



Press Release

THE PUPPET MASTERS OF BACKSTAGE

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Tebogo Moloji is a controlling puppet master who will - through many script twists-and-turns in the next few weeks – tangle, if not actually strangle-hold, a lot of people's lives and futures on Backstage.

This smoothly corrupt character (played by Godfrey Lekala) has a recent history with (the now dead) Duke and his former henchman, Mike Jennings (David Dukas). The three, if you remember, were involved in an illegal diamonds venture. Mike set Moloji up for alleged fraud on a separate criminal deal to temporarily ease the pressure of his demands for the gems that were stolen, during transportation, by (the now dead) pilot Peter (former husband of Zinzi and father of Duma).

Now Moloji is back to make a killing. He's linked to an international cartel and Zinzi (Tselane Tambo) will be so dazzled by his masterful authority, prosperity and influential contacts that this formerly independent career woman (who's building an empire on the proceeds of the fenced diamonds) will agree to go into business with him. She'll even allow herself to be groomed by him, as it were, for the high (political) life...

And, of course, the bedroom is another area in which Moloji's wishes are Zinzi's commands. (She is totally ignorant of her new man's

former relationship with her murdered husband and Mike, her current lover).

More about Godfrey Lekala:

Johannesburg-based Godfrey, 43, goes to gym, enjoys soccer and is trying his luck at writing TV drama scripts. But be warned: his main pastime is watching - everybody. After observing and absorbing how they move, talk and behave, he files people's mannerisms and idiosyncrasies for possible inclusion in future characterisations. Godfrey, who knew he wanted to be an actor from the time he starred in a primary school production, says he's played "baddies" all his life.

That's apart from his role as Khiza in the movie, King Solomon's Mine, starring Patrick Swayze. (It was shot in SA in 2003 and released in 2004.) "I was on location for three months. I learnt a lot and enjoyed myself. Patrick is human, there's no ego there."

Godfrey has acted in commercial and corporate theatre productions and numerous TV soaps, comedies and dramas (like e.tv's Jozi Streets). He's also involved in community theatre and his dream is to be in Hollywood within the next five years. Moloi, says Godfrey, is dangerous and manipulative, masking his ruthlessness behind jovial charm. "He's a bomb waiting to explode."

The slippery Mike – Zinzi's present partner in absolutely everything – is going to be shoved sideways by Mr Moloi, our slick captain of industry.

But it's all part of part of Mike's grand plan. For many years he's been living a sensational secret life – all will be revealed on Thursday March 30. Then see who pulls the strings of destiny.

**Lives unravel. Ties will be cut.
Weekdays on Backstage @ 6.30pm**

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