



Press Release

The Player and The Rookie **(On Scandal! it's all nookie!)** **Scandal! : Monday to Thursday @ 7.30pm**

The heat is on with the recent launch of South Africa's latest celeb magazine, Scandal! – and the latest additions to the cast of Scandal, e.tv's increasingly popular prime-time drama.

Meet two polar opposites: Jay-Jay (Daniel Hadebe) is a hip-happening ladies' man and paparazzi snapper for the mag. Kenneth (Paul Spies) is an introverted and very odd geek – he's also a fertility lab technician.

Kenneth, a lonely misfit of a nerd, has never, ever, had a girlfriend before – at the age of 30-something, he's still a virgin and lives with his mom.

A striking contrast to the extroverted Jay-Jay: “Jay-Jay is an incredible ladies' man, and I also love girls! But I'm not as insensitive as he is. I really do appreciate women, but the flirtatious Jay-Jay will do anything to get a girl to hike up her skirt,” comments Daniel.

The characters and their storylines:

Jomo “Jay-Jay” Zwane is the younger sibling to the ruthless Vusi Zwane (Siyabonga Twala), the publisher of Scandal. Although not everyone at the magazine is aware of the relationship as yet, he uses it to his advantage to wrangle a job as a photographer. He brings with him his assistant, sex siren Shakira (Dawn Matthews), his sidekick in all of his unsavoury scams.

Manipulative and scummy Jay-Jay is responsible for taking the intrusive pictures of social swingers, Paris and Zuko Zondi (Lala Tuku and Hugh Masebenza) that were used on the cover of the first issue of Scandal!'s magazine. The couple is now suing the rag.

Jay-Jay will continue to get up many people's noses in his quest to climb up the sleaze ladder and top all competition with attention grabbing headlines and even seedier pix.

Kenneth Muirhead is very committed to his job – to the point of obsession. Until he meets Nirvana (Keren Tahor), the editor of Scandal!, who is currently seducing him by making him believe that he is everything that he is not in real life: sexy, smooth and self-assured.

He falls into her trap and becomes a pawn in her plan for revenge on her ex-lover, the editor of the Voice, Stan Nyathi (Luthuli Dlamini) and his wife, Thato (Rami Chuene). The latter is the

former (secret) lover of Vusi, who is also Stan's best friend. Thato is undergoing a series of expensive fertility treatments in the hope of having a second child.

"Kenneth has been waiting for someone like Nirvana all his life," says Paul. "He invests all his emotions in her. He's clinically depressive and unstable, so when things go wrong, I won't be surprised if he goes over the edge when it turns out that Nirvana is only using him as part of her sick plans."

The actors...

Daniel hails from Soshanguve in Pretoria, where he lived for most of his life with his mother and two younger sisters. "While growing up, I always wanted to act, but for some reason when I moved to Jozi after school, I ended up in the modelling industry," he says.

"I worked as an extra on a couple of daily dramas and started to take acting lessons," recalls Daniel.

"One day, by fate I guess, I accidentally found out about a pilot episode for a movie called "Shogun Khumalo is Dying", an action/martial arts feature. I wasn't really interested, but everyone told me to try out for it. I guess they were impressed with me because I got the lead and we will be doing a full length feature soon," concludes Daniel.

Paul, a Business Science graduate, quit his career to follow his passion after being in the business world for six years. "I've been in the business for a while now, starting off with voice over work and small parts in various TV dramas," comments Paul.

"Scandal is my biggest break so far, and I hope it goes down well."

With outrageous plotlines of squalid photos and sperm stealing and swapping, viewers will hardly be able to ignore the new men of Scandal.

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