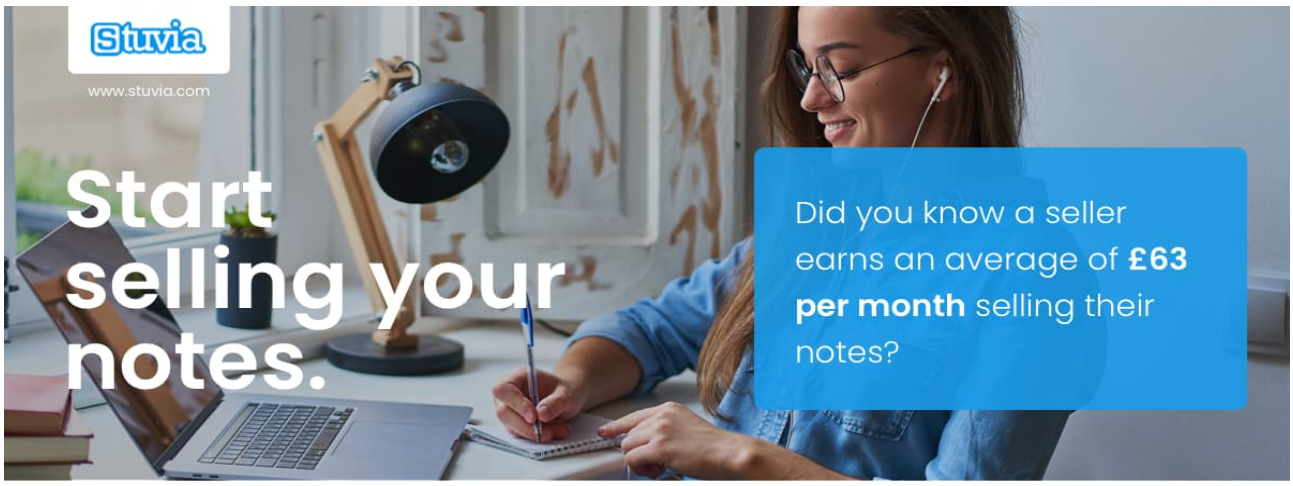
Grade 12 English First Additional Home Language -Forbidden Love Short Story (1)

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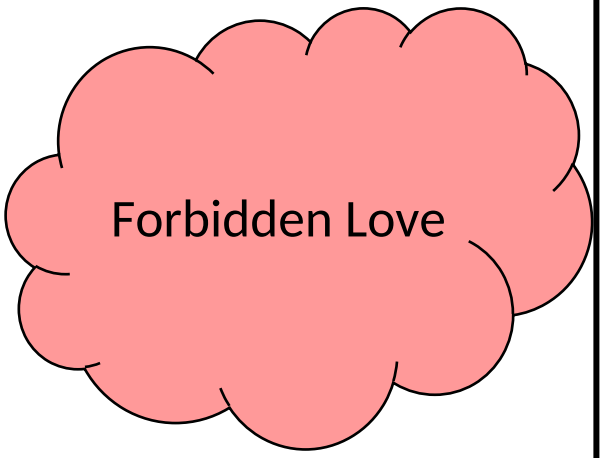
- Mixed relationships were prohibited during apartheid.

Summary:

- 2 people loved each other deeply.
- They had to hide their relationship. (Michael is black and Dora is coloured)
- The relationship gets exposed when Dora's little brother, Bobby, is told at his school that his sister is in a relationship with a native
- A fight follows and Meneer Carelse who is in love with Dora, finds out.
- He tries to convince the Principal that her family must be told
- The principal doesn't want it to become "public knowledge", but Meneer Carlse goes to tell the whole community about what they considered a "scandal"
- The irony in the story lies in the fact that Davie (Dora's brother) has had a relationship with Salome (Mike's sister) from which a child was conceived.

Setting:

1. #When=
   - During Apartheid
2. #Where=
   - Western township of Johannesburg, Sophiatown (the natives)
   - Noordgesig area (the coloureds)



Characters:

1. #Dora Randolph=
   - Loving and caring
   - Overprotective of her younger sister, Louisa
   - Loves Michael very deeply
   - Takes care of Mike when he was beaten
   - Is ashamed of how her community treats their black counterparts
   - She does not give up on her relationship with Mike
2. #Michael Chabakeng=
   - Considerate
   - Chooses his words carefully
   - Very concerned about the identity of his sister, Salome's child
   - He is humble and his love for Dora is evident in how he treats her and her family
3. #MR Van Vuuren=
   - He is a racist
4. #Louisa (Dora's younger sister)=
   - She is a bit darker in complexion than the others
   - She does not want to be associated with black people
5. #Meneer Charelse=
   - He is driven by bitterness
   - He tells others that Dora is in a mixed race relationship.
6. #Davie(Dora's brother)=
   - He is a hypocrite
   - He has a child with Salome
   - He lives in fear that he will be exposed by Salome
   - He still considers it appropriate to beat Mike up due to him having a relationship with Dora
7. #Salome(Mike's sister)=
   - Brave and strong
   - She exposes her relationship with Davie to his family despite their race issues

Themes:

1. #Love=
   - Dora and Michael love each other:
     - Love each other despite the challenges of their different racial groups.
     - Dora shows her commitment to Mike by caring for him after he was assaulted by Davie's group
     - Davie loves Salome but doesn't want to accept responsibility for the child.
     - Dora's mother appears openly happy that she has a grandchild
     - And does not think of his colour rather she appears to just be happy that there is a new member in the family
2. #Fear=
   - Dora's family lives their life in fear:
     - They feel that they do not want to have any involvement with black people(their peers actions and beliefs make them think black people are beneath them or less human)
     - Louisa is afraid politics may tear het away from her family
     - Davie is afraid to accept responsibility for his child and admit his love for Salome

Mood:

- Shame
- Hopelessness
- Fearful
- Optimistic

Tone:

- Secretive
- Tension

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