



# THE SCARS IN MY HEART

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## CHARACTERS:

NONELELA/NONI: A 16-year-old girl  
CEBILE (CEBI): Noni's school friend  
SIKELELA (SIKI): Noni's school friend  
MLUNGISI: Older man  
AUNT LUCY: Noni's aunt

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## SCENE 1

*It is a summer's day – peaceful and quiet. Children are playing in the street. Noni is coming back from the spaza shop when suddenly a man appears in front of her.*

MLUNGISI: Hi, beautiful!

NONI: Molo, bhuti.

MLUNGISI: No, no, no, don't run! I know you. Wow, you have grown up so quickly! How are you? What's your name again, precious?

NONI: My name is Nonelela, Noni. I don't remember you.

MLUNGISI: Yes, yes, I remember now. You are Noni. How are you baby girl? Where is your sister? It has been a long time since I spoke to her.

NONI: Are you talking about Kuhle, bhuti?

MLUNGISI: Yes! Who else? Where is Kuhle? What is she up to now?

NONI: She is at home.

MLUNGISI: Can you please pass my regards to her?

NONI: Ok I will, bhuti. But... I don't know you. What's your name?

MLUNGISI: I'm Mlungisi. Noni, do people tell you how beautiful you are? Such an angel. When I am around here again I will come and say hi to you and your sister. Do you still stay at errr...

NONI: No 3 Sikho Street.

MLUNGISI: That's right. Ok, Noni, see you... and stay sweet. Next time I will bring something as sweet as you. Uyeva?

NONI: Ok, bhuti.

*As Noni walks on towards home she wonders who the man is. She can't remember him. Maybe he is a friend of her sister – she has lots of male friends. Maybe they have lost contact with each other. He seems to be a nice guy.*

## SCENE 2

*Noni's aunt is waiting for her at the front door. When she sees Noni she starts screaming at her.*

AUNT LUCY: Why do you always take so long when I send you to the shop, Noni? Yhoo! I don't even know why I am asking you..."

NONI: I am sorry, Aunty. When I was on my way home there was this man...

AUNT LUCY: Exactly! A man – inkwenkwe – that's always the case. The way you love amakhwenkwe.

NONI: But Aunty, I don't ...

AUNT LUCY: Spare me the explanation girly. You know what ntombazana – every time you walk out of that door you are so eager to meet boys. And one day, ndithi, one day you will get what you want.

NONI: I don't know what you mean. You don't give me a chance to explain, kodwa Aunty.

AUNT LUCY: Hey! Shut up! You know, you are so much like your mother. I do everything for you, and you are not grateful. Your mother is God knows where, drinking herself to death. And your father, who never wanted to accept you as his daughter, is gallivanting the streets of Veeplas with different girls.

NONI: *(tearful)* But Aunty, you are not fair, what did I do? Why do you have to bring my parents up every time you are shouting at me. I know my mother is an alcoholic, you know I don't know where my father is. I don't need to be reminded about this every...

AUNT LUCY: Hey! Don't tell me what and what not to say to you. This is my house. I feed you and clothe you, so you will do as I tell you while you are under my roof. Give me my change.

*Aunt Lucy takes the money from Noni*

NONI: *(mumbling to herself)* Every time I suffer hurt and injustice, I need to be strong. Aunt Lucy is not my enemy here, she wants what's best for me and is trying to

protect me in her own way even though it is tough. As for the boys, I won't go there until I am ready. I will wait for the right time...yes I will wait.

### SCENE 3

*It is late the next day, Noni and her friends are coming home from study group at school. They are laughing and joking as they walk down the street together.*

CEBI: Siki, did you go out with that new boyfriend of yours?

SIKI: Yes, what do you think? You know nje, that's what I do best.

NONI: But Siki, you just met him last week.

SIKI: So? Look Noni, I am not here to change the world. Wake up and smell the aroma of brewing coffee. I enjoy life, I don't take things seriously like you. Noni I really don't mean to be rude, but why must I always stay at home listening to my mother...

*(Mimicking her mother)*

What are we going to eat tonight?

I wonder if your father will come home drunk today?

What am I going to wear to church tomorrow?

No, my friend, I am so DONE with that!

CEBI: Hey Noni, do you know what you can do?

NONI: What... tell me?

CEBI: Pray for us when we are partying with our boys. The competition is tough out there.

SIKI: Noni?

*Noni is staring at a man coming towards them.*

CEBI: Noni do you know that guy?

NONI: Yes... no guys... not like that. He is very old... how can you think... He is my sister's friend. Sshh!

MLUNGISI: Hello girls.

GIRLS: Molo, bhuti.

SIKI: How are you bhuti?

MLUNGISI: I am fine. What are you doing out here so late, Noni?

NONI: We are from school. We were studying for our coming exams.

MLUNGISI: Ok, Noni is your sister at home? I am on my way to see her.

NONI: Yes, When I left she was at home. We can go together. I will call her for you. See you tomorrow at school my friends.

CEBI: Just like that? But it's OK Noni. You learn very fast my friend.

*Mlungisi and Noni walk towards the spaza shop together. Outside the shop Mlungisi puts his hand on Noni's arm to stop her.*

MLUNGISI: Let's go into the shop. I want to buy something nice for your sister.

NONI: It's fine, bhuti.

*They go inside the shop and buy drinks, yoghurt and chocolate. When they come out the sun is beginning to set.*

NONI: My sister is going to be very happy to see you. Oh, I forgot to even tell her about you...

MLUNGISI: Oh?

*A taxi stops just next to them. Mlungisi jumps in and pulls Noni in with him. He shuts the door before she has a chance to ask him where they are going.*

MLUNGISI: Don't be nervous. I just want to pop in somewhere quickly. I have something else I want to give your sister. A surprise...

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