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INDONI YAMANZI

ADULT FICTION

MY ONLY TRUE LOVE...

PRECIOUS MOLOI

Prologue

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Long time ago two tribes occupied the same land and because the tribes had different ways of living a war broke out between them which forced Bhekumuzi Ngwane and his People to flee that land in search of another one. After a very long search Bhekumuzi and his People finally found a land that they could occupy upon their greatest realization the land was better than the one that they had been fighting for. The land seemed to have almost everything that they needed it had a river trees that produced different kinds fruit and what made it more special was the beautiful Waterfall that the river had. Bhekumuzi proud of his discovery he named the land the "Zikhali village". The people lived in that land peacefully and they grew more crops which made the village to have more than enough Sons & Daughters were born and Bhekumuzi went on to marry the most beautiful woman by the name of Nowisa Mkhize.

They later on had 3 Sons and he named his first born son after himself Bhekumuzi Ngwane the second.. His People trusted him and respected him soo much since he led them to this land and they made him a King of the whole village..

Just as they thought that all misery had forgotten them Queen Nowisa fell gravely ill and the river together with the waterfall dried up. The village was struck by an unbearable famine. King Bhekumuzi did not know what to do at that moment but to turn to his ancestors for help and for a brief moment he did not get an answer from them.. See the king did not believe in Western medicine so he had traditional healers in his village to heal the queen but they all failed. He even went as far as contacting other healers from different villages to come to his aid and none of them were able to help the queen.. One day in the mist of her great pain Queen Nowisa had a vision and she told her husband about it who shut it down the King was not ready to lose her queen in hopes of saving the village as she meant a lot to him...

The famine grew worse babies and a few elders passed on The village was perishing and finally King Bhekumuzi gave in to the Queen's vision. In her vision Queen Nomusa had made spiritual contact with the ancestors of the people who occupied the land before them and they revealed a secret to her. A secret that they had to know if they wanted the land to keep on being productive.

The secret was that the land survived dependantly on the river and the river needed a Guardian. The Guardian was expected to be the most beautiful woman out of all the women in that village

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and the river needed a Guardian. The Guardian was expected to be the most beautiful woman out of all the women in that village and in that time Queen Nowisa was the most beautiful woman to ever exist in that village.. The tradition of the river having a Guardian had to be passed on if they wanted their land to survive and not be struck by disaster finally King Bhekumuzi agreed for the gift to be passed on...

Very early that morning the king and his People made their way to the dry river to perform the ceremony a few men had gone before them to dig a grave for the queen and two Virgin girls that were going to be buried with her. The whole village wept as they were forced to say goodbye to their sick queen in order to save the village from it's devastating tragedy.. The King held her queen and went down to the open grave to place her inside together with the two Virgin girls who were all meant to be buried alive. He glanced down at his queen and kissed her for the last time then he stepped back as the men closed the grave. When the grave was closed he climbed up and stood on top of a rock and glanced

down at the dry river. He started to call out all the Ngwane clan names with his arms wide open..

King: "Sangweni

Zikhali

MasumpaNdungunde

Masengasileke

Hlongwane

Ndukuzinobulongwe Mntungwa

Nina enibahle njengezihlabathi zolwandle

Siyane

Mnqobokazi

Songobese"

When he was done rain poured down and the waterfall provided the river with water.

All the people started ululating and the Zikhali village went back to it's fruitful state once more with Queen Nowisa being the Guardian of the river. The king named the river "Indoni Yamanzi".

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BAWINILE LANGA

[A FEW YEARS BACK]

We a small and peaceful village located a bit far from the noisy city. Because of our sacred and blessed river from our ancestors we able to grow fruits and vegetables that we sell in the city.

Every morning we gather around at Bra Alfred's supermarket which is located very close to the main road so that we could get on the truck and go sell in the city. The money we make goes to our king then he will decide how much we gonna get as our salary.. I am a single mother of two girls and I'm currently pregnant with another girl of which I'll be due to give birth very soon. My Mother hates the idea of me working while I'm close to giving birth but hey I need to make money and provide for my two girls since their

Father is no longer in the picture. His death has always been a mystery to us he was struck by lightning when he was crossing the bush to come and visit at me. My Mother is very adamant that this was no "accident" the woman that I've been constantly battling with for my man is the cause of all this she did the classic "If I can't have you then no one else will". I tend to believe my Mother that woman used to practice black magic she did all of this after being caught and banished from the village.

It was difficult to go through life with 2 kids that I solely had to care for but through grace we made it through my girls are growing up gracefully..My current pregnancy is from another man that I met in the city he used to buy Mangoes from me at least three times a week. He told me that he was taken by my beauty and my warm smile. I thought it was genuine love with him foolish me I thought that he was going to marry me and I'll move from the village to come and live in the city. I don't have anything against my village don't get me wrong but the chance to live in the city was at the top of my wish list. He didn't mind that I had other two kids he promised that he was going to take care of us and build us a very big house.. Things escalated between to a point where I ended up sleeping over at his place a few times. I must say that I wasn't that much impressed. It was just a one room that he was renting from someone's house in some township

he assured me that it was temporary. He told me that he's busy building a big house for us somewhere in a much better neighborhood.

Things between us started to get serious I would visit him more often and we would do the deed that's how I fell pregnant..

Unfortunately when he knew about my pregnancy he changed. He wasn't the loving man that used to buy Mangoes from me he just didn't want nothing to do with me anymore. Of which later on it was revealed to me that he was actually married and had kids back at home he was only here for work.. I was broken

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he was only here for work.. I was broken I was very broken because I thought that I had found true love.. He stopped coming to buy Mangoes from me It was almost as if like he had disappeared into thin air....That morning I woke up not feeling very well my legs were very swollen and heavy. I couldn't even go to the city to sell lately I haven't been feeling well. I constantly get sick... My Mom walked in with a bowl of warm water and a towel that hung over her shoulder...

Ma: Nazo ke (Here we go)

I was sitting up straight on the grass mat I had a pillow behind

my back that was against the wall made out of mud..

She put the basin down at my feet and knelt right in front of me..

She dipped the towel in the water and then put it on my feet..

Ma: Ngifake amacembe wes'hlahla somdlebe umalapha zonke (I've mixed the water with leaves that cure all ailments)

Me: Ngiyabonga Ma (Thank you Mom)

The girls were playing outside..

Ma: Lesisu siyakuhlupha kodwa (This pregnancy is hard on you)

I nodded a little.. I looked at her as she was busy with my feet..

Me: Ma

She looked at me...

Me: Khona iphupho elingihluphayo (There's a dream that's troubling me)

Her: Iphupho elinjani lelo? (What dream is that)

I cleared my throat...

Me: Ngizibona ngime etsheni elikhulu lapha emfuleni. Uma ngime kanjalo kubakhona ilizwi eliphuma emanzini lithi ngithwele Indoni yamanzi (I find myself standing on a very big Rock by the river then a voice comes from the river and tells me that I am carrying

the next Indoni Yamazi)

My Mother freaked out soo much that she almost knocked the basin next to her..

Her: Winnie yini lokhu okukhulumayo? (What are you telling me exactly)

Me: Ma..

Her: Hai maan shushhhhh!!

She looked around as if like the walls were eavesdropping...

Her: Ungalinge uphinde ukhulume kanjalo uyenzwa? Ufuna basixoshe la? (Don't ever talk like that do you want us to be banished)

Me: Kodwa yiqiniso nje Ma (It's the truth)

She hit me on my legs with the towel..

Her: Ngithe angifuni ukukuzwa ukhuluma kanjalo (I said I don't wanna hear you talking like that anymore)

I kept quiet..

Her: uyazi ukuthi Indoni yamanzi ithwelwe wudlunkulu? (You know that the Queen is the one carrying Indoni yamazi)

Me: Ngiyaxolisa Ma (I'm sorry Ma)

Her: Ungaphinde ukhulume ngaleyo ndlela (Don't ever talk like that)

Me: Yebo ngiyakuzwa Ma (I hear you Ma)

Ma: Nawu umuntu efuna ukusixoshisa (This child wants us to be banished)

MAKHOSAZANA (THE QUEEN)

A few weeks ago we were visited by different traditional healers of this village. All of them came bearing the same news that the baby I was carrying is not going to be the next "Indoni yamanzi". They have thrown bones and communicated with the ancestors and only one answer was given my baby is not going to be the next Indoni yamazi.. We have always trusted our traditional healers they have never been wrong but this time around I didn't know. The Indoni yamanzi calling runs from the Ngwane bloodline the very first Indoni yamazi came from this blood line and it has been like that ever since. Our ancestor Queen Nowisa was the very first Indoni yamazi from the Ngwane bloodline so for all of that to change it's quite unbelievable. The next Indoni yamazi is supposed to come from the royal family this is how it has been for years.. My husband King Bhekumuzi the 5th came to sit next to me..

Him: Ngizwa bathi awufuni ukudla (I hear that you don't want to

eat anything)

Me: Ang'lambile (I'm not hungry)

Him: Ngiyazi ukuthi le ndaba ye Ndoni yamanzi iyakukhathaza (I know that this whole Indoni yamanzi issue is troubling you)

Me: Kanjani ukuthi Indoni yamanzi ngeke iphume la ekhaya? (How come the next Indoni yamazi won't come from our family)

He held my hand..

Me: Abo makhosi abakaze baphosisa (Our traditional healers have never been wrong)

Him: Ngizoyilungisa yonke lenxushu nxushu (I will sort this mess out)

Me: Njani? Abaphantsi sebakhulumile (how? The ancestors have spoken)

Him: Ngizothumela umyalezo leka Skhakhane ukuthi bathumele inyanga yakhona eqinile (I will send word to the Skhakhane village to lend us their powerful traditional healer)

Me: Ixazulule yonke le nxushu nxushu (Sort out this whole mess)

Him: Ngizokwenza njalo (I'll do so)

BAWINILE

I got up from the grass mat with the help of my mother to go to the bucket and pee.. I took small steps as my legs were heavy and I felt a pain also on my back..

Ma: Woza ke (Come)

This pregnancy was frustrating me I couldn't wait to give birth already..

Ma: Sengenze nomdoko (I cooked soft porridge)

Me: Ngiyabonga Ma (Thank you Ma)

Ma: Uzobeleka sisi Ungakhathazeki kakhulu (You will give birth don't worry)

I touched my legs and they were very stiff this is a very difficult pregnancy for me...

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MAKHOSAZANA (THE QUEEN)

Makhosi was kneeling before me and the king on the grass mat.
He shook the bones and called out our clan names..

Makhosi: "Sangweni Zikhali MasumpaNdungunde Masengasileke
Hlongwane Ndukuzinobulongwe Mntungwa

Nina enibahle njengezihlabathi zolwandle Siyane Mnqobokazi
Songobese"

He got up and walked up to me so that I could blow air in the small bag that was made from an animal skin. He then went back and knelt down carefully scattering the bones before us. Makhosi is our trusted and most powerful Inyanga (Traditional healer) here in the Zikhali village.. I closed my eyes and prayed a little to our ancestors this journey has been very frustrating. My Daughter is meant to be the next "Indoni Yamazi" that's how it's meant to be..

Makhosi: Sibiza wena dlozi elikhulu lala esgodini sethu sakwaZikhali.
Sibiza wena Nowisa (We calling you our greatest ancestor in this whole village our very first Queen. Queen Nowisa)

There was this unbearable silence in the room Makhosi looked at the bones and shook his head. I closed my eyes and sighed.

King: Khuluma Makhosi (Say something)

Makhosi: Ngokukhulu ukuzithoba wena Nkosi yami nawe Dlunkulu kodwa amathambo asabonisa into eyodwa (With all due respect my King and my Queen the bones are still saying the same thing)

Me: Uma uNomasondo wami engeke abe yiNdoni yaManzi ubani ke ozoba yiNdoni yaManzi? (If my unborn baby Nomasondo won't be the next Indoni YaManzi then who is chosen to be the next Indoni yamazi)

He slowly shook his head..

Makhosi: Ayikho (There's none)

King: Mame Shani!! Uthini? (What are you saying)

Makhosi: Asinayo enye Indoni yaManzi (We don't have another Guardian for the river)

I looked at one of my girl servants..

Me: We Sne

She quickly came to me..

Sne: Dlunkulu? (Queen)

Me: Awung'zele amanzi ngoba yonke lento nje mina angiyitholisi kahle (Bring me a glass of water because I don't understand everything that is going on here)

King: iyadingeka indoni yamanzi noma zonke izithelo zethu ziyyoshabalala okwelanga (A guardian is needed or else our crops and everything we've worked hard for is going to disappear)

Me: Indoni yamanzi kumele iphume manje kulesisikhathi (The next Guardian is supposed to be chosen now at this time)

Makhosi: Ngiyaxolisa (I'm sorry)

I turned and looked at my Husband..

Me: Inyanga le yakwa Skhakhane izoza nini? (When is the other traditional healer coming)

King: ngiwuthumelile umyalezo sengimele bona (I have sent a message I'm waiting for them)

Me: Yonke lento nje angiyizwa kanti nalo Sne uphi namanzi.. Wee Sne!!! (I don't know what's going on here where is Sne with my water)

I slowly got up from my chair..

Me: Sne!!!! (Yelling)

I walked out to the kitchen to see what was keeping Sne from

bringing my water to me..

BAWINILE LANGA

I found myself standing in the middle of the Indoni Yamanzi River. It was very cold and I was alone. The water wasn't that deep

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they only reached my breasts. I looked around and I couldn't see anyone I was all alone..

Me: Kwenzakalani? (what's going on)

Do you know that feeling you get when someone is standing behind you? That's the same feeling I got. The hairs at the back of my neck stood up. I tried to turn but I couldn't it was almost as if like I was frozen.

I saw the water moving then I heard voices behind me ululating. I tried to turn again but I couldn't I was really frozen..I started to get very scared as the clouds gathered and changed colour lighting flashed across the sky..

Voice: Ungubani wena? (who are you)

It was a female voice that echoed when the person spoke lightning flashed across the sky..

Me: Ig.. Igama lami wu Bawinile Bawinile langa (My name is Bawinile Langa)

Voice: Igama lami wu Nowisa Mkhize- Ngwane indoni yamanzi yokuqala (I am Nowisa Mkhize- Ngwane. The very first Indoni yamanzi)

Me: Ngicela ukukubona? (Can I please see you)

Her: Abang'bonayo abaphili (Those who see me are dead)

Me: Ngifunani la? (What am I doing here)

Her: Ngoba usithwalele indoni yamanzi (You are pregnant with the next guardian of the river)

Me: Akwazeki.. Wenze iphutha (That can't be you making a mistake)

Her: Angilenzi iphutha (I don't make mistakes)

I felt her very close to me...

Me: Angisiyinto mina indoni yamanzi ithwelwe wu Dlunkulu (I am nothing the next guardian is supposed to come from the Queen)

Her: wena uthwele ingane eyoba yintle ukudlula zonke izingane la esgodini uthwele indoni yethu entsha (You are carrying the most beautiful child from all the children that exist in this village you carrying the next guardian)

I felt her hand on my shoulder I looked at it..

Her: Isibeletho sakho sibusisekile (Your womb is blessed)

I shook my head..

Me: Akwazeki (It can't be)

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I felt someone shaking me..

Voice: Mama vuka!! (Mom wake up)

I opened my eyes and it was one of my daughters Sindisiwe.. I had fallen asleep.

Sindi: Ma uKhabo akafuni ukudlala nami (Khabo doesn't want to play with me)

Me: Khabonina!!

Khabonina is my first born..

Me: Uphi uGogo? (Where is Grandmother)

Sindi: Uyotheza izinkuni (She's gone to collect wood)

Me: Hamba uyobiza uKhabonina (Go and call Khabonina for me)

Khabonina is very vile my Daughter doesn't have a good heart and

she's very young for such an evil heart..

Sindi ran out to go and call her sister. It was a bit hot so I only had a cloth covering my body. I sat up straight and yawned this grass mat is very uncomfortable at times..

I put my hand on my shoulder while trying to massage my neck and in that specific area it was a bit swollen I checked myself and it was a handprint. I freaked out..

Me: Maaaaaaaa!!!! (Screaming)

MAKHOSAZANA (THE QUEEN)

I watched Vusimuzi as he whipped Sne with a sjambok for not bringing my water to me on time..

Me: Qinisa isandla Vusimuzi (Whip her harder)

He whipped her with all the strength that he had until I saw bruises on her body that bled out..

King: Kahle Vusimuzi sekwanele (Vusimuzi it's enough)

He stopped and stretched his arm..

Sne: Ngiyaxolisa Dlunkulu (I'm sorry my Queen)

King: Hamba uyoncedisa abanye Sne (Go and help others)

She bowed and walked back to the house..

King: Vusimuzi hamba uyolanda izinkomo (Vusi go and fetch the cows)

Vusi dropped the Sjambok and ran off..

King: Ngiyazi ukuthi uthukuthele maDlamini (I know that you angry maDlamini)

Me: Uyamthemba uMakhosi? (Do you trust our traditional healer)

King: Yebo ngiyamthemba (I do)

Me: Kubi ke ngoba usiqambela amanga (That's bad because he is lying to us)

He gave me a weird look..

King: Angiva? (I don't understand)

Me: Vuka Bhekumuzi kudala libasile (Wake up Bhekumuzi the sun is up)

I looked at him..

Me: Ingahlala kanjani ingabikhona indoni yamazi? (How is it that a guardian has not been chosen as yet)

He kept quiet..

Me: Kungabi ke ukuthi ung'jampile Bhekumuzi wayo lala nolutho

Iwala esgodini (I hope you didn't cheat on me)

King: Ungakusho kanjani lokhu? (How can you say that)

Me: Uba wakho ngoba wayenjalo? (Your Father was a cheat)

King: Angifani no Baba (I'm not like my Father)

Me: Uma ungafani naye landa uMakhosi wale kaSkhakhane azoveza ukuthi yiyiphi indoni yamanzi ekhethiwe ngoba akusiyona ingane yami (If you not like your father then prove it get the Skhakhane traditional healer so he can reveal who the next indoni yamanzi is since it's not my baby)

King: Uzofika MaDlamini (He will come)

Me: Uma isikhethiwe indoni yamanzi ngifuna ibulawe ingekazalwa! Yona no Nina! (If the next guardian has been chosen I want her Dead together with her Mother)

King: Ngiyakuzwa MaDlamini (I hear you)

I put my hand on my tummy and walked away..

BAWINILE LANGA

My Mother dropped the woods that she was carrying..

Her: Weeee Winnie!

Me: Chaza ke Ma ukuthi kwenzakalani la? (Explain how I got this handprint on my shoulder)

Her: Winnie akwazeki Indoni yamanzi mele iphume ebukhosini (Winnie it cannot be the next indoni yamanzi is supposed to be from the royal house)

Me: Chaza la Ma!! (Explain this handprint)

Her: Maye!! Weee Winnie kodwa yazi uzosixoshisa la esgodini (You will have us banished from the village)

As we were arguing we heard someone call out..

Me: Ngena!! (come in)

She looked at me..

Ma: Uvale lo mlomo wakho wena (Keep quiet)

Makhosi walked in..

Makhosi: Sanibonani kwa Langa (Greetings)

Ma: Hau Makhosi sangenelwa wuwe (What a pleasant surprise)

Makhosi: Angihlalanga futhi angeke ngibe mude (I won't be long)

He looked at my Mother..

Him: Mimmy sekuyisikhathi (Mimmy the time has come)

My Mother shook her head..

Ma: Ngicela ungasisukeli sihleli ngokuthula (please don't bother us while we living peacefully)

Makhosi: Uma uDlunkulu angathola bazombulala uWinnie (If the Queen can find out about this they will kill Winnie)

Tears formed in my Mother's eyes..

Ma: Ngempela uWinnie uthwele Indoni yamanzi? (My child is really pregnant with the next guardian)

Makhosi nodded..

Makhosi: Idlozi elikhulu likhulumile ngenkathi ngiphosa amathambo (Our ancestor has spoken when I threw the bones)

My Mom slowly went down..

Me: Ma!!!!

I looked at Makhosi..

Me: Kwenzakalani? (What's going on)

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BAWINILE LANGA

I needed to know the truth and I needed them to tell me the truth right now. Makhosi woke my Mom up and sat her down so that she could tell me the truth he gave her a glass of water. My Mother drank and I looked at her..

Ma: Kwa Nkosi uNgwane akuzalwa umntwana oyedwa kuphela kodwa lo omdala wuye oba yi Nkosi. Bese laba abanye ke bahlala la esgodini njengabanye abantu nje bayaxoshwa ebukhosini. Inzalo yakwa Ngwane yabusiseka ngama dodana kuphela abanye babo baze balwa balwela isihlalo kodwa babulawa kabuhlungu yizisebenzi zeNkosi. Inkosi uNgwane yeSine yaba namadodana amabili. Le endala yathatha isihlalo le enye ke yazakhela nje la esgodini yaba nengane eyodwa kwaba yimi. Lo ebeyiNkosi wazala UNgwane lo

oyiNkosi yethu..(The royal house had more than just one child but every child born to the Ngwane clan the eldest is the one that becomes a king. The Ngwane clan was blessed with only boys those who weren't chosen to be kings were left to live like us as Normal people. Some of them fought for the throne but unfortunately they were killed by people who worked for the king. Ngwane the 4th had two boys one of them became king and one of them became a commoner and he was my Father. The child was born into royalty became our King)

This was news to me..

Me: Usho ukuthi Inkosi yethu uNgwane umzala wakho? (You telling me that our king is your cousin)

She nodded..

Ma: Umkhulu wakho wazalelwa ebukhosini (Your Grandfather is royalty)

Makhosi: Yikho ingane yakho ikhethiwe ukuthi ibe yiNdoni yamanzi (That's why your unborn child has been chosen to be the next Guardian)

Ma: Kuyaqala ngawe ukuthi kukhethwe Indoni yamanzi engekho esihlalweni (You the first one to carry a guardian that's not from the royal house)

I put my hand on my tummy..

Me: Kodwa Ma indondakazi yami iyoba yisihlabelo Sala esgodini?

(My child is going to be a sacrifice for the village)

Makhosi: Kanti sekuhlukile manje. Izindoni zamanzi manje ziyakhona ukuphila baze bafike esigabeni esithile (now the Guardians of the river can live up to a certain age)

Ma: Indoni Yamanzi yeSine yaphila yaze yafika eminyakeni engu 18
(The 4th Guardian of the water lived until she was 18)

Makhosi: Indoni yamanzi ithathwa uma enye seyizozalwa (The Guardian is only taken when another one is about to be born)

Ma: Sekudlule iminyaka manje since Indoni yamanzi yathathwa yikho kukhethwe eyakho (It's been years now since the last Guardian was taken that's why yours has been chosen)

I shook my head..

Me: Uma enye Indoni yamanzi iyokhethwa kusho ukuthi eyami ingane iyongcwatshwa iphila? (That means when another Guardian is going to be born my child will be buried alive)

Makhosi: Yebo.. Mele iyohlala emfuleni nezinye ibe yidlozi (Yes.. She has to go to the river and become an ancestor)

Tears welled up in my eyes..

Me: Angivumi (I won't accept that)

Makhosi: Uma ungavumi nizofa nobabili bese isgodi angeke sibe ne Ndoni yamanzi. Sizohlupheka (If you don't allow both of you are going to die then the village will suffer again)

I shook my head..

Me: Akukho right lokhu okwenzakalayo (What's happening is not right)

Makhosi: Kuzo mele sihambe siye emfuleni ngoba kuzoza inyanga yale kwa Skhakhane uma iphosa amathambo kuyovela ukuthi wuwe othwele Indoni yamanzi yethu bese uNdunkulu uzothi ubulawe (We will have to move fast they have called a traditional healer from the Skhakhane village. He's going to throw the bones and he's gonna find out that you are carrying the next Guardian. The Queen will have you killed)

Ma: Ngiyazi ukuthi lokhu okwenzakalayo akukho right Mntanam' kodwa mele kwenzeke ngalendlela (I know that this is not unfair but is has to be done my child)

Makhosi: Ngiphule imithetho eminingi ukuthi ngize la uma Inkosi ithola. Nami ngizobulawa (I've risked a lot to come here if the king can find out that I've betrayed them. He will have me killed)

At that moment I started to feel cramps..

Me: Ahhh

Makhosi: Sekuyisikhathi mele sambe (The time has come we have to go)

Ma: Woza Winnie (Come Winnie)

Makhosi: Uma use duze kusho ukuthi noDlunkulu use duze mele sihambe ngaphambi kokuthi basifikele kuqala emfuleni (If you in labour now that means the Queen is also in labour we have to go now before they make it to the river before us)

My Mom looked at me..

Ma: Kumele kube ngalendlela (It has to be this way)

MAKHOSAZANA (QUEEN)

The cramps were getting intense now I held on tightly to the arm rest of my chair..

Me: Akumelanga kube ngalendlela mele silinde inyanga yakwa Skhakhane (It's not supposed to be this way we suppose to wait for the traditional healer)

King: Sne Hamba uyolanda uVusimuzi Kumele sisheshe siye emfuleni. Umtshele ukuthi alande uMakhosi (Sne go and fetch Vusimuzi he has to get the traditional healer so that we go to the

Ndoni yamanzi river)

Sne ran off to fetch Vusimuzi..

Me: Kusheshile (It's too soon)

King: Bambelela kancane MaDlamini

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sizohamaba manje (Hold on a bit longer we will leave soon)

BAWINILE LANGA

Unfortunately we cannot fight fate we cannot stop nor change what is meant to be.

We set off to go to the river I was on a wheelbarrow and Makhosi was pushing it. My Mother followed was next to me we had to leave the kids behind. The cramps were getting intense and I felt that I was wet my water probably broke..

Ma: Shesha Makhosi!! (Hurry)

Me: Ma kubuhlungu (It's painful)

Ma: Ngiyazi ngane yam' Bambelela sesizofika (Hold on a bit longer we almost there)

MAKHOSAZANA (QUEEN)

Vusi: uMakhosi akekho (The traditional healer is not at his place)

King: Asambeni is'khathi sesifikile (Let's go the time has come)

Vusi: ihashi sengilungisile asambeni (I have prepared the horse let's go)

Sne went out to ring the bell the bell was to let the villagers know that the next Guardian is about to be born so they all have to follow us to the river to witness this sacred birth.

BAWINILE LANGA

The Indoni yamanzi river is not that far as Makhosi was running while pushing the wheelbarrow I could see it we were very close. I have seen it before but today it looked very beautiful. The water was glowing and the waterfall was beautiful too..

Ma: Yabo sesifikile (You see were here)

Makhosi placed the wheelbarrow next to some rock he helped me to get up..

I shook my head..

Me: Akukho right (This is not right)

They helped me to walk to the edge of the river where the water wasn't that deep for a water birth. My child has to be touched by the water so her ancestors the previous Guardians can bless her. UMakhosi put the grass mat down and my Mother helped me to lay on it my Mother was gonna help with the whole birth. With my first pregnancy I was in labour for a very long time this one seems to be very quick.. Makhosi chanted the clan names and asked the ancestors to be with us my Mother was encouraging me to push and I did.. As we were busy with the birth of my Daughter I heard someone screaming..

Ma: Sebafikile (They are here)

Voice: Noooooo!!! Babulaleni (Go and kill them)

That could only mean one thing that the Queen has arrived too...

Ma: Ohh Nkosi yam sokwenzanjani manje (what are we going to do now)

I looked and the men were making their way to us they were holding spears. I feared for our lives they will kill us without having any mercy. At that moment something spectacular happened I saw Queen Nowisa and the other Guardians standing in the middle of the river...

Me: Mama bheka (Mama look)

Ma: Yini? Ubona ini? (What are you seeing)

Me: uDlunkulu u Nowisa (The Queen Nowisa)

Makhosi: Akwazeki abaphilayo abamboni (that's impossible the living cannot see her)

She was the most beautiful woman that I've ever seen so were the other Guardians. She lifted her hand up and then the water started to rise. The water formed a cluster around us that protected us from any external harm.

The men that tried to break through they were sent flying and they fell far. I kept on pushing with Nowisa and the Guardians still standing there until my Daughter came out. Makhosi was the one to hold her and put her in the water first then he held her up high as she cried..

Makhosi: Indoni yethu yamanzi (Our guardian)

The villagers started clapping and ululating..

Nowisa smiled..

Nowisa: uQondisiwe Indoni yamanzi

She then looked at me and somehow everything started to look blurry then after that I saw total darkness. I went blind..

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QONDISIWE

[PRESENT DAY]

I wake up very early in the morning at around 4am to prepare herbs for the people in the village. I am the very first Indoni yamanzi to take on the traditional healing route ever since uMakhosi was banished from our village a long time ago after my birth for betraying the King. I connect very well with People's ancestors and my ancestors the previous Guardians to heal and help people. Our village has grown ever since we even accept people from the city to come to our village and seek traditional help. It's a very demanding responsibility from my side but I do it with love because it's who I am. My mother told me about my

birth I still don't understand how I became Indoni Yamanzi whilst I'm not even royalty. She just said that I was chosen because of my beauty I don't know how she knows that I'm beautiful because she's been blind for a very long time. The Queen never recovered as much as she wanted to do away with me but she couldn't. If she had me killed then the village was going to suffer she would've felt the wrath of the Ancestors. The Royal house has a picture of Queen Nowisa it has been said at the royal house that I look exactly like her. Hence the Queen backed down from coming after me and my family...I am 22 years old now and have been Indoni Yamanzi for as long as I can remember it's my life and I'm used to it...

Ma: Masekuthule kanje kusho kona ukuthi ucabanga kakhulu (When it's this quiet that means you thinking a lot)

I turned and looked at her...

Ma: Phela ngabe manje usucula kamnandi (By now you would be singing)

I got up and went to her...

Me: Bengizokulethela amanzi wokugeza (I would've brought you water to bath)

Ma: Kanti nje bengifuna ukushaywa umoya (I wanted fresh air)

My Sister came out too she was prepared to go to work. She's part of the people in the village who go and sell fruits&Vegetables in the city. I have two Sisters. Khabonina is the first born and then Sindisiwe is the second born. Sindisiwe is in the city she left a long time ago. She is living the life and has a good job when she visits us she always shows me her pictures. She's been around the world she's been to Dubai she's been to Thai land and Italy just to name a few. She drives a beautiful car and has a lot of money. I wish that I could go to the city too make something out of myself but unfortunately I have a duty here. A duty to my People. Khabonina is very bitter she had to give up her life and care for us ever since our Mother went blind. She has two kids and she's very miserable. She blames us that her dreams had to be on hold so that she could take care of us. I wish she could open her heart and forgive herself for not being where she wanted to be..

Khabo: Sengiyahamba (I'm leaving)

Me: Bengithi ngizokwenzela itiya ngaphambi kokuthi uhambe (I wanted to make you some tea before you left)

Khabo: Ngizodla phambili (I'll get something on the way)

Ma: Uhambe kahle sisi

She held her bag and walked away..

LUNGISA BIYELA

I looked my arm on the mirror the bite marks were still fresh. I ran my finger there and it was a bit painful the skin in that area had peeled off a bit...

My name is Lungisa Biyela I am 35 years old and I am a CEO at our family company. We in Agriculture and have been for a very long time. My father is the one who started us off when he passed on everything was signed off to my Mother. She didn't have much knowledge about the business so when I graduated she made me the CEO. We have grown over the years we have 5 shareholders and my Mother being the the major shareholder. I am engaged to a beautiful woman by the name of Nokuthula I would lie if I say love exists in our relationship. Maybe I did love her at first but as time went on and saw who she was that love died. Nokuthula's Father is a wealthy business man she also has shares in our company. He is the second major shareholder and a very good family friend. My Mother literally sold me to that family. Nokuthula liked me very much so my Mother said I should give in because we need her Father and his status more. She is a spoiled brat and very crazy. Sometimes I wonder if she's mental stable with all the shit that she does. She's very possessive and insecure

I don't know how many times I've been accused of "Cheating". When her mind goes haywire she starts unnecessary fights and end up attacking me physically last night was another unfortunate night for me after she had drank wine. When we started dating she wasn't doing anything other than spending Daddy's money as time went on she started getting bored and decided to work in one of his companies. I'm tired of her to be honest but I can't do away with her because we still need her father he's a good contact. I have a little Brother his name is Ibanathi Biyela and that one lives a life of his own. He's in varsity and has been there for a while now. He keeps on failing I can just say that he is the blacksheep of the family and gives zero fucks about the company.. He doesn't get along with our Mother they always fighting. It's safe to say we are one rich broken family money doesn't buy happiness at all...

IBANATHI BIYELA

"Yeah you got that yummy yum

That yummy yum

That yummy yummy

Yeah you got that yummy you got that yummy yum

That yummy yum

That yummy yummy"

I opened my eyes and everything appeared blurry at first I kept on blinking a few times until I realized that I was in a hotel room. A certain female had her head on my chest another one literally had hers on my crotch. I moved the one that was laying on my chest and rose up from the pillow I removed the other one and got out of bed busy tripping on champagne and Hennessy bottles. I was wearing my briefs only I looked around for my pants. My best friend was laying with another one girl on the couch I ran my hand across my face as I felt like I have been ran over by a truck. I made my way to the bathroom and before I could open the door I heard someone moaning...

Me: What the???

I opened the door and my other friend was being given a BJ in the bathroom by some honey..

Him: Wtf man?? Close the fucken door!!

Me: Ohh my bad I closed the door while chuckling

"Say the word on my way

Yeah babe yeah babe yeah babe

Any night any day

Say the word on my way

Yeah babe yeah babe yeah babe

In the morning or late

Say the word on my way"

I walked over and turned the stereo down the room was a mess and everything was going to be paid off by me. I searched for my iPhone until I found it I had 5 missed calls from my Mom and a text message that read:

"You know I can't wait for your trust fund to run out. Don't even think that you going to get a cent from me! As a matter of fact I would be very happy if you could die. You are nothing but an embarrassment and you shaming our family name. Grow up Iba"

I texted her back..

"Maybe you should just kill me too like how you killed my father! Trust fund my left foot I own part of that company bitch it's my inheritance too"

I hate my Mother with Passion that hag killed my father because he was about to leave him for another woman. He has seen how evil she was and was ready to divorce her leaving her with nothing.

Somewhere somehow after his mysterious death almost everything had been sighed over to that woman. She's very evil and I hate that she even gave birth to me. Unlike my big Brother Lungi I don't let her run over me I don't let her push me around as if like I'm nothing but a puppy. I will fight her and fight for what's rightfully mine.. I spotted the small plastic of cocaine on the table and went to do it last night I missed the family dinner on purpose just to piss her off and went clubbing with my friends. I'd rather be around people who make me happy than fake happiness with my family..

QONDISIWE

Happy and I stood at the gate we were here to drop the Queen's meds as always. Happy is my best friend she lives with her Grandmother and her siblings. She helps me a lot with my duties and she's more of a loud mouth than me. I am very reserved and she fights my battles for me..

Princess Nomasono slowly made her way to us they have a lot of servants I don't know why they don't ask on the servants to fetch the meds from us since I'm not allowed to step foot inside..

Happy: Aii nawu ke (here she comes)

Me: Uzibambe phela yi Nkosazana (Behave yourself she's the princess)

She stood before us and folded her arms..

I bowed a little..

Me: Nkosazana (Princess)

I looked at Happy she forced herself to bow..

Me: Silethe umuthi for uDlunkulu (We have brought the Queen her Meds)

She stretched her hand and I got the bottle from my bag and gave it to her. She opened it and poured out the medicine inside I sighed..

Her: Ngathi kuyomele wenze omunye ngenze iphutha shame (looks like you will have to make another bottle I accidentally spilled this one)

Happy: Kodwa unentliziyo embi sizama ukusiza umamakho la (You have such an evil heart we trying to help your mother here)

Her: "Si".. Weeee Happy unceda kuphi wena? (We.. Happy how are you trying to help)

I took another bottle from my bag...

Me: Bengazi ukuthi lokhu kuzokwenzeka yikho ngenze amabhodlela amabili (I knew this was going to happen that's why I made 2 bottles)

She took if from me then rolled her eyes..

She turned her back and started walking away..

Happy: Yikho nje angasiyindoni yamanzi asho ngobubi (That's why she's not the Guardian)

I laughed..

Me: Agh asambe (let's go)

We started walking..

Me: USindi ung'phatheli izincwadi kungcono namhlanje sizofunda (My Sister brought me some books at least we going to read today)

My Sister brings me some kiddies story books so that I can teach myself how to read and write I practice a lot with her when she's around then after I take them and teach Happy how to read.

That's how we keep ourselves occupied when we sitting at the River so that we don't get bored..

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QONDISIWE

Me: The End

Happy started clapping her hands

Happy: Hai Sisi sowuyaqina manje kulesingesi (you getting good at learning English)

Me: Ngiyazama ngisamele uSindi abuye futhi azongifundisa (I'm trying.. I'm actually waiting for Sindi to come back and teach me more)

(Silence)

Happy: Yazi Qondi wena ufanelwe izinto ezintle ufanelwe ukufunda

ubuye futhi uzitholele nesoka. Kuko konke loku osiyenzela kona la esgodini amadlozi wakho mele akubhadale (You know Qondi you deserve all the best in life. You deserve education and a good boyfriend. Everything that you have done for us here in this village your ancestors need to bless you)

I appreciate what Qondi is saying and I do wish for a life that is beyond this one but that will only remain as a wish because I have a duty. A life that I want will only clash with who I am. I cannot neglect my duties as Indoni yamanzi I'm actually married to who I am.

Me: Lokho kuyohlala kuyisifiso (That will only remain as a wish)

Happy: Kodwa awukazami nokuzama (You haven't even tried)

Me: Hai Happy

Her: Mele uzame kanti futhi uyazi no Manqoba uyazi fela ngawe (You need to try plus Manqoba is head over hills with you)

Manqoba works for the royal house. He herds their cows and everything else that needs to be done he is actually a nice guy.

Me: Kodwa Happy angikaze ngaqoma nje (I have never dated before)

Her: Awuke uzame (You need to try)

Happy has a boyfriend his name is Thulane. Their relationship is nice she loves him and he loves her. I wonder how it feels to be loved I wonder how it feels to be in a relationship..

LUNGISA BIYELA

I walked into the office and everyone started greeting me from the reception all the way to my territory. I have a PA by the name of Sloane he is gay and Nokuthula's best friend. Noks is the one who suggested that I should have a gay PA because she's worried that any female at my desk I might get tempted..

Sloane walked in after me holding my coffee

Him: Boss

Me: Morning Slo

Him: Unjani muntu wam' (How are you my person)

Me: I'm good Slo and how are you?

Him: I'm good

Here is your coffee.. He put it on the table..

Me: Thank you

Him: Flowers are on the way to the Penthouse

Me: Thank you

Him: Noks asked me to help her plan the engagement party for this coming weekend.. Are you excited?

I took my coffee..

Me: I was consumed by a lot of work that I actually forgot about it

I didn't forget about it I'm just not excited about it..

Him: I can't wait to even help plan the wedding

Me: Seems like you have a lot on your plate

Him: It seems like that but it's for a good course

I nodded..

My mother came into my office looking mad as hell...

Slo: Mrs B I didn't know you were coming

Mom: Slo get me some tea

Slo: Yes Mam'

Everyone is scared of this woman she runs a tight ship..

She threw her bag on the table..

Mom: Lungi I'm very close to killing that useless Brother of yours

Me: Sekayenzeni manje? (What has he done now)

She went into her bag and got her phone she handed it to me..

Mom: Go to my text messages

I went to her text messages..

Mom: Ungibize nges'febe (He called me a bitch)

I shook my head..

Mom: I won't be disrespected by a child that I gave birth too! I am even thinking of stopping his trust fund

Me: That's only going to make him worse

Mom: He doesn't have his priorities straight!

Me: Maybe if you could just leave him he will stop acting like this Iba does this because he knows that he will get this reaction from you. Sometimes you just need to keep quiet and surprise him

I handed her back her phone she sighed..

Her: Wena unjani? (how are you)

Me: I'm fine

Her: How is Noks?

Me: She's fine (low voice)

Her: After the stunt she pulled last night

I didn't say anything..

Her: I know that she is not the best but she can be fixed right?

Get her help then uzoba right

Me: I suppose so

Her: Maybe marriage is going to change her

Me: Marriage will never change her unless she wants to change

Her: Don't talk like that..

Me: Ma awumazi uNoks ukuthi unjani (You don't know how she is)

Her: I refuse Lungi ngeke wahlulwa umfazi (You can't be defeated by a woman)

Me: I'm not going to hit her nor use any force on her

Her: Ngiyezwa (I hear you)

I opened the chair and sat down..

Me: I have work to do

Her: Okay we talk later then maybe you two can come over at the house for dinner

Me: I'll see

Her: I love you Lungi you the best Son that I've ever had

Me: I love you too Ma

Her: Let me leave you to do your work then

Me: Bye

Her: Tell Slo he was late with my tea

Me: I'll do so

She took her bag and walked out..

IBANATHI

I got to my place and I was tired as hell all I wanted to do was to just sleep. I wasn't going to attend today. The hotel bill was very high this time around I actually felt it..

When I got in my girlfriend was around. I forgot that I gave her a key when she wanted me to be serious with our relationship..

Her: Iba

Me: Thembela

Her: Where have you been? You haven't been answering your phone babe

Me: Ya I went out last night

Her: Why didn't you tell me?

Me: I forgot

Her: You look like hell

Relationships bore me to death I don't even know why I'm still with her. I've long lost interest in her..

Me: You don't have classes today?

I threw myself on the couch..

Her: I do

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I don't even know why I'm still with her. I've long lost interest in her..

Me: You don't have classes today?

I threw myself on the couch..

Her: I do I actually came here to see if you okay

She came and sat ontop of me..

Her: I was very worried

I put my hands on her hips..

Her: What's wrong? You seem bored by me?

I let a breath escape my lips..

Me: I'm just tired that's all

Her: Well I have a plan why don't we go to the shower and..

She kissed me on my neck...

Me: Actually I want to be alone I'm tired and I need to rest

Her: Ohw

She got off me..

Me: When you leave please leave my key on the counter..

I got up..

Her: Iba are you still feeling me?

Me: I'm just Tee that's all.. Please don't start any drama you know I don't like girls with Drama

She nodded..

She's a sweet girl and I hate doing this to her but she will learn.

She has to learn that niggas ain't shit and I want her to learn from me..

Her: I guess I'll call you later

Me: You do that

I approached the staircase..

Her: I love you

Me: Love you too

Being in a relationship is a trap I've seen my Brother and he is hella miserable. I have other girls having a lot of girls actually makes me happy... I don't see myself being tied down in a relationship or falling hard for a girl..

QONDISIWE

My necklace started to glow. I have this necklace that I wear everyday it has a little water pendent. The water is from the Indoni yamanzi River when it glows it's a sign that someone is coming for help..I packed the books away..

Happy: Bheka (look)

I saw Manqoba approaching us with some lady..

Me: Umsebenzi sowuyaqala (now it's time to work)

People who need help they start at the royal house then Manqoba brings them here to me..

Manqoba: Sanibonani (Greetings)

We greeted him back. Manqoba is good looking. He is dark and his afro is always clean and neat..

Lady: Wow this river is beautiful

From how she spoke I could tell that she was from the city..

Manqoba: Qondi

Me: Hello

Him: Lo uSisi u Letta (This is Letta)

I looked at her..

Me: Sawubona (hello)

Her: Yebo Sisi

Manqoba: Sisi lo wuQondi wuye ozokusiza (This is Qondisiwe she's the one who is going to help you)

She looked at me..

Her: Ave emncane (she's young)

Manqoba chuckled..

Him: Bonke basho njalo until nathole usizo (They all say that until they get help)

She came close...

Me: Ngicela isandla sakho (Please give me your hand)

She looked at us and then extended her hand to me..I held it..

Me: Sithini isithakazelo sakini sakubo babakho (What is your paternal clan names)

She shrugged her shoulders..

Her: Angisazi (I don't know)

I nodded..

Me: Isibongo (The surname)

Her: Ngwanya

Me: Azange bakwenzele imbeleko kubo Baba angithi? (They never introduced you to your father's ancestors right)

She nodded..

Me: Amadlozi wakhona awakwazi (Your ancestors don't know you)

She kept quiet..

Me: Kumele bakwazi ukuze uzothola izibusiso zakakhokho wakho kubo babakho (they need to know you so that you can get their blessings)

Her: Ekhaya Uma uyasonta izinto zama siko akazingeni (My Mother is a Christian she doesn't do tradition)

Me: Uma ungakwenzi Lokho izinto zakho ngeke zihambe kahle.

Zohlala zimile (If you don't do that your things won't go well)

Her: ekhaya siyathandaza (At home we pray)

Me: Angikungabazi Lokho. Ukuazisa emadlozini wakini angeke kwama phambi kwakho nenkolo yakho usebenzisa Isibongo sakhona mele bakwazi (I am not denying that. Introducing yourself to your ancestors won't stand in the way of your religion you using their surname they need to know you)

Her: Kuzoba indaba endala le (This is going to be messy)

Me: Kube kudala usebenza Sisi futhi lokhu okwakho akuhluphi. Kumele ushise imphepho ube namakhandlela amathathu ushweleze izithakazelo zabo khokho bakho bakhabo Baba. Wenze njalo until bakuzwe (You would long be working. You have to burn an incense call on their clan names until they recognize you)

She sighed..

Her: Hai angazi (I don't know)

I let her hand go..

Her: Asazi sisi (we don't know)

We all kept quiet..

Her: Mele ng'hambe (I have to go)

She turned and started walking away..

Happy: Ya kunzima (It's hard)

Me: Lo sisi ubekelwe okuhle kphela abo khokho bakhe uma nje angavuma ukwenza lokhu uyokuthola konke okumfanele (This lady is supposed to get a lot of good things if only she could do as I say)

Happy: Uzothini ngoba inkolo yakhe ayivumi (Her religion doesn't allow)

Me: The God of her forefathers-

Happy: Wena na.. "The God of her forefathers"

I smiled..

Me: Siyela khona (We getting there)

Manqoba: Ithi nginishiye ke mantombazana kuse khona abanye (Let me leave you ladies there's more clients)

He smiled at me..I smiled at him too then he left..

Happy hit me on my shoulder a bit..

Her: God of her forefathers

She clapped her hands..

Her: Thatha mngani (You go girl)

We both laughed..

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QONDISIWE

Later on my Mother My Sister and I we were gathered around the fire eating dinner. It wasn't something special just Pap and spinach. Today I delayed with the consultations so Khabo had to cook when she got back and we didn't hear the end of it.

We ate our dinner in Peace whilst the kids weren't sitting that far

from us..I kept on looking at my Mother because I wanted to ask her something she's like my best friend and I talk to her about everything...

Me: Ma

She turned her head to the sound of my voice

Me: Indoni yamanzi akumelanga ukuthi ibe ne mpilo? Ngaphandle kwale enginayo? (A guardian is not meant to have a life other than the one that I know)

Ma: Usho njani? (What do you mean)

Me: Nami nginamaphupho ngingathanda ukufunda ngibe nesoka ngibe nempilo nje (I would like to be educated have a boyfriend just have a life in General)

Khabonina laughed..

My Mom smiled..

Khabo: Akukho mpilo ozoba nayo ngaphandle kwale ngisho ngoba ksasa nje ungafa nokufa (There's no life you going to have other than the one you know tomorrow you might even die)

Ma: Khabo!!

Khabo: Yini? Kanti mele sikhulume amanga na? (what? Should we lie to her?)

My sister looked at me..

Khabo: Leyo Mpilo uzoyithola emaphupheni ngeke uyunuke nje (That life you will only live it in your dreams)

Ma: Qondi ngiyazi ukuthi lokhu kunzima kuwe kodwa hlala uwazi ukuthi sonke sadalelwa izimpilo ezihlukile. Wena ubusesikile kakhulu unceda abantu. Lokhu okwenzayo akwenziwa wuwo wonke umuntu wakhethwa usesibelethweni Sami (Qondi I know that this is difficult for you but know that we are all not destined for the same life. What you do not everyone can do. You help people you heal people. You are very blessed and you were chosen from when you were in my womb)

Me: Ngiyakuzwa Ma (I hear you Ma)

Ma: Uthando lutholakala kuzo zonke izindawo abantu bakule sigodi bayakuthanda kakhulu futhi. Uthando alutholakali endondeni kuphela (You can find love anywhere your people love you dearly. Love doesn't come from a man only)

I sighed and went back to eating my food..

Ma: Lesisi sigodi ngeke saya phambili ngaphandle kwakho (This village cannot progress without you)

I nodded even though she won't see..

Me: Nami bengingathanda ukufana nabanye abantu ngibe nempilo

efana nabanye (I would like to be normal I would like to have a normal life)

Ma: Kodwa awufani nabanye abantu nje ubalulekile (You not like an ordinary person you are very important)

Khabo: Futhi nje lendoni yamanzi isiqalekiso (This Guardian thing is a curse)

Ma: Kodwa Khabo

Khabo: Ngeke nje ube nempilo efana nabanye una 22 Qondi kube kudala wayamukela (You will never have a normal life you 22 Qondi. You should've long accepted that)

I let her be unfortunately no one can do anything with her bitterness..

As we were eating quietly I saw headlights..

Khabo: Ngaba ubani manje? (Who is that)

When the car got closer I realized that it was Sindi's car. I stood up..

Me: Ma uSindi (Ma it's Sindi)

My mood changed..

Ma: Hau uSindi

Khabo: Nayi intandokazi enye (Here comes another golden egg)

I put my dish down and ran to her car..

IBANATHI

Someone was ringing my doorbell like crazy I can never get some peace and quiet. I checked my phone and I didn't have any missed calls no one shows up at my place without calling first. I wonder who it is..

I got out of bed and put on my shorts I made my way downstairs to open. The door bell was ringing off the hook..

Me: Yaa I'm coming!!!

I went down the stairs to the kitchen to open the door. It was my Mother I suddenly got bored..

Me: Ma

She made her way in her heels made noise as she walked in. I closed the door..

She looked around first without saying anything at least my girlfriend cleaned. Well there's no one else who can clean my maid doesn't work on weekends.. This is going to be a long day.. She finally turned and looked at me..

Her: Iba

I scratched my head..

Me: You should've called

Her: As if like you were going to answer my calls

Me: What do you want?

She opened her bag and came back with a small envelope she handed it to me..

Me: What is this?

Her: Read

I opened the envelope and took out the letter I read through..

Me: What??

She didn't say anything..

Me: I'm excluded from the Varsity?

Her: It's sad isn't it?

Me: What did you do? Did you bribe the management?

She put her purse on the counter and her car keys..

Her: Do you know the richest families in South Africa?

Me: What's that got to do with this?

Her: The first richest family is De Lucq then comes the Martinez family then comes the Thobekgales

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then comes the Thobekgales and finally the Biyelas. All those 3 families their riches are led by Men. Edward De Lucq Andre Martinez Vic Thobekgale the Biyela family is ran by me and I'll be Damned if you drag our name into the mud. Why can't you be like Lungi huh? Why can't I have both my boys working side by side into getting our name at the top?

Me: Lungi is miserable

Her: Lungi is a blessing to this family.. From tomorrow you will be working side by side with him learn more about the company and stop wasting time at Varsity because you have been failing

Me: I don't wanna be a part of the family business!

Her: You have no choice if you want money and to keep on living this life then you will work hard for it just like everyone else

She took her things..

Her: I also suggest that you get a good girl these loose cannons that you busy running around with is not good for our reputation

Me: Go to hell!!

Her: I have stopped your trust fund too

Me: I'm 28 I'm in charge of my money

Her: Not anymore Baby I run this ship

She walked to the door..

Her: Ohw and you will show me respect from now on Just because you my Son that doesn't mean I cannot come after you. Grow up Iba the business is taking a downfall we need a new land to extend our farming and you going to be a part of that project. Don't disappoint me

She opened the door..

Her: Remember I love you so you choose. Are you gonna be a son that I want or are you going to downgrade and live like a normal person? I'd like to see that

She walked out and then closed the door..

LUNGISA

I was in the boardroom with the staff things aren't looking well for us. The land that we occupy where we grow our crops and everything is no longer productive we have tried everything but it's failing so right now it'll be best to look for another land. One that

will be very advantageous to what we do..

Me: I know this looks bad but we have been here before and we bounced back we can bounce back again.. Our crops are dying suppliers ain't getting a good stock from us. They have had a lot of complaints and many want to pull out

Lindi: There's nothing we can do in trying to work on our current land?

I shook my head no..

Me: That's why I have chosen you guys you the best and I know that within 3 months we will find a land that's good enough for us

I looked at the time..

Me: Thank you all for coming meeting adjourned

I don't wanna lie we are not doing well. In a year or so we might be forced to file for bankruptcy and then close down.. We need a land a very good one..

QONDISIWE

Sindi always looks beautiful when she comes by. Her hair her clothes her makeup and her car. She's really living it up her job is really paying her well..

I helped her to carry a few things from her car to the hut Khabo just stood there with her arms folded and looked at us..

Ma: Kwaze kwakuhle ukuthi ube nathi futhi Sindi (We glad that you here with us again)

Sindi: Nami ngiyathanda ukuza ekhaya Ma (I'm happy to be home)

Her perfume filled the whole hut her heels were very high. I couldn't possibly walk on that I'd fall face down..

Sindi: Kwakuhle ukunibona futhi Khabo (It's good to see everyone Khabo)

Khabo just curved her lips..

Me: Usiphatheleni? (What did you bring for us)

Ma: Awww Qondi awumuyeke aphumule (Qondi let her rest)

Sindi: Ngathi uba muhle njalo Mntaka Ma (You getting more and more beautiful)

She touched my face..

Sindi: If I can put makeup on you yerrrrrrr uzoba muhle kakhulu

Me: Ungadlali ngami (don't play with me)

Her phone started ringing she looked at it and her face turned sour..

Her: I need to take this ngiyabuya

She walked out to answer her phone..

Khabo: Thina sicela ukulala ksasa siyavukela (Some of us need to get some sleep we have to wake up early tomorrow)

She bumped into on purpose..

Me: Khabo

Her: Yini ngoba ume endleleni (You standing in the way)

I rolled my eyes and walked out I stood at the doorstep while watching Sindi talking on the phone I couldn't hear what she was saying but she kept on walking around in circles..

The pendent of my necklace started glowing that's unusual. It has never done that before at this time we closed for consultations..

My Sister came back to me..

Sindi: uRight?

Me: Angazi (I don't know)

She touched it..

Her: Wow.. Why is it glowing?

Me: Huh?

Sindi: Yintle (It's beautiful)

I looked at it..

Me: Kukhona okungekho kahle (Something is not right)

Sindi: Usho njani? (What do you mean)

Me: Angazi Sindi kodwa Kukhona okungekho right (I don't know Sindi but something is not right)

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QONDISIWE

I don't think my heart has ever been broken like this before the

pain shot through my heart like a burning arrow. Melting it little by little with drops of blood bleeding through. I have never been one to succumb to death but right now death seemed easier than to live with this pain. He was laying on the bed without moving I knelt before the bed and held his hand close to my forehead as tears streamed down my cheeks. I started to call out his clan names I begged his ancestors to come through for him but at that moment I couldn't connect with them. I couldn't reach them..

Me: Sthandwa Sam' don't do this to me please (Crying)

I heard a voice calling out to me

"Qondisiwe"

I glanced at the big mirror in the room then it reflected the Indoni yamanzi river. The voice was coming from there..

"Qondisiwe"

I got up from the floor and took the candleholder I went to it and smashed it.

Me: Why?? Why?? Nowisa!!!! (crying)

I let go of the candleholder and it fell to the ground then the door flung open. His Mother walked in and looked at him she also saw the candles and the incense that was at the corner of the room. The incense was still burning the smell engulfed the whole room.

Her: No!! Umntwana wam'

She went to him and held his hand..

Her: God please no.. Not my son (crying)

She looked at me..

Her: Umbulele umntwana wam (you killed my son)

I shook my head no..

Her: Why couldn't you just leave us alone you witch!!

She walked up to me..

Her: Why??

She picked up that candleholder and bashed me on my head with it..

Me: Ahhhhhh!!! (screaming)

She hit me again with it and again until I went down....

I woke up screaming with my heart racing and I was sweating. I looked around and it was dark my pendant was glowing brighter than it has. I was trembling I felt scared..

Sindi: Qondi yini? (What's wrong)

I share my place of sleep with her..

She hugged me..

Her: Qondi uthukile yini? (You are scared what's wrong)

I heard my Mother's walking stick..

Ma: Yini? (what's wrong)

Sindi: uQondi Ma (It's Qondi)

Khabo came through too..

Khabo: Kodwa masihloniphaneni bantu thina abanye sifuna ukulala savukela ekseni (Let's respect each other some of us are still sleeping. We have to wake up very early in the morning)

Sindi: Khabo awume!! (Khabo wait a minute)

Ma: Kwenzakalani? (what's going on)

Sindi: Ngathi iphupho elibi (It's a nightmare)

Me: Iphupho elizoyenzeka (A nightmare that's going to come true)

Ma: Uboneni Qondi? (What did you see)

Me: Ngizwa ubuhlungu Ma (I felt a great pain)

Sindi: Kanti ne chain yakhe it has started glowing

Ma: Khabo lethela ingane amanzi (Khabo bring Qondi some water)

Khabo: Ningiyeke mina ngisayo lala (Leave me alone I'm going to sleep)

Sindi clicked her tongue and then got up..

Sindi: Ngizomlethela Ma (I'll bring her some water)

Ma: Qondi yini? Uboneni? (Qondi what's wrong what did you see)

LUNGISA

I was at the office earlier than usual I'd rather be at the office than be at home. People hate their jobs but I love mine the office is where I find peace from the nightmares that exist at my house. My phone rang it was Noks. I looked at her call and debated with myself if I should answer it or not it kept on ringing until I picked up...

Me: Love

Her: Babe you left early this morning

Me: I know I told you that the company is having a crisis so we doing damage control

Her: Yes you did say maybe later then we can go out for dinner?

Me: I'll tell Sloane to make reservations

Her: Okay.. I love you

Me: I love you too

I hung up and put my phone down...

QONDISIWE

This morning I was down at the river with my Sister Sindi Happy wasn't gonna join me today because she is helping her Grandmother with some few things..

Sindi was busy doing my makeup..

Sindi: Angifuni ukusondela kakhulu la emfuleni ngingaze ngiwele ngingakhoni ukuphima. Indoni yamanzi yenu ing'thathe (I don't wanna come close to the river I might fall inside then your Gaurdian might take me instead)

We both laughed..

(Silence)

Her: Unjani manje? (How are you feeling now)

Me: Ngingcono (I'm better)

Her: Uphupheni? (What was the nightmare about)

Me: Nami angazi okwamanje kodwa ngathi yinto esazoyenzeka

ngathi lingibikela ukufa kwami (I am not sure but it seems like an event that's still to come. I think it's my death)

She stopped and looked at me...

Her: Hai Qondi that's more like a premonition

Me: Ini? (What)

Her: Ubona into esazoyenzeka (You saw something that's still yet to come)

She put some of the makeup back into her bag..

Her: Uzibone Ungena la emfuleni? (You saw yourself getting in the river)

Me: Cha.. Angazi Sindi kodwa ngathi ukufa kwami ngobulalwa umuntu (I don't know Sindi I think I'm going to be killed by someone)

Her: That doesn't make sense. Uyindoni yamanzi ukufa kwakho ukungena la emanzini (You are a guardian your death will be brought about by the river)

I shrugged my shoulders..

Me: Masikhulume ngenye into kunjani egoli? (let's talk about something else how is the city)

She sighed..

Her: Ku busy njenge mihla (It's always busy)

Me: Umsebenzi wona? (Work)

Her expression changed..

Her: Ku right emsebenzini (it's okay at work)

Me: Nami ngiyafisa ukuya eGoli ngiphile impilo edlula le (I wish to go to the City and live a different life from this one)

Her: Qondi iGoli alikho mnandi ngalendlelaocabanga ngayo (The city is not that nice not like the way you think)

Me: Ingani wena uphila kamnandi nje (But you live a beautiful life)

She gave me a faint smile..

Her: kubona kalanga kanjalo kodwa akukho Lula (It seems like that but it's not that easy)

Me: Kukhona ongangitsheli kona mhlambe? (Is there something that you not telling me)

Her: Cha akukho nex (There's nothing)

Me: Letha isandla sakho (Give me your hand)

Her: Ukuze uzobona iksasa lami? Cha! (so that you can see my future)

Me: Yinto embi leyo na? (is that a bad thing)

Her: Weee Qondi I'm not one of your clients phela I'm not here to consult

Me: Usuke bese uyang'lahla yabo yikho ngifuna ukuya egoli.

Ngiyofunda (Now you have lost me that's why I wanna go to the City and get educated)

We both laughed..

Her: Yabo namhlanje uzoba muhle mawuyenza ama consultation wakho

IBANATHI

I wish my Mom was tripping but that hag means everything that she says. If I don't agree to what she says she will make my life miserable financially. This morning I decided to go to the office and see what my position and responsibilities are going to be honestly speaking I am not feeling this whole situation. I don't wanna be a part of the family business I wanna do my thing..

I walked straight to my Brother's office with my earphones in my ears ignoring all the greetings. I didn't even knock I just opened and walked in he was on the phone. I went and sat down on the chair opposite his I put my feet on his table..

Lungi: I totally understand.. Yes.. Please do get back to me.. Thank you.. Bye

He put the phone down and my sneakers off his table..

Him: Good morning to you too little Bro

I took off my earphones..

Him: What are you doing here? Aren't you supposed to be at school?

Me: Your Mother got me kicked out

Him: Why?

Me: She wants me to start working here and learn more about the family business

He chuckled..

Him: Did she threaten you?

Me: As always

Him: I don't know why you hate working here this company is yours too

Me: I don't wanna be miserable like you

I got up and walked to the window to check the view..

Him: Yes of course

Me: How is your alcoholic wife?

He paused for a while...

Him: She's fine

I folded my arms and leaned against the window..

Me: Why don't you just ditch the bitch?

Him: I love her and don't call my fiancé a bitch

Me: Bullshit!! I don't buy that

Him: Some other people are capable of falling in love Iba

Me: Lungi you miserable with her at least cheat then

Him: I'm not going to cheat

Me: When was the last time you even had sex?

Him: I'm not going to discuss my sex life with you

Lungi doesn't like talking about his private life that much to me..

Me: Can you do all the work while I just sit back?

Lungi: You wish

Me: What are you even working on?

Lungi: We are in a crisis we need a land as soon as possible. My team has gone out if you had showed earlier you would be canvassing with them

Me: I prefer sitting here all day

We heard a knock at the door it was some woman

Lungi: Lelo please come in

She made her way in..

Lelo: Good morning Sir sorry to just budge into your office like that

Lungi: It's okay.. What can I do for you

She exhaled..

Her: I heard that the company is looking for a land if we don't get a land sooner we might have to close down

I walked closer..

Lungi: Office gossip

Lelo: I'm sorry sir I didn't mean to pry

Lungi: It's okay.. Are you here for that?

Lelo: Yes sir.. I think I have a solution

Lungi stopped what he was doing and gave her his undivided attention..

Lelo: There was a time when my sister was sick and all the Doctor's couldn't help so someone told us about a village where she could be helped by a Guardian

Lungi: A Guardian?

Lelo: Yes.. They call her Indoni Yamanzi she helps people who have problems traditionally

Me: Witch doctor

Lelo: She's anything but that

Lungi: Continue

Lelo: When we got there Sir I don't wanna lie to you I have never seen such a beautiful place. The village is blessed their crops.. It's a very fruitful land that relies on a very sacred river known as Indoni Yamanzi. I was thinking that maybe you should visit the village before we left they gave us fruits and I've never seen such big fruits

Lungi and I looked at each other..

Lungi: Where is that village?

She took out a piece of paper...

Her: Here.. It's known as the Zikhali village located in between Limpopo and Mpumalanga

Lungi took the paper..

Lungi: My Brother and I we will drive there this afternoon to check it out

Lelo: I'm glad I could help Sir

Lungi: Thank you very much

She stood up and walked out..

Lungi: I've heard people talking about this river before they say it's sort of like magical it gives the village life

Me: I'm not going to a village

Him: If you want to impress your Mother then you'll come with..

We will be heading there at around 14:00 do avail yourself

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LUNGISA

Iba and I set off to the Zikhali village it was just the two of us in the car. I wanted us to bond a bit we don't see each other that much. Iba was in the world of his own he had his earphones on and didn't give in to the bonding moment I just let him be.

Knowing my stubborn brother if I could force him to talk he will blow up.. We arrived at the Village we weren't exactly on time because we got lost along the way. I must say that Lelo was not lying the village was indeed beautiful. Unfortunately we couldn't just walk around to explore the village when we arrived we were taken to the royal house to see the king first. I didn't expect them to be this strict I thought it was just gonna be an easy process I do hope that the king will hear us out. I need to play my cards right..

We sat in the King's court we had to be very humble. He was there with his Daughter who sat right next to him. We were introduced to the King by one of the Royal servants he had met

us at the gate and we had to tell him who we were.. There was silence after he had introduced us The King's eyes were sat on me and his Daughter's eyes were glued on Iba I could see that it made him very uncomfortable..

Iba: Can I get some fresh air?

He stood up and one of the King's guards pointed a spear at him..

Iba: What I can't even get some fresh air? I can't even go outside to piss?

I shook my head in embarrassment the cleared his throat and the Guard lowered his spear. Iba turned to King and bowed a bit..

Iba: Thank you

He turned around and started cursing under his breath..

Iba: Fucken pissing me off on a hot afternoon as if like a nigga wanna be here pointing that spear shit on me! A nigga should've came strapped

Thank Goodness that the King is traditional and doesn't understand a word that Iba said the Daughter seemed taken and fascinated. If it doesn't work out Iba will have to take one for the team and get through to the Daughter so that we can get this land. I did it with Noks to get his father on board Iba will have to take one for the team too..

Attention was back on me again..

Me: My name is..

I cleared my throat..

Me: Igama lami wu Lungisa Biyela (My name is Lungisa Biyela)

The king nodded a little..

Him: Ngathi usuka kude (It seems like you come very far)

Me: Ngibuya eGoli (I'm from the city)

Daughter: Baba ngicela ukushaywa umoya kancane (Father can I get some fresh air)

King: Yebo Nkosazana (Yes Princess)

She got up from the chair and walked out being followed by the three girls that were present with us in the room..

King: Siyakwamukela mfana ka Biyela (We welcome you)

Me: Ngiyabonga (Thank you)

King: Shono ke singakwenzelani (What can we do for you)

Me: Kusho kuthi wena mhlonishwa ngitshwele nge sgodi salapha (My King I was told about your village)

He remained quiet..

Me: Ekhaya sine company that serves to the most wealthy supermarkets kusho kuthi we supply fruits and vegetables to the most known supermarkets in South Africa. Shoprite Pick n pay checkers and Woolworths just to name a few

I saw that I lost him a little..

Me: Mhlonishwa besingathanda ukusebenzisana nale sgodi (We would like to work with your village)

King: Chaza uye phambili (Explain further)

Me: Uma isgodi sakwa Zikhali singavuma ukusithengisela imifino singabhadala imali entle imali engasiza ukuphucula abahlali. Ngale Mali ningakha izindlu ama clinic izikolo ukuze isgodi siphucuke. Angeke naphoxeleka ukuthi nihambe ibanga elide ukuze nithole usizo eGoli (If the Zikhali village could agree to work with our company by selling us your fruits&Vegetables. We would pay a lot of money for the village to have better houses for the villagers clinics schools and other things. The villagers won't have to travel that far to seek help)

It was quiet..

King: Mhlambe bangasenzela isiphuzo ukuze sikhone ukuxoxa kahle lolu daba (maybe they can offer us something to drink so we can discuss this matter further)

He looked at one of servants who left the room to get the drinks for us..

QONDISIWE

Sindi left about an hour ago said she's going to take Mom and Khabo's kids to the city so they can do a bit of shopping. I wanted to go with them but I couldn't I can't leave the river incase I get a consultation. I was sitting on the rock as always looking at the waterfall and singing. Singing keeps me very sane..

I was singing one of the songs that Sindi taught me we used to play it with her phone.

Me: "Ngikhumbula kdala ngihlezi no Mama kwaveske kwafika lo Brother enxibe iyempe elimhlophe. Sobe ngimfumane omunye ongiphambanisa nje ngawe wena uPhethe intliziyo yam.. Ulala lala lala"

I kept on singing with my legs buried in the river until I heard a song playing behind me a song that I've never heard before..

"Certified womanizer (turn up)

Bad little bitch from Naija (thick)

I feed her jollof just before I pipe her

Me and my niggas are ahead of the time ya

Put the future behind us (king)

We don't fuck with that boy take him off of the line up (king)

He's got a hoe inside him look at his time line (king)

I just came from Kenya I'm headed to Ghana (king)"

This sound sounded very different something I've never heard before I didn't turn. A voice sang along..

" You niggas got balls talkin' all that shit

Niggas these days talk more than a bitch

Internet gangster click boy click

(Shut the fuck up dawg)

Sit boy sit

Me and fake niggas we just don't mix

They huggin' too tight now it's dick on dick

I take what I take 'cause it helps me think

You should be careful with what you put in your drink little boy"

I couldn't take hearing this disturbing sound anymore I got up and turned around. I couldn't believe what my eyes landed on..

Him: Ohw sorry

He stopped the music from his phone..

I looked at him and he fit my nightmare perfectly I didn't know what to do at that moment. He got closer and then took off his glasses he didn't say anything. He just looked at me and I looked at him too with my heart racing this cannot be. From how he was dressed and how he looked I could tell that he's not from here. He's definitely from the city. I looked at him and my nightmare kept on playing in my mind the picture of him laying dead or helpless on the bed flashed right in front of my eyes. The woman picking up that candleholder from the floor and bashing me with it on my head played right in my head.. He is my doom..

His hand on my arm brought me back to reality I looked at it then my pendent started glowing. I retracted my arm back..

Him: Sorry

I looked at him he took off his glasses..

Him: Damn.. I've never seen such a beautiful girl before

I didn't say anything I just looked at him. He stretched his hand out to me..

Him: Sorry.. My name is Iba.. Ibanathi Biyela

I looked at his hand without touching it he retracted it back. He looked at me one last time and licked his lower lip then he looked at the river..

Him: Wow.. It's beautiful

He tried to get closer and my pendent glowed brighter I put my hand on his chest to stop him..

Me: Ungasondeli (don't come close)

He looked at my hand on his chest.. I lowered it..

Him: What is your name?

I didn't tell him..

Me: Kuzomele uhambe (You need to live)

He buried his hands deep in his pockets..

Him: Ngoba? (Why)

Me: Awamkelekile la (You not welcomed here)

He squinted his eyes..

I saw Nomasonto and her slaves approaching us I call them that because she treats those girls horribly..

He looked around and then looked at me again..

Him: Yintle lendawo (This place is beautiful)

He put his one leg on the rock that I was standing on..

Me: Ngiyak'khuza njalo (I'm warning you)

He smiled a little and then stepped back..

Him: Okay.. I won't take any chances

Noma: Qondisiwe!!!!

He turned and looked at them then he looked at me..

Him: Qondisiwe?

He raised one of his eyebrows with a faint smile..

Nomasonto stood next to him..

Her: Kdala bafunanawe le ekhaya (They've been looking for you at home)

He nodded with his hands still in his pockets.

Him: Qondisiwe

He said that as if like he was bidding me farewell he turned back and walked away. Nomasono followed him and her Servants whilst giving me a nasty look. I turned back and looked at the river while catching my breath. I sat down on the rock again I turned and looked at them as they walked back to the royal house. He would

turn also and look at me. I put my hand under my left breast my heart was beating fast as if like it would beat out of my chest.. I took a deep breath..

LUNGISA

The King seemed to be taken by this whole idea that I was presenting to him. The whole idea is to have him fooled gain his trust and then later on have him sign the rights of his land to us. When me and my family own this land we will evacuate him and all his people then we will use this land to our advantage.

King: Ngiyakuzwa mfana omdala (I hear you)

Me: Konke lokhu esizama ukukwenza kuzoba yisiphumelo esihle la esgodini (All that I'm proposing to you will be very advantageous to your village)

He nodded..

Him: Kuzo mele ngikhulume nabadala bala kule sgodi bese sibone ukuthi simisa njani (I'll have to consult with the council of this village then we will take it from there)

I chilled with him for a little while he ended up telling me about the land and how his ancestors occupied it. I must say that it was a very interesting story. When we were done talking he walked me

to my car..

Me: Ngiyabonga ukuthi usamukele esgodini sakho (Thank you for welcoming us in your village)

Him: Kubonga thina ukuthi amadlozi wakwa Ngwane akulethe lapha (We thankful that the Ngwane ancestors led you here)

When we were at the gate Iba showed up with the princess. They were all chatty chatty and she was smitten by him this is going to be more easier than expected..

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IBANATHI

Leaving the village I left with the picture of that beautiful girl in my mind. Yes the girls I've been with are beautiful also but this kind of beauty I've never seen it before. Everything about her was admirable she seems very calm and humble too.. When we got to the office my Mother was there my mood changed. She was also surprised to see me..

Her: Kuhambe kanjani? (How did it go)

Lungi smiled..

Lungi: We got a land a very beautiful one

Her: Kuphi? (Where)

Lungi: Some village the Zikhali village. You should come with next time you'll love it

Her: Manje bathini? (What did they say)

Lungi: The King seems to be taken by everything that I've promised him. I promised him ukuthi the money that we gonna give them they can build schools clinics and other things. My plan is to have him sign off the land to us when he has done that. We can use the whole land

My mother smiled..

Her: That's my boy

Me: I would like to be a part of the project

They both looked at me..

Lungi: That's actually good because the Princess seems to have taken a liking to Iba. We can use her to persuade her father more

Ma: Finally my dream is coming true my boys are working together to take the family business to the next level

Me: I'm not going to date the Princess just so that we can get the land

Lungi: It's a small price to pay

Ma: Your Brother did it with Noks his Father is a big part of this company

Me: I'm not Lungi and I'm not going to date the princess

Ma: Do you know the sacrifices we had to make to keeps things running here? You think this lavish lifestyle of yours is cheap? Iba grow up!! If you still wanna live this life then you will also have to make sacrifices

Me: I don't understand why we have to take the land from them why can't we buy a piece of their land. The part that we want to use and work with them?

Ma: Who has gotten to the top without being heartless and corrupt?

Edward De LuÇa runs the biggest drug syndicate his Daughter is a hit woman for the rich. Andre Marti nez funds wars he owns hotels and is into sex trade. Vic Thobekgale comes off as innocent but his not he funds countries to invert diseases that cannot be cured so his pharmaceutical company can make more money. Why should we play fair? Where is faintness going to get us? We not doing anything major we just taking a land. Stop being useless you in this project and you gonna help get the land for us even if it means sleeping with the princess or marrying her I don't care!!!

She turned to Lungi..

Her: Tell me more about the Land

I clicked my tongue and walked out..

QONDISIWE

I decided to go home and throw the bones. I don't work much with bones but in this instance I needed answers. I called out the Ngwane ancestors and then threw the bones I was alone in the hut. Since my family left to the city to get a few things. When I threw the bones I had closed my eyes I then opened my eyes and glanced down at them. What happened at that moment I can't really put into words. The bones had seem to fall at the feet of

some man I raised my head up and I didn't recognize him. He doesn't look familiar I don't know him. I've never met him before..

Me: Ungubani wena? (Who are you)

Him: I need you to help my Son step up to his responsibility the wrong Son is holding a very important position

Me: Ukhuluma ngani? (What are you talking about)

Him: My Son is not much of a believer he needs to be where I want him to be. He has been led astray but deep down my son can run my company fairly and justly

Me: Ungubani? Uyidlozi lakabani? (Who are you)

I heard a car pull up..

Voice: Qondi!!!

I got up from the grass mat and went to check they were back. When I went back to gather my bones together the man had vanished.. I put my bones back in the bag and went outside to help them...

Sindi: Hau vele ukhona? (You around)

Me: Ya angizizwa kahle (I'm not feeling well)

Ma: Kwenzakalani? (What's going on)

Me: Ngiyagula (I'm sick)

Sindi: Awukwazi ukuzilapha? (You can't heal yourself)

Me: Ngizoba right (I'll be okay)

They had bought a lot of groceries.. We took the plastics inside the hut..

Me: Bekunjani egoli? (How was the city)

Ma: Umsindo (The noise)

Sindi: Kodwa uke wasebenza khona nje Ma (You've once worked there)

Ma: Phela kwakudala lokho (That was a long time ago)

Sindi looked around..

Sindi: Kuzomele nginakhele (I have to be build a house for you guys)

Ma: Ungasiqali bo sithi sizihlelele kahle (Don't start while we living in peace)

I laughed..

Voice: Sanibonani ekhaya (Greetings)

Me: Ithi ngiyobheka (Let me go and check)

I checked and it was Manqoba...

Me: Manqoba

Him: Qondi

Me: Kunjani? (How are you)

Him: Ngiyaphila (I'm good)

Sindi came through..

Sindi: Hello

Him: Sisi

I looked at Manqoba..

Him: Bengisacela ukukhuluma nawe (Can I please talk to you)

I looked at Sindi she smiled at me...

Me: Angazi ngoba ngise b- (I don't know because I'm b-)

Sindi hit me a little..

Sindi: Unga worry we have everything under control.. Ungahamba (You can go)

Me: Ithi ngiyofaka izicathulo (Let me go wear my shoes)

I went to get my shoes with Sindi following me..

Sindi: Isoka lakho? (is he your boyfriend)

Me: Kahle wena (Don't start)

Her: Muhle Qondi (He's handsome)

Me: uManqoba umkhozi wam kuphela (Manqoba is my friend)

Her: Live a little phela

Me: Awu kahle Sindi ngiyabuya (I'm coming)

IBANATHI

I went to meet up with my boy Roger we went to some bar to have drinks..

Roger: What's on your mind man?

Me: My Mom had me kicked out of varsity so I can work with them in the family company

Roger: Is that a bad thing?

Me: Today we went out to search for a land one that can produce My Brother wants to trick the king into signing over his land to us

Roger: Then you guys will be making money why are you so worried?

Me: What about the People who live there?

Roger: Since when do you care about other people

I thought about Qondisiwe..

Me: It's their home where are they gonna go?

Roger: You don't care about anyone other than yourself and getting your money right

I drank my beer..

Roger: Unless there's more to the story

My phone vibrated on the table it was my girlfriend Thandeka. I put it upside down..

Roger: Man what is going on? What are you not telling me?

Me: Nothing man.. I'm just in my feels today I guess.. Let's continue drinking

QONDISIWE

We went to the river and sat on the rock..

Him: Namhlanje kuze izazi zase Goli (Today we had visitors from the city)

Me: Bebazofuna usizo? (Did they come here to get some help)

Him: Cha.. Bebeze la ngoba bafuna ukusebenzisana nathi (They came here because they want to work with us)

I listened to him..

Him: Bafuna sibathengisele izitshalo zethu bona bazosakhela izindlu Neskolo nama clinic (They want to buy fruits&Veges from us in turn they will build us better houses Schools and clinics)

I thought of Iba that's why he came..

Me: Kuhle lokho manje I Nkosi itheni? (That's good so what did the King say)

Him: Usacabanga kodwa ngibona ngathi uzovuma (He's still thinking about it but I think he will agree)

Me: Umuntu uzoya eskolweni (I will finally go to school)

Him: Bazophucula lesgod i kakhulu amadlozi avumile (They will improve this village the ancestors have agreed)

Me: Kuhle ngempela (That's really good)

He looked at me.. I looked down..

Him: Indoni ezayo ngiyazibuba ukuthi izoba yintle na ukudlula wena (The next Guardian I wonder if she's gonna be beautiful like you)

I smiled..

Me: Ngithemba njalo (I think so)

He leaned over and kissed me on my cheek I got goosebumps..

Him: Umuhle Qondisiwe (You beautiful)

We then looked at each other we were about to kiss when I heard someone clapping..

We stopped it was Happy..

Happy: Halala!!!

We didn't even see her coming..

Manqoba: Ithi ngihambe bekumnandi ukuhlala nawe (Let me go it was nice sitting with you here)

I smiled at him as he walked away..

Him: Happy

Happy: Nqobs Manqoba

Happy came and sat next to me..

Happy: Indoni yamanzi

Me: Ungaqali Happy (Don't start happy)

Happy: Uncumo Iwakho nje (Your Smile)

Me: Yeka ukuphapha asambe uSindi ukhona (Stop being forward

Sindi is around)

Happy: Yebo!! Uzongenza iMakeup

We held hands..

Happy: Wola Maqondis

Happy is not gonna let this slide..

IBANATHI

I got home and Thandeka was around..

Me: I thought I told you to leave the key on the counter

She didn't say anything. I put my keys on the counter..

Her: How are you?

Me: I'm good.. How are you?

Her: I'm good

She walked closer and put her hands around my neck..

Her: I love you Iba and I really don't like what's going on between us

She kissed me and I put my hands around her tiny waist..

Her: I love you very much

We stumbled around bumping into things until we found ourselves in the living room she laid back on the couch. I got ontop of her and we continued kissing as we were kissing Qondi's picture came into my mind. I stopped..

Her: What's wrong?

Me: It's nothing

I tried kissing her again but still..

I got up..

Her: Iba what's wrong?

Me: Nothing.. I'm just.. I'm just tired

I walked upstairs and she followed me..

Me: I need to be alone I'll call you

I continued walking to my bedroom..

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QONDISIWE

As usual the following day I woke up to prepare for the day ahead. The first stop was to go to the royal house and give the Queen her meds I stood at the gate so her Daughter could collect it. Today she didn't give me a hard time when I was done I set off to the river. My first client was brought to me in a wheelchair she told me that it has been 2 years since she's been stuck on that chair. She has went to a lot of Doctors and they all found nothing so her Mother suggested that she should see a traditional healer. When I connected with her ancestors I was shown that the person responsible for her ordeal was her own Sister. Her Sister used witchcraft on her to get her husband since her husband is loaded. It's a shame that her own blood would do this to her cause her this much pain. The first I did was to help her to put her legs in the river with the help of Happy. Immediately when her legs touched the water she felt like whatever that was chaining he legs fell off I saw tears in her eyes and a sense of relief. It's moments like this that make me grateful to be Indoni yamanzi to help people.

Happy and I looked at each other and smiled as she stumbled around like a toddler for the first time in 2 years she could walk. She's still need to get used to it but she could walk. I helped her sit on the chair again she wiped her tears...

Her: Sisi angazi ngikubonge kanjani (I don't know how to thank you)

Me: I gave her the 2 litre bottle of the water from the Indoni Yamanzi river..

Me: Uwathele emanzini wakho wokugeza njalo. Ungakhohlwa ukuthandaza (Pour the water in the bathtub and don't forget to pray)

Her: Ngiyabonga Sisi (Thank you)

Manqoba pushed her wheelchair and they left..

Happy: Shame Maan

Me: Igazi lakhe cabanga (Her own blood imagine)

Happy: Abantu banokukhohlakala (People have evil hearts)

NOKUTHULA

I turned to him and ran my hand on his arm all the way down to

his boxers. I looked at the time and it was still a bit early he'll be up in an hour or so. I touched his crotch and he already had an erection I gave him a hand job until he held my hand. He turned to me..

Me: Good morning

Him: Morning

He got up and dragged me by my leg to the edge of the bed. I was only wearing my silk nightdress without any underwear he wrapped my legs around his waist and made his way in. I was still dry so it stung a bit his strong arms held on to my thighs as he pumped. The more he pumped the more I got wet. I went on to remove my nightdress and squeezed my breasts it was that good.

He pulled out and then turned me around he spanked my ass hard a few times. I liked that

Him: You like that?

Me: Yes Daddy I like that

I positioned myself in a doggy style he first started by playing his tongue around my clit then down to my hole. His other hand he was giving himself a hand job. I held on tight to the duvet and started to moan. He muffed me and the pleasure increased that I couldn't keep still anymore. He got up and pulled me closer to him

he then inserted his hard shaft deep inside of me I gasped. He put his hands tightly around my waist and started pumping me hard I felt him deep inside.

Me: Ah ah ah ah ohh shit!!

He went on and I wet my fingers then started massaging my clit. He kept on until I came my orgasm was intense. After I had come he continued pumping for a few minutes until he came he came deep inside of me. We have spoken that we don't want any kids as yet so I am on the pill. After he had came he slipped out. I turned around and caught my breath immediately when I got up from the bed his cum ran down my thighs. He kissed me on the cheek..

Him: Maybe we should take this to the shower

Me: I'd like that very much

QONDISIWE

After the first consultation I did 3 more it's surprising how many people are suffering and seeking answers. It's very sad

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it's surprising how many people are suffering and seeking answers.

It's very sad but I'm glad that I can help.. When I didn't have any consultations anymore Happy and I sat around the river..

Me: Uzwile ukuthi maduze nje isgodi sethu sobe sine soloko (Did you hear that soon our village is going to have a school)

Happy: Ngizwile yazi (I heard)

Me: Angisakhoni nokulinda (I can't even wait)

Happy: Tshela mina ke mowuya eskolweni Indoni Yamanzi izogadwa ubani? (When you go to school who is going to guard the river)

Me: Ngizokwenza konke ngizoya eskolweni bese ngibe yindoni yamanzi (I'll do it all go to school and be a guardian)

Happy: Kuncono ngoba kuzoba noshintsho la esgodini (At least there'll be a change in this village)

Me: Kahle nje

We heard someone clearing their throat we turned back and it was Manqoba. He was with Iba if I got his name right..

Manqoba: Qondi kukhona umuntu ofuna ukukubona (Qondi someone is here to see you)

LUNGISA

I was standing at the window and looking outside when I heard a knock at the door it was my Mother. She made her way in..

Her: Lungi

Me: Ma

Her: Unjani? (How are you)

Me: I'm good

I walked up to her..

Her: How is it going with the land?

Me: The King said we should give him 2 days to make his decision

Her: Then in 2 days time we will have a shareholders meeting we need to assure our shareholders that we have everything under control

Me: That's the plan

She sat down..

Her: I haven't seen Iba around the office

Me: Maybe he will come later

Her: I swear.. I wish I only had one son. You

I sat down too..

Her: Iba is just useless that's why he can never find out that his father left him half of this company or we going to be in trouble

Me: Iba doesn't even wanna be a part of this company

Her: I know but if he finds out you know your Brother he will use that to get money from the company

Me: We gonna hide it from him until then?

Her: Until we get the land and I'll see if I won't be able to have your Father's will changed Iba doesn't deserve this company he is just a liability nje

Me: Then you better act fast Iba is not a fool

Her: I know that.. So long we shower him with money he'll be good

Me: You the one who wants him to work in this company

Her: I just want to keep close tabs on him that's all if he's closer then it's good

I nodded..

Her: He shouldn't be our problem because I don't see him stepping up to nothing

Me: I'm just gonna keep him busy with the land situation he will

work on that project

Her: That's good.. That's very good Son

QONDISIWE

Happy looked at Iba..

Iba: I think we would like some privacy

Happy got down from the rock..

Manqoba: Qondi uzoba right? (Qondi are you going to be okay)

Me: Ya ngizoba right (I'll be fine)

Manqoba looked at Happy...

Manqoba: Happy asambe (Happy let's go)

Happy walked away with Manqoba while Iba looked at them..

Iba: "Uzoba right Qondisiwe"

He then laughed while shaking his head then he turned back and looked at me..

Him: The village bodyguard?

Me: Khona engakunceda ngakho? (Can I help you with something)

Him: Nginga gibela? (Can I climb the rock)

I exhaled and nodded.. He got ontop of the rock and stood next to me he looked at the river..

Him: Wow.. This river is beautiful

Me: Ubekwa yini la esgondi ekuseni so? (What brings you here so early)

I sat down he sat next to me..

Him: I wanted to be away from the city this place is peaceful. The city is too loud sometimes you can't even hear yourself think

He took off his sneakers and socks he folded his jeans and put his feet in the water.

Him: Yini into entle ngale sgodi senu? (What's nice about this village)

Me: Umfula kwethu (It's our river)

Him: Wenzani Umfula wenu? (What's with the river)

He got his other foot from the water and placed it on the rock with his hands leaning on his knee he then looked at me.. I looked at the river..

Me: Ukuphila kwe sgodi sethu kusekelwe Umfula wethu (The village is dependent on the river)

Him: Wena ke ufunani la emfuleni? (What are you doing here in the river)

Me: Mina ngiyindoni yamanzi yimi engigada la futhi nginceda abantu (I am the guardian of the river and I also help people)

He chuckled.. I looked at him..

Me: Awukholelwa? (You don't believe)

He shrugged his shoulders..

Him: Ya angikholelwa kuzo zonke lezinto zama siko (I don't believe in tradition)

I nodded..

He just looked at me without saying anything he was making me very shy..

Me: Kunjani egoli? (How is the city)

Him: Awukaze waya egoli? (You have never been to the city)

Me: Cha (No)

Him: Kuhluke kakhulu nakule ndawo (It's different from this place)

Me: Ngiyakuzwa (I hear you)

Him: Tshela mina.. Waba muhle kangaka nje (Tell me something why are you this beautiful)

I blushed..

Me: Ngiyacabanga akhona amantombazana amahle eGoli (I'm sure there's beautiful girls in the city)

Him: Awekho mahle nje ngawe (They not as beautiful as you)

I smiled..

Me: Ngiyabonga (Thank you)

Him: And then she smiles that's one point for me

He punched the air and I laughed with my hand over my mouth..

He took out his phone..

Him: Can I?

He then took a picture of me.. He looked at it

Him: Damn

Me: Ngicela ukubona (Can I see)

He handed it to me out hands touched..

Me: Sorry

He held it for me and then showed me the picture..

Him: Wait

He went to the camera..

Him: This is what we call a selfie

He literally had me lay my head on his shoulder then he took a picture of us. It became fun taking the selfies we made funny faces and he would also take pictures of me laughing..

Me: Hai sekwanele manje (It's enough now)

He put his phone away..

Him: Mhlambe ksasa ngingakuthatha siye eGoli (Maybe tomorrow I can take you and we can go to the city)

Me: Angazi ngalokho (I don't know about that)

He squeezed my cheek..

Him: Ngizokubuyisa (I'll bring you back)

I didn't say anything about that..

I glanced down at his watch he noticed and took it out. Then he put it around my small arm..

Him: Sekwelakho manje (It's now yours)

I laughed..

Me: Cha Ngiyabonga (No thank you)

He raised both his hands..

Him: I don't do second hand things it's yours now

I touched it..

Me: Ngathi liyabiza (It looks expensive)

Him: It's just a small price to pay

Me: Ngiyabonga (Thank you)

Him: You welcome

I looked at it..

Him: Mhlambe nami khona okwakho ongangipha kona (Maybe you can give me something of yours)

Me: Njengani? (Like what)

He reached for my chain and I stopped him..

Me: Ungayibambi (don't touch it)

Him: Askies.. Eyani? (what is it for)

Me: Ibaluleke kakhulu (It's very important)

He nodded...

Me: Ng'tshele nge goli (Tell me about the city)

Him: Ufuna ukwazi ini? (What do you want to know)

I laid my head on his shoulder..

Me: Yonke into (Everything)

Him: Okay

He started playing with my fingers..

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QONDISIWE

[2 DAYS LATER]

I don't know why but I feel very comfortable with Ibanathi which is very unusual. From the very first day that I met him I felt this unexplainable connection between us. The dream I had is still a red flag but I try not to think about it because it's very confusing. I

am trying to find out why the connection I have with him is so strong there has to be a reason. I have thrown bones on that matter and consulted with the ancestors but I haven't gotten an answer it's just blank..

This morning he wasn't himself it looked like something was bothering him. He wasn't his usual self..

Me: What's bothering you?

Him: It's nothing serious

Today he came back with his Brother they supposed to get a reply from the king. I wish the King had called me and consulted me with this matter but given our history they don't want nothing to do with me. Things that happen at the royal house I only hear from Manqoba. I trust Iba and I trust that they have good intentions with the village they will help us improve. They the change that we needed..

Him: Ithi ngibuze (Let me ask you something)

I looked at him..

Him: Why ungafuni ukuhamba nami uye eGoli? (Why don't you wanna go with me to the City)

Me: Ngiyindoni yamanzi ngibalulekile la esgodini (I am the guardian of the river I'm important in this village)

Him: Kahle kahle yini umsebenzi wakho? Ukuhlala nje la? (Exactly what is it that you do? Do you just sit here in the river)

Me: Letha isandla sakho (Give me your hand)

He extended his hand to me and I held it..

Him: Wenzani? (What are you doing)

Me: Ngibheka iksasa lakho (I am checking your future)

He chuckled..

Him: Okay.. Asizwe ke

I held his hand and immediately I got a vision of a future event. In my vision Iba was sitting on a leather chair and it seemed like he was in an office I was standing next to his chair when two big black snakes just showed up and crawled on the floor in his direction. As that wasn't unsettling enough the door of the office reflected the Indoni yamanzi river to me. The snakes crawled to him and then each snake curled up on his leg. They pressed hard so much hard that he started screaming. Each snake bit him I looked at the snakes and they were poisonous..

I stood there and I didn't know what to do I looked at the Indoni yamanzi that reflected on the door and I put my hand on my neck I didn't have the necklace anymore. That means I was stripped off of any gift that made me Indoni Yamanzi that meant I was

powerless to help him. Powerless to do anything.. I let go of his hand and my heart started beating fast. I don't know why when it comes to Iba every vision I have of him is disturbing and it doesn't produce good results...

Him: So?

I shook my head...

Me: Angibonanga lutho (I didn't see anything)

When a vision comes of a snake if that snake is black in colour it usually represents enemies. Meaning his enemies were overpowering him...

Me: Uyakholelwa kwaba phantsi? (Do you believe in ancestors)

Him: Cha.. (No)

Me: Ngiyabona (I see)

I held my chain...

Him: Yazi mhlambe ungathanda eGoli ungathanda ukudlula la (Maybe you might like the city)

Me: Angazi Iba (I don't know)

We heard people talking behind us we both turned and it Manqoba with some guy..

Iba got up first and helped me to get up too..

Iba: That's my Brother

They both looked at us..

Manqoba: Bengibonisa nje uLungisa umfula (I was showing Lungisa the river)

We both went down to them with Iba holding my hand..

Manqoba: Lo uQondisiwe Indoni yethu yamanzi (This is Qondisiwe the guardian of the water)

Manqoba looked at me...

Manqoba: Lo uLungisa Biyela uyena nomndeni wakhe abazabe basinceda la esgodini (This is Lungisa Lungisa and his family will help us improve our village)

He extend his hand to me..

Lungisa: Ngijabulela ukukwazi Qondisiwe (It's nice to meet you Qondisiwe)

I looked at his hand and then extended mine to him when our hands made contact I looked at him and his face appeared like that of a snake. A snake tongue protruded from his mouth and my necklace started to glow I quickly retracted my hand..

Him: Cha bebenga khulumi amanga uma bathi uMuhle

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I quickly retracted my hand..

Him: Cha bebenga khulumi amanga uma bathi uMuhle ngempela
uyindoni yamanzi (They weren't lying when they said you beautiful
indeed you are Indoni yamanzi)

Somehow I didn't like this person he had this bad aura around him.

He looked at the river..

Him: Wow this is beautiful

He walked closer while hitting his brother a little on the shoulder.

The more he got closer I saw the water starting to boil. The water
was rising up I think I was the one who was seeing this because
no one seemed to be moved by this. I knew that if he took one
more step the river was going to take him. I quickly went to him
and pulled him back by his arm he looked at his arm and then
looked at me..

Me: Ungasondeli kakhulu (don't get too close)

He looked at Manqoba who nodded a little..

Lungi looked at me with a smile on his face..

Lungi: Makusho wena ke (If you say so)

He stepped back...

Iba: Has the King agreed?

Lungi: Yes.. We will be working on this land soon he has given us a part of the land and most of the villagers will be helping

Ibanathi came to me and put his hand around my shoulders.. Lungi smiled a little it wasn't a sincere smile then he looked down.

Manqoba: Ithi ngikubonise kwezinye izindawo (let me show you the rest of the village)

Lungi looked at me..

Lungi: Bekuku kuhle ukukwazi Qondisiwe (It was nice meeting you Qondisiwe)

Me: Nami futhi (Me too)

They walked away with Manqoba.. Ibanathi turned me so that I can face him he put his hand under my chin..

Him: uRight? (Are you alright)

I nodded..

Me: Ngi right (I'm good)

I faked a smile.....

NOKUTHULA (NOKS)

Valencia knocked at my door..

Me: Come in

She walked in..

Her: Mam' I can't get a hold of your fiancé

I put the pen down..

Me: How is that possible?

Her: His phone is off

Me: Thank u Valencia

Her: Yes Mam'

I took my cellphone and called him I got the "The number you have dialed is not available"

I called the office..

Slo: Mr Biyela's office hello?

Me: Slo it's me

Him: Friendship

Me: I'm looking for my fiancé

Him: He is not around

Me: Where is he?

Him: He is at some village

Me: What village?

Him: The village that has agreed to work with our company tell me you know that the company has been looking for a land

I exhaled...

Me: I didn't know that

Him: Well we looking for another land one that is productive

Me: Okay thank you

Him: Relax he's not fucking some bitch in a hotel

Me: That's good to know

Him: Drinks later?

Me: I can't say no to that

Him: See you then

Me: Thank you Slo

Him: Bye girl

Me: Bye

LUNGISA

Me: Indoni yamanzi?

Manqoba: Ya uQondisiwe

Me: Muhle (She's beautiful)

Him: Kakhulu (Too much)

Me: Kahle kahle wenzani lapha emfuleni? (What is she doing at the river)

He stopped and we looked at them from a distance.. He looked around..

Him: uQondi wuye obalulekile kakhulu la esgodini (Qondi is very important here in the village)

I folded my arms..

Me: Njani? (How)

Him: Ukuphila kwale sgodi kusekelekwe umfula wethu umfula wethu uphethwe yiNdoni yamanzi. Ngaphandle kwayo ngeke lesgodisiphile (The survival of this village depends upon the river the river is guarded by Indoni yamanzi. Without her this village won't survive)

Him: Yena Muhle her beauty is intoxicating

Me: Yiko eyindoni yamanzi wuye omuhle kakhulu la esgodini

(That's why she's the guardian she's the most beautiful girl in this village)

Me: Ngiyabona (I see)

Him: Asambe mbhem' (Let's continue walking)

Me: Kanti Inkosi? (What about the king)

Him: Ababalulekanga ngaleyo ndlela babaluleke nje ngoba lo umhlabu wabo (They not that important they only important because this village is theirs)

Me: uQondisiwe obaluleke kakhulu? (Qondisiwe is the most important person here)

Him: Yebo..

We continued walking..

IBANATHI

He put his hands around my neck..

Vala amehlo (close your eyes)

I closed my eyes after a few seconds I felt his lips touching mine.
I pulled back..

Him: Relax.. Ungasabi (don't be scared)

I've never been this close nor kissed a guy before this was a scary experience for me.

I allowed the kiss to carry on at first there was rhythm but as we continued I just went with the flow. His hands moved from my neck all the way down to my waist he pulled me more closer to him. I can't explain how I was feeling but I felt some type of way. A very good type of way if I can put it like that. We broke the kiss and then he kissed me on my nosebridge and then my forehead. He then wrapped his arms around me for a hug then he whispered in my ear..

Him: Namanje awufuni ukuya nami eGoli? (You don't wanna come to the city with me)

Me: Angazi Iba (I don't know)

Him: Awuhambeli unomphela (You not gonna be there for a long time)

Me: Ang'kaze nje ngaphuma la esgodini (I've never been out of the village before)

Him: Socala kancane ke ksasa ngizoza ngizok'thatha bese siya eGoli then I'll bring you back later on (We can start with the easy step. Tomorrow I'll come fetch you then we can go to the city later on I'll bring you back)

He looked at me..

Him: Uthini? (What do you say)

I looked at the river then I looked at him..

Me: Okay (Smiling)

He smiled at me and then kissed me again..

Him: I can't wait

He held my hand and then we walked around the river..

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QONDISIWE

Later at night we were gathered outside around the fire and eating
My mother was telling us those ancient stories. Everyone seemed
to be fascinated by what she was saying but my mind was far

away I have agreed to visit the City tomorrow with Iba and I am now getting nervous about the whole thing. Why did I agree? The city is definitely for not someone like me but at the same time I can't back out. I've already promised him.. I looked at everyone..

Me: Sindi ngicela ukukhuluma nawe (Sindi can I please talk to you)

Everyone went quiet..

Sindi: Errr okay

We stood up..

Khabo: Yini le eyokhulunywa emakhoneni? (What are you guys going to talk about in private)

Sindi: Awume khabo (Just leave it Khabo)

We walked to the gate with Khabo still complaining...

Sindi: ufunu ukukhuluma ngani? (what do you want to talk about)

Me: Ksasa ngiya egoli (Tomorrow I'm going to the city)

She laughed..

Her: Shame mntana sekhaya amahlaya awukufaneli (You bad at telling a joke)

I didn't laugh..

Her: uSerious?

She pulled me away a bit further..

Her: Weee Qondisiwe Langa ukhuluma ngani? (Qondisiwe Langa what are you talking about)

I cleared my throat..

Me: Ngiyathemba ukuthi uzwile ngale ndaba yesigodi sethu ukuthi umndeni ka Biyela uzosenbenzisana nathi (I'm sure you've heard that the Biyela family will work with us)

She nodded..

Me: u..

I wiped my hands on my dress..

Me: U..

Sindi: U.. U.. Ini?

Me: Ibanathi Biyela ung'cele ukuthi ngihambe naye Ksasa siye Goli (Ibanathi asked me to go with him tomorrow to the city)

Her: Wait what??

Me: Uyamazi? (Do you know him)

Her: Of course niyamazi!! The Biyela family is the 4th richest family in South Africa and Ibanathi is nothing but a spoiled arrogant rude self centered piece of rich trash!! Ontop of that he is a womanizer!!!

Me: Kahle nge singesi esiphezulu (Enough with the serious English)

Her: Qondisiwe Ibanathi akusi wumfana ongahlekisana naye akusiyileziduphunga zala kule sgodi!! (Ibanathi is not a guy that you can laugh with he is not like one of the guys from this village)

Me: Awumazi ngalendlela engimazi ngayo (You don't know him like I do)

Her: Lento yenu iqale nini? (when did this thing of yours start)

Me: Se.. Sesinamalangana nje (It's been days)

Her: Days?

Me: Uyang'thanda njena (he loves me)

Her: Qondi u Iba doesn't love anyone but himself and his fancy lifestyle. He uses girls and right now Mtaka Ma Iba was just taken by your beauty and innocence. Ufuna ikhekhe lakho nje kphela (He only wants your cookie)

Me: Kodwa Sindi

Her: Bengazi ukuthi leskhathi sizofika why unga dlali nalaba fana bala esgodini? Uphi loya ozile la ekhaya nini? (I knew this day was going to come why don't you play around with boys from this village where is that one that came here the other day to look for you)

Me: uManqoba ufana no Bhuti la kimina (Manqoba is like a brother to me)

Her: Iba ndini ubuyaphi sowuza uzomosha umntwana kithi so (bloody where do you come from to come and confuse my sister like this)

She put her hands on my cheeks..

Her: Qondisiwe phuma ku Iba I know ukuthi you not experienced when it comes to dating and you might fall deeply in love with him. When he breaks your heart you won't recover heartbreak is very painful. Plus you don't meet his standards kodwa Iba Nkosi yam' uzongisanganisa (Iba is going to drive me mad)

I held her hands too..

Me: Uzongisiza nge makeup nezimpahla zokugcoka? (will you help me with makeup and an outfit tomorrow morning)

Her: No.. Qondisiwe haven't you heard a word I said? Awungivanga?

Me: Sindi

Her: Yeka yonke lento.. Futhi wena uyindoni yamanzi (Leave this nonsense plus you are a guardian)

She started walking away..

Me: Sindi

Her: Ngiyeke!! Iba wokunuka (Leave me alone)

Sindi is always understanding I didn't expect her to react this way..

IBANATHI

We were at my Mom's house having a family dinner celebration since the King agreed my Mom thought that we should celebrate this achievement.. I walked away from the table and went to the balcony I took out my phone and looked at Qondisiwe's pictures. The pictures of her smiling really got to me.. As I was standing there minding my own business I heard a voice behind me..

Voice: Indoni yamanzi

I didn't even hear him coming to the balcony..

I put my phone away he handed me the glass of wine. He leaned over the balcony too..

Lungi: Yena muhle she's really beautiful

Me: We need to talk

Him: I'm listening

Me: We can't take their land

Him: That's not negotiable

Me: Where will they go? It's their land!

He gave me a conniving smile..

Him: Did you hear about the Indoni Yamanzi?

I looked at him..

Him: If she neglects her duties as Indoni yamanzi the village will perish she is the Guardian of the river. She has a duty to her people she can't leave the village

Me: That's just a lot of bullshit

Him: Is it?

I kept quiet..

Him: I see that you taken by this girl but what I'm gonna tell you is that you and her it will never work she can't leave the village. How is the relationship going to work? You gonna visit the village everyday? Ya'll are gonna sit by the river and talk everyday for the rest of your lives? Knowing you my Brother that's not your style

Me: They are prisoned by a whole lot of bullshit traditional rules Qondisiwe grew up there obviously she took into the traditions. Tradition is just a whole lot of bull! Qondisiwe deserves better she deserves a better life

Him: We are about to occupy that land if it's true then we gonna

need her to stay there so that everything of ours goes well.. If what they say is true then unfortunately you just chasing stars. Do not sabotage our family business

Me: You are the CEO I'm sure that you will think of something else you not gonna use Qondisiwe for your own selfish benefits

Him: Watch your mouth!! Your fantasy with this girl has to stop

Me: Or what?

Him: You think this is a game? You are Ibanathi Biyela you can get any girl that you want why a village trash??

Me: Hey!!!

We heard things breaking..

Me: Looks like your alcoholic rich trash is at it again

I gave him back the glass of wine..

Me: Good night Brother!

I left him there and went back inside the house indeed Nokuthula was drunk and acting up..

Noks: Why didn't you tell me that you were having my fiancé work on some village project? Is that your plan to get him away from me?

Mom: Noks it's not like that

If it wasn't for her Father I'm sure my Mother would've long battered her..

Noks: You pretend as if you like me but deep down you trying to get my fiancé someone else

Lungi walked in..

Lungi: What is going on?

Noks: And you.. You pathetic!!!

She approached him..

Noks: You very pathetic

Lungi: That's it.. I think we should go

Noks: Oh no we not going anywhere I still have a lot to get off my chest

Lungi: You drunk!!!

Noks: I'm just getting started!!

I folded my arms and leaned against the fridge while watching the whole drama..

Noks: Why didn't you tell me that you were working on some village project?

Lungi: I didn't think it was important to inform you about everything that I do

Noks: I wouldn't be surprised if this whole village shit is just a decoy! You probably out there fucking another bitch! I've seen all the heart reactions on your pictures and all them thirsty bitches that comment and you all up in there liking their comments

Mom: Okay Noks that's enough

Noks: Ohhh shut up!!! Shut the fuck up!!

Lungi: Thank you for dinner Ma we will be leaving

Lungi grabbed her by her arm..

Lungi: Let's go

Noks: I'm not done

Lungi: You are done

I contained my laughter and looked down as they passed next to me..

Noks: You know if you were older I would so do you

She squeezed my cheeks with her hand..

Lungi: Noks!!

Noks: At least you got bigger balls than your brother here you can

actually stand up to that hag!!

Lungi: That's enough!!!

He dragged her..

Her: Don't drag me like a piece of meat do you know who my Father is???

I looked at my Mother who was obviously boiling inside..

Me: It's always nice having dinner at your place.. Good night ma

I got my car keys from my pocket and left..

QONDISIWE

I woke up very early as usual the next morning and carried out my chores as always without giving anyone a red flag. Sindi sleeps a lot and she wakes up late she wakes up at around 11am or 12 in the afternoon at times. After Khabo had left and my Mother was outside. The kids were also sleeping I went and opened Sindi's suitcase. I checked a few of her clothes and honestly they were a bit too much for me. Her jeans are gonna be big so I ended up settling for some white plain dress with sandals. I put her makeup too and some earrings together with different combs for my hair and earrings. I have long hair I'll just undo the cornrows and comb

it. When I was done I made my way out..

Me: Ma sengihambile

Her: Uhambe kahle Sisi (Go well)

I headed straight to Happy's place first then after we went to the river..

Me: Happy ngicela usizo lwakho (I need your help)

I took out everything in the bag..

Happy: Haibo Qondi kwenzakalani? (What's going on)

Me: Kumele ngigeze la emanzini futhi bese ngiyagcoka ngiya egoli namuhla (I have to dress up because today I'm going to the city)

Her: Iza nazo (out with it)

Me: Uyamkhumbula u Iba? (Do you remember Iba)

She nodded..

Me: Uyeza uzongiyisa eGoli (he's coming to take me to the city)

Happy: Hai Qondi!!!

Me: Ngiyacela ukuthi nawe ungangihambisi kanzima (Please don't give me a tough time)

She looked at me defeated..

I took out my chain..

Me: Ngicela ukuthi ungibekele yona kahle angithi ngizoyithatha uma ngibuya (Please keep it safe for me I'll get it from you when I come back)

Happy: Qondi mina angizizwa kahle ngayo yonke lento (I don't feel good about this whole thing)

I started to undo my cornrows...

Me: Ngiyakucela mngani wam' (Please my friend)

She put the necklace around her neck..

Her: Okay ke asisheshe (Let's hurry)

Me: Uyakwazi ukwenza iMakeup? (Do you know how to do makeup)

Her: Hai angazi kahle (I don't know)

Me: Mara angithi umbonile uSindi ayenza (You've seen Sindi doing it right)

Her: Ya.. Hai sizozama (We will try)

Me: Yazi mngani wam' ngijabule njani (I'm so happy my friend)

She smiled too..

Happy: Shesha phela yenza konke (Hurry)

I took off my current beads attire and made way to the river the water was cold when my foot touched the edge. I sighed and continued to go in a big deeper.. When the water reached my waist I started to pour it all over my body it was really cold but then I'll be out in a second. As I was busy smiling and singing I turned around and faced the waterfall. I could've sworn that I saw someone but I couldn't see her clearly because she was standing on the rock that's behind the waterfall. The waterfall was shadowing her from me to see her clear but it definitely was a woman..

Me: Sawubona?

She didn't say anything she just stood there..

After a few seconds she was joined by two girls one girl stood by her left side and the other one stood by her right side. The girls seemed to be wearing the kind of beads that we wear around here with them I could see them but not that clear. They looked like they were crying but the woman that stood in the middle I couldn't see her clearly. I could see her body but I couldn't see her face. Where her face was supposed to be shown that's the part were the waterfall had most of it's water streaming down...

Me: Ningobani? (who are you)

They didn't say anything..

I walked closer and the water got deeper..

Happy: Qondi!!

I turned and looked at Happy..

Happy: Awuced i yini? (You not finishing)

Me: Ngiyeza (I'm coming)

I turned and looked at the woman and the girls but they weren't there anymore.. That was weird.. I turned back and walked out of the river to prepare myself..

Happy: Buya sisi (Come)

She met me halfway with a cloth..

Me: Ubabonile? (did you see them)

Her: Abobani? (Who)

Me: Lapha ku..

I looked at her..

Me: Uqinisekile ukuthi awubonga abanye abantu la emfuleni? (are you sure that you didn't see anyone else in the river)

Her: Cha ubuwedwa (You were alone)

She helped dry me up..

Her: Yenza phela mina sengifuna ukudlala nge makeup ebusweni bakho (hurry up and get dressed I wanna play with the makeup on your face)

I smiled..

Me: Masisheshe ke (let's hurry up then)

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QONDISIWE

Me: Nginjani? (How do I look)

Happy: Umuhle mngani wam' (You beautiful my friend)

I touched my necklace on her neck..

Me: Uyibambe kahle (Keep it safe)

Her: Ungakhathazeki ngizokugadela yona kahle (Don't worry I'll keep it safe for you)

Me: Manje iStory sithini? (What's the story)

Her: Uyagula (You sick)

We saw Iba approaching us he always looks good..

Her: Ungiphatheli phela okuncane kwase Goli (Bring me something from the City)

Me: Ngizokwenza njalo (I'll do that)

He got to us..

Him: Ladies

We greetdd him back.. He looked at me..

Him: You look..

I smiled..

He looked around..

Him: Can you pass me that cloth?

Happy looked at him Iba walked over to get the cloth and then he dipped it in the water. He came and wiped my face wit it I knew

Happy did shit. I was embarrassed..

Him: Now you look beautiful

It was an embarrassing moment..

Happy: Umphathe kahle (Take care of her)

Iba: Ngiyathembisa (I promise)

I hugged Happy..

Her: Hamba uyozijabulisa (Go and have fun)

Me: Ngizokubona mngani wam' (I'll see you my friend)

Iba held my hand and then we started walking... I was nervous but also happy..

LUNGISA

I was having breakfast with my Father in law today I decided to take a day off..

Him: How are you?

Me: I'm good.. How are you?

Him: I'm good

Me: I need to talk to you about something

Him: I'm listening

Me: It's about Noks

Him: What about her?

Me: I think she needs help her drinking is getting out of hand now

He kept quiet for a moment..

Him: I hear you.. I've also noticed

That was a first usually this man defends his Daughter at all times..

Him: Since her Mother passed on she has never been okay

Me: I think she needs to go a rehabilitation center.. It's for the best

He nodded..

Him: I'll check for good centers and then we will have an intervention for her tonight

Me: Thank you.. Thank you for understanding

Him: No thank you for loving my Daughter

We continued eating our food..

QONDISIWE

We got to his car and it was very beautiful.. It must be expensive. He opened the door for me and I got in he then closed the door. I have never been in a car before yes I'm 22 years old and this is my first time being in a car. I looked around it was really beautiful I don't wanna lie. He got in on the other side and closed the door..

Him: Safety first

He leaned over and pulled the belt next to me he strapped it. He did the same on his side..

Him: uReady? (Are you ready)

I smiled while nodding..

Him: Let's go then

He started it and I freaked out a little he chuckled. When it started moving it was a great feeling seeing the trees that we were leaving behind. It was an experience that I couldn't put into words..

Him: A little bit of music

He played music but not so loud it was one of those songs that I didn't understand..

"Baby you could be a movie star hey (in Los Angeles)

Get yourself a medical card yea (in Los Angeles)

Cause that's how California rolls

They do the fingers like red fox (in Los Angeles)

You can make it on a light blue box yea (in Los Angeles)

Cause that's how California rolls"

He sang along while holding I didn't know it so I watched him
singing along to it..

Him: "Say when I pass you that weed and I ask if

You can roll you say bro don't you know I'm from round here

Well girl I like the way you roll

Even though you from the ghetto you belong in a home in the
mountains

Not talkin' bout the view

I'm talkin' 'bout me and you"

He would occasionally look at me on some parts it was a really
nice song I found myself enjoying it a little even though I didn't
know what it meant..

HAPPY

I started packing everything and putting it in the bag this doesn't feel right but Qondi deserves to be happy. She dedicated most of her life to this river and village she really deserves this. I smiled as I packed everything then suddenly I heard someone clearing their throat..

I turned and it was the Princess with her crew..

Me: Nazo ke (Here we go)

I got up and made my way to her she folded her arms and I did too..

Her: Uphi uQondi? Akawulethanga umuthi ka Ma (Where is Qondi she didn't deliver my Mother's meds this morning)

I looked at her from her head to her toes..

Me: uQondi uyagula (Qondi is sick)

Her: Hau sukela nini? (Since when)

I kept quiet..

Her: Akaze wagula nje uQondi uyindoni yamanzi usekelwa yezinye Izindoni zamanzi (Qondi has never been sick she's protected by the other Guardians)

Me: Umuntu nje uyafana nathi (She's also a human being like us)

Her: Angazenzeli umuthi njena? (Why doesn't she make herbs for herself)

I shrugged my shoulders she noticed the necklace around my neck. She tried to reach for it and I hit her hand off..

Me: Hai wenzani? (What are you doing)

Her: uQondi akafakanga umgexo wakhe? (She doesn't have her necklace with her)

Me: uQondi akekho usungahamba ke (Qondi is not here

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she noticed the necklace around my neck. She tried to reach for it and I hit her hand off..

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Me: uQondi akekho usungahamba ke (Qondi is not here you can leave)

She smiled a little and then looked at her crew..

Her: Asambeni (Let's go)

I clapped my hands..

Me: Sies!

QONDISIWE

I touched the roof of the car a part of it was glass..

Him: It's called a sunroof ngingayivula (I can open it)

He opened it..

Him: You can take out your head and see

I looked at him..

Him: ungama ku seat ukhiphe intloko (You can stand/kneel on the seat and take out your head)

Me: Angifuni ukulimala (I don't want to get hurt)

He laughed..

Him: Zama ubone (Try it and it see)

He helped me with the seatbelt and I attempted at first it seemed scary as I was scared that I might fall but when I got my grip on I could see everything as the car was moving and the wind was hitting against my face. It felt good he increased the volume..

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Cause that's how California rolls yeah"

I started waving my hands around Iba's hand was on my butt
trying to balance me that I don't fall..

SINDISIWE

Network here is bad I'm sure my blessers are wondering why they
can't get a hold of me. When I left for Johannesburg I told my
family that I'm going to study but in actual fact I went and started
prostituting myself at the age of 16. The life in Johannesburg was
not as easy as I thought it would be all those dreams that were
sold to me. They were false. As time went on I met up with some
girls and they turned me into a slay queen I literally have 3 rich
married men who are sponsoring my lifestyle. I was sitting outside
with my mother while Khabo's kids were busy playing around in
the yard..

Me: Ningagijimi phela nizowa (Don't run around you guys are

going to fall)

My mother does this bead necklaces and bracelets I was helping her. This woman at some point you would swear that she's not blind..

Me: Zintle Ma mhlambe ngingakuthengisela zona eGoli (They are beautiful Ma maybe I can sell them for you in Johannesburg)

She smiled..

Her: Lokho kungabakuhle ngane yami (That would be nice my child)

I saw the princess making her way to us with her servants..

Me: Hau

Ma: Yini? (what is it)

Me: Inkosazana u Nomasonto iza la (THE princess is coming here)

Ma: Kwamampela? (Really)

I got up as she approached..

This was unusual she has never set foot at our place. Since the whole Indoni Yamanzi there's been bad blood between us and her family..

Her: Sanibonani (Greetings)

Me: Sawubona (Greetings to you too)

She looked around..

Her: Size lana ngoba sizobheka uQondi (We here to check up on uQondi)

Ma: Akekho uQondi use Mfuleni (Qondi is not here she's at the river)

She folded her arms and shook her head..

Her: Akekho emfuleni kukhona uHappy. Uthi uQondi akazanga ngoba uyagula (She's not there only happy is there and she said Qondi is sick)

Ma: Hau kanjani manje? (How so)

Her: Futhi uHappy ugaxe umgexo ka Qondisiwe (Happy has Qondisiwe's necklace around her neck)

Ma: Cha lokhu okukhulumayo kuyangibhida uQondi uphume la ekseni aya emfuleni (What you saying is confusing Qondi left here saying she's going to the river)

Me: Ohh shit!!!!

Ma: Yini Sindi? (What is it Sindi)

I looked at the princess..

Me: Ngikhohliwe ukusho uQondi uye ngale kukhona umama ogulayo

ongakhoni ukufika emfuleni (I forgot to mention that Qondi went that side there's a woman who needs help that couldn't make it to the river)

The princess didn't say anything..

Me: Ngiyamxolisela (I apologize on her behalf)

Her: Akalethanga nomuthi ka Ma (She didn't even bring my Mother's medicine)

Me: Ngiyamxolisela bandla (I apologize on her behalf)

Her: sizobuya futhi.. Angifuni ukuthi uMa afe (I'll come back later I don't want my Mother dying)

I nodded..

She looked at her people..

Her: Asambeni (let's go)

They left..

Ma: Sindi kwenzakalani? (Sindi what's going on)

Me: uQondi use goli Ma (Qondi is in Johannesburg)

Ma: Ini? (What)

I went back inside to get my phone I can't believe she went through with this..

I know Iba very well my friends and I once entertained him at some club with his friends. One thing led to another we exchanged numbers and he calls me up when they looking to have a good time.. I tried to call him but I didn't have any network coverage..

Me: Dammit Qondisiwe!!!!

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NOMASONTO (PRINCESS)

My Mother has never been okay ever since the Qondisiwe issue she doesn't talk much. She's always in bed she hardly eats she hardly does anything. She's been this way ever since I was born

so I've heard I had to be taken care off by servants.. I went into her bedroom..

Me: Ma

She was staring at the wall I went and sat next to her...

Me: uQondisiwe akawulethanga umuthi wakho namhlanje
(Qondisiwe didn't bring your meds today)

She didn't say anything..

Me: Futhi akekho nase mfuleni (She's not at the river)

She still didn't say anything..

Me: Umgexo wakhe uwunike umkhozi wakhe omkhulu uHappy
nguye ohleli emfuleni (She gave her necklace to her best friend
Happy is the one who is sitting at the river)

She turned her head and looked at me..

Her: Umgexo ufakwa yindoni yamanzi kphela (The necklace is only
worn by the Guardian)

Me: Nami bengimangele (I was surprised)

She got up from the bed..

Me: Ma uyaphi? (Where are you going)

Her: Yonke leminyaka kudala ngili mele leli langa (For all these

years I've been waiting for this day)

She started dressing up..

Her: Indoni yamanzi ibeke isgodi sonke esandleni somuntu nje (The Guardian has put the fate of this village in the hands of a commoner)

Me: Manje uyaphi? (Where are you going)

Her: Mntanam sothatha okungokwakho (My child we going to take what rightfully belongs to you)

QONDISIWE

I have never seen anything this beautiful the buildings were huge there was a lot of cars and it was very noisy. I started to get scared a bit I've never been exposed to such a life.

He held my hand..

Him: uRight? (Are you okay)

I nodded..

Him: I was gonna take you to some hotel but it might be too much for you I was thinking we can go to my place I'll prepare something for us and we can have a nice quiet day just the two

of us

I faked a smile and not nodded not even understanding a word he said..

Him: We will stop at Woolworths and get a few things

This is scary will I be able to get through this day? This city is more complicated than I thought..

SINDI

I was pacing up and down..

Ma: Kodwa uQondisiwe angakwenza kanjani lokhu? (How can Qondisiwe do this to us)

I looked at my phone still there was no signal..

Ma: Bekumele ngabe ung'tshelile izolo Sindi (You should've told me last night Sindi)

Me: Beningacabanganga ukuthi uQondisiwe angakwenza lokhu (I didn't think Qondisiwe could do this)

As I was busy walking up and down with my Mother sitting on the grass mat I saw the Queen the Princess and the royal guards making their way to our place..

Me: Ohh shit

Ma: Yini manje (What's wrong now)

I waited for them until they stood at the door. I haven't seen the Queen in a very long time.

She looked at me

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and the royal guards making their way to our place..

Me: Ohh shit

Ma: Yini manje (What's wrong now)

I waited for them until they stood at the door. I haven't seen the Queen in a very long time.

She looked at me and then turned to the guards..

Queen: Ngenani nimbheke (Go in and look for her)

The guards pushed me and then got in to search our hut..

Ma: Haibo Sindi ngabe wuDI- (Sindi is that the Qu-)

Queen: Yimi kanye (It is me)

I helped my Mother to get up..

Queen: UQondisiwe unikezele ngesgodi sethu kumuntu nje

(Qondisiwe gave our village to a commoner)

The guards came out..

Guard 1: Akekho (She's not here)

Queen: Iphi Indoni yamanzi? (Where is she)

We both kept quiet..

Queen: Asambeni (Let's go)

They all turned around and walked away..

QONDISIWE

I have never been into any supermarket other than the one at home this one looked very fancy. I even saw a lot of white people. Iba was pushing the trolley I also had my one hand on the trolley as it went from isle to isle

Him: Ngiyazi ukuthi konke lokhu kuphezu kwakho (I know that all of this is overwhelming for you)

Me: Angikaze ngabona indawo entle kanje (I have never seen such a beautiful place)

Him: It is beautiful

Me: Futhi ngathi konke kwala kuyabiza (It seems like everything

here is expensive)

Him: Don't worry about that

We stopped at some isle and he didn't take anything.. He looked at me..

Him: Angikholelwa ukuthi uvumile ukuza nami la eGoli (I still can't believe that you agreed to come with me here)

I smiled..

Me: Bengifuna nami ukushaywa umoya (I wanted to get fresh air)

He got closer for a kiss I pushed him back..

Me: Kugcwele abantu nje la (There's a lot of people here)

He chuckled..

Him: If only you knew this people express their romance in public

We continued with our shopping..

HAPPY

I saw the Queen The Princess and some royal guards approaching I got up. At first I thought that my eyes were deceiving me the whole entire Queen is up and walking around

I don't wanna lie I got scared. I've heard that she's the most heartless woman ever..

They stood before me and I swallowed..

Queen: Uphi uQondi? (Where is she)

I bowed a little..

Queen: Ngeke ngaziphinda (I won't repeat myself)

Me: Uyagula Dlunkulu (She's sick)

Her: Wawafundela amanga? (Did you go to school for lies)

I swallowed. She got closer to me and snatched the necklace from my neck I saw the clouds changing and I heard thunder..

Queen: Mthatheni (Sieze her)

The Guards came and held me..

Queen: Mcwiliseni (Drown her)

Me: Ngiyacela Dlunkulu (Please my Queen)

Her: Iphi Indoni yamanzi? (Where is the Guardian)

Me: U.. Kimina uthu uyagula (She said that she's sick)

The Queen nodded and the guards took me straight to the river to drown...

Me: Nkosi yami Ngiyacela Dlunkulu mina angazi lutho (Please my Queen I don't know anything)

QONDISIWE

I started not to feel good I held on to the trolley..

Iba: Qondi uright? (Are you okay)

I couldn't help but cough I coughed out water from my lungs. I felt like I was drowning in a sense..

Iba: Qondi yini? (What's wrong)

I couldn't stop coughing and now attention was on us this was a weird feeling. I've never felt anything like this before..

NOMASONTO

She tried to fight but the guards were no match to her. At first they would take her head out but this time they didn't after a while she stopped fighting and they let her go. When they let her go it started to rain the guards got out from the river and I looked at my Mother. It's true it's all true. Everything that I've heard about her is nothing but the truth...I looked at her as she smiled she then turned to me and put the necklace around my neck..

Her: Futhi ibukeka kahle kuwe (It suits you better)

I looked at the pendant the water changed from being clear to being red. I looked at the river again and Happy was floating..

Ma: Asambe Ndoni yamanzi (Let's go Ndoni yamanzi)

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QONDISIWE

I don't really remember when I passed out all I remember is us

coming back from doing shopping. I wasn't feeling well so I laid on the couch I even woke up with a mini blanket covering me. Something was smelling good I got up from the couch and made my way to the kitchen. Iba was cooking...

Iba: Hey.. Ulale kahle? (Did you sleep well)

I nodded.. His house was really beautiful.

Him: Uzizwa njani manje? (how are you feeling now)

Me: Ngikahle.. Ngiyabonga (I'm okay.. Thank you)

I walked up to him to see what he was coming..

Him: Nothing complicated you will enjoy my spaghetti bolognese

He held my hands...

Him: Bengicabanga ukuthi ulale la ksasa sizosuka sonke siye esgodini (I was thinking that you should sleep here tonight tomorrow morning will drive to the village together)

I got my hands from his grip..

Him: Come on Qondisiwe.. You need to live a little

It was raining I walked up to the window. He came and hugged me from the back he kissed me at the back of my neck..

I turned around and looked at him..

Him: Ngiyakucela (Please)

I smiled..

Me: Okay

He smiled at me too and then kissed me..

BAWINILE

It was raining cats and dogs outside..

Me: le mvula lba okubi amadlozi akwatile (This rain is signaling something bad the ancestors are angry)

The thunder scared me..

Khabo clapped her hands..

Her: Mina ngimangalwisa yile yokuthi uMakhosazana uvukile (I'm surprised that the queen is now better)

Sindi: Imagine after all these years

I was standing at the door with my girls I couldn't see the rain but I could hear it and the thunder. Deep down I knew that this wasn't good. As we were standing there something weird happened to me what seemed dark in my eyes quickly faded away. A distance away I saw Queen Nowisa. I rubbed my eyes and she

was standing there with what looked like two girls who were crying I'm assuming it was the two virgins that were said to have been buried with her. I tried to speak but my throat raised no words I couldn't even move..

Nowisa: Ngithukuthele Winnie (I'm angry Winnie)

Her voice echoed when she spoke lightning flashed across the sky..

Nowisa: umgexo uhlezi entanyeni ongasiye Indoni yamanzi (The necklace is on the neck of a person that's not meant to be a Guardian)

I still couldn't say anything..

Her: umphefumulo uthathiwe waphoselwa emfuleni (An innocent soul was murdered in the river)

I put my hand on my throat..

Her: Ingane yakho ngeke neze yakuthola ukuphumula (Your Daughter will never have peace)

Sindi: Ma uRight? (Ma are you okay)

Me: Imfihlo yakho ngokuzalwa kwe Ndodakazi yakho ibihleli nami (the secret of how your child was conceived has always been safe with me)

Sindi put her hand on me..

Sindi: Khabo ngathi uMa akekho right (Khabo Mom doesn't seem well)

Her: Ubalala isigodi sami (She's killing my village)

Khabo also put her hand on me..

Her: Isukile ke manje ngeke ngamxolela futhi ngeke ngikhohlwe (she has declared war I will never forgive and I will never forget)

I really wanted to say something..

Her: Wenze into engakazwe yayenzwa Indoni yamanzi ulele embhedeni nelunga lesitha esifuna ukuthatha isigodi sam (She's in bed with an enemy that wants to steal my village)

When she disappeared I fell to the ground..

Sindi: Ma!!!!

Khabo: Uma nje uMa angashona ngeke ngimxolele uQondisiwe (If Ma dies I won't forgive Qondisiwe)

LUNGISA

We were all sitting in the lounge together with the people from the rehab center I was very nervous because Noks can be very bad.

Noks: What's going on?

It was just me her father and the two representatives from the rehab center..

Noks Dad: Baby girl you know that I love you I love you very much

Noks: I know but what are these People doing here in my house?

Me: They here to help you?

Noks: Help me with what?

Noks Dad: They here to take you to some place where you can get help for your drinking

She shook her head..

Noks: I can't believe that you guys are doing this

Representative 1: Your drinking is affecting the people that love you

Noks: Shut up I don't even know you!!!

The room went quiet..

Noks: Wow you know what I'm leaving I don't have time for this!!

She walked out of the room and I followed her..

Me: Noks

Her: You leave me alone!! Here you are pretending that you love me but in actual fact you wanna send me away so that you can get someone else

Me: That's not true

Noks: Fuck you!! Fuck all of you

Noks Dad: Nokuthula that's enough!!!

Me: Baby you know that I love you

I saw tears in her eyes..

Me: If you don't do this you going to push me away. If you go you will be saving our relationship

She wiped her tears..

Her: I know that I haven't been the best but.. I don't wanna go I don't wanna lose you

I shook my head..

Me: You not going to lose me I'll be there everyday to see you until you get released.. I promise

I stretched my hand out to her..

Me: It's time that you get help if I ever meant anything to you. You will do this

Shw fought herself then walked up to me and hugged me while crying..

Me: I love you soo much and I want you to get help okay?

She nodded..

Her: It's going to be okay

QONDISIWE

We sat on the cushions around his small table I was now wearing one of his t-shirts after taking a bath. I bathe in a bathtub..

Him: See

He rolled the spaghetti around his fork and then ate..

It was spaghetti mince and cheese with sauces.. That's what he told me..

Him: Zama (try)

I took the fork and tried but I failed dismal he laughed..

Him: let me try it for you

He did for me and fed me.. It really tasted nice..

Me: Imnandi (It's delicious)

Him: Wait

He put the fork down and then leaned over he licked my lower lip..

Him: There

He then wiped my lip with a thumb..

I looked down he put his hand on my chin and lifted my head up.

He came and kissed me his hand went under the t-shirt and then he squeezed my breast

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his hand went under the t-shirt and then he squeezed my breast

I pulled back..

Him: Sorry

We continued eating..

Him: I hope you now you got a hang of it

That was a close one I don't think I'm ready to sleep with him.

Iba must've slept with a lot of girls and this route scares me I don't know anything about sex..

SINDI

Me: Ma???

We should her she started coughing..

Me: Thank God

We helped her up..

Me: Kwenzakaleni? (What happened)

Ma: Akukho lutho (It's nothing)

She rubbed her eyes..

Her: Ngisizeni sibuyele phakathi (help me to get back inside)

We walked her to the grass mat..

Khabo: uQondisiwe uyinja! Akacabangeli abanye abantu (Qondisiwe is selfish she doesn't think about others)

Ma: uQondisiwe mele abuye (Qondisiwe has to come back)

Me: If she's not back we will drive to Johannesburg to go and looked for her tomorrow

My mother continued coughing..

QONDISIWE

After eating we sat on the couch to watch TV he had put my legs on him and he was running his hand on my thighs..

Him: Uyangithemba? (Do you trust me)

I nodded..

Him: Khona into engifuna siyenze (I want us to do something)

I looked at him as he got my legs off him he got up and then parted my legs..

Me: Iba

Him: uthe Uyangithemba (You said you trusted me)

He got in between my legs he wasn't anything other than his boxers now. He came ontop of me and I felt his manhood it was hard my heart started to beat fast. He kissed me to relax me then he wet his fingers and lowered them he forced them through my underwear. I didn't stop him then they landed on my cookie. As we continued kissing he played around with his hand on my cookie and at first I felt uncomfortable with it but then as he continued it started feeling nice. It felt so nice that I didn't want him to stop.

When he saw that I was being taken what he was doing he stopped and took off the t-shirt that I was wearing exposing my breasts. He continued kissing me and rubbing one of my nipples he then went down to kissing my neck until his tongue landed on my nipple. I felt his warm breath hitting against it then his tongue ran around my nipple. He was busy massaging it whilst sucking on my

nipple his other hand went back to my cookie. He massaged my cookie and I almost lost it it felt really nice that I couldn't keep still. I don't know how but I started moaning my breathing escalated. He went down with kisses until he landed on my belly button then went down to my cookie. I thought his hand playing around my cookie was nice but his mouth down there was more nicer. My hand ended up on his hair I tried closing my legs but his hands were grabbing on tightly to my thighs making sure that I didn't close my legs. My hands fell back and grabbed on tightly to the armrest of the chair I felt like I was going to explode..

I swayed my waist I didn't know what to do with myself at that moment.. He stopped and came back up kissing me he pulled down his boxers and then whispered next to my ear..

Him: Trust me.. Ngithembe

He rubbed himself against my cookie that was also nice no lie. As he continued I heard his deep breathing next to my ear and mine next to his ear. We were both zoned in..

He did that for a while I felt wet. Really wet it was embarrassing but Iba seemed to not be bothered by that. I literally heard a sound as he was rubbing himself against me that indicated I was indeed wet he caught me of guard and inserted him in. I felt something inside snapping..

Me: Ahhhh!!

I pushed him off a bit..

Me: Iba yima kubuhlungu (Iba wait it's painful)

Him: Qondi relax I know what I'm doing

He looked at me..

Him: Uthe uyang'themba (You said that you trust me)

I nodded with a bit of tears in my eyes it was all nice when he was playing with me but now that he was inside. It was painful..

He pushed in further I closed my eyes and bit my lower lip. My hands on his back I dug through his skin. Lucky for him I didn't have long nails.. He kissed me while talking in between..

Him: Askies

His hand was running through my hair..

He pushed in further more I closed my legs and locked him in..

The last time I remembered tears were at the verge of falling but now they were nowhere to be found. When he was fully in it got a bit better he went in and out slowly. He moved his hand to massaging my cookie while he was going in and out it eventually felt better. I can say it was a bit of pain and pleasure mixed together.. He whispered next to my ear

Him: Ngiyakuthanda Qondisiwe (I love you Qondisiwe)

Me: Ngiyakuthanda Iba (I love you Iba)

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QONDISIWE

Iba and I had sex more than once last night even in the early hours of the morning. I was in a lot of pain I won't lie peeing was a mission. Not forgetting how many times I had his cum running down my thighs each time. I woke up first the next morning he was still asleep. I looked at him and smiled then I slowly got out of bed and went downstairs. I was happy and my love for him has now gotten stronger if I may say. I went to the kitchen to drink water it had stopped raining. It rained the whole night..

I stared out of the window busy replaying the events of last night

in my mind then something disrupted me. I heard a key turning at the door I put the glass down in the sink as the door opened. Some girl made her way in she was looking down the whole time until she closed the door and her eyes landed on me. She seemed surprised to see me..

Her: Who are you?

I didn't say anything I looked at her. She put her bag on the counter her breathing started to become unstable..

Her: Who are you wearing my Man's t-shirt and standing next to the sink?

In this instance I didn't know what to say mainly because I was confused and also I didn't understand clearly what she was saying..

Her: You the bitch that has been making him act out on me?

She walked closer to me..

Her: I'm talking to you!!!!

I still kept quiet.. She grabbed my hair and started pulling it..

Her: Bitch I'm going to kill you!!! (Screaming)

I have never fought before right now I didn't know what to do. All I did was to scream and try to get her hands off my hair. She threw me down and came ontop of me busy slapping me..

Her: I'm going to kill you sleeping with my man!!!

That went on for a while with her slapping me punching me and choking me. I tried my level best to get her off me but I failed Iba came to my rescue and got her off me. He threw her across the floor..

Her: Iba what is this? Wenzani? (What are you doing)

He helped me go get up..

Iba: Are you okay?

Her: Iba!!!! (screaming)

Iba put his hands on my face my vision on my left eye was a bit blurry..

She got up and came charging at him she hopped on his back all screaming. Iba got her off and she fell again...

Iba: Get your shit and get out of my house!! I don't wanna see you ever again!!

She got up..

Her: Iba you doing this to me?

Him: Get out before I fuck you up!!

Her: Why are you doing this to me?

Him: You embarrassing yourself get the fuck out!!!

She looked at me one last time while breathing heavily..

Her: It's not over

Iba: I think it is leave my keys and go!!

She threw the keys at him she went and took her bag then left..

Iba looked at the door until it closed no she banged it.. He then turned to me..

Iba: Qondisiwe

Me: Awushongo ngani ukuthi une ntombi? (why didn't you say that you have a girlfriend)

He tried to touch me but I stepped back..

Him: Sthandwa Sam ngingachaza (my love I can explain)

I felt tears nearing..

Me: Ngicela ungibisele ekhaya (Please take me home)

He put both his hands against his mouth as if like he was praying..

Him: Qondi.. No

Me: Ngicela ungimikise ekhaya (Take me home)

I turned and approached the stair case..

I heard him breaking something..

Him: Fuck!!!!

LUNGISA

I couldn't drive with Nokuthula to the rehab center early this morning I had to drive to the Zikhali village. For the first time in a very long time I was happy happy that I'm free from this bitch. I know it's only for a short while but I'll even bribe the rehab center to keep her there for a long time. Since it rained last night I'm sure we going to benefit a lot from the village everything is working out very well. I was driving to the village with my Mother she wanted to see it..

Mom: How did you get Noks to go?

Me: Emotional blackmail

Her: I hope she will finally get the help that she needs

Me: Me too

Her: Ngitshele kancane ngale village (Tell me a little about the village)

Me: There's nothing much to tell other than that the most important person to us now at that village is Qondisiwe

Her: Who is that? Is she the King's Daughter?

Me: No she is the Guardian of the river and possibly the whole village without her the village is dead. She was said to be chosen by the ancestors

Her: Sounds interesting

Me: And she's very beautiful the most beautiful girl I've ever seen

Her: Sounds like you eyeing this girl

I chuckled..

Me: Not exactly.. Iba beat me to that

Her: Iba? What does he have to do with her?

Me: You know Iba

Her: Iba might just ruin this whole thing for us you know your Brother

Me: We will see

QONDISIWE

I was in the bathroom all dressed up I looked at myself in the mirror. This girl really did a number on me. How can I be so stupid? My Mother told me her story about how my Father played her

from the city Sindi warned me about Iba. She has more experience than me why didn't I listen? Why didn't I listen?

I heard a knock at the door...

Him: Ngicela uvule sthandwa sam (Please ope the door my love)

I was hurt Sindi warned me about Iba. She has more experience than me why didn't I listen? Why didn't I listen?

I heard a knock at the door...

Him: Ngicela uvule sthandwa sam (Please ope the door my love)

I was hurt no I was beyond hurt. Sindi was right he just wanted to sleep with me..

I opened the door and looked at him I even hated that he was cute.. I walked out..

Me: Sengicedile ngicela ungiyise ekhaya (I'm done please take me home)

Him: Angeke sakhuluma ngalento? (we can't talk about this)

Me: Une ntombi ubufuna nje ukulala nami kphela (You have a girlfriend you only wanted to sleep with me)

Him: That's not true.. I have fallen for you ngiyakuthanda Qondisiwe (I love you Qondisiwe)

Me: Awuyeke Amanga Iba!! Ngibisele ekhaya (Stop lying and take me back home)

Him: So that I won't see you again? You know your damn village had a lot of rules!! You won't wanna see me again

Me: Ngibisele ekhaya? (take me home)

Him: Which part of I love you don't you understand wena Ntombazana?

He raised his voice and that scared me a little he walked closer to me and I took a step back..

Him: Bheka ke awuyi ndawo until sikhulume ngale ndaba (You not going anywhere until we talk about this)

Me: Ungakhohlwa ngiyi ndoni yamanzi ngingashweleza manje amadlozi wam akuzele!! (Don't you forget that I am Indoni yamanzi I can call my ancestors right now to deal with you)

Him: Babize bonke ke Ndoni yamanzi bese ubatshole ukuthi angisababi! (Call them and tell them I'm not scared)

I looked at me..

Him: Ngiyabuya mhlambe uzobe upholile mangibuya (I'm coming back maybe you'll be more calm when I get back)

He walked up to me and kissed me..

Him: I love you

LUNGISA

To my surprise it was still raining at the village and some parts of it. It was flooded. Some of the huts were destroyed and the most painful thing to see was a Mother a bit far away. Her two small kids were on top of a tree she was holding them in place so they don't fall with water reaching her waist. It was even difficult for me to drive in I had to drive my car where the water was not that much. We were welcomed into the King's court lucky for him his house wasn't suffering the whole ordeal. I was shocked to see the Queen present I heard that she was very ill the last time I was here..

Queen: Ngiphinde futhi nginamukele (I would like to welcome you again)

Her daughter was standing next to her mother's chair she was wearing Qondisiwe's necklace. The pendant was red different from how clear it was when I had seen Qondisiwe wearing it. When she saw that I was concentrating on it she held it..

Manqoba walked in..

Queen: Zinjani izithelo (How are the fruits and Vegetables)

Manqoba shook his head..

Him: Konke konakele Ndlunkulu (Everything is messed up)

My Mom and I looked at each other..

Manqoba: Uma imvula seyithulile komele siqale phantsi (When the rain has stopped we will have to start afresh)

Me: Kothatha iskhathi esingakanani? (How long will that take)

Manqoba: Izinyangana nje (a few months)

My mother stood up..

Ma: Ini? We don't have months

Me: Ma calm down

Ma: Kanti uphi u.. Bathi ubani? Lo Qondisiwe wakhona? Akusiye onakekele lesigodi? (Where is.. Who is she? Qondisiwe doesn't she gaurd the village)

The village stood up too..

Queen: Ungalinge uphathe lelo gama la kwami (Don't ever mention that name in my house)

My Mom looked at her..

Ma: Angikafiki kuwe phola kancance (I didn't come for you as yet cool down a bit)

My mom looked at Manqoba..

Ma: Landa lo Qondisiwe wakhona ngizokhuluma naye (Go get Qondisiwe so I can talk to her)

Queen: Ye Mfazi bisa lelo gama futhi ngizothi bakubambe (Mention that name again and I'll have you arrested)

Ma: Ubambe bani? Nginganiqhwaba ninye nonke ngizoqala ngawe (Arrest who? I would beat everyone here including you)

The Queen looked at the guards they walked up to my Mom..

Ma: Ningqali aningazi nokungazi mina (Don't start you don't even know me)

They stopped my Mom looked at the Queen..

Her: Nilande lo Qondisiwe wenu or else!!

She started walking out..

Mom: Asambe Lungi! (Let's go Lungi)

Me: Ngiyaxol- (I'm sorry)

Mom: Lungi ngithe Asambe!! (Lungi I said let's go)

I got up and followed her..

Me: You can't talk to the Queen like that

She slapped me across the face...

Ma: if you did your job well we wouldn't be in this situation

She clicked her tongue one of the female servants ran to her with an umbrella..

Ma: Fusek wena!! Fusek!!

The servant moved back I shook my head..

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IBA

I called Thandeka so that we could meet up at some restaurant what she did pissed me off to the core. She did come possibly

with the hope that we were going to "fix" things. Just by looking at her I felt like jumping across the table to strangle her until she begs for mercy or death.. We looked at each other for a while..

Me: What you did this morning was off

Her: You can apologize and we can move on

Me: I'm not apologizing for shit! I just want you to stay away from me

Her: I know that you play around with girls but you always come back what's special about her?

Me: What's special about her is that I've fallen for her.. Deeply!

She looked at me until tears formed in her eyes I could literally see her swallowing.

Me: I've lost all respect for you how do you attack another woman?
She knows nothing about you!

Her: How can you do this to me?

She leaned over with tears falling..

Her: It's me Iba how can you do this to me?

Me: Respect your self stop attacking innocent women

I took out a note from my wallet..

Me: Get yourself something to eat

I got up and started walking..

Her: You not gonna do this to me!!

I kept on walking..

Her: Iba!!! Iba!! (shouting)

I turned around and looked at her..

Me: You making a scene stop embarrassing yourself and stopped being needy!.. Stay away from me and I mean it! You have expired and I'm done with you!!!

LUNGISA

I've seen my Mother upset but today she was boiling. She kept on pacing up and down in my office...

Her: You spoke highly of this damn village!

I remembered what Manqoba said to me before I got into my car he hinted that Qondisiwe is not at the village. That's why everything is tumbling..

Me: Qondisiwe is not around the village

Her: Where could she be? She's a stupid village girl where could

she go?

Me: I think Iba can tell us

She turned and looked at me..

Her: You telling me that Iba??

She shook her head..

Her: I swear I'm gonna kill that good for nothing Brother of yours!

Me: I'll call him

Her: No!! I'll go to his place angeke ngadlalwa umntwana (I won't be disrespected by a child)

She took her bag from my desk..

Her: Just make sure that other shareholders don't find out about this!!

I nodded...

QONDISIWE

Iba had locked me inside the house. I kept on pulling the kitchen door it wasn't opening..

I hit the handle a few times out of Fustration. Then I leaned my

head against the door while letting out a deep sigh.. As I was standing there I heard something dripping behind me. I turned around and what I saw was definitely going to haunt me forever. I saw my friend Happy she was standing in the middle of the kitchen dripping wet..

Me: Happy??

She didn't say anything she just looked at me and shook her head then when she disappeared. I sank down to the floor it was clear what was happening. I'm seeing her because she's no more

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it was clear what was happening. I'm seeing her because she's no more the river has something to do with it. Otherwise she wouldn't be dripping wet..

NOMASONTO

It had stopped raining now I was sitting at the Indoni yamanzi river with one of my servants. The river was still red the waterfall was dispensing nothing but red water. I glanced down at the pendent it was still red. I didn't understand these are my ancestors. Why would they do this to me? Why would they reject me?? Whilst I was still trying to wrap my head around that in the middle of the

river I saw Happy. I stood up. She approached the rock that I was sitting on..

Me: Happy?

Happy: Angeke waba Yindoni Yamanzi (You will never be the Guardian of this river)

Me: Ngiyisizukulwana aka Nowisa (I am Nowisa's descendent)

Happy: uQondisiwe nguye Indoni yamanzi (Qondisiwe is the Guardian)

Me: Uphi? uQondisiwe usilahlile lesgodi (Where is she? She has turned her back on this village)

She folded her arms..

Me: Awusiyilutho (You nothing)

She raised her hand up and this gust of wind flew across that I fell on the ground I looked at her until my vision became blurry. I got a blackout..

QONDISIWE

I heard the door opening I was now sitting on the spot where Happy had appeared. Iba walked in and closed the door he didn't

lock it this time around. He made his way to me he was holding a small plastic..

Him: I got some meds

I ignored him..

He put them on the counter and sat next to me..

Him: Ngiyaxolisa (I'm sorry)

I wiped my tears..

Him: Ngiyak'thembisa lokhu okwenzekile ngeke kwenzeke futhi (I promise you what happened today will never happen again)

He put his arm around me and pulled me closer to him. What happened this morning was at the back of my mind I haven't forgiven him and I haven't forgotten but right now I was dealing with something more important..

Him: Askies

What happened? What did Nowisa do?

He wiped my tears and kissed me on my forehead..

Happy was a good person she didn't deserve this. All of this is my fault.. The door opened and some woman walked in she looked at us while closing the door..

Her: So it's true?

Iba stood up..

Iba: What are you doing here?

She walked closer to us..

Her: Is this Qondisiwe?

Iba: Ufunani? (What do you want)

She started hitting Iba with her handbag..

Her: Do you know the damage that you have caused?? (Shouting)

She was furious...

Iba: Get the hell out of my house?

She raised her hand but didn't hit him..

Her: Ngizok'shaya Iba (I'll hit you)

She looked at me..

Her: Nawe sukuma!! (Stand up)

I stood up..

Her: Usuka kude so!! Ufunani la? (You from very far what are you doing here)

I didn't say anything to her.. She pointed at Iba..

Her: We losing out on millions because of your stupidity!!!!

She turned to me again..

Her: Wena asambe (Let's go)

Iba: Ma..

Her: Ungangidini wena!! (don't irritate me)

She pointed at the door..

Her: Asambe!! (let's go)

I looked at Iba and then walked to the door she followed me..

SINDI

Me: Seyithulile imvula Ma (It has stopped raining)

Ma: Uhambe kahle ngane yami (Go well my child)

Khabo: Ubuye naye aphila ukuthi azobulawa yimi (bring her back alive so that I can kill her myself)

I hugged my Mom..

Me: Ngizobuya naye Ma Ngiyak'thembisa (I'll bring her back Ma I promise)

I hope Qondisiwe knows the damage that she has caused around

here..

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QONDISIWE

Ibanathi's Mother didn't drive me back to the village instead we drove to her big house. It was only when I saw her house both inside and outside that this family is very rich..

This woman scares me she's very intimidating and just by being alone with her in this house scared the living daylights out of me. She looked at me from head to toe..

Her: What happened to your face?

I didn't answer her..

Her: I don't feel like driving a long distance I'll take you home tomorrow morning. Sizohamba ekseni kakhulu (We will leave very early in the morning)

She leaned against the kitchen counter..

Her: Mangikumikisa kini ngicela ungasabuyi (When I take you back to the village please don't come back)

I nodded..

Her: How do I say this without sounding offensive. Even though your face is battered but I can see that you beautiful very beautiful. Unfortunately you will never be good enough for my son or even for my family. Qondisiwe ngiyathemba ukuthi awufundanga (you not educated) you from a village angeke wadaza ubuhle kphela (You cannot contribute beauty only)

I swallowed..

Her: Umndeni wami ubaluleke kakhulu abafana bami they need to seen with smart and educated women at all times. You don't fit the profile of being a Biyela bride uyakwazi nje nokufunda? (Can you even read)

Me: Cha.. (No)

Her: Uyabona ke into engiyikhulumayo? (You see what I'm talking about)

I cleared my throat..

Me: Ngiyabona (I see)

Her: Yamkela sisi abantu abafana nawe abaphuma lapho uphuma khona abavamisi ukuphumelela empilweni. Awubalulekanga futhi ijozi akusiyindawo yabantu abafana nawe. Wena you belong in that village wenza whatever le mele uyenzo. Khohlwa impilo yala futhi ukhohlwe yingane yam (Accept it people like you people who are from a place like yours don't succeed in life. You not important and Johannesburg is not a place for people like you. You belong in the village do whatever it is that you do there. Forget about a life here and forget about my son)

Me: Ngiyakuzwa (I hear you)

Her: Do you see that you not cut out for this life? Uyisilima! Ungashiya kanjani isigodi sakini wazi ukuthi uyafuneka? Bese uzela u Ibanathi? I'm sure right now Ibanathi has another girl in bed with him that's how he is! (You're stupid how can you leave your village knowing very well that you needed to come here for my son)

I ended up not replying..

Her: Dlala nabafana besgodi sakini uyeke ingane yam sezwana? (Play with boys in your village and leave my son alone do you

hear)

Me: Yebo

Her: If you don't that useless village of yours I'm going to destroy it and it's people! Angeke ngavumela udodi ofana nawe ukuthi ungene la emndenini wami (I will never allow rubbish like you to be a part of my family)

She literally spat on my face...

Her: Sies!

IBANATHI

I hate my Mother with all my heart the reason why I didn't protest is because I know that she can be cruel. This whole situation was not going to end up well. I love Qondisiwe and I really want her to have a different life different from the village one that she has.

She's a beautiful girl and I can see that she really wants a life beyond the one that she knows. This whole Indoni Yamanzi thing is shit and I feel they enforcing it on her just to ground her she doesn't deserve to carry the whole village in her shoulders. She's just 22 years of age. My phone rang I checked and it was Sindi..

Me: If I remember correctly you don't call unless I call you

Her: don't flatter yourself Iba this is not a social call

Me: What do you want?

Her: My Sister

Me: What?

Her: Qondisiwe I know you took her

I almost dropped my phone on the floor..

Me: What do you mean Qondisiwe is your Sister?

Her: She is my Sister she's the last born at home and right now
she's needed

Me: She's on her way back home

Her: Stay away from her

Me: Or what?

Her: Or I'll give her the low down on who you really are and that
we have crossed paths

Me: You wouldn't do that

Her: Try me.. Look Iba I know you okay and I'll be damned if you
treat my sister the same way you treat those other girls!

Qondisiwe is special

Me: Then you don't know me at all

Her: Stay away from her do you understand me? You and my sister can never be so leave her the hell alone!

She hung up..

QONDISIWE

That night I laid in bed she has given me the guest room.. I stared at the ceiling with tears falling down. All I've ever wanted was a different life different from the one that I know. Each time when Sindi told me about the City

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different from the one that I know. Each time when Sindi told me about the City I imagined myself being here and making something out of my useless self. I didn't choose to be what I am I didn't choose this life. Why would I choose to be buried under the river one day alive? Why would I choose to be useless and sit by the river everyday of my life? I'm way too young for this life that I was called for but now after what Ibanathi's mom said she is right. This is my life I'm meant to be a nobody until I die. I am meant to be like my people uneducated and useless. Iba doesn't deserve a girl like me I can't even speak English. He is from a wealthy

family and I'm just gonna be an embarrassment to him the sooner I go back home the sooner I can forget about everything including meeting and knowing Ibanathi..

BAWINILE

The next morning we were woken up very early by the royal guards they were with the Queen..

Queen: uQondisiwe uphi? (Where is Qondisiwe)

No one said anything..

Queen: Ingane yami iyagula uQondisiwe wuye olaphayo la esgodoni angithi? (My child is sick Qondisiwe is also a healer here in this village right)

Khabo: uQondisiwe akekho (Qondisiwe is not around)

Queen: Lokho ngiyakwazi (I know that)

It was quiet for a moment...

Queen: Uma ngingabuya ngathola ukuthi uQondisiwe akekho ngizohamba la esgodoni (If I come back and Qondisiwe is not around you will be banished from this village)

I heard them walking out..

Khabo: uQondisiwe yinja Ma! Akacabangeli abanye abantu
(Qondisiwe is a dog she doesn't think for others)

Me: Hlisa umoya (Calm down)

Khabo: Angeke ngahlisa umoya Ma masinga xoshwa la kule sgodi sizoyaphi? (I won't calm down Ma if we could be banished from this village where are we going to go)

Me: uSindi uzomletha uQondisiwe (Sindi will bring her back)

Khabo: Haisuka!!!

I heard her stomping out of the house..

I sighed and held on to my walking stick..

Voice: Bawinile

I knew who it was it was Queen Nowisa..

Everytime when she appears I could hear the sound of the waters..
I turned and looked in her direction she was standing in my hut.
Nowisa has my vision she only brings it back when I have to see her.. I still don't understand why I'm the only one who sees her..

Her: Wena ubufanelwe ukuba uNdlinkulu indodakazi yakho ibe yindoni yamanzi (You were meant to be the Queen your Daughter was meant to be a guardian)

Me: Lokho ngeke kwayenzeka (That won't happen)

Her: uQondisiwe wase bukhosini (Qondisiwe is royalty)

Me: uQondisiwe uyindoni yamanzi pho usafunani okunye (Qondisiwe is a guardian what more do you want)

Her: Ngathi ukhohliwe (I think you have forgotten)

She moved a bit and then she played me an event from my past one that I've decided to make peace with and put it at the back of my head. See only Nowisa the King and I know the truth when it comes to Qondisiwe. Qondisiwe's Father is not from the city her father is the King my own cousin. Sindi and Khabonina their father is the one from the city but I heard to lie about everything because how Qondisiwe was concieved it's a real shame my own cousin the King used to rape me. Our final sexual encounter left me with Qondisiwe my mother knew about the rape but she couldn't do nor say anything. We are just commoners coming out with such a big thing the King was going to have us beheaded. Not only was my Daughter meant to be Indoni Yamanzi but Queen Nowisa wanted me to be the Queen too. Unfortunately that will never happen coming out with this big secret will only have grave consequences..

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LUNGISA

My mother budged into my office she didn't even call to say that she was coming. I was preparing for a meeting with the shareholders...

Me: Ma

She was followed by Slo..

Slo: Mam' can I get you some tea?

Mom: No thank you

Slo looked at me and did funny faces behind my mom I chuckled as he walked out of my office and closed the door. My mom walked to the window..

Ma: It's time we get real Lungisa

I've never seen her this serious..

Ma: Your father was going to divorce me for someone else he fell in love with his mistress

I have witnessed my parent's marriage before my father died they were always fighting. There was no peace at home anymore..

Mom: He was gonna live me with nothing he was going to leave us with nothing

I sat down and waited for her to continue..

Mom: It was no secret that he loved Ibanathi more than you and he wanted Ibanathi to succeed him imagine that brat Iba!!

It was all coming back to me now my father never loved me. He did make it clear he said to me I was evil just like my Mother. I had pushed those memories at the back of my mind I didn't wanna think about it or let it affect me because I didn't wanna grow up bitter...

Mom: He had signed off everything to Ibanathi thank God Iba was young at that time and I held the rights to everything

I saw her wiping tears...

Mom: Iba doesn't know that everything is in his name I have been

bribing the lawyer to keep that a secret from him I cannot have that child taking everything from us. If Iba finds out..

She shook her head..

Mom: He's gonna leave us with nothing and then he is gonna run this company down that the drain! Everything that we have worked for he is going to ruin it

Shs turned to me..

Her: Is that what you want?

Me: Of course not!

I have worked hard for this company and I can't lose everything..

She smiled..

Her: I have learned that most people who are rich didn't play fair they didn't let their conscience get to them and that's what we going to do. Lungisa if we don't play dirty we might go from riches to rags and we can't let that happen. I've worked hard to get out of poverty I've given myself to a man who treated me like shit. Treated me like a trophy wife. I loved your father and all that he did was treat me like shit! Remember my bruises? Remember how he used to treat me?

Me: I remember

Her: We deserve this we deserve to live this life especially after what we've been through

I thought for a while..

Me: What do you want me to do?

Her: I thought you'd never ask

She walked closer..

Her: I love your brother he is my son but Iba has to learn a lesson.

A brutal one

Me: I'm listening

Her: It seems like he has fallen for this girl I've seen how he looked at her yesterday and if we don't break them apart they going to break us. If this girl is indeed important in her village and if Iba is still around he is going to distract her and we going to lose a lot from the land that we have invested so much in.

Me: What should we do?

Her: You need to break his heart breaking someone's heart means hurting what they hold close to their heart

Me: Qondisiwe?

She nodded..

Her: Yes.. Qondisiwe

Me: How do we do that?

Her: Qondisiwe is a stupid girl from a village she's not smart and can be easily played. I need you to fake falling in love with her string her along just to hurt your brother and then I'll be there to pick up the broken pieces. I want Iba to hate her and want nothing to do with her I want them apart forever

Me: Wouldn't that cause a huge fight between me and Iba?

Her: Leave that to me just do your part and make sure that she realizes how important the village is

I nodded..

Her: I trust you my Son with Noks out of the way for now this shall be easy for you. Plus it's not like I'm throwing you off... Qondisiwe is a very beautiful girl any guy would want her but she's not good for our family well she's only good for what we benefit from her. It's easy you've done this with Noks

Me: I hear you

Her: Make me proud

Me: I will

QONDISIWE

Ibanathi's Mom had a driver take me back to the village. I was relieved to go back home yes my heart is broken but I've learned a lot in a short space of time. This is who I am this is who I'll forever be.. I thought that I'll find comfort at home but the state of the village was terrible. People were picking up the pieces of their broken homes and trying to fix what had been messed up I can't believe what I was seeing. The beautiful Zikhali village had fallen this made me realize how important I was in this place.

I ran home to see my Mother my home was still standing yes but the mess outside and the roof seemed to be leaking. I got inside and it was a bit flooded our grass mats were wet not to mention everything else

Me: Ma???

There was no one inside I walked out..

Me: Sindi?? Ma??

Ma: Qondisiwe!

Her voice came from the back of the hut I made my way there.

She was sitting on the bucket

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I walked up to her and threw myself at her feet..

Me: Ngiyaxolisa Ma (Crying)

She put her hand on my head..

Me: Ngiyaxolisa (I'm sorry)

Ma: Kulungile ngane yami sonke sawa yenza amaphutha (It's okay my child we all make mistakes)

Me: Kube ngakulalela (I should've listened to you)

Her: Kulungile Qondisiwe (It's okay Qondisiwe)

I continued crying at her feet..

Me: Ngiyaxolisa (I'm sorry)

IBANATHI

I was at the hospital the same hospital that my father took his last breath at. He was laying on the bed helpless. What used to be a strong man he now was depending on an adult nappy to relieve himself. The poison was aggressive it made him a child. You know when a child is dependent on a parent for everything? That was my father on his last days on earth. We had to go in his ward while wearing masks the smell was unbearable. He was rotting

inside that's how bad the poison was. He kept on vomiting blood no he was vomiting clots. At some point I thought that he was vomiting most of his internal organs after every vomit his strength slowly left him. I've never witnessed something like this before I looked up to this man most of my life and here he is today. He was weak he was defeated and he was giving in.....

My alarm clock woke me up I stretched my hand to switch it off. I laid on the bed for a while busy thinking about this dream I've been thinking a lot about him lately maybe that's why I'm even dreaming about him..

I looked at the time and I was late for the office we probably should we be at the village by now since we working on our new project.. I heard the doorbell ring I hope it's not my Mother. She has pisses me off already.. I got out of bed and made my way downstairs to answer the door to my surprise it was Sindi..

Me: You have be kidding me!

She pushed me and made her way in..

Her: Where is she?

Me: She's not here

She looked at me..

Her: Don't play with me Iba this is serious

Me: My mother drove her back home

She folded her arms..

Me: Please leave I have to go

She looked at me all the way down and smiled a little..

Her: Stay away from my Sister

Me: Bye Sindi

She walked out and I closed the door..

QONDISIWE

I was cleaning the yard with my Mom sitting by the door and working on her necklaces and bracelets my mind was far away. I kept thinking about Iba and the time we spent together. It was beautiful no lie this was my first time experiencing love. Beautiful love to be more exact. I wiped my tears all that is over now. Iba is a memory from now on..

Ma: Wathula Qondi (You very quiet)

I looked at her..

Her: udliwa yini? (what's eating you)

Me: Akubalulekanga Ma (It's not important)

Her: eGoli ubuyele isoka? (Did you go to the city for a boy)

I thought about her question before answering..

Me: Akubalulekanga lokho Ma (That's no longer important)

Ma: Ubani? (Who is he)

Me: Igama lakhe wu Ibanathi Ibanathi Biyela (His name is Ibanathi Ibanathi Biyela)

Ma: Igama elihle lelo Inkosi mayibenathi (That's a nice name God be with us)

I smiled..

Me: Sekuyintsomi lokho (That's now ancient history)

Ma: Kwenzekeni? (What happened)

I shrugged my shoulders..

Me: Mina naye siphuma emazweni ahlukile umndeni wakhe ufundile futhi une mali. Yibo abazosisiza la esgodini (Me and him we from different worlds they educated and rich. They the ones that are going to help us in this village)

Her: uthando aluboni (Love is blind)

Me: Angimfanelanga Ma (I don't suit him)

Her: Njani? (How)

Me: Angifundile ngiyi sdom futhi nempilo yase Goli akusiyo yabantu abafana nami. Angifuni ukumhlaza (I'm not educated I'm stupid plus life in Johannesburg is not for people like me. I don't wanna embarrass her)

Her: Ubalulekile ngendlela yakho Qondisiwe (You important in your own way)

Me: Ngibaluleke la kuphela ngaphandle lapha angisiyilutho (I'm only important here outside there I'm nothing)

Her: Kungizwisa ubuhlungu ukukuva ukhuluma ngaleyo ndlela (It breaks my heart hearing you talking like that)

I saw Khabo coming with her kids..

Me: Akusa sizi ngoba konke sekuphelile (It's all over now)

Khabo: Ufunani la ekhaya wena? (what do you want here)

I stopped what I was doing she walked up to me and slapped me across my face..

Me: Ma!!

Ma: Khabo!!

Khabo: Akahambe lo la ekhaya abuyele eGoli (she should leave and go back to the city)

Me: Ngiyazi ukuthi ngimoshile Khabo (I know that I've messed up)

She looked at me..

Her: Kwenzakaleni ebusweni bakho? (What happened to your face)

I didn't say anything to her..

Her: We Qondi yazi uDom (you are stupid)

Ma: Khabonina awume (Khabo wait a minute)

Her: Sowuhlulwe yi Goli nje ngo suku sowubuya la ekhaya (The city has defeated you just in one day and now you coming back here)

Ma: Khabo yeka umntwana (Khabo leave the child alone)

Khabo: Wena angisakwazi usufile la kimi Ndoni yamasimba (I don't know you anymore you dead to me)

She clicked her tongue and walked away..

Ma: Myeke Qondi (Leave her)

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QONDISIWE

Later on I made my way to the Indoni yamanzi River I couldn't believe how it was looked. That clear beautiful water had turned red what happened? What happened to my friend Happy? The river is supposed to be a sacred place why would Nowisa murder Happy? It doesn't make sense..

As I walking around the river trying to make sense of everything I saw Manqoba making his way to me with Happy's Grandmother. What am I going to say? How am I going to break it down to this woman that Happy is gone???

Manqoba: Qondisiwe

Me: Manqoba

I looked at the old woman..

Me: Gogo

Her: Qondisiwe

She balanced on herself on her walking stick

Her: uManqoba ube sengichazele konke (Manqoba had told me everything)

I looked at Manqoba..

Him: Ngizwe uNdunkulu ekhuluma ukuthi uHappy bambulele (I heard the Queen saying that they have killed Happy)

Me: Ini? Kanjani? (How)

Him: Bamthole la bamubulala bathatha uMgexo (They found her here they killed her and took the necklace)

This was news to me..

Him: uNomasonto nguye Indoni yamanzi manje (Nomasonto is the new Guardian)

I laughed while shaking my head this is unbelievable. How is the Queen better?

Happy's Grandmother wiped her tears with her handkerchief...

Unfortunately there's no justice from any murders that are

committed by the royal house it's their land they can do anything to anyone without being held accountable..

Gogo: umntwana wam akaze nje wahlupha abantu bambulaleleni?
(My child has never started any trouble with anyone why they murdered her I will never know)

I walked up to her and held her hand..

Me: Ngiyakuthembisa Gogo ukufa kwaka Happy angeke kube yize (I promise you Grandmother Happy's death won't be in vain)

She slowly nodded..

Manqoba: Kwenzakaleni ebusweni bakho? (What happened to your face)

Me: Indaba ende leyo (That's a long story)

Gogo: Sesithembe wena Qondisiwe ukuthi usisize la esgodini nasenkohlakalweni yaka Ndlunkulu (We are trusting in you Qondisiwe to help us in this village and save us from the Queen's cruelty)

I squeezed her hand a bit..

Me: Ngiyathembisa (I promise)

IBANATHI

Mom: Lungisa left to the village already

Me: He couldn't wait for me?

I was in my Brother's office sitting on his chair...

Her: Were you gonna go there for the project or for Qondisiwe?

I kept quiet..

Her: Baby I've seen you playing girls you've never been serious about relationships.. What changed? Because I feel like this girl has a hold of you?

Me: She's different

Her: In what way?

Me: You'd never understand

Her: Have you slept with her already?

Me: That's between me and her

She nodded..

Her: I just don't want to see you hurt

Me: What do you mean?

Her: I've spoken with her last night and Qondisiwe seems to have

duties

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she is important to in her village and I don't think she can have a normal life. Her life is the village

Me: They have brainwashed her into thinking that her life is a village Qondisiwe deserves better

Her: You can't fight with ancestors

Me: Fuck ancestors!

Her: Hey! Watch your mouth

(Silence)

Her: Look Iba I want you to concentrate on what you want and I'm not talking about Qondisiwe. She has responsibilities and so do you you should be focusing on the family business helping us take the company to the next level. Qondisiwe should be the last thing on your mind right now do you understand? No good is going to come out of this relationship

I nodded..

Me: I hear you

Her: Good.. There's a lot of girls out there

Me: You don't like her do you?

Her: Not so much

Me: I'm not going to marry someone that you like

Her: You can marry anyone that you want just not her.. She seems like she has a lot of problems

Me: I see

Her: I have to meet up with someone I'll see you later and don't go to the village

Me: I'll see you later

She took her bag and left..

QONDISIWE

I was sitting on the rock with Manqoba he came back from accompanying Happy's Grandmother..

Him: Ngathi umcabango wakho ukude (It seems like your mind is far away)

I smiled a little..

Me: Ngijabulele nje ukubuya (I'm just happy that I'm back)

Him: Vele ngeke wangitshela ukuthi ubuyephi? (You won't tell me where you were)

Me: Cha.. (No)

Him: haike akusenani (It's all good then)

I exhaled..

Me: Kumele ngibisele isgodi esimeni saso (I need to restore the village back to it's original state)

Him: Ya.. Kuningi okumele ukwenze (There's a lot that you need to do)

We heard someone clearing their throat we turned and it was Iba's Brother..

Him: Sanibonani (Greetings)

We greeted him back..

Manqoba: Ithi ngiyo bheka ukuthi kuhamba kanjani ebukhosini (Let me go and check how it's going at the royal house)

He got up and put his hand on my shoulder.

Him: Uzoba kahle? (Will you be okay)

I nodded.. He walked away and Iba's Brother got ontop of the rock he had two bottles of juice with him..

Him: Ngingahlala? (Can I sit)

I slowly nodded.. He sat next to me and handed me the other juice...

Me: Ngiyabonga (Thank you)

I still don't trust him after the vision I had of him I don't think he is a good person. Now I can't see more of his intentions because I don't have my necklace nor am I still connected with my ancestors..

Him: Kwenzakaleni ebusweni? (what happened to your face)

Me: Akubalulekanga lokho (That's not important)

He opened his juice..

Him: Yazi Qondisiwe mina nawe komele ukuthi sibe abangani ngoba sobenza sonke (Qondisiwe you and I we will have to be friends because we going to work together)

Me: Kungani ukhethe isgodi sethu? (Why did you choose our village)

Him: Isgodi senu sihle futhi abantu eJozi bayakhulumana ngawe (Your village is beautiful plus people talk about you a lot)

Me: Kwamampela? (Serious)

Him: Isisebenzi sami yiso esingitshele ngawe ne sgodi sakho (One of my employees is the one that told me about you and your village)

I opened my juice..

Him: Angazi ukuthi bake bakutshela kodwa umsebenzi wakho uyancomeka (I don't know if anyone has ever told you but what you do is very impressive)

Me: Angiboni kanjalo (I don't think so)

Him: Akusiyibo bonke abantu abangakhona ukwenza lokhu okwenzayo uhlula ngisho nabo Doctor esinabo (Not everyone can do what you do you even beat a lot of Doctors that I know)

I laughed..

Me: Bese udlala ngami (You playing with me)

Him: Bangakhi abantu abasuka kude beze la? Awucabangi ukuthi ziningi izangoma esinazo eJozi? Kodwa abanangi bakhetha ukusuka kude kanje beze la (Don't you think we have a lot of traditional healers in the city why would many people from the city choose to leave the city and come here)

Me: Konke lokho kuperhile (All that is over now)

Him: Usho kanjani? (What are you saying)

Me: Ngimoshile kakhulu (I've ruined everything)

Him: Konke okumeshele kuyalungiswa (Whatever is broken can be fixed)

I shook my head..

Him: Angeke kulungiswe sihleli kanje (We can't fix anything while we sitting like this)

He got up and stretched his hand to me..

Him: Sonke siyawenza amaphutha (We all make mistakes)

I looked at him..

Him: The key is to fix whatever it is that you messed up

I didn't say anything..

Him: Come on.. We have a lot to do

I stretched my hand to his then he helped me to get up..

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QONDISIWE

We both looked at the fields they were a mess. All the fruits and veges were destroyed they were scattered all over..

Lungi: Singazama siqale kabusha (We can try and start afresh)

I chuckled and sat on a small rock.. He looked at me..

Me: Angeke kulunge uma isibusiso samadlozi singekho (It won't work if I don't get any blessings from the ancestors)

Him: Angeke ukhone ukukhuluma nabo? (Can't you talk to them)

Me: Cha.. Umgexo wami awukho (No.. I don't have my necklace)

Him: awukwazi ukuxhumana nabo ngaphandle komgexo? (You can't connect with them without the necklace)

Me: Beningakhona kodwa Umgexo wami awukahlekanga futhi abawutshontshanga (I would've been able only if my necklace was stolen or if I had lost it)

Him: Uphi Umgexo wakho? (Where is your necklace)

Me: Ngawukhipha ngokwami bese ngawunika umkhozi wami ongasekho (I took it off and gave it to my late friend)

Him: You seem very calm for someone who lost a friend

I looked at the fields..

Him: Awuva ubuhlungu ngomkhozi wakho? (Aren't you hurt about your friend)

I shrugged my shoulders..

Me: Ngiyindoni yamanzi njalo mele ngihlale ngomelele akumelanga ngibonise ubuthakathaka (I am a Guardian I always have to be strong. I can't show any sign of weakness)

Him: You are a human being before anything

(Silence)

Him: Umgexo wakho ukuphi manje? (Where is your necklace now)

I looked at him..

Me: Yazi abantu abaningi abakholelwa kumadlozi nama siko (Many people don't believe in ancestors and tradition)

Him: Angisiye wonke umuntu (I'm not everyone)

He folded his arms and looked at me..

Him: Manje Umgexo siwuthola njani? (How are we gonna get back

your necklace)

Me: Uyazi ukuthi uma umuntu engezanga ngendlela entle la ngizobona? (When someone has not come with good intentions I can see)

Him: I'm sure you can

He looked around then buried his hands deep in his pockets..

Him: Ngize la ngokusiza kphela yiko mina nawe ngifuna ukuthi sisebenzisane (I came here with good intentions that's why I want us to work together)

I got up..

Me: Sizobona (We will see)

Him: Uyaphi? (Where are you going)

Me: Siyolanda umgexo (We going to fetch my necklace)

Him: Okay asambe (let's go)

IBANATHI

I saw myself sitting in the boardroom on same chair where my Brother sits since he is a CEO. Qondisiwe was standing next to the chair then somehow two snakes crawled up to me. Each snake

rolled itself on my leg...

I opened my eyes I was still in Lungi's office. I had passed out. I took my phone and called him he has gone for too long now but his phone took me straight to voicemail. I then called Sindi...

Sindi: What do you want?

Me: Can we meet up? I wanna talk to you about something

Sindi: You can't talk to me over the phone?

Me: No..

Sindi: Fine meet me at the usual place

Me: On my way

I got up from the chair and made my way out

QONDISIWE

I went home with Lungisa almost everyone in the village was stunned or should I say the ones that saw us couldn't even blink. They turned with us they were gossiping just doing what random people in the village do.

My Mom was still sitting outside Khabo was cleaning the yard and her kids were playing. When Khabo saw us she stopped what she

was doing and looked at us...

Lungisa: Sanibonani ekhaya (Greetings)

My mom was the only one who greeted him back..

Me: Uma lo bese loya usesi wami uKhabo (This is my Mom then that's my Sister Khabo)

He smiled at Khabo and nodded a little at her then he went closer to my Mother..

Him: Ngijabulela ukukwazi Ma (I'm pleased to meet you)

His hand was already stretched out to my Mother..

Me: uMa akaboni (My mom is blind)

Him: Ohh ngiyaxolisa (I'm sorry)

Ma: Ngokukhuluma ngiyeva ukuthi awusi wala esgodini (I can tell by your accent that you not from here)

Him: Ngibuya eGoli (I'm from the city)

Ma: Pho uzothini la? (What are you doing here)

Me: Umndeni wakhe wuwo ozosisiza la esgodini uzowakha izikolo kunye nama clinic (His family is going to help us here in our village by building schools and clinics)

Ma: Ngiyabona (I see)

He looked around..

Me: Asinazo izitulo (We don't have chairs)

Him: Akuna nkinga ngizohlala eceleni kwa Ma (That's not a problem I'll sit next to your Mom)

He sat next to My Mother as if like his pants weren't expensive...

Him: uMa ukhona njani ukwenza imigexo engaboni? (How do you make necklaces while you can't see)

My Mom smiled..

Ma: Sekuyisikhathi ngingaboni

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konke engikwenzayo kwamele ngikufunde (I've been blind for a long time now all that I do I had to learn)

He took one of the necklaces..

Him: Woow... Cha kuhle (It's beautiful)

Ma: Letha isandla sakho (Give me your hand)

He gave my mom his hand.. My Mom placed one of the bracelets around his wrist.

Mom: Isongo sothando (A love bracelet)

Him: Angizwa? (I don't understand)

Mom: Uma intombi ikuqomile ikunika Isongo sothando ukuze ezinye izintombi zibone ukuthi usuqonyiwe (If a girl agrees to be your girlfriend he gives you this bracelet so others can see that you have a girlfriend now)

He smiled..

Him: Kuningi engingakwazi.. Ngiyabonga (There's a lot that I don't know.. Thank you)

Ma: Khabo awusaphi isihambi sethu noma itiye (Khabo why don't you make tea for our guest)

Khabo: Umuntu onemali kanje angavuma ukuphuza itiye lethu? (Someone who is rich as him won't accept our tea)

Lungi: Ngingalijabulela (I would like it)

Khabo and I looked at each other dumbfounded why is Lungi so nice? I mean someone like him someone of his status wouldn't even have agreed to come here with me. Let alone even drink anything from us poor people.. Khabo came to me and dragged me to the house we left Lungi and my Mom talking outside..

Khabo: Qondisiwe ubani lo? (Who is this)

Me: uLungisa uzosisiza la kule sigodi (It's Lungisa he is going to

help us here)

Khabo started to breath in and out then she looked at him..

Me: Khabo..

She looked at me...

Me: Itiye (The tea)

Khabo: Ya itiye konje (The tea)

I chuckled while shaking my head...

She walked out to go and start the fire..

Lungi: Ngicela ukukusiza ungaze uzilimaze (Can I please help you you might hurt yourself)

Khabo didn't say anything..

I walked back in to search for my bag of bones I stumbled upon Ibanathi's watch. I looked at it why can't he be so nice like his Brother? I don't see Iba coming here and being this polite he is way full of himself. That's in the past though Iba and I we done..

IBANATHI

Sindi showed up after an hour or so I was even ready to leave..

Me: It's about time

Her: I will turn back and leave phela

Me: Sorry.. Please

I pointed at the chair opposite me..

She sat down..

Her: That's nice of you saying "Please" you never say Please

I cleared my throat..

Her: Why am I here?

Me: It's.. It's about Qondisiwe

Her: Okay I'm going

Me: Sindi please

Her: What do you want from my Sister?

Me: I love your Sister

Her: You love my Sister? You capable of loving someone other than yourself now?

Me: Yes

Her: Iba are you forgetting that you and I we have slept together? Not once not twice a lot of times!

Me: It was just sex

Her: But Still...

She leaned closer..

Her: Stay away from my Sister I mean it!

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IBANATHI

After the meeting I had with Sindi I decided to go and see my Father's lawyer or should I say our family lawyer. I'm 28 I don't understand how my Mom can still control my trust fund I was given full rights of my trust fund when I turned 21. Though I didn't make an appointment he agreed to see me only because it was his lunchtime and he was free. If I came after that then I wouldn't

have been able to see him. When I walked in he stood up and wiped his hands..

Him: Iba

Me: Hey man

He gave me a handshake...

Him: Always a pleasure to see you

Me: Same here

He sat down again..

Him: If I had more than enough to eat I'd offer you something

I sat down..

Me: Don't sweat it

Him: How are you holding up? It's been a minute

Me: I'm good.. You know I'm trying to stay out of trouble

Him: I understand

(Silence)

Him: So what can I do for you?

Me: I'm here to ask if my Mother still has any rights to my trust fund?

Him: Not at all.. You an adult now you have full rights to your trust fund

Me: Thank you.. She's been threatening me a lot lately

Him: That's the Mrs Biyela I know

As we were sitting there still talking I heard a strange sound. A rattling sound..

Him: Are you okay?

Me: Yeah I think so

The sound continued..

Him: So how is School?

I concentrated on the sound..

Him: Iba?

Me: I'm sorry but can you hear that?

Him: What?

Me: The rattling sound? It's like a..

Just when I was about to say the word I saw it. I saw the rattle snake next to his cabinet. It was red white and black in colour. It wasn't that big just your average rattle snake...

Me: Ohh shit!!!

It was just in coiled up in that corner and making noise with it's tail while hissing and taking out it's tongue..

Him: What is it?

Me: A snake

He quickly got up..

Him: What? Where?

Me: Just next to the cabinet

Him: I don't see anything

Me: It's right there man

Him: I don't see it!

When he approached the cabinet it disappeared..

Him: Where is it?

Me: It was.. It was right there

This was weird...

QONDISIWE

I had a plan on how I was going to get my necklace back I hope

it works.. When I got to the gate of the royal house I demanded to be taken inside and the royal guard took me inside. He followed me with a spear pointed at me on my back. When we got to the King and the Queen's presence I was forced with the spear to kneel down in front of them.. The Queen stood up..

Her: Awamukele like la wena (You not welcomed here)

Me: Ngiyazi (I know)

Her: Ufunani! (What do you want)

Me: Ngithunywe idlozi lethu uNowisa (I was sent by our great ancestor Nowisa)

I was lying through my teeth..

Her: Ngeke! Awuna mgexo wena (That's not true you no longer have the necklace)

Me: Ndlunkulu ngiyindoni yamanzi ukuxhumana naba phantsi akupheleliswanga kuwo umgexo kphela (My Queen I am a guardian my connection with my ancestors doesn't depend only on the necklace)

King: myeke akhulume (Let her speak)

Me: Ngiyabonga Nkosi yam' (Thank you my King)

I was going to use the information that Manqona told me..

Me: Inkosazana uNomasondo ngiyazi ukuthi ulimele kanti futhi angeke nje waba ngcono ngoba umphefumulo wakhe uhleli nabaphantsi (I know that the princess is sick she will never be well because her soul is with the ancestors)

They let me continue...

Me: Ndlunkulu ubulalile ngenxa yalokho ungcilile umfula unegazi. Uthathe umphefumulo ongenacala ngakho d ppmabaphantsi bathukuthele (My Queen you have committed murder

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in so doing the river is no longer pure. You took a life that was innocent so the ancestors are very angry)

King: Ukhuluma ngani? (What is she talking about)

Queen: Kube yiphutha (It was a mistake)

King: Ubelele? (You have killed someone)

Queen: Kube yiphutha (It was a mistake)

Me: Uma lephutha lingalungiswa ulaka lwabaphantsi liyothatha Inkosazana lubuye lubhubhise nya sonke isgodi (If this mistake doesn't get fixed they will take the princess and kill the whole village)

Queen: Yeey unamanga!! (You are lying)

King: Thula Makhosazana futhi suka la phambi kwami (Shut up Makhosazana as a matter of fact leave my site)

Queen: Nkos-

King: Ngithe phuma (I said leave)

She gave me a nasty look and then she walked out..

King: Silungisa kanjani Qondisiwe? (How do we fix this)

Me: Kuzomele ngithole umgexo wami ukuze ngizokhona ukusindisa impilo ye Nkosazana (I will have to get my necklace back so that I can heal the princess)

(Silence)

King: Landani umgexo entanyeni ka Nomasonto (go get the bracelet from the Princess)

One of the female servants went to go get the necklace I smiled a little...

LUNGISA

For some weird reason I was having fun just chilling and talking with Qondisiwe's family. Her Mother is very loving they just a loving family. They don't have much but they look content and

happy with what they have..

Me: Ngiyabonga Ma nge tiye ne dombolo (Thank you Ma for the tea and dumpling)

They make their own dumpling It tasted good. Haven't eaten that thing in a long time.

Ma: Awu kanti ngelinye ilanga uzothola sipheke okungaphakathi uma behlinza inkomo la esgodini (Next time you will eat it with tripe)

Me: Ngingaku jabulela lokho (I'd be happy)

This woman has beautiful Daughters what am I saying she's also beautiful though Qondisiwe takes the cake she's the most beautiful out of them all. It's like God took his time in creating her and her beautiful smile.

Me: Ma ngathi indlu yonakele (It looks like your house is damaged)

Ma: Kona kunjalo Khabo mbonise (It's like that Khabo show him)

Khabo got up she's been very shy around me.. She led the way and I followed..

Looking at the state that they were living in truly did a number on me no one should live like this.. Khabo stood there a bit embarrassed as I looked around..

Me: Nilala kanjani? (How do you sleep)

Khabo: Siyalala sizathini? (We sleep what can do)

The roof was off a little I whistled while shaking my head..

Her: Ngicela ukuphuma (Excuse me)

She walked out.. Clearly I must do something maybe tomorrow I can have a few people come and start building them a better house one that will withstand the harsh rains..

IBANATHI

I don't know what was happening to me first the dream and now the snake? I'd hate to think that I'm losing my mind. The first thing I did when I got home was to pour myself a drink I gulped it down in one go. I was standing at the kitchen when I saw the meds that I bought for Qondisiwe Shit!! She didn't take the morning after pill that I went into too much trouble of getting since the pharmacist refused to sell it to me because apparently there's a form that you fill. I took it and looked at it for a while this can work in my favour If Qondisiwe falls pregnant then I'll always be in her life. She will be forced to give up that shit life and come down here to move in with me permanently. I threw the meds in the bin..

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QONDISIWE

After leaving the royal house I passed by at Happy's place It was a sad situation. I don't know how her Grandmother is going to get through this because the Queen can get away with anything and everything we won't get any justice for her and without her body we can't have a proper burial for her. I blame myself a lot especially since I don't know what transpired that day. I know Happy had a mouth for days but for the Queen to have her killed that was uncalled for...

When I approached home I saw Khabo sitting outside. With all the

mosquitoes we have around here at night she has no business sitting outside..

Me: Khabo

I heard her sniffing..

Me: Uyakhala? (Are you crying)

She didn't say anything..

Me: Uphi uLungisa? (Where is Lungisa)

Her: Ubuyele egoli (He went back to Johannesburg)

Me: Okay

I made my way inside..

Her: Qondisiwe

I turned back and went to her..

She exhaled..

Her: uLungisa bekangene phakathi endlini (Lungisa was inside the hut)

I sat down next to her as she shook her head

Her: Qondi ngathi bekangena la kuhlala khona izingulube (It's like he was in a pig sty)

Me: Utheni? Ugxekile (What did he say? Did he say anything bad)

Her: Akashongo nex uthe nje ksasa uzoza nabantu bazosolungisela (He didn't say anything he just said that tomorrow he will come with people who will fix the hut for us)

Me: Izindaba ezintle lezo moss (That's good news though)

Her: Kube ubonile Qondi bekungathi ngingavele ngife makangena akaze nje ngezwa uhlazo olungaka (You should've seen when he entered I felt like dying. I was so ashamed)

Me: Awukaze wakhathala ukuthi abantu bacabangani ngathi (You have never cared what people thought about us)

She kept quiet..

Me: Ima Khabo usumuncwasile uLungi njalo (Wait a minute Khabo you like him already)

Her: Qondi uphuze itiye lethu udle idombolo lethu. Uphuze ngenkomishi endala azange anyanye noku nyanya (He drank our tea and ate our dumpling with old rusty mug he didn't even feel disgusted)

Me: Ungimangazile nami (He shocked me too)

Her: Kodwa ke bheka ukuthi unjani ubheke thina sinjani soze nje kulunge sihluke kakhulu (Look at how he is and then look at us. It

will never work we are way too different)

Me: Ngiyakuzwa (I hear you)

I put my arm around her shoulders..

Me: Khabo

She looked at me..

Me: Askies

Her: Ngani?

Me: Ngiyazi ukuthi kwamele ukhule umncane ukuze unakekele mina no Sindi (I know that you had to grow up at a very young age to care for me and Sindi)

Her: Akusenani mntaka Ma (It's okay)

(Silence)

Me: Ngathi ngiyakubona wena no Lungi Nkosi yami.. Awee Ma (I can already imagine you and Lungi)

She hit me a little while smiling..

Her: Ngizokshaya Qondi (I'll hit you)

We both laughed..

LUNGISA

When I got to my house my mom was there cooking I even forgot that I gave her a key to my house..

Ma: Lungi my son

Me: Ma

Her: You've been gone for a very long time

Me: Ya I know

She closed the pot..

Her: How did it go?

Me: There's progress

Her: That's good.. UQondisiwe?

Me: She's on board

She smiled..

Her: Kuhle lokho (That's good)

Me: Ma

Her: Yes?

Me: I'm taking a few weeks off from work

Her: Ngoba? (Why)

Me: I need to spend more time at the village

Her: You can't do that you a CEO

Me: I hardly take leave Ma

She kept quiet..

Me: We have one shot at this and I wanna do it properly. If we lose this land we are done

She nodded..

Her: I hear you.. I guess the company can survive without you for a while

Me: Thank you

Her: What's that on your wrist?

Me: Ohw it's a gift from the village they happy with the project

Her: I see (Smiling)

Me: Tomorrow I'm taking a few Men we gonna start working on the fields

Ma: That's good gain their trust and when the time is right we take the land

I thought for a while about the time I spent with Khabo and her mom. They amazing people they made me feel welcome. Khabo is

a very beautiful woman she's dark and has a very beautiful thick body. That's their land that's their home. That's all they know and taking it from them will be brutal..

Ma: Lungi

I nodded..

Me: When they least expect we going to strike

She smiled..

Her: Awuzwe ke (There you go)

Me: Let me go and shower so that we can eat dinner

Her: Okay Baby

I made my way upstairs..

QONDISIWE

Tonight I slept peacefully knowing that my necklace is back and tomorrow morning I'll go to the river and plead with the ancestors.

After a lot of thinking I eventually fell asleep only to have a disturbing dream. I found myself at the river an incense was burning and I had scattered the bones. I said the Ngwane clan names I needed them to give me another chance... I then heard

someone calling my name

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I needed them to give me another chance... I then heard someone calling my name I raised my head up and there in the middle of the red river she stood. Queen Nowisa. I rubbed my eyes I've heard that she's only seen by the dead. My mother was the only one who has ever seen her and she went blind. What's happening? Now that I'm seeing her is she gonna take me?

She made her to me indeed she looked like me. It was like I was looking at the older me

I got up and we came face to face with each other.. I bowed..

Me: Ndlunkulu (Queen)

Her: Nguwe Indoni yamanzi yokuqala ukuthi ingibone (You the very first guardian to see me)

I didn't know if I should feel honoured or if I should be scared..

She looked around..

Her: Kwaba yimi isihlabelo sokuqala sala esgodini (I am the very first sacrifice of this village)

I nodded..

Her: Ngayenza okukhulu la kule sgodi (I did a lot for this village)

She walked around me..

Her: Angeke ngivumele omunye umuntu ashabalalise konke okwami
(I won't let anyone destroy what's mine)

Me: Ngiyaxolisa Ndlunkulu (I'm sorry)

Her: Ngikunika ithuba lokugcina Uma nje ungangidumaza (I'm giving you a last chance if you disappoint me again)

Me: Uzongibulala (you wil kill me)

She gave me a side smile..

Her: Akuyoba Lula lokho (That would be too easy)

I looked at her..

Her: Nguwe okumele usizalele Indoni yamanzi (You the one who has to give us another guardian)

Me: Huh?

Her: Zibheke Qondisiwe Nguwe kphela ozozala ingane entle (You the only one who will give us a beautiful baby)

Me: Uzoba nengane ngesikhathi esifanele futhi nomuntu ozokhethwa yimi umuntu onegazi lakwa Ngwane (You will have a child at the right time with a person who has the Ngwane blood)

Me: Nowisa

Her: Angeke waba nengane kwa Biyela angeke sazalisana nabantu abangaphandle (You won't have a child with a Biyela we won't share a bloodline with commoners)

Me: Nowisa

Her: Izitha zethu ezifuna ukuthatha umhlabu wethu (Our enemies that wanna steal our land)

Me: Ngeke bakwenze lokho awubazi (They won't do that you don't know them)

Her: Qondisiwe angeke walala nesitha sethu (You won't sleep with our enemy)

She put her hand on my womb then I started feeling excruciating pains. After a few seconds I started bleeding..

Her: Lokhu kuncane kukhulu kabi engingakwenza ukukuzwisa ubuhlungu Uma ungani laleli (This is nothing there's more I can do to you that can cause you a lot of pain)

The pains got more intense and so was the bleeding..

Her: Futhi bekuwu ngumfana (Plus it was a boy)

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It was at that time when I woke up I was woken up by painful cramps. I have had cramps before on my periods but these cramps

were intense..

Khabo: Qondi yini? (What's wrong)

Me: Ngizwa ubuhlungu (I'm in pain)

I lowered my hand and I was bleeding..

Khabo: Uyahlambuluka (You are on your periods)

This was anything but my periods..

Khabo: Ngizolanda amaqembe (I'll go get the leaves)

We use some special leaves that can treat any pain we usually have to boil the leaves but since it was late I would have to chew them. I glanced down and my pendent was crystal clear again the water was purified once more..

IBANATHI

I hardly slept last night I kept on dreaming about the red black and white rattlesnake.

Just when I was about to fall asleep I heard someone ringing my doorbell. I looked at the time and it was 5am who could that be? No matter how much I ignored the bell but the person wasn't giving up. I ended up going downstairs to see who it was and it

was my Mother..

Me: What is it so early?

Her: Bath and get dressed you will be an acting CEO under my watch for a few weeks

Me: What?

Her: Lungi is working on the Zikhali village project he won't be around that much

Me: I was working on that project

Her: Well now your Brother is working on it it's a very important project. One that can make or break us and..

She looked at me..

Her: You will definitely break us

Me: Are you doing this to keep me away from Qondisiwe?

Her: Enough about that girl Iba come on go and bath so we can go Mr Acting CEO

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LUNGISA

I was at the village a bit late. I had to get contractors first and some materials so that I could build them a concrete house. Maybe a kitchen 2 bedrooms lounge and a bathroom . I don't know how the bathroom is going to work because they don't have running water but they can transport water and pour in the bathtub to bath. I just want them to know the feeling of having a bathroom maybe later on I can put a big Jojo tank so they don't struggle much with water. The first thing that the contractors did was to fix their hut just so they can have a temporary place to stay. I am changing the grass roof to a more secure one and maybe get them beds and other things. Khabo's Mother was beyond the word "Grateful" it would've been nice if she could be able to see her house. I stood there as I watched the contractors being at work

Khabo was busy helping a bit by cleaning. It's funny because there's gonna be more mess she started cleaning early. She was wearing a really short skirt with a top. I tried so hard not to concentrate on her really beautiful thick thighs and nice legs.. She is truly beautiful I won't front not forgetting her beautiful smile. I'm even amazed she has 2 kids.. I walked up to her..

Me: Hey

She turned and looked at me then she looked down..

Me: Bengisajika eJozи khona okushodayo ekumele ngikuthenge bengicabanga ukuthi kungabakuhle ukuthi uhambe nami (I'm going to town there's some things that I need to buy. I thought you would like to come with me)

She almost dropped the bucket she was holding..

Her: Angazi angifuni ukuba wuhlupho (I don't know I don't wanna be bothersome)

Me: Please I insist.. Nawe kumele ushaywe umoya (You have to get fresh air)

She smiled..

Her: Okay ngizacela uMa agade abantwana (Thank you I'll ask my Mother to look after the kids)

I looked at her as she walked back inside the hut..

QONDISIWE

The river was clear and pure again I was sitting at my usual spot with tears streaming down. Both for Happy and the dream that I had last night. I put my hand on my womb I was meant to be pregnant with a boy and Nowisa took that away from me. Not only that

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but she's ruining my life. How will I have a baby with someone that I don't know? someone that I don't love? I heard someone calling out my name behind me I turned and it was the King. I wiped my tears and got up I made my way to him. That's a first what is the King doing here? He never come here..

Me: Nkosi yami (My King)

Him: Qondisiwe

He got closer to the River..

Him: Bengifuna nje ukubona ukuthi konke lokhu kuhamba kahle? (I just wanted to check if everything was back to normal)

Me: Konke sekuhamba kahle (Everything is going well)

Him: Ngiyabonga (Thank you)

Me: Inkosazana ngizoyisiza (I will heal the princess)

Him: Ngiyazi (I know)

He turned and looked at me..

Him: Bayaphila ekhaya? Unjani uMa? (Is everyone well at home
how is your Mom)

Me: Bayaphila uMa uyaphila naye (They are well Mom is also well)

Him: Uyancomeka umsebenzi owenzayo la esgodini (The work that
you do here is very impressive)

Me: Ngiyabonga (Thank you)

He put his hand on my shoulder and walked away this is strange..

IBANATHI

One of our clients came to see us with a complaint. Apparently
the last batch we sent him wasn't good at all. He was screaming
and didn't want us to reason with him at all.

Mom: Mr Abrams we understand your frustration

Him: I run a supermarket that's supposed to have fresh fruits and
vegetables at all times

Mom: I understand and I truly apologize

She looked at me..

Him: I want a full refund and I'm ending my contract with you!!

He got up and stormed out of the office..

Mom: Ibanathi!!

I looked at her...

Her: Couldn't you say something? Anything?

Me: What was I supposed to say? The man has a right to complain

Her: Are you trying to sabotage us on purpose? Are you doing this on purpose?

Me: I should be at the village and handling the project that is going to save this family business!!!

Her: This is not a joke!!!!!!

She walked up to me..

Her: For once in your life stopped being useless and actually do something constructive! I'm sure your father is turning in his grave!! You are a shame and an embarrassment to our family!.. Grow up!!

She clicked her tongue and walked out..

QONDISIWE

Manqoba came to see me...

Him: Ngibonga konke ukuthi sekuhamba kahle manje (I'm thankful that everything is going well now)

My mind was far away..

Him: Qondi

I looked at him..

Me: Ngingabuza? (Can I ask)

Him: Buza (Ask)

Me: Ucabanga ukuthi idlozi lethu uNowisa linentlizayo entle? (Do you think our ancestor has a good heart)

Him: Angizwa? (I don't understand)

Me: uNowisa Ukhohlakele Manqoba (Nowisa is evil)

Him: Ngoba? (Why)

I shook my head..

Me: kukhona nje okungekho kahle ngaye (There's something not right with her)

Him: Wenzeni? (What has she done)

Me: Yonke nje lento yendoni yamanzi ukukhohlakala (This Guardian thing is evil)

Him: Ngiyakuzwa (I hear you)

(Silence)

Him: Qondi

I looked at him..

Him: Kungani ungafuni umlando walendawo (Why don't you research about this village)

Me: Qhubeka (Go on)

Him: Abantu ababehlala la ngaphambi kokufika inkosi yokuqala nabantu bayo (People who used to occupy this land before the King came here with his people)

I thought about it for a while..

Me: Mhlambe ngingathola ukuthi lento yendoni yamanzi isukelaphi (I can find out how this Indoni yamanzi thing started)

Him: yenza njalo (Do that)

This wasn't actually a bad idea if I can find out about the first people who occupied this place they can make this Indoni yamanzi

thing more clear to me..

KHABONINA

I work in the City yes but I don't get to explore the place other than just sitting in one place and selling. When we done we get in the truck and head back to the village. To actually be here with Lungisa and see the city for what it is it was really a beautiful experience and his car was very comfortable

We started off at Cash build he paid for a few things that are supposed to be transported back to the village. When we were done with that he said that we should go and get something to eat. This felt like a dream honestly we going to have a house now. A house that is going to be safe for me and my family.. We went to some restaurant if someone told me before that today I'd be eating at a restaurant with a handsome rich man sitting across me I wasn't going to believe it.. One of the waiters came to give us the menus the embarrassing moment started. I am not educated at all. I looked at the menu without saying anything I didn't wanna show Lungisa that I didn't know what was going on...

Him: uRight?

I nodded and put the menu down.. He looked at me.. I sighed..

Me: Lendawo akusiyindawo yabantu abafana nami (This is not a place for people like me)

He put his menu down..

Him: Khabo..

Me: Angikaze nje ngahlala endaweni enje

He stretched his hand to hold mine..

Him: Hey don't sell yourself short.. I'll make sure that from hereon you don't become a stranger to such places

I didn't understand what he said but I'm pretty sure it was something good judging from his smile. The waiter came back again.

Waiter: Are you guys ready to order?

Lungi: We'll have today's special please

Waiter: Something to drink?

Lungi: I'll have a glass of beer and the lady will have a cocktail

Waiter: I'll go and get the drinks first

Lungi: Thank you

This is one moment that I'll cherish for a very long time..

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LUNGISA

[A MONTH LATER]

Things were really looking up our fruits&Veges were growing peacefully at the Zikhali village. By next month we should start supplying our clients. It's amazing how things work there I thought that maybe it was going to take forever but things are working pretty good Qondisiwe is really good. Khabo and I decided to give it a go we have since been taking things slow and I'm really comfortable being with her. It's no lie that after a bad relationship you can possibly get a new one. A good one for that matter... She's an amazing woman full of respect supportive humble and she loves me. Unlike Noks she was a nightmare. Spending so

much time with Khabo has made me to forget about Noks it also made me to love her less if I ever did "love" her. I kept to the end of my part their house is finished now we working on other projects at the village.

I went through a lot of trouble called in a few favours so that they can have network coverage there I can't always be there so at times we need to talk through the phone.

Sloane ushered my Father in law into my office he didn't look very happy..

Me: Thank you Slo

Slo: Anything to drink?

Me: No we good I have whiskey

He slightly bowed before walking out and closing the door behind him.. My Father in law sat down..

Me: I didn't realize that we had a meeting today

He looked at me for a few seconds without saying anything..

Him: When was the last time you went to visit my Daughter? Your fiancé?

Me: I haven't I have been very busy

Him: For over a month? You telling me that you can't even take one day off to go and see her?

Me: The Zikhali village project is very important an-

Him: Don't give me that shit!!!

He leaned over a bit..

Him: If you are playing my Daughter and only sent her there to get rid of her you have another thing coming. This company was at the verge of dying and going bankrupt if it wasn't for me.. If it wasn't for me you and your mother would be done!!

Clearly whatever I'm going to say to him won't make any difference at this point..

Him: I'm watching you and be careful who you go to war with!

He got up and left I laid back on my chair and sighed..

QONDISIWE

Manqoba and I we have become very good friends. We not dating we not doing anything shady. We just good friends. I don't wanna string him along when I clearly don't have feelings for him it wouldn't be fair. With this whole Indoni Yamanzi thing hanging over my head I don't want to be with anyone right now..

Me: Manje?

He shook his head..

Him: uNdunkulu akakhulumi nex (The Queen is not saying anything)

That was disappointing. I am trying to get my life back I'm trying to be free or at least find a balance between who I am and what I want to be. Next year they'll be done building the primary and secondary schools I wanna go to school and possibly further my studies at a tertiary level. Sindi and I had a lengthy talk and she told me about colleges and universities at the city. Lungisa became a man of his word the clinic was the most need so although they not done but it's operating. Hell dare we even get sanitary pads there a privilege that we weren't given ever since I've been in this village. Khabo is even working there she cleans there and I see she is taken by the Nurses. I've heard her hinting that she would like to become one.

I must say that I'm happy with the western way of helping people it's a burden lifted off my shoulders. Now I have less work on my shoulders

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but the Queen is not entirely happy with this whole clinic situation. She says that we losing our way our roots to western medicine.

Though we still have consultations from people outside our village

Manqoba: Ungalahli ithemba sizowuthola umlando wale sgodi (don't lose hope we will get the history of this village)

He put his hand around my shoulders..

Me: Ngifuna impilo engcono (I want a better life)

Manqoba: Ngiyazi (I know)

My pendant started glowing that's strange. Maqonba is not vile and he doesn't have any bad intentions. We then heard a voice behind us..

Voice: Well isn't this just cosy?

We both turned and it was Iba I haven't seen him ever since the Johannesburg thing. Manqoba removed his hand from my shoulders..

Manqoba: Ngizobuya ngikubone (I'll see you later)

Me: Okay

He got up and walked to Iba...

Maqonba: Iba

Iba: Village boy

Manqoba smiled a little and walked away..

I shook my head Iba can be an jerk. I got up and went I him..

Me: Ufunani la? (What are you doing here)

Him: We have a contract with the village remember?

I folded my arms and looked at him he looked strange. Like he hasn't been getting a good night sleep..

Him: Wenzani? (What are you doing)

Me: Lokhu engihlala ngikwenza ukuba yindoni yamanzi (I do what I always do being a Guardian)

Him: Nobufebe phezulu? (And being a bitch)

I rolled my eyes..

Me: Angeke ngamela ukuthukwa wuwe (I won't tolerate being insulted by you)

He put his hands in his pockets..

Him: So have you let him touch up on you like that Qondi? (Have you slept with him)

Me: Uhambe kahle Iba (Go well Iba)

I walked away and he grabbed my arm..

Him: Ngisakhuluma! (I'm still talking)

Me: Uyang'limaza Iba (You hurting me)

He let go of my arm and rubbed his eyes..

Me: Ulala kahle kodwa? (Are you sleeping well)

Him: Uyakhathala? (Do you care)

I turned around and walked to the rock..

Him: Angilali kahle Qondi (I'm not sleeping well)

I stopped and turned..

Him: Khona iphupho elingihluphayo? (There's a dream that's haunting me)

I walked up to him..

Me: Letha isandla sakho (Give me your hand)

He gave me his hand. I held it and I immediately got a vision from it. I saw a red black and white snake..

Me: Iphupho lenyoka (A dream about a snake)

He got his hand from my grip..

Him: Ngamanye amalanga ngiyayibona ibonwa yimi ngedwa.. Maybe I'm losing my mind (at times I see it I'm the only one who sees it)

Me: Amadlozi wakini azama ukukhuluma nawe (Your ancestors are

trying to communicate with you)

He chuckled..

Me: Ayizanga ukuzokulimaza izokuvikela (It's not going to hurt you it's protecting you)

He sighed and walked over to the rock he got ontop of it and stood there..

MAKHOSAZANA (THE QUEEN)

I found myself at the Indoni Yamanzi River just standing at the edge of the water and looking at it. I don't come here very often.

In the middle of the water Queen Nowisa appeared. I recognize her from the picture we have at the house of her. She made her way to me and I stepped back..

Her: Ungathuki ngeke ngakulimaza (Don't be scared I won't hurt you)

Me: Ndlunkulu (My Queen)

Her: Ndlunkulu (My Queen)

This was unbelievable and she was very beautiful. She looked like Qondisiwe..

Her: Ngiyazi ukuthi awuphathwanga kahle (I know you not being treated well)

I kept quiet...

Her: Ngiyabona ukuthi intliziyo yakho ila kulesgodi (I can see that your heart is here in this village)

Me: Ingani ungenzanga indondakazi yami Indoni yingani usenze intlekisa wakhetha nje umuntu ongabalulekanga. Ongenalo igazi lakwa Ngwane (Why didn't you make my Daughter a Guardian why did you make us a joke here by choosing a commoner to be a Guardian)

She smiled a little..

Her: Ngizokubonisa konke ngikubonise lonke iqiniso Uma wena ungavuma ukusebenzisana nami (I will reveal everything to you I will show you the whole truth only if you agree to work with me)

Me: Njani? (How)

Her: Isgodi sami lesi ende engake ngivumele uQondisiwe abhubhise konke engakusebenzela (This is my village I won't allow Qondisiwe to ruin it)

I still kept quiet..

Her: Uma uvuma.. Ngizoyenza indondakazi yakho Indoni (If you

agree.. I will make your daughter a guardian)

Me: Ngenze ini? (Do what)

Her: Ungincedise ukushabalalisa uQondisiwe no mndeni wakhe kunye ne Nkosi.. Bese wena uyoba umfazi wokuqala ukubusa la kulesgodi (Help me destroy Qondisiwe and her family and the king then you'll be the first woman to rule)

Me: Kodwa iNkosi yisizukulwana sakho (The king is your descendant)

Me: Uncedisana nezitha ukubulala lsgodi sami. Yento yomthola mpilo noshintsho la kule sgodi kubulala isiko lethu (He is working with our enemies to kill this village the clinic is changing everything and it's destroying our traditions)

Me: Kodwa (But)

Her: Uma ngingakubonisa ukuthi wenzeni uzovuma ukukwenza konke lokhu engicelayo (If I can show you what he has done you will do everything I ask)

She looked at my hand...

Her: Letha isandla sakho (give me your hand)

I gave her my hand..

Her: Awusiyena umaqondana wakhe (You are not his heart)

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LUNGISA

On my lunchbreak I drove down to the rehabilitation center to see how Noks is doing it was before visiting hours but since I explained to the staff that I can't make the visiting hours because of work they allowed me to see her. This place was beautiful and it's probably expensive because it's private and not funded by the government. Noks sat across me with her arms folded..

Me: Hi

She didn't respond..

Me: How are you?

Things were very awkward it was like we were strangers..

Her: Who is she?

Me: Sorry?

Her: The woman you messing with who is she?

Me: Noks don't do this

Her: Don't start with you put me here because you wanted to help me you put me here because you wanted to get rid of me

Me: You did need help

Her: Ohh please

Me: You were an alcoholic and you needed help do you know how hard it was being with you? Do you know how you made me feel as a man? You've never respected me!

Her: I admit maybe I had little anger issues

Me: Little? You were a ticking bomb

Her: I am here and I'm getting help I expected my fiancé to be supportive! I'm here trying to save our relationship I'm trying to change for you

Me: You need to change for yourself not for me

She laid back..

Her: So there is someone?

I didn't answer that..

Her: Do you love her?

I looked at her..

Me: Yes I do

She swallowed..

Her: How long has it been going on?

Me: Over a month now

She nodded..

Her: My Dad is going to kill you!

Me: You see why I don't wanna be with you anymore? You a horrible person and no man will ever wanna get with you

Her: Leave

I stood up and shook my head...

BAWINILE

I could feel that someone was standing at my feet being blind for a very long time has taught me to rely on my senses and intuition.

Me: Ungubani? (Who are you)

The person didn't say anything..

Me: Ngithe Ungubani? (I said who are you)

Voice: Yimi Winnie (It's me)

I recognize the voice it's the King. I haven't seen him in a very long time. My heart started beating fast..

Him: Angizanga ukuzokuhlupha (I'm not here to bother you)

I put the bracelet that I was working on down

Him: Nginga hlala? (May I sit)

I nodded slowly. He sat down I am very sure he sat next to me..

Him: Kuhle lokhu (This is beautiful)

Him being here made me very uneasy..

Me: Ubekwa yini la? (What are you doing here)

Him: Ngiye ngayo bona uQondisiwe (I went to see Qondisiwe)

Me: Wenzeni?

Him: Khululeka angimtshelanga lutho (Don't worry I told her nothing)

What do you say to someone who once ruined your life? Someone

who violated you and because of his power that had to swept under the carpet. It took me a very long time to be at peace with that he was my cousin. My own cousin violated me..

Him: Uzomtshela nini iqiniso? (When are you going to tell her the truth)

Me: uQondisiwe angeke alazi iqiniso (she will never know the truth)

Him: Isikhathi manje sokuthi alazi iqiniso (It's time now that she knows the truth)

Me: Impilo yengane yami imosheke sekwanele angifuni ukuthi ahlangahlangane ngalento (My Daughter's life has been destroyed I don't want this to confuse her more)

Him: Ngiyezwa

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I don't want this to confuse her more)

Him: Ngiyezwa ngiyaxolisa (I know I'm sorry)
(Silence)

He chuckled..

Me: Yini? (What)

Him: Kodwa ngathi awugugi? (It seems like you not aging)

Me: Ungadlali ngami nezingane ezithathu (Don't play with me I have 3 daughters)

Him: Uyakhumbula uKhabo emncane athanda ukutshontsha ama Banana? (Remember when Khabo was young and use to steal Bananas)

Me: Angazi nokuthi bekangena kanjani ebukhosini zonke izisebenzi zingamuboni (I don't know how she used to sneak into the royal house without the guards seeing her)

We both laughed..

Me: Wayenganga uKhabo (Khabo was naughty)

Him: Wayenganga kakhulu (She was very Naughty)

QONDISIWE

Iba being here made me realize that I was not over him I wish he didn't come..

Iba: Isgodi senu siba sihle kakhulu (Your village is more beautiful)

Me: uLungisa usincedile (Lungisa helped a lot)

He squeezed my cheek..

Him: iCompany yasekhaya incedile (my family's company helped)

Me: ekini nisizile (Your family helped)

He held my hand..

Him: Okay sizoyenza ngendlela yakho (We'll do it your way)

I looked at him..

Him: I will respect this life that you have here until you agree to go to Johannesburg with me. Ngiyak'thanda Qondisiwe angeke nje ngimane ngikhohlwe nguwe (I love you Qondisiwe I won't just forget about you)

Surprisingly the pendant didn't glow I couldn't read him anymore..

Me: Iba..

Him: We have to try sizoyiyenza ngendlela yakho yonke lento (We will do everything your way)

I exhaled..

Me: Ukuba nami nje ukuzifaka ekhulukuthu (Being with me is like being in prison)

Him: Sizoyithola indlela (We will find a way)

I gave him a weak smile I wasn't feeling good about this and I don't wanna waste his time. For as long as I am Indoni yamanzi I will never have a normal relationship..

MAKHOSAZANA (THE QUEEN)

Nowisa showed me everything my own husband was sleeping with that good for nothing woman! Qondisiwe is his Daughter now I see why she is "Indoni Yamanzi"

I was standing by the window and staring out I was boiling instead of being hurt. I won't allow a commoner to take my life my husband is very much in love with her..

Voice: Ndlunkulu (My Queen)

Me: Khuluma (Talk)

It was one of the royal guards..

Him: Inkosi ikwa Langa (The king is with Bawinile)

My breathing started to be unstable..

Me: Ngiyabonga (Thank you)

I turned around and looked at him..

Me: Ukhulumile nabanye? (Did you talk with the others)

Him: Yebo Ndlunkulu (Yes my Queen)

Me: Makwenzakale njalo namuhla ebusuku (It should happen tonight)

He nodded..

Him: Yebo Ndlunkulu (Yes my Queen)

Me: Usungahamba (You are dismissed)

He bowed a little and then walked out..

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MAKHOSAZANA (THE QUEEN)

We were having dinner and I was looking at my husband this man sitting across the table is in love with another woman. The worse part of it all is that it's a commoner how could he betray me like

this? How could he embarrass me like this? If this sorry ass of an affair gets out I'll be a laughing stock of this village. Imagine the mighty Queen being cheated on?? How disgusting!!

Him: Nomasonto unjani? (how are you)

Noma: Kuba ngcono Baba umuthi enginikwe wu Qondisiwe uyasebenza (I'm getting better Qondisiwe's herbs are helping)

Him: Kuhle lokho uQondisiwe uyanceda kakhulu (That's good Qondisiwe helps a lot)

Me: Ubuyephi namhlanje Baba? (Where were you this afternoon)

Him: Bekukhona amabanga athile engiwahambile (I had errands to run)

Me: Ubuhambe isikhathi eside namhlanje (You've been gone for a very long time today)

Him: Bokuningi okumele kwenzeke (There's a lot that needed to be done)

Me: Ngiyabona (I see)

He drank his wine..

KHABONINA

Lungi looked like he had a lot in his mind..

Me: Ubukeka ngathi kukhona okukuhluphayo (It looks like you have a lot on your mind)

His hands were on my thighs we were sitting in his car. He had come to see me. I have never had a man love me this much after my two failed relationships with my baby daddys I never thought that love was going to find me. I still don't understand how this man just fell in love with me so effortlessly I mean there's a lot of women in the city women who are way better than me.. He smiled at me..

Him: Bengine langa elide namhlanje (I had a long day today)

Me: Usebenza kakhulu (You work a lot)

(Silence)

Him: Khabo

I looked at him..

Him: Ngiyak'thanda (I love you)

I smiled..

Him: Ng'cela ukukushada (Can I please marry you)

My jaw dropped this was unexpected. We have only each other for

a month or so. We haven't even slept together as yet..

Me: Lungi

Him: Please

I thought about it..

Him: Wena nabantwana ningeza nizohlala nami nibe nempilo engcono. Nabo bazothola imfundo engcono (You and the kids can come and live with me. You will have a better life they'll also get a better education)

He put his hand on my cheek..

Him: I don't want to wait any longer

I took a deep breath and smiled..

Me: Okay.. Ngizokushada (Okay.. I'll marry you)

He smiled and I smiled too he leaned over and kissed me..

QONDISIWE

I was on my way back home after accompanying Iba to his car I had a bit of time to think. I love Iba I want to be with him. As soon as I get the history of this village maybe me and him can start a relationship a better one than whatever we had.. As I was

walking I saw someone running to my direction. I looked closely and even though it was dark I could see that it was Manqoba. The way that he was running I almost thought that he was going to fall..

Me: Manqoba?

Him: Qondisiwe

Me: Yini uyaphi? (Where are you running too)

He tried to catch his breath..

Him: Bengifuna wena (I was looking for you)

Me: Ngoba? (Why)

Him: Ekini.. Ekini kuyasha (It's your house it's burning)

Me: Ini? (What)

We both ran to my house I hope he is playing but I saw most villagers also making their way to my house. Manqoba wasn't playing

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I hope he is playing but I saw most villagers also making their way to my house. Manqoba wasn't playing my house was burning and people were standing outside. Some had buckets on a

wheelbarrow they were trying to put out the fire but it was too much..

Me: Maaaa!!!

I tried to run inside the house but Manqoba pulled me back..

Me: Maaaa!!! (Screaming)

My Mom and Khabo's kids were the ones at home they the only ones always at home..

I sank down on the ground..

Me: Manqoba uMa wami (Manqoba my mom)

He held me tight..

Me: Abantwana basekhaya (My Sister's kids)

I watched the house as it burned down..

KHABONINA

Someone knocked on the window of the car it scared me a bit..

Lungi: What the hell?

He rolled down the window it was one of the men from our village..

Him: Khabo!!

The car was parked at our local spaza shop most people saw me getting in...

Lungi: What are you doing? This is disrespectful man. Uyadelela
(You being disrespectful)

Him: Ngiyaxolisa kodwa lokhu kubalulekile (I'm sorry but this is serious)

Me: Yini inkinga (What's the matter)

Him: Ekini.. Kuyasha (your house is burning)

Me: Ini? (What)

Him: Wonke umuntu ugijimela khona (Everyone is running there)

I looked at Lungi..

Me: Uma.. Abantwana uQondisiwe (My mom the kids Qondisiwe)

Lungi started the car this has to be a joke or something..

MAKHOSAZANA (THE QUEEN)

One of the royal seervants came in running.

Her: Nkosi yam Ndlunkulu (My King my Queen)

She knelt in front of us..

King: Ebusuku kanje.. Kwenzakalani? (So late at night what's wrong)

Her: Nkosi ngizobika ukuthi kwa Langa kuyasha (I'm here to let you know that the Langa house hold is on fire)

The king stood up..

King: Angizwa kahle? (I don't understand)

Her: Wonke umuntu uye kwa Langa kuyasha (Everyone is at the Langa household it's burning)

Me: Kuyasha? (It's burning)

Her: Yebo Ndlunkulu (Yes my Queen)

I smiled a little...

King: Ngiyabuya (I'm coming)

Me: Ngihamba nawe Baba (I'm coming with you my King)

King: Cha.. Sala (No.. Stay)

He took some of the guards and then they left..

KHABONINA

I didn't even wait for Lungi to park I opened the door and got out.

I ran straight to the crowd...

Me: Maaa?? Qondisiwe???

I pushed everyone until I was at the front Qondisiwe was crying uncontrollably. I went up to her..

Me: Qondi.. Qondi uphi uMa? Baphi abantwana? (Qondi where is Ma where are my kids)

She shook her head..

Me: Nooooooooo!!!

I ran straight to the burning house..

People: Mbambeni (hold her)

I didn't get far until I felt someone holding me it was Lungi..

Me: Ngiyeke Lungi.. Abantwana bami (Leave me alone Lungi.. My kids)

I tried to fight him off but he was strong..

Me: Umndeni wam' (My family)

This was not happening..

MAKHOSAZANA (THE QUEEN)

I was in the bedroom drinking wine and smiling. I closed my eyes and let out a sigh of relief no one double crosses me and gets away with it. As I was standing there I heard something dripping behind me I turned around and it was Nowisa. She didn't look happy..

Me: Ndlunkulu (My queen)

Her: Sphukuphuku somfazi wenzeni? (You stupid woman what did you do)

Before I could answer she lifted up her hand and sent me flying across the room I came in contact with the wall before falling..

Her: Wenzeni?? Asivumelanga ngalokhu(What did you do)

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MAKHOSAZANA (THE QUEEN)

I don't understand why Nowisa is upset we agreed to be alliances in bringing Qondisiwe and her family down. I slowly got up and looked at her..

Me: Asikho lokhu besikufuna kanti? (Isn't this what we wanted)

Her: Azange ngithi bulala uWinnie (I didn't say kill Winnie)

I looked at her confused..

Me: Kunomehluko yini? (Is there a difference)

Her: Eqinisweni bengifuna ukuthi wena uhlukumeze umndeni wabo ukuze Inkosi izobona ukuthi ungumfazi onjani bese akuxoshe la esgodini. U Winnie ubezoba wuNdlunkulu uQondisiwe bekayophoqeleka ukuba yindoni yamanzi (In honest truth I wanted you to torture Qondisiwe's family so that the King can see how cruel you are and banish you from the village then Winnie was going to be the new Queen and Qondisiwe would've remained Indoni)

Me: Ini? Uchaza ukuthi ubufuna ukungisebenzisa? (What? You just wanted to use me)

Her: Ucabanga ukuthi mina ngifuna wena ube wuNdlunkulu? Kwase

kuqaleni angikaze ngakuthanda (You think I wanted you to be a Queen? I never liked you from the word go)

Me: Ukhohlakele Nowisa!! (Your are evil)

She smiled..

Her: Akusenandaba! Inkosi izogcina itholile ukuthi wuwe obulale uWinnie bese uzokuxosha la esgodini. Ngamane isgodis singahlala singabi no Ndlunkulu kunokuthi wena ube wuNdlunkulu (It doesn't matter anymore! The King will end up finding out that you killed Winnie then he will banish you from the village. I'd rather have this village lack a Queen than to have you being the Queen)

Wait so Nowisa had no intentions of working with me all that she wanted was to use me by making me look bad in the eyes of my husband. She wanted my husband to leave me and make Winnie the new Queen? Now I even doubt that she was going to make my Daughter Indoni yamanzi. Such an evil act from our ancestor.. I picked up the half cracked glass of wine and threw it her way she disappeared..

Me: Nowisa!!!!

QONDISIWE

Lungisa drove us to some lodge that was 45min away from the

village on our way there I had asked him to call Iba. Khabo was quiet she didn't say anything to anyone until we arrived at the lodge. She just sat on the bed and looked down with tears streaming down busy rocking herself back and forth. It was hard seeing her in that state Khabo has always been the strong one. Seeing her this broken it was really hard for me. I need to be strong for her yes it hurts. It cuts deep but one of us has to be strong for the other..

Me: Kuzomele sazise uSindi (We have to inform Sindi)

Lungi: iNumber yakhe unayo? (Do you have her number)

Me: Ngiyayazi (I know it)

I gave him the number he dialed it and then gave me the phone.

He went and sat next to Khabo..

Sindi: Sindi hello?

Me: Sindi wuQondi (Sindi it's Qondi)

Her: Qondi ebusuku so? (Qondi so late)

I fought back tears..

Her: Usebenzisa iPhone kabani? (Whose phone are you using)

Me: Sindi uMa (Sindi it's Ma)

Her: Wenzeni uMa? (What did she do)

I cleared my throat..

Me: Akasekho (She's no more)

She didn't say anything...

Me: Yena nabantwana bashele endlini (The house burned down with her and the kids inside)

She still didn't say anything..

Me: Sindi?

Her: Kanjani Qondi? (How)

Me: Nami angazi (I don't know)

Her: Ukuphi? Uphi uKhabo? (Where are you? Where is Khabo?)

Me: Sikwi lodge... Eduze nasekhaya (We at the lodge that's close to home)

Her: Ngiyeza (I'm coming)

Me: Cha.. Kungcono ushayele ksasa (No.. Come tomorrow)

Her: Qondi wuMa (Qondi it's Mom)

Me: Ngiyazi kodwa ngicela ushayele ksasa (I know but please come tomorrow)

Her: Okay.. Okay.. I'll come tomorrow morning

Me: Okay.. Ulale kahle (Sleep well)

I hung up. I don't want her to drive so late in a confused state

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she might have an accident. Tomorrow morning it'll be better she will process everything tonight. I put the phone down Lungisa had his arms wrapped around Khabo.. We sat in silence until we heard a knock at the door..I stood up and went to open it was Iba. I was so relieved to see him he made his way in and closed the door..

Him: Kwenzekeni? (What happened)

I put my hand over my mouth as I broke down he pulled me closer to him and hugged me very tight...

Him: Askies

I cried on his shoulder...

MAKHOSAZANA (THE QUEEN)

I was pacing up and down at the lounge waiting for my husband to come through when I heard the door opening I quickly went to him..

Me: Baba

He exhaled..

Him: Kushile kwa Langa (The Langa house has burned down to the ground)

Me: Banjani? (How are they)

Him: Ngizwe bathi u.. U Winnie nabantwana bashele khona (I heard that Winnie and the kids burned down with the house)

I closed my eyes..

Him: Kuzomele ngithole ukuthi ubani owenze kanje (I need to know who is responsible for this)

Me: Mhlabe bakhohlwe ukucima isibani uWinnie ebengaboni ungakhohlwa (Maybe they left the lighter burning remember Winnie is blind)

Him: Ya.. Mhlambe (maybe)

He walked to the bedroom the king can never find out that I was responsible for the fire...

QONDISIWE

Lungisa: Qondisiwe's house burnt down together with her mother

and her sister's kids inside

Iba: What??

Lungi: It's bad.. It's really bad

Iba looked at me..

Iba: Akakhohlwanga ukucima ikhandlela or something? (Didn't she forget to put out the candle or something)

I shook my head..

Me: Uma bekunjalo abantwana bebezomtshela (If it was like that the kids would've told her)

He looked at Lungisa and Khabo..

Lungisa: This is Khabo.. She is Qondisiwe's sister

Iba: Ohw I see

Lungisa: Me and her have been seen each other for a while now

Iba widened his eyes..

Iba: Does Mom know?

Lungisa: No.. Mom is not important right now

Iba: Okay I think Qondisiwe and I we'll go and get our own room

Lungisa: I think that's a good idea

Iba looked at me..

Him: Asambe.. I'll book a room for us

Me: Ngeke ngikhone ukushiya uKhabo (I can't leave Khabo)

Lungi: Ungakhathazeki sizonibona ekseni (don't worry we will see you guys tomorrow)

I walked up to Khabo and knelt before her I held her hands..

Me: Khabo

She didn't say anything..

Me: Ngizokubona ekseni angithi? (I'll see you tomorrow morning)

She still didn't say anything..

Me: uSindi naye uzoza ksasa ekseni (Sindi will also come tomorrow morning)

I saw tears falling down.. I looked at Lungi..

Him: Ngizombheka ngiyakuthembisa (I'll watch her I promise)

Me: Ngiyabonga (Thank you)

I got up..

Lungi: Tomorrow morning I'll call detective Maurice to go and do some investigations

Iba: I'll call the coroner to examine the bodies

Lungi: We'll see you guys tomorrow morning

Iba: Goodnight

My gut tells me that this was no accident I will get to the bottom of this and see who is responsible for my Mother's death together with Khabo's kids..

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QONDISIWE

I didn't sleep last night I kept on tossing and turning. I couldn't stop thinking about my Mother each time when I thought about

her warm smile her good heart. Tears went and wet the pillow I'll never see her again. She was a good Person never started trouble with anyone. She was a very peaceful person she was liked by most villagers. Who would do such a vile thing? This was no mistake. By 5am I was already up Ibanathi had a good night sleep at least. I had nothing on me so I just washed my face and rinsed my mouth I used the towel I found in the bathroom to wipe off my wet face. Iba had stepped out for a while. I looked at myself in the mirror life is tough. Life is now forcing me to grow up at a young age. When I was done with everything I walked out Iba and Lungisa were talking outside. I walked up to them Iba put his hand around my shoulders.

Lungi: Qondi

Me: Lungi

Him: Ulele njani? (How did you sleep)

Me: Angilalanga (I couldn't sleep)

He nodded a little..

Me: Unjani uKhabo? (How is Khabo)

He exhaled..

Me: Ngisayombheka (I'm going to check up on her)

Him: Qondi yima (Wait)

I waited..

Him: uKhabo ngiyamthatha uzohlala nami ejozi (I'm taking Khabo with me to Johannesburg)

Me: Umnakekele (Take care of her)

Him: I will

I'm not going to debate with him honestly we don't have anywhere to go right now so he can take care.. I left them standing there and went to check up on Khabo..

Me: Khabo?

I knocked and then walked in the bed was empty. I heard water running in the bathroom. I went there and knocked..

Me: Khabo?

She didn't respond..

I opened the door and walked in the floor was wet. Khabo had drowned herself in the bathtub..

Me: Khabo!!!!

I rushed to her and tried to get her head out..

Me: Lungi!!! Iba!!!!

I drained the water while holding her upper body I couldn't get her out she's no match for me..

Me: Lungi!!!! (Screaming)

I looked at her..

Me: Khabo.. Kodwa..

The door opened and I heard Lungi calling out..

Me: Singapha (We in the bathroom)

Lungi walked in..

Lungi: Khabo!

My breathing was unstable now..

Lungi came and got her out I took the towel and wrapped it around her. He laid her on the bed as Iba walked in..

Lungi: Khabo?

She non-responsive..

Iba: I'm calling an ambulance

Why would Khabo do this to me? Especially at a time like this?

Lungi held her tight..

Lungi: Don't do this to us... Please don't do this to me

MRS BIYELA

Slo: I've tried him he's not picking up

I slammed my phone against his desk..

Me: Damn Lungisa.. Where are you?

I looked at Slo..

Me: Don't just stand there try him again until you get through!!

Him: Yes Mam'

I took his diary and checked there were no plans that he made yesterday other than a noting down that "Call Khabo"..

Me: Khabo???

Noks father walked in..

Him: Where is he?

I put his diary down on the table..

Him: Your Son is playing my Daughter!

Me: What do you mean?

Him: He put my Daughter in that center just so he can live good with his other woman

I laughed..

Me: You must be talking about Iba because Lungi would never do that I know my son

Him: Listen here if you don't get your son in order I'm going to ruin your life woman! I'm going to tell that useless son of yours about the real will

Me: You wouldn't

He walked straight up to me and put his hand on my throat..

Him: Just try me bitch!! You know I don't do threats!!

Lungi must get his shit together..

QONDISIWE

I watched as the ambulance took my sister Lungi followed the ambulance with his car..

Iba turned and looked at me..

Him: I hate to bring this up at a time like this but.. Qondisiwe manje kumele ushuntshe impilo yakho

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Lungi followed the ambulance with his car..

Iba turned and looked at me..

Him: I hate to bring this up at a time like this but.. Qondisiwe manje kumele ushntshe impilo yakho Woza nami eJozi (You need to change your life come live with me in the city)

Me: Iba

He put both his hands on my cheeks..

Him: Don't tell me about that damn village! Isgodi esinjani esimosha impilo yakho nomndeni wakho (That village has ruined your life and your family)

I thought for a while..

Me: Okay sizohamba kodwa.. (I'll come with you but)

Him: Kodwa?

Me: Ngifuna ukwazi ukuthi kwenzakaleni ku Ma nabantwana baka Khabo (First I want to know what happened to my Mom and Khabo's kids)

Him: Okay I'll-

I heard Sindi calling out..

Her: Qondi!! Qondi!!

She ran straight to our direction while dropping her bag on the

ground she pushed Iba away and hugged me..

Her: Qondi kwenzakalani? (What's happening)

Me: Uma Sindi (It's Mom)

She held me tight...

Me: Ngapha noKhabo baceda ukumthatha uye esbhedlela (They've just taken Khabo to the hospital)

She broke the hug..

Her: Ngoba? (Why)

Me: Uzame ukuzibulala (She tried to kill herself)

She closed her eyes with tears streaming down..

Me: Kuzomele sibuyele eZikhali Sithole ukuthi kwenzekeni (We have to go back to the village and find out what happened)

Iba: The coroner is-

Sindi: Ima Kancance tuu sisakhuluma Izindaba zomndeni (Wait a minute we still discussing family matters)

Iba: Excuse you?

Sindi: Why are you even here?

Iba: I'm here for my Gir-

Me: Ngicela nime kancane (Please stop it)

Iba took out his wallet he took out some money from it..

Him: Sindi will drive you to get a few things I'm going back to the City to see how everything is going

I took it..

Me: Ngiyabonga (Thank you)

He pushed Sindi and then hugged me..

Him: Ngizoza ngizokulanda esgodini (I'll come and fetch you from the village)

He kissed me on my forehead and then left..

LUNGISA

We got to the hospital and I waited in the waiting area I couldn't go in with her..

I sat down and sighed Khabo needs to pull through.. I took out my phone and I had missed calls from my Mother I called her..

Mom: Lungisa where are you? What the hell is going?

Me: I have an emergency

Her: What emergency?

Me: My girlfriend tried to hurt herself

Her: What girlfriend? What are you talking about?

Me: I can't explain now

Her: Which hospital? I'll come

Me: I'll send you a text

Her: Okay bye

I hung up and sent her a text..

MAKHOSAZANA (THE QUEEN)

I was standing at the kitchen window watching my Husband talking to Manqoba at the gate they have been talking now for a while...

Noma: Ma..

I freaked out a little..

Me: Noma yini? (What is it)

Her: Beningaqondile ukukuthusa (I didn't mean to scare you)

Me: Yini ufunani? (What do you want)

Her: uMa ukahle? (Are you okay)

Me: Ngikahle (I'm good)

I saw Manqoba making his way to the house.. He knocked..

Me: Ngena (come in)

He made his way in..

Him: Ndlunkulu (My Queen)

He turned to Noma..

Him: Nkosazana (Princess)

Me: Manqoba nioxani engaka ne Nkosi (What were you and the King talking about)

Him: Kukhona abantu abazile la esgodini bazoyenza uphenyo ngokusha kwendlu yakwa Langa (There's some people who came to investigate about the fire incident)

Me: Asibizanga bantu njena (We didn't call anyone)

Him: Baqashwe abakwa Biyela (The Biyela family called them)

Me: Nabo labo sebenza ngathi le sgodi esabo (Those ones think that this village is theirs)

Noma: Mina ngithi yinto entle leyo engeke nje abantu bamane bashele endlini (I think that's a good idea people cannot just burn in the house)

I looked at her..

Me: uWinnie ubengaboni mhlambe ukhohlwe isibani (Winnie was blind she probably left the lighter on)

Manqoba: Uma ka Qondisiwe kudala engaboni kungani angakhohlwa isibani manje? (Qondisiwe's Mother has been blind for a long time now why would she forget the lighter last night)

Me: Amaphutha ayayenzeka (Mistakes do happen)

Manqoba: Ithi ngihambe ngiyozwa ukuthi bathini (let me go and hear what they say)

Me: ubuye uzongazisa (Come back and tell me)

He bowed and then walked out..

QONDISIWE

We arrived at the village and parked next to the gate. A lot of cars where lined up..

Sindi: Coroner?

We got out of the car and made our way in what we knew as our home for most of our lives was gone. All our memories the great moments that we shared there.. Everything was gone. We were

met by some men wearing white suits they pushed what looked like tables with bags ontop...

Sindi: Wait a minute

They stopped..

Sindi: Are these the bodies?

Man 1: Yes these are the remains

Sindi: I wanna see

Man 1: Mam' you can't see what's inside these body bags.. It's something that will haunt you

Sindi: I wanna see

They looked at each other and the other ones nodded.. The man opened the bag Sindi took one glance and then stepped back. The man closed the bag again. Sindi immediately broke down..

Sindi: Abasekho Qondi (They gone)

She fell to the ground..

Sindi: Uma akasekho (Mom is no more)

I walked up to her and hugged her she made me emotional too..

Sindi: uMa Qondi usishiylile (Ma is no more)

Me: Ngiyazi (I know)

Sindi: Angeke sisaphinde simbone (we will never see her ever again)

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LUNGISA

My Mom came first before I could hear anything from the Doctor honestly speaking I've been waiting for quite a while now. I hope she will be okay..

Ma: Lungi

She sat next to me..

Her: Unjani? (How are you)

Me: I'm good

Her: Did you sleep? Have you eaten anything?

Me: I'm good Ma

(Silence)

Her: I'm confused Lungi.. A girlfriend?

I looked at the cup that I was holding..

Me: Yes my girlfriend

Her: A girl from where? Lungi you engaged have you forgotten that?

I squeezed the cup..

Me: We both know that it was never real with Noks

Her: But you've been with her for a long time you can't be with someone for that long and not develop any feelings

Me: You know my relationship with her very well it was a nightmare

Her: But you know what's going to happen should you leave her her father is going to pull out from the company

Me: He should Ma.. We can't be threatened and blackmailed by

this man all our lives! We don't need him anymore the company will do well even without him

Her: It's not only that he will tell Iba about the will.. He's going to tell him everything

Me: Maybe it is time that Iba knows the truth maybe it's time he knows that his Father left him everything

She hit me with her bag on my chest..

Her: Don't you dare!!!

She looked around..

Her: Who is this girl that's making you do all this things?

Me: She didn't make me do anything maybe this is the real me

Her: You gonna lose it all just for a woman? Come on Lungi I've taught you better!!

Me: I'm a CEO of a company that solely belongs to my Brother his father le-

Her: Stop saying his father he is your father too!

Me: He never loved me!! He never considered me as his son he hated me! He didn't want me to be the CEO of his company I'm just forcing things I've been forcing things

Her: I know that you and your father had your differences but
deep down he loved you too

I chuckled..

Me: Please Ma.. That man hated me

Her: I'm going to give you time to think about everything right
now you "in love" your heard is all over the place so I'm gonna
give you sometime to think about everything

Me: Yeah whatever

She got up..

Her: I'll call you

Me: Bye Ma

She walked out..

QONDISIWE

Manqoba came and I asked him to keep an eye on Sindi for me
Sindi didn't wanna leave. She was sitting on the bricks and looking
at what was left of our house. Manqoba agreed to look after her
whilst I go to the Indoni yamanzi river to search for answers. I
stood ontop of the rock and called out all the Ngwane clan names

until Nowisa appeared. I got down from the rock and stood at the edge as she made her way to me...

Nowisa: Ndoni

Me: Nowisa

She gave me a serious look..

Her: Ndlunkulu

Me: Nowisa

Her: Ngiyazi ngo Mawakho ngiyazi ukuthi uthukuthele (I know about your mother I know that you angry)

Me: Uyindoni yamanzi enkulu kungani ungasizanga (You are the first guardian why didn't you help)

Her: Qondisiwe ngiyi Ndoni yamanzi umndeni wakho angingeni ndawo kuwo mina ngigada wena njenge Ndoni yamanzi. Uma ubukhona endlini kube ke kulapho ngasiza khona (Qondisiwe I am a guardian your family is not my responsibility. If you were inside that house then I would've done something)

Me: Nowisa wena uyathatha nje empilweni yami awungisizi ngalutho (Nowisa you only take from my life you never give me anything in return)

Her: Qondisiwe ngiyazi kunzima futhi kubuhlungu kodwa ke akukho

ongingakwenza (I know that it's difficult and painful but there's nothing I can do)

I got the necklace from my neck..

Me: Akusekho okwami la esgodini (There's nothing left for me here)

Her: Uyi Ndoni yamanzi awuvele umane uyeke (You are a Guardian you don't decide when to quit)

I threw the necklace in the river she looked at me shocked...

Her: Isgodi sizoshabalala (The village will be destroyed)

I laughed and wiped my tears..

Me: Kungcono ngoba akusiyisigodi sam

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she looked at me shocked...

Her: Isgodi sizoshabalala (The village will be destroyed)

I laughed and wiped my tears..

Me: Kungcono ngoba akusiyisigodi sam umndeni wami awusekho la. Isgodi sakho zibonele ukuthi uphuma njani (It's not my village my family is no longer here. It's your village you will see how to guard it)

Her: Qondisiwe!!!

Me: Uyeke umndeni wami washona (You let my family die)

Her: Ucabange ngalokhu okwenzayo (Think about what you doing)

Me: Sengicabangile (I've already thought about it)

What followed next I didn't expect it. Nowisa started strangling me and dragged me straight into the river. She was a lot stronger than what I gave her credit for. She dragged me up until we got deep into the water we both sank down as she continued strangling me. I couldn't breath I was drowning and she wasn't letting go... I tried to get her hands off but I couldn't that went on until I didn't have strength anymore. Even with that she didn't stop she still continued strangling me..

IBANATHI

Strangely I got a call from Noks father he asked to meet up with me. I was surprised because me and him are not at all close he's more closer to my mom and Lungi because of the family business and his daughter. After bathing at my place I went and met up with him. He stood up and gave me a handshake..

Him: Thank you for meeting up with me

Me: No problem

We both sat down..

Him: Would you like something to eat?

Me: I'm okay thank you I just wanna know why you called me here

Him: Fair enough

He cleared his throat..

Him: How would you like to be the CEO of your father's company?

Me: Before my Dad passed on he did specify in his will that he wants my Brother to be the CEO he wouldn't have made that decision if he didn't think that Lungi was going to be a good CEO. I also think that he's doing a very good job

He gave me a conniving smile..

Him: Son there's a lot that's going on in your family that you don't know about

Me: With all due respect Sir I know that me and my family we have our differences and right now what you doing is trying to start some shit between me and my family.. What is this? Your way of trying to use me against my family because my Brother finally left your sorry ass alcoholic daughter?

He chuckled..

I stood up..

Me: I'm not going to let you use me shame on you!

I didn't wait for him to respond I walked away..

LUNGISA

I stood up as the Doctor made his way to me.

Him: Mr Biyela

Me: How is she?

Him: She's going to be fine

Me: Can I see her?

Him: Maybe later for now why don't you go home and get some rest. Maybe shower too then later you can come and see her

Me: Thank you Doc thank you for everything

Him: I've also contacted our psychologist I'm afraid the hospital bill is going to be-

Me: It's okay money is not a problem so long she gets help

Him: She's very lucky to have you

Me: I suppose so

He nodded and left.. Now I can relax a bit..

On my way out my phone vibrated I took it out and checked. It was a message from my father in law or former father in law..

"I was with your Brother I think he would make a good CEO"

I sighed and put my phone back in my pocket..

SINDI

Qondi has been gone for a while now Manqoba and I decided to go and check her. She wasn't at the river but her necklace was nicely placed on the rock. I picked it up...

Me: No.. Qondi don't do this to me! Not you too

Manqoba took off his clothes and his shoes he didn't hesitate. He went straight to the river to try and find her I stood there shaking. Why would Qondi decide to kill herself? Khabo is in hospital and Qondi decided to jump to her death. I felt my strength leaving my body I took out my phone and texted Iba.

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IBANATHI

When I received that call from Sindi I drove straight to the village. The King got a few of his guards and we all made our way to the river they all got in. In search for Qondisiwe.

The search took forever we were there until nighttime came they were now complaining that the water was getting cold. I made my way to Sindi..

Me: How did you let this happen?

She looked at me..

Me: You two were supposed to look after each other!!

Her: And we did!

Me: But you here and she's in the river

Her: How was I supposed to know that she was going to jump into the river?

Me: You useless

Her: Excuse me? You think this doesn't hurt me too? She's my sister!!

Manqoba came to us...

Him: Inkosi ithi kumele sihambe manje (The King says we should all leave now)

Me: What? No!.. No one is leaving until we find her!!

I made my way to the King..

Me: With all due respect Sir aekho umuntu ozohamba singakamutholi uQondisiwe (No one is leaving until we find Qondisiwe)

King: Ngiyazi ukuthi uyamkhathalela kodwa kumele abantu baphume emanzini (I know you care about her people have has to get out of the water)

Me: tough shit!!!!

Sindi: You can't speak to the King like that Iba!

Me: Shut up Sindi we in this situation because of you! Kube

kungene wena (You the one who was meant to be in the river)

Manqoba: Sicela ukhombise intlonipho Ndonda (Please show some respect)

Me: Who are you again?

King: Sekwanele!! (That's enough)

We all kept quiet..

King: Amadoda azohlala la ngase mfuleni agade kuze kude (Some guards will sit by the river and stand guard incase something happens)

Me: Your damn river better bring back my girlfriend or else I'm shutting this whole damn hood down!!

Manqoba: Bh-

The King put his hand on Manqoba's shoulder..I looked at them and walked away while clicking my tongue..

LUNGISA

I was back at the hospital Khabo was sleeping with an oxygen mask around her mouth. I was holding her hand and looking at her when my phone rang it was Iba. I looked at it for a while before

answering..

Me: Iba

Iba: Qondi jumped to her death she jumped straight into the river and we can't find her man

I got up and walked out of the ward..

Me: What do you m-

Him: She tried to commit suicide man!!

Me: What? Qondisiwe was the one who showed more strength than her Sister

Him: If she's dead.. I don't know what I'm going to do man I truly love this girl

Me: Calm down stay calm. There's no body yet..I might've known Qondisiwe for a short period of time but this doesn't sound like her

Me: It's this damn village I swear if she's dead I'm shutting the whole village down

My Mother's call disturbed me..

Me: I'll call you back

I answered my Mother's call..

Me: Noks Father is going to tell Iba everything prepare yourself

Her: What??

Me: He texted me earlier on

Her: Okay okay okay.. Just keep Iba away from this man I've got a plan

Me: Okay I'll try

Her: I love you Lungi don't forget that

Me: Bye Ma

I hung up and went back inside the ward..

QONDISIWE

I slowly opened my eyes and I saw darkness with a bit of light. I swallowed and looked around again I saw two girls looking at me.

I freaked out..

Girl 1: Ungathuki ngeke sikulimaze (Don't be scared we won't hurt you)

I saw the waterfall but it was a bit far from us I looked around I could swear that we were in a cave. I got up while coughing my throat was sore and I felt some pains in my chest..

Girl 2: Ungasukumi ngama wala (don't move too fast)

I moved backwards..

Me: Ningobani? (who are you)

Girl 1: Mina nginguThabile Ngwane Indoni yamanzi yesibili (I am Thabile the second Guardian)

Girl 2: Ngingu Nonhlanhla Ngwane Indoni yamanzi yesine (I am Nonhlanhla the 4th guardian)

They were also beautiful no lie..

Me: uNowisa ube- (Nowisa was-)

Thabile: Siyazi (We know)

I thought for a while..

Me: Imani.. Ningo Ngwane? (Wait.. You both come from the Ngwane bloodline)

They nodded..

Nhlanhla: Bakhona abanye basagade uNowisa (The others are watching Nowisa)

Me: Nabo bango Ngwane? (They also from the Ngwane bloodline)

Thabile: Yebo

Me: Kodwa mina ningowakwa Langa kanjani? (I am Langa how come)

They both looked at me..

Thabile: Kuningi ongakwazi ngawe (There's a lot that you don't know about yourself)

Me: Usho ukuthini (What do you mean)

Thabile: Lokho uzobuya ukubone ngelinye ilanga (That's a story for another day)

Nhlanhla: Asinaskhathi uNowisa anganqamuka noma kunini (We don't have much time

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Nowisa can escape any time)

Thabile: Qondisiwe kuzomele uxhumane namadlozi wakule sgodi abantu ababehlala kulendawo ngaphambi kwethu (Qondisiwe you will have to connect with the ancestors of this village the ones who occupied this village before us)

Nhlanhla: Yibo abazokunceda ukuthi ulwe no Nowisa (They the ones who can help you to fight Nowisa)

Me: Ngizamile (I've tried)

Thabile: Ukhona umuntu ongakunceda (There's someone who can help you)

Me: Ubani? (Who)

Thabile: uMakhosi waxoshwa la kudala. Noma esegugile kodwa uzokusiza (The traditional healer Makhosi although he is old now he can help you)

Nhlanhla: Uma sekufike iskhathi uzoya kuye (When the time is right you will go to him)

Me: Ngizokwazi njani uma iskhathi sesi fikile (When will I know when the time is right)

Nhlanhla: Uzokwazi (You will know)

Thabile: Omunye wethu mele abe nempilo engcono (One of us needs to have a better life)

Nhlanhla: Mele kuqale ngawe (It has to start with you)

Me: Kodwa isgodi? Sizoshabalala (The village will perish)

Thabile: Akusiyiqiniso lelo uNowisa uyakuthusa nje (That's not true Nowisa is just scaring you)

Nhlanhla: Indoni yamanzi yaphuma kuye ngoba wayethukuthele ukuthi impilo yakhe ya phela masinya futhi emva kokuthi ashone Inkosi yashada futhi. Ulwaka laka Nowisa lasuka lapho (The

Guardian thing started with her she was angry because after her death the King re-married again. That's when Nowisa got mad)

Thabile: wafunga ukuthi ayikho intombi enhle eyozalelwa la esgodini noma kwa Ngwane ezophila kahle uma yena wazenza isihlabelo
(She swore that there's no other beautiful girl especially from the Ngwane clan that will live happily if she herself gave up everything)

Now it all makes Nowisa is shit. Just because her life was short lived she doesn't want anyone else to be happy..

We heard voices..

Thabile and Nonhlanhla looked at each other.

Me: Yini (What)

Nonhlanhla: Isoka lakho limise isgodi sonke ukuthi kufunywe wena
(Your boyfriend made the whole village search for you)

Thabile: Uyathandwa Qondisiwe iskhathi sokuthi uziphilele wena
(You are loved now it's time for you to live for you)

Me: kodwa uNowisa (but Nowisa)

Nhlanhla: Loyo mekele la kithi okwamanje (For now leave that to us)

Me: Uzonilimaza (She will hurt you)

Nhlanhla: Asisaphili Qondisiwe yini okunye angakwenza? (We are dead what more can she do to us)

Thabile: Hamba uyophila impilo yakho usuyenze kukhulu la esgodini (Go and live your life you have done so much for the village)

Nhlanhla: Sizokugadela isgodi kunye no Nowisa (We will look after the village and Nowisa)

Thabile: Umgexo wakho uzowuthola ku Dade wenu yiwo esizoxhumana nawe ngawo (Don't forget your necklace we will connect with you via your necklace)

I nodded..

Nhlanhla: Ngaphambi kokuthi sihlukane khona umuntu ofuna ukukuvalelisa (Before you leave there's someone who wants to say goodbye to you)

I saw Happy appearing..

Me: Happy

She came and hugged me..

Thabile: Ungakhathazeki uhleli kahle nathi (don't worry she's happy with us)

MRS BIYELA

I heard the door bell ring..

Me: Finally!!!

I put the glass of whiskey down and went to open.. He walked in

Me: Finally!!!

I closed the door..

Him: Good evening

Me: No time for any small talk

I handed him the picture that was on the counter...

Me: How much?

He whistled..

Him: Such a high profile person it's going to be costly

Me: I know.. Can you do it?

Him: Yes I will give me a week or so

Me: Thank you

This bastard thinks that he can mess with me and my family and then get away with it not today or ever!!!

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LUNGISA

[A FEW WEEKS LATER]

I pulled a chair and sat next to her I was holding a bowl of fruit salad mixed with ultramel. She was sitting at the porch when you sitting at the porch you get the best view of the garden and the air is even better. I tried to feed her but she didn't budge she was focused on whatever that she was looking at..

Me: Dammit Khabo!!!

My firm voice frieghtned her a bit but she didn't look at me...

Me: You need to snap out of this at some point!!

Nurse: Mr Biyela

I got up and walked to her she took the bowl from me...

Me: I don't understand a therapist comes here at least 3 times a week. I thought she would be better by now

Her: There's no timeline for grieving Sir. Madam has been through a lot and experienced excruciating pain. She lost her kids and her mother

Me: It's like she's in a world of her own

Her: Time heals everything she will get through this eventually

Me: Okay I have to go to work please do c-

Her: video call you in the afternoon so you can talk to her

Me: Thank you thank you for everything

Her: You welcome Sir

I looked at Khabo one last time before I left..

QONDISIWE

I lowered the oxygen mask this thing can be very irritating. Iba walked in..

Him: What are you doing?

Ever since that incident I got admitted the Dr wanted to make sure that my lungs can pull through. This is a very beautiful hospital the food is nice too but I'm getting bored by being here. I feel fine I don't know why the Dr doesn't want to discharge me..

Iba: Akumelanga uyisuse (You not supposed to take it off)

Me: Iyang'khathaza (It's tiring me)

He sat down on the chair..

Him: Uzizwa njani? (How are you feeling)

Me: Ngi right manje (I'm okay now)

He nodded..

Me: Ngiyaxolisa ngayo yonke into (I'm sorry for everything)

I didn't tell him the truth Iba is not open minded when it comes to culture and tradition. I only told him that I was in a dark place and I did try to commit suicide by jumping into the river..

He took my hand and started playing with my fingers..

Him: Sekudlulile (It's all in the past)

He kissed my hand. I still don't know how Iba fell for me I mean we different people. We very different and it's not even funny..

Sindi walked in..

Sindi: Qondi

Iba got a irritated I don't know why they hate each other this much. He got up from the chair and kissed me...

Him: I'll see you later

He walked out without even greeting Sindi..

Sindi: Good morning to you too

She walked up to me and hugged me..

Her: Unjani? (How are you)

Me: Ngingcono manje (I'm better)

Her: That's good

Me: Umgexo wami uwuphethe? (Do you have my necklace)

She opened her bag and took it out..

Me: Ngiyabonga (Thank you)

I put it around my neck..

Her: Kuyo yonke into eyenzekile usafuna ukuba yindoni? (After everything that has happened you still want to be a guardian)

Me: Noma ngingayaphi ngizohlala ngyi ndoni (no matter where I go I'll still be Indoni yamanzi)

Her: Alright.. Uphuma nini? (when are you getting discharged)

Me: Angazi abakasho (I don't know they didn't say)

Her: Okay hlala wazi ke ukuthi sengilungisile iRoom ozohlala kulo
(Know that I have prepared a room for you)

I cleared my throat..

Me: Ngizo hlala no Iba (I'll be staying with Iba)

Her: Ohw.. Beningakulindelanga lokho (I did not expect that)

Me: Ungakhathazeki sizabonana (Don't worry we'll see each other)

Her: Bengizitshelile ukuthi uzohlala nami (I told myself that you would be staying with me)

Me: Uyamazi u Iba angifuni nje nilwe (You know Iba I don't want you guys fighting)

Her: Okay.. Manje usucabangile ukuthi izokwenzani? (Have you decided what you going to do)

I shook my head no..

Me: Kodwa ke bengithanda ukufunda (I would like to go to school)

Her: Yinto enhle leyo (That's good)

(Silence)

Her: Asikangcwabi uMa (We haven't buried Mom)

Me: Mele sikhulume no Khabo bese sonke siya esgodini (We have to talk to Khabo then we all go to the village)

Her: Unjani? (How is she)

Me: uLunga uthe akakabi right (Lunga said she's still not well)

Her: Mhlambe ngingahamba ngiyombona (I'll go and check up on her)

Me: Kungaba kuhle lokho (That would be good)

Her: Ithi ngihambe uzokhona uku lala (let me go so that you can rest)

Me: Ngiyabonga ukuthi uzile (thank you for coming)

She hugged me again...

Her: Ngizokubona futhi (I'll come and see you again)

Me: Okay

Her: Bye

Me: Bye

LUNGISA

The report came back what happened to Khabo's Mom and her kids was no accident. Apparently they were brutally stabbed repeatedly before they were set on fire that's what the report from the coroner said. I shook my head someone had it in for them. I wonder who... My Mother made her way in..

Her: Son

Me: Ma

Her: How are you?

Me: I'm good and you?

Her: I'm good

She sat down..

Her: So how is the girlfriend

Me: She's holding in there

Her: When am I going to meet her?

Me: Just give it time she's in a very bad space

Her: Okay.. I just can't wait to meet her

I went back to what I was doing..

Her: Where is she from? What did she study?

Me: She's from the village she's Qondi's big sister

Her: Wow.. Uhm.. Wow that was unexpected

Me: She's a very good woman

Her: A CEO falling deeply in love with an illiterate village girl I can already see the headlines

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Me: She's a very good woman

Her: A CEO falling deeply in love with an illiterate village girl I can already see the headlines we going to sell a lot papers

Me: They can write whatever they want

Her: I'm just saying you know it's going to taint the Biyela surname on the other hand Iba is busy with Qondisiwe

I shook my head..

Her: I don't mean to be mean or something but those girls they sound like trouble and it seems like they cursed

Me: Ma..

Her: I'm just saying

Her phone started ringing she got it from her bag..

Her: I have to take this.. Excuse me

Me: Okay

She walked out...

KING

Guard: Nkosi yam (my king)

I looked at him he was with the other guards.

They bowed before me..

Guard: Besisacela ukukhuluma nawe (We would like to have a word with you)

I was alone in the lounge..

Me: Ningakhuluma (You can speak)

They looked at each other first..

Guard: Nkosi sonile phambi kwakho (We have committed a terrible crime)

I let him continue..

Guard: uNdlinkulu wuye owasicela ukuthi sibulale umndeni wakwa Langa (The Queen is the one that asked us to kill the Langa family)

I stood up..

Me: Angizwa? (I don't comprehend)

Guard: uNdlinkulu wuye owasiyala ukuthi sibulale umndeni wakwa Langa (The Queen is the one that commanded us to kill the Langa family)

Me: Ngoba? (Why)

Guard: Azange sanikwa isizathu (She didn't give us a reason)

Me: Ngazi ngani ukuthi nikhuluma iqiniso? (How do I know that you telling the truth)

Guard: Angeke sakhluma amanga phambi kwe Nkosi (We would never lie in the presence of the king)

I thought for a while and all my Servants together with the guards they would never lie like this. They know the consequences of lying the question is.. Why would the Queen do this?

KHABO

I felt like I had no strength to continue living the pain was too

much. It was like big piece of me was taken all I kept thinking about was my kids crying and my mother not knowing what to do when the whole fire situation started. I should've been there I would've possibly saved them all by getting them out of the house in time. I've felt pain in my life before but this pain was just way too much.....

Voice: Khabo.. Khabo..

It sounded very familiar I opened my eyes and it was my Mom. She was sitting on the bed..

Me: Ma?

She looked like her usual self but something was different. She could see..

She smiled at me..

Me: Ma?

Her: Kunjani ngane yami (How are you my child)

I sat up straight and shook my head..

Me: U.. Ushele endlini nabantwana (You died in the house with the kids)

Her: Ngiyazi (I know)

Me: Ngiyaxolisa kube bengikhona ngabe akwenzakalanga konke lokhu (I'm sorry if I was there.. None of this would've happened)

Her: Ungazibeki icala yonke into iyenzeka ngokuhlelwa (Don't blame yourself everything happens for a reason)

Me: Angikhoni Ma (I can't Ma)

Her: Kuzomele uzame ngane yami wenzele uQondi noSindi (You will have to try you need to do it for Qondisiwe and Sindi)

Me: Kubuhlungu Ma (It hurts)

Her: Ngiyazi kodwa impilo ngeke ibe yimpilo uma ubuhlungu bekungekho (I know but life wouldn't be worth it if there was no pain)

I wiped my tears..

Her: Ubuhlungu buyakuqinisa bukwenza uzibone ukuthi womelele kangakanani (Life sharpens you it makes you see how strong you are)

She smiled again..

Her: Kuningi okumele ukuphilele futhi bakathundayo bayakundinga ungahlali ezweni lethu labafilelyo (There's a lot that you need to live for those who love you they still need you. Don't be trapped in the world of the dead)

She held my hand..

Her: kuzoba ngcono uma kuhamba iskhathi kodwa vula intliziyo
yakho ukuze upholе (Time heals everything open your heart so that
you can heal)

I nodded..

Her: Ngiyakuthanda ngane yami futhi ngiyaziqhenya ngawe (I love
you my child and I'm also very proud of you)

She started disappearing..

Her: Sohlala sikuwe entlizweni (We will always be in your heart)

Me: Ma....

She completely disappeared.....

I opened my eyes I rose my head up from the pillow and looked
around the room. I was alone I must've been dreaming.. The
dream felt very real though..

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QONDISIWE

The Doctor came to check up on me later on Iba has been by my side the whole time. The Dr was white and I didn't understand much of what he said but judging from how Iba was smiling. I could tell that it was good news. He walked out and Iba turned to me..

Iba: Ksasa uyaphuma (tomorrow you getting discharged)

That was good news..

Him: But if you start having problems with your breathing you coming back..

I cannot wait to get out of here. He took off his sneakers and got in the small bed with me I laid on his chest and listened to his heartbeat while he played with my hair busy kissing me on my forehead here and there. It's amazing that with everything I've been through I still ended up with the best boyfriend.. I heard him yawning..

Me: Namanje awukhoni ukulala? (even now you can't sleep)

Him: Ya but I'll be fine

With everything that he has done for me the least I could do for him is to connect with his ancestors and see what is it that they want from him...

Me: Iba?

Him: Ya??

Me: Beningathanda ukuya eskolweni (I would like to go to school)

Him: Okay I'll sort that out.. As a matter of fact

He took out his phone and downloaded something..

Him: "English for dummies" isikolo siqala manje (we starting now)

Me: Okay

Him: Before we start.. Ngicela ukubuza (can I ask)

Me: Buza (Ask)

Him: The last time we were intimate we never used protection why ungazithwalanga? (why aren't you pregnant)

That freaked me out a bit...

Me: Nami angazi (I don't know)

He let it slide that was a relief. I hope he won't bring it up again..

KHABONINA

I decided to get out of bed and bath. I heard Lungi this other time saying he bought a few clothes for me Sindi helped him. I went to the wardrobe and searched through. I found some long tights and a t-shirt just a simple outfit when you indoors. I combed my hair nicely and then went downstairs. Lungi's house is beautiful and big it's only now I notice it. I saw my Nurse standing outside smoking she has been a great help. She used to bath me feed me and talk to me even when I wasn't responding. I opened the sliding door...

Me: Sawubona (greetings)

She turned and looked at me all shocked she put out the cigarette..

Me: Ungakhathazeki angibonanga lutho (don't worry I didn't see anything)

She smiled..

Her: Khabo.. You.. Wow

Me: uMa ebehlala ethi uma ungazizwa kahle ngcono uyenze into oyithandayo (My mom used to say if you not feeling well do something that you like)

Her: Uzwakala ngathi umfazi obehlakaniphile (she sounds like a wise woman)

Me: Kakhulu (a lot)

Her: Manje ufunu senzeni? (What would you like us to do)

Me: Ngithanda ukupheka (I like cooking)

Her: Let's go then

She led me to the kitchen she took out everything that we were going to need. I am not familiar with the spices I tasted all of them to see which one I would like..

Her: Igama lami uBetty (my name is Betty)

Me: Igama lami uKhabo (My name is Khabo)

She laughed..

Her: Ngathi umsebenzi wami uphelile la (seems like my work is done here)

Me: Cha.. Beningathanda ukuthi uchubeke niyathanda ukuba nawe (No.. I would like you to continue

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I tasted all of them to see which one I would like..

Her: Igama lami uBetty (my name is Betty)

Me: Igama lami uKhabo (My name is Khabo)

She laughed..

Her: Ngathi umsebenzi wami uphelile la (seems like my work is done here)

Me: Cha.. Beningathanda ukuthi uchubeke niyathanda ukuba nawe (No.. I would like you to continue I like having you around)

Honestly speaking I don't think I would like being alone being alone with my thoughts I will go crazy. I need some time and having someone to talk too everyday will definitely help...

MAKHOSAZANA (THE QUEEN)

The guards forcefully brought me into the King's presence. They threw me down. I was confused why are they handling me like this? I'm the Queen for Goodness sake!!!

I looked at my Husband I didn't recognize him anymore. I saw rage in his eyes..

Me: Baba kwenzakalani (What's happening)

Him: Nkosi uNgwane

I swallowed..

Me: Nkosi uNgwane kwenzakalani (My King what's happening)

Him: Ngizokubuza umbuzo ucabange kahle ngaphambi kokuthi uPhendule (I am going to ask you a question think carefully about your answer)

I knew exactly what he was going to ask me..

Him: Nguwe othumele izisebenzi ukuthi ziyobulala umndeni wakwa Langa (Are you the responsible for the death of the Langa family)

I didn't answer..

Him: Ngeke ngiziphinde (I won't repeat myself)

The Guards sold me out..I hung my head in shame..

Me: Yebo Nkosi yami (Yes my King)

I looked at him and he swallowed fighting back tears. Now I have to go back to my village..

Me: Ngizoyoqoqa (I'm going to pack)

Him: Cha (No)

Is he giving me a second chance?

Him: Uzovalelwa ksasa ekuseni uzobulawa ukhandwe ngamatshe (You going to be locked up tomorrow morning you will be stoned to death)

I shook my head..

Me: Bekuyiphutha! (It was a mistake)

King: Mthatheni (Take her away)

The guards dragged me out..

Me: Bekuyiphutha! (It was a mistake)

KHABONINA

I was really having fun with Betty I didn't know that she was a good cook too..

Me: Kunuka kamnandi (It smells nice)

Her: You did most of the work

She passed me the glass of wine..

Me: Cha ngiyabonga (no thank you)

Her: Kancance nje (just a little)

I took it and sipped a little it was bitter. I closed my eyes she laughed..

Me: Iphuzwa kanjani into enje (How do you drink such a bitter thing)

Her: Uzaze uyijwayele (You will get used to it)

We heard the door bell ringing..

Her: I'll check

She went to open..

Betty: Good afternoon

Voice: Afternoon

Betty stepped back and the woman made her way in.. Betty closed the door. I looked at her she was beautiful. She was also dressed beautiful her bag matched her heels..

Betty: I'm Betty

Her: I'm Mrs Biyela Lungi's Mother

Betty put her glass on the counter..

Betty: Wow uhm.. Nice to meet you Mam'

The way that Betty suddenly trembled in the presence of this woman I knew that she was important. Very important.. She walked up to me with her heels making noise..

Her: Khabo.. Right?

I nodded.. I extended my hand to her..

Her: Please child..

She hugged me..

Her: We don't do hugs with family

She broke the hug...

Her: Wow it's nice to finally meet you

She looked at me from head to toe..

Her: Now I see why my Son is mesmerized

I just faked a smile..

Her: Ohw well.. I think I would also like a glass of wine

Betty: I'll pour you a glass

She looked at me again..

Her: You and I we going to be good friends.. My Sons dating
sisters that's very rare. Now I know very well that witchcraft exists

She then walked away and went to the living I looked at Betty.

She shrugged her shoulders...

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THE KING

I went down to where we hold prisoners I deserve some damn answers from this woman before her fate tomorrow morning. She was to be stoned exactly at 5am she will be a perfect example that in this village we don't kill innocent people. She got up and walked to the bars she was chained both her legs and feet. I can tell that she had been crying..

Me: Yingani wenze into embi kanje? (why did you do such a terrible thing)

Her: Bengazi ngawe no Winnie (I knew about you and Winnie)

But how? People who knew that secret are dead and one has been banished from this village..

Me: Waze kanjani? (how did you know)

Her: uNowisa

That was strange..

Her: ufikile ephupheni lami (she came to my dream)

It doesn't matter if she knew the truth or not the fact still remains that she has innocent blood in her hands..

Her: Benginolaka (I was angry)

That was not an excuse..

Her: Yingakho ngenze lokhu engikwenzile (that's why I did what I did)

This woman I've shared a bed with her for a very long time that means she would've killed me too...

KHABONINA

Lungi's mother went on and on about things that didn't make sense things I couldn't even engage in. I had been since holding my glass of wine and drinking from it terrible as it was but it was better than tolerating Lungi's Mother. The oven went off indicating that our chicken was ready. Betty wanted to go and check but I

offered just so I can get away from this woman. She even delayed us when it came to our cooking.. I went to the kitchen to take out the chicken from the oven when Lungi walked in. He was stunned to find me in the kitchen today he's early. I don't think that a man can tolerate what this man has been tolerating with me he was always there for me and not even once did he leave my side only when he went to work..

Him: Ngiyaphupha noma (Am I dreaming)

Me: Cha.. (No)

He walked up to me and put his hand on my cheek...

Him: Unjani? Ukahle? (How are you? Are you well)

I smiled..

Me: Ng-

His Mom walked in..

Her: Lungi

Lungi: Ma...

She pushed me out of the way and hugged him..

Her: How was work?

Lungi: What are you doing here?

She squeezed his cheek..

Her: Do I need a reason to see my Son?

I stepped back.. She looked at the chicken..

Her: It smells nice

Lungi walked up to me..

Lungi: Ma this is Khabo

She turned and looked at me as if like she didn't know that I had been standing there...

Her: Ohw yes Khabo.. I've already met her

She faked a smile..

Ma: She's lovely

Lungi: Let me go and take a quick shower then I'll join you guys for dinner

He kissed me on the cheek and walked upstairs his mom came and put her arm on my shoulders..

Her: How sweet..

I sighed..

QONDISIWE

I opened my eyes I had a good rest this time around. To my surprise Nowisa was standing next to my bed she was dripping wet..

Me: Nowisa

She put her hands on me and started strangling me she pressed me hard against the pillow that I couldn't even breath I couldn't get her hands off me nor scream....

I felt someone gently shaking me..

Voice: Qondisiwe

I opened my eyes and it was the Nurse..

Her: uRight Sisi? (Are you okay)

I rose my head up from the pillow..

Her: ubuphupha sisi (you were dreaming)

I touched my necklace it was glowing. I looked at the floor. It was wet could it be that she was here???

Nurse: Come on I've brought your dinner

She pushed the trolley and placed it next to me..

I took a deep breath and exhaled..

KHABONINA

We were now gathered around the table

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I've brought your dinner

She pushed the trolley and placed it next to me..

I took a deep breath and exhaled..

KHABONINA

We were now gathered around the table Lungi was sitting next to me. Betty left about an hour ago.. I looked at them as they used the fork and knife I was clueless. Lungi held my hand..

Him: Ukahle? (Are you okay)

I smiled at him..

Mrs B: So Khabo where did you study?

I looked at her..

Lungi: Ma

Her: Ngiyabuza nje kphela (I'm just asking)

Lungi: uKhabo at her village they didn't have schools

Her: Ohw manje uzokhona kanjani? (How is she going to survive)

Lungi: She's going to be okay

Her: I'm just asking because if things get serious between you two she will have to do appearances and if she doesn't know English how is she going to mingle with our business associates?.. I mean uNokuthula at least she was-

Lungi: Ma!!!

Me: Nokuthula?

Her: Lungi's fiancé

Lungi: Ex fiancé

Her: fiancé uzobuya nje kunge kudala ngoba mele bashade (She's going to come back soon because they have to get married)

Lungi: That's enough Ma!!!

Me: Ngicela ukunishiya kancance (Excuse me)

I got up and walked away..

Lungi: See what you've done?

Her: You were keeping it a secret?

I remember seeing some female clothes in the wardrobe I thought that it's the clothes he bought for me with my Sister. Looking at them now they were a bit smaller and they looked expensive. I went to the dressing table her makeup and jewelery everything was still there.. Lungi walked in..

Me: Yini ungang'tshelanga (Why didn't you tell me)

Him: Angik'tshelanga ngoba akabalulekanga (I didn't tell you because she's not important)

Me: Yonke into yakhe ilana njena (Everything of hers is still here)

Him: Okay look.. Khabo yes bekukhona umuntu empilweni yam kodwa okwakudala lokho (Once upon a time there was someone in my life but that's old news now)

Me: Kuzokwenzakalani uma ebuya? (What's going to happen when she comes back)

He held both my hands..

Him: Uzobuyela ukuthatha izinto zakhe (She's going to come back and take her things)

This was just too much..

Him: Ngicela ungithembe futhi ungalaleli konke okukhulunywa wu Ma (Please trust me and don't believe everything that my Mom

says)

He hugged me..

Him: I love you and I long chose you uNoks is my past

I didn't feel good about this..

KING

Very early in the morning at 5am The Queen was already surrounded at the stable. The guards waited for my order I nodded and they started throwing stones at her. The stones were landing on every part of her body she had no where to escape so all that she could do was to tolerate the pain and pray that she dies quicker. She started screaming as she crawled on the ground a few stones landed on her face and head and that put her down. She laid down all crying. I saw Noma running and making her way towards us most of the villagers were there witnessing everything. Two of the female servants held her back..

Noma: Maaaaa!!! (crying)

She looked at me..

Noma: Wenzani? (What are you doing)

I looked at the Queen one last time and then I walked away..

Noma: Angeke ngakuxolela ngalokhu okwenzayo (I'll never forgive you for this)

Me: Ngiyazi (I know)

I even feel like this is not enough despite everything that happened between Winnie and I. My love for her was always there..

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QONDISIWE

[2 MONTHS LATER]

Things were starting to be better and there was a bit of peace. Nowisa is very powerful her strength surpasses all the other Guardians combined so when I got discharged or a few weeks after being discharged I went back to the village to consult with

the previous Guardians...

Since from then I've been praying with Red and white candles mainly for protection. I pray to the God of my forefathers and my Guardian Angels (Ancestors) I also burn an incense to connect with them and chase away bad spirits. The necklace was blessed by them to protect me and also to connect with them wherever I am. I was surprised to see that my gift of healing is still with me and that I can still heal but I no longer throw bones and I use water from the river which is stocked up in my Prayer room. Yes I now have a prayer room. If the water finishes and I can't get to the river I use plain water and bless it then call upon all the Guardians to bless it except for Nowisa. Iba is still not for who I am but what I like is that he allows me to practice what I know under his roof but I haven't done any consultations at his house. I've just had a few house calls..

Today it was Monday morning and I was starting with school it was my first day at school. I had learned a lot in a short space of time I'm getting better with English and other things Iba has been a great help. I also have a phone I'm both on Facebook and Twitter not counting WhatsApp. I mostly use social media to help people when they inbox me with consultations so far I have a lot of followers on my Facebook page about 15 000 and 8 000 followers on Twitter. I even know Johannesburg a bit better now

the life here is truly different.. My school is specially for "slow learners" that's how Iba calls it. What I like is that I won't start from the beginning I'll have to do basic education a year and if they see that I'm capable then I'll be enrolled in grade 10 then 11 and finally 12. If I flunk I'll have to repeat the basic education stage again. Basic education prepares you for grade 10 they teach you things that are basic like your maths English etc. I can say it's grade 7 8 and 9 combined then you get a certificate and if you've passed it will grant you to go to any school of your choice to enroll for grade 10 or you can continue with the same school. I didn't care about what I was going to do I was just happy that I'll be going to school.. At first I struggled to find my first class I had to go around searching and when I did find it. It looked like everyone was already there. When I walked in everyone looked at me those who were talking stopped talking and looked at me. I got scared I thought that something was wrong with me. I do a bit of makeup not too much though. Sindi taught me. I looked around for an empty seat one was at the front I walked to sit there. I didn't dare to turn what is it that they were looking at? Is my makeup wrong? But Sindi is a pro when it comes to that. She wouldn't teach me wrong things the class was making me feel very uncomfortable. I took out my phone I had no missed call not even a text from Iba. The last time I saw Iba was yesterday during the day when he went out with his friends after that I heard

nothing from him. He didn't even sleep at home. I hope he is okay wherever he is...

KHABONINA

Lungi: I swear that I put my tie som-

I handed it to him..

Him: What would I do without you?

Going back to my village to bury what remained of my Mother and my kids was difficult it was more difficult hearing that the Queen did this. But as time went on it got easier to live with the pain especially since the Queen paid for what she did. Lungi had suggested therapy I only went twice and I stopped. I don't know maybe it's how we grew up but I didn't feel comfortable talking with a stranger about everything maybe it's how we grew up but I didn't feel comfortable talking with a stranger about everything I find it better talking to Lungi and Betty. Speaking of Betty we are now very good friends she's even helping me through with my studies. I'm being home schooled by her. She's not a teacher she's a nurse but she knows a lot she's educated so I enjoy being taught by her.

I have fallen very much in love with cooking and baking soon I'll

be going to a culinary school to learn more. I don't know if they going to take me with no education I just wanna learn more about cooking so that I can open my own small restaurant as time goes on..I fixed his tie for him... He kissed my hand..

Him: Thank you

Since things are better with me we have been very regular in the love making department but we always use protection. I don't think I'm ready to have kids anytime soon not after what happened. Lungi packed everything that belonged to his ex and put it in the guest room I redecorated the bedroom to get rid of her memories. I wanted us to start on a clean slate and we did. His Mom is still a pain in the Ass but I don't give her much of my attention I don't even let her get to me....

Me: There you go

He was impressed everytime when I speak English it fascinates him. It has been difficult trust me learning at my age is not a walk in the park but I'm giving it all my best.. He pulled me closer to him and kissed me I was still wearing my night gown with nothing underneath. He tried to take it off but I stopped him..

Me: Iskhathi sikushiyile (You late)

Him: Just 5min

He kissed me on my neck..

Me: Memorial service remember?

One of the big shareholders in his company was gunned down last week it happens that he was also Lungi's former father in law...

Him: And then there's that

Me: Ngizokubona late (I'll see you later)

He kissed me again..

Him: Later it is

Me: Bye

Him: I love you

Me: I love you too

He told me everything that his ex used to do to him Lungi is a good guy I don't know why his ex was like that to him. What kind of a woman would disrespect her man like that? Especially such a powerful man? I'm glad she messed up or I wouldn't have gotten him.

QONDISIWE

I was happy when our Teacher showed up all the awkwardness

seized in the room. He looked young but not too young he could be in his mid 30s. Looked like he is Khabo and Lungi's age group..

Him: Good morning class and sorry that I'm late

He put his bag on his table he went and took the chalk. He started writing on the chalkboard..

Him: My name is Ntsika.. Ntsika Sodlaka

He put the chalk down and looked at us..

Him: I hate being called "Mr Sodlaka" some of you are older than me but hey..

He shrugged his shoulders..

Him: What can we say?

He went and sat ontop of his table I don't understand why because there was a chair at the table..

Him: We gonna start from the corner there please introduce yourself

The first person stood up he said his name & surname. Sodlaka would just nod and the queue went on. I was sitting at the middle in the front row after the second person it was my turn to stand up and introduce myself. My heart started beating fast they going to give me those looks again. What if they laugh? Dammit!! I

should've went and washed off the makeup. I stood up very slowly I swallowed first before saying anything. I was even shaking..

Me: Qondisiwe Langa

He was looking at the textbook that he was holding than looking at me after the first person he just took the text book and paged through but he would nod after the person has spoken..

Him: Please speak up

I didn't even realize that my voice was low I was very nervous..

I cleard my throat..

Me: Qondisiwe Langa

He moved his eyes from the textbook and looked at me there it is that look everyone has been giving me since I walked in.. He closed his text book with his eyes still fixed on me..

Him: That was better Qondisiwe Langa

I didn't say anything I just sat down his eyes didn't move from me until the next person stood up and spoke....

IBANATHI

I felt someone shaking me..

Voice: Iba wake up!!

It took me a while to open my eyes when my eyes landed on Sindi I freaked out..

Me: Sindi?

She was standing next to the bed wearing nothing but her underwear she didn't even have a bra on. I looked at myself and I was totally naked I jumped from the bed and took the sheet I covered my lower body. I stood there and my banging headache was the last thing I focused on right now..

Me: Sindi.. What the fuck are you doing here?

She brushed her weave back and bit her lower lip she seemed confused the same way I was confused..

Her: Iba what happened last night?

I looked around our clothes were scattered around on the floor. On the small table there was a bottle of champagne a few cider bottles and a bottle of Hennessy that was half empty. Then I saw cocaine too.. We were in a hotel room..

Sindi: Iba what happened last night?

This is not happening... A song was playing on my phone that was on my table next to my card and car keys..

"The sex so good

Go and pat yourself on the back

And them haaaters they gon hate

But we just gon keep on blowing up cause girl

They gon hate anyway

You are now rocking with the best (best best best...)

I'll make you forget about the rest

Having sex with you is like makin hits"

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IBANATHI

What I remember from last night was that my friends and I were at the club celebrating one of my friend's birthday then Sindi and her friends came along to join us since they slay queens my friend invited them over for entertainment. After that we all went to the hotel to chill how Sindi and I ended up in bed I have no idea because we were ignoring each other almost the whole night. I had called my friend he told me that they all booked different rooms since they were getting some said I was fucked up on coke and Sindi was passed out on the couch so they left us. This whole situation was a mess I even drove her to the pharmacy to get a morning after pill because I doubt we used a condom I didn't have any I mean I had no intentions of cheating on Qondi. Shit! talking about Qondi I didn't even drive her to school it's her first day and I was supposed to take her to school. Upon checking my phone I had 2 missed calls from her. One from last night then another one this morning. I don't even know what I'm going to say to her I don't know how I'm going to look at her. I watched Sindi as she drank we were leaning against my car I was parked at the garage..

Me: Qondi should never know about last night

Her: Never!!

(Silence)

Her: I love my sister since my mom passed on I'm left with her and Khabo. I don't wanna mess anything up

If Khabo finds out about this she's going to kill me and I mean it..

Him: block my number

Her: Do so too

We blocked each other from everything...

Me: This never happened I love your sister with all my heart

Her: It will end up between you and I

Me: And my friends

I know my friends don't have a big mouth what we do we don't tell on each other..

Me: I can't drive you to your flat

I gave her money for an Uber..

Her: Thank you

Me: Bye

Her: Bye

I got in my car as she called for an Uber..

QONDISIWE

Sodlaka was teaching us maths it seemed easy but on my side and a few others it was lights out. This is going to be harder than I thought. I looked around and we were now like 3 in the class busy coping down everything from the chalkboard to our books.

This was embarrassing I was already late for the next class. Actually it was Frustrating Sodlaka was sitting on his table with his text book. The other students were already standing outside waiting for us to finish they were even peeping through the window and busy making sly comments. This was embarrassing..I rubbed my hands together because they were sweating..

Voice: "Ndithe ndakuyibona le nzwakazi kwqaqamba intliziyo..

Ndithe ndakuyibona le nzwakazi kwaxega amadolo"

That was a very nice voice I raised my head to see where it was coming from. It was Sodlaka. He was still concertrating on his textbook. He stopped singing I went back to writing he started singing again..

"Ubuhle bale nzwakazi Buhle balenzwakazi"

He really had a nice voice. One of the students outside knocked on the window Sodlaka closed his textbook..

Him: Yintoni ngoku (What is it now)

He got down from the table and went outside to talk to them they were making soo much noise I couldn't focus. I couldn't breath and I suddenly felt hot.. I closed my book as he came back in I closed my eyes and said a little prayer..

Sodlaka: Langa

I opened my eyes I saw a few guys standing by the door looking at me. They were about 5 or so.. He walked up to me..

Him: Are you okay?

He stood right at my table and looked at me.

Me: I'm..

I cleared my throat.. This was too much..

I took my book and my bag then made my way out..

Him: Langa

I walked out while looking down I heard them whistling some even tried to touch me.

Sodlaka: Hey hey hey!!

He had a deep voice so that was a bit scary.

He was reprimanding them. I ran straight to the toilets while

crying..I got to the toilets and took out my phone I tried calling Sindi and then Iba but they both didn't pick up. I then called Khabo.. I had locked myself in one of the toilets...

Her: Nana awukho eskolweni? (Aren't you at school)

Me: I can't do this Khabo (Crying)

Her: Yini Qondi (What's wrong)

Me: I'm stupid khabo

Her: Awuu Qondi ungakhulumi njalo (don't talk like that)

Me: Kunzima (It's difficult)

Her: It's only your first njena it will get better

Me: I don't know I just wanna leave

Her: Haise that's not an option

I wiped my tears...

Her: Don't give up Nana I'm sure ksasa kuzoba ngcono (Tomorrow it will be alright)

Me: Okay

Her: Ukuphi? (Where are you)

Me: at the toilets

Her: Go back to class

Me: All the students are giving me weird looks

She laughed..

Me: Qondi go back to class and call me back after class

Me: Okay

Her: Askies shame nana

Me: It's okay

Her: Bye

Me: Bye

LUNGISA

I looked at the time it was only a few minutes left to go to the memorial service. It was just awkward at how my father in law died gunned down? I only suspected one person and that is my Mother. Iba made his way in he looked like crap. He closed the door and locked it. I looked at him...

Him: Bro

Me: What is it? You not even dressed for the memorial service

Iba doesn't have his priorities straight he doesn't show up most of the time for work I don't think he knows what he wants in life..

Iba: Fuck the memorial service

He was all worked up..

Me: What's wrong?

Him: This shall end up between us

Me: What did you do?

Him: I.. I slept with Sindi

Me: You did what?

Him: I know Man

Me: Why would you sleep with Qondi's Sister?

Him: I don't know what happened Bro

He hit the table..

Him: Shit!!!!

Me: Did you use protection at least?

Him: I don't think so but she took the pill

Me: That's not the point Iba Sindi could be sick. She's a slay queen she sleeps with different guys I doubt some use protection.

If they paying some would want it raw.. How could you be so careless if you sick you going to make an innocent girl sick!!!

He rubbed his face with his hands..

Me: You need to go and get tested!!

Him: This is messed up!

Me: How am I going to keep this from Khabo?

Him: You not supposed to tell anyone! No matter how her pussy is nice and you run out of things to say don't bring this up!

I loosened my tie..

Me: Qondisiwe is a very nice girl and very beautiful do you know how many guys are eyeing her

Him: I know that! Don't you think I know that?

Me: Get tested and then we will pray that your secret doesn't come out she going to leave you.. She's no longer that naïve

He sat down..

Him: How did this happen

Me: You really fucked up this time around!

QONDISIWE

The next period was English I don't think I'll ever get used to people staring at me. At least this time around I wasn't sitting at the front and the teacher walked in immediately after me. It was a woman..

She first looked at us and then she greeted us. We greeted back...

Her: I am Mrs Malope and I'll be teaching you guys English

She held out a text book to us..

Her: This is a textbook that you guys will have to buy it will help you a lot

She walked around in between us busy showing us the text book..

Her: We don't speak any African language in class we...

She looked at me here we go again...

Her: I'm sorry who are you?

Me: I'm.. I'm Qondisiwe Langa

She nodded..

Her: You very beautiful Qondisiwe

Me: Thank you

I heard a few people agreeing with her..

Her: Wow I've never seen such beauty before

Me: Thank you

Her: I've seen beautiful girls before but you.. There's something about your beauty

Me: Thank you

Her: Okay moving along

This was a bit weird I'm sure they've seen beautiful girls before and I can point out a few in the class..

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QONDISIWE

It got better eventually especially when I called Khabo after every period. It was lunchtime now and I was sitting alone most girls were sitting together and so were the boys. I was carrying a lunchbox to avoid looking for shops on my first day. Yes a few eyes were on me I don't know when I'm going to get used to that.. As I was sitting some girl walked up to me she even looked a bit scared..

Her: Hi

I smiled..

Me: Hello

She smiled back..

Her: Can I sit next to you?

I nodded..

Her: Akhona

Me: Qondisiwe

We shook hands..

Her: Yazi I was scared to come to you

Me: Why?

Her: You very beautiful and most girls who are beautiful are full of themselves

I laughed..

Her: You belong there in that "cool crew"

Me: I won't fit in

She took out a lunchbox too we exchanged sandwiches.. Akhona seems smart I don't know what she's doing here in this school..

Her: Have you thought about being a model?

Me: A what?

She took out her phone and showed me a few pictures..

Me: Angicabangi nje ukuthatha izithombe ngincunu so for abantu bonke (I don't think I can take half naked pictures for people)

We both laughed. Thank God I've made a friend.. We saw Mr Sodlaka walking with another Teacher..

Akhona: I think I'm going to enjoy maths he is handsome and his voice girl

Me: Hai wena he is our teacher

Her: We practically in high school.. Asiphile kancane (Let's live a

little)

I laughed..

Me: Hai cha ngiyabonga (No thank you)

Another girl joined us..

Her: Kudliwani? (What are we eating)

We both looked at her shocked she didn't even greet us.. She took my lunchbox and started eating I looked at Akhona..

Girl: Yini manje? (What's wrong now)

Akhona: I'm sorry but who are you?

Girl: Nesizulu ungasikhuluma singaphandle (You can speak Zulu we outside)

She then looked at me..

Her: Yazi you are what they call "Indoni" ngesizulu.. Umuhle Q njenge ndoni yamanzi (You beautiful Q like a Guardian)

Akhona: But who are you?

Her: My name is Happy

Something in my heart moved for some reason she did remind me of Happy. They might not look alike but her personality and how she talks it's exactly like Happy..

Akhona: Akhona

I smiled at her..

Me: Qondisiwe

Happy: I know Ndoni yamanzi

Akhona: Ndoni yamanzi?

Happy: Uhlalaphi? (Where do you stay)

Me: Indoni Yamanzi is a very beautiful girl

Akhona: Ohh it makes sense

Happy: Yazi those girls are gossing about you? Ufuna sibalande?
(do you want us to get them)

Me: Cha.. Asibayeke (let's leave them)

Happy: Asidleni ke (Let's continue eating)

Now my day was getting better..

SINDISIWE

I have been struggling for the past 2 months. My minister of finance just left me hanging because his wife found out about us I mean I have a life to maintain. Rent is expensive and finding

another minister of finance is going to be very difficult.. I heard someone knocking I freaked out.. I went to open it was Mrs Biyela.. She walked in..

Her: Is it done?

I nodded..

Her: Did you record?

I took out my phone and showed her..

Her: Good

Me: My money?

She took out an envelope and handed it to me..

Me: Thank you

Her: You not pregnant are you?

Me: No Mam'

Her: Good.. One down one more to go

I hate doing this to my sister but I was desperate. Qondisiwe has a big heart

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and honestly I don't like Iba for her. Yes this will break her but

she will eventually forgive me I'm proving to her also that Iba is not to be trusted. If he can sleep with me he can sleep with anyone else.. Qondisiwe deserves someone better

LUNGISA

I looked around and my Mother wasn't anywhere to be seen this makes her look more guilty. This whole shit was boring people were talking about him as if like he was the best person whilst he was shit. I took out my phone and went on WhatsApp.

*****WhatsApp*****

Me: This thing is boring can't I skip it and come have fun with you?

Khabo: Lol no u can't skip

Me: It's boring

Khabo: You the CEO uyakhumbula? (do you remember)

Me: What are you doing?

Khabo: Shopping with Betty

Me: Buy something sexy for tonight

Speaker: Now we going to welcome the CEO Mr Lungisa Biyela

That caught me off guard I didn't know that they put me in the program. I said my goodbyes to Khabo and then walked to the front I don't even know what I'm going to say about this man who made my life difficult. How about "Good riddance to rubbish"

QONDISIWE

My phone rang as we were going to class it was Iba..

Me: I'll catch up with you guys it's my boyfriend

Akhona: You have a boyfriend?

Happy: Are you seriously surprised? I was thinking she has boyfriends

Me: I'll be there guys

Akhona: I'll save you a seat

Happy: Kissing ass are we?

They walked away..

Akhona: I saw her first so she's my besty

Happy: Try me

I answered my phone..

Me: Iba

Him: My love

Me: Are you okay? Bengikhathazekile ngawe (I was worried about you)

Him: I'm sorry love I just had too much fun

Me: As long as you okay

Him: How did you get to school?

Me: Taxi

Him: I'm not happy about that I'm sure the taxi drivers were thirsting you.. When is your last class I'll fetch you

Me: At 14-

Voice: Langa

I freaked out.. I turned and looked at him almost dropping my phone..

Him: Wenzani ntoni ngaphandle shouldn't you be in class?

Me: I.. Uhm

Him: Were you crying?

Iba: Who is that?

Sodlaka: Your eyes they show that you've been crying

Me: No I.. I wasn't really crying

Iba: Qondi??

I hung up...

Sodlaka: Go back to class

Me: Yes Sir

I made my back to class Iba called again but I ignored his call.. I rushed back to class Akhona raised up her hand and I went to sit with them..

Happy: That was a quick call

The other girls looked at us one of them started talking. Looks like she is the leader..

Girl: Phela we gonna walk in late to every class so we can advertise our beauty

We looked at them..

Girl: We have already seen that you beautiful so please give us a breather Mogul

I didn't say anything to her..

Happy: Why is it that the most ugliest girl always has a big mouth?

The class laughed..

Girl: Between you and me girl I think I'm better looking

Happy: For a moment I almost fell from my chair at least you said "Better" and not "Beautiful"

The class laughed again..

Girl: I think I'm going to have so much fun in this class

Happy: Me too hey it's not everyday I see Ugly

I looked at Akhona and we both laughed..

Girl: I'd rather be "Better" than to suck ass

Happy: I'd rather suck ass than to be advertising for the Big 5

Akhona: Anyone with an aloe vera please? because class girl right there just got burned

Everyone laughed she didn't have a come back.. I look at Happy she looked at me too..

Her: I'll always have your back Ndoni

I smiled..

Me: I know

The teacher walked in.. I think I'm going to enjoy being in this

school

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Ntutu

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i hope Mrs Biyela one day all these come back and bite you in the ass sisi. Wena Sindi, even if your sister has a big heart you can't do that to her, ruing her relationship like that, allow to be used for evil for a few measly rands and you will regret this

Ntutu

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Iba and Sindi i will bie you both up nx I like how Iba and Lungi are close again thanks to the sisiters Mr Sodlaka is smitten i see with our gorgeous Q

Ntutu

2020-03-02 10:15:15

Oh hell no Iba! Really i thought you have changed from your bad boy shitty drunken stupid ish nx

Ntutu

2020-03-02 09:12:52

Yhu Mrs Biyela irritates me yerr. Nowisa is just evil nje nx. Lungi fight for Kabo coz your mama is going to ruing it for you. RIP evil queen

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Iba is the right son, she just saw his father with those bones

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Guys this is all I got from Visionary Writings. Nam andazi ukuba kwenzakala ntoni. It should have a continuation.

The next book I'm going for is: Rose Petals and Betrayal... P N Moloi. Masiyeni!!