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### The mystery of Christy Smith

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Just who is Christy Smith?

She is, ostensibly, the new, sexy, and highly intelligent personal assistant to entrepreneur Tino Martins (Clint Brink) and sales executive for The Voice, Alex Phiri (Shona Ferguson), the co-partners of the soon-to-be-launched property publication, Estate.

But hold on! NZH Acting CEO, Daniel (Sello Maake ka Ncube) is the person who alerted Christy (Jena Dover) to the vacancy, what with Tino's former PA, Maletsatsi, leaving to take up a full time position as church treasurer. Daniel obviously has a secret agenda, because he asks her not to tell anyone that he did tip her off – or that they know each other. And we know Daniel has serious professional and personal issues about the new publication...

The rumours rumble around the newsroom over Daniel's latest "conquest" (they are seen dining out together), with Scandal! Editor, Naida Nahrain (Sorisha Naidoo) taking a vested interest, even though she was the one who broke up (not without good reason!) with Daniel.

We will find out that Daniel and Christy are old acquaintances and share a history. Sexual sparks will ignite between Tino and Christy. What are Christy's true intentions for taking the job when it soon becomes obvious she's overqualified and far too talented for the work at hand? Trust Tino's possessive mother, Abbey (Michelle Maxwell), and always suspicious, former National Intelligence Agent, Alex, to get to the truth.

Jena was just five years old when a photographer noticed her in a mall and insisted her parents audition her for commercials.

Jena started off her small screen career as a presenter on the kiddies' show, KTV, and has appeared in TV dramas, One Way, and Hard Copy. She landed a movie role in Darrell Roodt's 2006 film, Number Ten, acting opposite Kwaito king, Mandoza, and Colin Moss.

Born to immigrant parents from Scotland and raised in Johannesburg, Jena, as a child, always dreamt of becoming a professional Equestrian and competing at the Olympic Games with her horses. "I rode competitively for nine years, but I was nowhere near good enough, and neither were my horses!"

Of her role, she reveals: "I was impressed that the majority of my scenes would include the amazing talent of Sello and Clint. Christy is tough, classy, and graceful. Her journey in Scandal! is one of self discovery, whilst navigating the intricacies of an unusual family dynamic. I've always wanted to play strong female characters that have opinions and convictions. Christy has all of those qualities," comments Jena.

Christy would love to play Gail Johnson, Nkosi Johnson's mother, in a biopic. "I presented an award to her at a function and her story has touched me ever since. She was controversial, but at the same time, a unique spirit. I believe they are in pre-production on a film depicting her story, and Naomi Watts has the part. I will watch with keen interest..."

Jena says both she and Christy are honest and outspoken. "I have an overdose of ambition and Christy could certainly relate to that. Christy won't tolerate mediocrity. She gets off on how she is perceived superficially – that she looks and acts like a Paris Hilton type bimbo – but this is a misconception. She is a witty and shrewd businesswoman who knows what she wants and who will sometimes use her physical beauty to get it. She has the edge and ability to manipulate a situation to her advantage."