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I Love Sex! (The pickup line of Tshidi's new, bright, white boyfriend)

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Eish! Let's make it clear right now: Dylan is not just another playa on the prowl working to prescription. He's fancied medical classmate Tshidi Khuse from afar for quite a while now.

Hearing her try to memorise medical terms by reciting out loud while studying, he finally plucks up the courage to formally introduce himself and offer help.

Tshidi's learning about the Erector Spinae muscles from lateral to medical: Iliocostalis; Longissimus; Spinalis. **I Love Sex** is his way, he tells her, of remembering them. They get on like medication and a massage for sore muscles after that.

Tshidi (Nokuthlula Ledwaba), has been down in the dumps lately. Her best friend, brother Stone (Zenzo Ngqobe), has moved to Stellenbosch for a new life with his gay lover. Her girlfriends, Mpumi (Relebogile Mabotja) and Puleng (Tebogo Carlo) are in relationships.

Tshidi has somewhat of a pickled past: she was publicly ejected from Star Struck - a lucrative nationwide live TV talent contest she initially won - after it was discovered she was sleeping with the exec producer, Siyabonga (Clayton Misoya). She then developed a major drug habit while working as a backing vocalist for sometime semi-star singer Sunay (Kelly Khumalo). That lifestyle alienated her from everyone in the hood, due to her lying, cheating, and stealing as well as causing great suffering and embarrassment for her respectable Christian family.

In between, she had a brilliant TV reality show concept, The Comeback Kids, which was swiped and sold by Sunay and Siya to a major TV station. Tshidi reformed after the overdose that nearly killed her. She now plans on becoming a doctor.

She's gifted and loyal, passionate, compassionate, and beautiful. She gets on with absolutely everybody...and that's Tshidi's problem: she's such a tomboy that men tend to treat her like their best buddy. Her choice in men has also reached critical levels. So much so, that at nearly 20-years-old, Tshidi has given up on romance. The first boy she ever really liked was a gangsta, who got shot dead. Then there was terminally ill Mandla, whom she looked after until he died – in her arms. We've reminded you about slimy Siya...oh, and of course, there was King, her greasy drug dealer.

Enter shy guy Dylan (Graeme Watkins), with his fairly privileged upbringing. He went to a government school and has traveled overseas. He regards himself as having had to struggle and work hard for what he has in life (hey, he drives a second hand car) and is sometimes resentful of his folks for not being able to offer him more. He was raised in Jozi and still lives at home, although he has a separate cottage on the property.

Tshidi's mom, Mamokete (Connie Chiume), cleans the gym that Fats (Mpho Molepo) owns and runs a spaza from home (owned by Fats). Dad Kop (Setlhabi Taunyane) is a driver for Hustle Records. Tshidi was a scholarship student at the private school she attended. Her current studies are grant-funded. Money has always been tight.

And if the problems of economic-cultural divide are not enough for the couple to cope with, enter **Hailey**, Dylan's jealous, interfering, possessive ex, who **debuts Monday May 03**. She's attractive and vivacious and impeccably groomed. Also a medical student, she comes from a wealthy family. Tshidi has been tutoring her. Hailey (Elirinda du Toit) is spoilt, so used to getting what she wants, when she

wants. Her plan of operation: to splice and dice the growing bond between her former lover and Tshidi and reclaim what was once hers.

Fast scan of guest actors:

Graeme Watkins: Having completed his BA degree in Theatre and Performance from the University of Cape Town in 2007, Graeme,27, has since worked solidly in various commercials, theatre pieces, and the corporate and private market as a host, MC, and performer. 2009 was a big year for the dude when he entered the fifth season of the South African reality series, Idols, and achieved third place.

Graeme has publicly revealed his struggles in overcoming Adult ADHD (Attention Deficit/Hyperactive Disorder) and Dyslexia, which allows him to motivate both young and old in how to deal with such obstacles both in schooling/tertiary education and the professional working environment.

Just three months ago, "The Graeme Watkins Project" band, was officially launched. The group combines covers from many categories, including the singer's liking for Swing, old time Rock 'n Roll, to more current hits. Think The Beatles, Elvis Presley and Frank Sinatra to The Kings of Leon and Black Eyed Peas.

Elrinda du Toit: Born and raised in Pretoria, Elrinda,25,discovered her passion for singing, acting, and dancing at an early age, honing her skills throughout her school years while also excelling as a rhythmic gymnast.

She graduated from North West University with a BA in Communication and Industrial Psychology. While studying at NWU, she took part in various plays and, with the Alabama Student Company, toured throughout the country with the production, Crackerjack.

Elrinda completed her National Certificate in Musical Theatre (Cum Laude) from the Tshwane University of Technology and also holds a Certificate in Arts Management.

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