

KLIP RIVER TALES: THE BOND

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INT. WELILE'S HOUSE/KITCHEN - DAY

WELILE MBATHA(34), on her gown is sitting on top of the table, sipping coffee. MANDLA, early 30s with glasses in his eyes, come from the other room, carrying a bag. He is readying for a trip.

MANDLA

Babe!

Suddenly she puts on the "sad" face. Mandla put his bag next to her.

MANDLA (CONT'D)

This is it. Are you sure you're going to be okay?

WELILE

I'll be alright. Work is important.

MANDLA

Babe I'll only be gone for two weeks. I'll be back before you know it.

WELILE

(acting sad)

But two weeks is a long time.

MANDLA

Ncooh come here.

He walks to her and put his arms around her waist.

MANDLA (CONT'D)

Listen...I love you okay? I know you can't spend even a second away from me but I need you to try babe. I have to do this. I have to take this job. I have to prove to my bosses that I'm capable of managing international clients.

WELILE

Meanwhile I'll be lonely.

MANDLA

Okay fine. You know what? I'll cancel the trip.

WELILE

NOOOO!!!

Mandla is a little shocked by Welile's reaction.

WELILE (CONT'D)

I mean...your job is more important. You need this promotion so...you have to go.

MANDLA

Yeah. You're right.

(beat)

Hey...marry me.

Welile sighs and let go of Mandla. Clearly she doesn't like the topic.

MANDLA (CONT'D)

Look, I know how you fill about marriages. I know you hate them but baby...

WELILE

I thought we talked about this.

MANDLA

Welile we've been dating for a really long time and on top of that, we've been living together for a long time. I love you, you love me. I don't understand, why can't we just get married?

WELILE

Mandla why do you have to do this every time we get all romantic? I don't believe in marriages, why can't love be enough?

MANDLA

Love isn't guaranteed. There's no telling if it will last or not.

WELILE

See! That's the problem Mandla. You want to get married for all the wrong reasons. You want to marry me cause you want to keep me. You don't believe me when I say I love you. I love you Mandla. But I'm not going to marry you, I'm sorry.

MANDLA

Okay okay, I'll drop it. I just want you to know that I love you. I'll always do.

WELILE

I know. And I love you too.

MANDLA

(sighs)

Well...got to go. I miss you already.

Welile fakes a smile. Mandla baby kisses her on the lips. He take his bag and start to the door.

MANDLA

Bye.

WELILE

Travel well.

EXT/INT. WELILE'S HOUSE - DAY

Mandla is walking to the gate. THAMI, mid 20s, the garden boy, is busy on the garden. Welile appears in the front door. Mandla stops and watches Thami work.

MANDLA

Thami, you good?

THAMI

Mandla, how are you?

MANDLA

I'm good, I'm good.

Thami gets back to work. He doesn't have his time.

MANDLA

Beautiful day isn't?

THAMI

Mmm.

Awkward silence.

MANDLA

Hey man can you do me a favor? I'm leaving for two weeks. Do you mind looking after Welile until I come back?

Thami stops and look at him, awkwardly.

THAMI

What do you mean?

MANDLA

Well...just check up on her...I mean there are lot of criminals in this place.

THAMI

Yeah, whatever man.

Mandla stares at Welile at the door as he gets shallow.

MANDLA

I really don't know what I'd do if something can happen to that women.

THAMI

She's a good one.

MANDLA

Are you kidding me, she's great!

Mandla smile and wave at her.

THAMI

I'm still tryna figure out how does a guy like you end up with a girl like that.

MANDLA

Love, Thami. It's love.

(beat)

You know, someday you'll find yourself a nice women that will love you. When that day comes, make sure that you hold on to that women and don't let go okay.

Thami laughs a little, shake his head as if to say "what an idiot" and get back to work.

MANDLA

Well...see you when I return.

He waves to Welile one more time and walks out the gate. Thami waits for him to be out of site. He then drop the tools and walk to Welile.

THAMI

I can't believe you're still dating that fool!

WELILE

He's not a fool okay. He's just...different.

THAMI

Yeah right.

Thami tries kissing her but she pulls back.

WELILE

Thami stop it. He's not even on the taxi yet. What if he comes back?

THAMI

I don't care.

Thami takes off his t-shirt.

WELILE

(laughing)

Oh God.

Welile backs away playfully as Thami follows her.

THAMI

I want him to catch me. Cause I'm sick and tired of being a side nigga. I want a promotion now.

They are now inside the dinning room. Thami puts his t-shirt around Welile's waist and pull her to his chest.

THAMI (CONT'D)

Tell me, what are you wearing under that gown? A G-string?

WELILE

Eww, no!

THAMI

What then?

WELILE

Nothing.

THAMI

Even better! I can't wait to take it off. Come on!

Thami picks her up and goes to the bedroom as she laughs.

EXT. STREET/WELILE'S HOUSE - DAY

MENZI(20), carrying luggage, roams about the street searching for the right address. He looks at Welile's house. Seems like he has found what he's looking for. He proceeds getting inside. He notices the tools and the half done job.

INT. WELILE'S HOUSE/GUEST BEDROOM - DAY

Welile is sitting on the bed and Thami stands between her legs, taking off her top. She puts her arms around his neck as he kisses her on the neck. Thami stops to say something.

THAMI

I still don't understand why we're using the guest room. He's not here.

WELILE

I'm not going to disrespect him and sleep with another men in the same bed I sleep with him in.

THAMI

So you think it's best to disrespect me?

WELILE

Oh shut up and fuck me.

THAMI

Yes mam!

They resume the kiss.

Knock knock knock.

Welile stops and listen.

Knock knock knock.

WELILE

Someone's at the door, move!

THAMI

Just ignore, they'll leave.

WELILE

No Thami, get out of the way.

She pushes him out of the way. Thami snatches her shirt.

THAMI

Let's see you answer the door top less.

WELILE

Bring it!

She tries retrieving it but fails.

WELILE (CONT'D)

Stop playing Thami man!

THAMI

Don't open. We're still busy.

WELILE

Well guess what? I don't need it.

She walks to the door.

THAMI

I hope it's your pastor!

EXT. FRONT DOOR - DAY

Welile appears at the door top less, no stress. Menzi is shocked.

MENZI

Uhm...is this the Mbatha household?

WELILE

Yes how can I help you?

MENZI

Is Welile Mbatha home?

WELILE

That would be me.

Menzi freeze. He doesn't believe it.

WELILE (CONT'D)

Talk boy I'm in the middle of something.

MENZI

Uhm...are you sure you're Welile?

WELILE

(getting mad)

Who the hell are you?!

MENZI

My name is Menzi Mbatha.

Welile's mouth falls open and her eyes widened.

MENZI (CONT'D)

If you're Welile Mbatha...then I believe I'm your son.

Welile can't seem to utter even one word out of her mouth.

Thami slides in behind her, shirtless.

THAMI

What's going on here?

(to Menzi)

What are you selling man?

INT. DINING ROOM - DAY

Menzi is sitting on the couch, chatting on his phone. We can hear the keyboard keys being punched at a high speed.

We slowly shift from Menzi to just outside the door where Welile and Thami chat inaudibly. After what seems like a tense discussion, Thami leaves and Welile slowly walks in. She stops and look at Menzi. She doesn't know how to act.

WELILE

Hey.

Nothing..

MENZI

So you're sleeping with your garden boy.

That wasn't a question. Welile is speechless.

WELILE

How did you...

MENZI

The tools are just laying around the yard and the job is half done.

WELILE

Well...

MENZI

But it's none of my business.

Awkward silence. Welile clears her throat.

WELILE

Do you need anything?

MENZI

I'd like to see where I'll be staying.

WELILE

Of course, you must be tired. The guestroom is this way.

She leads the way.

INT. GUESTROOM - DAY

Welile walks in followed by Menzi.

WELILE

This is it.

Menzi take a look around.

WELILE (CONT'D)

I wasn't expecting any guest so...it's a little...

She's unattended.

WELILE (CONT'D)

Anyway...if you need anything just tell me.

He put his bag in the bed, take out his phone and start typing as if she's not there.

WELILE (CONT'D)

Cool.

She sees herself out. Menzi pushes the door closed and sit on the bed. He types "**SHE'S SO NOT WAT WE EXPCTD**" on his phone. He then looks around the room some more.

INT. KITCHEN - DAY

Menzi and Welile, sitting opposite each other are having dinner. It's dead silence. Menzi is also typing with his other hand. Welile stares at him for a while.

WELILE

So what brings you to Ladysmith?

MENZI

I'm on vacation.

WELILE

Nice. Does your father know you are here?

Menzi looks at Welile with a confused and angry face.

MENZI

What father?

Welile scoffs and look away. She doesn't believe he doesn't know.

WELILE

(trying to be strong)

I mean your grandfather.

MENZI

I don't want to talk about him.

Welile tries understanding and getting back to her plate but the 20 years anger fights to be unleashed.

WELILE

(tears in her eyes)

I'm just curious. What bullshit was he feeding you about me all these years?

(heavily breathing)

Let me guess. He said I was a witch? Daughter from hell? The devil's child? Which one did he teach you?

MENZI

I said I don't want to talk about him!

WELILE

Well eventually we're going to have to talk about him Menzi. Tell me...he didn't allow you to come and see me cause he thought I would corrupt you? I'M YOUR MOTHER!

MENZI

(angry)

Are you? Tell me Welile...what is the definition of "Mother"?

(beat)

He died! He's dead.

Welile is shocked. Menzi pushes the plate, stands up and leave. He storms in two seconds later with tears in his eyes.

MENZI (CONT'D)

What kind of a sick person doesn't attend the funeral of their own parent?!

WELILE

(stammering)

I swear Menzi, I didn't know.

MENZI

How could you have known? You left! He was sick and you were no where to be found.

WELILE

He was looking for me? He's the reason I left.

MENZI

No, I'm the reason you left.

He leaves.

INT. GUESTROOM - DAY

Menzi is sitting on the side of the bed, typing on his phone. He sends a message, **"UM NOT SURE IF THIS WAS A GUD IDEA BABE. THIS WOMEN IS NOT PARENT MATERIAL"**. He receive, **"WHAT IS PLAN B?"**. **"I NEED TYM"** he replies.

Welile knocks on the door.

WELILE (O.S)

Hey. We need to talk.

Menzi scoffs.

WELILE (O.S)

Can I come in?

MENZI

It's your house.

Welile comes in. She stands on the other side of the bed.

WELILE

We need to talk Menzi.

MENZI

No we don't.

WELILE

Yes we do.

MENZI

I'm not in the mood.

Welile sighs and sit on the other side of the bed, leaving their backs facing each other.

WELILE

Why are you here Menzi? The real reason.

Menzi keeps quiet.

WELILE (CONT'D)

Is it money?

(beat)

How much do you want?

MENZI

I don't want your money.

WELILE

Then what is it you want? Answers? You need to ask questions to receive answers.

Quiet.

WELILE (CONT'D)

Menzi I'm here to answer any questions you have.

MENZI

Why did you leave?

WELILE

I didn't leave. I was kicked out.

MENZI

By who?

WELILE

By my own father.

MENZI

I was told you ran away.

WELILE

(tears in the eyes)

I was casted out like a savage. He threw me away. To rot and die like a dog!

Welile cannot take it.

WELILE (CONT'D)

Next question.

MENZI

We're not done...

WELILE

Next question!

Menzi thinks.

MENZI

Who's my father?

WELILE

The man that raised you is your father.

MENZI

(getting angry)

I was raised by my grandfather.

WELILE

Your grandfather is your father.

Furious, Menzi stands up and face her.

MENZI

Would you stop it with the lies! You said you were here to answer any question I have, stop lying to me.

Welile also stand up and face him.

WELILE

I am not lying to you!

(sobbing)

He raped me! He raped me every night since my mother died! I was grieving and he was sexually harassing me! Seriously! How does a 14 year old child get pregnant? I was always at home! If I wasn't at home I was at school and if I wasn't at school I was always, always at church. I was 14 years old! He was raping me and nobody believed me! How do you think that felt? I'm not lying now and I wasn't lying then.

She walks out, leaving Menzi thinking deeply.

INT. KITCHEN - DAY

Welile walks to the cupboard. She dig deep enough to come out with a cheap bottle of cocktail.

WELILE

Arg! Come on, I need something stronger!

She takes out a glass, pours half in and take a huge gulp. She put the glass down and take a second. Big sigh. She then take the bottle and the glass and walk to the other room.

INT. DINNING ROOM - DAY

Welile pours the last of the bottle in the cup. She puts the bottle in the table and resume her drinking.

Menzi come out of his room and to the dinning room. He slowly walks to Welile.

MENZI

The real reason I'm here.

(beat)

I need your help.

He walks to sit on the couch.

MENZI (CONT'D)

My...girlfriend. She's pregnant.

He's got her attention.

WELILE

What?

MENZI

I know. I'm a fool.

WELILE

No, I understand. It was a mistake.

Menzi looks at her.

MENZI

Just because something happened unplanned doesn't make it a mistake.

Welile is moved.

MENZI (CONT'D)

Anyway...we've decide to keep the baby. The problem is, we're both studying so the baby will need a place to stay and someone to look after it.

Interested, Welile leans in and put her chin over her hand.

WELILE

What are you studying?

MENZI

Engineering.

WELILE

Nice. Where?

MENZI

DUT.

WELILE

Wow.

MENZI

So you're our only choice. I'm not sure anymore. The way you live. I was kinda hoping to find you with a family of your own...

WELILE

(interested)

Tell me about her.

MENZI

Who?

WELILE

Your girlfriend silly! What is she like? What's her name?

MENZI

Xolile.

WELILE

Is she pretty?

MENZI

Uh-uh.

This is awkward for Menzi.

WELILE

How pretty?

MENZI

I don't know. Pretty.

WELILE

Do you love her?

Menzi is uncomfortable.

WELILE (CONT'D)

What? Do you love her?

MENZI

Ahem...yeah.

WELILE

Does she love you?

MENZI

I believe so.

WELILE

You're lucky.

She leans back at the couch and take a sip on her cup.

WELILE (CONT'D)

I've never been in love. I've never allowed myself.

She sighs.

WELILE (CONT'D)

Every guy I meet pays for what my father did to me. Such a pitty. Right now I have a boyfriend that loves me. He even wants to marry me.

MENZI

The garden boy?

WELILE

(chuckles)

No. Thami and I are just friends.

MENZI

Friends with benefits.

She put her head on top of the couch and stare up to the ceiling.

WELILE

His name is Mandla. We've been dating for 6 years. He's been nothing but good to me. But I can't stop cheating on him.

MENZI

Do you love him?

WELILE

Oh God, I wish I could. Mandla is a perfect guy. He's smart, he's career is going well, he's handsome and he loves me. He's a perfect guy to start a family with.

MENZI

So what seems to be the problem?

WELILE

I don't know, I just can't, no matter how much I try, I just can't get myself to love him.

MENZI

So why spend 6 years with a guy you don't love?

WELILE

That's a good question.

(beat)

I guess I'm selfish. I found this perfect guy and I want him for myself even though I'm not good for him.

MENZI

Welile...

WELILE

If you like...if you like you can call me mom.

Suddenly Menzi changes. He stands up and start walking.

WELILE (CONT'D)

(confused)

What? I thought we were connecting! I thought we were bonding!

He stops and turn around.

MENZI

Don't be mistaken.

He turns around and walk away, leaving Welile hurt.

INT. DINNING ROOM - DAY

Menzi is sitting on the couch, chatting. The empty bottle is still on the table.

Thami knocks on the door and comes in.

THAMI

Hey man.

Menzi just nod.

THAMI (CONT'D)

Is Welile home?

Welile comes from the kitchen and sees Thami.

WELILE

Thami what are you doing here?

THAMI

Oh hey, I think I left my phone in the...ahem guestroom.

WELILE

Oh uhm.

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She look at Menzi.

WELILE (CONT'D)

Let me check.

THAMI

Yeah...

She goes to the guestroom.

Long awkward silence.

THAMI (CONT'D)

Ahem...let me go help her.

Menzi scoffs. Thami joins Welile.

INT. GUESTROOM - DAY

Thami walks in and close the door.

WELILE

Did you really leave your phone?

THAMI

No, I needed an excuse to see you.

He grabs her and try to kiss her but she backs away.

WELILE

Stop it Thami we can't do this anymore.

She pushes him away and walk to the door. He grabs her by hand.

THAMI

Come on Welile this is unfair. I waited for a long time for that idiot of yours to go away so that I can be with you. And now this.

WELILE

You think I don't want you? You think I don't want this? I want to but I can't cause I just found out that I have a 20 year old son and he's sitting in the next room.

THAMI

So? We use to do it while Mandla was on the shower!

WELILE

Thami...

THAMI

Welile when did you become a grandma? Where's the Welile I know? The fun, spontaneous and fearless Welile?

Welile thinks, considering. She then walks to him and start to undo his belt quickly.

WELILE

It has to be very quick.

THAMI

(excited)

Ow yea!

EXT. WELILE'S HOUSE - DAY

Mandla is back! He walks inside the gate and up to the front door.

INT. DINNING ROOM - DAY

Mandla walks in. His focus is on the phone in his hand. He's a little frightened when he notices Menzi.

MANDLA

Who are you?

Menzi just goes back to his phone without a word.

MANDLA (CONT'D)

I just asked you a question.

(beat)

Babe?! Babe are you okay?!

MENZI

Oh you must be Mandla.

MANDLA

Who are you?

MENZI

I'm Menzi. Welile's son.

MANDLA

(confused)

What? Welile doesn't have a son.

Welile comes out of the guest bedroom, followed by Thami. They're both sweaty and breathing heavily. Welile's hair is all messed up and Thami's t-shirt is worn inside out.

WELILE

Hey babe you're back! We were just searching for Thami's phone that he left earlier.

Thami shows the phone.

THAMI

Yeah.

WELILE

There it is.

(awkward laugh)

Don't ever forget it again Thami.

Mandla is still trying to figure out what is happening.

WELILE (CONT'D)

So babe why are you back so quick?

MANDLA

The trip has been cancelled.

(to Thami)

You were looking for it in the bedroom?

WELILE

Yes that's where he left it.

MANDLA

What was he doing there?

THAMI

I was...

WELILE

He was...

THAMI

Fixing something.

WELILE

Yes! Fixing the uhm...

THAMI

Theee...

WELILE

The bed?

THAMI

The bed.

Welile tries to change the topic.

WELILE

Hey babe have you met my son?

MANDLA

Why are you wearing your t-shirt inside out Thami?

THAMI

Oh this is how I always wear my t-shirts. You never noticed?

Mandla also notes that Thami's pants are unzipped.

MANDLA

And that's how you wear your pants too? With the zip down?

WELILE

Babe...

MANDLA

(to Welile)

And you what's with the hair?

WELILE

Uhm...

MANDLA

(to Thami)

Are you sleeping with my girlfriend dude?

Welile laughs out loud.

WELILE

Oh Mandla you're so funny! Me and Thami! Just imagine!

Mandla is not buying it. He keeps staring Thami in the eyes and Thami in his.

MANDLA

I just asked you a question garden boy!

THAMI

Okay watch your mouth man.

MANDLA

Answer the goddam question.

THAMI

You know what, this is bullshit! Yes I am fucking your girlfriend Mandla. And it's not the first time.

WELILE

Thami!

THAMI

The question is, what are you going to do about it?

WELILE

Mandla it's not true. He's crazy!

Mandla puts the bags down, slowly takes off the glasses and roll the sleeves like he's going to do something big. He then make firsts so pathetic you'd swear it was a 4 year old girl.

WELILE

(embarrassed)

Mandla.

THAMI

What are you doing man?!

MANDLA

Come on, fight me like a man!

THAMI

Stop it man you're embarrassing yourself.

Mandla throws a weak and a pathetic punch in Thami's stomach.

WELILE

Mandla!

THAMI

What the hell man! Look, this is how you throw a punch!

Thami punches Mandla so hard that he fall to the ground filling pain. Welile rushes to him.

WELILE

Thami what the fuck!

THAMI

He started it!

WELILE

Leave! Now!

Thami scoffs and leave.

WELILE (CONT'D)

Mandla are you okay?

MANDLA

Don't touch me!

He tries to get up and Welile tries to help him.

WELILE

Mandla...

MANDLA

(furiously shouting)

Don't touch me!

Welile is a little frightened. Mandla angrily laughs.

MANDLA (CONT'D)

I should've known.

(beat)

I should've known you were cheating on me! But with him? YOU BITCH!!!!

Scared, Welile backs away. Menzi stands up, alert. Mandla does that angry laugh again.

MANDLA (CONT'D)

YOU SLUT!!!

MENZI

Watch your mouth sir you're talking to my mother.

Welile is sublimed. Mandla furiously charges to Menzi and strangle him with both his hands.

MANDLA

Was I talking to you?!!!! Was I!!!

Menzi tries breaking free but he's not strong enough. Welile tries to pull Mandla away.

WELILE

Mandla let him go! What's gotten into you?!

Mandla pushes her away with one hand. She falls and notices the bottle on the table. She grabs it and stand up.

WELILE (CONT'D)

(warning)

Mandla let him go now!!!

Mandla doesn't obey. BAAM! The bottle hits his head. He let's go of Menzi and scream, holding his head where the blood is now drooling down the face.

MANDLA

Are you crazy!

Welile doesn't believe what she has done. She's holding the left piece of the bottle.

MANDLA (CONT'D)

(sobbing)

Welile what have I ever did to you? Huh? All I ever did was love you! And it wasn't easy! You didn't make it easy! But I didn't give up. I still gave you love! This is how you repay me? After all I have done for you, this is what I get in return?!

Welile is also crying.

MANDLA (CONT'D)

All I ever wanted was to start a family with you. I wanted us to raise kids and grow old, together! But that won't happen. Now I see.

(More)

MANDLA

I really wish that someday you'll just grow up and figure out what is it you want in life. And as for me...well, let me put me out my miseries. It's over between us.

Welile is hurt.

MANDLA (CONT'D)

I don't deserve this. I don't.

He walks out leaving Welile crying.

INT. DINNING ROOM - DAY, LATER

Welile is sitting on the couch. Menzi comes out of the guestroom, carrying bags. Welile stands up, panicking.

WELILE

What's going on? Please don't tell me you're leaving!

MENZI

Coming here was a bad idea.

WELILE

Please don't say that Menzi! Please don't go!

MENZI

Give me a good reason not to.

WELILE

You just got here. You can't leave the same day! Plus it's getting late, you won't find transport. Why do you want to leave?

MENZI

You're not cut out to be a parent Welile. You can never raise a child.

WELILE

How do you know that?

MENZI

I've seen the way you live. You live like a teenager.
I've seen everything I needed to see.

WELILE

Would you give me a chance. I didn't get to raise my
own child. Raising your child is my shot at making
things right.

MENZI

There's nothing you can do that will make that right.

Menzi is getting emotional.

MENZI (CONT'D)

And Welile it was your choice to not raise me.

WELILE

You don't know what you're talking about!

MENZI

Yes I do.

WELILE

You don't!

MENZI

Yes I do! Welile you left! You left me with no mother
and no father! You left me with no clue of who I was!
Do you know how hard growing up was?

WELILE

I didn't leave by choice! How many times must I tell
you, I was forced to leave! What was I supposed to
do?!

MENZI

You were supposed to fight for me! You were supposed to fight for me Welile!

WELILE

You think I didn't?! I DID! But that man was connected! He knew police, he knew big lawyers and he was friends with the Judges. Even if I continued fighting I would've still lost! He took you away from me!

MENZI

I think he did you a favor! You didn't want me anyway! I'm a rape child! And worse, I'm your father's child! Who would want that child?!

WELILE

I did! I loved you!

MENZI

LIES!!!

WELILE

I DID! I know it's going to be hard to believe me but I did!

Welile gathers the strength to get this off the chest.

WELILE (CONT'D)

When my mother died I was lonely. I had nobody to talk to. He started raping me just after the funeral. I tried telling on him but nobody believed me! Everybody hated me. Even my best friends turned on me. I was the bad person in the community. And when I had you, it was like I had found somebody to talk to. Somebody to spend time with. The only person who listened to me and didn't call me a liar. I only spent a week with you. Those five days were the best in my entire I swear to God!

Menzi is crying.

WELILE (CONT'D)

In the past 20 years, not one day passed where I didn't think of you! I stared at that door everyday, hoping that you'd come knocking.

(More)

I fantasized about every moment in your life. Seeing you grow. Your first day at school. Your puberty years. But there was nothing I could've done except fantasize. I could only imagine how you look like.

She puts her hand in his cheek.

WELILE (CONT'D)

I've always imagined you to be this handsome guy that every girl likes. Looks like my imagination is not that far from reality after all.

Menzi blushes. Welile sighs.

WELILE (CONT'D)

Just like every other parent Menzi, I wanted to hold my child. Kiss him. Tell him I love him. Tell him I'm proud of him and yell at him if he did something wrong.

Menzi smiles. She let go of him.

WELILE (CONT'D)

And you are right Menzi. There's nothing I can do to bring back all the years I've missed in your life. But I'd really like to raise your child. I missed my chance at being a mother. Can I at least be a grandmother. Raising your child will bring me so much joy! But whatever you decide, just always know that I love you son. I've always did and I'll always will. And I'm proud of you. And I'd really like to hear more about your life.

(beat)

But as I said...it's totally up to you.

She comes closer to him.

WELILE (CONT'D)

Just know that today has been the greatest day of my life. I wouldn't change a thing.

She walks to the kitchen leaving Menzi thinking. He takes out his phone and dial "**our child will be in great hands**". He looks up and smile.

FADE TO BLACK

THE END