



## **PRESS RELEASE**

**Scandal (TX: Monday to Thursday @ 8pm)**

### **CHILD SLAVERY SHOOT OUT**

Things are hard for Lulama (Sarah Ngubeni) as she juggles her new career as a waitress at the regulars' bar, RT's. It hasn't been a good last couple of weeks - when Stan fired her last Monday, Lulama's whole world crashed around her. But who sent the sms that divulged she'd paid for the child slavery story? Eddie (Sandy Mokwena) suspects Yusuf Omar (Kevin Smith). He's the only other person who knew the truth. It's been a week of high drama - and it's going to end in one explosive episode.

Lulama is fed up with her waitressing gig and decides to quit. Yusuf is supportive of her decision and asks her to work with him. She pretends to be considering his proposition because she needs to find out how Yusuf is linked to the child slavery ring. She finds incriminating evidence, which leads her to a warehouse that Yusuf owns. Eddie and Breyton (Jacques Bignaut) help her with the stakeout outside the warehouse.

Eddie thinks watching the warehouse without involving the police is dangerous. Despite Yusuf's attempts to block her, Lulama sees an opportunity to get inside. She is shocked by what she sees - scores of drugged children being escorted to the back of a truck. Yusuf and his men discover that Lulama has company and before Eddie can alert the police that they have been spotted they are forced into the trucks with the children.

The sounds of police sirens are a welcome relief - but there's an exchange of fire between the police and Yusuf's men. Yusuf is injured and Lulama, Eddie, Breyton and the kids escape unharmed. Could this mean Stan will have a change of heart and give Lulama her job back?

#### The background

Lulama Jackson (Sarah Ngubeni) was fired this past Monday because it was discovered she had paid for a story, which didn't go down too well with her editor Stan Nyathi (Luthuli Dlamini). She was working on a story about child slavery and her informant was subsequently killed, which led to Stan finding out that she had used "cheque-book journalism" to get her information. Just around the same time she was writing the article a businessman with international ties, Yusuf Omar (Kevin Smith), started having an interest in the newspaper and an even bigger interest in Lulama. She eventually moved in with him.

Lately, things have not been going well and Lulama is putting two and two together about the ties between Yusuf and the child-slavery ring of which he is the leader. He has been dating her only to get information and to try and deflect her from finding out about his illegal dealings. This will all

come to light this week - culminating in a shoot out between the police and Yusuf's goons. Yusuf gets his just dues.

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