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### **It's sweaty, sexy Nana versus hot-headed Mpumi!**

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Fats (Mpho Molepo) needs a quick fix to market his KO Sports Palace, which is seeing its membership slide in numbers again.

He's neglected his business to concentrate on his partnership with Suffocate (Mduduzi Mabaso) and the reality TV talent contest, Star Struck, that's housed in the Kilowatt Club.

It's Mpumi (Relebogile Mabotja), one of Tshidi's girl gang school friends, who suggests he hots things up by introducing kickboxing classes (aerobics being far too dated) to his old, worn out gym.

Striking Nana (Cleopatra Simelane) is instantaneously awarded the job of kickboxing instructor, when she arrives for her interview. Her classes generally attract their quota of onlookers - men standing around watching her and her female pupils work out.

Nana falls heavily in love with herself every time she looks in the mirror – and that's often. She is modelling, but tells Fats she wants to give back to the community, just like he does. Money isn't important to her. She has no experience as an instructor (though plenty in kissing up), but as Fats says, she obviously knows how to stay in shape.

Mpumi is going crazy keeping one eye on Fats, whom she fancies (he accompanied her recently to her matric dance, although that was a set-up into which he was conned, but, hey, the girl has plans), and the other on that not- very nice personality, Nana. Mpumi shouldn't worry though. Our sexy instructress will be busy making all kinds of rapid and interesting moves on Siyabonga (Clayton Misoya), the executive producer of Star Struck!

Mind you, he's only interested in Tshidi, one of the final 10 competitors in the show, even though they have to keep their relationship under wraps for professional reasons.

### **Punch-fast facts on our two actresses [Mpumi is here long-term]**

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- **Cleopatra** (Nana) studied three years of drama at high school and trained at Soweto TV as a news compiler. She has appeared in the TV shows, Mtunzini.com, and A Place Called Home (Season Two). She has done TV sports voiceovers, was a runner- up in Miss Soweto 2005 and a finalist in Miss SA Teen 2004. She lists her special talents as singing, dancing, and athletics (running, netball, and aerobics).
- **Relebogile (Mpumi)** , 23, has been entertaining audiences since she was five years old. In her matric year, she was cast as Mabel, a principal role in the stage production, Fame -The Musical. She was nominated for a 2004 Naledi Award in the categories: Best Newcomer – Female, and Best Female in a Musical.
- Relebogile performed at the opening ceremony of the 46664 Concert at the Cape Town International Convention Centre in 2003, and, at the event's dinner banquet, performing alongside Mara Louw. She also presented Backchat, on e.tv's children's show, Craze, in 2004.
- Since then, Relebogile has appeared in TV shows: Home Affairs; Zone 14; Generations; Afrikaans sketch comedy, Kompleks, as well as a German film, Traum Hotel.

- She performed in the Afrikaans musical, Imbumba/Samesyn, at the Aardklop festival in Potchefstroom in 2004, and in 2005, at the KKNK in Oudtshoorn and Innibos in Nelspruit. She also starred as “Pinky - The Shebeen Queen”, in the musical, ‘Soweto Story’, which ran at the Johannesburg Civic Theatre. Relebogile has most recently been seen presenting Gospel Grooves every Sunday morning on e.tv.
- When she’s not singing, acting, or presenting, Relebogile writes for a teenage magazine, acts as an MC for corporate events, and works in TV production. She also writes, arranges, and directs the music for her band, “The Wine Collection”.
- A Virgo, and from Pretoria, Relebogile describes herself as “seriously ambitious.” Re her bungee jumping trip to Switzerland: “I had worked very hard, and saved up a lot of money...I needed to give myself a 21<sup>st</sup> birthday experience.”
- Chicago is one of her all-time favourite movies.
- On her character, Mpumi: “She claims to be tough, but she is as soft as chocolate. She pretends not to care about other people’s comments, but she actually does. I have always played loveable characters, so I hope Mpumi turns into an evil girl – that would be a challenge!”

**For power-punch impact photos of Nana, Mpumi, and Fats, contact:**