the floor. She took her phone and decided to call Bayede because calling her mother won't help since she doesn't have a car and Lemini wants to go to the clinic.

Bayede rushed and came to fetch Lemini they both left and went straight to the hospital; Bayede didn't want to go to the clinic so he paid cash when they went to the private hospital. The both went inside the doctors cubical:

Doctor: Mr Mseleku, it's always good to see you.

Bayede: Same here, this is my girlfriend Lemini

Doctor: So Lemini when was the last time you had your periods

Lemini: Two months ago

Doctor: Do you guys use protection?

Lemini: Sometimes well most of the time we don't but I always drink my morning after pills

Doctor: Morning after pills doesn't work all the time, sometimes it doesn't work. Here are your results you were 9 weeks pregnant and you just had a miscarriage.

Bayede: What? Wait the child is dead?

Doctor: I am afraid yes Mr Mseleku. Based on what I am seeing it's weird because there is nothing wrong with Lemini, I have never seen anything like this before. I can't see what really happened or what caused the miscarriage.

Bayede: (teary eyes)

Lemini is relieved that there is no baby because her mother was going to die and she's still studying but when she saw Bayede's face he was shuttered, sad and very stressed she couldn't help but feel sorry for him. She is aware that Bayede was going to take good care of their child but at the same time she had to think about herself and her family especially since she doesn't want her mother to work anymore. She feels her mother is getting old and needs to rest now

Bayede drove Lemini home he took her to her bedroom gave her a kiss and left without saying a word. He drove back to his house switched off his phone because he doesn't want people from work to call him, when he arrived at his house Bukhosi's car was parked outside well his brothers both have keys to his house, he walked inside the house Bukhosi was watching soccer

Bukhosi: Hey bafo I thought I should swing by to see you, I haven't seen you in a while, I saw your resignation letter mama is frustrated she doesn't understand why you're leaving the family business, where are you going to go. What's up? I hope you're not still angry about the Lemini issue because mama has apologised, well she said she will apologise to Lemini as well but you know her pride is

getting in her way. Lol you should see Ziphelele as a truck driver shame. Your nephews and a niece misses you, you should pay us a visit not alone though Anele said you should come with Lemini

Bayede ignored him and went straight into his bedroom he didn't even make it on his bed he sat on the floor and cried so loud, Bukhosi heard him and rushed to see what's wrong.

Bukhosi: Haibo Bayede what's wrong? (*Worried*)

Bayede: My child just died? (*Crying*)

Bukhosi: What? I didn't know you had a child

Bayede: Lemini was pregnant and she had a miscarriage

Bukhosi: I am so sorry Bayede; I don't know what to say a is no more she would've told us what is happening, we should go and see a SEER. I know a man at Ulundi his very good; I will call and make an appointment. Ive been there myself for something else well it was business related he helped me. Stop crying Bayede things will get better. I will also ask dad and hear what he has to say about this.

Bayede: (*crying*)

Bayede didn't stop crying, he continued to cry and Bukhosi was hugging him, feeling very sorry for his brother he even made food for Bayede and when he left Bayede was feeling owk and finally Bukhosi left and before he went back to his house where he stays with Anele, he stopped by their parents' house to speak to his father.

Bukhosi: Baba something terrible just happened to Bayede, Lemini had a miscarriage and now Bayede is crying. Doesn't this thing of Bayede not having

a kids bother you? Remember his girlfriend before Linda also had a miscarriage, Linda according to mama had an abortion but Bayede said the kids went his, and now it's Lemini. You should've seen him dad; the way he was crying it was so sad.

Mr Mseleku: ...

Bukhosi: Baba are you even listening to me? What's wrong?

Mr Mseleku: Nothing my boy I'm listening.

Bukhosi: I told him I will take him to see somebody who might help him traditionally

Mr Mseleku: No.

Bukhosi: Dad maybe Bayede needs help, at the end of the day no matter how rich we are, we still black and guided by ancestors, I wish khokho was still here she would've known what to do.

Mr Mseleku: I said No Bayede is rushing things Lemini is still studying. Everything happens at its own time, he will be fine, he needs to be patient he will have a child. Don't go there.

Bukhosi: Owk (*confused*)

Bukhosi left their parents' house still confused but he didn't listen to his father because after exiting the gate he called Bayede and told him to make time because soon they are driving to Ulundi to see the Seer.

Mr Mseleku: Now I know what khokho was worried about with regards to Bayede. He can't have children.

Mrs Mseleku: WHAT? How exactly did you come to that conclusion?

Mr Mseleku: Lemini had a miscarriage

Mrs Mseleku: So? People have miscarriages every day, it's nothing new.

Mr Mseleku: This is not the 1st time though. I am worried about my boy. You know this is the same thing that happened to Thuso's brother when we were growing up, he couldn't have children they had to perform a ritual for him. After that he had twins' two girls, Bayede is the only male grandchild in that family; all the other grand kids are females. Maybe same thing that happened to his uncle long time ago is now happening to him.

Mrs Mseleku: Well if that is the case than Bayede will never have kids because the Dlamini's won't do a ritual for him and I won't allow them Bayede is not their grandchild, I raised that boy therefore his mine.

*****MRS MSELEKU**

Mrs Mseleku is now depressed about what is happening to Bayede, she fears that Bayede will reject her when he finds his real family, Bayede is the only sane child in this family and Mrs Mseleku knows that therefore she fears to lose him, the reason Mrs Mseleku raised Bayede so well was because of the guilt she had when her father killed Thuso, she felt so bad for a child, she has a bad heart but her weakness is her love for children that is the only thing in common they have with Bayede it's their love for children. Mrs Mseleku wasn't aware when telling her father about Thuso that Thuso has 11 months old baby. After her funeral Bayede was left with his grandmother, when Mrs Mseleku found out about the child he told her husband to fetch him and that she will raise him, Bukhosi was also 2 years old. But she volunteered to raise Bayede as well. Mr Mseleku went to fetch Bayede and took him away. Thuso's mother passed away immediately after Mr Mseleku took Bayede. Mrs Mseleku took Bayede in and raised him as her own because she knew it her fault he doesn't have a mother. Mr and Mrs Mseleku decided not tell Bayede the truth because they didn't want him to feel like an outsider.

Mamhlongo arrived home and she noticed that one of her couches is not where it supposed to be, when she was passing by she saw it outside wet like somebody was washing it, she went to Lemini's bedroom because she saw her cell phone on top of the table, when she walked in Lemini was fast asleep she didn't even hear her mother opening the door. Lemini was holding one of her pillows so tight and next to her they were so many used tissues, Lemini was using the tissue to wipe her tears. Mamhlongo didn't not disturb her she left her bedroom and went to the kitchen to cook. After she finished cooking she went to set the table for her and Lemini to eat, Lemini's phone has been ringing none stop, she took the phone trying to switch it off because it was disturbing her, she saw that the person calling is registered as: BAE (BAYEDE). In that very same moment she noticed that Bayede and Lemini lied about breaking up and they still together but she wasn't as angry as she was before she just placed Lemini's phone on the couch and continued with what she was doing. When she finished she went to wake Lemini up.

Mamhlongo: Lemini wake up, it's time for dinner

Lemini: hey mama. I didn't realise it was this late. Sorry for not cooking

Mamhlongo: Are you owk and why is my sofa outside and wet?

Lemini: Yes mom I am fine. Oh! The sofa, I was drinking water and the cup fell on the sofa, so I took it outside to dry it.

Mamhlongo: Owk, you look like you've been crying, your eyes are so red, and you don't look owk

Lemini: No mama I wasn't crying, I have a headache that is all.

Mamhlongo: Your so called BAE has been calling none stop

Lemini: Mama I can explain

Mamhlongo: There is no need, it's obvious that you won't live him and he doesn't want to live you so I won't get in the middle of the two of you. But you need to be careful, always condomise and I hope you strong enough to handle Mrs Mseleku and whatever you do be careful I don't want to lose my job and please no pregnancy until you finish varsity. I hope we clear. Your stupid relationship has my blessings and I hope I don't regret this one day.

Lemini: Thank you mama.

Lemini and Mamhlongo had their meal but Lemini was not herself and her mother noticed that something is strange about Lemini and she is not her usual self, she was down, she didn't want to push her into opening up about what's eating her, she decided to let her be when she's ready to talk she will be there for her child. After she finished eating she was feeling pains and didn't want her mother to see so she stood up and went to wash the dishes trying to be strong but the pains were killing her. When she finished at the kitchen she went to her room. As she was entering her room her phone rang:

****BAE CALLING****

Lemini: Hey love

Bayede: Hey ive been trying to call you, I was starting to think you ignoring me, I was getting worried

Lemini: Why would I ignore the love of my life

Bayede: Hmmm, how are you?

Lemini: I am not owk but I will be fine I guess, How are you?

Bayede: I am also not fine. I was hoping to spend time with you tomorrow but Bukhosi and I are going to Ulundi for something its work related. If I come back early I will swing by your house for a kiss. I love you owk?

Lemini: I love you to goodnight

IN THE MORNING

*CAR HOOT***X3*

Bayede: Ei mjita I am coming hawu

Bukhosi: Hurry up man

Bayede: Good Morning, its 2am why didn't we go when the sun rises?

Bukhosi: Because I need to be back on time for work, I don't want mama to ask me questions when I'm late, dad said we mustn't go to Ulundi

Bayede: Why?

Bukhosi: He said something about you being impatient

Bayede: His mad lol

Bukhosi: lool I made an appointment with that man his waiting for us

Bukhosi and Bayede drove to Ulundi while it was still dark outside when they both arrived to Ulundi it was still dark outside they opened the gate as instructed by the seer and parked the car inside. The seer came out and greeted Bukhosi because he is familiar with him and respects him very much, Bukhosi introduced Bayede as his younger brother and they all went inside the Rondovel Bukhosi sat next to Bayede and the seer sat opposite them dressed in Zion clothing.

Seer: I didn't think you will make it on time Mr Mseleku

Bukhosi: lol I woke up very earlier I have to be back home before the sun come out because our father didn't allow us to come here.

Seer: Owk. Here are my bones so Mr Bayede I need you to blow inside this bag full of bones

Bayede: Owk (Bayede blowing inside the bag)

Seer: I am calling upon all the ancestors from the Mseleku family to join us today to help us discover what's troubling your son Bayede Mseleku; I also call upon the ancestors from his mother side to assist us in this journey.

Seer: What is your mother's surname young man?

Bayede: Its Mabaso sir

Seer: No the ancestors are denying that surname

Bayede: (*looking at Bukhosi*)

Bukhosi: No wait what do you mean they denying it I was here months back the was nothing wrong with my mother's surname they accepted it, so what has changed now. That is mama's surname.

Seer: The ancestors are telling me that Mabaso is your mother surname Bukhosi but not your brother. I don't know why but I need to consult because I cannot continue without this surname

Bukhosi: Owk we will wait

The brothers waited while the seer was still consulting with the ancestors regarding this issue they didn't pay much attention to it because they are 100% sure that they are brothers so they think that maybe something is wrong after few minutes the seer stared at the both of them:

Seer: Before I reveal what the ancestors are saying what is the real reason for coming to see me

Bayede: Well I think I have a problem with having children, every time when I impregnate a girl they have miscarriages, so I'm not sure whether the problem is with me or it's just a coincident.

Seer: Well son ask your parents to tell you the truth, you will never have children, it's not a coincident. There is a ritual that needs to be performed for you by the people from your mother's family. The girl that will have your children will give birth to a baby girl. But that won't happen until you do this ritual. This ritual is very important because if you don't do it you will also have problems in everything you do. It's a family thing that all male members from this family do this ritual. You are the only one who hasn't done it.

Bukhosi: I also have never done any ritual, what are you talking about?

Bayede: Yeah and my mother is from the royal family there are so many male members none of them has done this ritual you talking about.

Seer: The woman that raised you is not your biological mother. Her Bukhosi's mother not yours. Yes Mr Mseleku is your father but you don't have a royal blood because that woman didn't give birth to you, she only raised you. Your parents are the only people who can help you, they know where you from and they know what needs to be done for you. Ask them for answers

Bayede: Bukhosi let's go, this is madness, and I won't stand for this insult.

Bukhosi: How dare you? I trusted you to help my brother not this rubbish you telling him. Let's go brother

Seer: Why do you think your father was refusing for you to come here, it's because he knew if you came here you will know the truth... I don't care

whether you believe me or not but without this ritual you won't have any kids my boy. Has it ever occur to you why you the smartest, the one with so much humility in that family. The girl you in love with now was chosen by your biological mother for you. Because when she was still alive she had the very same personality as your girlfriend and they are very much alike. All the elders from your family knows the truth even your khokho knew the truth.

Bayede: (crying) Bukhosi (confuse)

Bukhosi: Don't cry Bayede this is not true let's go home and confront dad. Let's hurry up so that we catch him before he goes to work

***IN PIETERMARITZBURG

Mr Mseleku, Ziphelele and Mrs Mseleku were busy having their breakfast and getting ready to go to work.

Mr Mseleku: Mamhlongo I was thinking that since you've been with this family for many years now I can't even remember how long and you've been very loyal to us, surely you tired to work now and you also need a break, I know you not getting any younger so I am releasing you from your duties

Mamhlongo: Nomzane my kids are still in school, what will I eat if I live this job please

Mr Mseleku: We obviously won't let you go just like that. It's our duty as your employers to save you your pension money. I've been saving money for you all these years and I will pay you your salary till you daughters get jobs as well.

Mamhlongo; Oh! Thank you sir, I don't know how to thank you.

Mr Mseleku: We practically family now Mamhlongo and who knows I have a feeling that we will soon be a real family. **(Everybody laughing)**

Mamhlongo: Thank you Nomzane

Mrs Mseleku: No thank you, for everything including raising my children, you have no idea how grateful I am. Thank you so much. We have organised to have your farewell party but I will let you know the details on your last day Friday.

Ziphelele: I am really going to miss you mama but I am not worried that much because I know my way around eMbali. Baba ive applied to do Bcom accounting at Unisa so I need little more in my salary, my salary is too small

Mr Mseleku: Make it work. R10 000 is not small, all the other new drivers are getting the same salary as you and they are perfectly fine, their paying school fees for their children you can also do it.

Ziphelele: But I need to buy a car

Mr Mseleku: A Car can wait, securing your future is more important.

*****BUKHOSI AND BAYEDE PUSHING THE KITCHEN DOOR**

Mr Mseleku: Have the two of you lost your damn mind, do you know how much that door cost, what happened to knocking?

Bukhosi: The truth now

Mr Mseleku: What?

Bukhosi: The truth dad, is mama Bayede's mother as well. Yes or no?

Ziphelele: Heh? Lool I told you weed wasn't good for you. Bayede why are your eyes so red?

Bukhosi: Shut up you, this is serious

Bayede: Mama tell me it's a lie please **(crying)**

Mrs Mseleku: I am so sorry my boy; I didn't want you to find out this way (Teary eyes)

Ziphelele: HAIBO! (*SHOCKED*)

Bayede: What? So it's true, than who am I mama? How is this even possible?
Dad

Mr Mseleku: EVERYBODY SIT DOWN

Bayede: I don't want to sit, I only want the truth. Why are you guys doing this to me?

Mr Mseleku: My wife is not your mother, you were born by a lady named Thuso Dlamini she was also from Mhlabuyalingana, she passed away when you were few months old than my wife offered to take you in and raise you like her own.

Bukhosi: Dad are you listening to yourself right now, my brother is crying and confuse and you just saying this like it's a casual thing, why did you guys lie to him, I understand that what mama did was good and kind of her but what I fail to understand is why keep it a secret.

Mrs Mseleku: Because I didn't want him to feel like an outsider.

Bukhosi: So you didn't want us to go to the seer because you didn't want to get exposed, dad I told you about Bayede not being able to have kids and Lemini's miscarriage but still you pretended like it was nothing yet you know what the real issue was

Mamhlongo: WHAT? My daughter was pregnant? (*Exiting the house going straight to eMbali*)

Bayede: So my happiness didn't matter to you, the fact that I can't have kids it's still didn't bother you as long as your secret stayed hidden, you should've told me mama you know I forgive easily, I would've forgiven you, what if this Dlamini family doesn't want to do that ritual for me because they don't know

me. I am grateful to you for raising me but I also want a family of my own, I want children and I want to know my roots as well. **(Exiting the room)**

Mrs Mseleku: Son wait, I am so sorry Bayede please forgive me, I was doing it for you. I love you; I'm sorry please don't go.

Bukhosi: Is there anything else you are hiding from us?

Bayede walked out of the house and went back to his place he was shattered, tears kept rolling out of his eyes, he was so confused and didn't know what to think, deep down he doesn't understand because he knows Mrs Mseleku is very mean, she will never love a child that is not hers, but she loved Bayede and gave him everything he needed so he doesn't understand why Mrs Mseleku loves him so much and he loves her too, Bayede kept wondering who his family is, he drove like a maniac going back to his apartment. On the other side Mamhlongo was fuming, she kept thinking about her sofa that was out and Lemini lied about pouring water on it and she now understands why Lemini is down and moody lately but on the other hand she can't help but feel sorry for Bayede seeing him crying like that really touched her. She still shocked about Bayede not being Mrs Mseleku's son but at the same time she doesn't understand the love Mrs Mseleku has for Bayede because they all know she is a devil and will never love something that is not hers. But what is hurting Mamhlongo the most is knowing that her daughter is going through such a hard time on her own without the mother's support. She is angry at her for being reckless but she understands that losing a baby is very heart-breaking.

Lemini was on her way back from varsity so she decided to get something to drink because it's really hot and she is stressed because since this morning she can't get hold of Bayede. She decided to go and sit at Mugg&Bean to have a milkshake, when she was entering the Mugg&Bean she saw two couple sitting down, holding hands and kissing, they were looking lovey dovey she didn't pay

much attention to them, she went to take a sit but she kept hearing a familiar voice then she decided to turn around and look at the couple again, she realised that the girl who is sitting with a police man is actually Anele Bukhosi's wife. Lemini got very shocked but not as shocked as Anele was when she saw Lemini looking at them. Anele quickly let go of Sthelo's hand and her eyes immediately had tears because she just saw that she was caught and if Bukhosi finds out he will kill her, he will divorce her and take the kids. Lemini didn't say anything she just sat down and minded her own business. Sthelo got up and left, Anele also stood up and went to sit next to Lemini

Anele: Lemini please, please don't tell Bukhosi, I am begging you please don't tell Bayede as well. I am so sorry.

Lemini: Come on, there is no need for you to explain yourself Anele I won't tell anyone I promise. Your life is none of my business. Your secret is safe with me.

Anele: Thank you sisi. I promise this affair ends today. I only did it because I felt neglected by my fiancé but now things are getting better between us maybe I should be focusing on fixing things with Bukhosi because he's really trying to be a better man for me and my kids.

Lemini: I completely understand. My mother is calling can I take this?

Anele: sure

Lemini: Mom has just summoned me home; I wonder what's eating her lol...
Bye Anele

Anele: No problem. Thank you once again.

Lemini: Pleasure doll

MAMHLONGO'S HOUSE

Balu: Hey mom where is the fire? Why are you budging in like this?

Mamhlongo: Your sister is not back yet?

Balu: I think that her entering the gate

Mamhlongo: Why didn't you tell me?

Lemini: Mom?

Mamhlongo: Don't mom me. Why didn't you tell me Lemini, how can you go through something so traumatising alone?

Lemini: I'm so sorry mama; I know it was so careless of me, I know I shouldn't have gotten pregnant in the 1st place.

Mamhlongo: (Hugging Lemini) oh my baby. It's sad to lose a baby but what happened to putting your future in front, finishing school 1st.

Lemini: Yes mom, it won't happen again

Mamhlongo: Have you spoken to that boyfriend of yours

Lemini: No weirdly he hasn't called me at all today and he isn't answering my calls, is the something wrong with him, have you seen him?

Mamhlongo: No.

Bayede went straight to his apartment very confused about everything he hasn't spoken to Lemini the whole day. Lemini kept calling but Bayede was ignoring her calls because he doesn't want her to see him like this. Mr Mseleku was sad to see his son in that state at the same time Mrs Mseleku was crying at home and couldn't even eat thinking about what if Bayede rejects her, she can't bear losing him especially because they very close, Mr Mseleku decided to man up and go to Bayede to talk to him and explain everything to him. He wants to

make sure that Bayede understands that they did all this for him. Mr Mseleku went to Bayede's house and found him sitting at the balcony drinking Heineken

Mr Mseleku: Son please try to understand this from our side, your mother passed away and your grandmother also died I had to take you in as your father and my wife volunteered to look after you as her own.

Bayede: That means you cheated

Mr Mseleku: I was young and reckless, your mother was my 1st love I was supposed to marry her, but money and greed took over.

Bayede: I can't believe my whole entire life was a lie, but the fact that mama raised me so well and I love her so I can't stay mad at her, what annoy me the most is that if Bukhosi didn't insist on taking me to the seer that means I was never going to know the truth or have kids in that matter

Mr Mseleku: I am so sorry my boy about that, I was putting my feeling before your happiness and I know it was wrong of us to do that but I am willing to do everything as your father to make sure that the dlamini's do this ritual for you.

Bayede: I want to meet them

Mr Mseleku: Are you sure?

Bayede: Yes dad and who was that woman at khokho's funeral who said I look like the dlamini's?

Mr Mseleku: That was your grandmother's church mate. She knew your mother; your mother was a people's person she was exactly like Lemini so everybody knew and loved her. She was a teacher by profession she was very good in accounting and business economics.

Bayede: LOL! Really?

Mr Mseleku: Yeap, I will speak to your uncle, his married and stays at Mooi River now and I will drive there this afternoon

Bayede: Thanks dad. Please tell mama I am not angry at her.

Mr Mseleku indeed drove to Mooi River to speak to Mr Dlamini, Mr Dlamini is staying with his wife and 2 daughters. Mr Dlamini was not pleased to see Mr Mseleku, he hates him for what he did to his sister and the way he took Bayede from their mother. Mr Mseleku apologised to Mr Dlamini for everything and pleaded to him to please help his son.

Mr Dlamini: Wow! I see the mighty has fallen

Mr Mseleku: Please do this for my son I know the way I did things in the past was wrong but my son didn't know a thing, he just found out about his mother and I plead to you to do this for me I will do anything

Mr Dlamini: Who killed my sister?

Mr Mseleku: What? I don't know I tried to investigate but I failed, I also want to know but I can't, the police are not willing to assist me

Mr Dlamini: Are you sure it wasn't that wife of yours; I have this strong feeling it was her and that ruthless father of hers. The only reason she raised Bayede was guilt.

Mr Mseleku: It wasn't them, if it was I would've known long time ago

Mr Dlamini: Keep fooling yourself, bring my nephew next week, I will perform the ritual for him, I am doing all this for my sister not you and your ruthless wife. I know I can't prove that she was the one involve in my sister's murder but I know she did. I don't want her here. Bring my nephew not your wife. I can't believe I will finally reunite with my nephew after so many years, my sister is happy where ever she is.

Mr Mseleku: Thank you Dlamini.

Mr Mseleku went back to PMB and called Bayede informing him that Mr Dlamini agreed to do this for him. Bayede was relieved and finally called Lemini because he misses her and needs her right now.

***CALLING LEMINI

Lemini: Thank Goodness I've been so worried about you

Bayede: Hey Angel, where are you?

Lemini: I am at home

Bayede: Did your mom say anything to you?

Lemini: about the miscarriage yes she did but I am not in trouble she was very understanding.

Bayede: Oh that's better, Did she say anything else?

Lemini: No. was she supposed to tell me something?

Bayede: No I was just asking, I miss you

Lemini: Are you owk? You sound different.

Bayede: Hearing your voice takes all my pains away.

After few hours Bayede went to fetch Lemini and they went to have lunch together they spent quality time together, Lemini noticed that Bayede wasn't himself and asked him again, he sat her down and told her everything, she was shocked and remembered her mother's words that rich people are miserable. She saw tears in Bayede's eyes, the pain was just too much, she tried to comfort him but Bayede was slowly breaking inside and trying so hard to be strong. It

was the 1st time Lemini sees Bayede in this state. Lemini didn't know what to do or say to him. She was also very heartbroken to see her man like this.

The following weekend Bayede, Bukhosi, Ziphelele and their father went to Mooi River to fetch Bayede's uncle and his wife they all drove to Mhlabuyalingana which is the original home of Thuso and all the other Dlamini members are still residing at Umhlabuyalinga. When they arrived the whole family was already there waiting to finally meet Bayede because even though most of them knew he existed but they all have never seen him. Bayede was shaking, scared especially because he is naturally a shy person. Bayede went to meet everyone and the ritual took place, they introduce Bayede to the ancestors. Later on that day Mr Dlamini took Bayede to the grave side where his mother was buried and it was very emotional for Bayede meeting his mother like this. Afterwards everybody had fun, Ziphelele ended up very drunk. Mr Mseleku, Bukhosi and Ziphelele drove back to PMB and they left Bayede because he wanted to spend time with his family, Ziphelele promised to fetch him after 2 days.

After spending time, getting to know his family Bayede had to go back to Maritzburg because he has a business to run. Ziphelele arrived to fetch him and he left. Things between him and the mother who raised him went back to normal because Bayede cannot stay angry at his mother for long.

4 YEARS LATER

Lemini: Mom how do I look

Mamhlongo: You look so amazing (crying) I cannot believe you finally graduating. My daughter is finally a qualified Doctor.

Lemini: Bayede is also coming to my graduation mama I hope you don't mind

Mamhlongo: Of course I don't mind

Lemini: wow I finally finished its been the longest 7 years of my life

Lemini

If somebody told me years ago that one day I will be a qualified doctor I was never going to believe them. God has been so good to me especially because I come from nothing but look at me now, I have an amazing boyfriend who is very supportive and loving and now I have obtained one of the most difficult degrees in South Africa. Bayede bought me this beautiful dress to wear on this day. He bought it when he went to London for his business meeting.

Bayede: Look at my beautiful doctor; you look so amazing my love.

Lemini: Thank you baby. I love you so much and thanks a lot for everything.

Bayede: I love you two boo. Come let go before it's late.

The graduation ceremony took place when Lemini's name was called the tears in Mamhlongo's tears of joy came out flowing, Bayede couldn't keep his eyes away from Lemini he was so proud of her, Balu was screaming her sister's name. After the ceremony they all went to have lunch at Mamhlongo place. As they were busy eating Lemini received a call that she was being placed to do her com-serv (internship) at Northdale hospital. Everybody was over the moon.

Bayede: So dad is turning 65 tomorrow we throwing him a party, mama asked me to invite you all, it's a surprise party for him.

Mamhlongo: Thank you son she also called me when she was congratulating me for Lemini's graduation. We will be there.

Balu: Do you not miss working mama?

Mamhlongo: No lol I am way too old to work.

Bayede: lol bye everyone

The following day Mrs Mseleku, Anele and as well as other members all started preparing for the party Mr Mseleku wasn't home and he had no idea that there is a party being prepared for him. They did all the preparations. Around 13hoo Mamhlongo and her daughters also arrived, it was jam packed with Mr Mseleku's friends' and colleagues etc. when he arrived he was shocked seeing his house full with his friends and family he was very happy. So while everybody was still eating and chatting laughing. Bayede went to where Lemini was sitting next to Anele and Balu. He stood in front of her. Lemini was looking at him thinking maybe he wants to say something but instead he got down with one knee. Everybody was staring at him, even the people who were still inside the house came out. Mamhlongo didn't know how to react; Mrs Mseleku was smiling and couldn't believe how much Bayede has grown.

Bayede: Make me the happiest man alive and please become Mrs Mseleku Jnr. Will you marry me?

Lemini: Yes (*shocked*)

Bayede took out the ring and put it in Lemini's finger, they hugged and kissed, people were ululating and their parents were both happy

Mr Mseleku: Well son the most difficult part is yet to begin it's called the "buying of cows" for lobola

Bayede: I have already purchased a few (laughing out loud)

Mr Mseleku: Good Boy

Bayede and Lemini left afterwards to go to Bayede's house to spend a night together as fiancés. when they arrived it was hot outside even though it was getting dark but they opened their aluminium door wide open they went to take a shower together, Bayede came out 1st and went to put roses all over his bed, he opened a bottle of Moet. he lit some candles it was nice and romantic, when

Lemini also came out of the bathroom she saw flowers all over and looked at Bayede, she smiled they kissed and ended up in bed having sex afterwards they went to sit at the balcony. Later they went inside again they had their 2nd and 3rd round before going to bed.

In the morning Bayede woke up because he had to attend a meeting, he left a note for Lemini that he will be back after 2 hours. When Lemini woke up there was no sign of Bayede but she saw the note and she decided to clean for Bayede when she was sweeping etc she came across a stash of papers some were laying on the floor, she picked them up trying to put them in one place where Bayede can see them. She couldn't help but noticing the logo in one of the papers, the logo looked familiar than she sat down and paid attention in these papers, she started reading this one paper written **#M.F MTHOBENI FUEL**. She paged through it and in the space for the owner's name it was written Bayede Mseleku in partnership with Caltex. Bayede walked inside the house not knowing that Lemini now knows the truth.

Bayede: Baby I'm home. Morning you were fast asleep when I left, I bet you didn't even hear me taking a shower lol

Lemini: Right now I don't know whether to be angry or what?

Bayede: What's wrong?

Lemini: Mthobeni fuel, why did you lie to me?

Bayede: ----

Lemini: Say something Baye

Bayede: I did it because I loved you and I wanted you to have a bright future

Lemini: But you didn't know me when I was doing matric

Bayede: I knew you, I saw you when I came to give your mother the CAO forms. Listen I know this looks bad, but I did it because I loved you, It wasn't my intension to lie to you but I knew your mother was never going to allow me to pay for you, you were also not going to allow me, all I wanted was you to have what you were passionate about.

Lemini: Is there anything else you lying to me about?

Bayede: No

Lemini: I can't believe you this good in keeping a secrets; I didn't even suspect a thing. Thank you baby for everything you've done for me, I can't wait to see my mother's reactions when she finds out you the one who's been paying for me. Lol I am so ignorant I didn't even know what your business was about lol but I've been asking you and you kept ignoring me silly man.(laughing)

Bayede: Come here (kissing Lemini)

NARRATOR

Ziphelele also finally graduated at Unisa he obtained a qualification in Bcom Accounting and his mother promoted him into managing the logistic section in the family business, Bayede continued with his Mthobeni fuel company and he became one of the richest man in Pietermaritzburg.

After a while Lemini was finally pregnant and Bayede was so excited when he heard the news, in fact everybody was excited including Bayede's parents. Bayede was a bit worried though because he was scared that maybe something will happen to Lemini during the pregnancy he was very cautious about the pregnancy. Lemini gave birth to a baby girl and they named her KUHLESBONGE, Bayede took Kuhle to Mhlabuyalingana to introduce the

baby to the Dlamini family. After Lemini gave birth to their daughter, she and Bayede had to plan their wedding. Even though they were both so busy with work but they had to get married. Lemini had a wedding planner to assist her; the wedding took place at Ballito. Mamhlongo was very happy that her 1st born is getting married to a very civilised and loving man. The Dlamini family members were also invited; Bayede was so emotional because khokho never got a chance to see him getting married. After the wedding Lemini and Bayede both moved to their new home that Bayede built specially for his family. He didn't want to buy a house, he wanted to build it the way Lemini will love it, and their house is situated at INTABA RIDGE in Pietermaritzburg. Lemini got a permanent post to become a doctor at Grey's Hospital. Balu also got employed by Eskom as their technician, she bought herself a BMW 1series and her and Lemini bought a new home for their mother in Thornville.

Lemini: Baby i will come to your office during my lunch to exchange cars so that you can take my car for a service as you have promised. Today is a very hectic day so I really won't have time. Pleaseee

Bayede: Fine (kissing)

During lunch Lemini indeed drove to Mthobeni Fuel and when she arrived she packed outside and went straight to her husband's office, when Bayede saw Lemini he stood up and went to her to kiss her. Lemini sat on Bayede's lap and they were talking and laughing and joking. One of the general workers who work at the petrol station knocked in Bayede's office.

Employee: Nomzane the guy who came to look for a job yesterday has arrived to start his with his job

Bayede: Owk tell him to come in. You know baby some other guy came to look for a job yesterday, apparently his poor and has no qualification, he also used to

study at UKZN maybe you know him he said he was in the SRC so he failed and his now unemployed.

Lemini: Shame unemployment sucks but he should've finished his degree when he had the opportunity.

Bayede: Oryt. I am coming to see him.

Employee: Sir here he is Tumelo Sibeko

Bayede: Hey Tumelo, nice to see you again.

Tumelo: Thank you sir, Thank you for hiring me and it's nice to be in the same space with the richest man in KZN you are a real inspiration

Bayede: Thank you, I don't deal with thieves and lazy people, I want only hard workers. So please work hard. Come this side let me introduce you to my wife.

Tumelo: Yes sir

Bayede: Baby come this side please, Tumelo this is my wife Lemini Mseleku. Baby this is the guy I was telling you about.

Lemini was shocked to see her ex-boyfriend who cheated on her with her best friend Mbali back in university, she can't believe that the ladies' man, who was famous has now become poor and unemployed, he looks like a woonga boy or a street kid. Tumelo almost peed on his pants when he saw Lemini. He was so embarrassed and he couldn't even look Lemini in the eye. When Bayede mentioned that his wife works as a doctor at the Grey's Hospital, Tumelo almost fainted. After introducing him Bayede gave him the uniform and they went outside with the other employees to start working. After a while Lemini and Bayede both came out they kissed and Lemini drove away in her white Porsche Cayenne. Tumelo couldn't help it he kept staring at Lemini's car.

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