



Press Release

Duke Shot! **Friday, October 7 @ 6.30pm**

Duke Ngcobo (Carlo Radebe) is a man with many enemies - and they're all gunning for him.

Here's The Deal: our murderous, blackmailing, drug dealing, all-round neighbourhood sociopath wants his diamonds back - at any cost - and strongly suspecting the Mzamo family (Zinzi and Duma) know more than they're letting on, instructs bully boy, Mike Jennings (David Dukas), to cultivate Zinzi (Tselane Tambo) and find them.

Duke's instincts (sharp as a diamond) are correct. Peter Mzamo (Sello Sebotsane), who last had possession of the diamonds - and whose death Duke organised - left a trail of cryptic clues for his wife and son within an elaborate treasure hunt. They will eventually be the owners of a small fortune - as long as they find them first.

Mike and Zinzi's relationship, however, has been rapidly developing along radically different lines to the one Duke wanted...they're close (very, very close) friends...and this has Duma (Leroy Gopal) very, very mad. And he questions Mike's motives in helping his mother in the search for the missing diamonds - is he really prepared to betray Duke and protect Zinzi?

Mike has been walking a fine line between Zinzi and Duke - but it's hard to tell if he has merely been manipulating Zinzi - or whether Duke's right hand dude, finally tiring of his boss's bullish tactics, has switched sides...

Don't forget Katlego (Baby Cele), Duke's new bride, who has fast become disillusioned with, and bitter about, their marriage. Duke physically and emotionally abuses her and she seeks refuge in alcohol. A once proud and dignified role model for her music students at Vulindlela College, Katlego has now joined the walking wounded of the world.

The Big Tip Off: Duke is getting deeper and deeper into trouble with his corrupt business partner, Moloi (just a few weeks ago, he was framed for fraud by Duke) who is pressurising Duke to return his (illicit) diamonds. And just to up the stakes - another enemy of Duke re-enters the picture: Venter, who once tried to burn Duke's bar down, and who is now out of prison.

Katlego is dismissed from her job - a heartbreaking decision made by the college principal and her closest friend, Ipeleng (Grace Mahlaba). However, she is given a warning and reinstated. Katlego begs Duke for a divorce - but he refuses. This has her film lecturer colleague and former suitor, Mpumi (Sello Motloung) confronting Duke about his treatment of Katlego, demanding that he let her go. They argue viciously about Katlego's future and the usually mild-mannered Mpumi threatens Duke. (Katlego is the most important person in his life and he will do ANYTHING not to see her suffer anymore).

Which, of course, means Duke simply responds in the way he knows best: he pulls his gun on Mpumi - and that's the end (for the moment) of that particular conversation.

This Will Cost You Extra: All this high drama leads to a hellish hostage situation within the next five days that results in a classic screen showdown.

So if it's true that we pay for everything in this life

Does Duke finally pay the ultimate price?

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(That has some damn fine acting never ever seen before on South African TV)

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