SOMETHING ABOUT MY COUSIN

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EXT. ANDILE'S HOME - DAY

ANDILE, late teens, is walking into his home, carrying a bag pack on his back. He walks to the door to find it slightly open. He pauses, frightened. He then shift to the side, hiding. He slowly takes a peak. He sees nothing. He looks around the yard for something to defend himself with. There's nothing in site. He just says a little silent prayer then walks in.

INT. SITTING ROOM/ANDILE'S HOME - DAY

Andile slowly walks in the house frightened. But the sitting room is empty. He hears giggling noises. He listens painstakingly. The noise come from the bedroom. He holds the his breath and slowly approaches the bedroom door.

INT. BEDROOM/ANDILE'S HOME - DAY

Andile violently pushes the door open and walk in. There is screaming in the bed. THATO, early 20s, Andile's best friend, half naked, grabs a pillow and covers the girl's face.

ANDILE

(confused)

Thato?

THATO

Andile my friend! You're back!

The girl is running out of breath.

THATO (CONT'D)

So soon!

ANDILE

Yah what is going on? What is this?

THATO

Oh...well...funny story actually. You remember my girlfriend? The one I was telling you about?

ANDILE

The one you don't want to introduce me to?

THATO

Uh huh.

Is that her?

THATO

Yeah! She wanted to visit me...and you know I don't have a room of my own and you were not here so I thought I'd bring her here.

ANDILE

You could've warned me though.

THATO

Well I didn't think you were coming back today.

The girl can't breath. She's kicking and screaming.

ANDILE

Dude, I don't think she can breath.

THATO

Oh don't worry about her. Please close the door behind you.

ANDILE

Introduce us first!

THATO

NO! She's...shy.

ANDILE

Okay. Enjoy!

Andile exits and closes the door. Thato sets the girl free. We reveal ZUZU, late teens. She is coughing hard.

ZUZU

Are you crazy?!!!

THATO

That was close!

Andile budges back in.

ANDILE

Hey sorry, I....

He is shocked to see Zuzu. Zuzu and Thato pauses.

ANDILE

Zuzu?!

INT. SITTING ROOM/ANDILE'S HOME - DAY

Andile is sitting on the couch, dejected.

THATO(O.S)

I'm sorry my friend. Me and Zuzu...we're in love.

We reveal Thato and Zuzu sitting on the other couch. Zuzu smiles at Thato and holds his hand.

ZUZU

It's true. We hate to do this to you but...we can't help it.

ANDILE

(to Zuzu)

But you are my girlfriend.

They sigh and look at each other.

ANDILE (CONT'D)

(to Thato)

And you are my best friend!

THATO

And I'd like to keep it that way.

Andile scoffs.

THATO (CONT'D)

(sitting up)

No, seriously Andile. This doesn't have to come between our friendship.

ANDILE

How long has this been going for? How long have you been...

(rolles eyes)

...in love?

They look at each other. The answer is scarry.

How long?

They both look down, ashamed.

ANDILE (CONT'D)

This is unfair! You have sex with him but you tell me that you're saving yourself for marriage.

ZUZU

I am! But like we said...we love each other.

Silence.

ANDILE

So what now? What's...what's gonna happen now?

ZUZU

We have to break up!

ANDILE

What?

ZUZU

Yeah...sorry.

ANDILE

But...

THATO

Andile...it's over.

Andile takes it in.

THATO (CONT'D)

(to Zuzu)

Let's go.

They stand up to leave.

ZUZU

I'm right behind you.

THATO

Kay.

Thato leaves. Zuzu looks at Andile and sighs.

Why? Didn't I satisfy you?

Beat.

ZUZU

No girl loves a virgin Andile.

She sighs and leave. Andile is crushed.

INT. SITTING ROOM/ANDILE'S HOME - NIGHT

Andile cracks an energy drink open. He is sitting in front of his computer which is part of a well set recording studio. He starts making music.

INT. SITTING ROOM/ANDILE'S HOME - DAY

It's the morning. Andile has fell asleep in front of his computer. There's about three to four empty cans of energy drinks. He wakes up, yawns and stretches. He picks up his phone to check the time.

ANDILE

Shit!!!

He stands up and runs out.

EXT. TAXI RANK - DAY

NOSIPHO, late teens, sits on top of her luggage, waiting. She is on her phone.

WE WATCH FROM THE DISTANCE AS ANDILE APPROACHES HER IN A HURRY.

NOSIPHO

Andile! I've been waiting for hours!

Andile is out of breath.

ANDILE

I'm sorry! I totally forgot! And I misplaced my phone!
Nosipho stands up.

NOSIPHO

Well now that you're here...

She hugs him.

NOSIPHO (CONT'D)

How are you?

I'm good cuz how are you?

NOSIPHO

I'm good too.

She ends the hug.

NOSIPHO (CONT'D)

It's so nice to see you!

ANDILE

Yeah, you too! You have grown so much!

NOSIPHO

It has been a long time bra!

She playfully punches him on the shoulder.

NOSIPHO (CONT'D)

Why haven't you come to visit?

ANDILE

I've been busy!

NOSIPHO

Too busy for your family?

ANDILE

Come on, it's not like that.

NOSIPHO

Whatever man. Just take me home. Right now I want a cold shower and a bed!

ANDILE

Well let's go then.

He grabs the luggage and they walk away.

NOSIPHO

Look at you! You're a grown man!

INT. ANDILE'S HOME - DAY

Andile opens the door and walks in, carrying luggage with Nosipho following him.

Welcome to Mi Casa!

NOSIPHO

(looking around)

Okay. Not bad!

ANDILE

Right?

NOSIPHO

And it's clean too! You're still a clean freak?

ANDILE

I try.

NOSIPHO

You really live alone?

ANDILE

Pretty much. Yeah.

NOSIPHO

How is that?

ANDILE

Lonely.

NOSIPHO

What are you talking about, you have all the freedom in the world!

ANDILE

Trust me...too much freedom is confusing.

She spots the studio.

NOSIPHO

And what the hell is this?!

She is walking towards it for a better look.

ANDILE

That's my recording studio.

What! You're still interested in music?

ANDILE

Yeah!

NOSIPHO

Yeah, I remember when we were young you wanted to become a DJ.

ANDILE

Producer but it's almost the same thing.

NOSIPHO

Wow, this a nice set. How much did it cost?

ANDILE

About 20 000.

NOSIPHO

What?!

ANDILE

Yeah.

NOSIPHO

Nice.

Her attention shifts. She get back at looking around and admiring the house.

NOSIPHO (CONT'D)

Uncle Ben had a really nice house.

ANDILE

(down)

Yeah.

NOSIPHO

Doesn't it ever remind you of him?

Andile sighs.

ANDILE

Only everyday.

A moment of silence.

ANDILE (CONT'D)

You want to see your room?

NOSIPHO

Yeah ofcos.

She follows him.

NOSIPHO (CONT'D)

And I'd also like to freshen up first.

ANDILE

I'm sure you're exhausted.

NOSIPHO

You have no idea bra. It's been a long freaken trip!

INT. SITTING ROOM/ANDILE'S HOME - NIGHT

Andile is working on his computer while smoking a cigarette. Nosipho approaches.

NOSIPHO

Cuz!

ANDILE

Hey!

She hugs his neck from behind.

NOSIPHO

Whatchu doing?

ANDILE

Working.

NOSIPHO

Am I disturbing?

ANDILE

Hell naw! I'll always make time for my cuz.

NOSIPHO

Ncoh, that's sweet. Skeff!

You smoke?

NOSIPHO

No.

She takes the cigarette from his hand.

NOSIPHO (CONT'D)

But I'm willing to try new things.

She sits on the couch. She inhales. It's too much it makes her cough.

ANDILE

Easy!

NOSIPHO

Dang, take your thing!

She gives the cigarette back. She then picks up a guitar and start pressing any string she can, not caring if it sounds good at all.

NOSIPHO

Hey cuz...

ANDILE

Yeah?

NOSIPHO

When are you coming back home?

ANDILE

I am home.

NOSIPHO

You know what I mean. I mean home. The village. They really miss you, you know. We all do.

Andile sighs and think.

ANDILE

I have a lot of responsibilities here. I cannot leave.

Well...your anties wanted me to tell you that we'll always be there for you. That will always be your home. If you ever feel alone...remember you got a family.

Andile is touched.

NOSIPHO

So...are you still a virgin?

Andile look at her. He is not comfortable with her question.

NOSIPHO

What I'm just asking?

(beat)

Hey do you remember when we were still young? And you had a crush on my friend but you were too sared to tell her?

ANDILE

(chuckles)

Yeah. What was her name again?

NOSIPHO

Amanda.

ANDILE

Yes Amanda. She was so hot!

NOSIPHO

We used to have so much fun together! Just the two of us.

ANDILE

You know what I remember? I remember that old women who we used to steal peaches from?

NOSIPHO

Oh yeah, that old, scary lady that lived alone! She's still alive you know.

ANDILE

What?! No!

Yes!

ANDILE

Damn! She's never going anywhere.

They both laugh.

INT. BATHROOM/ANDILE'S HOME - NIGHT

Andile is walking into the bathroom. Unaware that it's occupied, he is startled when he sees Nosipho wearing nothing but a towel.

ANDILE

Oh sorry!

He quickly closes the door. Nosipho has earphones on her ears so she is not aware of this. Andile pause for a second on the door thinking about what he just saw. He wants to see more. He slowly pushes the door open and watch as the totally oblivious Nosipho carefully puts lotion on her leg while singing along with a song of which she doesn't know most the lyrics to. Somehow, strangely enough, Andile finds this sexy.

INT. KITCHEN/ANDILE'S HOME - NIGHT, MOMENTS LATER

Andile is sitting on the chair, trying to figure out what has just happened to him. Nosipho walks out of the bathroom, still wearing the towel. She spots Andile in the kitchen.

NOSIPHO

Oh hey. Can you help me? Can you come do my back? Silence. Andile is shocked.

ANDILE

What?

NOSIPHO

Can you come do my back.

ANDILE

Me?

NOSIPHO

Yes, you Andile. Why are you being so strange about it? Come!

She walks back to the bathroom. Andile stands up awkwardly and follows her.

INT. BATHROOM/ANDILE'S HOME- NIGHT, CONTINUOUS

Andile slowly walks in. Nosipho is already waiting for him. He approaches, trying not to be awkward but the harder he tries the more awkward he gets.

NOSIPHO

What's wrong with you?

ANDILE

Nothing.

NOSIPHO

You're sure?

ANDILE

Yeah.

He touches her back.

NOSIPHO

Uhm...don't forget the Dawn.

ANDILE

Oh yeah, ofcos, sure.

He reaches for the Dawn. He takes it, pours it at his hand and puts it on Nosipho's back. Slowly. He's staying at the top.

NOSIPHO

Don't be afraid to go down.

ANDILE

No I think I'll stay up here.

NOSIPHO

Stop playing Andile, go down.

Andile pause and sighs.

ANDILE

Down.

He slowly and gently applies the lotion downwards her back. He realise he's too far.

I'm sorry! I cannot do this! I'm really sorry!
Nosipho turns around, concerned.

NOSIPHO

What?! What's wrong?!

ANDILE

I don't know, I just...I just can't!

NOSIPHO

You can't what? Touch my back? We are siblings.

She notices the big bump on his pants. We don't see it. It is freaking her out. She covers herself.

NOSIPHO (CONT'D)

Oh my God! Get out! GET OUT!!!

Andile runs out.

INT. ANDILE'S BEDROOM/ANDILE'S HOME - NIGHT

Andile walks in, freaking out.

ANDILE

Oh God, what is happening to me?!

He is pacing up and down.

ANDILE (CONT'D)

She's my cousin! She's my cousin! If she's my cousin, it's almost like she's my sister! Yes! Yes yes yes! She's my sister! I'm her brother! She's my sister!

He calms himself down and sit on the bed.

ANDILE

But there's nothing wrong with fantasizing a little.

INT. SITTING ROOM - NIGHT

Andile is on his computer. Nosipho approaches and sit on the couch. She stares at him with a straight face. He sits up. He is not comfortable. He tries ignoring her but can't. She is just sitting there staring at him.

I'm sorry! Okay? I....I don't know what's gotten into me. Seriously, I....

He sighs.

NOSIPHO

Let's smoke some weed!

He looks at her, confused.

ANDILE

What?

NOSIPHO

You heard. Let's smoke weed.

EXT. ANDILE'S HOME - NIGHT

Andile and Nosipho are laying on the grass in the yard, facing up and smoking weed. Nosipho is laughing, they are both high.

ANDILE

What's funny? I'm trying to tell you about my problems and you're laughing!

NOSIPHO

(laughing hard)

Oh my God! Oh my God! I'm sorry! What did she say?

ANDILE

She said, no girl wants a virgin.

She laughs some more.

NOSIPHO

Ah sorry cuz!

(she gets serious)

She's a fool though.

ANDILE

How come?

NOSIPHO

She's blind. She doesn't see a good guy in front of her.

Right? I mean...there's nothing I did wrong! I always gave her attention. I'm always there for her. I never judged her. I forgave her every time she cheated. I guess I just wasn't enough.

NOSIPHO

I'll be honest with you. She doesn't sound like a kind of girl you should be dating. She doesn't sound like your type.

ANDILE

Do I even have a type?

NOSIPHO

Everybody has a type. And you...you're a good guy. You deserve a good girl.

ANDILE

She is a good girl.

NOSIPHO

You really believe that?

ANDILE

Yeah...

NOSIPHO

She slept with your best friend!

ANDILE

She's not on her right mind at the moment. She's going through a rough patch.

NOSIPHO

Oh my God!

ANDILE

You don't understand I... I love her.

NOSIPHO

No, you're blinded! You think you love her!

ANDILE

Either way...I'll get her back!

And how do you plan to do that?

ANDILE

I don't know yet but first I must get rid of my virginity.

Nosipho sighs. She look at Andile who look at her too. She inhales the weed and hold it in. She moves her head closer to his and exhales as he inhales. He then look up and exhales. Nosipho keeps staring at him. She hold his chin and turns his face to hers.

NOSIPHO

(whispering)

Tonight is your lucky night.

ANDILE

(whispering)

How so?

NOSIPHO

(whispering)

You gonna loose your virginity.

He kisses her.

INT. KITCHEN/ANDILE'S HOME - DAY

Nosipho is washing dishes on the sink. Andile walks in and pause on the entrance when he sees her. It's about to get awkward.

ANDILE

Morning.

She pause. She doesn't look at him.

NOSIPHO

(resuming)

Morning.

Andile walks to the cupboard and keep himself busy. There is dead silence.

ANDILE

About last night...

Again, she pause.

NOSIPHO

(resuming)

What about last night?

ANDILE

I don't know.

(beat)

Do we talk about it?

NOSIPHO

I don't think we should. It wasn't supposed to happen. And it will never happen again. Right?

Silence. Nosipho pause.

NOSIPHO

Right?

ANDILE

Right.

They resume whatever they are doing.

EXT. TAXI STOP - DAY

Nosipho is waiting for a taxi on the taxi stop. She is carrying a hand bag and a couple of books by hand. A few feet away stands Thato who is also waiting for a taxi. He has a backpack on. He checks his time and then decide to go stand with Nosipho. Nosipho smiles at him and look down.

THATO

These bloody taxis never come when you really need them!

NOSIPHO

Yeah what's up with that?! I've been waiting for almost an hour.

THATO

It's the norm around here. Especially this time of the day.

NOSIPHO

Gash!

Thato takes some time looking and admiring her. She notices.

NOSIPHO

(blushing)

What?

(playfully)

Do I have something on my face?

THATO

No. I'm just trying to figure out why haven't I seen you around here before.

NOSIPHO

(roll eyes)

That's cause I'm new in town genius.

THATO

Oh! What's your name?

NOSIPHO

What's your name?

THATO

I'm Thato.

NOSIPHO

Thato?

THATO

Yeah Thato.

NOSIPHO

Are you a Zulu?

THATO

Yeah.

NOSIPHO

Well FYI, Thato is not a Zulu name.

THATO

(chuckles)

I know that.

She also chuckles and look down. Thato notices the books on her hand.

THATO

Are we going to the same place?

NOSIPHO

That depends. Where are you going?

THATO

School.

NOSIPHO

FET?

THATO

Yeah.

NOSIPHO

Yeah me too. It's my first day.

THATO

Oh, welcome.

NOSIPHO

Thank you.

THATO

Which course?

NOSIPHO

BA.

THATO

What! We're in the same class!

NOSIPHO

No ways!

THATO

Yes! I guess I'm your new friend.

NOSIPHO

Cool.

THATO

You didn't tell me your name.

NOSIPHO

(blushing)

I'm Nosipho.

THATO

Okay. Nice to meet you Nosipho.

NOSIPHO

Nice to meet you too.

THATO

Well FYI, Nosipho is a beautiful name.

Nosipho smiles. She is charmed.

EXT. ANDILE'S HOME - DAY

Andile is laying on the bench in the yard. Nosipho approaches, coming from school. She stands over him. She is in a good mood.

NOSIPHO

Hey, hey, hey!

ANDILE

Hey! You're back!

NOSIPHO

Yes darling!

ANDILE

So soon?!

NOSIPHO

Uh huh!

Andile sits up.

ANDILE

So...how was your first day?

NOSIPHO

Not bad! Not bad at all!

Andile stares at her.

NOSIPHO

What?

ANDILE

What are you so happy about?

NOSIPHO

Well...I met someone.

ANDILE

Someone?

NOSIPHO

A guy.

ANDILE

A guy? You met a guy?

NOSIPHO

Yes. He seemed cool, calm and he had that vibe that I find attractive.

This is not Andile's favorite subject. He fakes a smile.

NOSIPHO (CONT'D)

We're in the same class. So he asked me out and I agreed. We're going on our first date tonight.

Andile feels betrayed.

NOSIPHO

Come on, I'm your cousin! Be happy for me!

ANDILE

I am.

NOSIPHO

You're not even smiling.

Andile fakes a smile.

NOSIPHO

(rolls eyes)

Gash! Let me go prepare what I'm gonna wear.

She stands up and walk to the house. Andile is left dejected.

INT. SITTING ROOM/ANDILE'S HOME - NIGHT

There is a knock on the door. Andile comes from the bedroom and walk to the door. He opens. It's Thato. He is wearing a smart shirt.

ANDILE

Thato?!

THATO

Andile.

It is sour between the two.

THATO (CONT'D)

May I come in?

Andile pause for a while, then moves away from the door.

ANDILE

What brings you here?

THATO

(clears trout)

I'm...I'm here to take Nosipho out.

ANDILE

What?!

Thato nods.

ANDILE (CONT'D)

Wait, you're the guy he was talking about? But...what about Zuzu?

THATO

Well...

Nosipho walks out of her bedroom, wearing a beautiful dress.

NOSIPHO

Thato. You're here.

They both stare.

THATO

Wow! You look...you look beautiful.

(blushing)

Thank you.

Andile is speechless.

THATO

Shall we go then?

NOSIPHO

Yeah of course.

Thato opens the door for her. She waves Andile goodbye.

THATO

(to Andile)

See you later.

Thato exits. Andile pushes the door closed. What has just happened?

EXT. ANDILE'S HOME - DAY, LATER

Nosipho and Thato walk in. Thato is laughing at a joke he just shared. Nosipho is bored. They get to the front door.

THATO

So...I've walked you to your door.

NOSIPHO

Yeah thanks.

THATO

Do you want me to come in?

NOSIPHO

No it's alright.

THATO

Kay...I had a great time tonight.

Nosipho fakes a smile.

THATO

I really like you Nosipho.

Nosipho scoffs.

THATO (CONT'D)

I know I might be rushing things but there's no better time than the presence, right?

Silence.

THATO

Anything you want to say to me?

NOSIPHO

Do you have a girlfriend?

THATO

What?

NOSIPHO

DO, YOU, HAVE, A GIRLFRIEND?

THATO

No.

NOSIPHO

Don't lie.

THATO

Why are you asking me this?

NOSIPHO

Please answer me.

Pause.

THATO

Yes I do.

NOSIPHO

Is she my cousin's ex?

He just stares at her with confusion.

NOSIPHO

Well then it won't work out between you and me. Goodnight.

She walks in the house.

THATO

Wait....I thought we had a great time!

Thato is confused.

INT. ANDILE'S HOME - NIGHT

She walks in and closes the door. She then lean on it and make a huge sigh.

INT. BATHROOM/ANDILE'S HOME - MEANWHILE

CLOSE UP ON A HAND CARRYING A CIGARETTE OVER THE BATHTUB.

Andile is on the bathtub under the water. He comes up. He sits back and smoke his cigarette, depressed.

Nosipho knocks and opens the door.

NOSIPHO

Hey. Can I come in?

Andile just look the other side. Nosipho walks in and sit over the bathtub.

NOSIPHO

(down)

So...how was your night?

Andile is mad at her.

ANDILE

I'm guessing your date didn't go well!

She look at him. She can't believe him.

NOSIPHO

Andile why are so mad at me? What did I do to you? Andile scoffs.

NOSIPHO (CONT'D)

You're not my boyfriend, you're my cousin! I can date who I want!

ANDILE

Yes! And you decide to date the same guy that slept with my girlfriend!

Did I know that?

ANDILE

Now that you know. What will you do?

Silence. Nosipho slowly stands up and sit on the floor next to the bathtub. She takes the cigarette off his hand and smoke.

NOSTPHO

I'm sorry if I hurt you. I don't mean to. If there's a reason, it's because I'm also confused.

Andile look at him, easing up.

NOSIPHO (CONT'D)

What are we doing? What are we? What is this? If you know please tell me cause I'm confused. I don't even know what to write on my diary.

ANDILE

Ncoh. You write about me in your diary?

She smiles. Andile look at her for a while.

ANDILE

Hey.

She looks.

ANDILE (CONT'D)

I don't know what it is too.

(grabs her chin)

But I'm loving it.

NOSIPHO

Me too.

They kiss.

INT. ANDILE'S BEDROOM - DAWN

Andile and Nosipho are sleeping on the bed together. Andile is awake and Nosipho is still asleep on his chest. Andile hears a knock on the door. He slowly gets out of bed, careful not to wake Nosipho. He puts on his pants and walk out.

INT. SITTING ROOM - DAY

Andile walks from the bedroom door to the front door. He unlocks the door and opens it. Zuzu awaits on the other side of the door.

ZUZU

Baby!

She rushes in, grabs Andile and kiss him. Andile stops her.

ANDILE

Whoa, what is going on?!

ZUZU

Baby I'm sorry I ever left you! I don't know what was wrong with me but I wasn't thinking straight!

Andile doesn't know how to react.

ANDILE

Woah, wait, woah! Rewind! Where is this coming from all of a sudden?

ZUZU

I realized how much I loved you! You treated me good Andile! You treated me with respect. What more can a girl ask for? I was a fool! Okay! I made a foolish mistake. I've been regretting it from the day I made it.

Andile is starting to believe her. He has a soft spot for this girl.

ANDILE

What about Thato?

ZUZU

Forget about Thato. He's not even half the man you are!

ANDILE

I don't know Zuzu I...

ZUZU

(finger on his mouth)

Shhhh...All you need to know is that I love you. And that I'm sorry!

He is convinced. She goes ahead and kisses him. He let's her. After the kiss, Andile realise that Nosipho has been watching. Upset, she storms to her room.

ANDILE

Fuck!

He rushes to Nosipho.

ZUZU

Andile!

INT. GUESTROOM - DAY

Nosipho is packing her suitcase. Andile walks in.

ANDILE

Nosipho! What's going on? What are you doing?

NOSIPHO

What does it look like I'm doing?

ANDILE

It looks like you're leaving!

She claps her hands sarcastically.

NOSIPHO

Correct!!! Well done, you're a genuis!

She continue packing with rage.

ANDILE

Where are you going?

She keeps quiet.

ANDILE (CONT'D)

Can we talk about this!

NOSIPHO

There's nothing to talk about. Your girlfriend came back! You're supposed to be celebrating.

ANDILE

I don't understand why you're mad?! I mean you knew this was going to happen. I told you that I love her and that I'll try to get her back.

And what was I? A free pass to loosing your virginity?

ANDILE

Come on that's not fair. You said it yourself. I'm not your boyfriend.

Nosipho is hurt.

NOSIPHO

(emotional)

You need to grow up Andile! You need to grow up cuz.

She grabs her luggage, walk pass him and leave. He notices that she left her diary on the bed. He takes it and sit on the bed. He opens it. It's written:

Dear Diary

I've been battling with these feelings ever since we first kissed. But I think I love him. I think I love my cousin!

Andile thinks. Zuzu appears at the door.

ZUZU

Who the hell is that?! What is she doing here? He just look at her.

ANDILE

Do you think it's possible?

ZUZU

What are you talking about?

ANDILE

Do you think it's possible for siblings to be in love?

ZUZU

(totally lost)

Huh?

ANDILE

(to himself)

I think I love her too!

ZUZU

Who? That bitch!

He stand up.

ANDILE

I love her too! I have to stop her!

He walks to the door but Zuzu block it.

ANDILE (CONT'D)

Move!

ZUZU

Tell me what's going on?

ANDILE

You wanna know what's going on?

ZUZU

Yes!

ANDILE

What's going on is you're not fooling anyone!

ZUZU

Huh?

ANDILE

You're a hypocrite Zuzu. You keep on telling people that you're a born again Christian but we all know that you're bitch!

Zuzu is shocked.

ANDILE

Move out of my way!

He walks pass her.

EXT. STREET - DAY

Nosipho is dragging her suitcase on the street. Andile runs after her. He holds her and turn her around.

ANDILE

Nosipho! Nosipho! Nosipho!

Let me go Andile!

ANDILE

Wait, listen! Let me say something!

NOSIPHO

You said everything you needed to say Andile.

ANDILE

Please Nosipho! Please! One minute! Just one!

Pause.

NOSIPHO

One minute! Talk!

ANDILE

Okay...

(sighs)

I'm a fool. Okay. I don't even know what to say. But you were right. I was blinded. Not even by love. See I had this fantasy. I thought that deep down inside Zuzu was good girl. And I really believed that...

NOSIPHO

Did you stop me to talk about Zuzu?!

ANDILE

No. No. I want to talk about us. Me and you. Look I know that we are cousins. And we had a great time growing together. But there's no doubts that these few days has been the best of my life! Now I can stand here in front of you and pretend that this is not love. But I've been running away from the truth all my life! I'm tired of running. I love Nosipho. I don't how or why or what's going to happen for that matter. All I know is I love you.

He takes her hands.

ANDILE (CONT'D)

And I don't want you to go. Please don't go.

She sighs.

But we are cousins.

ANDILE

I know. And I don't care! Nosipho you've showed me great joy. Made me feel things I've never felt. I'm not letting you go.

She let's go.

NOSIPHO

You don't have a choice.

ANDILE

What? But...don't you love me?

She thinks.

NOSIPHO

No.

Andile is crushed.

ANDILE

But...

NOSIPHO

Even if I do. Our love can never exist. You need to understand that.

She turns around to leave.

ANDILE

Wait. Where are you going to stay?

NOSIPHO

Don't worry about me. I met a friend at school. She'll help me.

ANDILE

But...

NOSIPHO

Go home cuz. Go home.

She turns around and walk away.

WE WATCH FROM THE DISTANCE AS THE TWO PART WAYS.