

# A MILLION MILES FROM BEING NORMAL

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### Part 1

““I looked at my mother not knowing whether I should help her or not I sucked my thumb and cried silently all the neighbours closed their doors and curtains as I hid behind my mothers hedge,I saw blood oozing from dads mouth and moms head

Another shot was fired I kept my eyes shut I opened them again and looked at my uncle who killed them cold-heartedly,he poured paraffin at them I watched them burn I can feel their smell,from that day I hated meat cause it smells exactly like them

When he was done he lit his cigarette and walked away,his goons followed him,I was also bleeding from my head I held my mouth as they passed me I couldn't let them hear me

I heard the car go I stood up and ran inbetween the Shacks I reached a police

station my feet were bleeding my clothes  
were torn

I bended catching my breath a police  
woman came to me

Her:Sawbona girl(Hello girl)

I sucked my thumb and backed away when  
she tried touching me

Her:Mingakhi iminyaka yakho?(how old are  
you)

I still kept quiet

Her:How old are you?

Me:I'm 6

I untied my bun and gave her the piece of  
paper mom gave me before uncle budged  
in

This woman looked at me with so much  
pity

She pushed

Me:Call grandma

Her:Okay

She dialled the number and spoke for a  
while she came back smiling

Her:Granny said we can take you home,is  
that alright?

I nodded

Her:Who hurt you?

I shrugged

Her:Did they touch your private part?

Me:No

I was tired and drained the room started  
spinning then lights out

I woke up and looked around I saw my  
grandmother

Me:Nana

She stood up and touched my hair

Her:Granny is here worry not child

I smiled, a few days later I was discharged  
but the doctors said I might have bipolar

Nana got me foster parents she used to  
work for them and they were white

Me:Nana I don't want to go

Her:My Black Pearl Nana can't afford your  
treatment the Harpers will take good care  
of you

Me:You promise

Her:I promise

I smiled,She brushed my hair and tied it  
back

Her:My Mexican rare flower you'll grow  
and be beautiful like your mother

My concentration was on the road,we  
reached a beautiful place it had automatic

gates the house was lovely and huge Nana rang the doorbell a lovely woman opened she had her blonde hair dangling over her shoulders

Nana:Afternoon Mrs Harper

Mrs Harper:Hello Nana

Nana:I have brought Pearl

Mrs Harper:Come on in

We went in and sat down

Mrs Harper:She is so pretty and adorable

Nana:Yes she is

Mrs Harper:You said she's African-Mexican

Nana:Yes yes she is

Later on grandma left and I was to meet my new family which were my older sister and a brother who was the same age as me and ofcourse my father

A month passed and I continued with grade 1 together with my brother(Quinton) and sister(Sarah) It was a great experience to be around such people they treated me like family though at times I'm like next minute I'm

My name is Pearl Kamalei Harper and this is my story 10 years later

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“When I got home dad was about to leave

Me:Daddy

Dad:Hey baby girl

Me:You leaving again?

Dad:I'll be back and study hard I want you to go to matric these exams are important

I folded my arms and looked at him

Dad:If you do well I'll buy you a new car

Me:Really?

Dad:Yes,I have a plane to catch bye my love

Me:I love you daddy

Dad:I love you too Pearl

I smiled and watched him leave I found my mom drinking wine

Me:Hey mom

Mom:Hello

Me:What's wrong with you?

Mom:Why are you assuming somethings wrong with me?

Me:You always drink wine when your not okay

Mom:Has the rain stopped?

Me:I'm going to study

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I went to Quintons room he wasn't there

Following day nothing interesting happened except Clara and Langa being absent

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Me:Yes I'm good

Que:Okay, you going to gymnastics practice?

Me:Yes and you are taking me to your martial arts lessons Monday

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Me:Oh it's water proof

Him:Okay you are beautiful

Me:Haha thanks I gotta go

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Clara:What about him?

I sighed

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I always jog in the afternoon it calms my nerve and keeps me fit on my way home a car stopped next to me I continued jogging it drove slowly next to me the window rolled down I look at the person

Me:You've got to be kidding me

Driver:Hello pretty girl

Me:Hi fine guy

Driver:I didn't get your name

Me:I didn't send it

He laughed

Driver:I'm Man\*\*

Me:Who?

Driver:MANDLA

Me:Mandila

Mand:Just call me ManD

Me:Okay I will call you ManD

ManD:So what is your name?

Me:Pearl,It's getting late I should get home

ManD:Bye Pearl

I waved and ran home I bathed and studied then I joined the family for dinner I was eating my vegies and they were eating steak

The helper washed the dishes while I watched horror movies I'm inlove with scary movies I logged on to facebook I had plenty of friend requests a "Mandla Dlamini" caught my eye I looked through his pics it was the audi guy his timeline wasn't that interesting,I accepted his requests minutes later a call came through

Caller:Pearl it's ManD

Me:Are you stalking me?

ManD:Is it that obvious?

Me:Yes and it's getting to me

ManD:I'm sorry,can I see you?

Me:When?

ManD:Uhm tuesday after school

Me:If I'm free

ManD:I know you'll be free,so it's a date?

Me:Yeah sure

ManD:Goodnight

Me:Night

I'm not up for any relationships I'll do those when I'm 18 if Mandla thinks we'll date he has another thing coming

Mom woke me up the following day

Me:It's sunday mom

Mom:And you must go see your therapist

I kept quiet

Mom:Be ready in an hour

She left me I made my bed and took out an outfit I'll wear which was a short jean dress and sandals I like showing off my body I bathed and got

ready I found mom eating breakfasts I ate rusks with milk then we went to my therapists an hour later we were done

Mom:Remove that frown

I faked a smile

Mom:That's better the shrink was pretty happy with you

Me:I'm glad this means I can stop finally

Mom:Why are you excited?

Me:That woman is a bore mom and I've been under control the pills do me good

Mom:Do they?Do they really?

Me:Yes mom they do

She sighed

On monday I got ready for school Sarah was still on her mission to piss me off

Me:Morning big sis

Sarah:So much make up?

Me:It's an eyeliner and lipgloss no need to exxagerate

Sarah:I'm sure your Mrs Glamour in your school

Me:Sarah what's your problem?Are you beefing cause it's grown old now it's no longer beef it's biltong

Sarah:Oh you disrespecting me now?

Me:I don't have anything against you but you pushing me sis please stop pushing me

I got my car keys and drove to school I found Sasha sitting with Quinton

Me:Hello dear friend

Sasha:Hey

Me:Are you two?

Que:What?

Me:You guys are dating

Que:We would if your friend said yes to my request

Sasha was blushing

Sasha:Stop it Que

As we were having a good time Clara came in with Langa

Clara:Why did you lie Pearl?

Me:About?

Clara:You and Langa having sex

I looked at Langa

Me:Is that what you told you?

I didn't break contact

Clara:He told me he hasn't even kissed you nor hugged you right Langa?

Langa:If you have something against Clara don't involve me

Me:Wow that's just wow Langa what was gonna happen if I let you break up with Clara the other day were you still going to deny our sex sessions

Clara:You are evil Pearl

Me:Oh honey evil is an understatement

Langa:Why would you do something like this Ug-

Me:Ugly Betty?Say it call me by the name you use when we in bed

I went over to Clara

Me:He has a box of Lovers condom on the left handside of his headboard,he has a navy boxer pants with white dots,the other one is red and black,he has two Calvin Klein boylegs one is black and the other one is grey,He likes kissing the lower lip then biting it before he lets go and he's obsessed with breasts he has a tattoo of his mothers name on his right inner arm

I walked away

Me:Oh I almost forgot,his bed cover is grey and white his sheet is grey,now Clara go search that before coming here and telling me shit

I sat down

Que:Uhm that was too much information sisi

Me:I hate being labelled as I liar I tried to do the right thing to have it thrown back at my face,Langa fucked the wrong girl

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After school Que and I drove to Karate lessons

I was so tired by the time we were done

Que:You were pretty good with swords today sis

Me:You think?

Que:I know,wanna grab something to eat?

Me:I wanna get home and rest

He nodded and drove off

We were singing Rihanna-Rockstar on our way my brother and I are good singers I tell you

The following day Mandla really did come fortunately I didn't bring my car he was leaning against his car trying to look hot,you know those dudes?

Me:Hey ManD

ManD:Hello pretty full

He opened the door for me

Me:How long have you been waiting?

ManD: + - an hour

Me:Your a patient soul

ManD:Not really I just wanted to make sure you don't run away from me



Me:Why would I do that?

ManD:An old guy like me

Me:You not old

ManD:So I'm cute

Me:No I just said you not old or you don't look old

ManD:Ncoar that's sweet

Me:You are messing with me

We drove to the mall

Me:Why are we here?

ManD:For ice cream

Me:That's sweet

We walked out he walked behind me in fact

Me:Can't you walk next to me

ManD:Your legs are killing me,your brackets are sexy

I smiled

Me:Thanks

ManD:Let's go

He grabbed my hands we went to Milky Lane for Ice Cream then we played games

Me:I should get home

ManD:So soon?

Me:Yes I'm still a kid my curfew is at 6 and it's almost 6

ManD:Let's get the kid home then

ManD had a great sense of humour and I enjoyed being with him but I needed to study him

ManD:What you thinking about?

Me:Nothing

ManD:So can you be my friend

I chuckled

Me:Sure why not?

ManD:You are a sweet

He parked in front of my house

Me:I had a good time

ManD:Me too,when can I see you again?

Me:After exams

ManD:That's like in 4 weeks time

Me:I know bye-bye

ManD:I'll call you

I smiled all the way to my room,the week went by Clara was still angry at me We were not on talking terms as for Langa I was still planning my revenge on him and it won't be nice

Friday after school at home I was welcomed by a familiar cologne in my house

Mom:Hey are you tip-toeng

Me:I was trying to how are you mom?

Mom:I'm good guess who'll be joining us for dinner

I faked a smile

Me:Jade my ex yay

Mom:I know you are excited sweetie he's in your room

Me:I could smell him all the way from the door

Mom:You are weird little girl

Me:I'm more than that mom

I ran to my room he was laying on my bed

Me:Jade

Jade:Kamalei

Me:Pearl just call me Pearl

Jade:You still pretty

Jade was my first boyfriend,he's my neighbour he broke up with me because I didn't want to have sex with him,he's cute and all my parents love him I hate him he's one of the people who are on my"Kill List"

Me:Why are you here Jade?

Jade:To fix things with you

Me:What?

Jade:I want you I miss you

Me:Jade get out of my room

Jade:I'll get you back mark my words

He looked at me then walked out

Me:Fucker

I took off my uniform and took a walk I got a call from Nana

Me:Nana

Her:How are you?

Me:I'm fine nana how are you?

Her:I'm not good when are you visiting nana?

Me:I'll make a plan since dad isn't here

Her:He still thinks I'm a witch?

Me:Pretty much

Her:I wonder why?

Me:Because you always make me walk on burning coal

Her:It's to pave your ways

Me:I know nana but they are white they don't understand your religion

Her:Okay I hear you,take care of yourself nana loves you

Me:I love nana too

The walk took me to another street And it was getting dark as I was about to walk back home a car stopped right in front of me almost bumping me

Me:The Fuck?

“Hey sweetie remember me?”

Me:Langa why are you here?

Him:Clara broke up with me,you no longer give me pussy I came here for you

Me:Your mind is twisted

Him:Not at all sweetheart,I want you

Me:Well I don't

Him:You will

He picked me up and placed me inside the car, he held me tight while some guy was driving I kicked and scream but it was all in vain

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Me:Langa stop hurting me

Langa:If you were to stop kicking I would

I acted calm

Langa:Lock all doors man

He said to the driver

My phone was on the front pocket of my jersey I speed dialed any one I just hoped it's Mandla or Quinton

Me:I hate you Langa you know I can get you arrested for this

Langa:Not even by chance I'll lock you up in my room till you agree to me my girlfriend,Bra we going to my house

Me:You are sick man you are making angry right now

Langa:Uuh I'm so scared

I hit his chest with my elbow then I strangled him

Me:Tell your friend to pull over or I'll kill you

His friend tried to hit me almost swerving the car out of the road,Langa tried pushing me off since I heard my knee in his ball

Me:Pull Over damnit

He pulled over on the side Langas eyes were turning red his veins were visible on the forehead

Me:Unlock the door or he dies

He did as told

Me:I'm good with martial arts dare try me we clear?

He nodded I got out of the car and ran back home as quickly as possible I stopped to check whom I called and it was nana she didn't even pick up I almost died

I continued running I opened the gate and ran inside I collapsed on the patio,I woke up and I was in my bed mom was sitting on the chair with her back facing me

Me:Mom

She wiped her tears and faked a smile I hate seeing mom like this

Her:You awake what happened?

Me:Nothing I couldn't handle

She nodded

Her:Jade found you at the door he's the one who got you in bed

Me:He must be very strong

"You not that heavy"

Mom:Let me leave you two

She kissed my head and left

Me:I guess I owe you a thank you

Jade:It was nothing,where were you coming from?

Me:You don't wanna know

Him:I do

Me:Well I don't want you to then

Him:I'll let you rest

I stood up and made my way to the kitchen leaving me behind my voice was hoaky and my chest was fucked I poured my self tap water I looked at myself in the window and thought should I or should I not report Langa but I assaulted him,I better let this go

I ate my super then went to bed I couldn't sleep and I didn't feel like studying either I took my laptop and did a research on ManD I felt as though something about him was off he didn't look Zulu at all infact he looked more like Toronto the Uncle that killed my parents

My mind is probably playing tricks with me people do look alike right?after all we were created by God

Maybe I'm seeing things I drank my meds and fell asleep

Jade went back to wherever he came from,Langa bothered me less he had a collar around his neck I probably cracked a few bones well done Spank

I manage to go through exams in a good state after my last paper I decided to visit nana I had to pave a good path for myself she stayed in Newlands I drove there she was sweeping the yard

Me:Hola nana(Hello Grandma)

Nana:I'm not Mexican come here

She hugged me then we sat down

Me:Nana I'm tired of this I have two guys who were obsessed with me

Nana:Child the only person who can break this curse is your uncle

Me:Toronto??

Nana:Yes you and him will have to copulate

Me:Have sex nana he's the same men who killed my parents

Nana:I know it child but he's the one who brought this upon you and he's the only one who can break it

Me:Nana I don't even know the full story of how this,he's the one who made me have sex at 15?

Nana:Your anger is controlling you I can't explain to you when you are like this

Me:Fine I just hope you'll be happy when my sex leads me to death

Nana:Find Toronto all will be well

Me:I guess it won't be well I'll never sleep with that man Nana

I stood up and left her there I furiously drove home I was even crying I was shocked when I found dad and mom seating together outside

Me:Daddy

Dad:Come here my precious pearl

I hugged him

Me:I missed you

Dad:I missed you too my love

My emotions were all over I was happy yet sad

Mom:You never cried for me

Me:I do just that you don't notice

Dad:Don't be jealous honey you know she loves you too

Mom:Yeah I know

Me:Let me leave you two I have gymnastics tonight

Dad:I'll take you

Me:You the best

Dad:I know

I kissed his cheek then went to my room

I starred at the laptop screen thinking should I or should I not do a reasearch on Toronto maybe this might be the only chance I'll ever have to kill him or for him to kill me,I'm screwed

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Before I could even search for Toronto I wanted to know more about this curse I need to come up with an idea dad doesn't want me anywhere near nana I see her secretely after all she is my mothers mother and I can't just resent her

Later dad and I went out to gymnastics classes on our way home I got a call from Sasha

Me:Sup

Her:hey babe I'm at Claras house

Me:Okay so

Her:Can you hala?

Me:Why?it's 8:30 pm

Her:Please girl

Me:Fine

She hung up,dad looked at me

Me:Daddy

Him:Where you want me to drop you?

Me:At Claras house

Him:Call me when you done



Me:What will happen if it happens I fall asleep?

Him:Then daddy will call you after an hour

Me:Okay

He dropped me off

Me:Bye dad

Him:Bye angel

I got off the gate was opened I went in and rang the bell at the door

Sasha opened

Me:Hey

Her:Come in

We hugged then went to Claras room she was on the floor crying I rolled my eyes

Clara:Hi Spank

Me:Hey

Sasha made me sit down

Clara had a crystal infront of her

Me:Oh no

I attempted standing up but she pulled me to the ground

Clara has this voodoo ish going on I don't know why she couldn't see her that her boyfriend and I were fucking,or maybe it's because she can't use it for her personal things

Clara:Please pay careful attention to what you going to see

I was a bit terrified,I saw a woman carrying a child they spoke in a foreign language then nana appeared they opened a door they went in it was as though they were under water the woman appeared to be my mother

Mom:Mom do we have to do this?

Nana:Yes,now say the words

Mom: To the gods of the seven seas I bring forth my child Kamalei who will carry out my duties when I die, I pass on all that is mine to her she will feed on males for power and immortality

She looked down and cried

Nana: You have to continue

Mom: She will be a sex slave, every man will be attached to her, she will feed on their blood and Lucifer will feed on her

Then there was an apparition

Voice: It is done the child will be praised by every man they will bow down to her they will be attached but there are consequences to this

Nana: They will fall to the child right?

Voice: Yes, but be careful of the person she can turn out to be

Nana: What's the worst that could happen?

Voice: She could kill you

Nana: No no how?

Voice: You made a deal with the devil the worst that could go wrong is that this child can kill cold heartedly and to us that's good because we get to feed off the blood of the people she killed

Then there was a picture of me killing a woman and 2 man

Then the crystal ball went blank

Me: No no I've never killed people

Clara: It wasn't you but the beast inside of you

I was in tears

Me: Nana how could she?

Clara: Calm down

Sasha: You... you're a killer Pearl you killed 3 people

Clara: Sasha I told you that if you stay you better shut that hole of yours

Clara had her hands wrapped around me

Me:I'm a cold hearted killer

Clara:You mother brought this upon you

Me:My Nana she oh Lord

I couldn't stop crying

Clara:It's going to be okay

Me:She said I must sleep with my uncle

Clara:What?

Me:She said the only way to break the curse is if I sleep with my uncle

Clara:What nonsense how can you right a wrong by doing another wrong?

I shrugged

Sasha:I'm going home

Clara:Bitch sit,this will be our secret got it Sasha?

Sasha nodded

Clara:Now let's go

Me:Where to?

Clara:How many people have you slept with?

Me:It's Langa only

She sighed

Clara:Let's go get him,bring my car keys Sasha

Me:Wait we going to Langas place?

Clara:Yes we need to fix this

Me:We can?

Clara:Yes,Sasha you'll drive

Sasha:You guys will meet me in the car

She left

Me:Uhm Clara I'm sorry about Langa I should have been open with you guys

Clara:I've forgiven you,Langa never loved me anyway

Me:And that look

Clara:Nothing let's go

She wrapped her arm around mine we went to the car,I told dad that we having a pj party he was cool

We parked infront of Langa's house Clara had already called him,she waited outside the car he came outside they spoke

Clara opened the door I hated every piece of him but after what Clara showed me I'm not sure anymore

Langa:Ugly Betty

Me:Sunshine

## **PART 8 A MILLION MILES FROM BEING NORMAL**

Langa & I shared eye contact for a while I looked away first I didn't have time for this,he got in and Sasha drove off I took out my phone Someone had to know about my whereabouts,although my vision is useless at night this is the reason why Langa calls me ugly Betty

I texted Quinton"Gone with Clara and Sasha don't know where to will send the location at every place we stop at incase I don't make it back home"Sent

Me:So Clara where exactly are we going?

Clara:Verulem my grandfathers place

Me:Ow

I texted that immediately

Langa was awfully quiet I kept looking at him

Clara and Sasha were having their own talk

Langa:Why are you looking at me?

Me:I'm thinking

Langa>About

Me>About what might've gotten to you the other day

He looked outside then at his phone

Langa:I don't know I wish I knew but I don't

I bit my lower lip then decided to let it go,we reached Verulem finally

We got out of the car Claras grandpa was waiting for us already I found that really weird his house had this weird vibe too

Grandpa:my beautiful grandchild

Clara:Hello

Grandpa:Come on in leave your shoes at the door

Sasha:I'll wait here inside the car alone

We went inside the house

I saw a cat and jumped on Langa's back

Clara:Cats freak her out

Me:Please hide it grandpa

Langa:I'm so not enjoying this

Me:Oh brother you and me both

Grandpa took the cat with him I got down from Langa's back

Grandpa:so Clara you used the Crystal ball?

Clara:Yes I didn't mean to I found it on my bed I didn't know how it got there

Grandpa:I know you'll explain yourself till the sunrise

He left us and came back without a cat but a book

Grandpa:Premature sex

I swallowed hard

Clara:Can you help them?

He fixed his glasses then looked at us

Grandpa:No

Clara:But

Grandpa:I don't know how I'll help the girl she's blank

Me:How?

Grandpa:You were adopted right?

Me:Yes

Grand:Do you probably know your fathers family?

Me:I don't

He sighed

Grandpa:The only person who can help you is your fathers sister

Me:I have an aunt?

Grandpa:Yes and as long as you haven't found them you will be cursed

Me:I don't even remember my fathers surname how the hell am I supposed to find them?

Grandpa:Bipolar,you have bipolar right?

Me:This is ridiculous

I stood up and went to the car I was pissed,how am I going to find my fathers family I don't even remember where we used to stay

Sasha:Spank why are you standing there all alone?

I shook my head and got inside the car I was angry and tired I even fell asleep I'm one heavy sleeper but someone was messing with my thumb

Me:Fuck you

I noticed I was sleeping on someones lap I removed my head

Me:Why did you take my thumb out of my mouth?

Langa:I still find it amusing

Me:Dick

Langa always does this to me and I would smile but I was just not in the mood for anyone

We dropped Langa at his house

Me:Can you also drop me home?

Sasha:I thought we were having a sleepover at Claras house?

Me:Sasha please

We drove silently they dropped me off,I looked at the fence I wanted to perform my gymnastics there but I thought otherwise I called Que

He picked up

Me:Can you open the gate and door for me please?

Que:Okay

A minute later the gate opened I walked to the house Que was standing at the door

Que:Hey,are you okay?

Me:I don't wanna talk about it

Quinton knows when to or not to be forward and right now he was being cool

He went up to his room while I unlocked the back door,I took off the jacket I was wearing and the pants I was left with only a costume I dived inside the pool I swam to the floor I closed my eyes then let loose I wanted to let go of everything for a while and be me,I remembered that soon it'll be my birthday I always feel like this when my birthday is close It's a reminder of my mom and now I hate it even more I felt someone pull me out that's when I realized that I was sinking,I was close to dying

Que:Are crazy?

I coughed

Me:Yes I am crazy,you just robbed me a chance of getting myself out of this misery

I said with coughs inbetween

Me:You should've let me die

Que:You are cold look at you

Me:I'm fine just leave me alone and don't follow me please

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I could hear my phone ring but my sleep is more precious to me more especially because I had a blocked nose and my throat was sore whoever was calling was not giving up I took my phone and answered

Me:I'll call you back I'm still sleeping

I hung up the person called again

Me:What the hell?

Caller:Bad timing?

It was ManD

Me:You asking an obvious question

Him:No need to be rude geez

I removed my phones battery and threw it on the ground people should wake up early alone no need to involve us all

I stood up and locked the door my eyes were swollen and red

Me:Great Sinus just great



I was planning on spending my day in bed just changing sides on which I sleep on I managed to sleep quarter of the day but mom decided to bang the door

Me:I'm not here

Mom:Why is your voice hoarse?Are you okay?

Me:I am mom please just give me some space

Dad:No one will get space in my house now open this damn door

I rolled my eyes and made my way to the door

As soon as mom saw me her face had a concerned look

Mom:Oh my God look at you

Me:I'm okay mom

Dad:With that voice and those eyes we are taking you to the doctor

Me:I'll be fine I just have sinus

Mom placed her hands on my forehead

Mom:You are burning up baby she has high fever

Me:Quit it mom I aint seeing no doctor

Dad:Yes you are

Me:Can you guys give me a break please?

I shouted then made my way to my bed I don't want to get out of the house my parents should just understand that

I heard the door close I tried to sleep but I was hungry I wore my glasses then made my way to the kitchen I made cereal Quinton walked in he looked as though he has been exercising

Que:It's 30 degrees outside and you wearing a fluffy gown and those warm slippers

Me:Problem?

I sniffed

Que:That water hit you hard you must consider drinking med-lemon and bathing you look horrible and with those glasses

I took my bowl and went to sit in the living room I turned on the heater then tuned in on channel 110 I love action,thriller and scary movies I started having a weird feeling on my vagina I really needed to have sex I don't know why but I just felt the need to have sex I pressed my thighs against each other but nothing changed

Me:Maybe a shower will help

I took a shower as I was walking out I looked at my phone then put it together at that moment I totally forgot how me having sex with a man might put me in danger I took my phone and charged it

I looked at myself in the mirror as I lotioned and admired my body I changed my belly ring then got dressed as was cold but I had to look sexy I wore a crop top that was bra like, a short and an ankle boot then a bomba jacket on top,I fixed my make-up then dialled Mandlas number it was as though something is pushing me to him

He picked up

Him:Sure

Me:Uhm hi

Him:Can I help you?

Me:Sorry about this morning I'm not a morning person

Him:I reckoned

Me:I truly am sorry Mandla

He chuckled

Him:That's a first

Me:So am I forgiven?

Him:Not entirely

Me:Okay let me make it up to you

Him:Mhm and how will you do that?

Me:Early lunch at a restaurant of your choice

Him:John Dory's

Me:Cool send me your address

Him:But girl you voice is so manly

Me:Fuck you just send me you address

I hanged up.I puffed my perfume took my purse,car keys I wore my glasses then walked out I'm sure my parents are in church

As soon as I got the address I drove there I called telling him I'm outside he was staying at some beautiful estates a bit far from my house He came looking cute as ever I could feel my body shiver I got out off the drivers seat

Him:Damn girl are you seducing me

Me:Is it working?

Him:Damn right it is

We hugged

Me:You'll drive I can't have traffics on my tail

Him:I'm cool

I sat on the passengers seat

Him:Why is it so hot in here?

Me:Is it too much?

Him:Yeah it is

I looked at him then turned the heater off he kept looking at my thighs,we had our lunch then drove back to his place

Me:Drive fast I gotta pee

Him:You'll pee at my place we close aren't we?

Oh I'm so close to riding this guy,whoever did voodoo on me is coldhearted I'm only 16 for Gods sake and look at me acting 18 but I'll get there

We got to his place I went to the bathroom to think I needed to think I flushed the toilet then took off the jacket I found him in the living room

Me:Thank you sir

He looked at me from head to toe,he stood up and came to me

Him:May I?

Me:You may

He pulled me closer to him and kissed me the kiss was a bit intense he unbuttoned my short and inserted his hand he played with my clit I moaned,he got it out the rubbed my small twins before I knew it he pulled up the top and before I knew it we were stripping each others clothes then  
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## PART 10 A MILLION MILES FROM BEING NORMAL

When ManD layed me softly on top of the bed kissed my lips slowly with no rush,the way he pulled down my underwear and how he slowly went in,his flexibility and how he moved his waist made me feel somehow sex with him was way better than my last encounter he was gentle and made sure I was satisfied though our session ended by us realizing what we've just done I quickly got dressed and rushed out he didn't even follow me I was fortunate when I found the house empty I bathed and wrapped a towel around my body as I looked at myself in the mirror I noticed I had a love bite I closed my eyes and bit my lower thinking about the moment

Me:Snap out of it kid

I said to myself,I prepared myself for super I wanted to cook I just felt like it

I was humming all the way to the kitchen,The whole family walked in mom came to me

Mom:You look better

Me:I feel better

Mom:That's great,tomorrow you and I are going to get your report

Me:Oh uhm okay

My good mood faded I don't how but I just felt sad

Me:Mom can I ask you something?

Mom:Mmhm go on

Me:Have you ever heard of my fathers family,It's not because I want to go to them just that I'm curious

Mom:No honey I haven't heard of them I only know your nana

Me:Ow

Mom:Are you alright?

Me:Yes mom uhm can you please dish up

Mom:Okay

I walked up the stairs,what have I done?what if ManD becomes obsessed as well?This is bad this is really bad Mom called us down for super I was buried in my thoughts when I felt a pinch

Me:Hey Cut it

Que:Dad is talking to you

Dad:Are you okay?

Me:Yes uhm just nervous about tomorrow

Que:Your birth-

Mom shook her head indicating that he mustn't say the word birthday

Mom:Nervous about what sweetheart?

I smiled

Me:The results

Dad:You'll be fine you know you'll pass cause you learnt hard for the car am I right?

We all laughed

Mom:You spoil these kids too much

Que:But mom we really need new cars I mean we are using your 2nd hands

Me:Exactly brother

Dad:Your marks will determine your future ladies

Que:Dad

Dad:I'm sorry son

Mom:Oh Aunt Nancy and Julia are coming for christmas

Que:Julia,Jeez

Quinton and I hate Julia she is exactly like Sarah no no erase that she is worse than Sarah I might be a diva but Julia believes she owns the world,I hate her she envies me we even

Me:And I'm going to bed goodnight family

Them:Goodnight

We all went to our rooms next morning mom woke us up I checked my phone there was nothing from ManD although those were good news I was hurt

We got our reports then went home

Que:You did it sister

Me:No no you did it brother

Que:No you did it

Me:My subjects are easy

Que:So are mine

Mom:Can you guys quit it,we get it you passed well

Me:Oh my I can't wait to get car

My brother and I started dancing man were we jolly,dad got us TSIs mine was red Ques was blue and we both had the Learners sign it was so cool

I called Clara and Sasha to take Spank II for a spin,we drove to the mall we entered a Jewellery shop

Me:Look at this choker

Sasha:Do you know what they call it in Xhosa?

Me:Do I even know Xhosa the only words I know that aren't english are Yebo and Sawubona

Sasha:You know sometimes I forget you mexican

Me:My father was African

Clara:Guys so what are we going to buy?

"I think this belly ring would suit you Pearl"

Me:ManD

Clara:Uhm Sasha let's go before we hear more details

They left me and Mandla

Me:Are you stalking me?

ManD:I need to talk to you

Me:After 3 days?

ManD:It took me courage to stand here now please can we talk

Me:Uhm sure,guy's I'll text you about my whereabouts

Sasha:Okay

We went to the parking lot,We were leaning against his car

Me:Sorry I ran off the other day

Him:I shouldn't have let you run off like that

Me:Mhmm

Him:Uhm look Pearl I'm falling for you

Me:You are?

Him:Can you be my girlfriend?I love you

I swallowed hard there goes the curse

## **PART 11 A MILLION MILES FROM BEING NORMAL**

I gave him a sharp look,ManD looks old like someone who's into woman not just a basic girl like me he had a pleading look I couldn't possibly say no especially because of how my heart felt about him not because of other things and I was hoping his love for me was true

Me:is it because you feel guilty about what we did?

He had a shocked look

ManD:No that's insane,I loved you from the first day I saw you and right now I won't sweet talk you or use pick up lines but please please be my girlfriend I really love you and it's from the bottom of my heart

Me:You do?

Man:Yes I do

Me:I also feel some typa way though I can't understand whether it's love or not but I can give you a chance

ManD:Are you serious?Oh my God thank you so much Spank

He pulled me in for a hug then kissed me I pulled back

Me:We in a public area

ManD:So?

Me:Nothing

I kissed his lips again

Me:I have to go back to my girls now

ManD:I'll call you

We parted ways Sasha and Clara were in an Underwear shop

Me:I'm back



Clara:Girl your face is all pinkish and you can't stop smiling

Me:I'm a happy girl

Sasha:We are going to have lunch over that smile girl

They paid I bought myself a few things then we went to spur

Me:Okay the guy who stole me from you is my boyfriend

Clara:You sly thing you,since when?

Me:Uhm today

Sasha:He's fine damn

Me:I know right

I took a sip on my drink

Clara:Bitch you are inlove

Me:You think

Clara:Duuuh

Me:It feels good

We ate then I dropped them by their homes I was in a good mood which was ruined by Julia

Me:You are here earlier than I thought

Julia:Hello to you too

I shook my heard

Me:Just make sure you don't step on my feet you check?

Julia:You know it's my hobbie

I smiled at her then left

Me:Quinton!!!

Que:I'm in my room

I placed my bags in my room then joined Que in his

Me:You skinny ass why aren't you dressed?

Que:It's nothing you haven't seen

Me:I hate Julia

Que:Sarah is back

Me:Whaaat!!

Que:You are ruining my eardreams geez

Me:They are going to team up against me again

Que:We'll team up against them then

Me:Now that's my brother,touch my blood

We fist bumped

Que:Wanna go for a swim?

Me:Now?

Que:Yes

Me:Let me go change

Que and I do things together we enjoy each others company

After our swimming session aunt nancy called us she wanted to say hi and congragulate us

Julia:Mom got me an Audi

Que:So?

Julia:I was just saying

Me:We in high school,your in tertiary

Aunt Nancy:Owokay Braces can you go charge my phone

I looked at her

Aunt Nancy:I'm talking to you Pearl dear

I chuckled and took her phone,Aunt Nancy and her daughter always do something to remind me that I'm adopted,I just went to my room I wanted to get some air and ManD called just in time

Me:Hey

Him:I miss you

Me:Do something about it then?

Him:Can you spend the night with me?

Me:Yes but I'll have to sneak out

Him:Call me when you can do that okay?

Me:I sure will

Him:I love you

Me:Mhmm

He laughed then hanged up we had dinner I stayed up trying to make sure that everyone is asleep then I called my boyfriend he came after his own sweet time I got dressed then walked out barefoot when I was outside the gate I smiled I've always been good at this

I went inside the car

Me:Hi

ManD:Can you give me your lips?

He pecked my lips then drove to his place

ManD:So what time do you need to be home?

Me:5 I think

ManD:Mhm okay that's enough time to rectify last sundays situation

Me:Is that why you called me?

ManD:Ah-hah

We got to his place and the lights were dim,we went in he had a nice picnic on the floor

Me:This is so nice

ManD:Yes Uhm let me formally introduce myself but let's sit down

We sat on the pillows

ManD:My name is Mandla Dlamini from Butterworth in the Eastern Cape,and I'm 25 can I know this lady of mine

He was dishing up I was pretty impressed with the food there was no meat

Me:I'm Pearl Harper 16 years of age and From Durban Kwazulu Natal

He scratched his head

ManD:I'm not that old right?

Me:No just 9 years older

He chuckled,I hoped it stays like this forever no surprises but something told me there was more to Mandla than what I know but I had a good evening

## PART 12 A MILLION MILES FROM BEING NORMAL

Next morning ManD took me home I managed to get to my room without anyone seeing me but I noticed that something was missing my pills okay someone wants to see me lose my cool I searched everywhere I even turned my room upside down I sat on my bed rocking myself back and forth

I wore a dress and went downstairs and drank water I smashed the glass against the wall and screamed mom rushed down the stairs

Mom:Are you okay sweety?

Me:Someone was in my room

Mom:Who?

Sarah came down

Me:I don't know mom

Sarah:Maybe if you were home you'd know

Me:Sarah it was you,mom she stole my treatment

Mom:Sarah did you do that?

Sarah:My brain functions well why would I steal her Bipolar pills

Me:Mom that treatment won't come till February how will I even survive this month

Mom:Just keep calm my love

I was so disgusted I got closer to Sarah but mom held me back,I laughed

Me:I'm going to clean my room

Mom let me go,Sarah has gone too far this time but I'm sure she's expecting me to strike back but I'll do it when she least expects it I cleaned up my bedroom I took out my bag and placed it on my bed

Me:Hello kids

I had different types of knives and blades I touched each one of them I bought them a long time ago I think it's time they become useful

I was disturbed by mom calling us for breakfast we all gathered around the table for breakfast people were conversing while I was thinking of my revenge but firstly I had to pay grandmother a visit she has a lot of explaining to do I will make sure she talks

After breakfast I took a long shower and got dressed in Jeans and a bomba jacket they are my obsessions I wore gloves and took my knives with me incase things become too much

I was met by Sarah and Julia

Julia:Shouldn't you be staying indoors

Sarah:After all you might lose your mind and go crazy in public

Julia:But that would be a good thing right it would benefit us cause she'd probably trend

Me:I think the both of you need the pills more than I,now move

I shoved them out of the way I called a cab it took me to Nanas place she was in the living room drinking tea

Me:Nana

I sat opposite her

Nana:Ow hi what a pleasant surprise

I looked at her this woman is so fake

Me:Have you located Toronto so I can get rid of it?

Nana:I thought you were the one who was gonna look for him?

Me:Isn't he your son?

Nana:He is

Me:So?I'm sure he contacts you after all he killed my mother I'm sure you had a hand in it

Nana:Don't talk to me like that Pearl

Me:Nana you are a hypocrite,why would you want me to have sex with Toronto?What brought you guys to South Africa?

Nana:What is your point?

Me:Nana you and your daughter cursed me don't act as an angel

I stood up and went over to her

Me:You made me,I'm like this because of you and I will kill you Grandmother I will make sure you die a slow and very very painful death

I took out a knife and stood behind her with it pressed hard against the neck

Me:Nana the only person I care about on this earth is myself,and watch your back cause I'll strike when you starring at the future be careful now tell me where my fathers family is?

Nana:I I don't know but I'll look for them

Me:Good call me

I placed my knife back in my pocket I looked at her as she was gasping for air she had her hand against her chest I called another cab as I walked outside then went home I was so furious I kept wondering what this woman has in her mind,I went straight to my room and cleaned the knife then hid it I opened my laptop and researched about the Predro family that being my mothers family I found nothing at all did these people even exist not even a trace of them on the internet a week passed I heard Nana was admitted at a hospital I wasn't even interested I was trying to keep myself sane and I did that by sleeping all day which I found weird and this love for soup from KFC grew so this day I took my car and drove to KFC I bought a Milkshake and soup I almost vomitted my heart out when I saw ManD leaning against my car

Me:Hi

ManD:Are you ignoring me?

Me:No why would you say that?

ManD:We haven't seen each other for 2 weeks?

Me:Mhm

ManD:Mhm is that all you going to say?

Me:What do you want me do?

ManD:Spend the night with me

Me:You tripping it's christmas tomorrow

ManD:Let's see how trippin I can get

He snatched my car keys and forced me inside MY car,he drove off in maximum speed

Me:If you scratch my car I'll kill you

ManD:I'd like to see you try

I looked at him he was angry very angry

ManD:I'm going to make sure you don't think of leave me

I swallowed hard and pretended as though I didn't hear that

Okay I guess I've found my match

## PART 13 A MILLION MILES FROM BEING NORMAL

Me: You can't force me to spend the night with you if I don't want to

He looked ahead I took out my soup and started eating while singing

ManD: Stop that

Me: Eating or singing or both

ManD: Both

Me: You wish

ManD: Thank God I'm home

Okay so now I'm invisible

ManD: Go upstairs I don't want to drag you

Me: No need to be rude geez

I got out and went upstairs to his apartment I waited for him he unlocked the door I went inside and sat down

I could feel him looking at me but my attention was on the milkshake

Me: Why are you standing there?

ManD: Cause I want to

Me: It's irritating

ManD: You can't get irritated by things I do it's my house

Me: Nywe nywe nywe nyee nyim nyim nyim arh

I was about to roll my eyes when someone pulled my hair and that someone happens to be my boyfriend

Me: Stop it man are you insane?

He let go and I looked at him

Me: Try doing that again I swear yo-



ManD:Are you threatning me?

Me:I was about to warn you sweetheart I got 99 problems and being sane aint one

He gave me a smile before sitting on top of me he took my Milkshake and placed it on the Coffee table

ManD:I wouldn't warn me if I were you,but I'd warn myself if I was you

He then kissed me unexpectedly,I was still trying to figure out what he said I pushed him he fell down I stood up as I was about to run he held my leg making me fall I turned around and kicked his face instead he pulled and got on top of me both our breaths were heavy

ManD:That was impressive

Me:I'm a black belt

His lower lip was bleeding he kissed my neck I closed my eyes he nibbled with my ear then kissed my jawline then my lips I couldn't say no tasting his blood made me want him and the song that was playing on the background was driving me insane"I've been travelling on this road too long(too long),just tryna find my way back home the old me is dead and gone dead and gone"We stripped each others clothes off the cold floor was doing things to me,ManD entered without a warning it was pleasurable yet painful but it was more painful cause the round took long

Besides the pain on my vagina my back was also painful from lying down so Mandla decided to tire me up and rested on top of me

Me:Move I need to bath

ManD:Not so fast sweetheart

His lips were resting on my neck he bit it

Me:You such an asshole

ManD:Your asshole

Me:Get off from me or I'll kick your gonnuts

ManD:Do you think you Rambo or something?

Me:I think I'm something

He clicked his tongue then got off I went to the bathroom big dick rough sex equals to bad walking skills I opened the shower and bathed he used the tub I finished first then used his lotion

Me:Why you never use a condom?

ManD:I trust you and myself

Me:What about your pull out game?

ManD:Pull ou-Why am I entertaining this conversation?

I closed the lotion and threw it at him

ManD:Pearl do you want me to hit you?

Me:Can you please answer my question without being rude?

I wore his boxer shorts

ManD:Do you want to fight with me Pearl?

Me:Maybe I do

He threw a vest at me

ManD:Let's have a one on one now

Me:With pleasure

He got closer and threw a punch I ducked and threw one straight in his face he threw another one straight in my eye

Me:You fucking idiot do you want me to go blind

ManD:I'm sorry are you okay?let's get you ice

He held my waist and walked me to the kitchen he helped me sit on the kitchen counter he took out an ice bag and placed it on my eye I was already in tears

ManD:I'm sorry

Me:Atleast your nose and lip are busted

ManD:You can punch keep up the good work

Me:Well thank you

He pulled me for a hug

ManD:I love you

Me:I love you too

ManD:You mean it?

Me:Why would I say something I don't mean?

ManD:There goes your mood,go get dressed I'm taking you home

Me:Thank you sweet mood

ManD:You know I can change my mind?

Me:Then I'll get a perfect chance to chain you up or even kill you

He shook his head the left me there I threw the ice in the sink my eye was sore I took out a yoghurt and ate while I got dressed

ManD:Let's go

Me:You really going to take me home in my own car

ManD:In case you haven't noticed sweetheart I'm so over protective of your

It was already past my curfew the elders were sitting on the pool area Quinton wasn't home it was only Sarah and Julia in the living room I walked pass them and went to my room ManD called

Me:Can I help you?

ManD:Take care of yourself I've made an appointment for us to go see the doctor

Me:For?

ManD:Weren't you the one asking why I never used condoms?

Me:Oh I guess you shoot blanks and your negative

ManD:We'll find out on the day after tomorrow sweetness

Me:Don't call me sweetness

ManD:Already did

Me:Oh Lord where the hell did you come from?

ManD:A pussy just like you did

I hang up ManD is so irritating God

## **PART 14 A MILLION MILES FROM BEING NORMAL**

I rested in my bed and thought of a killer plan but first I had to take care of my relationship and the curse of which I had forgotten about but ManD doesn't look obsessed to me or maybe I love this side of him,I really love a challenge and Mandla challenges me I took out my phone I dialled my mothers mother

Nana:Hello

Me:I'm sure you out of the hospital now

Nana:I still need time to recover

Me:I'll give you time to recover after you've given me what I want and that's the whereabouts of your son-in-laws family you know what's the worst I could do after all you brought this upon me

I ended the call and went downstairs I was farmished I made bread with fish paste and Carrot juice Quinton walked in

Que:Spank is that you?

Me:Why would you ask such a ridiculous question?

Que:You are eating fish paste?you hate fish paste?

Me:Since when?

Que:Since forever

Me:I guess it's change of seasons

He scanned me

Que:Is that a red or blue eye

Me:It's gotta be red cause it's new

Que:Who did you like this?

Me:Someone important

Que:Your boyfriend

I shrugged

Que:I'm not going to involve myself but he doesn't deserve you

I smiled

his sister walked in

Que:I'm going to bath

Sarah:Can't stand the crazy Bee over there?

Me:Are you referring to me?

Sarah:Yes your the only person that's crazy in this room

Que:Sarah stop

Me:Quinton let her talk

Sarah:Yeah let me talk I need to clear my chest

She moved closer to me

Sarah:You should go back to where you came from you are nothing but pain I don't why mom and dad brought you to this house but I'll make sure you leave soon I'm tired of tolerating you

I don't know what got to me but I saw myself strangling her I pressed her hard against the fridge

Quinton tried to stop me but I was just too powerful I pushed him by now I should've probably be declared master of strangling

Sarah:Sor..Soo.sorry

I looked at her

Me:I have no reason to spare you

Sarah:Please

I let go of her she held her felt down while holding her neck she was crying

Mom and dad came running followed by aunt Nancy and Julia

Mom:What happened?

Dad:Give her a glass of water

Me:You did this to yourself Sarah you

I then ran to my room and locked myself inside I paced up and down what if mom and dad disown me I couldn't hold back the tears anymore I just broke down I sat on the cold floor till a knock came through

"Pearl it's me open up"

It was my father,I wanted to open but something said I shouldn't I ended up opening the door

Dad walked in and sat on my bed

Dad:What happened?

Me:I got out of control I'm sorry she pushed me too far I didn't mean it please don't sit down

Dad:Sit down

Me:Huh?

He tapped next to him,I sat down and sucked my thumb

Dad:What made you strangle your sister?you are not crazy and you wouldn't do something like that without reason

Me:I know that her a Julia stole my medication and she kept saying I'm crazy I couldn't handle it anymore dad I've had it

Dad:Ssh don't cry it's okay

Me:Can I stay at my apartment dad?So that I can give her space

Dad:No all of you are going to stay here under one roof and when were your pills stolen?

Me:It's been a week

Dad:A week?do you know that your body can refuse the treatment after a long time

Me:I didn't know

Dad:Tomorrow I'll book a plane ticket and go get it for you for now just keep calm and do what you enjoy don't listen to anything anyone says about you,you are my daughter it's either they accept that or leave my house

Me:But dad-

Dad:Your my Pearl you precious to me now let's go have super downstairs

Me:Is Sarah okay though?

Dad:She'll be fine what happened to your eye?

Me:Just a misunderstanding that went out of hand

Dad:Misunderstanding?

Me:Let's just go eat before you start asking for details

We all gathered around the table Sarah also came

Julia:You okay

Sarah nodded

Me:Sarah where are my pills?

She looked at Julia

Me:Julia where are my pills?

Julia:I I'll look for them

Dad:So you really took them?

Mom:This is unbelievable

Everyone went quiet and we continued eating dad didn't go anymore because Julia brought back my pills

Christmas was wonderful,I was busy with the goodies while everyone was eating meat It looked good but I was cool

Mandla showed up on the 26th as promised

Me:You really came

ManD:Yes you whine a lot

Me:I do ???

ManD:You didn't know?

Me:Just drive I have no time for your lady stunts

He raised his hand to clap but held himself I decided to keep shut before I get a beating

We finally got to the doctor who was starring us probably wondering why we look like we were in WWE Raw or something,She took our blood and told me to pee

Me:I don't get why I'm the only who gets to pee

ManD:I'm so close to slapping you

He whispered,the doc sat down

Her:Should I reveal both your statuses at once

Us:Yes

Her:Okay you are HiV negative and have no other sexually transmitted diseases but there is something

Me:Something???

Her:Yes you are 4 weeks pregnant

US:WHAT!!!!

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We were both pacing up and down I can't be pregnant how will I take care of my baby?I have matric to complete,I can't be pregnant



Me:I will abort

ManD:Oh no sweetheart you aint killing my baby

Me:You being selfish Mand,you done schooling and doing God knows what and I have to sacrifice my matric because you couldn't pull out on time

ManD:You are insulting me

Me:Am I am I really?What do you do with your life huh?I've never heard you saying you going to work yet you own an audi and an ix 35,tell me what's your occupation?

ManD:Are we really going to talk about what I do with my life huh?My Life Pearl get that?Mine

Me:Oh it's my life too and I aint caring no damn child for nine months now take me home

ManD:You aint gone kill my child Kamalei you get me?

I looked at him with tears

Me:Never call me that name again

He pushed me against the wall and grabbed my thigh it was painful I won't lie

ManD:You are not going to kill my child if you dare do an abortion I swear you'll meet your ancestors don't test my patience

Me:You hurting me

ManD:Did I make myself clear?

His grip was getting tighter

Me:Yes you did please let me go

He let go of me

ManD:Ow and don't even think of crossing me I got eyes on you baby girl,now get your ass in the car

I love Mandla so much but I am not gonna keep this child imagine what the Harpers would say

He dropped me off at home I went straight to my room and stayed in my bed crying I wasn't ready to be a mom Quinton got in he placed my head on his lap

Que:Talk to me

Me:My life is ruined Quinton,Mother and Father will never forgive me for this

Que:Can you calm down and tell me what's bothering you?

He said in a low tone

I sat upright and wiped my tears

Me: promise not to tell

Que:I promise

Me:Picky swear

We locked our pickies

Me:I'm one month pregnant

His facial expression showed shock

Que:Pregnant?

Me:Yes it was a mistake I swear to God

He pulled me in for a hug

Que:Dad will surely be disappointed on you Spank as for mom she forgives easily

Me:I don't want them to know

Que :But they will find out sooner or later

Me:They won't

Que:Are you planning on hiding your pregnancy?

Me:I'm going to do an abortion

Que:What? !

I covered his mouth

Me:Ssh don't shout

He removed my hand

Que :You want to kill a child

Me:It's not a child yet

Que:I didn't even know you had a boyfriend

Me:Don't make me feel guilty please

Que: I don't know how you will solve this but just know I don't support your decision

He stood up and left great now I have to do this on my own I looked for hospitals where I could do an abortion and in private hospitals they needed your parents signature so I had no choice but to go to a public hospital and I'll go after the 1st as I was busy I got a call from bae I took off my glasses

Me:Man

ManD:Hey how are you?

Me:I'm good yourself?

ManD:I'm wonderful I was just checking up on you and my baby the one you are caring

Me:Uhm we fine

ManD:Mhm I see bye then

Clara and I were going to a Club in Mhlanga on New years eve so I needed to fix my brows and get new make-up you need to fix yourself especially when the bouncers have a problem with age,My cravings were still very much the same and ManD made sure he brings my Soup when I need it and I was still going ahead with the abortion

So finally the day came I was going with a nude make up and I got my hair braided it took patience, time and money since I have silky hair

I went with a nude short jumpsuit and black heels mom and dad were out on a date Julia and her mom were busy with whatever and Sarah left after christmas

I sprayed perfume and took my expensive sunglasses my eyes give me shit when they come in contact with heavy lights so I had to cover them

I picked up the ladies

Clara:And we call her Spank why?

Me:Cause she always slay

Sasha:We so getting free drinks tonight

Me:We have to I mean it's only my 2nd time going to a club

Clara:Ncooh my friend you look adorable

Me:Arh shut up and you two need to start planning what we going to do on your 18th

Sasha:You remind me of these two hot twins

Me:Twins from where?

Sasha:I'm not sure but they are super rich and hosts the best parties you guys are coming with me this year

Me:How old are they?

Sasha:They kids

Me:How old are they Sasha?

Sasha:17

Clara and I burst in laughter Sasha always crushes on kids

We reached the club and it wasn't that packed it is expensive after all we ordered cocktails and started drinking Sasha got her big butt on deck and started twerking Clara joined her I looked around and people were cheering I shrugged and joined them we were drunk already though I had to be a lil sober since I was going to drive well our festival was disturbed by someone pulling me I couldn't see clearly till I was outside I took off the sunglasses

Me:Mandy Mandy how did-

ManD:You'll pay for this

He slapped me I swear I could hear voices from all over the world God was I in shit,how did Mandla find me?

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Me:Please don't beat me up

I couldn't even look at him he pulled me to his car he pushed me in then drove to his apartment he was dead quiet

Me:My Car

ManD:It'll be taken care of

He parked in the garage then he got out

ManD:Do you want me to pull you out of the car or what?

Me:Sorry

I was really freakin out this guy is mad I tell you his face was red his anger was visible

ManD:Take off your clothes

Me:Huh?

ManD:You heard me

I took off the jumpsuit

ManD:I want you naked

Me:Why?

ManD:Just do it damnit

I took off the bra then my thong I was about to take off the shoes

ManD:No no you are going to wear your heels sweetheart now face the wall

I heard him take off his belt then a zipper sound he turned the radio on all I could here was rap music

ManD:Touch your toes

Me:Pardon?

ManD:I said fuckin touch your toes

I heard him well but I thought he'd say he's joking or something but instead he thrust himself from behind I flinched in pain I almost hit my head but he held me back

ManD:You wanna hoe I'll treat you like a hoe

I just closed my eyes cause I knew this was going to be long Mandlas sex drive is on some other tears flowed freely at that moment I wanted no sex I hated sex I screamed till I became tired" Aaah" I exhaled that means he has climaxed he pulled me up with my hair which was so painful since it was braided

ManD:So what were you and your friends doing?

He dranked water from the bottle

ManD:You twerk with my kid now

I continued crying I had my hands on my breasts,I felt like a rape victim he threw the water and me

ManD:You can't talk now!!!

Me:We we

He came closer to me

ManD:Twerking?am I right

I nodded

ManD:Say it with your mouth

Me:Yes you right

I sniffed

ManD:Take off your heels

I did as told he sat on the couch

Me:Can I get dressed?

ManD:No we not done yet,get your ass on this coffee table

Me:On top of it

He nodded

ManD:I'm gonna press this remote and you are going to do exactly what you and your friends were doing the same way you did it

Me:With no clothes on?

ManD:Yes Pearl

He pressed the remote I started twerking facing him he was so close to me I felt disgusted by him but scared at the same time

I felt something hit me,I screamed and touched my butt I realised he hit me with a belt I guess I was being scolded

Mandla pulled me down and lowered the volume

ManD:You are going to face the other direction and don't you dare stop when I hit you got that

Me:You are not my father got that?

I was pissed

ManD:Are you back chatting me?

Me:Yes I am I hope you child dies from this

ManD:Get on the table

He took out a gun from under the couch and pointed it at me

ManD:Still got something to say

Me:No

He indicated with his eyes that I must get on the coffee table again I got on top he played Brick and Lace-Love is weakened,which was true he hit me till I couldn't take it anymore I kneeled down

Me:Kill me now,Shoot me on the head and make things easier

ManD:I don't want to kill you I just want you to respect yourself and me

Me:It's not like I was making out with a guy I was having fun

ManD:You are pregnant for Christs sake

He said helping me up he gave me his sweatpants and T-shirt walking was a challenge so was sleeping and sitting I should probably get him arrested but I love him too much

I cried till I fell asleep which took decades I even had a throbbing headache in the morning I was woken up by the beloved

I opened my eyes and the events of yesterday came back I couldn't stop my tears

Me:I want to go home

ManD:I'm sorry about yesterday Pearl I got too angry I couldn't contain myself

I stood up slowly and held on to the dressing table my butt wasn't the only thing that was hurting so was my vagina

He handed me my car keys

Me:How did you?

ManD:Your phone is inside the dashboard,you can go home whenever you want

Me:I can't even seat down how will I drive myself home?

He gave me a blank look

I looked at him then dragged myself to the kitchen there was no cereal so I settled for hot chocolate and bread with cheese Mandla came in

ManD:I have to go

Me:I'm also going home and Mandla I can't do this anymore

ManD:Can't do what?

Me:Us I don't want to be in this relationship anymore I'll carry your child full term then give it to you but me and you are not longer an item

He smirked



ManD:You crazy

Me:So are you,I'm going home

I walked slowly to my car the minute I sat down I cried silently I decided to play music so I could shift my attention to something I was surprised as to why Mand didn't follow me or even get pissed I guess his bug was on the low which was really shocking

## PART 17 A MILLION MILES FROM BEING NORMAL

It's already been a week since my butt got busted but I was doing pretty good and very much glad I wasn't being bothered by Mand which worried me a bit like shouldn't he be begging me or something I had fallen in love with the life that was growing inside of me but I wasn't gonna bring it on earth I was drinking my medication the way I should and it was doing me good

Julia and Aunt Nancy left so it was just us mom and dad called us all downstairs they were being lovey dovey as always

Quinton and I sat on the two seat couch Sarah sat on the single couch

Mom:Uhm your dad and I have bad news?

Que:Should we be worried?

Dad:No they not that bad

Sarah:Okay

Mom:Your father and I are going to visit my family in Australia and we'll stay for a month

Que:Those aren't bad news

Me:To some of us they are,so when is your departure?

Mom:Tomorrow morning

Me:And you guys are only telling us now?

Dad:Pearl honey we'll be back soon

I looked at them as they tried explaining themselves their day for departure came and I was going to the hospital to get the abortion pill we hugged and watched them leave I wore my glasses my eyes were just too much I was going to use a cab I got to the hospital they asked dozens of questions as I was about to walk to where the cabs were a car stopped in front of me

Me:What the hell?

One guy opened the door from the back and pulled me inside the car people watched but did nothing so much humanity

Me:Please don't kill me,I beg you please

The guy who pulled me inside tied my legs and hands then covered my mouth he took off my glasses and blindfolded me,I've never been this scared in my life I am not a person that prays but there I asked God to help me I promised I won't kill the baby,the car stopped after a long drive. one of them put me in their shoulder after some time they threw me in a bed then opened my eyes,they removed the tape from my mouth the blind fold and the rope

Me:Please don't kill me

They kept quiet and went out I stood up and went to the door I tried opening it but it was locked what was weird was the fact that the room I was in looked cool it had a fridge,tv,air conditioner a stove,cupboard,a bathroom and a bed it was pretty but there weren't any windows so there was no chance of escaping when I saw a sink I knew I had to take my pill but I promised God I won't kill the child I searched for it but couldn't find it it's either it fell or these guys found it and took it away but why?

I looked in the fridge weirdly there was every food I like mainly fish paste,Mushroom sauce,Green salad,Calamari,And soup from KFC okay now this has Mand written all over it but I have no proof it's him who needs proof he's the same man who promised me that I won't do an abortion and he knew I wouldn't be stupid enough to drink the pill while kidnapped cause I'd need a hospital after 3 hours of drinking it

I ate the food and slept,It was only the tv that made me see what time it was and it's already been 3 days since I've been locked here schools were opening soon I can't miss it

I've been crying myself to sleep almost daily I stood up on the 4th day and bathed then wrapped a towel around my body

Me:I'm tired of being locked up in here!!!

I removed the tv from the wall and hit it against the door,I was so furious I could someone I started scratching my head with tears gushing down my cheeks

"Calm down sweetheart,destroying the things in your room won't help you"

A voice said from somewhere in the room it was loud and creepy

Me:Why don't you face me then kill me?Face me for fucks sake!!Stop being a coward

I said destroying all the plates I broke them then stood on top of them with my barefoot I felt pain but didn't mind

I had a struggle on the door someone was trying to open the door but the tv was there they pushed till it opened

I finally got to see the man who's been holding me hostage

Me:You

He gave me a smile

Me:I knew it was you how dare you

ManD:And I think I told you to not kill my baby and you go to a hospital to get an abortion pill how dare you?

Me:This is my life and you have no say,you not my father

ManD:You are carrying my sperm

Me:You are shit

ManD:And that break up stunt you pulled it's not going to happen you'll be mine till you die or I die

Me:I hate you

ManD:And go wash that blood on your feet I'm taking you to work tonight I'll ask someone to bring clothes for you

Me:I'm not going anywhere

ManD:If you not going anywhere you'll never go anywhere by that I mean you'll stay here till you give birth then I might kill you

I kept quiet

ManD:It's 18:00 you have plenty of time 5 full hours then clean yourself

he came closer to me,pulled me closer to him with my waist he lowered his head a bit then kissed my neck I closed

ManD:Make sure you eat before we go to work

He went out,I sat on the bed where the fuck did I get this man?

## PART 18 A MILLION MILES FROM BEING NORMAL

I spent the hours given to me sitting on the bed I was having my own wicked thoughts some time later someone opened and threw the duffle bag inside then closed the door something told me to just sit there and not do as I was told but the door opened again Mand walked in

ManD:Why aren't you getting dressed?

Me:Why aren't I getting dressed?

ManD:Pearl please don't piss me off

Me:Don't piss you off

He came closer and pulled me I had no energy to fight him at all I was just drained it was though I was given something that made me feel numb Mand took me to the bathroom he bathed me,lotioned me then dressed me I was really feeling like a zombie but whatever was happening to me

started wearing off I found myself on top of Mandla I did him like how I did Langa

Me:What the fuck do you want from me you crazy man?you are a sick bastard!!You don't deserve to be alive

He managed to flip me over and get on top of me I was fighting him I gave him a few scratches on the neck

ManD:Calm down sweetheart

Me:I'm tired of you telling me what to do

ManD:I just want you to listen for a few minutes just listen to me

Me:You don't deserve my attention I should kill you now

He looked at him

ManD:Just calm down

After a while I was a bit calm

Me:Let go of me

ManD:Don't try anything funny

Me:I won't

ManD:You promise?

Me:Yeah now move

ManD:Good we'll talk in the car my boss will kill me if I'm late

He helped then held my hand as we walked out this building was just creepy it looked as though prostitutes lived or live there,how the fuck did Mand calm me down?I swear he has a spell of some sort on me

We walked underground there were black sports cars there all of them had no registrations one guy came to Mand

ManD:Everything is packed in here?

Guy:Yes dawg

ManD:Sure

He opened the boot there were some stuff that looked shady and big guns I could hear myself swallow my saliva he took off the leather jacket I was wearing then slipped on a bullet proof vest he put back the jacket then zipped it

Me:What is all this for?

ManD:For safety now come close and give me a kiss

I leaned forward then stood on my toes as he grabbed my ass so tightly and his fingers were just under my vagina I held his neck pulling him closer to me he pulled out and looked at

ManD:I love you

Me:I love you too

ManD:Let's get going

We got inside the car he locked all doors and drove in full he noticed I was freaking out because of the speed they were driving in

ManD:You know Pearl you are the only woman who controls me like this

Me:Pardon

ManD:I don't want to lose you and I don't see myself losing you,you are the only person that matters in my life right now

He parked in front of an atm with other cars and a truck only,he took a gun cocked it then gave it to me

ManD:If you see a police man aim for his dick

Me:Huh?

He winked I heard him open the boot he pushed something to the atm he left it there two guys were busy with something then I heard a baam sound,a truck got closer and pulled something that looked like a black box,people got in their cars and drove away ManD did so too I was shocked yet fascinated by what I was watching I just witnessed people rob a bank

Me:Wow

Mands concentration was on reaching the maximum of the speed after some time we parked underground but the place was different this time all of them got out together some cars weren't with Mand they placed the money bags on top of a big table one guy came and took all the money inside he came with small bags and gave each and every one of them Mand came back with a huge smile

ManD:I'm rich cause God said I'm rich

Me:Was that your boss?

ManD:Which one?

Me:The one you gave the money to

ManD:Nah he's just the bosses frontman we've never seen the boss

Me:You work for someone you've never seen

ManD:Yes it's loyalty, Crane helped most of us

Me:He's got to be rich

ManD:Very, so you didn't freak out after what you saw?

I shrugged

ManD:Wow I guess I chose the best girl

Me:So you are gangster?

ManD:No I'm a \$aint

Me:That's the name of your crew?

ManD:Yes

Me:Mhghm

So that's how ManD got hold of me he's a fuckin gangster What have I gotten myself to? This time we went to the penthouse he gave me a new phone

Me:Who's phone is this?

ManD :It's yours

He kissed my cheek

ManD:Goodnight

I opened the phone,it had all my pictures and my whatsapp contacts I logged on to Facebook I had so many notification and a wallpost from Clara\*Enjoy your baecation\*,Same thing was happening on whatsapp what I found weird was my Facebook profile picture it was Mandla and I in a cruise ship we were looking at each other smiling then below the picture it was written"Seychelles",how did he even do this?so he destroyed my phone,kidnapped me,bought me a phone and pretended as though we on vacation so that he doesn't become suspect and I don't get to be declared "missing",but ManD is smart,I went to the kitchen and made myself a fruit salad I took a butcher knife and tiptoed to the bedroom,I looked at ManD as he was sleeping this man is succeeding in making me a monster and this monster will be the one to kill him if not today some other time then but his day will come just that today my clit is vibrating and my love for him is on flames but one day is one day or maybe one day is today

## PART 19 A MILLION MILES FROM BEING NORMAL

My thoughts were disturbed by another great idea I had it was insane but I had to avenge,Mand has been shitting on my head for too long for what?He hasn't even done shit for me except for buying me an expensive phone I looked for an old CD and a light,I covered my mouth and nose then placed the CD in a sauce I took it to the bedroom then lit it I looked for a rope and found it after some time I rested for a few minutes then went back to him,I dropped a lamp just to make sure my CD stunt worked and indeed it worked he didn't even lift a finger

Me:What's your name?Spank..What you do?smash ass

I tied his hands and knees so tight that he'd get marks especially because he is light skinned I looked for something I found the Clutch bag I had in the club and it had a lipstick I wrote"Spank" on his chest then rested on his one arm I couldn't sleep so instead I sat up straight and looked at him while hugging my legs with a huge smile



Me:He's not waking up,I'll go make myself some food

I dished up some food for myself when I came back he moved I was happy he's going to wake up soon I kneeled on top of the bed and ate while impatiently waiting for him after some time he opened his eyes all confused

Me:Finally you are awake

I placed the food on the heardboard

ManD:What the fuck is happening?

Me:I'm playing tie boyfriend up

I had the largest smile on earth

ManD:What?You are full of shit

I became sad

Me:You don't wanna play with me,I guess I should engrave my name on your chest with a knife

I made my way to the kitchen and came back with a knife

Me:I think I should use italics

I said sitting on his tummy I scratched him with the knife

ManD:Stop!!!Stop!!

Me:Isn't you don't wanna play

ManD:Fine we'll play what do you wanna do?

Me:You sure you wanna play?

ManD:I'm so sure

I dropped the knife then laughed

Me:I'm so happy

ManD:Can you loosen the ropes a bit?

Me:NO!you'll escape

ManD:Okay no need to get angry

Me:But you always get angry but you don't want me to get angry you thought me to get angry then why shouldn't I get angry?

ManD:I'm sorry my love

Me:It's fine

I laid on his shoulder and sang for him

Me:"this time is different feel like I was just a victim when you cut me like a knife and you walked out of my life now I'm in this condition and I got all the symptoms of a girl with a broken heart but no matter what you'll never see me cry"

I looked at ManD

Me:Do you know that song?

ManD:No

Me:It's Rihannas

ManD:Still don't know it

Me:Am I boring you?

ManD:You?hell to the no I'm having fun sweetheart I'm really enjoying this

Me:Well let me give you more fun then how's lunatic sex?

ManD:That'd be great insane but great

Me:Let's wipe off that lipstick first

I took a towel then wiped it I looked for scissors

Me:You don't mind me cutting your boxers do you?incase you haven't noticed I don't wanna untie you

ManD:It's fine

I cut them then took off the clothes I was wearing I was left with only an underwear We kissed for some time I had to make sure he's in ot too deep,I kissed his neck,bit his chest and abs when I reached his cock I used my hands to play with it I could hear him moan,I inserted it in my mouth then played with it he was cursing and screaming my name,I pulled it out

and kissed him from the tummy back to his lip I sat on a good position to ride him my arm was placed on his chest while the other one on his manhood I inserted it inside slowly as I bit my lower lip I went up and down till there was an easy road through then I buried my face in his I could hear the bed move because of the ropes he had,I made sure he gets tired I reached my orgasm he followed me I cleaned us up then moved to the side I rested my leg on top of him and cuddled myself at that moment I felt at ease though I couldn't sleep I got down from the bed & wrapped a towel around my body I sat below the bed I took my phone and texted my friends telling them I'm at Mandlas place we back from the "baecation" I cut the rope from Mandla he was fast asleep he didn't even move,I went back to my spot and just sat there starrng at the wall I saw the room grow alight it was evident it's morning,I heard Mandla get off the bed he went to the bathroom and came back

He had a towel around his waist and fresh bruises around his waist and ankles

Me:They killed me

ManD:How long have you been sitting here?

Me:My family killed me

He took me and placed me on the bed

ManD:What?

Me:Nana,Momma I want them dead

He touched me

ManD:You are freezing cold,are you tryna get yourself sick

He wrapped a blanket around me it was as though something shocked me it was as if I was snapping out from deep thoughts

Me:What the fuck are you doing?

ManD :Warming you up,it's school today

I got down from the bed

Me:Don't touch me unless I ask you to,fuck school fuck you

ManD:But-

Me:No Mand you are a monster it's your fault

ManD:Pardon?

Me:Arh Shove your dick up your poophole

I walked to the bathroom and left him with his hands in his waist trying to figure out what just happened

## PART 20 A MILLION MILES FROM BEING NORMAL

I went to the kitchen because my tummy was growling ManD walked in and leaned against the fridge trying to study me I wasn't even bothered by his presence I didn't want shit from him I finished eating and stood in front of him

Me:It's school today?

ManD:Yes

Me:So why am I not at school?

ManD:I was going to wake you up and drive you home but you changed the plans

Me:I didn't kidnap myself

ManD:I had no choice

Me:You did

ManD:I didn't

Me:Kidnapping me was a choise,how much did you pay them?

ManD:What is your point?

Me:There's only a question no point

ManD:I won't answer you

Me:Can you borrow me one of your cars?

ManD:Why?

Me:I wanna drive myself home,there's trust in this relationship right?

ManD:Take the Hyundai keys

Me:Shoor

I left him there since I needed a bath I took a hot long shower I wore the clothes I had yesterday then drove myself home without even saying a word I got home and took 5 pills I was covering up for lost time I started feeling dizzy I drank milk then went to bed I was tired after all I didn't sleep I was woken up my friends

Me:Mhmhm you guys the fuck?

Sasha:Stop being grumpy we just came to check how you doing since you didn't attend school

Me:I'm doing fine

Clara:Someone's in a bad mood

Me:Please give me some space

My friends both know I'm bipolar so they stood up brushed my shoulders and left as soon as they got out I cried hard I couldn't hold it back I heard the door open I didn't bother looking,I couldn't even figure out why I was emotional from the cologne that filled the room I knew it was my brother he slept next to me and cuddled me I ended up falling asleep I was woken up by someone shaking me

Me:Quinton

Que:Are you okay?

Me:Yes

Que:You were shaking I thought you were having fits

Me:No I'm okay

Que:Okay let's go have super

Me:We slept for that long?

Que:Yes

Me:Wow let me wear something warm I'll meet you downstairs

Que:Sure

He was about to exit but I stopped him

Me:And thank you

Que:Anytime

He smiled and went downstairs I wore a gown and slippers then I joined my siblings downstairs it was quiet the only thing that made a sound was the forks after dinner I packed away the dishes Sarah came in the kitchen as I was about to exit

Sarah:Who's car is parked in front of the garage?

Me:My boyfriends

Sarah:It's huge

Me:I know

Sarah:Ow

Me:Problem?

Sarah:No

Me:Good

I left her and walked up the stairs I felt dizzy but decided to brush it off I was tired but not sleepy I logged on to facebook and searched Mandla's wall it was clear I closed my laptop in the morning I was really in no mood Quinton walked in as I was making breakfast

Que:Wow you trying to break that bowl it's your favourite remember?

I gave him a cold look then continued with what I was doing I drove to school and parked I don't know what happened but I dozed off I heard someone banging the window I first stretched then opened my eyes it was the security

Me:Hi uncle

Him:Are you okay?

Me:Yes I am is it still assembly?

Him:No it's registration

Me:Shit okay

I ran to the office area and looked at my class I ran there and knocked we had the same class teacher as last year Mrs Boris

Me:Morning ma'am I'm sorry for being late I am not feeling well

Mrs:Where's the doctors note?

Me:I didn't say I went to the doctor

Mrs:You know my rule

Me:Ma'am may I kindly join the class

Mrs:This isn't your school Miss Harper

Me:I didn't say anything about the school being mine are you going to let me in or we gonna have this conversation for the entire day

I looked at my watch

Me:2 minutes,you can shut the door in my face if you want to

Mrs:Don't talk me like that Pearl you have no respect for me

Me:Do you have it for me?

Mrs:I don't owe you respect

I shove her out of the way then got in this teacher if full of shit she always has something against me

I slept throughout the day my friends gave me the space I required after school I waited for all the learners to leave I saw Mrs Boris drive out I followed her I was playing Nicki Minaj-Freak I drove ahead of her in full speed then drove slowly when she was close enough I drove faster she was right behind me I hit the brakes then I had a baam sound I bumped my head on the steering wheel then drove away in full speed no one is gonna fuck with me I drove to Mandlas place I knocked he opened for me looking sleepy

Me:I brought your car

ManD:You done with it

Me:Yes but someone bumped me and I had to run away since I have no license

ManD:Who bumped you?you pregnant for goodness sake

Me:My teacher Mrs Boris she has an agenda for me I had to flee  
I started crying

ManD:Is that why you have a bump on you heard?

I nodded,he pulled me to his arm

ManD:Don't worry my love this Mrs of yours will have hell to pay  
I broke the hug

Me:What you gonna do to her?

ManD:Something painful

Me:Can I be there to witness it please?

ManD:Yes but we need to get you to the doctor first then I might think about it

He hugged me again I was smiling Mrs Boris messed with an abnormal person with an abnormal boyfriend

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Bae pulled me inside the house he made a quick call to someone the came back and sat next to me

Me:I'm hungry

ManD:I have wholewheat pizza it has no meat

Me:I'd love that

He went to the kitchen and came back with two slices of pizza



Me:Thanks

ManD:We'll go to the doctor the day after tomorrow

Me:Whatday is it today?

ManD:It's thursday

Me:okay I guess I'm behind time

He smiled starring at me & his attention went back to the tv he was watching crime series,we were disturbed by a knock at the door he took the keys then attended the door,he came back and sat down

Me:Who was that?

ManD:Someone who's going to fix the car incase Mrs Boris reports us there'll be no proof that you bumped her car

Me:You very clever

ManD:Thank you

Me:I have to get home I've already began with my matric studies

ManD:I guess I'll have an intellient kid

He said brushing my tumny

ManD:But I'm driving you home

He took his keys and my school bag,he was in pyjamas we drove home I noticed his wounded wrists and bit my lower lip

We kissed he then he drove to his place

Following day I took a cab to school Mrs Boris didn't look like she was in a good mood she was a wreck

After school I was about to call a cab when I saw Mand parked outside the car he was leaning against it

Me:What a pleasant surprise

ManD:Well I wanted to see my dapper dap girlfriend and the troublesome teacher

Me:How are we gonna do that?

ManD:Lean against the car

I did so,Mrs Boris was standing across the road looking at the car no she was actually pointing and it with a questioning face,I looked at Mandla he winked at her then got inside the car I did so too,we drove to McDonald's I bought a veggie burger and orange juice ManD bought a Fold over and Orange juice

Me:So where to?

ManD:I was going to take you home and lay on top of the bed then have sex with you but unfortunately we have a doctors appointment

Me:Really?

I said with my mouth full

ManD:Sies swallow first

I laughed,we arrived at the doctor just in time

Doc:You guys are ready?

ManD:Yes we want to check if the baby is fine she's been involved in a few incidents

Doc:Incidents?

ManD:Yes so can you

Doc:Okay this way ma'am

We stood up and went to the little room I lied down then I took off my pullover and unbuttoned my shirt she applied a gel then took a handle like thing

Doc:Look at the screen

It wasn't clear

ManD:What's that?

Doc:Heartbeat

Me:Is it supposed to be that faint?

Doc:Can you please stand up?here you can wipe your stomach

I wiped my tummy the doctor also did a few check ups then told us to sit down

Me: Doctor is everything okay?

Doc: Do you take any prescribed medication?

I coughed

ManD: You okay?

Me: Yeah yeah I am

Doc: Please answer my question

Me: Uhm yeah

Doc: What kind of medication?

I looked at Mand then bit my nails

Me: I'm not ready to talk about it

Doc: Would you like some privacy?

She looked at Mandla I was rubbing my thighs with my wrist

Me: It's fine he can stay

ManD had a straight face I couldn't tell whether he was angry or he was okay actually I was confused

Me: I take antipsychotics for Bipolar disorder

ManD let out a soft chuckle

Doc: Do you know how dangerous they are during the first and last trimester, your child will also be at risk of the disorder

Me: What are you suggesting doctor?

Doc: I suggest you don't drink your pills during the first and last 3 months there is someone who is pretty good with psychopaths and I can give you his number

Me: I'm not a psychopath

Doc: I meant someone with a disorder she'll help you learn how to calm yourself down and control yourself when you are angry

Me:I have someone I know I guess I should go back to her then?

Doc:Yes

ManD:Uhm doctor we don't have much time can we go now

Doc:Yes but please do calm back next week,you'll be two months one week pregnant by then

Me:Yes doc thank you

ManD:Can I know when she'll show?

Doc:It depends some people on their 5th month,and Pearl keep your stress levels low

Me:I will

I got out first and stood near the car ManD stood next to me

ManD:You know I feel like leavin you hear right now but I fuckin care about my kid if he wasn't there I swear I was going to leave you

I looked down in shame

ManD:Fuck you for not being honest with me Pearl fuck you

He shouted and kicked the wheel

ManD:You are pretty good at hiding things huh,how come I didn't find that out about you?After all I know everything about you

Me:You did a research on me?

ManD:That wasn't supposed to come out

Me:What sick person are you?how dare you?

ManD:Just get in the car I don't wanna talk about it

Me:Well I do

He looked at me then went inside the car he started it then drove off I placed my hands on my waist but he reversed

ManD:Get in or stand outside and ask the wind what you were asking me

I rolled my eyes then went inside the car, Mandla's bullshit is really on another level like you can't bare it it's uncontrollable, how dare he dig up my past

## PART 22 A MILLION MILES FROM BEING NORMAL

Mandla has been angry at me for over a week though he went to the doctor with me he still gave me a cold shoulder, I loved his baby I loved him even more even after what he put me through my heart still bit for him Clara has been nagging me about finding my family but nana decided to disappear on the face of earth, I tried calling her but nothing I went to her house it was closed I was going to a therapist I was doing well if I may say so myself it was beginning of February mom and dad were coming back I had to tell them my stomach had a shape now and it was soon gonna show Quinton and Sarah were going to drive to the airport I didn't want to go with them I received a call from ManD

Me: Hi

ManD: I saw your missed call

Me: uhm yeah I wanted to tell that my parents are coming back today and Uh I will tell them about the pregnancy

ManD: So?

Me: I was going to appreciate if you came to support me at least they'd see that you'll be responsible

ManD: I'll see what I can do, what time will you tell them

Me: After they arrive I'll wait for an hour for them to settle down then I'll let them know

ManD: Okay

He ended the call I exhaled I decided to take a shower in the meantime the waiting was killing me after some time I heard laughter downstairs I wore a robe and walked slowly down the stairs

Mom: My Baby decided to come out?

I faked a smile

Me:Hi mom, where's dad?

I asked hugging her

Mom:Oh so you didn't miss me

Me:I did just that

Mom:You love your father more I get it

Me:That's not true

Dad:Oh so you don't love me

Dad said walking in

Me:You guys are really putting me in a tight position

Dad:Come give me some love

We hugged he kissed my forehead

Me:I missed you guys

Mom:We missed you too honey we bought you guys lots and lots of clothes only the best

Dad:And you Pearl are going to love them more since you more like your mother

I zoned out as we were having this conversation Mom shook me

Me:Huh

Mom:You look beautiful by the way

Me:Thank you,look you guys I have to do my homework

I went to my room I needed to prepare myself get ready for whatever they'll tell me I hope they don't kick me out I can't afford to leave in the streets

Minutes later I decided to go to their room they weren't there I found them sitting at the pool area

Me:Uhm guys do you have minutes?

Dad:Yes sit

I sat down and looked at them

Mom:What is it dear?

Me:It's Uhm

Sarah came to us

Sarah:There's a visitor who wants to talk to you guys

Mom:Bring them here

I was surprised when ManD joined us

Mom:Can you come back later my love?

ManD:Morning Mr and Mrs Harper,My name is Mandla Dlamini

He shook their hands and sat down,he looked amazingly beautiful blazing if I may say so he was wearing skinny jeans,a long sleeve white muscle T and sneakers he had a watch on he looked nothing like a gangster

There was confusion on my parents face

ManD:And the lady can stay I'm with her

The maid served juice and some snacks,I was busy downing the food

Dad:What brought us here today?

ManD:Mr Harper I am not supposed to but here by myself but since my family is far I came alone,the reason why I'm here is because I took your daughter pride and dignity then I didn't stop her but also fertilised her egg

What pride did he take?

Dad:Can you be more specific?

ManD:I took Pearls virginity then impregnated her,I know I should've waited or used a condom but

Dad:Why didn't you use a condom then?

ManD:Sir we were in a bit of a hurry and got caught up in the moment but that doesn't make what we did right and I want to justify my mistakes

Dad looked at me I continued eating

Dad:How?

ManD:My culture says that I should pay damages to the mother for her virginity then I must also pay for making her pregnant,and sir I promise to take care of the baby and Pearl

Mom:What about her education?

ManD:She'll give birth before her trial and final exams by then the baby will have a nanny

Mom and Dad kept quiet for a while

Dad:What will happen in future?

ManD:Sir I love Pearl neither I nor the baby will stop her from that

Dad:You ruined my last born and her education,she comes off expensive

ManD:I wasn't expecting her to come cheap either sir,if you may can you name your price right now sir

Dad:We will call you when we've decided I'm sure you know your way out

Dad said standing up heading inside the house

ManD:Thank you for your time Mrs Harper

Mom smiled before shaking his hand

ManD:I better get going

He looked at me I stood up

Me:Come this way

The driveway was closer so I helped him get to his car without him having to pass inside the house

Me:Thank you

ManD:For?



Me:What you did today,Not everyone would do something like that

ManD:I want what's best for you and my child

I smiled,he kissed my forehead before droving off I watched his car disappear thoughts roam around my mind I didn't fully trust Mandla even today,something told me to leave space for disappointment although that's hard I have to do it for my hearts sake

## PART 23 A MILLION MILES FROM BEING NORMAL

My parents totally ignored me I felt hurt by this I really was planning on righting my wrongs but they didn't want to let me in it was hard I woke up with tears everyday it was so bad that I had a stiff neck I decided to go out to the mall with my friends

Me:Let's go to ackermans I want to check few baby clothes

Clara:Baby clothes who's pregnant?

I looked down

Sasha:You?oh hell no

Clara:Mhmm the outcomes of a baecation

Me:Shut up let's go before my tummy starts growling

We checked a few baby clothes we bumped into 3 cuties it reminded me of the first time Mandla and I met it was also in a shop

Guy1:Good afternoon ladies

Clara:Hey gentleman

Me:You guys will meet me at Wimpy I am going to grab a bite

I attempted walking away Guy2 softly grabbed my arm he looked like a down to earth person,humbled to be exact

Guy2:We want to be friends with you guys the 3 of you if you don't mind

He asked starring at my eyes

Clara:Ofcourse we don't let's give you guys our digits

Guy3 and Sasha were flirting while Guy2 still had his hands around my wrists I couldn't break the eye contact

Me:Can I have my arm back?

Guy2:Not before you give me your name

Me:Pearl my name is Pearl

He smiled Fire Fire he had those The Rock white kinda teeth he was beautiful,handsome doesn't describe how he is he finally let go of me we bounced Clara & Sasha held my figure

Clara:You sweating

Me:Me

She giggled

Clara:Yes

I touched my head

Me:Might be catching a bug

Sasha:Or couldn't take the heat those guys are fire

Me:Can I not comment?

They laughed my day was splendid but I had to go home I didn't feel like driving so Clara dropped me off home I found mom and dad with Quinton in the leaving room I was walking slowly

Me:Good evening

Dad:Come sit

I looked at him in shock after all this silence he's been giving me he decides to talk I became scared at an instance

I sat down

Dad:What is it that we don't do for you?

Me: Nothing

Dad: Why would you have unprotected sex? Out of all the things you chose to get pregnant you smarter than that Kamalei

Tears threatened my eyes as the events of my mothers death came like a hurricane, I blinked that led to showers of tears I remember how mom used to comb my long dark brown silk hair then tie it neatly before making a bun then put a beautiful band on top which I kept till today

Mom: Honey why would you want to kill yourself

I looked at Quinton

Dad: From today onwards we keeping a close eye on you we not going to lose a child, you are suicidal

I looked down dad stood up and left

Mom: He's disappointed he'll come around just don't make the matters worse okay?

Me: yes ma'am

She stood up

Mom: Mommy loves you

Me: I love you too

She followed my dad after that I looked at Quinton who had no words to defend himself, I took the stairs to my room and sat below the bed sucking my thumb, how can I be so irresponsible? this curse has brought nothing but pain, I needed to find my family but I didn't even know where to start I was disturbed by Chris Browns voice

Me: Hello

Caller: Hi

I kept quiet

Caller: Are you there?

Me: Yeah who's talking?

Caller: Siyanda the guy you met at ackermans

Me:The skinny guy

He chuckled

Yanda:Yes

Me:What can I do for you?

Yanda:You can say yes to my request of being your friend

Me:I hardly know you

Yanda:A good reason for us to become friends

Me:Okay

Yanda:Really?

Me:You want me to change my mind?

Yanda:No please don't

Me:Okay can I go back to sleep?

Yanda:You were sleeping

Me:Duuh

Yanda:Okay sleep tight

Me:Sleep loose

He chuckled before saying bye

I went straight to bed, following day was school and valentines day I wasn't planning on doing anything just go to school then come back, Mom was the only person whose anger was starting to way off as for dad that's another story Mandla sent me a valentines day text next day it was sweet unfortunately he told me he was in EC so he'd see me before the 25th why didn't he tell me he's leaving? Pussy

As time passed I was become a bit heavy but swimming did its job Yanda was a nice soul and showed no signs of wanting to date me we spent time together occasionally to a point where my friends had suspicions after all Siyanda was a handsome skinny niggur not too skinny but he lacks a bit of flesh if my explanation explains it correctly, Mandla decided to come

back unexpectedly he surprised me just after my afternoon jog his car parked on the side of the road I ran to him and hugged him

Me:Jeez I missed you

ManD:You still got it I see

Me:I'm young and love sports I need to stay fit,when did you get here?

ManD:An hour ago I think

He pulled me to him and kissed me his hands brushing the sides of my waist and pulling me up to him he broke the keys and looked deeply in my eyes

ManD:Who's this guy that has been playing boyfriend with you while I was away?

Me:Which guy?

ManD:The tall faded guy

Me:Oh him his name is Siyanda a friend of mine,wait how did you know that?

He chuckled

ManD:His surname

Me:Uhm Ndovu or something

ManD:Siyanda Ndlovu,okay look stay away from him

I got away from him and folded my arms

Me:Excuse you Mr

ManD:I saw you on his dp and I didn't like it

Me:You stalking me and him

He kissed my cheek

ManD:Go back to your jog and ow stay away from him I mean it

Me:Mean it my left bum

I mumbled

ManD:Say what?

I smiled then walked away,what a dick of a boyfriend this one is talk about the mother of Queen Moroka the drama queen herself arh

## PART 24 A MILLION MILES FROM BEING NORMAL

When I got home I went straight to the kitchen for food Sarah walked

Sarah:Someone is tryna balance

Me:Who me?

Sarah:I'm not telling

I laughed

Me:I'm so hungry bra I'd you

She looked shaken by this but I guess the smile I had eased her a bit

Sarah:How far are you?

Me:A month,2 weeks and 6 days

Sarah:Yes you still look pretty

Me:Perks of excersicing

Sarah:But your body looked not preggies at all

Me:Well

I said shrugging,I took a bottle of water then went for a shower we had dinner then I studied drifting off on top of my books a call woke me up

Me:What?

ManD:I meant what I said

Me:I'm not going to entertain your jealousy,I'm not stopping you from have female friends.

ManD:Well I am

Me:Okay

ManD:I love you

Me:Whatever

I switched my phone off before Mand becomes a bug,then I slept Yanda was taking me out tomorrow which was a Saturday I wore a shot jumpsuit and gladiators I admired my legs and feet but my feets are a killer I put on light make up then took my car keys Yanda texted me about where to meet

I saw him standing outside the car

Me:My man

Yanda:You wish

He said hugging me

Me:Someone smells good

Yanda:What can I say I always do after all

Me:Well it's new to me hey

We were in a Zoo we took selfies then grabbed ice cream we were going to grab some food at spur but something caught my eye

Me:Shit

Yanda:What?

Me:My boyfriend

Yanda:The one leaning against the car?

Me:Yes this isn't good at all look I'll call you

Yanda:you'll be alright

Me:Yes

I was suprised when Mandla did something like a salute

ManD:Ta

Yanda:Yizo

ManD:hlukana neNtsaiza yam mfethu(stay away from my girlfriend bra?

Yanda smiled

Yanda:Uyena ongncanyiwe,xoxa naye hayi nami (She's the one that likes me,talk to me?

ManD:Mandiku khuze kanye ta (Let me warn you once)

Yanda:Fede

He got into his car I could hear a bit of Zulu but Mandla was talking in Xhosa,what was weird was the fact that they were smiling too bad I couldn't understand them

ManD:Let's go

Me:Where too?

ManD:My place

I got in my car and drove off first his car passed me after some time and it wasn't even slow,I found the gate opened at his place I parked the car then went up I found him drinking alcohol

Me:I'm here

ManD:Didn't I tell you to stay away

Me:You did

ManD:Did you?

Me:No but

He threw the glass a few inches next to me it smashed against the wall the alcohol had already poured itself on me

He came close to me in full speed and gave me a mother of all slaps

ManD:Are you deaf?Do you have any clue who Siyanda Ndlovu is huh?

He threw a punch I could feel my teeth clench

Me:I'm sorry

ManD:You'll be more than sorry when I'm done with you



I was already bled from my mouth the metal from the braces wasn't doing justice either, next thing I know I was on the floor my arms wrapped around my tummy trying as hard as I could to protect the life I had grown to be fond inside of me

Me: Forgive me

Another kick followed it went straight to my chest I held he unexpectedly kicked my stomach the pain I felt was everything compared to the pains I've come across before, especially when I felt it come repeatedly and with every kick I lost my energy tears fell involuntary, my main concern was my unborn child the one I wanted to kill but the person who's killing it now refused I was weak he stopped when I felt some liquid in between my eyes and I could taste blood in my mouth I've never in my life encountered such pain or come across such cruelty I closed my eyes and thought of what Mandla said with every kick "You ruined things for me, My father knew this would happen, you're the devil's child he said, I believed him" some of the things I blocked from hearing because what I've heard made me hate him already I opened my eyes and looked at him as he slid down the kitchen wall sweating he held his head

ManD: Think man Think

He took out his phone placing it on loudspeaker I gasped for air

ManD: Asive hi

Asive: What do you want Mandla?

ManD: You to clean the footage of this place 15 minutes from now

Asive: You didn't kill another girlfriend again? did you?

Mandla brushed his head

Asive: Mandla!

ManD: Her eyes still have life

Asive: Get her to the hospital

ManD: And get myself arrested hell no

Asive: I'll pin it on someone

ManD:Siyanda Ndlovu please

Asive:Another Ndlovu

ManD:Please

Asive:Fine

I closed my eyes for good and slowly I became unconscious

## ART 25 A MILLION MILES FROM BEING NORMAL

Narrated

Mandla paced up and down trying to figure out how he'll fix this mess he picked Pearl up and ran to the car he locked and drove to the hospital as fast as he could it was starting to sink in that he might have killed his child

He became frustrated,he was fuming with anger

As soon as he parked the car in the emergency parking a security came with a wheelchair

ManD:She needs a bed you idiot

He said with Pearl in his arms as he went inside the hospital,blood was all over his T-shirt,he was a little hurt but he brushed it off as soon as Pearl was taken away he rushed to Pearls house to inform folks bout the incident that just took place

"Pearl better not blow this cover"he said worried that when Pearl wakes up he might notify the police but she won't have any evidence

Apparently the family wasn't there so instead he called Mr Harper whose phone went straight to voicemail

ManD:I don't have time for this

He texted him that Pearl is at the hospital and at its name,he drove back to his place to clean up the mess he made then called Asive

ManD:Hey are you done?

Asive:Yep they won't find a thing

ManD:Okay can I come to your place right now?

Asive:For?

ManD:You know for what

Asive:Okay I'll wait

After that he showered and drove to Asives crib he received a call

ManD:Mr T

Mr T:I want you back home

ManD:But dad I just found out that Pearl is still alive and the Ndlovu is keen in protecting her

Mr T:Ndlovu?

ManD:Yes Siyanda Dlamini

Mr T:Bruce you have the best team on your side

ManD:temporarily it's not permanent

Mr T:Use this as an opportunity

ManD:I can't ask the gangs help for personal things

Mr T:You better come up with something son I want that girl here

He hung up,Mandla looked rather disappointed she arrived at Asives place and found her sitting on the couch with a laptop he went behind her and kissed the back of her neck

Asive:Missed me

ManD:You have no idea

She put the laptop away as Mandla sat next to her he sighed

ManD:I'm so done with using my dick to get back to my enemies

Asive:You really should it's starting to get to me,worse you had to get her pregnant

ManD:I wanted the child

Asive:You have a child already worse it's not even mine,were you falling for her?

ManD:No I wasn't babe you know I'm pretty good at pretending

Asive:Which scares me actually

ManD:But you know everything about me

Asive:that scares me cause that might be the reason why you sticking around

Mandla or Bruce looked at her in disbelief

He went closer to her and pulled her for a kiss he got inbetween her legs to notice she was only wearing a G-string

ManD:Damn Asive I love you

Asive:I love you too

They had a foreplay before Mandla pulled her up and continued kissing her from the way he kissed her you could clearly see that he's inlove,they took their session to the bedroom where they made love not sex just love they cuddled naked

Asive:When is this thing going to end?

ManD:Can we talk when I wake up please?

Asive looked pleased as soon as he saw that he was fast asleep she went downstairs and called someone

Asive:Sive

Sive:What do you want?

Asive:Do you always have to ask that when I call you?

Sive:You have a minute I'm feeding the twins you know how they are

Asive:I want you to kill someone for me

Sive:Who?

Asive:My boyfriends fiance she's starting to get to me

Sive:is that the reason you want her dead,how long have you and Bruce dated?

Asive:5 years

Sive:Yet he's not marrying you open your eyes sister get rid of this so called boyfriend of yours

Asive:He loves me I love him

Sive laughed

Sive:let me meet him then after all it's been 5 years

Asive:You not going to help me you won't meet him

Sive:Bye then

Asi clicked her tongue she knew very well that he can't tell his brother that Bruce is a gangster after all he is his boss and Bruce doesn't know,She knew very well that both her brother and boyfriend were dangerous though Mandla's real name wasn't known and Sive was an undercover gang leader,Mandla was also a good gangster but Sive was excellent he was beyond dangerous he had connections both nationally and international

That worked on his favour so he was pretty much untouchable

Asive was pretty disappointed but what did she expect after all Mandla would roast him if he heard that she tried to kill the mother of his son she shook her head thinking of how stupid she was thinking about this it was ruthless and that was just not her Asive was a nerd very good with computers and creating deadly machines killing was just not her

## PART 26 A MILLION MILES FROM BEING NORMAL

Narrated

Mandla gets home and finds a parcel at the door it's already midday he looks around and there's no one watching him,he picks up the envelope

takes inside the house and opens it he finds a small bottle and a knock"Inject her with this she won't remember the incident and this time make sure you finish the job I asked you to do",this had his father written all over it he sits back and sighs by the look of things he isn't ready to do what his father has asked her to do,later that day he visits the hospital he finds a doctor with Pearl

ManD:Will she be okay?

Doc:She suffered a lot of injury it'll take time for her to walk and she had to be operated after losing a baby

ManD:She really did lose the baby?

Doc:Yes,and she might take time to wake up excuse me I need to see another patient

Mandla nodded the Doctor left him and Pearl alone he checked the coast then took out the injection he looked for a vein since Pearl was pale it was easy

ManD:I'm sorry I really am,I didn't want any of this to happen I'm sorry The needle went in he pushed the injection and from there knew that Pearls memory has been wiped,he kissed her dry lips and looked at her she was still beautiful she had those full soft lips that don't close fully but she was bruised her nose bridge was navy and her face buttered she should have handed her in before feelings became deep but he can't go back he bumped on Pearls mother

ManD:Hey ma'am

MrsH:Hey son

ManD:I'm sorry about what happened I wish I knew what might've led her to this,she's missing out on school and life I just lost my son Pearl isn't waking up I don't even know what do to

Mrs Harper already had tears in her eyes,You could see the guilt in Mandlas face

ManD:She'll be okay Ma'am

MrsH:She's strong I know she will make,let me not hold you up

ManD:Be strong ma'am for her sake

They separated

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Pearl

I always people talk to me and this went on for some time I felt like I was trapped in a small room that had no doors and windows all I did was sleep or stare at the walls that was basically the life I lived it felt okay to me but I felt like something was missing and I found that something when I woke up and looked around the room I was in a room it was so blue,I looked around there were machines all over I started panicking when I thought about why I'm here or who am I for that matter?I started feeling very uneasy and scared I was panicking I heard the machines beep and people came running in they held me back and someone injected the drip I slowly rested,when I woke up there was a white woman next to me she was beautiful but who the hell was she,she saw me

Her:Oh sweetheart you're awake,what scared you so much?

She tried touching me I shifted a bit

Her:What's wrong?

Me:Who are you?

Her:What?

Me:Leave me alone I don't know you

She held her mouth and stepped back

Her:Oh my goodness

She went out and came back with a doctor I assumed

The Doctor was with a nurse they checked me

Doc:What's your name?

Me:Who?

Doc:Yours?

I thought so hard but I didn't know who I was,I didn't know my name

Doc:This woman is your mother,do you know her name?

Me:No,why don't I remember anything

The woman was crying she looked like in pain and I really wanted to believe she is my mother but I couldn't trust anyone

Doc:Ma'am we have to discharge her

Ma'am:Will she even want me to take her home,she doesn't know me  
Doctor

Doc:She needs her family the most make sure she is welcomed by all the people close to her,don't pressurise her take things slowly

Ma'am:I will make sure she regains her memory,but what led her to this

Doc:We checked everything she might have hit her head

I cleared my throat this wasn't going anywhere

Me:I'm not leaving

Doc:Ma'am the hospital caters for people who need medical help,it's been already a month since you've been here we can't keep you here forever

I sighed maybe this woman's family wasn't that bad I might as well consider giving them a chance

Following day the same woman came to get me she had a nice car

Me:So what's my name?

Her:Pearl Kamalei Harper,turning 17 this year and you doing grade 12 this year

Me:So how come I'm not white?

Her:Uhm well you were adopted

Me:Wow my life seemed fucked up

Her:Trust me it's not

Me:Why is my body so painful and why am I having difficulties walking?



Her:you were attacked and had a miscarriage

Me:I was pregnant,wow I think I've had enough

We got inside a really beautiful house

Her>Welcome home

We went inside there were so many people mostly whites,I still need to know why I'm like this and not white

The woman called my mom spoke again,she was introducing me to these people

Her:This is your dad,Your big sis Sarah,brother Quinton,your best friends Clara and Sasha and your boyfriend Mandla

This boyfriend was one hot guy he was light skinned had trimmed hair cut and a good smile

Me:Uhm Ma'am I don't mean to be rude but can you help me to my room

Everyone looked disappointed but I didn't bring this to myself and I couldn't force myself to remember them all of this brought me a headache

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Narrated

Mandla was in his apartment drinking alcohol he looked rather devastated,he was disturbed by a knock on the door he kept quiet and continued drinking,Asive walked in

Asive:Mandla

ManD:You pretty scarce these days

He said sarcastically

Asive:Tell me when I'm invading your space

Mandla looked at her from head to toe

ManD:You not,what brings you here?

Asive:You are in deep shit,have you visited your girlfriend lately?

ManD:It's only been 3 days and no I haven't,what do you mean I'm in deep shit?

Asive:Okay I mean you remember we set Siyanda up for Pearls incident unfortunately there is an actual footage and whoever has it is threatening us

ManD:How the fuck did that happen?

He said banging the counter

Asive:we were outsmarted

Mandla faced Asive

ManD:You wanted this to happen,you were careless

Asive:Oh excuse me?I didn't beat you to a pulp then asked you to tamper with the footage so please

ManD:How the fuck are you going to explain this then?

Asive scanned Mandla

Asive:Fuck you

She said walking away Mandla looked more than pissed worse now he couldn't bring down another Ndlovu if he happens to try the footage might end up in the police or even worse Pearl,before he gets what he wants

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Pearl

I've never felt so lost in my life or maybe I did but I just don't remember,I was confused it was hard catching up especially at school though I had people helping me Sasha and Clara were with me through it all which made things a bit easier for me,As I was sitting home I got a visit from Mandla,I really scored on this guy he had his silk trimmed hair,and the way he dressed took my breath away

Him:Hey beautiful

I smiled

Me:Hi

Him:How are you feeling?

Me:I'm getting better

We sat in silence for a while maybe he was still tryna figure out what he'll say to this new me I was nothing less than a stranger and same thing applied to him

Him:How are you feeling after losing the baby?

I looked at his pitiful eyes it was as though he was hurt

Me:Honestly I don't know how I'm feeling about this whole thing,my brain has no memories of me bonding with the baby nor being pregnant

Him:I'm hurt I didn't imagine myself losing my baby,our baby

Me:Are you doing something to find the person responsible as the baby daddy and my boyfriend?

He shifted a bit it was as though I made him feel uncomfortable

Me:Know what forget I said anything, I don't even remember the person who buttered me

Him:You don't?

Me:Yeah,are you always like this

Him:I'm still grieving but I'll be fine

He said moving closer to me he used his hand to remove the hair from my face,my intestines were turning or wait those were butterflies I might be inlove

Him:May I?

I nodded hesitantly as my lips and his were touching,he pulled my upper lip while I kissed his lower one our breaths increased as the kiss went by and already we were done with lip kissing,we were tongue kissing,I had this desire for sex I wanted to strip him and myself naked then make love to him unfortunately I'd never do that in my fathers house I broke the kiss and looked away shyly

Him:Hey look at me

I turned my head slowly and was welcomed by a smile

Him:I love you Pearl

Me:I don't know Mandla

Him:It's no rush,and it's ManD you couldn't pronounce the Ndla so you called me ManD

Me:Okay ManD

Him:I'll come see you again okay?

Me:Yeah sure no problem

He left me in that boring house honestly I was bored to my tits I better try remember my life before this I'm sure it wasn't that bad

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Asive

I was sitting at my place doing work when a random call came in I don't usually panic when such calls come in but after what Mandla put me in I'm so not relaxed,I may be older than Mandla but the love I have for him is real I put the phone on loudspeaker

Me:Hello

Caller:Asive,what are you and Mandla planning?

Me:What are you talking about?Who am I even talking to?

Caller:No relax my love I have nothing against you,your a good person but that boyfriend of yours better tell the truth to Pearl about everything

Me:And what is everything?

Caller:Ow so you have an idea that there might be something

I opened my laptop I needed to track whoever was doing this

Me:Mandlas business has nothing to do with me

Caller: Surely Crane would be happy to hear what his sister is doing, we both know Mandla or Bruce is only using the Saints to get to Pearl since they are so good

Me: I don't know what you talking about

Caller: Don't act smart with me, try tracking me again even Crane won't help you

He ended the call with only 3 seconds left for me to see who it was

I called Mandla who came right away

ManD: What's up with you?

Me: Am I missing something here, you want to get yourself killed? do you know what Crane is capable of

ManD: And you do?

Me: Of course I do he's my fuckin brother

ManD: What?

I covered my mouth knowing the next Saturday will be my funeral, Sive made it clear that his identity must be kept a secret because he has a wife and 5 kids

ManD: You said what?

Me: I didn't say anything

He was coming closer and I was moving back, this dude can strangle me right now for no reason

We were disturbed by a breaking window and a bottle smash Mandla ran to the window to check

ManD: Someone is sending a message

He said unfolding the letter

ManD: The Ndlovus will never surrender we bringing you down Bruce, better come clean

He looked at me

Me: Someone called saying the same thing

ManD:If I find out you snitching on me

Me:Rhaaa awuzo ndixelela loKaka(you won't tell me shit)not after the shit you put me in

ManD:Stay alert

He exited,where the fuck did I get this thing of a boyfriend?I can't believe a Ben 10 is controlling me,there's more to this guy than what he is revealing

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Mandla

It's already been 3 days trying to find out who was trying to scare me,I had totally ran out of ideas and dad was my last option I drove to Lamont where we were to meet I can't be seen with him around Mhlanga how will I explain that to anyone who sees me I went inside the house after parking my car he was sitting there with his men

Me:Dad

He gave me a cold look,this man looks like me a lot but he scary as hell

Dad:Sit,excuse us

The bodyguards left us,I sat down

Dad:What are you planning on doing with your life?

Me:What I'm doing now

Dad:Being owned by man you don't even know,have you ever met him for all we know the man behind the \$aints might be a woman

Me:I don't care the money is good,and I can't even access the bend

Dad:What is so difficult about removing the heard band from Pearls bun and taking out a fucking card?

Me:She only wears it when she's at school never has she made a bun when coming to me that's how difficult it is

Dad:Son the card stick has a huge amount of money kidnap her if you have to

Me:Why don't you kidnap her yourself dad cause you aren't happy with what I'm doing

Dad:What is it that you doing?

Me:I'm having sex with my fuckin cousin you know what's worse I impregnated her and I've fallen inlove with her dad that's what I've been doing

Dad:I told you to use your mind and not your heart,you are nothing like me

Me:I'm Bruce dad not Toronto we cool?

I stood up and left dad,this man never does things on his own if he desperately wanted Pearls bend he should ask to style him and get the money on his own besides Pearl will never know how rich she is

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Pearl

It was after school Quinton and I were supposed to drive together but he had tutorials so I waited for my mom instead I was picked up by a guy who said to be "Siyanda"he showed me his pictures I was there too nd his chats he even told me to send the cars registrations to the person I trusted the most and that was my brother simply because he was my brother

Me:Why do you want me to go with you so bad

Yanda:Today is wednesday right?

Me: Yeah why you asking?

Yanda: Come with me I'll show you I promise it will be worth it

Me: Fine let's go

I went inside his car and we drove a bit away from my house he was renting an apartment at some place I didn't really take note off

He told me to sit down

Me: Thanks

Yanda: Juice or water

Me: Juice

He gave me a sealed bottle of Krusher juice

Me: Thank you

He smiled and looked at my hair

Yanda: Can you untie your bun please

Me: Why?

Yanda: So I can show you what I wanted to show you

I did and gave him the bend

Yanda: It's pretty old and a little heavy

Me: Mom said it was my favourite

Yanda: You did tell me before you totally forgot about us being friends

I smiled

Me: Wish I could change that

Yanda: I can change it for you

Me: How?

Yanda: Let's do this first

He started typing something on his laptop before I appeared in a hospital bed with Mandla besides me looked as though he was saying something he then took out a small bottle and injection



Yanda paused then zoomed it in I was lost really blank

Yanda:Take a careful look at the shape and color of the bottle

Me:It's pink and it looks like a pyramid

Yanda:Okay continue watching

ManD injected me with the thing

Me:And then?

Yanda:Let's Google what he injected you with,what did you say it looked like?

Me:It's pink and looks like a pyramid

He typed that but wrote memory erasing dotes and the same thing appeared

Me:Whoa wait hold up,are you trying to tell me my boyfriend made me lose my memory?that's insane

Yanda:is it,okay can you search the antidote for me

I typed the "antidote for memory loss"and viewed the images Siyanda placed the exact same bottle next to me

Me:I'm not injecting myself with something I was given by a stranger

Yanda:Call Clara or Sasha they will vouche for me that you and I were friends

Well my friends once told me about how Siyanda and I met and that we were cool

Me:Fine I'll take it

Desperate times calls for desperate measures and what I'm doing was an act of desperation

Yanda:Now please be careful when you take that

Me:How?

Yanda:It will make you feel uncomfortable at first but your memory will come back slowly and then you will know why Mandla erased your memory

Me:And the bend

Yanda:When he asks what happened to it cause I know he will just tell him you lost it and please keep it safe

Me:why are you helping me?

Yanda:You will know why I'm doing this in due time just not yet

Me:Okay can I go home now

Yanda:yeah sure

I really didn't trust this guy but I had to have faith and when he dropped me off in front of my gate I knew very well that I should trust him

"And where are you coming from?"

Said Mandla came behind me

Me:School

ManD:Oww

Me:Why are you here?

ManD:I was just passing by but I saw you getting out of that car thought I should say hi

Me:That's nice

He gave me a sharp look before pecking my lips

ManD:I'll see you Friday

Me:Sharp

He went inside his car and drove off I sighed that was a close one

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I ate plain yoghurt then went to my bedroom,I changed into fresh new clothes before hiding the bend between the mattress,I took out the bottle and the injection

I placed it on my study desk,I had doubts but the faith was more than the doubt okay don't be scared to inject yourself I took a doek and placed inside my mouth after locking the door,my veins were visible I injected myself and damn was it the most painful thing I've ever done

I wrapped the injection and bottle with a tissue then threw in the bin I started feeling sleepy I sat on my bed and leaned against the pillows I might have dozed off I had a horrible horrible dream,it gave me an idea of how I came out to be a Harper,my parents death them being killed by uncle Toronto my Nana and the 1st day I came here I was woken up by a phone call

Me:What Quinton?

Que:Dinner is ready get your ass here now

Me:I'm coming geez

I wore my pyjamas and made my way downstairs,I started feeling dizzy I held on to the rails

Me:You can do this?

I reached the dinner table tired as hell and I was sweating,I looked at everyone around the table their eyes were fixed on me I gave them a smile

Mom:Are you okay?

Me:Ah-hah

Dad:You sweating honey

Sarah:I don't think she's okay

Me:I SAID I'M FINE!!!

They were all shocked,Quinton touched my hand I was really losing touch with reality I kept tilting my head to one side

Que:It's okay

I don't where that anger came from but after what I dreamt I knew well the antidote was working

I dished up green salad for myself and poured myself a glass of water I had no intentions of apologising

When we were done I went to the kitchen I really needed ice water I was feeling extremely hot and angry because of what my brains kept reminding I held on the counter as I felt like I was going to collapse

Mom:Baby drink this

Me:What's that?

Mom:Your uhm antipsychotics

I looked at her and laughed

Me:So I'm crazy

Mom:No sweetheart you not just that you get angry easily

Me:So I have mood swings?

Mom:No

Me:Mhmm

Mom:Huh?

I was feeling really sick to a point where I collapsed,I woke up there was a doctor busy touching me

Me:Hey hands of lady

Doc:Your attitude won't help you

Me:And yours will?why are you even here?

Doc:You seem fine to me and girl your attitude stinks

Me:Bath it then

Mom and Dad walked

Me:You guys even called a doctor?

Mom:Yeah we need you baby and from how you were in the kitchen I thought I'd lose you

Me:Sure you were just protection me ncooh thanks

Mom:Harper talk to your daughter I'm out

Doc:She seems fine I'm also leaving

Dad:Thank you doc

She smiled then walked out

Dad:Why are you snapping on everyone who's trying to help you?

Me:Dad I am a total mess,I don't understand why I'm short tempered

Dad:You have to see your therapist,you have bipolar

Me:So you also think I'm crazy

Dad:You are a special kid who went through a rough life,you just have to allow us to help you,I love you Pearl with my heart you are my baby girl the past thing I would to see happening is you having a meltdown, you've already missed out on school because someone attacked you and I can't let you miss it again because life got too much to handle or because your memory is coming back please let us help you

I looked at this man in front of me I loved my father I love him with every fibre in my body

Me:Okay

Dad:You want us to help you?

Me:Yes I want to lead a normal life dad,I don't care whether I get it with pills or not but I just want my life back

Dad kissed my forehead then brushed my hair I giggled

Me:Dad stop

Dad:You will always be Precious to me Angel got it?

Me:I got it daddy

Sarah brought me Super and my pills later I looked at her she seemed scared I smiled I can't let people see that I'm slowly remembering the things of the past as far as I'm concerned Sarah and I don't have a good one

Me:Thank you,I'll take them downstairs

Sarah:No mom-

Me:Don't worry I'm fine

Friday I was the old Pearl or should I say Spank I regained my memory in the fastest manner,I even had tension headaches it was just too much to handle especially Mandla being abusive funny thing is ....I still love him a lot to be clear sure he killed my child whom I didn't want but loved dearly he landed me in a hospital bed for more than a week,he's a shitty person,I felt as though I wasn't remembering something and that was call conversation I was hearing when I was slowly losing consciousness Mandla is an ass 100% and the only way to bring him down is to make sure I fall for him and he does the same thing too I must make there aren't any assumptions then I will find out who the fuck he is and why he's with Pearl then fuck him up so deeply that he won't be able to pick himself,he shouldn't under estimate this 17 year old I got something big going on and it's not even close to being visible,I'm crazy and he has unleashed the beast behind the craziness

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We were now making our way to the bedroom but I had to stop him as much as I was enjoying this I had to make myself feel as though I'm not comfortable

Me:Mhghm

Mandla pulled back

ManD:Baby please you killing me

Me:I don't think I can do this

He placed me doen

ManD:I understand let's watch a movie then

Me:I think that'll be alright

We sat down I couldn't even see clearly my eyes were again giving me trouble I was even squinting

ManD:What's up?

Me:My eyes are acting up it's like they have needles

ManD:When last did you change your glasses?

I shrugged

Man:That was a stupid question xolo

Me:It really was

ManD:Can you please sit on top of me cause we not even watching the tv

Me:Squat or just sit

ManD:Any how as long as your comfortable

I squated on top of him no I placed my knees on the sides and he played with my feets

Me:That's ticklish

ManD:You got cute feets they flexible and so short

Me:I'm only a size 3 don't exaggerate

He just smiled looking at my lips,he pulled my vest up and kissed my tummy he was making me bend he kissed my belly ring then pulled me up again he took off the bra I was wearing and started sucking my boobs,I couldn't hold back the moans or how much I wanted him anymore he took off my vest as his hands slid under my butt he was grabbing it while kissing me

Me:I want you

I said between the kiss he placed me on the couch flat and got inbetween my legs we had a foreplay before

After some time Mandla was thrusting and I flinched at first but got the hang of it I felt more pleasurable as time went by.I could feel my love for

Mandla growing but I had to play my cards right but as far as feelings are involved things do get complicated a lot, but I had to make Mandla pay even it meant stalking him and finding out what he does with his free time

We spent the weekend indoors and at the beach on Sunday he sent me home my homeworks were already done

We stopped a few houses away from my house though my rents knew about us I still had to show them respect

ManD:I wish you'd stay here forever

Me:Marry me then

ManD:You know I'm capable of doing that right?

Me:I didn't know, and I was joking

ManD:You can't make such jokes

Me:it won't happen again

He lowered my seat before getting on top off me

Me:Mand what will people say

ManD:The windows are dim and people hardly pass here

Me:Mhm okay

He gave me a slow, passionate kiss which went on and on and on till I could feel myself losing my breath

Me:Okay that's enough

ManD:But-

Me:Your boner is poking me and I need to get home

ManD:Okay fine I think I need to tame you

Me:I'm not a beast

ManD:Oh yes you are baby trust me

Me:Arh whatever

I pecked his lips



Me:Gotta bounce,see ya

ManD:I'll call you

Me:Sharp

I took the morning after pills and drank them then I went to my house the family was in their room thank goodness

I called Siyanda

Yanda:Babe

I swallowed my saliva that name was doing things to me

Me:Hey how are you?

Yanda:I should be asking you that

Me:I'm okay I just need something from you

Yanda:Anything

Me:Can you please find someone to follow Mandla for me?

Yanda:Huh?

Me:I want to know Mandlas everything his exits and entrances,his visits or visitors,alles

Yanda:Uhm yoh okay buka I mean look

Me:I understand what buka means dude I aint that bad

Yanda:Okay look I will get someone just not yet

Me:I'll pay them with my allowance please

Yanda:Don't worry about that I need to do a check up first before risking someones life

Me:What is that supposed to mean?

Yanda:He's a gangster

Me:I think I know

Yanda:For the \$aints

Me:I think I know that too

Yanda:Do you have any idea how messed up that gang is?they are powerful..I need someone who'll know their job and that takes time sweetheart

Me:Fine do what needs to be done I will avenge myself on Mand though even if it takes me years,I'll even marry him if I have to

Yanda:Owkay I'll do something quick

Me:You better

I ended the call and sat on my bed was I really ready for whatever will be revealed,yes I was but what was leading me the most was anger

I took out my exam timetable I needed to engage in studying June exams were super close,as I was about to take out a book a call came through this is why it needs to be off when studying

Me:Hello

Caller:Hey can you meet me at the gate?

Me:Langa,why are you calling me?

Langa:This is the most urgent call I've ever made now please come

Me:Fine you full of shit though

Langa:I thought you lost your memory

Me:Not permanently you fool

I should've acted dumb but either way I took my knife I can't risk him Kidnapping me again

But what would he want from me?Claras granddad cleansed him I'm sure the curse is gone from him now or maybe there's more to this,Only he can tell me

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He was waiting inside his mothers car I haven't seen this person in months why would he come here,he is not the person I expected to see this was going to be rather awkward being around him I felt as though I was walking slow cause I couldn't reach his car I finally did I stood next to it

Langa:Please get in the front

I rolled my eyes and went the other way around

Me:So?

Langa:How are you?

Me:I'm fine you?

Langa:Me too,why can't you look at me

Me:Just get straight to the point

Langa:Fine,why did Clara take me to her grandfather the other night?

Me:We here to have a history lesson?

Langa:No I'm here to make you see things clearer your glasses aren't enough

Me:Are you mocking me?

Langa:No can you please listen to me without getting angry please

I went silent

Langa:Jah Clara just made me drink coffee with his grand dad he was busy telling me how he would do anything for lil Cla and by the look he gave me he'd kill he said Claras happiness is his joy

Me:Can you get to the point?

Langa:You were tricked

Me:I saw the crystal ball with my own fuckin two eyes and don't bring up my weak eyesight story

Langa:Spank either you let me talk and go back to that hypocrite of a friend

Me:But what are you saying?

Langa:There might be a curse sure but it definitely aint in your vagina

Me:I witnessed you becoming obsessed with me I saw the rage in your eyes when you kidnapped me

Langa:That didn't go as planned I loved you yes and I still do,the plan that day was to scare you I was childish I know but Clara and his grand father are fowl players

Me:But why?Clara and I have been friends for 5 years

Langa:And she's been jealous of you ever since,I realised that now Clara would do anything to make girls stay away from me I witnessed her telling my girlfriend I have AIDs

Me:She did that?

Langa:Yes and my girlfriend broke up with since Clara told her she's my girlfriend

Me:Isn't you and her broke up?

Langa:We got back together

Me:Give me a few minutes to digest this

He kept quiet,all this made no sense for real I felt so humiliated I was indenial I thought I had a curse how dare she?and that old hag?I'll start by him

I was so heavily that Langa brushed my back

Me:Mandla he seems obsessed

Langa:Who?

Me:My boyfriend he's obsessed with me I've seen it but was indenial

Langa:Either that or he is bipolar

Me:No I disagree I know what bipolar is

Langa:Then he must be deeply inlove with you

Me:I need to sleep I've had enough shit to last me a lifetime

Langa:And goodluck I'm a call away

Me:Sure

I opened the door and went back home,what really is going on in my life can't things get better?

I sat on the bottom of my bed and had myself deep thoughts I took out my kill list which had Sarah,Julia,Nancy,Langa,Nana and the fucker who killed my parents my uncle Toronto his was written in bold,I played some music and practiced gymnastics I was doing just for fun I needed to cool off,I took off the clothes I was wearing and wore a swimming costume and a swimming cap I took my towel and made my way to the pool,I swam all the stress away till I heard someone calling me

Me:What?

Que:If you don't come out I swear you won't make it to the English paper on thursday

Me:I can swim

Que:You good but it's been long your joints haven't done that for a while you'll get cramps for days I tell ya

Me:Fine

I swam out I was wiping myself Quinton stood next to me smiling

Me:What?

Que:It's back right

Me:What?

Que:Your memory,let's go inside it's cold

He accompanied me to my bedroom and sat down

Me:I need to get dressed

Que:I've seen you naked just tell me when your memory came back

Me:are you trying to make me feel sad

Que:Cut the act I know you lil sis

I rolled my eyes

Me:It don't matter

Que:So it did come back

Me:Only a few memories I didn't want jinx things

Que:Does mom and dad know

Me:I'll let them know when I remember everything

Que:That's good then I'll see you at dinner

Me:Mhm

He went I didn't feel like bathing at all so I just wore my pjs and slept I didn't even feel hungry at that moment what I needed was a great nap and it's exactly what I got

I fixed my super short skirt and blazer,applied eyeliner and a pink lipgloss I took my back pack and made my way to breakfast mom and dad were probably gone

Me:Morning Sarah

Sarah:Hi,you look good today

Me:I feel good honey

I said making weetbix with plain yoghurt a banana and a nectarine

Sarah:That's a huge step

Me:It is

Sarah:I have to bounce

Me:Sharp

She left Quinton was already done

Que:Let's go

Me:I'm taking the bowl with

Que:Haha nice try

Me:I won't make your car dirty

Que:If you dare I swear I'll take yours for the entire month

Me:Let's go

He took both our bags what a great brother this why he was trying by every chance to make me spill but God is good

We finally reached school I went to class I knew that I'd find the girls there

Me:My besties

Sasha:Spanks

Me:You guys good

Clara:Always

Me:Really I admire your strength Clara

Clara:Why specifically mine?

Me:After the news that are going around here in school I thought you'd be devastated even the members of HOD knows

Sasha:Knows what

Me:Clara is said to be expecting and is infected

Clara:Infected with what that's absurd

I shrugged,I knew she'll call a meeting to defend herself and that will give people suspicions,this is just the beginning of her miseries..No one fucks with me before I fuck with them or it won't end well and Clara betrayed my trust undermining my capability

## PART 32 A MILLION MILES FROM BEING NORMAL

Luvuyo

With the upcoming exams my twin and I cut down a bit on preparing for the party mom thought getting an event planner would do us good but we will plan our own party our way I was sitting on a stair case it was at 00:00 midnight I don't why I do this I guess it's a bad habit I saw the guards get in with a girl that was bruised

Me:Not again

I saw mom run down the stairs on the other side

Mom:Go to your room

Me:This is becoming boring honestly

Alondwe joined me

Dad came down he hit our shoulders

Dad:Your mom said you must go to your room

Alondwe:We were here first

Dad:Don't make me repeat myself

Me:You guys should stop bringing these people here and you must hire new girls this scenery is really disturbing

Dad gave us a sharp look before going down

Alondwe:I think one of the twins is crying

He said making his way to the rents room well our rooms were downstairs

I stood down the stairs and waited for one of the rents mom made her way to me

Mom:Kodwa mntanam why do you always have to be so hard headed

Me:I'm just watching is there a crime in that

Mom:The anger you have within you worries me

Me:I don't have anger

Mom:I'll tell your grandfather to perform another ritual for you if you continue giving me attitude young man

Me:I won't have another ritual

Mom:Good then I'll see change in your attitude go to your room

I stuck my tongue out and went to my room ever since



Eversince I shot my girlfriends ex mom and dad have been watching me like a hawk,Mom knows I'll never do something like that again I couldn't stand the disappointment in her look when she got to Michelles place and found a dead body,mostly she was disappointed that I pulled a trigger at 16

She helped me through everything my father was supportive too after all he is the one that covered the death as for Michelle I love her with everything in me I won't say I'll marry her one day after all I am turning 17 in 3 weeks getting married is so a no no,I wrote her a goodnight message and went to sleep

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Pearl

I was in stitches with laughter it was within though,Clara just made a long speech

She told the class to stop being nosey and to mind their business she told them she isn't HIV positive and definitely not pregnant,our classmates were so confused

Me:Is she always like this?

I whispered in Sashas ear

Sasha:Sometimes

I stood up and walked to her

Me:Come sit my love they not worth it

Clara:These people are unbelievable

Our English teacher walked in on

Me:Sit please

We sat down the day proceeded,so did the week we started with exams it was a bummer cause I had no time to torment this backstabbing bitch,that witch I wonder how she did this whole thing?

On Saturday I decided to visit Siyanda I took a cab to his place

His door was already open

Me:Hey boo

We hugged

Yanda:Is your man following you?

Me:I doubt but either way he'll see what he wants to see so how is it going with this guy

Yanda:I found him and he's not that expensive so I'll pay half and you'll pay half

Me:Mhm you don't need to

Yanda:I want to

Me:Why are you helping me?

Yanda:Because your my friend and I love you as a friend

Me:You almost got me right there but I love you too bra so how does this guy work

Yanda:Just know he goes unnoticed

Me:Exactly what I want

We spent a few hours together then he drove me home

I called a family meeting fortunately mom a dad were leaving later that day for Cape Town

Me:Hey people

Dad:Okay such formality

Mom:Scares me if you may ask

Dad:So why are we here?

Me:I wanted to let you guys know that I remember a few things

Quinton chuckled

Mom:Quinton stop,honey are you saying what I think you saying

Dad:I think she is

Me:I got some of my memory back but only up to when I was 15 that's as far as I can remember

Mom:Oh child thank goodness

She stood up and hugged me she had tears

Me:It's okay mah don't cry

They hugged me individually

Sarah:Good to have you back lil sis

Me:Good to be back can I have my car keys

Dad:I was wondering when you'd say that

Mom:This girl and her car

Me:I'm kidding I'm having fun riding with my dearest brother

Que:And it's becoming a bore

Me:Arh your such a snob

I also told Mandla about the memory he looked uncomfortable but I told him that I only remember up to 15 he gave me the largest smile,I had already made up how I'll make Clara go crazy this holiday and thank God we were finally done with exams I was chilling at home looking at the information and pictures he PI got me apparently Mandla has a house in Glen Anil or his girlfriend has a house in Glen Anil,he usually visits her she goes by the name of Asive Ndabeni I was caught between who I must go to first till a call disturbed me

Me:Sasha

Sasha:Hey friend you home?

Me:No

Sasha:You lying

Me:What do you want?

Sasha:Get dressed we are going to the twins pre party

Me:What twins?

Sasha:Ah friend the rich boys Luvuyo and Alondwe they invited a few people imagine friend we are one of those People

Me:What is it with these twins?

Sasha:Please don't drop me tshomi I beg you

Me:What's the dress code?

She screamed

Me:Cut it

Sasha:Okay just wear something sexy

Me:Mhmm

Sasha:We driving our own cars and please go do your nails we'll meet up at your house since it's close around 7

Me:Sure

She hung up,I put the papers away safely then took my car keys and purse I am going to party after such a long ass time

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Luvuyo

Our folks has already left for Eastern Cape and that made things a lot easier since we having a pre party,We've been up and down trying to get things for the party tomorrow I should've taken moms idea into consideration it ain't easy compiling a guest list after all we can't just invite anyone Alondwe has just got in with some of the things we were going to need for the pre party

Me:Bra Michelle isn't coming again,imagine 3 years in a row

Alo:Atleast you'll get pussy

Me:you really not my twin all you ever think about is pussy

Alo:Trust me when you see the chicks I've invited you'll want nothing but the bed ow and Clara will be here too apparently she's into you

Me:Sounds promising

Alo:Regarding?

Me:Sex isn't that what you wanted me to do

Alo:My nigga you aint no saint

I gave him the finger,I had more important things to do

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Pearl

I was done with my nails and eyebrows I went straight home I ironed my hair and let it loose,I had maroon matte nails so I matched it with a long lasting Maroon lipstick and A high waist baggy ripped jean with a crop top and leather jacket and black timberlands

Sasha called me saying they waiting for me,I took my car Sasha was riding ahead of us

My parents house was beautiful but this one was breath takingly beautiful not only was it located near the sea but their drive way went all the way round it was nicely paved with lights and flowers gosh

Me:Wow this house is huge

Clara:Not to mention beautiful damn there are even guards in here

Sasha:Let's go in you guys

My phone disturbed

Me:I'll be with you guys just now

It was Siyanda I was so nervous

Me:Hey

Yanda:How are you?

Me:About to be awesome,yourself?

Yanda:I wanted to check if you okay

Me:I am fine

Yanda:Put your phone on vibrate so I can call you

Me:Will do

He hung up I was looking at my phone hoping Mandla would call I ended up bumping someone

Me:The fuck

Him:Watch where you going

He was handsome,caramel skinned,had braces and juicy lips,he had small cute eyes he has short curly hair and damn he was so well dressed and tall

I looked at him and walked away pissed I found my friends already drinking

Me:Thank God there aren't disco lights in here

Clara:I'm inlove with the music

Me:Great taste bra Rihanna and Lady Gaga

I took a drink from the bucket and a straw there were about 30 people it was fun I must say and I was getting drunk I tried stopping because I'll be driving,The guy I bumped into had a twin I've never seen people so identical after The Major League Djs honestly such beauty really needed to be split

Clara:No wonder Sasha was so crazy

Sasha:Can you say that again?

Me:They coming

They sat in front uf

Twin 1:I'm Alondwe this is my Ninja Luvuyo

Oh so the one that gave me an attitude is Luvuyo

Alo:Can you introduce us

Me:Me?

Luh:Can she?

Me:I'm sure you know Sasha,this one is Clara and I need to go to the toilet,where is it?

Alo:Brother I'll mix some lean for them you can take her to the toilet

Luh:Why me?

Me:Actually you can just direct me

Alo:No don't worry he'll take you

He shook his head and walked ahead of me his walk was so peaceful yet charming and his hands were inside the pockets

He opened the bathroom door for me

Me:Thanks

I wanted to sit but he held the door

Me:You going to watch me pee,suit yourself then

I said sitting down he looked at me with no emotions none whatsoever I finished my business and washed my hands

He was now rolling a blunt

Me:May I pass?

Luh:Can you let me finish what I'm doing?

Me:You being real,are you kidding me?

He looked at me with those eyes,you see those were the kinda eyes that you wouldn't say no to they were just too beautiful to be seen by the human eye

I sat down he threw the lighter at me then handed me the blunt

Me:I don't do weed

Luh:You are going to light it for me nothing major

Me:I can't light

He held the blunt against my lips he was close I could feel his cologne flood my nostrils

Luh:Turn on the light then pull

I did as instructed,he pulled it back then I exhaled the smoke he instructed me to inhale it again I had 3 pulls and I could

feel my eyes becoming smaller and the urge to laugh when we were done he threw it away

Me:Hey rudey just because we smoked together doesn't mean we friends

Luh:You just took the words out of my mouth

Me:Guess we have an understanding then

I said then laughed we joined the others Sasha gave me my codeine

Me:Thanks

Sasha:That took long thought you too were doing more than peeing

Alo:I also noticed it was like 30 minutes

Clara:It was less actually come on you guys

My phone vibrated

Me:I have to take this

I stood up and went outside it was Yanda

Me:I hope you have good news

Yanda:Yes apparently Mandla just brought in a girl and they looked cosy

Me: Okay thank you

I went back inside and sat down the twins were now the centre of attention they were dancing to house music they were pretty good I must say they both had tumblers in their hands

Me:Wow they are pretty good



Sasha:It's called ukubhenga

Me:Pretty cool but I gotta bounce

Clara:Where to?

Me:I'm not feeling well

Sasha:Luvuyo hit it hard

Me:No you fool

I kissed their cheeks and went to my car,I was really not okay but I was going to manage the lean made me really slow

"The party isn't over yet"

I looked at him and went inside my car

Me:I'm not feeling well

Luh:Oh is it the weed

Me:I'm light headed that's all

Luh:How can you drive?

I smiled

Me:Trust me I will

Luh:Wait here

He went inside the house and came back with a lunchbox

Luh:This will sober you up

Me:Ice cubes

Luh:Yes,I'm just helping you we still not friends okay

Me:oh please

I took the lunchbox and drove home I was having them till I got home

I needed to change and go to Glen Anil it's about time I show this man what I'm made off

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Luvuyo

I was now back inside house music was playing some people were dancing I was sitting with Clara and the other girl was sitting on top of Alondwe

Me:Why does your friend have such a hard head?

Clara:Arh she just likes attention you shouldn't give it otherwise she'll walk all over you

First thing I smelt # Jealousy#Alcholol

Me:Talking from experience?

Clara:Oh yes just because she's Mexican and have white parents she thinks she is beautiful and have a body to die

Okay those were news to me

Me:But she is beautiful and has a good body

Clara:Are you flirting with me yet complementing my friend?

Me:Honey I'm the most fluent person you'll ever meet and right now I want this

I placed my hands on top of her thighs she was wearing a mini skirt she blushed and I kissed her

Me:Would you like to go to my room?

Clara:Any day

Okay easy target,I took her hand and walked upstairs I layed her on the bed and kissed her I wanted to have sex with her but I couldn't something just didn't allow me to

Me:Would you like a movie?

Clara:Are you fuckin me up?

Me:No I'd like to get to know you first maybe take you out and call you

Clara:Is that you asking for my tens?

Me:Is that a yes?

I said taking out my phone which had Michelle as my wallpaper,I wrote it down and saved it

I kissed her again then we joined the others down stairs

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Pearl

I got home safe and the alcohol was slowly dissipating I change the clothes I was wearing or the pants I was wearing I wore shoes that won't make a nose and I also wore my gloves,took the knives

I called Siyanda for confirmation

Me:Babe

Yanda:Good thing you called,I was about to tell you that Mandla is back at his place

Me:The penthouse?

Yanda:Yes

Me:Okay

I looked at the keys and found it,I bought myself a strong drink as I drove to ManDs place I was infuriating by the minute my anger was increasing

I parked the car and waited for a few minutes,I looked at the time I'm sure Mandla has his dick deep inside the girls vagina I know when he loves sex and how long he takes how loud he groans I unlocked the door then locked it again

I took the gun from under the couch I looked at it and remembered how he made me twerk on top of this very same table with this gun pointed at me

I got to the kitchen and took out a glass and ice cubes I had my bag on my back as I went to the bedroom

“Aaahh...fuck...go deeper baby...I love you”

I poured myself a drink as I opened the door as carefully as I could I sat on the dresser after carefully locking the door they didn't even noticed the main switch is off they were busy fucking undercovers I took their phones on the side then sat down again I was really getting turnt

ManD got down or she got down they cuddled

Me:I thought Mandy Mand was going to dispose the condom

ManD:The fuck

The bitch scream

Me:Scream again I'll make sure your brains are scattered all over this place

I said pointing the gun at her

ManD:Pearl

Me:Who else would it be?

ManD:What are you doing here?

Me:I came here to see my boyfriend suprise you

Girl:Boyfriend?Mandlas who's this

Me:Yeah who's this?

ManD:It's uhm

We both looked at him

Me:Are you done fucking you can go back to it again if you want?

ManD:Pearl don't do this

Me:Do what huh?I'm such a good person I'm giving you one last chance to honeymoon before you both die

Girl:Mandla if you don't explain to me what is happening I'll ask this crazy girl to kill you right now

Me:Bitch are you calling the person who has your life at their hands crazy,I have a name

Girl:As if I want to know it

ManD:Noma please,Baby please calm down

Noma:Are you calling her baby infront of me Mandla we have kids and we are getting married,how the fuck am I supposed to trust you?

Me:So Mand do you fuck every woman without a condom

He looked down and I snapped

Me:ANSWER ME

ManD:Just you two

Me:The nerve,you have a fiance and you couldn't tell me what really are you after Mandla?

He looked at me shocked by the fact that I called him by his full name

I poured another glass waiting for him explain himself and try to calm me down

Me:I'm the only one that ask questions around here alright?

They both nod

Me:Smells like sex in here but good thing we have an air con

I pulled the blanket down and left them with only their hands as a cover  
I turned on the air conditioning to the last negative I'm freezing these motherfuckers

I was on my 3rd glass

Me:Over to you Mr M

ManD:I can't tell you the truth Pearl you won't handle it

Me:Oh boo I handled you making me twerk on top of the table with a guy on my head,the dry sex,I went to a heist with you,You impregnated me on top of that hit me to a pulp I lost my pregnancy and landed in a coma

Noma was now shivering and crying she was in a bad state but it didn't shake me

ManD:I won't tell you anything kill me rather

Me:You really don't love me do you

I took out a knife and threw it it landed straight on his upper arm

Me:I loved you Mandla you made me lose my memory,you almost killed me

ManD:Aaah you you know

Me:Don't patronise me,Do you know what's pissing me off huh finding you with a woman who claims to be your fiance

He closed his eyes and flinched in pain

Me:I still love you Mandla,whatever you came to me for I want to know

ManD:I do love you a lot

Me:Fuck You Man Fuck the both of you,Why?

I screamed

ManD:I'm s-

Me:Talk dammit!!

The look on his face was priceless Noma was trying to stop the bleeding and my anger was increasing by the moment the more I looked at them naked the more I became furious

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It's already been a hour of me sobbing and looking at Mand to explain himself but all he has done is moan in pain I went to the bathroom and came back with jik,I was wiping my tears with the back of the hand that carried a gun and poured the jik around the bedroom

ManD:Pearl please stop

Noma:Just tell her the truth

She was stuttering because of the cold I took a matchbox

Me:I think it's cold here I should warm us up don't you think?

ManD:Okay fine I'll talk

I looked at him

Me:I'm listening

ManD:We are cousins

I laughed

Me:I think you've been stealing my alcohol

Noma had her hands in her mouth disgusting

I was now pap drunk I was really fucked

Me:Don't lie if this is your way of trying to soften me it ain't working

ManD:Toronto remember him?

Tears flowed freely down my cheeks yet I was still laughing

Me:You might have researched me you are a gangster

Noma:A what?

Me:Girl don't make this about you please,you'll sort your thing out once I'm done with him

I cocked the gun and pointed it at him I was now a total mess I was pissed,drunk,wet from all the tears and mucus

Me:Mandla don't mess with me

ManD:My real name is Bruce de Copous the only son of Toronto and Lwazi de Copous

Me:No te atrevas a lio conmingo(Don't you dare mess with me)

ManD:No quise decir que todo esto pasara(I didn't mean for all of this to happen)

Me:Oh my God you even speak Spanish,your father killed my parents in cold blood I witnessed that as a kid it still haunts me Mandla and you had sex with me tell me the full story I'm not satisfied

ManD:Please Pearl

Me:ManD I'm carrying a silent gun I can shoot both of you with your own gun then fuck outta here

Noma:They will arrest you

Me:I'm bipolar they might lock me up in a mental institution for a few months it'll be one of those mental breakdown cases

She leaned back on the bed looking defeated I went closer to Mandla

Me:I'm waiting

ManD:The reason why my father killed your parents is because of the bend the one you always use,apparently it had a small chip that can destroy my father and it contains money

Me:Money my parents had no money

ManD:They did they were gangsters

Me:No No

ManD:My job was to get the bend then kill you but I couldn't

He looked at Noma

ManD:I have been following you before we met at the shop when I finally spoke to you I fell in love regardless of knowing you are my cousin I fell for you deep and I asked father that I get closer to the bend and not kill you I agreed but the more time you and I spent the more difficult it became for me to steal the bend

I stoop up scratching my head the alcohol was almost finished and it was almost morning but the sun was not up yet

Me:I can't believe you I don't want to believe so you were doing this for a stupid stick or chip whatever you want to call it

ManD:I was doing it for my father

I shot his other arm Noma screamed again

Me:I'm tired of your screaming I think I should kill you first

Mandla was now in tears



Me:You did this for your own benefits

ManD:I didn't my dad would have killed me if I hesitated

Me:You a gangster I'm sure you would have done something

ManD:He's more powerful than me

Me:He isn't more powerful than the \$aints is he?

We were both sniffing and Noma was crying silently

Me:You hurt me my heart is broken,if I didn't find out about this would you have told me?

ManD:I wanted to but I didn't know how to

Me:What about her?You have kids and a fiance I didn't know about how did you do it

ManD:I knew how fragile you were

Noma:Mandla I hate you right now

Me:Noma I said shut the fuck up

ManD:Noma and I met when I went to visit my mother in the Eastern Cape we had sex once then she fell pregnant tradition forced me to marry her

Me:What about the 2nd child?

ManD:Noma lied about it that child isn't mine

Noma:I didn't

ManD:Don't you dare lie to my face or I'll tell Pearl to kill you right now

She kept quiet

Me:There's someone else besides me and her right?

He looked down

Me:Just answer me Bruce please

ManD:Yes there is

Me:Do you love her?

ManD:I love the fact that she is connected and very smart she can get me out of anything

Me:What about me?

ManD:Although you my cousin I wish you couldn't have find out about maybe we would have had a long life

Noma:I know you don't love me I'm a sex machine but you shouldn't have said it to her

I took Mandlas phone

Me:What's your password?

ManD:Kamalei

I looked at him for the longest time

Me:Asive is smart and well connected right?

ManD:Yes

I wiped my tears and dialled the number

Asive:Bruce it's 2 am what do you want?

So I'm the only one who didn't know about this name

Me:Hi this is Mandlas cousin

Asive:A female I didn't know Mandla has a cousin

Me:We'll explain some other time

Asive:Where's Bruce?

I sniffed

Me:He said I should call you someone broke in and shot him in his arm he needs stitching

Asive:Is he okay?

Me:Please come quick

Asive:Okay give me 20 minutes

I hang up and looked at Mandla

Me:And we wait

ManD:Lo Siento Kamalei(I'm sorry)

Me:Guardalo (Save it)

I said taking out ropes from the bags and tied them on the bed I can't have them squirming or screaming I need to think

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I was looking at them I turned off the aircon and covered them with a blanket after making sure they don't reach each the door bell rang

I unlocked the door then went downstairs

Me:You must be Asive

Her:Yes

Me:Come in

She came in I locked the door

Her:Is he okay

I pointed the gun at her

Me:Give me your phone

She handed me her phone and was left with the 1st aid kit

Her:What the fuck?

Me:Just move I have no more fights in me

I placed the gun a bit far from the back of her head

Me:Unlock the door

Her:Who the fuck are you?

Me:Pearl I'm Mandlas cousin

She opened

Her:Rhaaa

I couldn't help but laugh at this woman or girl whatever it is

Me:You can help Bruce there

I watched her take out the bullet Noma was falling asleep I let her be

Asive:Why did you tie him up?

Me:Don't worry once you done he'll tell you

ManD:Pearl please

Asive:How old are you?

Me:Me?

Asive:Yes

Me:I'm 17

Asive:I thought I only shared you with a baby momma but a kid a teenager

Me:Atleast you knew you were sharing him,I was fooled

Asive chuckled before helping Mandla drink some med

Asive:So you decided to kidnap them,that's low

Me:And perhaps you have a better idea

ManD:Asive don't

Asive:Don't what Bruce?this kid locked us up because she wasn't good enough for you

I took a knife and threw it a few inches away from her face she was shocked

Me:Next time I won't miss

ManD:Pearl I can help you

Me:With what?

ManD:Taking down my father

Me:You are not going to trick me okay

Asive:What the hell is going on

Me:You thought you knew it all didn't you Asive?You thought I was just a kid angry because of a dick honey I can get that anytime though I can easily kill a person who fucked me up and the one who was fucking with them

Asive:Meaning?

Me:Just passing the message you are a smarty pants after all so read between the lines missy

Asive:I can't believe I'm caught up in a love triangle

Me:Uhm it's a square this time there's 4 of us,Mandla how old is your kid?

ManD:3

Me:So all this is recent wow unbelievable

Asive:I knew dating you was going to be a waste of my time you are still a boy

ManD:What?

Asive:Yes you are a little kid I'm too old to be caught up in such drama

ManD:Is it?

Asive:Mandla I have been fooling myself all along thinking the love I have for you is real but you are never going to settle with me even if you do I can't age before you do

Me:Bruce these girls of yours really like taking my spot light,now I want you to tell me where Toronto it's about time I avenge on my parents death

ManD:He stays in Lamont I can accompany you,I promise I'm on your side

Me:On my side?Really?I don't believe you at all sure I do love you but truth is you'll never side with me against your father

He looked down

Me:Did you know our grandmother once said I'm cursed and I should sleep with your father in order to break it jeez that would be so disgusting sleeping with father and son

ManD:I swear I'll help you Pearl I love you with every thing I have I can easily let go of all these girls,even call off the wedding so I can spend my time with you,you bring out the best in me I'm sorry I wasn't truthful to you I really am this is from the bottom of my heart

Me:I'm not buying that

He looked down defeated

Me:Why should I release you?

ManD:You can kill us all in cold blood or you can let me help you bring down Toronto he has never been a father to me anyway all he has done is abuse me he killed my mother because she was against the fact that he's a gangster I also witnessed that

He was crying

ManD:Pearl believe me when I say I love you,I'd do anything for you

Asive:Okay this is a really lovely scene but the sun is rising and I need to be in the Eastern Cape this afternoon so can I bounce

I looked at her the eyes,they look so familiar

Me:Have we met?

Asive:Maybe in another life not this one

Me:You aren't going anywhere,Mandla wake your wife up

Noma woke up

Me:You brave sleeping at a time like this

Noma:I thought I was having a nightmare,Who are you?

Asive:I'm Mandlas girlfriend

ManD:Ex girlfriend you and I are done

Noma:Good I'm Noma fu Mandlas fiance

Asive:Nice meeting you clouds

ManD:Actually we won't go through with the wedding the both of you are asses

Me:Nice act Mandla I don't believe you

ManD:Believe me please

Me:I will release you all alright but Mand one bad I kill the baby momma  
I pointed the gun and Noma

Me:I kill you

I pointed at Mand

Me:And I kill both the children

He swallowed hard

ManD:I swear I won't double cross you

Me:Let me alert my people one wrong move you entire family in Eastern Cape goes up in flames I'll make it a barbecue shop

ManD:That won't be necessary

I texted Siyanda I needed someones eyes on me and my family he agreed  
I'll pay for this

Me:Sugar momma you first

She stood up I gave her her things and she went out

Me:You have no reason to contact any of us right

She showed me a peace sign and I smiled I went back to the room

Me:Baby momma get up

I took out the knife from the wall and cut her ropes

ManD:Don't try anything Noma she's a black belt

Me:Ncaw

I called a cab for Noma she got dressed in the meantime

Noma:I hate you for this Mandla the humiliation of being tortured by a kid

ManD:Pearl untie me so I can fuck this perpetrator

Me:Hey!!I'm the one who gets to insult people

There was a hoot downstairs Noma took her things I watched her leave and I went back to Mandla

Me:How's your arm?Never mind don't answer that

ManD:Are you planning on being a gangster?

Me:Nope

He gave me a side smile

ManD:You'd make a good one

Me:Just brief me on how we'll take down your father

ManD:We'll need more people

Me:Who?

ManD:The \$aints can help us if you pay

Me:I will

ManD:Can you untie me?

Me:Let me write down how I'll kill your father first then I'll think about untying you

He sighed I took a pen and a note pad from his drawer and started jotting down my plan,Mom and Dad I hope you'll rest in peace after this

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I looked at Mandla who looked so weak I took out a bubblegum as I packed my things leaving a knife to cut ManDs ropes

Me:Thank you for the gun



He was really weak and my heart ached as angry as I was with Mandla he still made my heart pound call it obsession I call it love if he was someone else I would have probably killed him a long time ago

I untied the ropes then helped him sleep in a comfortable position

Me:If you didn't build our relationship on lies none of this would have happened

I placed my lips on his and closed my eyes a few minutes...fuck being cousins I love this man

Me:I'm leaving

I stood up and closed the door behind me I took a bottle from the cardboard and a glass I drove home listening to Chris Brown

Ask me what might've gone wrong but the minute I got home I started crying and drowning myself in alcohol the music was also loud

I was about to have another gulp but the glass was finished

Me:Fuck

I took my things and helped myself out of the car I fell but helped myself up opening the door was another mission until someone decided to help me but I ended up falling on my face busting my lip

Me:Aw Superman

Que:Get up

Me:You made me fall help me up Super soup

He laughed

Que:The party must have been awesome,give me the bag

Me:Nope this one gets to be carried by Pearl you must never ever touch it

Que:Let me give you a back ride then

I hopped on his back

Me:From Superman to horsey yihaa

I said making the horses sound

Que:Your fucked

Me:Thank you look I'm a princess in a white horse

Que:You mad

We both giggled

He threw me on top of my bed and took off my shoes he practically undressed me then covered me with a blanket I have a lovely brother

A week has passed with me grounding myself,I've been excluding myself everyday I didn't know whether the Mandla issue hit me hard or because I was on my periods Quinton always smiles when he sees me going to the kitchen for water Atleast I'm alive last Saturday Clara and Sasha banged my door for an hour begging me to go to the twins party I was in no mood for the world especially Luvuyo he's a bad ass

My phones have been switched off the entire week All I do is listen to Music or watch movies on tv,bath that's all

Unfortunately when I fell I bit my lower lip so bad I have a wound to prove it,3 days later I was woken up by a knock

"It's me Br Mandla"I was shunned,stunned

,shocked all at the same time Mand after the scene I totally went blank the only thing I ever thought about were tears

He didn't stop knocking I opened my windows first then let him in I held the door and looked down he sat on the chair I sat on my bed and looked at him

ManD:My arms are better

He said with a smile

ManD:Thought you'd want to know

I still didn't say anything

ManD:You don't look good the world will swallow you if you allow it to,I've forgiven you I hope you do too

I still didn't say anything

ManD:I can't take you to Lamontville looking like that,you've been starving yourself you won't be beneficial

Me:Now you decide to say something sensible

He sat with me inside my blankets

ManD:If you were someone else I would have long killed,I kill with no mercy Pearl I'm not helping you because you held me hostage then promised to burn my family I'm helping you because I don't want you to go through this alone,I want to avenge on mommas death and because I love you I'm obsessed with you Pearl,you keep me sane and insane you are the craziest most irritating girlfriend I've ever heard,your a nuisance but I still wanna be with you,one bullet and a knife hole yet I still want you I also don't believe myself but when I say I love you I feel joy

I was smiling with tears,even if Mandla was lying but he managed to make me smile after a week and 3 days of tears

I placed my head on his shoulder

ManD:I want you to go eat,I don't need to train you cause the knife tricks you have are mad and that's the best you need

I nodded,he kissed my lips I wanted him to flip me over and fuck me but I was too weak

Me:Let me clean my room

ManD:I'll go check on the guys progress now

Me:Okay

He pecked my lips then left I took my phone and called Siyanda

Yanda:You ass fill me up

Me:Some other time how are you?

Yanda:I'm good I should be asking you though

Me:I'm also good can I trouble you

Yanda:Anytime

Me:I need two strong guys to come with me to Lamontville I'll text you the details

Yanda:On it

Me:They must be good with guns

Yanda:I got this babe

Me:Thanks

Yanda:I'm glad you okay

Me:Me too,bye-bye

I was making myself food in the kitchen and thinking of how I'm growing to be exactly like Toronto,I'm becoming cold

What if I'm satisfying him?What if this is all he wanted?Me to be like him?What if his plan was to make me cold hearted?If so he should be glad he succeeded

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So there I was in a car we were driving to Lamont,I was with Mandla and one of Yandas guys while The other 3 guys were behind me ManD was the one driving we stopped a few houses away

Mandla:We need a person who will open from the inside

Me:I'll do it

ManD:You not fit

Me:Watch and learn

I got of the car and jumped,I held on to the wall and did like I do in gymnastics classes the coast was clear I jumped inside as carefully as I could then opened the gate for them The other guys walked in first Mandla smiled at me

ManD:Would you look at that?girl you flexible

Me:Thank you

There were two guys walking infront of the house these idiots had sunglasses on late at night no wonder they didn't see me

I saw them down

Me:Who sh-

Mandla closed my mouth

He signalled I follow behind him and another guy why the others stay behind I was a bit heavy from the things I heard around my body I had handcuffs,A gaslight,more knives and a gun we walked inside there 3 more dead bodies we heard giggles upstairs or maybe moans I have a luck of walking in on people having sex yeah tell me about it

Mandla pulled me first

ManD:Are you sure about this?

Me:I am,I should direct that question to you

He exhaled looking at the gun he was carrying before handing me a mask that he took from behind him

ManD:We can't risk those skanks seeing us

I smiled he pulled me in for a kiss we kissed for a while then I broke it

ManD:This isn't a trick or anything I'm doing this for me I Mandla and a little bit for you all in all I am sure

I smiled

I opened my dearest uncles door we were pointing the guns at them

Me:Out bitches you Mr don't move

The girls were so nervous they picked up their clothes and ran for their dear life

Me:A 3 some really?

ManD:Can't believe I just witnessed that

We took off our masks

Toronto:Bruce Bruce

ManD:Hey dad

Toronto:What are you doing?

ManD:Getting my revenge on you,you see dad you have mistreated my mother and I since I was a little boy,you made me fee l useless together with my “black”mother you hanged her on the room and let me watch her take her last breath because you didn’t want change,you scarred to many young souls,you made me a slave instead of your son

Toronto:You are weak and useless like your mother

Me:Okay okay I love this whole thing happening but you Toronto are a bitch

Toronto:I’m guessing this is the beautiful Kamalei Nice to meet you niece  
I didn’t hesitate I shot his shoulder he screamed

Me:Do you remember how my mother your sister begged you to stop but you shot them anyway and burnt them?

I shot another shoulder

Toronto:Forgive me child

Me:You made me hate meat I can’t bear the smell of braaid meat because it smells exactly like my parents

ManD:I’ll take the last shot

Mandla fired his heart I looked at him taking his last breath

Mandla gave me a 5 litre of paraffin ask me where he got that from,I poured it in Torontos body then lit it I looked at him going up in flames

ManD took the rest of the paraffin then pulled me

ManD:We have to leave

Me:I want to see him become ashes

ManD:Pearl stop being crazy let’s go

I looked at Toronto and smiled,I did it mom and dad I killed your killer we ran down the stairs pouring more paraffin then burnt the entire house

I was coughing because of the smoke we reached the car and drove off in high speed we went to some place underground

I took out my phone and transferred money to their accounts Mandla did so too I looked at him and smiled

Me:Thank you babe

ManD:Anytime

Me:And thank you guys good job

ManD:Now the gangster code

Them:If you get caught not a word must be said

ManD:Good let's go home

Me:No just take me home

ManD:You sure?

Me:Please

He drove me home I went straight to the room and washed the things I was wearing I left the weapons at Bruces place

The minute I got inside the bathroom I started vomiting even in death Toronto will still own me,just because I killed him doesn't mean the bipolar went away I still hate anything with meat even chicken I want all this to end

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Luvuyo

My parents were back from Eastern Cape and I was back from accompanying Michelle

Mom sat down next to me,she brushed my hair

Me:Mom stop

Mom:What's up honey?

Me:Nothing

She was about to say another word when aunt Asive walked in

Me:Hey aunt

She looked at me

Asive:What do you want?

Mom:China

Dad came down

Dad:Hey sis

Asive:Don't hey sis me

Dad:Why?

Asive:I was involved in a love circle or square whatever some maniac kidnapped us

Dad:Why aren't you hurt then?

Asive:If you pulled through for me you'd know

Dad:I told you to never involve me in your love affairs

Asive:She had a gun and Bru my boyfriend had 2 wounds,she wanted to kill me I swear

Dad:How old is that girl?

Asive:17

Dad:I'm guessing your boyfriend is younger too

Dad said laughing I cleared my throat

Me:Aunt Asive

Asive:What?

Me:Even if you angry you don't shake me,can you track someone for me?

Asive:No

Dad:Is it a girl?

I kept quiet



Mom:I thought you were dating Michelle

Dad:What?

I stood up

Me:Aunt Asive I'll tell you who it is as soon as I find out

I ran to my room before mom and dad stand on my throat now I need to ask Clara the girls name I don't know whether I forgot it or she didn't tell me at all either way I need to see her no no I need my mothers tupperware

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We drove to his apartment both buried in our thoughts

Me:Can I have my phones back?

He ignored me totally okay that hurt

Me:Are you angry?

He opened the door then led me in

ManD:You hungry?

Me:No I'm not

ManD:Good go wait for me in the bedroom you can undress yourself I want to find you naked

And he meant business his room looked different black linen,red pillows weird if you ask me I took off the clothes I was wearing and sat there looking stupid he walked in and closed the door he looked at me like a hungry dog he placed the jacket on top of the dresser before coming to me and parting my legs he was moving on top of me I was getting wetter by the minute,his hands left trails till it reached the forbidden fruit he rubbed my clit I moaned,I wasn't ready when I felt him going in I took off his clothes a long time ago and damn did I enjoy that but Mandla went on and on till I couldn't moan anymore we covered our bodies and cuddled

ManD:It's been a while huh

Me:Hm

His hands were slowly making their way to my cookie

ManD:One more please

Me:You said that 5 rounds ago I'm not having a 6th round my pussy is overheating already

ManD:Fine tomorrow then

He kissed my neck

ManD:I love you

I smiled

Me:I love you too

Atleast it was still there and indeed he did have me for breakfast after begging me to let this Clara issue slide but I was having difficulties living with it

We were almost done with our exams it was the month of September we had a short holiday and 2 weeks before we write our final exams I was so busy with studying I hardly had time to myself

I got my report today mom and dad were waiting eagerly for me to reveal my results but I was still counting the percentage overall

Me:Daddy I told you I wanted a red Gti right?

Dad:I'm guessing you got more than 80

Me:Ah-hah

I said giving him the report

Dad:I want these results on your final exams then we'll have it delivered

Me:But dad we'll only receive them next year and that wasn't part of the deal

Dad:My money my rules

Me:Okay look dad get me the car now if I do well You'll get me an apartment if I don't I'll continue staying here

Dad:Fine

I screamed as I made my way to my bedroom have easy subjects and a smart mind you'll get anything you want

My ride arrived 3 days later I couldn't stop thanking daddy I took it for a ride to a shopping centre I needed ice cream any ways I parked the car then went inside the mall humming a song I was just happy Mandla has to see this soon

"Someones happy"I was so shocked I almost lost my breath

Him:I didn't get your name

Me:It wasn't lost

I said walking away this dude intimidates he is just too hot and straight up guy I wonder how he'll be like when he grows up He chuckled then followed me

Him:Come on

I turned around bumping on his chest I closed my eyes and inhaled his scent I looked up and was welcomed by a side smile no teeth shown just his lips on the side,okay what's happening why am I explaining this guy so much I took one step back but he held my waist

Him:I don't want you to run

Me:I'm Pearl my name is Pearl

Him:I'm Luvuyo

Me:Good

Luh:Are you going to buy Ice cream?

Me:Yes I was

Luh:Good I guess you can give me a ride back home

Me:What a nice way to ask

Luh:Actually I saw you and told my dad to drop me off cause mom needs her tupperware

Me:You should have called and said so

Luh:Right I totally forgot I had your numbers

He said sarcastically

Me:Whatever

I bought Ice cream first

Me:Let's see if you'll catch me and my car

I said leaving he followed behind me I wasn't backing down

Luh:Are you really going to leave me behind?without Ice cream

Me:I was actually,get in

Luh:Nice ride

I smiled and drove off I played Chris Brown on loud hoping to piss him off instead he sang along I stopped when Jealousy kicked in this guy was one hell of a singer I mean he hit the high notes like nobody's business I switched the radio off he laughed

Me:It isn't funny?

Luh:It is I mean it's rare for a girl like you to choose the talking me more than the singing me

Me:Your point?

Luh:You love talking to me don't you?

I stole a glance at him he played with his eyebrows I wanted to laugh but held back

Me:Fuck you

Luh:You wouldn't mind doing it yourself would you?

Me:You see that house?

Luh:Yeah

Me:It's Claras place I might drop you there if you don't stop nagging me

Luh:Try me and see if you'll pass babe

I decided to drive straight home I parked infront of the house took the tupperware and handed it to him

Me:I can call you a cab

Luh:Please drive me home I'll buy you a full tank

I folded my arms and raised an eyebrow

Me:You fucking me up now?

Luh:No I'm being real I might even offer you something sweet cause girl your ice cream melted

I looked at it gosh I was too busy giving my attention to Luvuyo I totally forgot about the ice cream

Luh:Besides you need sugar hun you are not the sweetest person I know

Me:I think we'll share cause you aren't sweet either

Luh:Thank you for noticing

I went inside the car while he GPSd us to his house,ask me why I agreed to this I wouldn't tell you I don't even know why I did myself

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I really had no idea why I took my time and my brand new to drive this idiot who was making senseless conversation yet I was laughing my lungs out once again I was back at his house

Me:Get out I need to go home

Luh:Awu atleast come inside I want to offer you something that will make you forget about your ice cream

Me:I forgot about my ice cream long ago

He smiled

Luh:But I reminded you right

I sighed

Me:Fine

I got out and locked my car now I got a chance to look at this house in broad daylight

Luh:Hello aunty

He kissed the twins that were nicely dressed on the floor

Luh:Wait here

Me:Hi

Their nanny smiled back

Her:I'll be back

I took one of the twins she looked so adorable with dimples Luvuyo had those too

Me:Hey you are so cute,you look like your brother

My heart ached when I thought about my baby he'd probably be close to poppin now,I wonder how big I was going to get with the rate of my food intake by that time this cute bundle smiled I was already in tears just by the thought of my pregnancy I was becoming attached to my kid

"You okay?"

Me:This is the second time you startling me today

I said placing the twin down and wiping my tears

Luh:You crying

He said pulling me in for a hug I swear I died right there dead and buried I moved away

Me:I'm fine

This is a first time I ever shed an emotional tear for my child,he was a piece of me right now I'm missing a part of me a void that no one can ever fill

I looked at Luvuyo no I starred at his lips but held back

Me:Ahem I have to go home I need to study

Luh:Uhm what about your ice cream?

Me:I'll have it some other time

Luh:our last paper is English I'll pick you up at school

Me:You don't know where I school

Luh:I know your name that's all I need

Me:Weirdo

I stood up he followed me,I sat on my seat he took out a pen and paper

Luh:Can you give me your tens?

Me:Where's your phone?

Luh:My father confiscated it for the time being

Me:I like your father

He gave me the pen and paper I wrote my numbers then handed them to him instead he held my hand looking at me I swear my cheeks were red from blushing I cleared my throat

Luh:I'll frame this and put it on the wall

Me:Yeah right bye Vuyo

God the way I was smiling you'd swear I won a jackpot what is this guy doing to me....Nothing yet it feels like he did dozens of things even before I went to sleep I thought about him no Spank he's your friends boyfriend arh Clara isn't my friend

I thought Mandla would confront me since he has people following me but he didn't instead I received a message from Siyanda asking me to visit him I said the day after tomorrow it's been a while since we saw each other

The following day Quinton & I were practicing Maths we were pretty good especially with Sarahs help she was a mad genius but struggling to get a job but she had hopes..Next day I got ready to meet up with Siyanda

I found him busy on his laptop as always we hugged then sat down

Me:You seem a bit off

Yanda:You've been scarce

Me:Exams bru

Yanda:Even before that

Me:Ow yeah isn't I was handling that issue with Bruce

Yanda:I thought he'd be dead by now or you two would be separated

He said standing up he sounded like a jealous boyfriend he gave me some snacks and juice

Me:We fixed things

Yanda:Yeah right,why are you still with him?

Me:Who?

Yanda:Your boyfriend

Me:I love him and he completes me

Yanda:Does he does he really?

Me:What's wrong with you?

Yanda:You are the one I should be asking,after what Mandla did to you your still sticking around

Me:That's what you do when you are in love

Yanda:No that's what you do when you are scared of someone, You always think of Mandla when a boy asks you out he scares you

Me:He doesn't

Yanda:You can deny it all you want but deep down you know that truth I exhaled Yanda was being amateur about this whole thing

Me:Okay something is bothering you and it's not me or Mandla now spill it

Yanda:There's nothing

Me:You lying I know you are



He sighed loudly

Yanda:I recently found some disturbing news

I looked at him waiting for him to continue

Yanda:Remember last time you were here?

I nodded

Yanda:I was sent by Aunt Dorothy to come to the city and study but I decided to look for my little sister and study,when I saw you I saw your mothers resemblance but my fathers ears

I listened attentively expecting him to not say what I thought he'd say

Yanda:I took the glass you drank with to the lab and my saliva it came back saying we have 98% chances of being siblings

Me:No you are lying I have no family my father died so did my mother the only family I have are the Harpers

Yanda:I'm sorry for dropping such a bomb but it is the truth we can do the tests again

Me:You didn't even think of telling me or giving me a hint

Yanda:I wasn't sure too though I felt it when I first spoke to you,Pearl they need you at home for a cleansing ritual then you can come and live your life

Me:I am not your sister

I said taking my bag

Yanda:Pearl please

Me:Bullshit

I had no tears at all my eyes were dry but I was hurt and broken the only guy I thought had sense is my brother and on the other hand I'm fucking my cousin how am I going to fix this?how will I fix me? The 2% means something right?doesn't it?

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I didn't know what to do anymore,the more I try to fix my life the more complicated things get maybe I should just lay back and let things be instead of being a fixer the situation that was bothering me the most was the current one and the fuckin heavy rain I could hardly see a thing because my eyes too were flooded I felt like I was losing control of the car and I did next thing I knew there was a truck hooting then I lost real control of the car all I remember was a smash and baam all that happened after wards were thoughts I really thought I was dead when I was hanging upside down

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Luvuyo

I was spending my day with my beautiful Brunette though her mind seemed to be far far away from her though we just had a mind blowing love making session

Me:Michelle

Silence

Me:Michelle

Her:hm

Me:You pissing me off

I said getting out of bed wearing my pants

Her:What did I do?

Me:You are doing nothing Michelle,are you going to tell me what's going on?

Her:Nothing is going on

I looked at her Michelle is like this when she has a new boyfriend she knows I can see right through her but continues fucking around I swear if a nigga touched her cookie I'll blow someones nuts

She laid on the bed facing the other direction,I opened the windows and left her there I wanted us to cuddle because the weather was bad now but she is thinking about her boyfriend

I went downstairs and made us food Ahlume walked in she was busy on her phone

Me:Morning baby sis

Ahlu:What do you want?

Me:Your phone and can you please take this plate upstairs to my room

Ahlu:This is not telkom

Me:I know

She took the plate and gave me the phone,I dialled Pearls number that was already saved on Ahlumes phone I wanted to tease her a bit since I saw how much I get to her

It rang twice then she answered

Pearl:Help Me

Me:Pearl

Her voice was scratchy

Me:Don't hang up

I placed my food down and ran to Dads study I know I shouldn't be doing what I was doing but I did it anyway I took Dads laptop and plugged the phone in"Search Location"She was 15 minutes away from my house on the road okay weird I ran back to my room Ahlume and Michelle were having a girly talk

I opened my closet took out a jacket and vest

Me:I'll be back lock the room

I tried kissing her but she ducked I pinched Ahlus cheeks took the spare car keys I drove to where Pearl was there was an accident I ran to the scene but the police held me back

Me:I want to see the car man

Police:No you can't

Me:Don't fuckin push me

I pushed him and it was Pearls Gti I saw her being wheeled inside the ambulance she was badly hurt but it was quite obvious her car was smashed by a truck

The ambulance drove off with me following it

I was also pushing her to where they'll help her,the nurses pushed me out

I sat near the ICU not knowing what to do I had no phone I had only R50 in the car that was my best I wonder if they have called her relatives either way I am not going anywhere after hours of waiting they wheeled her out to her own room

Me:Doctor how is she?

Doc:Are you a relative?

Me:No I am her friend

Doc:She is stable but we don't know for how long

Me:What is that supposed to mean?

Doc:It means anything is possible,she has fractured ribs,broken arm,and her neck too was broken then bruises we will still check if there isn't internal bleeding because it's too early too tell

My mouth was wide open what the doctor was saying was too hard to swallow trust me with being emotional I cry and every sad situation that takes place I was now sitting next to Pearl ask me why am I here I wouldn't answer you but I didn't see the need to not be here

Me:Hey Pearly

I wiped my tears seeing how weak I was I needed to get out of that place instantly I bumped on some guy

Him:Watch it

Me:I am actually

Him:Why were you in there?

Who the hell is this guy supposed to be?

Me:Was I supposed to tell you

Him:If you want my girlfriend I swear I'll kill you

Me:Act your age man not like some pussy

I walked away I am in no mood for niggas acting like females this dude was really on some insecurities shit,pity he didn't shake me

Aint nobody going to kill me,I found Michelles face red for sure she was furious

Michelle:I hope the red eyes are because she broke up with you

I looked at her

Michelle:Are you going to act like there's no one else?

Me:When do you want me to take you home?

Michelle:Answer me first

Me:I don't have time for shit

Michelle:Shit really Vuyo are you gone do me like this?

Me:Like what Mich huh,If you are cheating that doesn't mean all of us are your guilty consciousness is making you believe that all of us are doing what you doing

Michelle:I'm

Me:Ssh don't you dare breathe another word,I will know who's fucking you before the end of today and when I do find out make sure that the two of you are done

Michelle:You and your empty promises,all bark and no bite

I chuckled

Me:Don't bullshit me

With that said I went to bath,I wonder how much pain she felt,I wonder if she's still feeling any pain?did she even hear me?poor Pearl

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Luvuyo

I found Michelle sleeping or pretending to be asleep,I got on bed with her falling asleep almost immediately,I felt her warm hand making their way to my pants I knew she was going to give me a hand job but I was too drained though my man betrayed me by standing up I turned around and got on top of her I kissed her neck she moaned I held her mouth I can't have my parents hear moans

I noticed she wasn't wearing a thing just the way I like it,I played with her clit before going in slowly she moaned I smashed my lips against hers we had 2 rounds she rested on top of me

Me:I love you

Mich:I love you even more

She made a hickie

Me:You always make those

Mich:Just marking my territory

I knew she did that because of the girl she thinks I'm with

Following day I took her home then passed by the hospital to visit Pearl there was a white guy and Sasha there

Me:Good Afternoon

Sasha:Luvuyo why are you here?

Me:For the same reason as you

Sasha:Hm,this is Quinton Pearls brother Que this is Luvuyo our friend

Me:Nice meeting you man

Que:Same here

Me:How is she?

Sasha:We were about to go in too we will see from then

I nodded,the doctor came out she said we can go in

She looked the same but more pale,she looked dry

Me:To they bath patients like Pearl

Que:I would answer if I had an answer

I touched her hand Sasha looked at me I cared less I looked at Pearl then left I was hoping I'd be alone but unfortunately I didn't

The same guy who is Pearls boyfriend walked my direction

Him:I told you to stay

Me:Why don't I remember that?

He punched me making me bite my lip

Him:Listen here young man I want you to stay far away from my girlfriend got that

Me:If you dick game is weak don't take your anger out on everyone else

He punched me again on my eye

Him:I'll remove these braces of yours with my own fist

I was charging to him when Quinton got in between us Sasha pulled me out

Sasha:Mandla stop

Me:The fuck

Sasha:Why were you fighting with Spanks man?

Me:Who's Spank?

Sasha:Spank is Pearl are two timing my friends

Me:What?are you insane Clara and I are Fuck mates Pearl and I are friends

Sasha:Clara is madly inlove with you

Me:Tell her to fuck off then

I got in the car and drove home unfortunately mom and dad were present

Me:Morning

Mom:Come here

I didn't look at her

Me:But mah

Mom:Vuyo come here

I looked down and walked towards them

Mom:Sive look at this child

Dad:I thought we went through this

Me:Dad I didn't fight some dude did this to me after promising to kill me

Mom:Who said that?

Me:It's fine I got this

Dad chuckled

Dad:He says he got this look at your eye it's red tomorrow it'll be blue and you have a swollen

Trust my parents with making everything a big deal now they'll want the name next thing this dude will be declared dead

Mom gave me a cloth with ice cubes I placed it against my eye

Dad:Who did this?

Me:Mandla my friends boyfriend

Dad:Hm okay

He stood up and left mom felt my lip

Me:Ouch mah it hurts

Mom:Suzenza iCherry(Stop being a sissy)your father will fix this,this Mandla seemed to be dangerous



Me:You guys make a big deal out of every little thing

I threw the cloth in the sink and went to my room Alondwe was camping there

Alo:And then

Me:And then what?

Alo:You fought

Me:I didn't fight I was hit

He laughed

Me:It's a joke I'm glad you finding this whole thing to be funny I really am

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# Narrated-Later that day

Mandla was tied in a seat Sive who is Luvuyos dad walked in

Sive:Bruce

Bruce:Who are you and what do you want from me?

Sive pulled a seat and sat opposite him piercing him with his eyes

Sive:You work for the \$aints and your a pretty good asset

Bruce:Fuck you

He said trying to move the sit but it was stuck on the groung

Sive:And next week you are supposed to go with the rest of the team to do a heist in Colombia

These were news to Bruce he has shock written all over his face,who is this person and how did he know so much?

Bruce:I'm not scared of you

Sive:Why did you punch my son?

Bruce seemed confused so he didn't answer

Sive:Your life depends on me so does your salary and everything

Bruce:Is that supposed to scare me?

Sive:You must consider yourself lucky you have met the boss,my name is Crane the leader of the Saints

The look on Bruce's face was priceless you'd swear he is on scare tactics or had seen a ghost no words came out from his mouth

Sive:Not so brave now are we?

Bruce knew what his boss is capable and now that he has messed with his son meant he is in big trouble

Sive:Because I need you to perform the heist I'll let you go unharmed but you must know you are on the leash I have my eyes on you

Bruce:Forgive me boss,I'm sorry

Sive chuckled

Sive:You hurt my son and disrespect me

Bruce:I didn't know boss forgive me I'm sorry I really am

Sive:That's sweet

He stood up and left him shaking to his glans not knowing how he'll get him self out of this mess

He surely was regretful and sad because he had to leave while Pearl is in hospital fighting for her life but he knew that he can't risk his life knowing how dangerous the Saints are more especially because he went head to head with the boss unknowingly

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Luvuyo

I was again sitting on the stairs dad walked in right after midnight trust my dad with being dodgy

Me:Hey pops

Dad:Don't call me that tata to you I'm tata

Me:I'm coloured so I can call you dad

Dad:Your mom is coloured not you,just because you have curly heh.psh this boy

I looked at him confused,this man either drunk or mom gave it to him good,he's acting gayish

Me:You okay dad?

Dad:Son next week I might be the richest man in South Africa

He giggled walking upstairs that explains it he is happy I had insomnia so I took out my books and studied

Next day I prepared to go to the hospital after begging Dad to give me a car

Luckily I got there just as the visiting hours started and I was alone today

I sat next to her

Me:Hey Pearl,I am so happy to finally be alone with you

I took her hand placed it against my cheek

Me:I want you to know that I miss you even though I only spent one day with you,I was hoping we'd be friends when you wake up I will take you to milky lane for Ice cream

Again my tears betrayed I was suprised when she held my hand I looked at her she had her eyes opened

Pearl:Come here

Me:Must I call a doctor

She spoke again with her hoaky voice

Pearl:Come close

I went closer to her,she whispered

Pearl:You are such a cry baby

I laughed wiping my tears

Me:Whatever

I pressed the button the nurses came running

Nurse:Everything okay

Me:She's awake

I was beyond excited I don't even know why but my heart was jumping for joy

Nurse:I'll call the doctor

I looked at Pearl who had a collar around her neck and a cast on her arm a bandage on her cheek and head she looked horrible but she was still a beauty the doctor came in

Doc:Welcome back Miss Harper

Pearl smiled she seemed tired I was watching as the doctor checked her

Doc:Everything seems fine but you have to stay here for a few more days

Me:We are starting with exams in 3 days

Doc:I'll release her in 3 days time but she isn't fit enough to write her exams

I looked at Pearl who seemed to be in deep pain

Pearl:What happened to your eye and lip

"Your boyfriend hit him"

I turned around and was met by Clara and Sasha

Clara came to me she kissed my lips

Pearl:Ookay

Sasha:I'm so glad you are awake we've missed you

Pearl smiled

Me:Let me leave you guys

I walked out with Clara following me I faked a smile and looked at her trust this girl with being a nuisance

Clara:Are you avoiding me?

Me:No why would I?Do you want a fuck?

Clara:No I'm fine I thought you'd be a bit friendly let me go back and let you cool down

She held my shoulders and kissed me I responded she broke it

Clara:See you when you call

We parted ways

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Pearl

Man was I glad that I wasn't dead though I wish I could lend someone else my body the incidents of the truck will haunt me forever,I don't want a car anymore I'd rather walk to school,Luvuyo has been a sweetheart but what bothered was the fact that Mandla beat him up why would he do that

Me:Can you help me drink water?

Sasha:Ofcourse

I pressed the bed do it could allow me to sit in an upright

Sasha:The receptionist called your family they will be here soon

I drank the water

Me:Why did Mandla hit Luh?

Sasha:I think because He came with you to the hospital and yesterday he was here with us

Me:Really?

Sasha:Yes I'm for real

Me:How is Clara taking this?

Sasha:She said your a conniving bastard and that she-

"Bestie I'm so glad your awake"

Me:I was awake all along just lazy to open my eyes

She seemed happier

Clara:I'm glad,so what's the deal between you and Luvuyo?

Me:Deal

Clara:Yes,I mean he was here when you woke up

Me:I think I need to rest

Sasha:We'll come back tomorrow

Me:Please bring me a carrot cake from McDonald's

Clara:Sure

They kissed my cheek then left,I closed my eyes and let tears flow freely I was weak I really was I almost died and my body is bruised I could still feel myself suffocating,my bones breaking the glass cutting my cheek and other parts,I was finished this time

"Oh my baby"I opened my eyes and was met by my family with the widest smiles

Mom:Are you crying?

Me:I'm just glad I'm alive

Sarah:Are you holding up?

Me:Not really,my chest hurts and my whole body too

Mom:You'll be fine you are a strong girl

I tried smiling but my cheek didn't allow me to open my mouth that wide even the way I open it when I talk is limited the collar had an effect too

Dad:What happened?

Should I tell them I've found my family or my family found me?Where should I start?Is it even the right thing to do?these people did take me in and made me their own I really feel bad

Mom came through for me fortunately

Mom:The doctor said her eyesight had an effect together with the rain

Dad:So it was her fault?

Me:I'm sorry I ruined my new car daddy I'll probably not drive again

Que:She's still traumatised she'll be fine

Mom:But baby you look as if you are in great pain

Me:I am mom

We continued conversing but I had little input I was tired,as for the Ndlovus I don't know how I'll sort that issue what if the Harpers decide to disown me, that would be the end of me

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Luvuyo continued visiting me till I was discharged Mandla was nowhere to be seen even his phone went to voicemail I always made sure I leave a voice message incase he decides to call back a week passed but nothing,I missed him I missed being with him I miss how jealous he was I miss everything about him I was really lonely but I concentrated on studying and tried not to lose focus

I was blessed to have Quinton as a brother,we drove together to school he helped me to the exams venue he was a blessing and I was ugly betty having to wear glasses every day was boring with a capital letter B

Today I had only written one paper Quinton picked me up from school

Me:I can't wait to get rid of this cement on my arm and this collar

Que:You still have paparazzi?

Me:All day everyday but it's better cause we go in and out of school no staying during breaks

Que:But sis this thing on your neck makes you look like you practicing to become a model you always walking upright and have a special desk at school

Me:You being a dick and keep your eyes on the road don't drive fast

He imitated me silently

Que:You have to get over this sis

Me:I will when the time is right

There was an unfamiliar car at home it was dirty as though it was travelling we got in to the shock of my life,I found Siyanda with two males and a female I froze for a minute

Que:Afternoon

Dad:Afternoon son

Me:I will be in my room

Quinton followed with my bag the struggle of taking off my clothes began once again,When I finished dressing up I looked at my self in the mirror I wasn't Spank anymore it so painful but I was used to it I went downstairs to the kitchen mom came to me

Mom:How are you?

Me:Better than yesterday

Mom:Oh can you join us in the living room

Me:Why?

Mom:Pearl

She gave me a straight look

I followed behind her then sat next to her

Dad:Good thing you are here Pearl,these people have something to say



For a while I felt angry my eyes weren't moving from Siyanda who was looking down

Dad:They have something to say

Female:I'm aunt Dorothy,your fathers sister

I looked at her without saying a word,I wasn't expecting this though I showed no emotions after all I knew this day would come

Aunt:These are your uncles

I still didn't say a thing

Dad:Pearl

Me:Are you here to take me away?

Uncle:No but

Me:I'm not going anywhere if that's what you expect

Uncle 1:Ihlaza leNgane (This child is rude)

Me:I didn't get that

Aunt:Bhuti please

Uncle 2:No child we won't take you away if you don't want to,we just want you to come with us to the rural areas,a ceremony must be made for you so the ancestors can protect you and keep you safe

Me:Am I lost soul?

Uncle 2:No but we need you to meet the rest of your family and know your roots or you'll go astray in life your parents can come too

Mom:Oh No thanks I'm fine here

She said with a smile I looked at her she kept a straight face then pushed her blonde hair back

Me:I'll have to talk to my parents about that

Aunt:We need to do it when school close

They stood up and left I was pissed no lie ask me why my answer wouldn't make sense,I spoke to my parents they said I must go but they'll

hire a bodyguard for me he will drive me and watch me,these people have trust issues my goodness Dorothy was the one who came imagine I had to cancel my appointment with Luvuyo he was sad but understood

So there I was at the backseat of dad's SUV with Aunt Dorothy at the front seat

Aunt:The family is so excited to see you they have been talking about you none stop

Me:That's sweet I hope they will like me

Aunt:They will

Aunt Dorothy seemed nice and I liked her I was scrolling through my pics this is what I do almost everyday miss Mandla and end up in tears but today I was shocked because of the sms that came through it read" Queen of my heart,love of my life,I'm sorry for disappearing like this I am not in Africa at the moment and I won't be there for some time please be patient with me and wait for me to get back I love to eternity-Mandla"

I called the number but it went to voicemail,I was filled with emotions I was happy he is alive and still remembered me but hurt he never told me and I don't know for how long he will be gone tears welled on my eyes I wiped them quickly then laid back and slept I was woken up by someone shaking me lightly

I rubbed my eyes

Me:Mhm

Aunt:We here

I opened my eyes,My goodness why am I here this place had mountains and houses far apart they weren't the same as ours back in Durban some were round with brown grass as roof while some were hexagon like I'm not sure,the grass wasn't cut,there were cows and the air was dry it was just so plain for me

Me:Aunt for how long am I supposed to be here?

Aunt:1 or 2 weeks?

Me:Huh? Why such a long time ?

Aunt:Cleansing,welcoming and grooming ceremony take times sweetheart we can't rush things

Me:Lord help me,Aunt what am I standing on?

Aunt:Cow dung,you should get out from there before you ruin your shoes?

I wanted to scream and cry but I held back,There were people singing I'm standing on top of shit and there are people that are jolly,imagine how I'd look with a collar and cement thank God they were removed but a bandage on my arm and plaster on my cheek

The people were jumping and dancing while coming my direction and there I was standing on top of shit clueless

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I got out of the dung and took off my shoes I was so disgusted this stinks damn,I fixed my glasses I had to walk barefoot

Aunt:Smile they singing for you

I did as told though I couldn't understand what they were saying,it was Zulu though

The bodyguard was following with my bags

An old woman came to me she held my hand and smiled

Aunt:She doesn't talk a lot but her smile says a thousand words she's happy to see you,she's your fathers mother we call her Gogo

Me:Hi Gogo

She touched my other cheek she was wrinkled but I could feel the bond between us

Aunt:Come I'll show you where you'll be sleeping

Me:My bodyguard

Aunt:He said he will be fine inside the car he is used to it besides he will guard you at night but sleep in the early hours of morning

I nodded

Aunt:Come mama ngsamyisa egumbin lokulala

Gogo nodded to whatever was being said

Aunt:You will be sharing with one of your cousins the family is big rest now my darling

Me:Thanks aunt,can I have a glass of water

Aunt:I'll ask Nonhle to bring it to you

She left I wore my pjs I needed a bath a girl came she was smiling like a retarded person

Her:Hi I'm Nonhle you can call me Noh

Me:Hi No I'm Pearl

Noh:I know here's your water

It was in a metal like green mug

Noh:It's clean

I drank the pills

Me:Where is the bathroom I need to refresh?

Noh:We don't have a bathroom

Me:So you guys don't bath

She laughed

Noh:AmaCoconut,we do but we use a dish it's on top of the wardrobe

Me:Huh?

Noh:You boil water with a kettle then pour it inside the dish when you done throw the water outside rinse the dish and wipe it

Me:So much stuff,how will I keep up I need to call mom?

I took my phone and went outside great no service I walked around bumping on someone

Me:You

Yanda:You want to make a call

Me:Yes

Yanda:Follow me

We went out of the gate and stood on a cliff like place

I dialled moms phone it rang answered I texted her saying I'm home safe I also called Luh

Luh:Ugly Betty

Me:Fuck you

Luh:Where you at?

Me:I'll tell you all about it when I get back

Luh:Fine I'll hear from you then

Me:Dick

Luh:Say what

Me:Bye

I hang up

Me:Thanks

Yanda:Can we talk?

Me:No

Following day I was woken up by drums and music ah these people don't sleep damn man Nonhle came in with water

Noh:Because I like you I mixed water for you bath quickly the ceremony will start

Me:Ceremony

Noh:Yes you still have to be introduced to the elders then the ancestors I feel sorry for you

Me:Why?

Noh:You aren't cut out for this

I looked at her undressing myself this girl wants me to go cray cray on everyone

Noh:You have a belly ring and tattoo yoooh uncle will freak when he see those

Me:Why?they aren't his

She clapped her hands and walked out talk about struggle I couldn't even fit in that dish as for the water it was so little not even a baby fish would swim there after some time I finished aunt Dorothy walked in

Aunt:Good thing you come let me help you wear this

He helped me get dressed

Me:Let me get my shoes

Aunt:No today you'll walk barefoot

Me:What!???Aunty please don't punish me

The guard came in

Me:It's fine I'm okay

He walked out

Me:Aunty please look at my feet they aren't that strong

Aunt:You'll be fine just get it over and done with now come

We went out with the guard following we went to the kitchen there were elders there

Aunt:Kneel

What the hell if up with these people?I did as told an old man came towards me he was saying our clan names I assumed I had to go around shaking everyones hands then we went to the kraal where I sat down

The rude uncle that came to my house came to me

Uncle:We are going to slaughter the sheep but you must catch it first

Me:Catch it that's absurd I'm not running after an animal

Uncle:Either that or slaughter the cow

I quickly stood up

The other uncle who is Mxo came to the rescue

Mxo:Bhuti she can't run after a sheep she is a girl

Uncle:She is a Zulu she must learn

Mxo:I know but she is not familiar with this

Uncle:Fine she won't do the difficult things but she has to participate in all the rituals

So these people are going to act as though I'm not around

They slaughtered the cow and goat the burned incense 97% of the things they were saying I couldn't hear they said it was the introduction now the only thing left is for me to be cleansed which will be done at night,The only thing I ate was steambread which was the first time ever

Now the problem started at night when they decided to give me meat

Me:No thanks

Grandpa:Gatshenis don't say no to meat

Me:No I don't eat meat Pops it makes me sick

He gave me a confused look before saying "Pops" We were sitting near a fire by the Kraal uncle Mxo came with cow dung inside a dish the same ones we use for bathing

Mxo:Stand up

I stood up,he scooped the dung with his hands then squatted in front of me

Me:What's going on?

Mxo:We have to apply this on your legs arms and chest

Me:No you can't do that

Mxo:Everyone in this family did that

Me:No I can't do it

He rubbed it on my leg,why are these people torturing me this much?I couldn't hold back anymore I cried fighting the urge to vomit I smelt like a kraal,The minute he stopped I ran to the back and vomited why are they doing me like this though?I hope they won't say I must eat it next time cause I'll kill someone

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I felt really sick at that moment I continued vomiting,Siyanda gave me water

Yanda:I'm sorry

Me:It's fine I'm acting like a spoilt brat am I?

Yanda:No you not,you just aren't use to this

Me:What else is bad?

Yanda:Well there's nothing much left but next Saturday there'll be a ceremony where we will all be taught about our roots

Me:So you are really my half brother right?

Yanda:I guess,I have something for you

He gave me a picture

Yanda:It's your mom and dad

I looked at the pic

Me:Thanks

I took it to my room

Trust me when I say I was bored I had goat skin on my wrists,imagine 3 of them they had this odour

Sunday I had to go home I was sick very sick if you ask me,I slept all the way home



My family was already waiting for me

Dad:What happened to you?

Me:I was just unfamiliar with the environment

I sneezed

Mom:What kind of place is it?

Me:It's a cool place just not for me

Mom:Come rest are you hungry

Que:She needs to sleep look at how she looks

Sarah:I'll make you something to eat and give you meds

Me:Can I have a green salad,Prawns,a fruit salad and orange juice

Sarah:So much food?

Me:Trust me I need it

I went my room while running myself a bath,I had a long ass one finally  
I was on my bed alone,eating real food,how cool is that?

They way I slept you'd swear I haven't done it for weeks I woke up  
midday following day there was no one at home but a note on the  
fridge"Went out for Christmas shopping"Christmas is in a week that  
means I'll have my results in two weeks time just awesome how did that  
slip my mind?

I took food and went back to my room Luh called

Me:Sup?

Luh:Weren't you supposed to tell me when you come back?

Me:You should stop thinking you my boyfriend

Luh:Someone is grumpy what's eating you?

Me:I don't know

Luh:I'm coming there I still owe you ice cream

Me:Really are you being serious?

Luh:Actually I am are you alone though?

Me:Yes you can come call me when you are at the gate

I quickly went upstairs and made my bed I was about to bath when my phone rang

Me:You are here already?

Luh:Duuh

I buzzed him in then unlocked the door he can see himself in,I took a shower then wore high waisted shorts,and tucked in my vest I then wore sandals

Me:Booh

He was so startled he jumped up from the couch I couldn't help but laugh

Me:Hahaha payback time ass

Luh:I see you no longer have a collar and you not carrying a gun

Me:I never carried a gun

Luh:Oh really that cement on your arm

Me:Whatever

I took my keys locked up and drove off,he was driving a red sports car talk about being forward

Me:So where are we going?with a fast car that scares the shit out of me

Luh:You don't like fast drives

Me:I do but after the accident it terrifies me

Luh:I understand

He lowered the speed

Luh:So why were you in the village?

Me:For some ceremony shit,It's a long story

Luh:Okay,so would you like meat?

Me:Hell to the no I hate meat

Luh:Whaaaat???

Me:I don't eat meat have but never will

Luh:My goodness why?

Me:Story for another day

Luh:Damn girl you have so many stories

He parked at South Beach

Luh:We are going to have fun then we will have meat

Me:No thanks

Luh:Fine we will have fun only and vegies or rice with cooking oil now let's go rent bikes

We took the bicycles and rode near the ocean man it was fun we then went on to the snake ride,and swing boats

Me:That was so fun

Luh:Let's buy some food then I'll show you my apartment

Me:You already have an apartment my dad told me to wait

Luh:You'll be alright

Me:Yeah whatever

We bought food & headed to his apartment which was located in Glenwood

Luh:My grandmother own this flat I can put in a word for you

Me:No thanks

We went inside it had a bedroom and kitchen in the same room then the bedroom had a bathroom,it was small but beautiful grey and white

Me:Nice choice of colours and nice place

Luh:Thanks let's eat

He ordered the same thing as I did we were watching a movie of which I ended up falling asleep he woke me up I opened my eyes and looked at him he was right infront of my face

Me:Hi

Why did I say that?God I'm so stupid,he gave me that smile of his before coming close God tell me it's not going to happen,but it did he placed his soft cold moistured lips on top of mine our lips interlocked for some time,we inhaled each others breaths he pulled my lower lip we both kissed the way we kissed was so passionate although there was a bit of surprise for both of us but we continued either way,after each one of us tasted each others lips his tongue explored the tip of my lips I don't know but that made my blood heat I swear the degrees went from 25 to 40 instantly,we both came to realization of what we've done and broke the kiss

Me:Ay uhm ahem uh it's getting late

Fuck I was so turned on,his eyes they were small and a bit red,he was just beautiful a beautiful dude

Luh:Must I take you home?

Me:Uhm yes please

I wanted to kiss him again,did he go to kissing tutorials?if so where?damn I felt like asking for more but I held back he's an excellent kisser A+ we kept stealing glances of one another till he parked infront of my house

Me:That took long

Luh:I'll call you

I went out of the car bumping my head shit why am I nervous?

Me:Bye

He drove off I exhaled,what the hell?I brushed the top of my head I'm sure I'm not the only that has bumped their heads whilst getting out of a car

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Luvuyo and I haven't been communicating for the past week I missed him I always get flashbacks of when we kissed it gives me hot flashes,I could feel moist inside my pants,I decided to find myself a new boyfriend just to get my mind off things and there was this guy named Cameron he was white and has been asking me out for a while he was nice but just not my guy maybe he'll get my mind off things

He asked to spend the night with me on New years eve since everyone at home was gone except for me and Que who was also going out with his friends I was going to a beach bash heard there'll be celebrities,Clara and Sasha were coming too but we were going to meet there

Cam called me

Me:Cameron

Cam:Are you ready?

Me:Yeah uhm are you here already?

Cam:Yeah

Me:I'll be there now now

I did a few touch ups then set the alarm Cameron was inside his car when he saw me he got out

Me:Hey you

He opened his arms we hugged

Cam:You look beautiful

Me:Thanks

He opened the door for me something noone has ever done for me

Cam:I bought you wine and a glass you can drink in the meantime

Me:No I'll drink when we get there

I put my phone inside my jacket I was wearing a brown leather jacket#Obsession

Cam:My friends are already there are you going to be fine with being the only girl

Me:Oh don't worry my friends will be there too

Cam:That's good but I want you next to me for the countdown

Me:Oh don't worry about that

I took out my phone again and dialled Sashas number we were already parking she said they'll be with us,Cam had 4 friends 2 were Africans and 2 were whites he took out a camp chair for me I sat down and had my wine glass on the left bottle on the right Cameron came to me

Cam:You still okay

Me:Yeah

He came closer and kissed me God forbid I've never had such a kiss before the way he was pulling my lip I swear I felt them bleed when he finally stopped I took the glass and placed it against my lips they were burning

"Spanky spank"

Me: Finally

I stood up and hugged them

Clara:What happened to your lip?

Me:Don't worry it'll go down just now,come let me introduce you

I introduced them to Cam who introduced them to his friends around 11 I went to the bathroom I was drunk my walk said it out loud unfortunately I bumped on Luvuyo

Me:Hey stranger

Luh:What a suprise?

Me:I see you do outdoors too

Luh:Who's that guy you came with?

Me:Oh that is

"Babe I'm done hey"

I looked at Luvuyo then at this girl standing next to me

Me:Hi

Her:I'm Michelle Luvuyos girlfriend

Me:I'm Spank Luvuyos girlfriend

Her:Huh?

Me:I'm his friend

Her:Ow him and I are dating we going on our fourth year now

Me:You didn't know?

Her:I did

Me:Then who are you telling?

Her:I thought

Luh:Michelle just go

Michelle looked at both of us then left

Luh pulled me to a quiet place

Luh:You've been scarce

Me:You too

Luh:About the kiss

Me:Can we do it again?

Luh:Come again

Me:Can we kiss again?

I took a step towards him I was looking at his lips he wrapped one hand around my waist and pulled me towards him,he kissed me with so much hunger this kissed erased the bad experience I had earlier on he broke it then took out his phone he typed something then put it back

Luh:Are you having fun?

Me:A little

Luh:Okay

I saw an uber making its way to us he pulled me we got inside the car the driver drove off

Me:My boyfriend your girlfriend,your fuck buddy my God Lu

Luh:Do you want the car to take you back?

Me:Uhm No

Luh:Good

I was already drowsy I was woken up by Luvuyo picking me up

Me:You strong I see

He placed me down

Luh:Was trying to be a gentleman but since you are awake walk

Me:Pussy,this is your folks place?

Luh:Yes

Me:Are they here?

Luh:No now come

We went to his room I took off my jacket he locked his door

Luh:Where were we?

I didn't say a word he came forth and kissed me his kiss went to my ear and my neck,He pulled me up with my ass I wrapped my legs around his waist he laid me on the bed and continued kissing me

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Luvuyo

One minute Pearl and I are kissing the next she's asleep Bummer,I let her be I needed the loo

Pearl looked so angelic in her sleep She was even sucking her thumb a big mouth like her does this too I guess we have something in common I took off my clothes then took out a comfortable shorts and vest for her took off her clothes damn she had a nice body a tattoo and a belly ring I was so turned,her lace thong was the cherry on top the butt was so firm Lord lead



me not into temptation I joined Missy then made her sleep on my chest I hope she doesn't freak when she wakes up tomorrow,I can't believe I left my girlfriend she can fuck my cousin like she's been doing the past months,I'm having this countdown with Magnum,Hey that's a nice petname from today onwards she will be Magnum

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Pearl

Before I could even open my eyes I knew I wasn't home I opened them and looked around,unfamiliar surroundings,unfamiliar Clothes,but a familiar scent

The first thing that struck to me was what if I had sex unknowingly?yesterday I was fucked like really drunk that's what happens when you finish a wine bottle by yourself,Luvuyo walked now shit hit the fan

Luh:Morning

Me:Uhm hi

Luh:Slept well?

Me:I wouldn't know

Luh:I think you did,You were even sucking your thumb how cute

Me:Yeah,how did I end up here?

Luh just smiled at me and it all came back,Cameron will be so angry my goodness

Me:Oh shit

Luh:You must be hungry,here's a toothbrush there's the bathroom door

I took the toothbrush,So I'm in his clothes that means he undressed so he saw me naked,no man I rinsed my mouth and went back to him

Me:You undressed me?

Luh:Yes

Me:we didn't do anything out of the ordinary right

Luh:Trust me you would know if I did something to you,You pussy would be thankful now let's go have breakfast

He said with a smirk,his twin looked really bad downstairs he was making greasy food

Alo:Morning babe

Me:Morning

He kissed my cheek then left Luvuyo was so chilled

Me:So why did you take me away from the bash?

Luh:You were sleepy,Happy new year

Me:Whatever

He handed me my food I ate while he was bathing,I also bathed and went back to the clothes I was wearing results were coming in 3 days time I was so nervous

Luvuyo drove me home,I wasn't in the mood for anything so I watched movies instead my phone rang Cam was calling

Me:Hi

Cam:Hey sweetheart I'm sorry for passing out like that

So he passed out yes yes yes

Me:It's fine I left anyway

Cam:Can I make it up to you?

Me:Maybe next week I'll be free

Cam:Okay happy new year and I love you

I swallowed saliva before saying words I don't mean

Me:Uhm me too

He chuckled then hang up, The big day finally arrived but before I could even go to school I received plenty of SMS well DUT and UKZN have accepted me for Event Management, I was beyond happy when I saw my statement my marks were a little better than my trials thank goodness, all I had to do was register and get myself a place

I chose DUT, Clara was going to Varsity College whereas Sasha went to AFDA for media and Luh was going to UKZN I don't know for what

Daddy found me this cool place in town for me, We spent the remaining week doing shopping for my new place I spent little time with my friends including Luvuyo and my boyfriend Cameron

I had finally settled in my new place in was orientation week, I had so much trouble with cooking mom decided to bring for me after every 5 days

I had a visit from Cameron he was boring me I pretended to be sick but when Luvuyo came I was excited

Me: Twinny

Luh: eww don't call me that

Me: Aren't you a twin?

Luh: You are dumb your crib is nice

Me: My neighbours aren't

Luh: Uuuh so tell me sweetness when is that boyfriend of yours coming back because you seriously need a fuck

Me: Oh really? how would you know?

Luh: I see things Maggie, wanna hook up?

Me: Hell No I'm fine

We stayed like that till late he wanted to sleep in my place but I got rid of him, We've been besties lately we tried to lay off from kissing a little though I missed it I couldn't, did I tell you that this year I'll finally be turning 18 ow yee I'll be legal

Next day I was woken up by a knock it was Clara and Sasha

Me:What a suprise?

Clara:You have been scarce Luh is keeping you occupied

Me:You are really insecure

Sasha:It's not they are fucking,and Michelle buttered you

We sat down

Me:Who got buttered?

Sasha:Clara,Luhs girlfriend found out about her she beat her so bad

Me:Oh my when did this happen?

Sasha:A few weeks back

Clara:Can we just enjoy this moment together

I chuckled then we spoke about something else later on they left I decided to call Cam to check if he was still coming since he said he will come before he leaves for Cape Town he answered

Cam:Love

Me:You still coming?

Cam:Yes I'm on my way

Me:Okay I hang up

A knock came through

Me:That was quick

I said opening the door,there was in his \$aints T-Shirt he had a cap on He looked different not the bad different but he was flames like really hot wait how did he find me?I remembered he's a gangster

Me:Mandla

A went to his arms and hugged him,my tears wetted his t-shirt I broke the hug and looked at him

He bent his head and kissed me,God knows how much I missed him he laid me on the couch while kissing me I totally forgot about Cameron coming over if he comes here while I'm with Mandla surely there'll be

hell to pay but I'll cross that bridge when we get there right now I'm having sex with my lover though the person I see is Luvuyo

We stripped each others clothes off I noticed how tight his grip on my waist was

Me:Ouch

He went in with no notice I know it's been but patience was going to do

Mand:I see your bitchiness didn't reach a point of you opening your legs

He groaned I was moaning not because of pleasure

ManD:Are you a bitch now?

This was the most awkward situation I've ever been in,Mandla looking at me in the eye asking me stupid questions and fucking me at the same time this spelled out TROUBLE

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Mandla was holding both sides of my waist,do you know pain?have you ever been in a fight well that's average because both of you are hurting each other

Tears were flowing on the sides of my cheeks

Me:Pl..Please

ManD:I love you damnit

Me:I am sorry please forgive me

My phone rang he moved from top of me my vagina was on fire

Me:Hello

Voice:Is this Mrs Harper?

Me:Yes

Voice:Can you report to City Hospital?

Me:Now?

Voice:Yes a person by the name of Cameron was wheeled in a few minutes ago you were the last person he called

Me:I'll be there

I hung up Sasha called me

Me:Sasha

Sasha:Clara she

Me:Calm down and talk

Sasha:Clara was involved in an accident,she is in ICU and we might lose her

I dropped my phone,Oh my God what is happening I took my underwear and wore it

ManD:Where do you think you are going?

I looked at Mandla this had him written all over,He stood up and walked towards me the rage in his eyes made me want to piss in my underwear

Me:What did you do?

I no longer had control of my tears and mucus his hand made its way to my neck he tightened his grip,I was standing on my toes

Me:Stop

I swear I could see death infront of me,I managed to kiss the side of his leg he let go I held my neck trying to breathe

ManD:You want to fight me?

Me:Your a monster

He chuckled before pulling my hair and dragging me across the room I was screaming and crying the pain on my back and butt

Again he made me stand up with my hair I could feel a few hair strands unrooting themselves he turned me around and punched my face till I

bled,He placed me in his arms and threw me on the couch I was still naked  
mind that

He was about to get on top of me but I punched him on his face elbowed  
him he kneeled I was about to run to the kitchen but he held my leg  
making me fall on my leg

Me:Stop please

ManD:Who made you a whore huh?

I flipped over and kissed his face we were now heads to heads with each  
other I was in pain,running of a breath I was just a mess he charged to my  
direction I ducked he hit his head on the wall I limped towards the kitchen  
but he held my hair and threw me on the wall the only thing that was  
close to me was a chair I quickly took and hit his heard

He groaned then went quiet

Me:Oh shit I killed him

I felt his pulse but there was nothing,I was also losing breath the first  
person that came to mind was Luvuyo

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Luvuyo

I was shocked when I received a call from Pearl we were having dinner I  
looked at mom with begging eyes

Mom:Go

Me:Thank you

I went to the kitchen

Me:Magnum

She was breathing heavily

Pearl:I killed him Lu He's dead please come

Me:Killed who?

Pearl:Come please

She hung up at that moment my heart broke I was hurt I've grown fond of Pearl I had no option but to ask my dad to come with me it was the only way to be safe and make sure Pearl is safe

I made my way to the living room

Me:Dad can I have a minute with you in the kitchen?

Dad:What is more important than dinner?

Me:My life

He placed the folks down before standing up we both walked to the kitchen

Me:You remember the guy that beat me up for a girl

Dad looked at me I'll take that as a yes

Me:I think he is killing her

Dad:So?

Me:Please let's go help her if we don't dad I will never be happy again please daddy

He sighed

Dad:Fine

He took his car keys then kissed moms lips,Fortunately Pearls flat wasn't locked she was sitting in a corner rocking herself back and forth and naked dad was walking behind me I took off my jacket and wrapped it around her

Me:What happened here?

Pearl:He strangled and kicked me he beat me up

Dad:We should report this

Pearl:No no he is a gangster his boss will kill me

I looked at dad

Dad:Where is his body?



She pointed behind the couch,She looked horrible blood on her face

Dad:Shit

Me:What's wrong?

Dad:He is one of my guys

Me:The same man who punched me is a \$aint

Dad:Yes

Pearl:You you are the unknown right?

Her voice was scratchy and hoaky

Me:This is a mess

Dad:We can't have this take her to the car I'll be with you just now

I went to Pearls bathroom and took a fleece blanket I wrapped it around her I noticed she couldn't walk

Me:Are you okay?

She shook her head I picked her up and walked her to the car we sat at the backseat she was sobbing silently on my lap dad came in and drove off

Me:Thanks dad a lot

Dad:It's okay son

When we got home we took her to the basement she had already passed out

How can a normal nigga hurt such a cute girl?I must say I admire Pearls strength by the looks of things it was either her or him

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Pearl

I wasn't shaken by the fact that I killed, but I killed my boyfriend was he even dead? I kept wondering

Luh's dad was a good person, he got doctors for me they attended to my bruises and gave me an ointment for my leg they said it will be fine

I was in a big bed and Luh was beside me, the medication was taking its toll on me I was fading and Luvuyos singing had an impact

Luh: "If I should die before awake it cause you took my breath away losing you it was living in the world with no air, but somehow I feel alive inside took my breath my I survived I don't know how but I don't even care... but how do you expect me..."

Those were the only lyrics I managed to hear

I woke up the next day I was in a different room, it had white curtains, white linen, white linen, white everything

I still had a drip Luh walked in

Luh: How are you feeling today?

Me: A little pain on my back

Luh: Have some food then drink the pills

Me: Thank you

I ate slowly with him looking at me I had my eyes fixed on my plate what if I get arrested? My parents would die

Luh: He is not dead?

Me: Hm

Luh: Your boyfriend or ex is not dead he happened to have lost consciousness but he's awake

Tears threatened my eyes the lump on my throat grew bigger Mandela will kill me this time

Luh: He won't touch you I promise

Me: I have to finish him off Lu I need to

He held my hand

Luh:Trust me please

He looked straight into my eyes his eyes had that hypnotising effect on me I couldn't utter more words instead I used my head

Me:I need to go to school tomorrow

Luh:You can stay here till you get better

Me:No I can't

Luh:Okay how about my flat in Glenwood

Me:I'll go back to my place it's fine

Luh:Your clothes will be delivered there by the end of today

No begging no nothing,I guess I had no will to say anything but my throat was fucked ever since I had a collar when I speak I don't open my mouth that much but with my voice sounding like a truck I was suffering

He took the tray and left

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Luvuyo

I placed all the dishes in the dishwasher then went back to Pearl

Me:Come let's go outside

I thought she'd resist but she didn't she pulled her drip with the other hand while the other one was on mine we sat on the chairs and looked at the beach

Pearl:You know I never thought it'd come down to this,why does life have to be like this?

Me:To make us stronger I think

Pearl:No I don't think so,It didn't make me stronger but it ruined me

She looked at her hands

Pearl: Mom and Dad looked good together you know? we had a very simple life but little did I know

She was staring at the sea not blinking

She continued...

Pearl: Mandla's father killed them, 4 shots in each then he poured paraffin on them they went up in flames I witnessed it

She rocked herself back and forth while illustrating her story with her hands she was crying

Pearl: My own uncle killed my parents, his sister and brother in law

What so him and Mandla are relatives? this some twisted shit

Pearl: I was diagnosed with Bipolar, I get mad and it never ends nice Mandla approached me made me fall pregnant hit me plenty of times, he hit me till my child died what an ass, you know what I did?

She asked looking at me

Me: No

Pearl: I shot his father then burnt him like he did to my parents, want to know what happened next?

Me: Yes

Pearl: I almost killed the son of a whore, but do you know what's fucked up about this whole thing?

I shook my head no

Pearl: It didn't change a thing Kidnapping Mandla and his girlfriends changed nothing, I'm still bipolar I still hate meat, I hate the name my mother gave me

Me: Why?

Pearl: She didn't turn out to be what I expected her to be

This girl was experiencing the worst thing ever

Me: What did she name you?

Pearl: Kamalei

Me:What does it mean?

She chuckled with tears

Pearl:It means close to the heart

Me:She must have really loved you despite of her deeds otherwise she wouldn't have named you that

Again she looked at me

Pearl:You think?

Me:I know so when a mother names their child there's always a deep meaning,I'm sure your mother would like to see you moving on enjoying life Forget about that day

Pearl:I haven't celebrated my birthday ever since they died I mean I'm a curse why should I celebrate it when that day brought forth to me nothing but grief?

Me:You are a blessing Pearl just because some people don't appreciate you doesn't mean we all don't your family cares for you I do too you can't torture yourself for your families mistakes they lived their lives and got done with that you must live yours like a normal child

Pearl:I'm not normal I am a Million miles from being normal

Me:That's what outshines everything Pearl you are precious regardless of what has happened

I went over to her and pulled her in for a hug

Pearl:Guess I should take this as an eye opener right?

Me:Yes you should

I was also swimming in my own tears why do I have to be so emotional around this girl?

Honestly Pearl didn't come out as the not normal type of person to me,she seemed fine but what you see isn't what you get,Pearl can be a million or billion or infinity miles from being normal but I still want her for me and I am going to help her through and through no matter how hard it gets,I

will make her appreciate herself and forgive even if there are obstacles along the way

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After the conversation I had with Luh I felt at ease never in my whole life have I ever been so truthful in my life,I just let it all out without even being begged I don't know my tongue flows when I'm around Luvuyo but I speak freely I don't even count my words

We were still in our embrace when someone cleared their throat it was his little sister

Luh:You back from school?

Her:Duuh why would I be here?wait are you crying?

Luh:What do you see?

Her:Tears

Luh:You crazy come let's go

He helped me up

Me:Can you bring me clothes I need to bath

Luh:Okay

Me:Will it be possible to go to the hospital I need to Clara and Cam

Luh:Not a problem

I smiled,he gave me toiletries I bathed and wore his sweatpants and sweater he gave me slippers

Me:Whose are these?

Luh:My mom

I quickly took them off

Luh:She doesn't wear them anymore come on

Me:Ow

I slipped them on

Me:Thank you

Luh:Shall we

The drive to the hospital was fun we were having a fun chat I even forgot about things I first went to see Clara who was hurt so bad you could hardly recognise her as for Cam they were busy with him they said it was bad on our way out we bumped on Sasha Lu had his hand around my neck and I was playing with his fingers,we bumped on Sasha

Sasha:Wow your a really good bitch Aren't you?

I chuckled

Me:Am I?

Sasha:Our friend is on her death bed you busy mingling with her boyfriend

Me:They are not dating for fucks sake the hell?

Sasha:You are the hell Spank

Me:Go fuck yourself

I pulled Luvuyo to the car I was so angry

Me:I'm done with these bitches so done,fuckin hypocrites

Luh brushed my back

Luh:Come down don't let them get to you

Me:She just said it as if I hadn't gone to see Clara,where the fuck did I get this hoes?

Luh took my hand and brushed it while pressing it on top of his thigh

Me:Calm down

We drove to his place I was losing my mind I really needed my medication my eye was so so was the rest of my face

Me:I need my glasses,where's your room?

Luh:2nd floor room 20

Me:That wasn't your place?

Luh:Had to choose a nigger one for the both of us

Me:That is so sweet

Luh:I know

My room was exactly the same as the one I owned it was beautiful and cosy,I decided to sleep Luh woke me up he had a plate in his hand he sat between me legs with his legs on top of mine

Luh:Supper

Me:That's stew

Luh:So?

Me:I'm a vegetarian

Luh:Well not anymore

Me:I can't

Luh:You can't or you don't want to?

Me:No

Luh:Just one please

Why is this guy so convincing,I closed my eyes as he fed me the first spoon I chewed

Me:God dammit what did you put in here?

He smiled,the meat was really good I must say infact it was mouth watering after 11 years I indulged on something I swore to never eat and damn did it taste good

Me:Wow Luh can you teach me how to cook this,everything

Luh:You can't cook

Me:Uhm yes



Luh:If only you were my mothers kid you'd know every nice dish

And indeed Vuyo taught me how to cook,but he was the one who did the cooking and I would clean I was getting better unfortunately my friends unfriended me,Siyanda and I were still cool,Cam was still in a coma

Luh was a sweetheart though he would disappear at times

So this other weekend Luh woke me up it was in the afternoon

Me:Dude leave me alone

Luh:Please

Me:I have been waking up for school 3 consecutive weeks now please

He pulled the blanket I was only wearing a short pj

Me:You wanna see my butt?

Luh:Nothing new Magnum now go bath I'm taking you out

Me:If you said that 5 minutes ago I would have been dressed up by now

He laughed

I took my things and went to the bathroom I showered eversince Mandla pulled my hair I decided to cut it one side and leave the other side

When I was done I wore a tight fit skinny,a Redbat sports bra,white timberlands and a denim jacket on top

Luh was wearing a G-star black denim,black muscle T a denim jacket and Black timberlands

Me:This black of yours scares me

Luh:It's my favourite colour

Me:I noticed

We drove to a busy place I think it was Kwa-Mashu we parked at some pub and grill

Me:Owkay

Luh:Come on

He bought woks and meat we sat on the boat and a little alcohol Me:This is cosy

Luh:This is eKasi

Me:Seems like a cool place

Luh:It's one of the best place,the people here are very friendly

Me:That's unusual

He laughed shaking his head,he decided to drive back when we were both tipsy,I being weak almost fell when we entered the door but he held me we gazed at each others eyes for a minute he brought me up to his face and we kissed making our way to his bedroom he laid me on the bed continuing with his kiss,he took off his jacket then my clothes followed his hand was rubbing my twin while the other one was on my clit,he went down to my neck,sucked my erect nipples to my belly then he pulled my legs apart and sniffed my vagina weird he took my legs placed them on his shoulder and let his tongue lick my clit before muffing the daylight out of me,I could feel my orgasm build up and boom my toes curled up eyes rolled back the fluid went inside his mouth he got off the bed and took of his clothes looking at every part of my body,he reached for a condom and came there was the big guy ready to please me he knocked at the entrance of my vagina I went crazy finally he went in while kissing my neck he was in no rush again my fluids built up I was moaning using different languages and my nails stuck on his back his kisses on my neck,God what have I done

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I don't know what will happen after this but what was happening at that point in time gave me joy,I reached my orgasm and Vuyo followed after me he flipped over disposed the condom then came back to bed

Me:I think I should go to my room

Luh:Says who?

I swallowed

Luh:Come here

He made me sleep on top of me him my face was on his neck his hands were holding my butt

Luh:I could live like this you know

Me:Like what

Luh:how we are now,I'd do it everyday

Me:And not run out of breath?

Luh:Even if I do it would be because I was doing what I love

Me:I shall say no more then

Luh:Goodnight

Me:Night

Luh was serious when he said my pussy would feel it when he fucked me,but it was still begging for more

I was woken up by him kissing my shoulder and his hand playing with my clit,this I'm not used to but I loved it

Me:Luh

Luh>Please

He turned me around leaving bites all the way down I thought he was going to my castle but no he went as far as sucking my toe it was ticklish he kissed my legs,thighs and came up to me

Luh:Nice toes

I giggled like a kid

Me:Thanks

Luh:Let's go have breakfast

Me:What?

Luh:I was waking you up

Me:I'm horny and you thinking about food,piece of shit

He laughed as he tossed his T-shirt to me man I wanted him so bad he made waffles a knock came through as he was busy kissing me I made sure I left cream on his lips

He came and sat next to me followed by Michelle

Michelle:Morning

Me:Hi

Luh:Hi

Michelle:Uhm what's the meaning of this?

I looked at Vuyo who had his mouth full

Me:Us?

Michelle:Yes

Me:We house mates

Michelle:House mates share t-shirts and walk around naked?that's new

Me:It's the 21st century deal with it

Michelle:I will beat you up so bad even Vuyo wouldn't recognise you

Luh:Actually it would be the other way around Pearl has mad skills

Me:I'll be in my bedroom

Luh:You can wait in mine I'll be there just now

I went to my bedroom and continued eating honestly I think it would be best if I moved back to my flat,this was bound to happen I can't leave with a guy and do nothing I also get lonely I'm human I left the plate on the dresser and went to shower I heard the door open and I felt him behind me he pinned me against the wall I could feel his dick grow on my butt

Luh:What was that all about?

He took the soap and started applying it on my body

Me:Your girlfriend showing up at your place?

His hands were now rubbing my butt he turned me around rubbing the soap on my breasts thighs legs

Luh:No I thought I'd find you on my bed

Me:Plans change

God what was he doing,he took one leg and placed it on his shoulder I could feel his breath on my inner thighs damn was I turned on

Luh:Is it?

Me:Yes and uh uhm

He was washing my vagina or playing with my clit I don't know

Luh:And what?

Me:I think I need to go back to my place

Luh:Close your eyes

He washed my face

Luh:oh right?

Me:Yeah

Luh:Open your eyes

I did

Luh:Okay you'll leave month end but you won't take all your clothes

Me:Why not?

Luh:You'll know someday

He brushed my lower lip with his thumb then inserted it inside my mouth,

Damn I wasn't myself

Luh kissed my nosebridge before leaving me in the shower and using the bath tub I sighed good riddance I almost lost my breath I found him still bathing I wrapped a towel around my body and made my way to my bedroom I looked at my self in the mirror biting my lower lip and my eyes

closed I removed the towel,I had love bites on my breasts,stomach and my thighs gosh Luh

“You don’t have to fantasise about me you know?”

Me:Why didn’t you knock?

Luh:The door was opened and I’ve been watching you for more than 5 minutes

Me:more reason for me to leave you are weird

I lotioned my body and called mom and dad

Me:hey parents

Mom:Hey love I miss you so much

Dad:I hope you are not playing there

Me:Daddy I’m not I am serious about school

Dad:You better be,do you still have enough money?

Me:Yes I do

After all I haven’t been using it

Mom:You haven’t called asking for food

Me:Actually there’s a friend that helps me with cooking so I’m cool

Dad:That’s good you must learn to be independent Me:Okay okay I have to go guys

Them:Love you

Me:I love you too

I went to the living room and found Luh there

Luh:Can you accompany me to my soccer game

Me:You play?

Luh:Yes and my family will be there too,it’s a big game

Me:Okay I guess

We drove to the stadium it was full I sat next to his twin

Alo:You and my brother are doing vat n sit

Me:What's that?

Alo:Never mind I'll tell you some other time

The game started Luh was pretty good I found myself smiling,that sweat made me feel things and the run

All that faded when I saw his dad walk in talking to Asive the very same girl I kidnapped I knew she looked like someone when I saw her but I couldn't make out who,He might be Luhs sister or aunt either way I'm scared

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I kept a straight face my eyes fixed on the ground,they sat next to Alo they were cheering I saw Michelle too,Wow she here to support bae things went wrong when Luh scored I stood up and screamed the Asive chick grabbed my hand

LuhsDad:Asive not now?

Asive:Bhuti this the girl

Luhs dad pulled her we sat down the game ended I stood up first and ran to Luhs car Was I afraid of Asive?No but my problem was the fact that she's siblings with the man that saved my life few minutes I saw them coming my way Luh sweaty and smiling and shit,he was showing his legs ( ) you know that walk

He hugged me and spun me around

Me:Get off me

Luh:Come on I can score a goal on your

Ahem

Me:Sir hi

LuhsDad:I see you are better?

Me:Way better sir and all thanks to you

Asive:Ok wait,Ninja are you dating this girl?And Sive you know her

Luh:We are close friends

Asive:Bhuti this is the girl that kidnapped me and my boyfriend she held us gunpoint

Luh:Is that boyfriend Mandla?

Me:Yes

LuhDad:This is the girl that made you freak out,what did I tell you about dating my men?

Asive:You said I shouldn't

LuhDad:Good that Bruce was nothing but bad he beat this girl up now don't cause unnecessary drama

Asive:Hah

Luhsdad:We clear?

Asive:Fine

LuhDad:Good let's go home

Luh dad shook my hand then left

Luh:We can finally go celebrate

Me:Your aunt almost attacked me

Luh:She wasn't going to do that around dad trust me Mrs Ndabeni

Me:Who's that?

Luh:No one

3 weeks later I was back at my place after being forced by Asives aunt to stay away from Ninja cause I had a mental problem,he even told Ninjas father about that because he wanted his son to be safe he thought it was best too

Because I cared about Luh I decided to stay away from him before I become too attached and hurt him,he knocked a few times at my door,he called my phone,he left texts but all that was in vain cause I didn't answer to them I couldn't go against a man with such great authority I didn't



want to disappear like Mandla, though I spent my days stalking Sasha and Clara who were closer than ever as for Cameron I had no idea

# Narrated

Mandla was drinking beer and watching soccer his hair was longer now and he had a beard he wasn't that old but he was hairy he looked at the picture of Pearl next to him and his anger grew bigger

"All I ever wanted was you" He shouted in anger, he was a broke man now had a few thousands to keep him alive for the next few months but other than that there was no luxury at all A knock came through he was shocked after all he didn't have any friends left, he opened the door a white guy stood there with bodyguards he pushed Mandla aside and got in

"After all the put in on the \$aints you live in a dumpster" Mocked the stranger Bruce's anger was surfacing but he couldn't do anything

The white man sat down

"I've been looking for you everywhere Bruce" -Said the guy folding his legs

Bruce: Who are you?

Guy: I'm a guy that you'd like to work with

Bruce: Doing what?

Guy: Say uhm avenging on the leader of the \$aints but taking out his people first they trust you don't they?

Bruce looked at this man

Bruce: Why are you doing this?

Guy: A few years back Crane took out guys from my dad's ship then he made it his

Bruce: The same ship that transports minerals and drugs through out the world

Guy: Yes but back then it was only for drugs I want it back but we must kill his guys first

Bruce: What's the catch?

Guy:Except for the money,you'll get your girl back and your revenge

Bruce smiled

Guy:By the way I'm Bradley

They shook hands

Bruce:We have ourselves a deal

Bradley:Pack up we starting with the guys in Joburg

2 weeks later

Crane had called all his man from Durban

Sive:We have lost 20 guys in 14 days in do you know what that's means

A No came from the people,he banged the table

Sive:It means someone is after me,you guys are next some of the \$aints might be dying as we speak I got a call from Cape Town 2 dead bodies were found all killed in the same way one shot in the heart either back or front

The crew became uneasy ar that moment

Sive:I want you to find that killer now

Pearl

The only person that came to my mind was Luh God please help him I took a cab to his place Alo opened for me

Me:Where's your twin?

Alo:Hello to you too

Me:Is he okay?

Alo:Drunk very drunk

Me:Oh goodness uhm can you give me ice cubes please

I said making Luh place his head on my lap,he was fucked

Alo:There you are

Me:Please drive me to your father it's urgent

Alo:What?

Me:Please

Alo:What about my brother?

Me:He will come with

Alo:Daddy will kill us Pearl I swear

I already had tears in my eyes

Me:Please Alo I beg you

He looked at me then sighed let's help him up he was so heavy we reached the car but one wheel was slashed in both their cars

Me:We don't have enough time

Alo:They have slashed tires

Me:Take one from the other one and put it here we don't have much time

He quickly did as told me and Lu were at the back I was crying and trying to feed him the Ice cubes to sober him up

Alo drove in full speed to his house

## **PART 55 A MILLION MILES FROM BEING NORMAL**

Luvuyo was slowly opening his eyes he looked at me

Luh:Baby love of my laugh

Me:It's life

Alo:nigga is inlove

Me:With who?

Alo:You damnit

Me:I hate your attitude

He gave me a mid finger,finally we arrived where Luhs dad was

Me:What's your surname?

Alo:Ndabeni

Me:Oh

I felt a lump on my throat remembering the day Luvuyo called me Mrs Ndabeni once and I was clueless

Luh:Why are we at my dads place?

Alo:I'll take him to his room the maid will show you where father is

I nodded following behind him the maid led the way he was in his study  
I took out my phone and knocked

MrN:Come in

He looked a bit off

Me:Afternoon sir

MrN:Afternoon child how may I help you?

Me:well sir Mandla sent me a text

MrN:A text?

Me:Yes,I figured you would want to hear it

MrN:Read it

Me:"Crane won't stop me from getting to you,you and I are a match made in heaven cousins or not you are still mine,You know what the good news are my love?I'm fighting for you I have someone who hates that man that's is controlling you and I will fight the \$aints till I get to the kings family starting by that little tart that has been following you, to the king himself tell him Bradley says hi"then there are pictures

MrN:Bradley Bradley oh shit this doesn't look good,Give me the phone

I gave him the phone it showed people that were killed and poured with blood on their faces including Cameron

MrN:Go call one of the guards for me and can I hold on to this

Me:Yes

I was shivering with fear I called the first guard I saw then I went to the living room I looked around Alo joined me

Me:Your father loves Angela N?

Alo:With all his life

Me:A crush or something?she's a good painter after all

Alo:Haha nah they went past that stage Angela N is my mom actually

Me:Oh you lying

He pointed at the wall and really the majestic painter was there with the rest of the family

Me:You guys are so blessed do you know how much mom and and I love her paintings?

Alo:I do now

Wow some people are fortunate having a famous mother and shit I love that woman she's a professional painter and the treasurer at Absa I knew she was married and had kids but that's as far as the media revealed

Alo:Oh Ninja is calling you,you know his room right?

Me:I do

I went up to Luvuyo room,his head was hanging on the side I tried to put him in position instead he pulled me in his arms I tried to push him away

Luh:I knew you'd fall for it,for me

His eyes were still shut was he dreaming?

Luh:I'm not dreaming if that's what you thinking I smoked a lot of weed

Me:Feeling sober

Luh:Not really but I'm better

Me:You need to rest

Luh:I would if you'd stop moving

I smiled he was still the same assy nigga my head was where it rested when we had sex my eyes were on his lips how I wish I'd kiss him I ended up falling asleep we were woken up by Alo telling us we are needed downstairs,There was Asive,Mrs Angela,Luhs Dad,other guys and 2 old twins they looked like Trey Songz and people I didn't know there was also an older couple they looked 50 or so but fresh and other people Luhs mom looked at me and smiled,I smiled back was I excited?Super

MrN:I'm glad that we are all here and please let us not panic,the reason behind this is because Pearl here brought forward a good information

Luvuyo yawned I pinched him

MrN:Word is out that Mandla and Bradley have formed a rival to go against the \$aints

Asive:Mandla as in Bruce

MrN:Correct

Asive:He wouldn't

MrsN:China I thought Brad was out of the picture a long time ago

MrN:He's back and he wants the harbour

Asive:How does Bruce fit in all this?

MrN:He's obsessed with the girl

Asive:Luvuyos girlfriend?

Me:Actually we

Luvuyo pinched me

MrN:As I was saying I think this house and The Khumalos house is the safest place to reside in,Pearl your family is on guard 24/7

The woman from the old couple spoke

Her:Heh Sive I heard that Mandla is using a parasite to kill some of the guys

MrN:Parasite,the same parasite that Asive created?

He asked looking at his sister

Asive:I showed him the sample

MrN:For fuck sake why would you do that?

Asive:He was my boyfriend

MrN:Find a way reprogram them

Asive:I need one of them

MrN:Kids go to your room,Luh take Pearl with you dare have sex in my house I will kill you

Luh showed him his thumb we went to his room he locked and we sat on his bed

Me:Who are all those people?

Luh:My family

Me:Your family are all gangsters

Luh:Well not all of them some of them do killings and stealing only on emergency cases like this one

Me:The old couple

Luh:That's where it all started I'll tell you the tale of where it all started some time

Me:So those are your grandparents?

Luh:Yes

Me:They look so fresh

Luh:They aren't that old just 55

Me:And your mom

Luh:36 my dad is 43

Me:Wow yoh so I'm assuming the others are your aunts and uncles

Luh:Correct they are from my mothers side though and only Asive is a Ndabeni

Me:So cool

This family had killers yet acted so cool about it

I looked at Vuyo and he was looking at me

Me:I'm sorry for disappearing on you

Luh:You were forced I understand they make it sound as if you are the only one with a problem

Me:Meaning?

Luh:I'm short tempered

Me:Your a twin it happens

Luh:Really?

Me:Yes

We went silent again Luh made me look at him brushing the side of my face

Luh:I love you

My eyes widened I had no words at all

Me:Hm?

Luh:I love you can you be my girlfriend?

I don't know what came over me but I jumped on top of him and kissed him

Luh:I'm guessing that's a yes

I nodded and pulled him for another kiss,God has finally answered the prayers I've been praying privately I am going to have great sex and a cutie by my side for the rest of my life if possible

## **PART 56 A MILLION MILES FROM BEING NORMAL**

We were interrupted by a loud sound as if something exploded we ran downstairs but Luhs father didn't allow us to go out the main door

Alo:My car

Me:He is close he did this

MrN:You mean Bruce

Me:Yes the message said something about starting with your tart the twins might have confused him

Luhs mom came running



MrsN:This is getting worse

MrN:What happened?

MrsN:There was an explosion at my flat

Luh:Where we stay?

MrsN:Yes it came from the parking the whole building collapsed

Alo:Pearl you saved us

Luh:She did

I smiled

MrN:Bruce is coming for the family now can we all go to the ground floor

I stood there confused while everyone was taking their thing the guards pushed the couches there were stairs,there was a a living room kitchen and the other room was closed it was beautifully furnished and had bedrooms for the little ones

MrN:Right if you are in this room that means you are also part of the team

This came as a shock to me

MrN:Choose a gun

Everyone chose their guns I stood there dumbstruck

Luh:Why are you standing there?

Me:I'm not that good with guns I am not a fast shooter

Luh:There must be something you can use?

Me:Anything sharp and throwable

MrN:Really?

Me:Yes

MrN:Follow me then

I walked behind Luhs older resemblance

We walked into the room that seemed like a training room with different types of knives and blades I was fascinated and inlove with this

MrN:There's a dummy hit the X

I failed for the first one but I maintained my balance and hit it straight

MrN:When I use a gun I can fire 5 bullets in less than 3 seconds

I laughed I didn't believe him he handed me a timer cocked his gun

Fired fire shots in 3 seconds I swallowed hard

MrN:Question is how many knives can you throw in ten seconds

He asked putting them around my waist

Me:Pardon?

MrN:You must throw as many as possible,take them out of the belt without even looking

The training went on for an hour he even made me stand on a pole like thing as soon as I came out Luh gave me a plate of food

Luh:We've all been there trust me,atleast he didn't turn you upside down

Me:He did

Luh laughed I ate my food then ended up sleeping on top of his lap,I was woken up by someone kissing my ears lobe

Me:Stop

Luh:Wake up

I opened my eyes and there was only him,alo and I

Me:Where is everyone?

Luh:There is a blood war going on in town I'm sure it's Bruce and Brad

Me:What if they wanted the family to leave this place so they can come here?

Luh:Grandma and Grandpa are upstairs waiting for an suspicious activity

Me:So I'm guessing we wait here

Luh:Yes

We waited for about 4 hours when finally Mr Ndabeni decided to join us  
he looked tired

MrN:We have to make a plan and kill Mandla fast

Luh:He is still out there

MrN:Yes with more enemies,we will need a bait in order to catch Bruce

He said looking at me

Luh:Not going to happen dad

Me:Me???

MrN:Yes surely he won't kill you after all he is killing for you

Me:Sounds like a plan,what is it that I have to do

# Narrated

Bruce was putting on his gloves Brad came behind him and held his  
shoulder

Brad:Good job I didn't know you were this good

Bruce:Then why did you come to me?

Brad:What is it now young man?

Bruce cocks his gun

Bruce:I'm going to blow the Ndabeni palace

Brad:I need those papers first you can't just blow it

Bruce takes out dynamites and put them in a safe bag

Bruce:You better come with me

Meanwhile back in Sives place they were ragging Pearls clothes

Luh's mom quickly came downside

Her:Ndabeni Bruce and Brad are on their way here

Luh'sDad:In my house

Her:Yes

He nodded upstairs the family is ready for blood while the guards are hiding close to the house to kill anything that threatens the family

As Bruce was behind a military truck he receives a text from Pearl it read "Don't do anything stupid, and please be safe we will meet at the back of the house where they have me"

Bruce smiled like a man in love little did he know he was being fooled

The truck that was on the front was already being attacked only the one with Bruce and Brad made it, when everyone was dead from the trucks the shooting stopped Bruce: This isn't right

Brad: The fact that we outnumbered the saints

Bruce: Yes

Brad: We are going to make inside the house

The truck broke inside, no alarm went off and there wasn't any shooting either

Meanwhile upstairs Luvuyos grandma and grandpa were on the watch

Grandma: They here

He said over the phone

MrN: We are ready

Pearl was sitting at the back waiting for Mandla while pretending to be crying, as soon as they jumped off they started invading the house some of Brad's goons stayed outside while some were inside the minute they stepped in all lights went out

Brad: What kind of game is this?

"We are going to play a game called now you see me now you don't"

Brad: Sive face me you coward

Sive: You can't tell me what to do this is my house

Smoke started to feel the entire house, Outside Bruce had a gun in his hand he wasn't aware of the silent shooting that was taking place outside Brad's goons dying without even fighting, his eyes were fixed on Pearl who was sitting down

Luh and his uncle were already on the watch waiting for any stupid move that will be made by Bruce

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Inside the house Brads guys were already down the lights went on again  
Brad looked around he was the only one left in his team he was about to shoot Sive but Elihle came behind him

Elihle:Goodbye

One shot in a head and he met his ancestry the lights went down again  
Bruce noticed that this wasn't Pearl but a reflection

Pearl jumped behind him

Pearl:Boo

He dropped one off his guns

Bruce:But I

Pearl:It was just an alliteration

Bruce took out another gun

Pearl:Are you going to kill me?

Bruce:Pearl what are you doing?

Pearl:What you thought me to do

She took our knives and aimed at Mandla shoulders in 10 seconds he had  
5 knives and not gun

He was about to take a knife but someone shot his leg making him unable  
to move

Bruce:I will haunt you in my death Pearl,I love you

Another shot then Bruce was a dead man for good this time

Pearl:Descansa en la puta de la paz,el que penso que esta invicto (Rest in  
Peace fucker,the one who thought he is undefeated)

She then spit on him, everyone was tired so they all went to their designated bedrooms no one saying a word to anyone else

The Khumalos went back to their house in Hillcrest, and the rest went to their house

Mr Ndabeni called the company that usually dispose the dead bodies fortunately their house was far from the other houses

Pearl

Luvuyo pulled my hand and we went to his room

Me: What's the time?

Luh: 4:00 am

Me: So we not attending tomorrow?

Luh: Yes, I still need to find a place to stay

Me: You can stay with me in the meantime if you don't mind though

Luh: Let's go bath

He undressed himself I laid in bed with my back God was I tired

Luh went inside the bathroom then came back, He took off the vest I was wearing then turned me around he unhooked my bra I could feel his breath on my neck he turned me around and unbuttoned my jeans

Luh: Damn woman

Me: You are doing this to yourself

Luh: Let's just go

He helped me inside the bathtub as he sat behind me I got between his legs

Me: So he really is dead?

Luh: Yes and you didn't kill him hey otherwise it would be a burden to you

Me: You think?

Luh: Trust me I know

He kissed the back of my hair,we bathed then went to sleep I only woke up during the day I wore Luhs things then went downstairs I found his mom in the kitchen

Me:I'm sorry

Her:No come on in

Me:I guess I should say afternoon

Her:You are very beautiful

I blushed

Me:Thank you ma'am

Her:Just call me Ma

Me:I will learn to get used to it

Her:How long have you known him?

Me:Almost a year now we met before his birthday

Her:Yes he is so crazy about you,come help me with food

Me:I didn't know that

Her:He reminds me of his father but his father was a charmer,he was troublesome

Me:Even ninja is trouble some

Her:You guys have petnames for one another

Me:No I once heard his brother call him that and it stuck with me forever

Mr Ndabeni walked in I was about to walk our but he stopped me

Me:Thank you for what you have done for me and my family

MrN:If it wasn't for you my children would have died when that building collapsed but you got to them in time

Luvuyo came downstairs

Luh:Mom can you please borrow me your car

Ma:Why?

Luh:I need to buy myself books,clothes,a laptop and take Pearl home

Ma:Go take them in my room I'll pack food for you

Luh took the car keys while I took the lunchbox we were eating in silence while he drove to Glenwood he parked where he used to stay and the place was swallowed whoever did this has been involved in war I wondered how many people died

Luh:My school work,My DJ gear my everything

I thought about the few clothes I had left and they were nothing compared to what Luh was going through he was really frustrated and stressed he seemed pissed,I held his hand he looked at me and smiled though he was frowning

Me:It will be fine

Luh:Just not yet right

Me:Exactly

We went to Waltons he bought a USB then we went to Vodacom he got himself a laptop,we went to Sportscenes he bought clothes and shoes by the time we were done my feet were killing we reached my place I had an empty space he put some of his things there Lu is a cry baby I could see tears in his eyes

I went over to him and gave him a hug he picked me up with my butt as we made our way to the bedroom we kissed while standing and stripping each others clothes off,He was rough like really rough and whatever he wanted he wanted it fast,he placed me on the bed and thrust deep inside me he went in as he pleased he was rough but I was enjoying it he flipped me over without notice I rode him while he groaned and moaned he flipped me over again but this time turned me around and made me give him ass,he pressed me further down his hand was on my sensitive sexual spot,He did reach my G-spot that alone made me crazy ,I did drink a morning after pill the following morning

Time passed on the twins birthday they didn't celebrate it but Luh spent with me indoors,they found a place to stay though I was always there did I tell you Quinton was studying in Cape Town he was running away from



home either way I wanted to celebrate New years eve with the love of my life but firstly we had to celebrate my birthday which was in a few weeks time

## **PART 58 A MILLION MILES FROM BEING NORMAL**

Luvuyo was up and down doing things while I chilled at my place later he visited me

Luh:I should be the one studying event planning

Me:I don't know why you are making this such a big thing I wanted it to be at my house

Luh:During the day?

Me:Yes

Luh:Are you really a December baby

Me:I am

Luh:You are boring

Me:You are boring,stabane

He laughed hysterically

Luh:Did you just say stabane?

Me:Yes I can thetha now

Luh:I guess my classes are finally paying off but you sound funny

He said getting in between my legs and laying his head on my abdomen

Me:Tomorrow we going home

Luh:Home where?

Me:Home my home

He jumped up

Luh:Why?

Me:To introduce you,they think I'm still mourning for Mandlas death I can't live with that knowing very well I have a boyfriend that I love

Luh:You love me

Me:Remove your big head it's heavy

He laughed

Luh:Let's cuddle I'm sleepy

He pecked my lips then we cuddled,Luh and Alo were sharing a car but we used a cab home I was planning on getting my car back it's time I move on from the accident

Me:Why are you so nervous?

Luh:I don't know

Me:Just chill please,breathe in and out stay calm

I buzzed us in mom and dad were having a wine outside

Me:Parents

Dad:Finally she decides to come home

Mom:Oh my baby you look beautiful

Me:Life is treating me well

Mom:I'm glad you are taking this grieving thing okay

Dad:Who is this young man?

Me:His name is Luvuyo he is my boyfriend

Mom:Your boyfriend, isn't it too soon

Dad:Leave the child alone come sit down son

Luh sat next to dad

Me:Mom can we go inside for a little while

I smiled a Luh then followed my mom

Mom:Honey is your heart ready

Me:Mom my heart has never been this ready for anything

Mom:He is black

Me:So?

Mom:I don't trust him

We were whispering

Me:That's absurd,Luh is coloured besides what's wrong with Black people?

Mom:I just don't like them

Me:Even if I told you his mother is AN

Mom:Angela N

She said smiling

Me:Oh mother you are so fake

I left her and ran up to dads room she was following me

Me:Where are my car keys?

Mom:Check the closet,is he really Angela Ns son?

Me:So now you want to know about him I'm leaving I'll see you guys on my birthday

I ran down the stairs dad and Luh were having a nice chat

Me:Daddy we have to run I took my car keys thank you for having it fixed

I kissed his cheek then left

Luh:Are you sure you can do this?

Me:No please take the wheel

I handed him the keys then we drove off he was happy he met my dad

My birthday finally came my family was there all of them and Luvuyo we had a nice time but Luh,Que,Sarah and I left

Me:So where will my birthday party be?

Luh:It will be in my house

Me:I've never had of what you are telling me

Luh:It a special day for my lady,wear heels I'll pick you up at 7

Me:Okay

Luh:Give me a kiss

We smooched then I left him

Me:What can I wear?

I chose a royal blue short jumpsuit,black clutch bag and nude heels my make up was going to be nude too

I showered then made myself beautiful,Luh knocked before I got dressed

Me:Give me 10 minutes

I shouted,I got dressed then went to babe

Luh:Hi ma'am I'm looking for Pearl

Me:Don't piss me off

He walked towards me and hugged me

Luh:The stars are jealous of you right even the diamond itself is trembling  
The way I was blushing goodness

Luh:Come

He was wearing a Shirt that was neatly tucked in his skinny jeans and folded the sleeves,he wasn't wearing a tie and the first button wasn't buttoned he looked sexy as fuck the house looked lovely with something that looked like a stage

Luh:In case you may know I'm Mr party

I laughed every one gave me hugs I was shocked when I saw my ex best friends and my boyfriends ex together but I wasn't even bothered by that,this looked like some kind of a classy pool party I could see bikinis under some people's clothes

Luh:Attention everyone I welcome you all in the celebration of my beautiful queen please enjoy yourselves drink dance and break a few bones,happy birthday my love

Cheering took place I couldn't stop smiling when he made his way to me

Me:You like acting old don't you?

Luh:I'm older than come let's take a few shooters

They were blue like we took about 4 or 5 I'm not sure then I drank lean

Luh went up to stage again

Luh:I can see laughter and a few dance moves here and there it is good see that people are drunk and high

We laughed Luh is silly,even he was high

Luh:Can we all stand around I want to strip for my girlfriend

Me:No Luh No

Those words hit on deaf's ear two guys picked me up and made me sit on a chair in front of Lu Wale ft Tiara Thomas played at the back" Is it bad that I never made love, no I never did it

But I sure know how to fuck

I'll be your bad girl, I'll prove it to you

I can't promise that I'll be good to you

Cause I have some issues, I won't commit

No, not having it

But at least I can admit that I'll be bad no to you (to you)

Yeah, I'll be good in bed but I'll be bad to you

Bad that I never made love, no I never did it

But I sure know how to fuck" Lu literally took off his shirt and danced on top of me he even pretended as though he was riding me,he twerked my goodness I had the best celebration my God was it hilarious I officially have a stripper as a boyfriend,my ears went deaf from the girls scream and guys whistling my face was burning from the blushing and Laughing,This guy I call a boyfriend does the unexpected

**PART 59 A MILLION MILES FROM BEING NORMAL**

I was coming from school tired as hell even driving totally drained me I was welcomed by Luvuyo sleeping on the floor on his sponge I kicked him

Me:Hey

Luh:You back?

Me:Duuh,why didn't you go to school?

Luh:Alondwe will register for me

Me:One day the law will catch you for what you are doing

Luh:Can I sleep for now?

Me:Do what you do best boo

I went to his bedroom everything was a mess Luh has changed if he isn't sleeping he is eating he can't do anything productive,as tired as I was I cleaned his bedroom took his dirty clothes and placed them inside the washing machine then I made lunch while preparing supper he walked in the kitchen yawning and rubbing his eyes

Me:Babe

He kept quiet

I banged the table

Lu:Magnum

Me:You are out of food

Luh:I'm sure your cupboards are full at your place today I'm moving

Arguing with this ass wasn't an option I made spaghetti and mince with cheese

When I gave Luvuyo his plate he frowned

Me:Do I make you sick?

Luh:No but cheese does

Me:Since when do you have a problem with cheese,know what don't answer that

Forever complaining,I knew what he was going to say next

Luh:Can you be a darling and drive to the garage for me?

Me:You a a definition of nuisance,how many?

Luh:4

Luh has been obsessed with Chocolate chip muffins every day I have to go and buy them I don't know whether I'm married to him

I bought them then drove back

Me:This is the last time I'm playing errand girl for you,if you want chocolate chip muffins you take the car keys and drive your damn self to the garage

He gave me a remorseful look knowing very well I always buy it

Luh:I love you

He kissed my neck then ate his muffins,I started feeling a bit dizzy I stood up to get myself some water but collapsed on the way,I remember Luh trying to wake me up with tears in his eyes when I woke up I was in what looked like a bed,Luh was holding my hand smiling with tears in his eyes

Confusion struck

Me:Hi

He handed me a print out it was a scan

Me:No Luvuyo how?when?

Luh:I also don't know how it happened but baby you are 3 weeks pregnant

I shook my head with tears gushing down

Flashbacks of my birthday came back,the party was buzzing especially after what tend to be a lap dance people went to the swimming area Luh and I went to the jacuzzi after midnight we went to his room next morning we woke up with clothes scattered around his room we were cuddling on top of his bed totally naked I remember having bruises on my thighs,scratches & there was no sign of a condom at all

Me:No I can't,I have school to finish both of us have school it's our second year we can't be parents now

His face went from smiley to saddy

Luh:Pearl Please don't hurt me like this,I promise you will finish school and graduate let's keep the baby

Me:Luvuyo my parents will kill me if they found out

Luh:You don't have to face them we can go tell my mom I'll try to convince her and dad to go to your parents house just please accept the child

Me:Yoyo I can't just accept this baby,I can't do it because you are telling me to

He formed a fist with both his hands while mine was inside he put his forehead on it I heard him sniff

Luh:Maggie if you are thinking of killing my child I swear to God I will kill myself

The word "No" came out of my mouth but the voice wasn't there we were both overwhelmed with emotions the doctor walked in

Doc:We are done here

Luh:Thanks doc

He helped me get down and we walked to the car for a change he drove while I was buried in my thoughts,he asked me to drop him off at his place and I drove to mine

The moment I walked up the stairs I was met by a group of girls Michelle included I gave her a cold look then went past them Michelle held my hand

Me:Let go of my hand before I rearrange your whole squad

Michelle:You are outnumbered baby girl so when are you planning on leaving Luvuyo I mean I gave you enough time to nag him

Me:Michelle I don't have time for you if you continue with this I swear to God I will add you to the list of the people I've killed



She looked scared but fixed her fist I held her wrist tight

Me:I'm not in the mood for your tactics if you want to fight me meet me at the tennis court in Glenwood tomorrow then we will see who is the bigger bitch between me and you

Her friends weren't giggly anymore I was so furious I'm sure my eyes had turned red from the fury I had within

Me:Now vacuum this place immediately or I will hunt you down,kidnap you one by one then let you watch as I kill these friends of yours and you Michelle will be the last one

Michelle:You are crazy

Me:You aint seen nothing yet

The tears in her eyes gave me enough evidence that I was hurting her I let her go then pushed her

They made their way to the lift,this bitch better thank her ancestors she wasn't alone or I would have kicked her ass I'm in no mood for bitchiency I have a baby on the way and I already have another baby who is my boyfriend my phone vibrated I took it out it was from Yoyo it read"Pearl I know this baby didn't come planned but we can't just close our eyes and ignore Gods blessing,this is evidence of our love,the one that will breathe after some time,I'm not forcing you to love our baby but I know you will as time goes by I just told my parents about it they weren't happy that I am going to be a father but they were happy to be grand parents they promised to go see the Harpers tomorrow and in the weekend they will go to the Ndlovus...Yoyo loves you Pearl"I placed the phone on my chest and went to think land

## **PART 60 A MILLION MILES FROM BEING NORMAL**

It is said when love touches you once it lasts for a lifetime, I love Luvuyo to a point where I go crazy without seeing him for 2 days,I would do anything to keep him happy and to make our love stronger

Even if it means keeping this child I held my tummy then slept honestly God is giving me another chance to be a mother since Bruce decided to kill ours it was fate I think next morning I was so stressed I could hardly

do anything what was funny was the fact that I had no morning sickness or cravings maybe Yoyo is the one who took them

Around midday I got a call from mom I was so nervous I almost didn't pick up

Me:Mom

Mom:Guess who was here?

Me:I can't

Mom:Angela N you child,baby girl you might have disappointed us by falling pregnant but bringing a great woman to us I love you for that

I rolled my eyes mom is unbelievable

Me:So you aren't mad?

Mom:I am disappointed in you but there's nothing we can do you are pregnant we can't unpregnant you now can we?

Me:Yes mah

Mom:Okay bye take care of yourself we love you

Me:I love you too guys

Mom loves the spotlight but I was thankful I got off so easily,during the day Luh decided to pay me a visit

Luh:May I come in?

I moved aside

Luh:I brought seafood I hope you are hungry

Me:Thanks

We sat down I started eating

Me:How did it go?

Luh:It went well actually,mom said you must stay with her when you are about to pop I know she will feed you that waterbirth shit

Me:As in giving birth in water,she did that?

Luh:Yes I actually have the cd of that day Alo and I were born in water

Me:Wow that's wow surely you guys can swim

Luh:Men swim darling

Me:But I'm sure you can't beat me

Luh:You my love swim like a fish I can't compete with that

I hit his shoulder while laughing

Luh:I'm happy to see you smiling

Me:I can't stay angry with you forever you didn't make this baby alone

Luh:I'm glad you aren't taking it the wrong way

Me:Yes,guess who paid me a visit last night?

Luh:Siyanda

Me:Your ex actually

Luh:Michelle???

Me:Yep,she was telling me that my time with you is up and shit

Luh:And I'm sure you told her where to get off

Me:Of course I wasn't even in a good space a piece of my mind wasn't enough I gave her the entire brain

Luh:Oh poor Michelle,she broke up with me after you and I had sex probably she thought I will go after her after she slept with my cousins son,but I was tamed

Me:By who?

He took the takeaway placed it on top of them table then made me squat on top of him

Luh:By you

He kissed me,the pregnancy brought Luh and I closer I had finally made a best friend at school,the Ndlovus asked for damages which were paid I was 2 months pregnant inlove with my baby and inlove with her father I was sane I even forgot I had bipolar that's the effect Yoyo had on me his mother was sweet very sweet she would ask me what I need how I'm feeling and then there was his son who was sleeping in the bedroom as

we speak I was preparing lunch for the both of us when I was done I took it to the bedroom

Me:Yoyo,lover

He stretched

Luh:Maggie

Me:Here is your food

Luh:Sorry I slept I didn't mean to

Me:That's what you say everyday I am very much used to it

Luh:I don't understand why it had to be me who is emotional,me with cravings,Me who forgets easily,me who sleeps a lot

Me:It's fair punishment because you won't carry the mini us for 9 months besides baby you were emotional long before I fell pregnant

He had shiny eyes I knew he wanted to cry I held his hand

Me:I am joking baby it really isn't fair I'm sure it will go away soon

He smiled then stretched his hand to the headboard he took out something that looked like a ring box he opened it there was a small ring with something that looked like a Pearl it was really beautiful

Luh:stay calm I'm not asking for your hand in marriage

I sighed

Me:You scared me for a minute there thought you were gonna go down on your knees

Luh:I know can I have your left hand

Me:There

Luh:You have nice hands

Me:Thank you

Luh:You know I love you with everything that I have, I loved you from the day I saw you just that I was indenial,I don't ever want to stop loving you,you give me joy that no one has ever given to me,with this ring I promise to be always by your side through thick and thin,to always love

and take care you and the life growing inside of you,I want you to call me whenever you feel lonely at anytime of the day or night I don't care, this promise ring is a sign of our love,a promise that I won't hurt you well not intentionally and I would hurt anyone who dares hurt my Pearl,Kamalei the love I have for you is undiluted it's pure I love you babe

It was my turn to cry now

Me:I love you so much it hurts Yoyo you complete me

He inserted the ring I jumped on top of him and hugged him both of us in tears,this might not be our happily ever after but we make each other happy that's all that matters after love does conquer all

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