

**Nandi** (FEMALE - 14 years). She is a school girl, a little naïve and smitten with a new guy.

The two girls are best friends chilling outside on the school playground. In a quieter area talking about guys.

**NANDI**

The phone's nice...

YOLANDA

(waves phone around)

Yes gal!

**NANDI**

He just gave you all this stuff?

YOLANDA

He's got great taste neh?

**NANDI**

Be careful chomza  
you know how Phumlani likes to change  
his girls regularly.

YOLANDA

He gets what he wants,  
I get what I want.

**NANDI**

That's what you say now,  
but just wait until you meet the right man.  
'Love changes everything.'

*Nandi rubs her stomach. Yolanda shakes her head - exasperated.*

YOLANDA

Di, you can't go on like this.  
You keep saying you'll tell him.  
When?

**NANDI**

I tried. I hardly see him anymore.  
He's been busy. (Beat)  
Don't worry about me chomi.  
Everything will work out.  
It's all part of God's plan.

**Amahle** (FEMALE - 17year) A party girl that loves the attention of men, but doesn't take any nonsense. She's confident and street wise.

The two girls are catching up over lunch.

**AMAHLE**

So, you and Aaron  
on the one's and two's, right!  
It's been a long set?

MSIZI

Ja something like that. We're together now.

**AMAHLE**

As long as you're protecting yourself girl,  
I say keep having fun.

Msizi keeps quiet for a beat. Amahle notes this.

**AMAHLE** (CONT'D)

You are doing it safely, right?

MSIZI

It's chilled. We're safe.

**AMAHLE**

I've still got my eye on that Spencer .  
I like him. Super cute, for days.  
But I don't know if he's shy or scared.  
Has he said anything to you about me?  
What's his vibe?

MSIZI (evasive)

I don't know.

*(Amahle's not entirely sold, but chooses to let it go.)*

**SANDILE** (Male - 22year) A working student, trying to make money and start his own business. Brooding over his girl leaving him.

SANDILE has a visit from his old friend TENDAI. They catch up over drinks at a bar.

**SANDILE**

I'm glad you're here fam! It's been lonely.  
I miss her man! (deep sigh)  
I thought being out here would be fun  
But after work all I do is come back here  
and stare at the walls.

TENDAI

Your boy's here now.  
We're gonna paint this town red!

**SANDILE**

(laughs) I'm down.  
Only until Yomi returns.

TENDAI

No problemo! Dude it's just so good  
to be here. Far away from Zim.

**SANDILE**

Away from Zim, or away from Nia?

TENDAI

That woman turned my life into a  
misery. Every place I went to, I was seen as 'that guy'.  
(frustrated)

**SANDILE**

What really happened? You never  
told me.

Tendai

This guy. How long have you known  
me fam?

**SANDILE**

Even righteous men can do harm Tendai.  
Believe me, I know.

**Jay** (Male - 15 year) A charmer and a musician, always surrounded by lots of girls but only has eyes for one.

Jay has gone over to his girlfriend's place in the hope he can spend a little time with her.

**Jay**

Hey babe,  
thought I'd check on my favourite girl!

PALESA

I'm on my way out ntwana.  
Why don't you check on your other girls!

**Jay**

(Exasperated)  
Why do you always do this?  
It's like you're trying to push me away.  
Do you think I'd come all this way for just anyone?

PALESA

(annoyed)  
I don't have time for your nonsense this morning.  
I've got to get to work.

**Jay**

Am I going to see you at all this weekend?  
You're always busy these days.

PALESA (annoyed)

Don't start. You know how hard it's been.

**Jay**

Relax. I just miss you. Am I not allowed to miss you now? I just wanna spend time with my girlfriend but I feel like you're neglecting me.