

Magoebaskloof Pass

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A high-schooler must suffer the taunts of her rival for the sake of preserving her only friendship, all the while having to navigate through the Magoebaskloof pass while on a school camp.

INT. RESTAURANT PLAYGROUND - AFTERNOON

PAIGE (12) is sitting on a swing by herself in the empty playground. There is two presents by the door and a large sign above the doorframe reading 'Happy Birthday.'

WOMAN (O.S.)

Is this the party? Sorry that we are late.

Paige jolts up to see AMY (12) walking towards her. Amy stops in front of her and outstretches her hand.

AMY

You look like you could use a friend.

Paige hesitantly takes her hand. Amy smiles and Paige returns a smile back.

EXT. HIGHSCHOOL - CORIDOR - DAY

PAIGE (16) and AMY (16) walk alongside.

PAIGE

I wonder what the announcement is?

AMY

Could be anything really. I hope they cancel a class or something like that.

PAIGE

It is a strange time to call an announcement.

AMY

Don't think about it to much, you might just be disappointed.

Paige and Amy turn into a class.

INT. HIGHSCHOOL - CLASS - CONTINUOUS

Paige and Amy sit next to each other as OTHER STUDENTS enter. As everyone takes a seat, the teacher, MELANIE, walks in with a stack of papers in hand.

MELANIE

Good day students. As you know we are approaching your leadership camp.

(MORE)

MELANIE (CONT'D)

We will be doing something a bit  
different than a three day camp this  
year.

Paige is listening intently. Amy leans close to her.

AMY

(whisper)

I don't like the sound of that.

Paige motions Amy to be quiet.

PAIGE

(whisper)

Just listen.

Amy shrugs and sinks back into her chair.

MELANIE

You will all be going to Mahoebaskloof  
Pass for your leadership camp for  
seven days--

The class uproars in protest.

AMY

(loudly)

Seven days?

PAIGE

(to herself)

That is a very long time.

Melanie hits the desk violently, silencing the class. She  
eyes the class seriously and raises the papers for everyone  
to see.

MELANIE

I will be handing out a list of  
equipment and items that you must  
bring in order to have a pleasant  
trip.

She walks around the class handing the papers out.

MELANIE (CONT'D)

It is compulsory so you all have to  
go, unless you have a valid reason--

Amy abruptly puts her hand up.

AMY  
(loudly)  
Is your parents getting a divorce a  
valid reason?

Melanie rolls her eyes at Amy.

MELANIE  
Your parents aren't getting divorced,  
Amy.

AMY  
It was an honest question in case  
someone is going through it.

Melanie pauses. She takes a deep breath and hands out more  
papers.

MELANIE  
As I was saying, you need to be very  
well prepared for this trip. Don't  
pack a bag that will be too heavy to  
carry because we will be moving around  
from camp to camp in the mountains.

Another wave of student protesting. Melanie takes a few steps  
towards the door. She smugly cocks her head to the side.

MELANIE (CONT'D)  
(loudly)  
Your parents have also been emailed  
all this information and more.

She leaves. Amy stands up, upset.

AMY  
That is such a long time to be away  
from home. We have to carry all the  
stuff we bring? How are we going to be  
well prepared with a weight limit?

PAIGE  
Don't think about it too much, you just  
might get disappointed.

Amy pauses and stares seriously at Paige. Paige smirks back.

AMY  
Quoting me was not funny.

PAIGE  
It was for me.

Paige smiles and Amy smiles back.

INT. PAIGE'S HOME - BEDROOM - NIGHT

Paige's bed has a large brown camping bag on it, the floor is covered with clothes and equipment. Paige is struggling to fit a small pillow in her bag.

PAIGE  
For the love of chocolate, please fit!

She wrestles with the bag. Her MOM enters the room with a horrified expression.

MOM  
You haven't finished packing yet?

She flops over the bag, dramatically exhausted.

PAIGE  
I didn't think it was going to be this hard.

MOM  
Here, let me help you.

Mom goes to the bag and takes the pillow, fitting it on top of the bag.

MOM (CONT'D)  
Rather than trying to fit the pillow in I'll give you a plastic bag for it so you can strap it on, from the top of the bag.

Paige blinks, surprised.

PAIGE  
That will actually work, thanks mom.

Mom looks at the floor and noticed the thick brown jacket and green plastic tarp on the ground.

MOM  
Please take that jacket and tarp.

Paige turns, glancing at the jacket and tarp. She shakes her head, casually.

PAIGE  
I won't need it.

MOM  
(loud)  
Trust me you will.

PAIGE  
(louder)  
No.

Mom pauses. She points seriously at the jacket and tarp.

MOM  
Take it or never have chocolate again.

Paige pauses and narrows her eyes at her mom.

PAIGE  
That is cruel!

Her mom proudly folds her arms over her chest. Her mom then notices the friendship bracelet resting on Paige's phone on the bed-side table.

MOM  
(confused)  
Why are you taking that?

Paige glances at the bracelet and picks it up and caresses it between her fingers.

PAIGE  
Amy agreed to share a tent with me. It  
will be a nice to bond. She did  
promise to bring hers.

Her mom nods in agreement.

INT. HIGHSCHOOL - BUS - MORNING

Paige hops into the bus with her bracelet on, she immediately notices Amy sitting next to KERRY (16). Paige licks her lips nervously as she approaches them. Amy, in the middle seat, and Kerry, in the window seat, are laughing together.

AMY  
(to Kerry)  
I know, right?

PAIGE  
(nervously)  
Hi.

Amy smiles and taps the isle seat next to her.

AMY  
Hi, come sit.

Paige glances at Kerry then back at Amy.

PAIGE  
Can I speak to you, privately?

Amy too, glances at Kerry then back at Paige.

AMY  
Sure.

Amy and Paige move further down the bus, away from Kerry.

AMY (CONT'D)  
What's the matter?

PAIGE  
Why are you sitting with her?

AMY  
We got talking and she is pretty  
chill.

PAIGE  
You know that she is a terrible person  
she teases me a lot.

Amy rolls her eyes at Paige.

AMY  
That was years ago. I'm sure she is  
not like that anymore. Trust me.

Amy comfortably hold Paige's hand. Paige suddenly looks at Amy's wrists, no bracelet. Paige sighs, but nods understandingly.

PAIGE  
(disappointed)  
I trust you.

Amy smiles and marches forward.

AMY  
Cool, come on.

Paige follows her, glances at Kerry, concerned.

EXT. MAHOEBASKLOOF PASS - BUS - DAY

Amy and Kerry exit the bus laughing. Paige follows them, she suddenly pauses looking up at the impressive mountain range. Suddenly PRECIOUS (16) accidentally bumps into Paige.

PRECIOUS  
Sorry, I need to start using my eyes.

Precious laughs, but Paige stares at her, unimpressed. Precious's smile fades. Paige continues towards Amy and Kerry.

EXT. MAHOEBASKLOOF PASS - CAMP 1 - CONTINUOUS

Paige catches up to them. Amy and Kerry have already chosen a spot for their tent, standing next to tent parts. Amy sees Paige and smiles.

AMY  
Paige, you've been out camping with your parents a lot, can you put this together?

Paige looks at the tent parts and nods.

PAIGE  
Yeah, it looks like a two-person tent. It should be fairly easy.

Kerry smiles and nudges Amy, Paige notices and watches Amy intensely.

AMY  
Would it be fine if Kerry joined us in the tent?

Paige frowns, pointing to the tent parts as a matter-of-factly.

PAIGE  
But it's a two-person tent.

Kerry motions with her hands.



KERRY  
We can squish in.

Paige pauses. She looks at the tent parts and back at Amy, who looks at Paige hopefully.

PAIGE  
I don't know.

AMY  
Let's just try for one night. If it doesn't work then we won't do it again.

Paige pauses again, she slowly nods. Kerry smiles widely.

PAIGE  
Okay.

EXT. MAHOEBASKLOOF PASS - CAMP 1 - HOURS LATER

Paige wipes the sweat from her forehead, standing proudly in front of the tent. Dark clouds are gathering overhead. Amy claps furiously.

AMY  
(encouragingly)  
Well done Paige! I can't believe you did that all by yourself.

Paige smiles.

PAIGE  
It wasn't that hard!

KERRY  
Very well done!

Kerry smiles at Paige too, Paige does not return the smile. Kerry ignores it and steps past Paige into the tent. Paige sighs deeply.

PAIGE  
There really is not enough space for all three of us.

Kerry glances around from inside the tent.

KERRY  
There is if I lie flat in the middle and you and Amy lie on your sides.

Paige shakes her head.

PAIGE

Even if we sleep on our sides we will  
be right against the tent's walls.

Amy places a comforting hand on Paige's shoulder. Amy smiles at Paige and Paige hesitantly smiles back.

AMY

As long as it doesn't rain, I'm sure  
it's fine.

Paige raises her head and eyes the dark clouds nervously.

EXT. MAHOEBASKLOOF PASS - CAMP 1 - CONTINUOUS

Precious is staring at Paige, Amy and Kerry. She frowns as she takes a bite from a biltong stick.

PRECIOUS

I see trouble.

Precious watches as Paige and Amy go into the tent. Precious raises an eyebrow.

PRECIOUS (CONT'D)

And a lots of it.

INT. MAHOEBASKLOOF PASS - CAMP 1 - TENT - NIGHT

Paige is lying on her side as a storm rages outside. Water is running down the tent walls and seeping through onto Paige. Thunder rumbles and Paige frowns deeply.

PAIGE

Never again.

Paige raises her head and glances at Kerry, sleeping peacefully in the middle. Paige sees Amy, Amy stares back and motions Paige to be quiet. Paige frowns and points at Kerry.

PAIGE (CONT'D)

(whisper)

We could kill her, and no one will  
know.

EXT. MAHOEBASKLOOF PASS - CAMP 1 - MORNING

Melanie walks into the camp and notices that no one is up yet. She smiles mischievously and types in to her phone for a

moment. Suddenly the phone plays Reveille at the loudest volume.

Everyone launch out their tents Paige, Kerry and Amy with wild hair and wild eyes. Melanie laughs as Reveille finishes.

MELANIE

Morning boys and girls today is the first day of camp. Pack your things and we will get a move on. Every day you will walk to the next campsite that can be between ten to twenty kilometers away.

Groans of protests from the group.

MELANIE (CONT'D)

Also, I will assign you a leader everyday, who will have the map and who's job it will be to get you to the next camp site in one piece.

Melanie walks towards Paige and hands her a map.

MELANIE

Today will be Paige leading the way. Enjoy.

Paige watches as Melanie leaves. Amy nudges Paige's shoulder enthusiastically.

AMY

Nice Paige!

Kerry smirks.

KERRY

Don't get us killed!

EXT. MAHOEBASKLOOF PASS - CAMP 1 - CONTINUOUS

Precious visible pales, staring at Paige.

PRECIOUS

We are all going to die.

One of Precious's friends, TANYA (16) hits Precious on the head.

TANYA

Get over yourself.

EXT. MAHOEBASKLOOF PASS - DIRT ROAD - 4 HOURS LATER

Paige and the other girls of the group are marching along a dirt road, with their bags, surrounded by veld grassland. Paige is intensely studying the map.

AMY

When they said Mahoebaskloof pass I thought we would be actually going through Mahoebaskloof pass, not all these twisting roads in the middle of nowhere.

PAIGE

I think it is more for safety, going on the long flat roads to get to the top rather than straight up the mountains.

Paige is memorizing the route.

KERRY

This way is so boring through... and it is hot!

Paige rolls her eyes at Kerry's complaints. Kerry notices and whispers something into Amy's ear. Amy nods.

KERRY

(loudly)

Is there no other way, through the trees, so we can be cooler?

Paige abruptly stops, halting the entire group. Paige focuses on Kerry.

PAIGE

No, we have to follow the map to get to camp. We might get lost if we leave the path.

KERRY

You are the leader so you should do what is best for the group.

Paige frowns deeply at Kerry.

PAIGE

I am doing what is best for the group.

Kerry pauses and places her hands on her hips. Paige grits her teeth.

KERRY

Are you?

Paige stares at Kerry seriously. She then glances at the rest of the girls behind Kerry.

PAIGE

(loudly)

Does anyone else want to leave the path because of the heat?

Precious's hand pops out from the group with a thumbs up.

PRECIOUS

All good for the path back here!

Paige turns back to Kerry with a smug smile.

PAIGE

(to Kerry)

See? Majority rule.

Kerry shakes her head, her jaw tensing. Amy approaches Paige.

AMY

Paige, please.

She sighs deeply, rising the map.

PAIGE

I'm not changing the route just because one person is struggling with the heat.

AMY

But Paige--

Suddenly a cow moos loudly beside them. The girls jump back with fright. Paige hesitates and moves slowly towards the tall grass beside them. Paige pushes the grass to the side to reveal a brown cow with a rope and bell around its neck. The cow moos loudly again in Paige's face. All the girls laugh and so does Paige.

PAIGE  
I think I just found the answer to  
your problems Kerry.

Paige glances back at Kerry. Kerry frowns, slightly confused.

EXT. MAHOEBASKLOOF PASS - DIRT ROAD - 2 HOURS LATER

Paige is leading the cow by the rope. Kerry is riding on top of the cow and the other girls are following close behind. Paige squints her eyes into the distance and smiles widely.

PAIGE  
There is the camp guys!

The girls cheer.

AMY  
Thank goodness it wasn't too long of a  
walk.

Amy and Kerry laugh.

KERRY  
No kidding, my back was getting so  
burnt.

Paige glances at the cow then back up at Kerry, unimpressed.

PAIGE  
Let's leave the cow and walk the rest  
of the way.

Kerry nods and slides off the cow.

KERRY  
No problem.

Paige leads the cow in the opposite direction of the camp. She lets go and the cow continues in that direction.

PAIGE  
(to herself)  
A cow riding a cow, ironic.

EXT. MAHOEBASKLOOF PASS - CAMP 2 - NIGHT

Melanie is handing out plates of food with pap, gravy, dry chicken and peas on the side. The girls have lined up, ready to receive them.

MELANIE

Grab dinner everyone! You have an even longer day tomorrow!

Paige is waiting in line behind Kerry and Amy, they are laughing. Paige watches them, worried. Amy turns to Paige, smiling.

AMY

Paige?

Paige looks up at Amy.

PAIGE

(nervously)

Yes?

AMY

Do you mind if you fetched our food while Kerry and I quickly go to the bathroom?

Paige looks away, unsure.

PAIGE

Um--

Amy and Kerry jump enthusiastically towards Paige, their hands clasped together pleadingly.

AMY

Please!

KERRY

Please!

Paige pauses for a moment, but sighs and nods.

PAIGE

Okay fine, but how--

AMY

You're the best!

Amy and Kerry rush off giggling, leaving Paige alone. Paige sighs deeply, disappointed.

PAIGE

(to herself)

How am I going to carry three plates of food on my own?

EXT. MAHOEBASKLOOF PASS - CAMP 2 - MOMENTS LATER

Paige is balancing the three plates on her arms and very slowly making her way towards the fire to sit with the other girls.

AMY (O.S.)  
That is so cool.

Paige looks up and sees Amy and Kerry sitting by the fire laughing. Paige glances down at the food she is struggling with, then back at Amy and Kerry laughing at the fire.

Precious stands next to Paige, looking at Amy and Kerry too.

PRECIOUS  
That's unfortunate that they did that to you.

Paige darts towards her, unaware of her presence. Paige glances back at Amy and Kerry.

PAIGE  
They didn't mean it.

Precious rolls her eyes.

PRECIOUS  
(sarcastic)  
Sure they didn't, but here you are, and there they are.

Paige shakes head.

PAIGE  
(defensively)  
You don't know anything.

PRECIOUS  
Don't be rude about it.

Paige leaves to approach Amy and Kerry. Amy notices and waves at Paige.

AMY  
Hey! We just got back a few minutes ago.

KERRY  
Thanks for brining our food.



Paige hands them their plates and takes a seat next to them.

PAIGE

No problem.

Melanie arrives at the fire.

MELANIE

Evening girls, you will not be in tents tonight, but rather escorted to different areas in the bush for a night of solitude to reflect on yourself as a possible prefect. Also be prepared to write a letter to your parents to tell them how you are doing.

She winks at Paige.

MELANIE (CONT'D)

So after you have eaten I will guide you to your spots.

EXT. MAHOEBASKLOOF PASS - CAMP 2 - SOLITUDE - NIGHT

Paige ties the tarp on the trees above her sleeping bag in the middle of the bush. She ties it and slowly moves away from it. It does not move. Paige fists the air enthusiastically.

PAIGE

Success, I will not be surprised by the rain tonight.

She points into the sky and laughs.

EXT. MAHOEBASKLOOF PASS - CAMP 2 - SOLITUDE - MOMENTS LATER

Paige is tucked into her sleeping bag wearing a white beanie, a scarf and wearing the brown jacket. She has a pen and paper in hand and is writing. Suddenly a stick snaps in the distance, her head darts into that direction, she pauses. Nothing. She continues writing.

PAIGE (V.O.)

Hi mom, I am well and warm, things have been going well and I haven't had any trouble on the trip.

She stops, taps the pen against her head. She writes again.

PAIGE (V.O.)  
Thank you mom for forcing me to take  
the tarp and jacket.

Another stick snaps, closer now. Paige stares in that  
direction. She hesitantly writes again.

PAIGE (V.O.)  
Pray for me.

EXT. MAHOEBASKLOOF PASS - CAMP 2 - SOLITUDE - SAME TIME

Precious is in her sleeping bag, sitting up with her torch in  
hand. Sticks and twigs are snapping all around her. She looks  
in all directions, holding her torch close to her.

Suddenly there is a growl. Precious pauses and whimpers to  
herself as she slowly turns towards the growling. With wide  
unblinking eyes Precious sees six pairs of glowing eyes  
reflecting at her. She tries to scream, but her voice is a  
whisper from fear.

EXT. MAHOEBASKLOOF PASS - CAMP 2 - SOLITUDE - MOMENTS LATER

Further down the hill LUNGI (16) jolts up as she hears  
something small running towards her. She looks in the  
direction and sees something. She squints and gasps with  
surprise and a jackal trots by with a pink slip-slop in its  
mouth. Lungi turns away and slowly lies back down to sleep.

EXT. MAHOEBASKLOOF PASS - CAMP 2 - EARLY MORNING

Paige and the other girls are seated around the fire wrapped  
in their sleeping bags. Paige tucks in her scarf for warmth.

Melanie emerges from the bush with Precious. Precious has a  
tarp wrapped around her, limping with one pink slip-slop and  
her hair in a wild mess. Melanie escorts Precious to sit by  
the fire. Paige and the other girls stare at Precious as she  
stares into the fire.

MELANIE  
I'm going to fetch another girl now,  
remain silent, okay?

Melanie leaves. As she disappears into the bush Paige leans  
close to her.

PAIGE  
What happened?

Precious shakes her head, tight-lipped.

PRECIOUS

Personally, I really don't want to talk about it.

Lungi motions to Precious's bear-foot.

LUNGI

I think I saw your slip-slop last night.

Precious looks at Lungi, surprised and relieved.

PRECIOUS

Really, where? Is it still there?

Lungi gives an awkward smile and point to the hill they had come from.

LUNGI

Hell, nah! I saw a jackal running away with it.

Precious gasps.

PRECIOUS

And you didn't chase after it!

Lungi scoffs.

LUNGI

Who do you think I am? Steve Irwin? That slop is long gone.

The girls laugh.

LUNGI (CONT'D)

Why didn't you chase after it yourself, didn't you see it take it?

PRECIOUS

I was crying okay? Couldn't see nothing around me... I just saw eyes and... and, I was just done, girl.

PAIGE

Your flash light?

Precious dramatically throws her hands up in the air. The girls giggle.

PRECIOUS  
Batteries died during that episode.  
Thought that would be the end of me up  
there.

The girls laugh out loud as Melanie emerges from the bush again, suddenly unimpressed.

MELANIE  
Girls I told you to keep silent.

Suddenly Paige sees Amy and Kerry following behind Melanie. Paige frowns. Precious takes notice, she too, frown in disappointment.

PRECIOUS  
What a shame, to have happiness  
disappear at the sight of that.

Paige watches as Melanie pulls Amy and Kerry to the side. Paige focuses on Melanie's mouth. Paige sighs, closing her eyes for a moment. Precious notices, concerned.

PRECIOUS (CONT'D)  
What can you tell?

PAIGE  
Amy snuck away from her solitude spot  
to be with Kerry.

Precious shrugs and places a comforting hand on Paige's shoulder.

PRECIOUS  
And why should you care?

Paige stares at Precious, pain carved on her face.

PAIGE  
Because Amy is my best friend.

Precious motions towards Amy and Kerry standing together in front of Melanie still.

PRECIOUS  
Doesn't look like it.

Precious gasps with shock and surprise as she sees Paige abruptly stand up and walks away.

PRECIOUS  
Wait, I wasn't being rude...

Precious sighs, shaking her head.

EXT. MAHOEBASKLOOF PASS - CREEK - DAY

Lungi has the map she uses to guide the group along the creek in a valley. The group carefully navigates the rocks and wet flat grass. Clear skies with the heat humidifying the valley.

Paige treks forward. Amy and Kelly move to Paige's side. Paige looks away from them, Amy smiles.

AMY  
Where were you this morning?

Paige avoids looking at Amy.

PAIGE  
By the fire with the other girls?

AMY  
Oh why?

Paige shrugs, moving forward along the creek.

PAIGE  
No reason, we were just talking.

Amy pauses, noticing Paige being withdrawn.

AMY  
What about?

Paige frowns and glances at Amy.

PAIGE  
Why does it matter?

Amy giggles to herself.

AMY  
You woke up on the wrong side of the bush this morning?

PAIGE  
I--

Kerry pushes past Amy, looking at Paige.

KERRY

Is this best way to the next camp?

Paige sighs, her frustration building.

PAIGE

We have to cross a small lake to get to the next camp.

KERRY

Since when?

Paige rolls her eyes, glancing at both Amy and Kerry.

PAIGE

Since we were told by Melanie before we left, you two were laughing and not listening.

KERRY

(to Amy)

Definitely woke up on the wrong side.

Paige grits her teeth and spins on her heels to face them.

PAIGE

Just listen here--

Paige slips on the wet surface, scraping her knee on some rocks. There is blood.

PAIGE

Ow!

Amy reaches out to help her as Kerry watches.

AMY

Gosh, Paige are you okay?

Paige groans in pain as the group of girls stop. Paige holds her knee wincing. She looks down and notices some blood stained her friendship bracelet. Paige's expression twists from pain to anger.

PAIGE

Yes, I'm fine. I just want to walk on my own for a while.

Paige slowly gets to her feet on her own.

LUNGI (O.S.)  
(loudly)  
Everything good back there?

AMY  
I can help--

Amy reaches out again. Paige ignores her.

PAIGE  
No! I'm fine.

Paige stares at Amy, shaking her head. She starts walking along the creek again.

PAIGE (CONT'D)  
(loudly)  
Everything is fine! Just keep moving!

Amy and Kerry watch on as Paige walks ahead.

INT. PAIGE'S HOME - LIVING ROOM - SAME MOMENT

Paige's mom is holding the letter to her face. She abruptly brings it down, with a shocked expression.

MOM  
She is in danger.

Paige's DAD is sitting on the couch browsing on his phone, squinting at the screen with his glasses on.

DAD  
What are you going on about?

She motions towards the letter, giving it another concerned once over.

MOM  
Paige, she is not okay, she said pray  
for me at the end here?

He pauses and glances at her, confused.

DAD  
We aren't religious.

She nods as a matter-of-factly.

MOM

My point exactly, she's miserable there. I should go get her--

He raises his hand, halting her.

DAD

You will do no such thing, if you get her back now you will embarrass her.

She pauses, unsure. She glances back at him, pleadingly.

MOM

Then what should I do?

He shrugs and continues browsing.

DAD

Write a letter back?

MOM

Are you sure?

DAD

Of course I'm sure. She is just fine, she is a tough child.

She stares at the letter for a moment. She slowly nods, relaxing into the couch.

MOM

I will print memes for her, she loves that.

EXT. MAHOEBASKLOOF PASS - SMALL LAKE - MOMENTS LATER

The group of girls drop their bags at the lake's bank. Paige sits down, examining her knee. Lungi approaches Paige and offers her plasters. Paige notices and hesitantly takes them.

PAIGE

Thank you.

Lungi smiles and pulls finger guns at Paige.

LUNGI

No problem-o, does it hurt?

Paige laughs and starts putting the plasters on her knee.



PAIGE

Not as much as when it happened. I  
think I only scrapped it, nothing else  
seems to be sore now.

Lungi nods. Suddenly Kerry and Amy gasp. Lungi and Paige  
simultaneously roll their eyes.

KERRY

(loudly)

Oh my gosh, look!

The group of girls turn to see Kerry and Amy pointing a  
little way back from when they came to see the group of boys  
moving along the creek towards them.

AMY

(loudly)

It's the boys!

Lungi crosses her arms over her chest and kneels to the  
ground by Paige.

LUNGI

(whisper)

Say the word and I will drown the pair  
of them.

Paige smirks, shaking her head.

PAIGE

(whisper)

Not yet.

EXT. MAHOEBASKLOOF PASS - SMALL LAKE - MOMENTS LATER

The girls and boys are sitting together along the bank of the  
lake. Paige, Precious, Lungi, Kerry and Amy are sitting  
across from TOBI (16), MATHEW (17) and SIMBA (16).

PAIGE

How has your days been out here.

The three boys shrug.

SIMBA

Not too bad, a few fights, a few  
injuries.

Kerry leans into Mather excitedly.

KERRY

Did you get into any fights, Mathew?

He shakes her off, narrowing his eyes at her.

MATHEW

Uh, no.

LUNGI

We had found a cow that we traveled with, it was quite a day.

The group laughs. Tobi smiles widely.

TOBI

Dude! We had a close call with some hail one day.

Precious and Paige laugh. Amy shakes her head confused.

AMY

I don't remember it haling.

Precious waves her hand in Amy's face.

PRECIOUS

The boys started on a different side of the pass. That's why we didn't get it.

Mathew nods, impressed.

MATHEW

Lucky you, we were nearly squished.

Mathew leans into the group, preparing to tell a story. The girls sit back patiently waiting.

BEGIN FLASHBACK:

EXT. MAHOEBASKLOOF PASS - OPEN FEILD - DAY

A dark cloud hovered overhead. There were no trees in sight and only a single shack stood in the distance. Mathew, Tobi and Simba were in front with the map.

SIMBA

Admit it, we are lost.

Tobi hits the map, aggravated.

TOBI

My guy, do you see any roads around here? We have *been* lost for a while now.

Mathew runs a hand through his hair.

MATHEW

What are we going to do?

Simba points at the shack then back at the map. Simba and Mathew are focused on the map. Tobi glances behind them and sees a large dark cloud mass moving towards them at speed.

SIMBA

If we can find that shack on the map then we know where we are.

Tobi's eyes widen at the mass approaching.

TOBI

(loudly)

Umm, guys.

Simba and Mathew turn to face Tobi.

SIMBA

What are you whining about now?

Suddenly THOMAS (16) an overweight boy sprints past them towards the shack. Simba and Mathew notice the mass of dark clouds and waste no time running after Thomas.

MATHEW

RUN!

The three boys sprint towards the shack, suddenly Tobi falls, the bag adding extra weight. Simba notices and stops, looking at Tobi. Tobi reaches out his hand for help.

TOBI

Dude please, this bag--

SIMBA

(quickly)

You're on your own, man.

Simba bolts away, leaving Tobi behind. A thunder roars.

INT. MAHOEBASKLOOF PASS - SHACK - MOMENTS LATER

All the boys are packed in the shack. Tobi and Simba are pressed against one another. Simba glances awkwardly at Tobi, who's shirt is covered in mud. Tobi is staring back at Simba seriously.

SIMBA

Sorry about leaving you back--

TOBI

Shut up.

END FLASH BACK.

EXT. MAHOEBASKLOOF PASS - SMALL LAKE - DAY - MOMENTS LATER

Mathew, Tobi and Simba watch the girls laugh hysterically.

MATHEW

It was not meant to sound that funny.

PAIGE

(through laughter)

But it did!

Another wave of laughter from the girls. Suddenly Melanie and JOSEPH arrive at the lake. The girls and boys watch as the pair approach them.

MELANIE

Good day boys and girls. As you can see there is a small lake before you and you have to cross it.

JOSEPH

Using empty barrels, wood and rope to build your own raft in order to get across.

Melanie and Joseph fist-pump each other. Paige awkwardly glances at the group.

JOSEPH (CONT'D)

Follow us, we will show you where all the equipment is.

Lungi raises her hand, Joseph notices and points at her. She lowers her hand.

LUNGI

What if the raft isn't good and sinks.

JOSEPH

Then you and your bag will get wet.

Lungi pulls a concerned face. Melanie steps forward.

MELANIE

If you do fall into the water, or  
sink, make sure your bag is off and  
lie completely stiff and straight--

Mathew, Tobi and Simba giggle. Melanie stares seriously at them. The boys quickly fall silent.

MELANIE (CONT'D)

So you can float and either Joseph or  
myself will rescue you.

Joseph abruptly claps the students jump with surprise. Joseph smiles at the large group.

JOSEPH

Cool, now that everyone is informed,  
let's get a move on.

EXT. MAHOEBASKLOOF PASS - SMALL LAKE - DAY - MOMENTS LATER

Paige and Lungi are huddled over three barrels, four planks of wood and a lot of multi coloured ropes. Paige gasps in realisation.

PAIGE

Oh, what if we placed the barrels on  
either side of one another, take the  
planks to cage the barrels in  
formation and rope is all in place?

Amy and Kerry appear and lean over Lungi and Paige. Lungi sighs. There is a long silence.

KERRY

I don't see why that can't work.

AMY

I agree, we should just do that.

Paige glances at Lungi and shrugs, looking apologetic.

PAIGE  
Majority rule.

Lungi leans to Paige's ear.

LUNGI  
(whisper)  
Not if they share the same brain cell.

Paige laughs, confusing Amy and Kerry. Lungi stands up, looking over the equipment. She picks up a plank of wood.

LUNGI (CONT'D)  
(to Paige)  
Let's give your idea a build, and  
hopefully it floats.

EXT. MAHOEBASKLOOF PASS - SMALL LAKE - DAY - MOMENTS LATER

Paige, Lungi, Amy and Kerry are standing by their raft that is part of a neat line of other rafts ready to make it across the lake. Melanie is smiling proudly at the rafts.

MELANIE  
Well done everyone! The rafts look  
great! Well done...

She pauses as she looks at Mathew, Tobi, Simba and Thomas's fragile raft.

MELANIE (CONT'D)  
Hopefully they will stay afloat.

JOSEPH  
(loudly)  
Get ready to take off.

Everyone places their bags onto their rafts. Joseph waits until they finish.

JOSEPH (CONT'D)  
Get set. Go!

Melanie claps enthusiastically.

MELANIE  
Whoo, hoo!

As Melanie cheers, everyone gets on their rafts and prepares to sail.

Kerry and Amy get on first, Lungi stares at them, unimpressed.

LUNGI

You two should be pushing with Paige  
and I on. We built the thing with no  
help from you two.

Kerry and Amy glance at each other confused. Kerry smiles.

KERRY

Sorry. We will get the next one.

Amy sits comfortably on the raft, smiling, too.

AMY

It is not like we are heavy.

Lungi grits her teeth and clenches her fist. She steps  
towards them.

LUNGI

You little--

Paige quickly pulls her back.

PAIGE

(to Lungi)

Just leave it.

Lungi glances at Paige then back at Amy. Amy purposely stares  
up at Lungi, smiling smugly. Lungi rolls her eyes and stands  
with Paige, slowly pushing the raft off the bank. They set  
off and quickly jump onto the raft. Paige's glances at the  
other rafts, suddenly her eyes abruptly widen and she laughs  
out loud.

PAIGE (CONT'D)

Look.

Paige points. Lungi, Amy and Kerry see Thomas in the water  
holding onto the back of the raft.

MATHEW

Kick like you have never kicked  
before.

Thomas kicks at the water furiously, acting as a motor. Tobi  
and Simba are reenacting the Titanic, holding each other at  
the front of their raft. Lungi bursts into a fit of laughter.  
Paige laughs again.

PAIGE  
(loudly)  
Whoo! Go guys!

Paige claps encouragingly. Mathew hears, he sees her and smiles. Throwing a fist in the air enthusiastically.

MATHEW  
Fatty power!

The girls laugh. Mathew immediately turns to Thomas.

MATHEW (CONT'D)  
(whisper)  
I did not mean that you are perfect in every way as God intended.

Thomas huffs, still kicking the water furiously.

THOMAS  
(breathlessly)  
I think I despise you.

MATHEW  
Do it for the girls, man.

Mathew motions to the multiple rafts of girls around them. Thomas winces.

THOMAS  
I'm trying my hardest.

Mathew pauses. He leans even closer to Thomas.

MATHEW  
Try harder.

There is a long pause. Thomas takes in a deep breath.

THOMAS  
Okay.

Thomas grunts as he kicks harder and faster. Everyone stops and stares as the raft doubles in speed through the water towards the other side, passing other rafts to first place. Paige abruptly whistles.

PAIGE  
How epic is that?



LUNGI  
I am impressed.

Kerry and Amy stare at Mathew from afar.

KERRY  
I bet it is because of what Mathew  
said.

AMY  
Yeah, something super encouraging!

Lungi roll her eyes at the pair. She glances down at the water, very slowly moving them along the lake towards the other side.

LUNGI  
This raft isn't going to move itself.

Amy shakes her head at the water.

AMY  
We are going to get there anyway.

Lungi crosses her arms over her chest and cocks her head to the side. Staring at Amy, unimpressed.

LUNGI  
You might be okay with being last, but  
I'm not.

AMY  
(defensive)  
What is that supposed to mean?

Paige abruptly covers her eyes, nervously peeking at Lungi and Amy.

LUNGI  
It means to start taking stuff  
seriously, work more and study more  
and stop leaving it to others to do  
for you.

Lungi subtly motions to Paige. Paige notices. Amy glances at Paige and back at Lungi, she shrugs. Paige winces in pain.

AMY  
I have never--

PAIGE  
(quickly)  
I help her whenever she asks, it is  
what friends do?

Lungi rolls her eyes.

LUNGI  
That is what moms are for.

Amy winces and suddenly stares hatefully at Lungi. Lungi  
scoffs.

LUNGI (CONT'D)  
Oh that's right, your mom never wants  
to help you with school so you get  
help from Paige.

Paige protectively raises her hand, motioning Lungi to stop.

PAIGE  
(defensively)  
Enough with that.

Lungi then glares at Amy and glances back at Paige.

LUNGI  
And you two have been friends for how  
long now?

AMY  
Four--

PAIGE  
Five.

Paige and Amy stare at each other, equally surprised. Paige's  
expression suddenly turns sour. Lungi smirks and slowly nods  
her head with satisfaction.

LUNGI  
Hmmm...

Not too far from them the boys shout in panic. Their raft is  
slowly falling apart.

MATHEW  
We are going down!

SIMBA  
Abandon ship!

Mathew and Simba jump into the water. Tobi holds onto one of the floating barrels. Tobi sees Simba swimming past him. Tobi reaches out to him.

TOBI  
Sims! Help me dude.

Simba swims past him.

SIMBA  
Not a chance.

Mathew watches as their raft, in pieces, floats away. Suddenly Thomas slowly swims past Mathew.

THOMAS  
I despise you all.

Mathew's eyes widen at Thomas.

EXT. MAHOEBASKLOOF PASS - SMALL LAKE - MOMENTS LATER

On the other side of the lake. Mathew, Tobi, Simba and Thomas, dripping with water, walk onto the bank dragging their wet bags.

MATHEW  
If anyone asks, it was Thomas's fault.

TOBI  
Agreed.

SIMBA  
Agreed.

Thomas pauses for a moment and sighs.

THOMAS  
I- uh... agreed.

He continues forward following the other boys. Kerry and Amy watch as Paige and Lungi drag their raft onto the bank. They drop the raft and stretch.

LUNGI  
Thank goodness we are not the last ones here.

Amy rolls her eyes at Lungi.

AMY

Ugh.

Lungi ignores it, keeping close to Paige.

PAIGE

Do you think they will give us any prizes?

Lungi grins.

LUNGI

I'm hoping for a sucker, raspberry flavor.

KERRY

Why not an advantage for the next activity?

Paige shakes her head laughing.

PAIGE

This isn't Survivor! I think we can all settle on something sweet.

Melanie and Joseph are the last to arrive on the bank on their canoe. Paige gasps at the canoe.

PAIGE (CONT'D)

Where did they get that thing?

Lungi nudges Paige's shoulder, waving her hands towards Melanie and Joseph.

LUNGI

Those two are magic, I'm telling you.

Melanie and Joseph step onto the bank smiling.

MELANIE

I'm glad to see everyone make it across in once piece.

Melanie glances at the boys.

MELANIE (CONT'D)

Or whatever you want to call it.

The boys roll their eyes. Melanie smirks and glances around at the large group. Joseph steps forward.

JOSEPH

We have a lot more group activities lined up for the day. We will be on the look out for leadership qualities, working well on teams, listening to others and being inclusive towards your peers.

Joseph pulls out a clipboard.

JOSEPH (CONT'D)

Yesterday was easy, as you just had to get to the next camp. But everyday from here on there will be tasks and activities that you all have to take part in.

Joseph taps the clipboard, catching everyone's attention.

JOSEPH (CONT'D)

We have rock climbing, broken telephone, potjiekos competition, three legged race, rock stacking and even singing kumbaya around the fire.

The whole group falls silent. Precious blinks, shocked.

PRECIOUS

We are all going to die!

MATHEW

For something that is meant to sound fun I honestly don't think it will be.

LUNGI

(to Paige)

This is going to be tough.

Paige glances at Kerry and Amy. She sighs and stares back at Joseph holding up a whistle. Paige cautiously covers her ears.

PAIGE

(to herself)

Oh boy.

Joseph blows the whistle loudly.

EXT. MAHOEBASKLOOF PASS - DIRT ROAD - DAY

Paige has her one leg tied together with Precious's. Other students are lined up alongside each other tied with a partner. Kerry and Amy are paired together. Precious stares at Paige with hope-filled eyes.

PRECIOUS

Please don't rush. I really don't have the energy for this.

Paige gives and enthusiastic thumbs up.

PAIGE

Trust me, we can win this. Start with our tied feet and run in long strides.

Precious shakes her head.

PRECIOUS

Uh? Run?

Paige nods confidently. Joseph stands with his hand raised, watching the group.

JOSEPH

Three, Two...

PAIGE

Don't worry, just trust me.

Precious shakes her head, now nervous. Paige nods more aggressively.

JOSEPH

One, go!

The groups take off. Paige and Precious take off smoothly. Amy and Kerry struggle to get synced.

EXT. MAHOEBASKLOOF PASS - DIRT ROAD - MOMENTS LATER

Paige and precious cross the finish line first. Precious's eyes widen in disbelief. She glances at Paige, smiling widely.

PAIGE

See? We did it!

Paige quickly unties their legs.

PRECIOUS  
Sorry for doubting you.

Precious hugs Paige. She turns around to check the distance.  
Precious nods, impressed.

PRECIOUS (CONT'D)  
I don't think I have ever ran like  
that before.

EXT. MAHOEBASKLOOF PASS - DIRT ROAD - MOMENTS LATER

Amy and Kerry come in last, sweating and huffing. Melanie  
watches them slowly cross the finished line.

MELANIE  
(loudly)  
In last place Amy and Kerry.

The pair wince. Paige watches as they slump onto the dirt to  
untie themselves, exhausted and frustrated.

EXT. MAHOEBASKLOOF PASS - CREEK - EARLY MORNING

Near a creek everyone is trying to stack four rocks on top of  
one another. Paige is on the fourth rock, very carefully  
balancing them. Paige blinks, she smiles as she slowly lets  
go. The rocks are stakes and perfectly balanced. Melanie sees  
and nods, impressed.

MELANIE  
(loudly)  
Paige wins the rock staking.

Amy glances at Kerry next to her. Amy is struggling on her  
second rock.

AMY  
(whisper)  
Can you help me.

Kerry stares at Amy. Suddenly Melanie is behind them,  
scowling at them.

MELANIE  
(loudly)  
No cheating. You have to stack them  
yourselves.

The other girls turn to scowl at Amy and Kerry.

EXT. MAHOEBASKLOOF PASS - CAMP 3 - LATTER THAT SAME DAY

Everyone is sitting in a neat row. Precious whispers something into Amy's hear and Amy whispers something into Kerry's ear and they continue.

EXT. MAHOEBASKLOOF PASS - CAMP 3 - MOMENTS LATER

Melanie is standing in front of Amy.

MELANIE

What did you hear?

AMY

Girl power.

Melanie blinks, confused. She glances at Kerry suspiciously.

MELANIE

(to Kerry)

What did you hear?

KERRY

Girl power.

Precious gasps in disbelief.

PRECIOUS

What? She is lying. I said Tim-Tams in milo.

Melanie glances at Kerry, tight lipped.

MELANIE

Kerry did you purposely say, girl power?

KERRY

(awkwardly)

Yes.

The group groans, unimpressed and irritated.

KERRY (CONT'D)

(defensively)

What? It was funny.

Melanie sighs and turns to Precious, smiling widely.

MELANIE

Precious takes this win.



Precious smiles. Paige hugs her from behind.

PAIGE

Nice!

Amy glares at Kerry. Kerry only rolls her eyes at Amy.

EXT. MAHOEBASKLOOF PASS - CAMP 4 - BRAAI AREA - AFTERNOON

There is a section of separated brick braais with Potjiekos pots on top of them. The groups of students stare at the scene, unsure.

MELANIE

Evening boys and girls rather than  
receiving food for dinner you will be  
preparing it for yourselves.

Melanie motions behind her at the braai area.

MELANIE (CONT'D)

As you can see behind me you will be  
making your own Potjiekos in groups of  
six.

Amy, with Kerry following close behind her, slowly approaches Paige and gently taps on her shoulder.

AMY

Paige, can we please be in a group--

Precious abruptly links her arm through Paige's and backs away from Amy and Kerry.

PRECIOUS

No hun, mama needs to eat good  
tonight.

Paige laughs, then suddenly notices Kerry scowling at her. Lungi notices, too, and moves to Paige's side.

KERRY

That's not fair.

Lungi folds her arms over her chest and smugly smiles at Kerry.

LUNGI

Sure it is.

Amy scoffs. Lungi eyes her in disgust. Lungi glances at Paige and Precious before pointing knowingly at Amy and Kerry.

LUNGI (CONT'D)

You got this one right? You did say  
you would at the rafting.

Amy's eyes widen in realisation. Kerry just stares at Lungi.

AMY

Who's group will we be in, then?

Paige motions to the rest of the girls around them.

PAIGE

There are plenty of other girls to  
partner up with.

AMY

There is no one else we know.

Paige pauses. She motions to Precious and Lungi at her side.

PAIGE

It turned out fine for me.

Amy falls silent. Kerry glances at Amy then back at Paige in disbelief.

KERRY

Please Paige, you have to be in a  
group of six and there is three of  
you, can't we just--

LUNGI

Sorry I had already promised three  
other mates of mine that they can join  
me.

Kerry grits her teeth. Precious glances around awkwardly. She pulls Paige away.

PRECIOUS

Onward ladies!

Lungi momentarily stares down Kerry before following Paige and Precious.

EXT. MAHOEBASKLOOF PASS - CAMP 4 - BRAAI AREA - MOMENTS LATER

Paige and Lungi are cutting up vegetables at their braai station. Precious is stirring the pot as the fire continues to burn. Tanya, OTHER GIRL 1 and OTHER GIRL 2 are helping Precious with the other ingredients.

LUNGI

Why are you friends with her when she treats you like that?

Paige shrugs, playfully rolling her eyes at her.

PAIGE

We have been best friends forever. I can't imagine a world where she is not with me.

Lungi motions to the camp and the mountains.

LUNGI

She has certainly made an effort to show that you can.

PAIGE

What?

LUNGI

Precious and I like you, you're cool.

Lungi points over to Amy and Kerry at another braai. Kerry is aggressively arguing with OTHER GIRL 3.

LUNGI (CONT'D)

The only reason they so badly wanted to be in a group with you is because you work hard and have been wining most of the activities this week.

Paige laughs. Playing it off.

PAIGE

That is not true.

LUNGI

Trust me and watch them.

Paige follows Lungi's gaze towards Amy and Kerry's braai. Paige stops cutting and watches them intensely. Kerry and Amy are not doing anything, walking around their group mates as they point, makes a comment, and then laugh.

LUNGI (CONT'D)

Lazy and spoilt. Amy would be failing all her subjects if you didn't help her. You have made this trip a breeze for her when you have been suffering.

Kerry goes to stir the pot and accidentally touches the hot part and burs her finger. Paige's eyes widen as Amy comforts Kerry and offers her a plaster. Lungi hums knowingly.

LUNGI (CONT'D)

See? Where were those when you needed them?

Tanya leans towards Lungi and Paige.

TANYA

I know it is not my place, but Lungi is right.

Tanya walks off. Paige shakes her head in disbelief.

PAIGE

That--

Lungi shakes a finger at Paige. Lungi looks at her seriously.

LUNGI

Stop defending her. She may be your best friend, but she is not a good person. I'm talking facts here, so don't get all defensive like you have been whenever I bring it up.

PRECIOUS

(loudly)

Amen to that.

Lungi and Paige simultaneously glance at Precious then back at each other.

LUNGI

Precious and I are good people, we take care of each other and are not afraid of making new friends.

Paige pauses thoughtfully.

PAIGE

I just feel like I would have to start over with new people.

Lungi smiles sweetly at Paige.

LUNGI

You don't need history with someone to  
be best friends with them.

Paige's eyes widen with realisation. Lungi nods knowingly.

EXT. MAHOEBASKLOOF PASS - CAMP 4 - BRAAI AREA - MOMENTS LATER

Precious is staring at the Potjiekos in the pot. She smiles  
and turns round to Lungi, Paige, Tanya, other girl 1 and  
other girl 2.

PRECIOUS

(proudly)

It's ready.

Lungi and Paige celebrate.

PAIGE

Awesome.

Lungi and Paige grab a bowl. Lungi smiles and motions towards  
Amy and Kerry's station where they are dishing up, too.

LUNGI

I wonder how theirs taste?

Paige shrugs as she dishes herself some.

PAIGE

We will find out when we all sit  
around the fire.

Paige moves out the way for the other girls to dish up. Paige  
watches as Amy and Kerry slowly make their way to the fire  
with their bowls.

PAIGE (CONT'D)

I'll go to the fire so long.

Paige slowly approaches the fire.

EXT. MAHOEBASKLOOF PASS - CAMP 4 - FIRE - CONTINUOUS

Paige sits next to Amy and Kerry.

PAIGE

How did things go on that side?

Amy smiles at Paige and shrugs.

AMY  
It wasn't fun.

Kerry sighs deeply.

KERRY  
Yeah we kept arguing if we wanted  
chicken or beef it in.

PAIGE  
And?

AMY  
We settled on both.

Paige frowns, mildly disgusted.

PAIGE  
Ew.

Amy nods and motions to her bowl.

AMY  
Tastes worst then it sounds. Yours?

Paige pauses and awkwardly scratches her ear.

PAIGE  
Precious's family owns a restaurant so  
she had some experience making  
Potjiekos.

Kerry rolls her eyes and Amy nods, disappointed.

AMY  
So, it tastes good then?

She pauses again awkwardly.

PAIGE  
I mean yeah, I can eat it.

Amy nods.

EXT. MAHOEBASKLOOF PASS - CAMP 4 - FIRE - MOMENTS LATER

Everyone is sitting around the fire, finishing off the last  
of their dinner. Joseph enters the circle with Melanie.

JOSEPH

Evening guys, tonight is another night where you have to be in a tent. To avoid confusion share it with the same people you shared it with the first time.

Paige visibly deflates.

PAIGE

(to herself)

What?

JOSEPH

See you guys tomorrow morning. Night all.

Joseph skips off. Amy nudges Paige.

AMY

Are you okay with that? I know you were pretty miserable last time.

Paige hesitates.

PAIGE

I'll be fine, can at least either you or me be in the middle?

Kerry nods and smiles.

KERRY

I'm okay with being on the side tonight.

Paige sighs with relief.

PAIGE

Then can I--

AMY

I'll be in the middle and then you can be in the middle next time.

Amy smiles at Paige. After a pause Paige eventually smiles back.

PAIGE

Ummmm, okay we can do that.

Paige nervously plays with her bowl.

INT. MAHOEBASKLOOF PASS - CAMP 4 - TENT - NIGHT

Kerry is tossing and turning. She scoffs and abruptly sits up glancing over at Amy.

KERRY

I can't sleep like this. It is too uncomfortable.

Amy sighs, not moving an inch. Paige frowns deeply, eyes closed.

AMY

Just stop turning and lie on your side. You will eventually fall asleep.

Kerry shakes her head.

KERRY

Amy I can't, please switch with me.

Amy sighs and gets up. Kerry gets up too.

PAIGE

(under her breath)

Good God.

KERRY

Thank you.

Kerry climbs into the sleeping bag and zips herself in.

KERRY (CONT'D)

Much better.

Paige's eyes open and she grits her teeth, deeply annoyed.

EXT. MAHOEBASKLOOF PASS - CAMP 4 - TENT - EARLY MORNING

Paige very quickly unzips the tent and crawls out. She glances back at the tent in disappointment. She zips up the tent and marches away.

EXT. MAHOEBASKLOOF PASS - CAMP 4 - FIRE - MOMENTS LATER

Everyone is seated around the fire eating oatmeal for breakfast. Amy suddenly sits next to Paige, looking at her lovingly.

AMY

Paige, I'm really sorry for not



spending time with you on this trip. I know it meant a lot to you.

Amy motions to the friendship bracelet that Paige is wearing. Paige caresses it thoughtfully.

AMY (CONT'D)

I can see that now, but Kerry and I have been friends for a while too and I couldn't spend time with her in school, because of different classes and all. That's why I'm with her all the time on this trip.

PAIGE

(irritated)

We planned to share a tent and get through this trip together though.

AMY

I know, but it would be a bit silly if we spent every waking minute together. Don't you think?

Paige pauses, unsure. Paige takes in a deep breath, looking at Amy.

PAIGE

It has never bothered you before.

Amy nonchalantly waves her hands at Paige.

AMY

The plan's changed, that's all.

Paige sighs deeply, disappointed again.

PAIGE

I wish you had told me sooner that they would have.

Amy watches and Paige lowers her head and plays with the food in her bowl. Amy thoughtfully licks her lips. Suddenly Amy smiles and enthusiastically shakes at Paige's shoulder.

AMY

How about this, we tag team for the day, just us.

Paige stares at Amy, eyes wide and hopeful.

PAIGE  
Just you and me?

AMY  
Kerry would be with us--

Paige's shoulder's visibly sink. Amy notices and nudges Paige playfully.

AMY (CONT'D)  
No, don't worry. She will stay in the background today.

Paige stares at Amy for a moment, there is a long pause. Amy stares back patiently waiting.

PAIGE  
Promise?

Amy smiles and nods.

AMY  
Promise.

She abruptly gets up.

AMY (CONT'D)  
Come then, there is are few things we can do together.

Paige gets up and follows Amy. Lungi and Precious eye each other nervously with breakfast in their hands.

PRECIOUS  
(to Lungi)  
I see trouble brewing.

Lungi blinks in disbelief at Paige walking away.

LUNGI  
Does she even know that she has just been manipulated?

Precious shrugs slowly, watching the pair leave.

PRECIOUS  
You can't guide the blind, but you can catch them if they fall.

Lungi pauses awkwardly for a moment, she glances at Precious's food and back at her.

LUNGI

Did you get cheesy quotes in that  
breakfast of yours too?

Precious purposely takes a large spoon of the food and slowly  
eats it. Lungi watches, confused.

EXT. MAHOEBASKLOOF PASS - CAMP 4 - MOMENTS LATER

Paige and Amy have a bucket and are filling them at the taps.  
Kerry stands back.

AMY

We were asked to get two buckets of  
water to the camp for later.

Paige nods understandingly.

PAIGE

Yeah, I did this at the last camp.

AMY

You shouldn't do it a seconds time,  
but I do appreciate your help.

PAIGE

I'm just glad we talked and came to an  
understanding.

Amy smiles and nods.

AMY

I know when I'm wrong.

EXT. MAHOEBASKLOOF PASS - CAMP 4 - FIRE - MOMENTS LATER

Melanie is standing at the fire, no one else is there. Paige  
and Amy carry their buckets to Melanie as Kerry follows.  
Melanie frowns upon seeing Paige. Paige and Amy place their  
buckets at Melanie's feet. Melanie looks down at Paige's full  
bucket and Amy's half filled bucket.

MELANIE

This bucket isn't full, Amy.

Amy looks at the bucket apologetically.

AMY

I'm so sorry ma'am, it was very heavy.

Paige glances at Amy then picks up her bucket.

PAIGE

Don't worry. I'll go fill it properly.

Amy smiles widely.

AMY

Thank you so much Paigie.

EXT. MAHOEBASKLOOF PASS - CAMP 4 - MOMENTS LATER

Back at the taps Paige is filling the bucket to the top. Lungi sees Paige and cautiously approaches her.

LUNGI

What on earth are you doing?

PAIGE

Getting the water to the camp.

Lungi frowns, confused. She looks at the bucket.

LUNGI

You did that last time...

Lungi's eyes widen in sudden realization.

LUNGI (CONT'D)

This is Amy and Kerry's chore isn't it?

Paige shrugs.

PAIGE

Yeah, it doesn't bother me.

Lungi scoffs, staring at Paige in disbelief.

LUNGI

No Paige. This is not right, can't you see that.

PAIGE

Amy and I talked, like a proper talk, she said sorry and that today can just be the two of us together.

LUNGI

Do you know what activity we have to do today?

Paige glances at Lungi, waiting. Lungi shakes her head,

annoyed.

LUNGI

It's rock climbing. She expect you to pull her up so she won't have to climb, it is the hardest activity and she knows it.

Paige holds up her hand defensively.

PAIGE

That's--

Lungi points an accursing finger at Paige.

LUNGI

(loudly)

I'm done trying to tell you over and over again.

Lungi abruptly stops. She dusts her hands in front of Paige's face.

LUNGI (CONT'D)

You know what, go get yourself hurt, I'm done trying to be a good friend to you when you won't listen.

Lungi storms off.

EXT. MAHOEBASKLOOF PASS - ROCK FACE - LATER THAT DAY

Melanie and Joseph are standing before the group with harnesses and roped in hand. The rock face is damp and has metal hooks in it going up to the top in sequence.

JOSEPH

This is going to be a tough activity today. In pairs.

Amy and Paige hold each others hands happily. Precious fake gags at the sight.

JOSEPH (CONT'D)

You will be safely strapped to either myself or Melanie and you will have to climb to the top then back down.

He turns to the group attentively.

JOSEPH (CONT'D)  
Any questions?

Precious raises her hand. Joseph nods towards her.

PRECIOUS  
Is there a weight limit?

Joseph smiles and motions towards the harnesses.

JOSEPH  
Do not worry, the way that these  
harnesses are designed is that I can  
handle someone ten times my own  
weight.

There is a long awkward pause. Precious narrows her eyes at Joseph.

PRECIOUS  
I was not asking if I was too heavy to  
participate, just if there was a  
weight limit.

Joseph jolts and awkwardly glances around the rest of the group.

JOSEPH  
Who is going to go first, then?

EXT. MAHOEBASKLOOF PASS - ROCK FACE - MOMENTS LATER

Precious is strapped in the harnesses and is halfway up the rock face. She is wincing against the rock while Lungi is stroking her back comfortingly.

PRECIOUS  
Please take me down this is too high  
for me.

JOSEPH  
(loudly)  
You can do this, Precious!

Precious glances down at Joseph and immediately hugs the rock face, breathing heavily.

PRECIOUS  
No! Down please!

Lungi stokes her back more. Smiling.

LUNGI

(to Precious)

Don't worry Precious, we are in this together. I will be with you every step of the way. To the top to the bottom.

Precious calms her breathing and slowly nods. She looks up towards the top.

PRECIOUS

Okay...

Lungi smiles and slowly climbs with Precious. At the bottom Amy and Paige are looking up at them.

AMY

(confidently)

We can definitely get to the top and back to the bottom super fast.

Paige stares at the top of the rock face nervously.

PAIGE

Sure...

Amy stares at Paige. Amy's eyes widen in sudden shock.

AMY

You are not scared of heights, are you?

PAIGE

(whisper)

A little bit.

Amy glances at the top of the rock face then back at Paige. She smiles awkwardly at Paige.

AMY

We are still going to win together right?

Paige stares back at her, scared. Amy's smile fades.

AMY (CONT'D)

Right?

EXT. MAHOEBASKLOOF PASS - ROCK FACE - MOMENTS LATER

Paige is being strapped into the harness. She stares at the

rock face and nervously climbs it. Amy watches Paige, equally nervous.

AMY

Now that you got the hang of it we can go faster.

Paige winces, moving up slowly.

PAIGE

Just wait.

Amy shakes her hand, climbing faster and glancing back at Paige insensitively.

AMY

We have to win.

Paige looks up at Amy pleadingly.

PAIGE

Please wait, I have to do it slowly.

Amy frowns. Glancing at the top then back at Paige.

AMY

But umm...

She sighs deeply, not hiding her disappointment.

AMY (CONT'D)

Damn! I really thought that we would win together.

PAIGE

(quietly)

You know that I'm scared of heights.

AMY

Since When?

PAIGE

You have always known, since my party where we met and I was too scared to climb to high on the jungle-gym.

Amy pauses thoughtfully.

AMY

Oh... I barely remember that day.



She abruptly shrugs nonchalantly and continues to climb.

AMY (CONT'D)

I don't think I ever got an invitation  
to that.

Paige's eyes widens, she freezes in place. There is a long  
pause as Paige diverts her eyes to the rock face. Her eyes  
dart wildly around her in realisation.

PAIGE

(to herself)

I never did invite you...

EXT. MAHOEBASKLOOF PASS - ROCK FACE - MOMENTS LATER

Paige and Amy make it to the bottom.

JOSEPH

Well done, girls!

Joseph helps them get out of the harnesses. Amy gets out  
first, annoyed. Paige glances at Amy apologetically.

PAIGE

I'm sorry we didn't--

Amy storms off. Paige is visibly hurt. She sucks in her lip  
as she gets out of her harness. Lungi watches and shrugs.  
Precious creeps to her side.

PRECIOUS

She's hurting.

Lungi rolls her eyes, motioning towards Paige.

LUNGI

And what do you want me to do about  
it?

Precious pauses for dramatic effect.

PRECIOUS

Catch the blind when they fall.

Lungi narrows her eyes at Precious.

LUNGI

What drugs are you on, because I could  
really use them right now.

Precious awkwardly creeps away from Lungi.

EXT. MAHOEBASKLOOF PASS - CAMP 4 - MOMENTS LATER

Everyone arrives back at the camp. Paige walks by herself to the bathroom. Lungi notices.

INT. MAHOEBASKLOOF PASS - CAMP 4 - BATHROOM - CONTINUOUS

Paige walks into the bathroom. She goes to the sink and rinses her face. She looks at her reflection in the mirror. Her eyes slowly turn red as her bottom lip quivers. Paige abruptly bursts into tears. She sobs over the sink rinsing her face as she cries.

Lungi hesitantly walks into the bathroom and sees Paige. Her jaw tenses as she slowly makes her way towards Paige. She pulls Paige into a hug as Paige continues to sob into Lungi's shoulder.

PAIGE

I- I can't m- make her happy...

Lungi comforts Paige by rubbing her back.

LUNGI

There is no pleasing a person like her.

PAIGE

You w- were r- right...

Lungi gives a hurt laugh.

LUNGI

I didn't want to be, you know that right?

Paige nods against Lungi's shoulder. Lungi strokes Paige's back as the sobs slowly get calmer.

LUNGI (CONT'D)

Feeling better?

Lungi pulls Paige from her shoulder revealing Paige's red and wet face with some snot dripping from her nose. Lungi pulls a mild disgusted face.

LUNGI

Oof... wait there.

Lungi pulls away from Paige and goes into one of the bathroom stalls and brings back two sections of toilet paper. She takes one and wipes Paige's nose and uses the other to wipe her own shoulder where Paige's face was.

LUNGI

Better?

Paige nods.

PAIGE

Much.

Lungi throws away the toilet paper and grabs Paige's hand as they walk out the bathroom.

EXT. MAHOEBASKLOOF PASS - CAMP 4 - CONTINUOUS

Lungi and Paige leave the bathroom together and Amy notices while standing with Kerry.

AMY

(to Kerry)

I'll be back.

Amy jogs over to Paige, eyeing Lungi suspiciously. Lungi stares at Amy.

AMY (CONT'D)

So sorry about leaving you earlier  
Paige. I promise it won't happen  
again.

Paige pauses, staring at Amy with puffy eyes.

PAIGE

You only wanted to hang out with me  
today because you thought you would  
win with me as your partner.

Amy scoffs in disbelief.

AMY

That is not true.

Amy suddenly glances at Lungi.

AMY (CONT'D)

Is that what she told you?

LUNGI  
(defensively)  
Don't bring me into this.

Amy's expression sours. She accusingly points at Lungi

AMY  
Paige, don't listen to her I have  
known you for years I would never do  
that.

Paige shakes her head, disregarding Amy.

PAIGE  
You rushed me up to the top knowing  
how scared I was and when we didn't  
win you stormed off.

AMY  
(aggressively)  
I said I was sorry for leaving you,  
okay? I always know when I'm wrong.

Lungi giggles out loud. Amy hatefully stares at Lungi.

AMY (CONT'D)  
Can you please leave, this is a very  
personal conversation between me and  
my best friend.

Paige squeezes Lungi's hand.

PAIGE  
She can stay.

AMY  
She is turning you against me.

Paige narrows her eyes accusingly at Amy.

PAIGE  
She has been more right about you than  
I could see.

Paige pulls Lungi away from Amy. Amy's eyes widen fearfully  
as Paige turns to leave.

AMY  
I will give you the middle of the tent  
tonight!

Paige rolls her eyes as Lungi walks by Paige's side.

PAIGE

(loudly)

It is a solitude night again. Just go  
cuddle up with Kerry again.

Amy deflates, watching Paige leave.

LUNGI

(whispering)

That was brilliant, next time you need  
to tell her to never speak to you  
again and call her a bitch.

Paige blinks, shocked.

PAIGE

I'm not doing that. We will still be  
fiends, but I do think this trip has  
changed things between us.

Lungi nods understandingly.

LUNGI

Good on you for seeing that.

EXT. MAHOEBASKLOOF PASS - CAMP 4 - FIRE - NIGHT

Paige just finished eating. Melanie walks past Paige and  
hands her an envelope reading 'to Paige'. Paige eyes it  
curiously before taking it.

MELANIE

From your parents.

Paige's eyes widen with excitement.

EXT. MAHOEBASKLOOF PASS - CAMP 4 - SOLITUDE - MOMENTS LATER

Under the tarp and in her sleeping bag Paige examines the  
letter. She squeeze's it and is surprised by the thickness.  
She hesitantly opens it and turns it upside down revealing  
pictures and pictures of memes falling out over Paige. Paige  
laughs joyfully. She picks up the letter and reads it.

MOM (V.O.)

I am happy that you are warm and dry.  
I hope you haven't suffered too much  
and are working through whatever  
challenges you face.

Paige smiles.

MOM (V.O.)

Don't take nonsense from anyone on  
your trip. It can be just as enjoyable  
for you as much as anyone else. Love  
mom.

Paige pauses for a moment.

PAIGE

How do I cope knowing my best friend's  
friendship is built on a lie.

She sighs deeply and reads out the rest of the letter.

DAD (V.O)

Keep it up. From Dad.

Paige shrugs and quickly pics up the printed memes to read  
them. She laughs loudly and pics up another one to read. She  
laughs even louder.

EXT. MAHOEBASKLOOF PASS - CAMP 4 - FIRE - EARLY MORNING

Paige is sharing out her memes with the other girls. They are  
all laughing loudly. Lungi raises one of them  
enthusiastically.

LUNGI

(loudly)

This one is officially my favorite.

They all laugh.

PRECIOUS

(to Paige)

Your mom is so cool for doing this for  
you, it definitely has made my day.

Paige smiles and she watches the girls laugh and enjoy the  
memes.

PAIGE

Yeah, I never thought she would do  
this, but it makes me very happy that  
she did.

Precious reads another one and laughs, nudging Paige.

PRECIOUS

Damn these are good, I could read these over and over again and not get bored.

Amy emerges from solitude by herself, Paige notices and smile. Amy kneels next to them.

AMY

What are you guys doing?

PRECIOUS

Paige's mom printed out a whole bunch of memes and put it in her letter to enjoy.

Amy awkwardly laughs and judgmentally glances around at the group.

AMY

Seriously, we are sixteen and you find memes funny?

LUNGI

Sorry *gran-ma*. These are flipen hilarious.

Lungi waves one of the memes in Amy's face. Amy blinks, and looks at the memes, now curious.

AMY

Oh... can I read some.

LUNGI

What is the magic word.

Amy grits her teeth and abruptly gets up.

AMY

I've changed my mind. I'm going to get breakfast.

Paige watches Amy leave as the girls laugh and share the memes amongst themselves.

EXT. MAHOEBASKLOOF PASS - CAMP 4 - FIRE - MOMENTS LATER

Everyone is sitting around the fire. Melanie skips towards them with a clipboard in hand.

MELANIE

Morning all. There will be no activities today. We will begin the climb to the top of Mahoebaskloof Pass. Today's leader is Kerry.

All the girls nervously bite their lip, glancing at Kerry who smiles smugly. Lungi stares at Kerry bitterly. Kerry notices and smiles confidently.

KERRY

(mouthing)

Watch out.

EXT. MAHOEBASKLOOF PASS - CAMP 4 - MOMENTS LATER

Paige is packing the rest of her bag, Lungi kneels next to her. Dark clouds forming above them.

LUNGI

Paige, the girls and I want to form a group against Kerry if things go south today.

Paige turns towards Lungi and shrugs calmly.

PAIGE

I don't think you need to worry about being in danger.

LUNGI

It's not just about the danger. She has a certain power now and you and I know that she is going to take advantage of that.

Lungi watches Paige as she turns to continue packing. Lungi sighs deeply.

LUNGI (CONT'D)

And so is Amy.

Paige pauses for a moment.

PAIGE

You think Amy will pull stuff?

Lungi nods slowly.

LUNGI

Because of that fight yesterday. She



will be coming at us for a vengeance,  
aren't you worried.

PAIGE

I'm just unsure what they will do. We  
are just following them up the marked  
trail.

Lungi cocks her head to the side, unimpressed.

LUNGI

Do you really think Kerry will stick  
to the marked path.

Paige's jaw abruptly tenses.

PAIGE

Don't make me stress now.

Lungi glances up at the darkening sky.

LUNGI

The weather says it will be a bad day.

EXT. MAHOEBASKLOOF PASS - HIKING TRAIL - HOURS LATER

The trail is surrounded by thick vegetation with tall trees  
clustered around the group. The path is very narrow, but  
visible. Paige, Precious and Lungi hang at the back of the  
group while Amy and Kerry take the front with the map in  
hand. Lungi glances up at the overbearing trees above them.

LUNGI

At least you can't see the clouds  
through the trees.

PAIGE

You really don't like rain clouds?

Lungi winks at Paige.

LUNGI

It is more the rain I don't like  
because look at this.

Lungi flips her hair dramatically.

LUNGI (CONT'D)

I don't wake up with hair this good.

Paige and Precious laugh.

PAIGE

I bet.

PRECIOUS

You two should come visit my parent's  
restaurant some time.

Paige nods with excitement.

PAIGE

Yeah we should make a day out of it.

Lungi jumps with joy.

LUNGI

Definitely, we could also have a movie  
night.

PAIGE

I love that--

Suddenly a girl screams out in pain ahead of them. Paige, Lungi and Precious rush towards the sound and see GIRL 4 on the floor cradling her ankle and wincing in pain. Kerry stares down at her, she sees Paige and suddenly smiles. She points at Paige.

KERRY

Paige if you don't mind can you help  
her the rest of the way.

Paige blinks in shock.

PAIGE

(defensively)

What why me?

She abruptly glances at the girl on the ground.

PAIGE (CONT'D)

No offense to you.

Paige stares back at Kerry. Kerry smirks at Paige, she places a sassy hand on her hip.

KERRY

Because I'm telling you to.

Paige takes in a deep breath. She glances at the girl on the ground then back at Kerry. There is a long pause.

PAIGE

Fine.

Kerry smiles widely.

KERRY

Thank you, let's keep going.

Kerry starts walking away. Paige is in disbelief as she pulls one of the girl's arms over her shoulder.

PAIGE

(to Kerry)

At least wait till she is on her feet.

Kerry shrugs and continues forward. Lungi stares bitterly at Kerry. She kneels down to the girl.

LUNGI

Give me your other arm.

She takes her other arm over her shoulder. Precious watches as Kerry disappears to the front of the group.

PRECIOUS

I really don't like the look she gave.

PAIGE

Me either.

Suddenly a thunder roars in the distance. Paige stares in that direction for a moment.

PAIGE (CONT'D)

A storm is defiantly coming.

EXT. MAHOEBASKLOOF PASS - RIVER CROSSING - MOMENTS LATER

At a river crossing Amy and Kerry hesitantly and carefully go through first. The water reaches their hips, Kerry cries out in disgust.

KERRY

It is so muddy and icky at the bottom.

Paige, Lungi gently let go of the girl. The girl nods and hops along. Paige studies the crossing. Precious slowly undoes a strap from her shoe. Paige grabs her arm and points at her shoe.

PAIGE  
You need your shoes to cross that.

PRECIOUS  
Why?

PAIGE  
We don't know what is in the water. It  
doesn't mater if they get wet, just  
keep them on.

Lungi glances at the water and motions Paige and Precious to follow.

LUNGI  
Got it. Shoes on!

Lungi steps in first, then Paige and then Precious. They move across slowly then Lungi abruptly stops hallway. She can't move.

LUNGI (CONT'D)  
I'm stuck!

Lungi furiously pulls at her leg. Paige notices that Lungi's one shoe sank into the mud.

PAIGE  
Relax, it is just the mud that has  
your shoe. Pull at your foot not the  
shoe.

Lungi nods and starts pulling, Paige helps, pulling at Lungi. Precious holds onto Paige, watching Lungi. Suddenly Lungi's foot is free, the force knock Paige backwards into Precious. Precious yelps as she looses her balance and begins floating down the river.

PAIGE (CONT'D)  
Precious!

The girls watch in fright as Precious floats down. Suddenly Melanie flies out a bush down the rivers edge after Precious.

MELANIE  
I'm coming Precious! Straight and  
stiff!

Precious quickly takes off her bag and lies straight and stiff above the water. The girls watch as Melanie heroically dives into the water and drags Precious with one hand and her

bag in the other across the river.

PAIGE

Wow!

All the girls clap fiercely. Melanie breathlessly stands and bows before the group. Precious stands up too, she looks at her wet bag and her wet clothes. She sighs deeply.

EXT. MAHOEBASKLOOF PASS - PATH - MOMENTS LATER

Lungi's one shoe is covered in mud. Precious rings out her hair, water dripping down. Paige looks at them then upfront at Kerry.

PAIGE

I believe you are right, Lungi. Kerry is going to put us in danger, not serious danger, but danger nonetheless.

Lungi nods.

LUNGI

Told you.

PRECIOUS

What do we do?

Paige shakes her head, unsure.

PAIGE

Nothing for now, but I will intervene if it gets worse.

Paige, Lungi and Precious eye Kerry nervously.

EXT. MAHOEBASKLOOF PASS - PATH - MOMENTS LATER

Kerry and Amy navigate through the trees. Kerry stretches out her shoulders, she frowns irritated. She glances at the back of the group at Lungi, she smirks. Amy nods, smirking too.

KERRY

(loudly)

Lungi please come here.

Lungi grits her teeth.

LUNGI  
(to Paige)  
Here we go.

Paige follows Lungi protectively towards the front. Lungi stops before Kerry, crossing her arms over her chest.

LUNGI (CONT'D)  
Yes, what do you want?

Kerry smiles smugly and drops her bag at Lungi's feet. Lungi eyes the bag in confusion then back at Kerry.

KERRY  
I can't navigate properly with this weight on my back, can you please carry my bag for me.

Lungi pauses, staring bitterly into Kerry's eyes.

LUNGI  
(slowly)  
Do I have a choice?

AMY  
(happily)  
Nope.

Paige blinks at Amy in disbelief. Amy winks at Paige.

PAIGE  
Don't do that to her, you can read a map just fine.

AMY  
You know that Kerry is particular.

LUNGI  
Particularly spoilt.

Kerry gasps at Lungi. Her jaw tensing.

KERRY  
Excuse me. I'm the leader here, if I tell you to do something it is for the best interest for the group.

Lungi and Paige glances back at the group, who simultaneously shake their heads. Lungi chuckles and turns back to Kerry.

LUNGI

And me carrying your bag for you will  
do that?

Kerry smiles, folding her arms over her chest, slowly.

KERRY

Yes.

Lungi lifts the bag up, she steps towards Kerry  
threateningly. Kerry eyes Lungi confused, then concerned.

LUNGI

(whisper)

Be careful there, girly. I will  
remember this tomorrow.

Kerry shakes off her fear staring at Lungi in the eye.

KERRY

Do you really want to threaten me here  
and now?

Lungi scoffs and slowly walks towards the back of the group.  
Paige shakes her head as Lungi leaves, now irritated.

PAIGE

Stop picking on us. We know what you  
are doing.

Amy cocks her head to the side nonchalantly.

AMY

And what are we doing?

PAIGE

Getting back at Lungi for yesterday.

Amy shrugs.

AMY

I don't know why you are getting mad  
at me. She's taking you away from me.

Paige points accusingly at Amy.

PAIGE

You are the one pushing me away.

Amy looks at Paige pleadingly.

AMY

We are best friends. Why would I do that?

Paige takes in a deep breath and follows Lungi to the back. She holds Lungi's hand comfortingly.

PAIGE

Tell me when the bag gets too much and I'll carry it.

Lungi lowers the bag to the floor, she glances at Paige and smiles.

LUNGI

Thanks.

Lungi takes off her muddy shoe.

LUNGI (CONT'D)

I just want to do this one thing.

Paige and Precious watch as Lungi uses her muddy shoe to dirty the inside of the bag. Paige and Precious gasp, then giggle. Lungi glances up at them, smiling mischievously.

LUNGI (CONT'D)

I need to get some enjoyment out of this.

She lifts the bag up and carries it forward. She turns to wink at Paige.

LUNGI (CONT'D)

See? Now I don't mind carrying it.

Paige laughs.

EXT. MAHOEBASKLOOF PASS - MOUNTAIN PATH - MOMENTS LATER

Dark rain clouds hover overhead. The girls trek along a steep narrow and damp path. They cling to the rock face on the left of them avoiding the muddy decline on the adjacent side.

Kerry inches forward with the map in hand. She glances around her and back at the group following close behind her. Lungi frowns at her.

LUNGI

You got us lost again didn't you?



A wave of sighs comes from the group. Paige shakes her head in disbelief as Amy watches on. Kerry raises the map confidently.

KERRY

I know where we are going. This is just a short cut to the main path.

PAIGE

The path is getting narrower, we need go back before it rains.

Kerry points on the map, narrowing her eyes at Paige.

KERRY

This path *is* on the map.

PAIGE

And there are other, much safer, paths to take. Let me look at the map--

Paige reaches for the map, but Kerry defensively pulls it closer to herself.

KERRY

No! It is my turn to lead the group. You had your turn two days ago.

Precious stares with her mouth ajar. She glances around at the other, equally shocked, girls. Paige visibly deflates.

PAIGE

I'm not taking your turn I just want to show you a better way to camp.

KERRY

*I* will get us to camp.

Kerry stares defiantly at Paige, who returns the stare. Amy pushes forward between Paige and Kerry.

AMY

Stop arguing. Paige, let her lead.

PRECIOUS

(to herself)

Oh my lord, we are all going to die here.

Paige frantically shakes her head, on the verge of anger.

PAIGE  
(loudly)  
Why do you keep taking her side?

Amy laughs.

AMY  
I don't always take her side.

PAIGE  
Yes you do, this whole week has been  
you and her ganging up on me--

Kerry crosses her arms over her chest.

KERRY  
Because you are wrong most of the  
time.

Paige's face flares red.

PAIGE  
(angrily)  
I'm wrong most of the time? I'm wrong  
for wanting you to carry your own  
gear? I'm wrong for helping you when  
it was your turn to fetch the group's  
water? I have been doing everything  
for the two of you and I get nothing  
back, but bullying.

Amy flinches.

AMY  
(defensively)  
Kerry has not been that bad--

PAIGE  
But you have. You rush to defend her  
when everyone here knows that she is  
wrong, I've had random girls come up  
to me to comfort me when you watched.

Amy gasps and places her hand on her heart.

AMY  
I'm your best friend, I see you  
everyday at school you can't be mad  
for me wanting to spend time with  
Kerry.

Rain lightly falls down. Paige stares into Amy's eyes.

PAIGE

You have not been my friend.

Precious abruptly zips up her raincoat and pulls the hood over her head.

AMY

(angrily)

Grow up, honestly you are accusing me of being a bad friend?

PAIGE

Yes, you have you have been a bitch.

All the girls gasps. Paige nods confidently.

PAIGE (CONT'D)

Yes, I just called you the 'B' word.

Amy marches towards Paige and points in her face.

AMY

I have done everything for you. I went to your birthday when no one else did, I wore your bracelet you made for us and was with you in school for years--

Paige bursts into tears.

PAIGE

I know your mom forced you to go to my party! I know the truth, so stop lying!

Paige wipes away her tears. Amy stares, speechless. Amy very slowly lowers her arm.

PAIGE (CONT'D)

I know you never cared about the bracelet because you never wore it.

She raises her hand revealing the bracelet, she laughs lightly.

PAIGE (CONT'D)

I wore mine everyday because it was special to me, clearly you didn't feel the same. You only sat with me because everyone else in school didn't like

you and I can finally see why. We were never friends, you only tolerated me.

Amy shakes her head slowly, staring wide eyed at her. Paige takes in a deep breath.

PAIGE (CONT'D)  
You know what?

Paige pulls off the bracelet and throws it on the ground and squishes the bracelet into the mud.

PAIGE (CONT'D)  
That's what I think this friendship is worth to me now.

Precious claps furiously.

PRECIOUS  
Yes girl! WOW!

Paige turns away, she snatches the map from Kerry. Kerry gasps.

KERRY  
Hey--

Paige stares at Kerry seriously.

PAIGE  
(loudly)  
Do you want to start with me?

Kerry closes her mouth and lowers her eyes. Paige nods confidently and cautiously moves down the path.

PAIGE  
Thank you, lets get everyone to camp.

EXT. MAHOEBASKLOOF PASS - CAMP 5 - MOMENTS LATER

The girls tiredly drop all their bags at the camp. Lungi drops Kerry's bag further away. She eyes Paige and Precious confidently. Lungi motions towards the bag.

LUNGI  
Kerry's reign of tyranny ends here.

PAIGE  
And Amy's.

Paige attempts to smile. Precious notices and throws her arms over Paige's and Lungi's shoulders.

PRECIOUS  
Just us, the three musketeers.

The trio smile. Precious abruptly pulls away eyes wide.

PRECIOUS (CONT'D)  
Oh! I have a perfect idea.

Precious uses her knife to cut off straps from their bags.

PAIGE  
What are you--

PRECIOUS  
Here! Put these on.

Precious gives a strip to Paige and Lungi, taking one for herself. Lungi curiously ties it around her wrist.

LUNGI  
Like this?

Precious points excitedly at Lungi.

PRECIOUS  
Exactly like a bracelet!

Paige pauses. She quickly ties it around her wrist and stares at it, she glances at Lungi and Precious having matching ones.

PAIGE  
Like a--

PRECIOUS  
(happily)  
Our friendship bracelet.

Lungi examines the one on her wrist.

LUNGI  
A little ugly, but it works.

Paige looks at both Lungi and Precious. She pauses.

PAIGE  
I love it.

Paige pulls Lungi and Precious into a hug.

EXT. MAHOEBASKLOOF PASS - CAMP 5 - FIRE - NIGHT

Lungi, Precious and Paige are sitting by the fire laughing. Amy and Kerry watch them from across the fire. Amy bites her nails nervously as Kerry flips her hair from side to side.

KERRY

Let it go. She clearly told you that it is over.

AMY

Paige would never just end the friendship like that, she must have been told to.

Kerry giggles to herself.

KERRY

Have you ever thought that she has seen the real you and wants nothing to do with it anymore.

Amy stares at Kerry seriously.

AMY

I can't lose her as a friend.

Kerry shrugs and motions to Paige.

KERRY

They by all means go, go get her back. I think it is far too late for that.

Amy pauses. She stares at Paige and slowly approaches her. Kerry smirks as she watches. Amy stands above Paige. Lungi and Precious notice and ignore her presence. Amy glances nervously at Paige.

AMY

Um Paige, can we please talk for a moment?

Paige shakes her head, motioning towards Lungi and Precious.

PAIGE

Anything you have to say, you can say in front of my friends.

Amy glances at them, she takes in a deep breath and kneels by Paige.

AMY

What you said it wasn't true? We can go out and get new friendship bracelets--

PAIGE

To have you disregard them like you had with the previous one? No, no more friendship bracelets with you. I got a new friendship bracelet with Lungi and Precious.

Amy stares at the straps around their wrists.

AMY

It is just bag straps tied together.

PAIGE

And yet we are all wearing it.

Paige, Lungi and Precious simultaneously raise their wrists. Amy stares at Paige, now worries.

AMY

We will still hang out in school, right?

PAIGE

You mean me tutoring you in your failing classes? No, you can hire a professional tutor.

Amy tenses.

AMY

Paige please I don't want to loose you are a friend we have been best friends--

PAIGE

Had. We aren't friends anymore.

Paige chuckles to herself, she stares at Amy in the eye. Amy stares back, pleadingly.

PAIGE (CONT'D)

You have no one else to blame, but yourself. You pushed and tested me and I had finally had enough. All I ask is that you be kind to your friends from now on that you want to keep.

EXT. MAHOEBASKLOOF PASS - CAMP 5 - MOMENTS LATER

Lungi and Precious guide Paige to their tent.

PRECIOUS

Ta da!

Paige and Lungi eye the tent in confusion.

PAIGE

Your tent?

Precious excitedly points at the tent.

PRECIOUS

I was sharing mine with a different girl and asked Melanie if we could be in one tent and she agreed.

Paige shakes her head, unsure.

PAIGE

I just know it is going to be uncomfortable for us to share a tent together.

Precious dramatically throws her hands at Paige.

PRECIOUS

Way ahead of you. So instead of the middle person lying flat, they will also be on their side. That way no one is against the tent walls.

Lungi pauses, staring at the tent.

LUNGI

So we will all have to spoon each other?

Precious smiles mischievously at Lungi.

PRECIOUS

Are you afraid of spooning?



Lungi's eyes abruptly widen.

LUNGI  
(quickly)  
Dibs on being the big spoon.

Paige and Precious laugh out loud.

INT. MAHOEBASKLOOF PASS - CAMP 5 - TENT - MOMENTS LATER

Precious is on one side, Paige in the middle and Lungi on the other side, all huddling together. Paige slowly turns to glance at Lungi and Precious, who both, are sleeping soundly. Paige smiles widely as she closes her eyes.

INT. PAIGE'S HOME - LIVING ROOM - SAME MOMENT

Paige's mom is beside Paige's dad in bed. Mom abruptly opens her eyes and giggles to herself. Dad slowly lifts his head to stare at mom.

DAD  
What on earth are you giggling about  
at this hour.

Mom giggles again, smiling widely as she slowly turns to dad.

MOM  
I think Paige is having a really good  
time.

He frowns.

DAD  
How would you know?

She shrugs, giggling to herself.

MOM  
Mother's intuition.

He eyes her and shakes his head. He turns over to face the other side of the bed.

DAD  
Goodnight.

EXT. MAHOEBASKLOOF PASS - CAMP 5 - MORNING

Melanie walks past Paige, Lungi and Precious and winks at them. She turns to address all the girls.

MELANIE

I hope everyone slept well last night?

Paige smiles and nods.

MELANIE (CONT'D)

Today is the last day of this trip. We will finally climb to the peak of the Mahoebaskloof mountain. It will be difficult so stick close to your groupmates and move slowly.

Melanie raises her clipboard, for everyone to see.

MELANIE (CONT'D)

A few safety tips, walk in a single file line when climbing. If one of you are injured on the climb please wait and I will come and assist. Other than that, Enjoy.

Kerry abruptly raises her hand, Melanie nods towards her.

KERRY

Who is leading the trip today?

Melanie smiles and places a hand on her chest.

MELANIE

That would be myself today due to the possible dangers of the climb. So pack your bags properly for the last time.

EXT. MAHOEBASKLOOF PASS - EDGE - MOMENTS LATER

In a single file line it is a few girls, Lungi, Paige, Precious, a few more girls then Amy and Kerry. They are moving slowly up a deep and rocky slope. Melanie navigates a stable path for everyone to follow. Paige glances up the partly cloudy sky.

PAIGE

What do you think it will look like up there?

Lungi glances up too, squinting at the clouds.

LUNGI

I bet it will be so cloudy that you won't be able to see a thing.

Precious shrugs.

PRECIOUS

I think it will be clear by the time  
we get there.

PAIGE

I hope there are tons of birds.

Lungi glances back at Paige, excited.

LUNGI

Imagine seeing vultures from up there.

Precious skips excitedly.

PRECIOUS

Imagine seeing an Angel.

Paige laughs and shakes her head.

PAIGE

I don't think you would be able to see  
that Precious.

Lungi calmly shakes her head.

LUNGI

No no, she can, just push her off the  
peak and she will see an angel very  
quickly.

Paige and Lungi laugh.

PRECIOUS

(unimpressed)

Very funny, you two.

Suddenly Kerry and Amy march past them.

KERRY

Make way.

Paige glances at Amy and Kerry bitterly.

PAIGE

Hey!

Amy rolls her eyes at Paige.

AMY

We *will* get to the top first.

Paige narrows her eyes threateningly at them.

PAIGE

Not if I tell Melanie that you aren't following her' rules.

Amy and Kerry pause for a moment, they stare at Page for a moment before slowly turning around and lazily return to their spots in the line.

PAIGE (CONT'D)

That's right! Go back to where you were.

Paige watches at Amy and Kerry leave. Precious leans towards Paige.

PRECIOUS

(whisper)

Would Melanie actually do that?

Paige giggles, shaking her head.

PAIGE

No idea, it was a bluff.

Lungi laughs.

LUNGI

Brilliant.

EXT. MAHOEBASKLOOF PASS - THE TOP - MOMENTS LATER

Melanie reaches the top, it is mostly flat with rocks and small stones scattered across it. Melanie glances around the top proudly, she looks at the girls behind her. The skies are mostly clear apart from a few white clouds here and there.

MELANIE

Look girls, we have made it to the top.

One by one the girls gasp as they get to the top. Paige, Lungi and Precious step onto the top and gasp in awe. Precious points excitedly at the sky.

PRECIOUS

It is clear!

Lungi laughs motioning towards the sky.

LUNGI

If an angel suddenly appears right now  
I will lose my mind.

Precious rushes off towards the edge. Paige stares at the sky. She takes in a long and deep breath. Lungi watches at the rest of the girls make it to the top.

PAIGE

(to herself)  
It is so beautiful.

PRECIOUS

Guys, come see the view from up here.

Precious motions Lungi and Paige to come to her. Paige and Lungi walk to her side. Precious points below, all the vegetation and trees at a long way down. Paige looks down and gasps.

PAIGE

Holly molly!

LUNGI

Gosh! That is a drop hey.

Paige playfully nudges Lungi.

PAIGE

(to precious)  
Do you still want to see that angel  
Precious?

Precious laughs awkwardly and turns away from the edge.

PRECIOUS

I'm good thanks.

They all laugh. Paige steps back from the edge and sits. Precious and Lungi sit next to her, looking at the view.

PAIGE

I can't believe how much my life has  
changed on this trip.

LUNGI

For the better I hope.

Paige nods, smiling at their surroundings.

PAIGE  
Definitely, I'm just so relieved that  
it is over.

Paige glances back towards Amy then back at Lungi and Precious.

PAIGE (CONT'D)  
I let go of a toxic friendship to gain  
two great ones.

Precious hugs Paige.

PRECIOUS  
Naww! We love you too, Paige.

Lungi laughs and slowly joins the hug.

LUNGI  
Wow, love is too strong of a word for  
me, but you are cool.

Suddenly a African Fish Eagle flies over them. Paige gasps in disbelief and excitement. Lungi and Precious watch, eyes wide and unblinking.

PAIGE  
Is that a fish eagle?

PRECIOUS  
(disbelief)  
No ways.

The African Fish Eagle cries out. Paige claps and Precious jumps up and down joyfully. Lungi watches the bird as it flies down from the peak.

LUNGI  
It is! How is that, a sign from God.

Paige's eyes water. Precious and Lungi notice and immediately comfort her.

LUNGI  
What's wrong Paige?

She pulls Paige into a hug. Paige bursts into tears, breathing quickly.

PAIGE

I- I think I'm finally m- mourning  
over Amy.

Precious softens, slowly stroking Paige's back.

PRECIOUS

Oh...

PAIGE

She w- was my best and only friend f-  
for so long. I just can't b- believe  
it has ended like t-this. I thought we  
would n- naturally drift apart during  
university, b- but damn, I still have  
two years of high school t- to get  
through w- without her.

LUNGI

It is fine, cry it out.

PAIGE

I a- appreciate you guys for s- so  
much that you have d- done for me on  
this t- trip. Even when you t- told me  
the truth and I didn't l- listen.

Paige forces in a deep breath. She holds onto Lungi's arm.

PAIGE (CONT'D)

T- thank you so much for being there  
for me.

Precious smiles.

PRECIOUS

And we will continue to be there for  
you. We are all friends now.

PAIGE

How can I repay you?

Precious playfully smirks.

PRECIOUS

I will settle for my slip-slop back,  
if you can track it down for me.

Paige laughs and wipes away her tears. Paige pulls Lungi and  
Precious into a tight hug.

PAIGE

I love you guys so much.

Lungi pauses. Precious nudges her.

LUNGI

Fine, fine I love you too.

Paige pauses, she pulls away from the hug to look at them.

PAIGE

Will we still hang out in school?

Lungi scoffs.

LUNGI

Duh, what kind of question is that?

Paige smiles, shaking her head.

PAIGE

A dumb one clearly.

Lungi and Precious laugh.

PAIGE (CONT'D)

But for real, I take History, Biology  
and Information Science.

PRECIOUS

(excitedly)

I take history too.

Paige blinks, surprised.

LUNGI

And I take Biology. Does Amy have IT  
with you?

PAIGE

No it was too complicated for her.

Lungi chuckles, nudging Paige playfully.

LUNGI

Sorry, smart girl.

Precious holds Paige's hand tightly.



PRECIOUS

During break we will sit together and  
in the classes we can be together too.

LUNGI

You won't even miss Amy, I promise.

Paige nods slowly and glances back at the clear sky, wiping  
away her remaining tears.

PAIGE

Thank you.

EXT. MAHOEBASKLOOF PASS - THE TOP - MOMENTS LATER

Melanie glances around the girls as they play and talk in  
separate groups.

MELANIE

Come girls, I want to take a big group  
picture.

All the girls including Paige, Lungi and Precious make their  
way towards Melanie.

PRECIOUS

Will we all get a copy of one?

Melanie smiles and nods.

MELANIE

Of course, all the photos that I have  
taken will be copied and sent to all  
your parents.

Kerry stiffens. She stares at Melanie, concerned.

KERRY

(slowly)

What do you mean, all?

Melanie smiles smugly.

MELANIE

Oh, I have been taking pictures  
throughout this trip, most of you  
didn't even know I had taken them.

Amy gasps.

AMY  
That's illegal--

Melanie abruptly raises her hand, silencing Amy.

MELANIE  
You are a minor and I got everyone's  
parents permission to take photos of  
all of you.

Melanie narrows her eyes at Amy and Kerry.

MELANIE (CONT'D)  
And I'm sure *your* parents,  
specifically, will be thrilled to see  
just how much of a bully you have been  
on this trip.

Amy and Kerry's eyes widen fearfully. Melanie smiles at them  
and motions towards Lungi, Paige and Precious.

MELANIE (CONT'D)  
(sarcastically)  
Oh no, you don't want them to find  
out? Oooh sorry, everyone from school  
will get a copy of every single photo  
I have taken.

Paige, Lungi and Precious watch in awe at Melanie.

PAIGE  
Damn she's cool.

Precious giggles nervously.

PRECIOUS  
And frightening.

Melanie straightens, glancing past Amy and Kerry towards the  
rest of the girls.

MELANIE  
Anyway, huddle up everyone.

Lungi, Precious and Paige, stick together as they merge with  
the rest of the girls. Amy and Kerry subtly group on the  
other side of girls away from them.

MELANIE (CONT'D)  
Closer...

Melanie watches the girls gather together in a tight group.

MELANIE (CONT'D)  
Huddle closer!

Lungi glances at the floor. She moves to the middle and sits in front of the group. She looks back at Paige and Precious.

LUNGI  
Come sit on the floor with me.

Paige and Precious nod and sit on either side of Lungi.

MELANIE  
Much better girls, get ready!

Melanie hold up the camera and prepares to take a picture.

PAIGE  
I'm going to print this and hang it on my wall.

PRECIOUS  
Same.

Lungi shrugs.

LUNGI  
I will get a much smaller one and put it behind my phone.

Melanie raises her hand.

MELANIE  
(happily)  
Say cheese!

Lungi pulls Paige and Precious into a tight hug, smiling at the camera. Everyone smiles as the flash goes off.

EXT. MAHOEBASKLOOF PASS - THE TOP - MOMENTS LATER

Amy and Kerry are standing with one another. Paige slowly approaches Amy and taps her on the shoulder. Amy turns and rolls her eyes.

AMY  
Now what do you want?

Paige claps, taking Amy by surprise.

PAIGE

First hold the attitude, second I wanted to thank you for being my friend for all those years.

Amy glances around, confused.

AMY

Why are you saying this to me?

PAIGE

Even though we are not friends anymore, I still want to thank you for your time and the good memories you have shared with me.

Amy softens, she licks her lips nervously.

AMY

Then I'm sorry too, for not being as good as a friend I should have been.

Paige smiles and nods understandingly.

PAIGE

Thank you for that, goodbye.

Paige turns to leave, Amy's eyes widen, she steps towards Paige abruptly. Paige notices and stops, eyeing Amy patiently.

AMY

Umm... can I get a hug?

Paige immediately pulls Amy into a tight hug.

PAIGE

(whisper)

I promise I don't hate you for what you did.

AMY

(whisper)

Why do you have to be such a good person?

Paige pulls away from the hug, she motions to her heart.

PAIGE

I have always have been.

Amy winces, nodding slowly.

AMY  
I wish I could say the same thing  
about myself.

Paige steps back. Amy gentle waves.

AMY (CONT'D)  
Goodbye.

PAIGE  
(sadly)  
Bye.

EXT. MAHOEBASKLOOF PASS - CAMP 6 - BUS - DAY

The cue to get onto the bus is moving very slowly. Melanie is monitoring the cue.

MELANIE  
(loudly)  
Just go in and sit, the sooner all of  
you find a seat the sooner you all get  
home.

Paige is trailing behind Lungi and Precious. Precious skips forward excitedly.

PRECIOUS  
I can't wait to get home.

Lungi stretches and yawns.

LUNGI  
(slowly)  
The first thing I'm going to do is  
have a nice long hot bath.

PAIGE  
I can't wait to have some real food.

Precious gasps, taking Paige off guard.

PRECIOUS  
Gosh, food! I'll do that first!

Lungi hops onto the bus and Precious follows. Paige pauses she turns around to face Mahoebaskloof Pass. She sighs deeply. Paige glances up at Melanie and nods knowingly.

MELANIE

I get it, but don't dilly dally. Let's  
get back home.

Paige nods and steps onto the bus.

INT. MAHOEBASKLOOF PASS - CAMP 6 - BUS - CONTINUOUS

Paige follow Precious and Lungi as they fill into their seats  
together. Lungi massages her shoulders. Lungi at the window,  
Paige in the middle and Precious at the isle.

LUNGI

I do think I got permanent damage from  
Kerry's bag that day.

PAIGE

Sounds like a hot bath is well  
deserved.

Lungi nods as a matter-of-factly.

LUNGI

Yeah.

Precious taps on Paige's shoulder, Paige turns to her.  
Precious looks at her pleadingly.

PRECIOUS

Paige can I please sleep on you  
shoulder on the way?

Paige smiles and nods.

PAIGE

Sure.

Lungi motions towards her earphones.

LUNGI

I'll just listen to my music.

She puts the earphones in.

LUNGI (CONT'D)

You good talking to yourself.

Paige gives her a thumbs up.

PAIGE

No worries.

Precious rests her head on Paige's shoulder as Lungi leans back eyes closed. Paige watches as the bus pulls off.

EXT. HIGH SCHOOL - PARKING LOT - THREE HOURS LATTER

Paige steps off the bus and sees her mom standing by her car. Paige rushes up to her and hugs her tightly.

MOM

How was it?

Paige pulls away look at her mom in the eye.

PAIGE

Wild.

Her mom smiles mischievously.

MOM

How wild?

PAIGE

You have no idea.

PRECIOUS

Bye!

Paige waves goodbye to Precious and Lungi.

PAIGE

Bye!

Paige turns back to her mom. Her mom glances at Precious and Lungi and smiles sweetly.

MOM

Made some new friend's?

Paige nods, a wide smile creeping to her face.

PAIGE

Yep.

FADE TO BLACK: