



Breaking News!

BIG BANG (Then Abigail is dead) SCANDAL! TX Thursday August 13, 7.30PM

- **The life of rich bitch (and she was) Abigail Rodriguez-Martins (Michele Maxwell), ends in a flaming finale** when her car explodes in this spectacular episode that is guaranteed to flash burn all e screens and fry your nerves.
- Her shell -shocked son - property publication editor and entrepreneur, Tino (Clint Brink) - who witnesses his mother's assassination will, with roaring boiler rage, adopt a torch-everything-and-everybody policy in his immediate and searing search for the murderer/s.
- There will soon be the reading of Rodriguez-Martins' will.
- **The blazing issue: *Who killed Rodriguez-Martins – and why?***

It has been verified that Rodriguez-Martins, the chief financial officer of NZH publishing company and owner of her own legal and extensive business empire throughout Africa, also had a former alias as Laqhasha - feared secret queen of the criminal underground. She dropped her alter ego and (most of) her illegal activities when the authorities began taking notice. She has been described as a dragon lady, whose blisteringly sharp bite had somewhat softened recently, all due to a sweltering fling with toy boy lover, Cole Harris..

The following persons are the primary suspects in the investigation:

1) Ex-cruise ship singer Cole Harris (Emmanuel Castis): Rodriguez-Martins' greedy, blackmailing toy boy lover. It has been established that although he received a gift of 50% ownership of her Johannesburg club, RT's, he was still furnace-hot furious over her declaration that the Bank of Abigail was now closed in terms of extra funding for his demo studio CD that he had hoped would snare a record company deal. Suspiciously, Cole will disappear yet again right after the news that Rodriguez-Martins is dead.

2) NZH CEO Daniel Nyathi (Sello Maake ka Ncube): Rodriguez-Martins' long-standing business rival who, it is claimed, vowed vicious vengeance when she inadvertently revealed it was her who orchestrated the recent abduction of his son, Mangi (Kagiso Modupe) in order to execute her vengeance against him.

Poor Mangi went cold turkey suffering crushing withdrawal symptoms after being released. He is still in the process of recovery. However, there will always be the fear of relapse. Rodriguez-Martins' horrendous act was in retaliation for Daniel having had her kidnapped last year and faking her death (in a fiery car crash), to prompt the cops to probe into her life and discover her criminal history.

Daniel also knew – and he was right - that what the cops dug up would forever taint the relationship between Tino and his mom, especially when he found out she was responsible for the death of his dad (even though Rodriguez-Martins' permanent limp was caused by his father's physical abuse).

3) Acting Editor of Scandal! Shakira (Dawn Matthews): Rodriguez-Martins' emotionally needy, mentally unbalanced, red-hot sex kitten of a surrogate daughter whom Ma taught well in all things illicit.

Shakira was spitefully jealous of opportunistic Cole's choice to commit to her mother after Rodriguez-Martins' ultimatum to the singer that he choose between her and (her daughter. This after discovering that Cole and Shakira were having a sizzling fling (mainly in car parks and lifts) behind her back.

Insecure Shakira was also steamed about Cole receiving the bulk of Rodriguez-Martins' affection/attention and his persistent siphoning of his sugar momma's considerable earnings. Shakira was also resentful of Rodriguez-Martins' recently revealed favouritism with regard to her half-brother, Tino. Mother and daughter had been blackmailing each other with their tenuous relationship finally erupting into physical threats and venomous verbal insults.

4) Unnamed kingpins of criminal syndicates whom Rodriguez-Martins had double-crossed/blackmailed/fallen foul of over the years.

For explicit pap pix of the explosion, IDs of Rodriguez-Martins, and of the suspects, contact:

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