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Working with Mophato: interrogating and shifting representations of black women in Botswana during performance

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I'm beautiful

Hate

Full figure !!

- Sweet voice
- BIG.

Real Woman

Love = Heartbreak

Do you care?

Tired.

too sweet??
too nice??

Stop it,
stay away from me.

As Black Cotton is the Symbol for Unrewarded Struggle, a Black Woman is The Pilar of our society.
Were it not for her, we could never be.

~~A~~ ~~SKIN~~

A Black woman, is an ordinary woman just with darker skin.

Most from African decent.
Although today black women are becaming more and more equal to women of other races and to men, in the past they have struggled alot through racism and just as women in general. In other words, they ~~have~~ were seen to be inferior to men and to women of other races.
Over the past decades, they have fought for equality and are achieving their goal.
No longer is it just the woman who stays home, ~~and~~ cleans, cooks & looks after the children. Some men have joined the women in their struggle and have decided to leave the mentality that women are inferior to men and now share duties in society & at home.
It has not happened all around the world yet but it is happening

Delicate

Beautiful

Musical

Sanctified.

Complicated.

On assuming

Presumptious

LOUD → BLACK

BLACK → PROUD

PROUD → LOUD

Dibbon

Yeilding. Precious. Compulsive. Overbearing

Cultural. Care. Consistency. substances.

Daring. Developmental. Life changing.

IAN KHAMA + JA RULE
= KHRULE

HELEN ZILA + J. ZUMA
= ZIZU

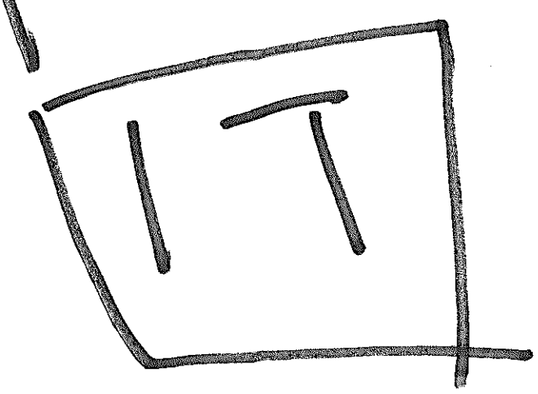
LIL WAYNE + J. BIEBER
WAYBER

MAGYVA + MEDIYA
= MAGIYA

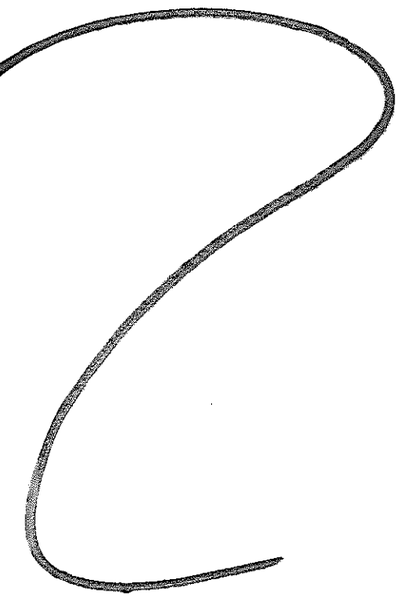
B: PIT + SLYZA
= PITYZA

D MX + THE QUEEN
= X.QUEEN

THE BEAUTY
OF CANDLE
LIGHT
TREASURE



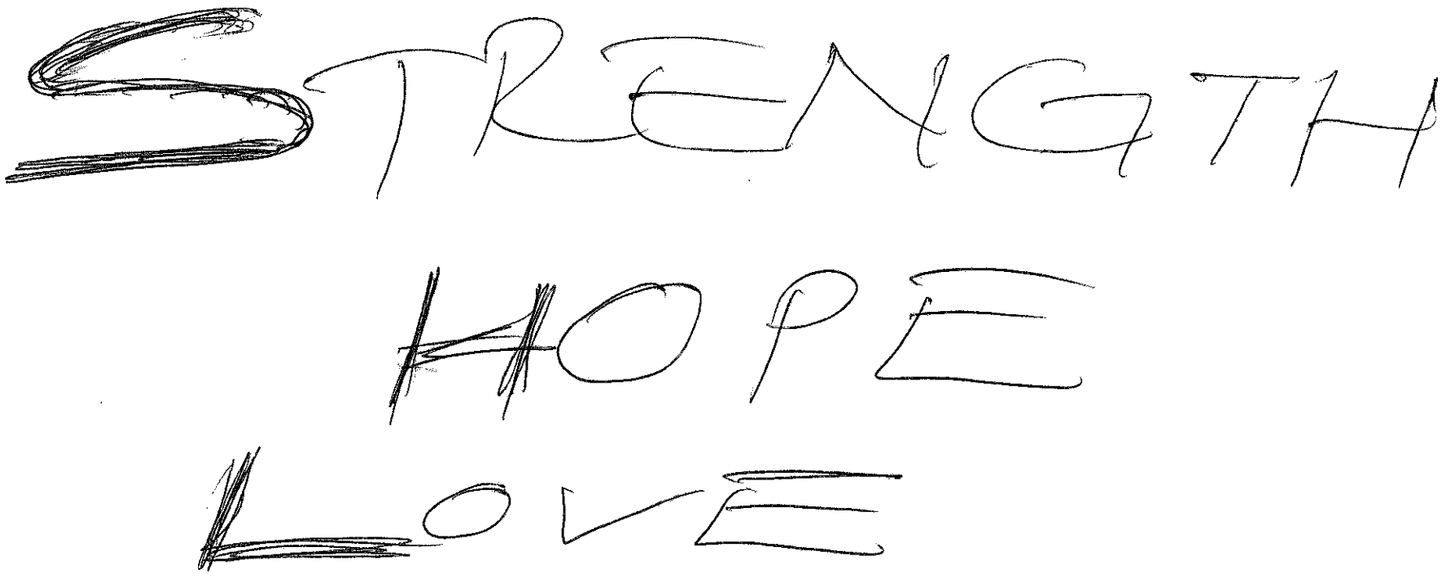
Can You ever see
me the way I
see myself.





(BLACK)

WOMAN


STRENGTH
HOPE
LOVE



A BLACK MOTHER'S

LOVE IS:

WARM BRIGHT

BEAUTIFUL

TRUE IT'S LIKE NO OTHER

STOP!!!

THE ABUSE,

SEXISM

STOP

HURTING A BLACK WOMAN

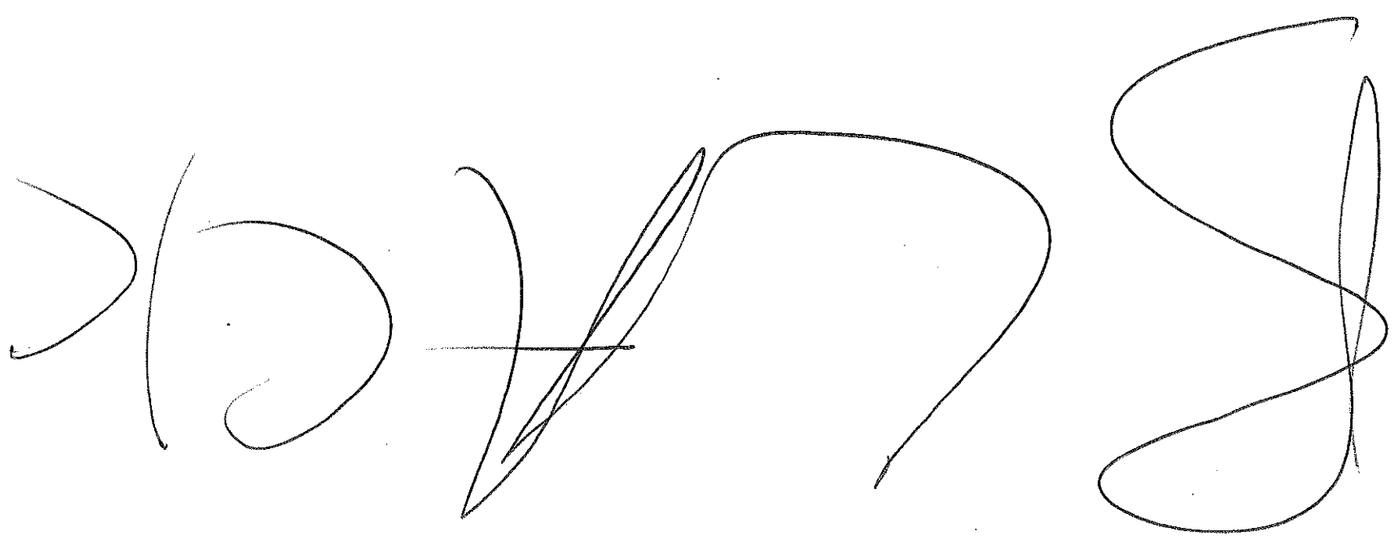
Honestly

just broken ...

~~So much~~ lonelyness

to immense

to express.



FEAR

SCARED

BLACK WOMAN

LOST SOMEONE

MISSING SOMEONE

NEED HELP

ABUSED

APPRECIATE A WOMEN

I AM BLACK & BEAUTIFUL

B - Beautiful, Bold, Brave, Big, Black

L - loving, loud

A - Artistic

C - Caring, cultural, children

K - kind.

W - Warriors, Winners, Women

O - Open

M - Much more, Moulders

E - Energetic, Emotional

N - Nourishing

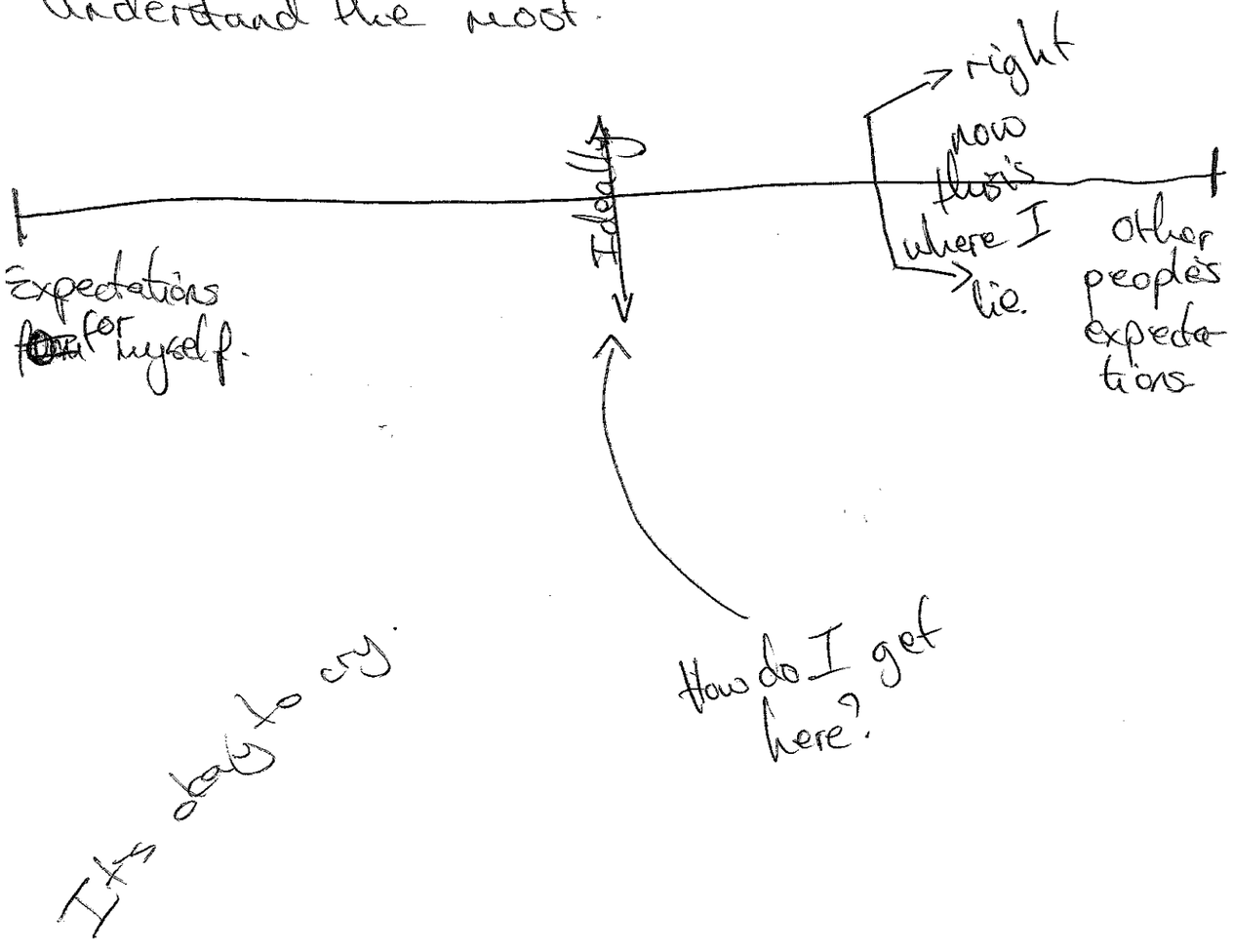
WOMAN is not
black
but a thousand shades
of brown

Woman is not a
simple victim or whole

but a thousand shades
of difference

Women is my mother
Pink, my wife ebony
my daughter Caramel

If it were easy to do, I would've done it ~~ready~~ already. It's easier said than done. Being this; me. It's hard. Constantly battling with myself, the one person I feel I understand the least. Meanwhile, this is the one person the one woman I should understand the most.



EXPECTATIONS

Men

Homemaker