

SOUL CITY 3

EPISODE 1

A new social worker, MARIO SEPTEMBER, has been appointed at the clinic. There's a man holding people hostage at the clinic. Not a good day for Mario. Ali's child has started at a new school where there's "bullies" who take money from other pupils for "protection fee". Later on Lizzie tells "the man in the Balaclava" that guns are no good, have solved anything and can hurt innocent people. Lizzie offers to help him. Afterwards the "hostage guy" releases everyone except Lizzie.

EPISODE 2

Tents have been erected outside to help patients who need medical attention. Inside the hostage room, Sol (the Balaclava man) has 2 demands. One, he needs to make a statement in front of the camera. The second one we cannot hear. After these demands have been met, he'll release Lizzie.

Simon has decided to leave school for the band, Lizika advises him not to as singing is not forever. She tells him that even if he sings and becomes successful, he'll still need an education.

Sol tells Lizzie he does not care if he hurts people or gets hurt himself. He tells Lizzie he's H.I.V positive. Everyone has turned against him. He never had any counselling after being diagnosed H.I.V positive. He was fired from his job. His girlfriend dumped him. He acknowledges the fact that he slept around and that he is to blame. He believes he's going to die but Lizzie tells him that he can still live long and healthy before he becomes ill.

The camera crew is brought in and Sol tells people about H.I.V. It does not discriminate but it is the people who do instead. He advises people to always use condoms and to support people with and AIDS.

Sol's second demand was that a helicopter drop 20 000 condoms so that the community can start using them. Sol then releases Lizzie and is shot but he escapes.

Vusi tries to wake up but he cannot. He's had too much to drink the previous night. The police are still looking for Sol. After being shot he went to Lizzie's place to ask for help. He doesn't want to turn himself in. He finds out that Lizzie is also H.I.V positive.

Simon meets his long time friend, Disco. He tells Simon he wants to start a taxi business and needs a partner. He tells Simon that the band doesn't have a future and lots of money but the taxi business does. He tells Simon that he will not keep Lizeka for long because he will not have enough money to cater for her e.g taking to movies.

The "bullies" at school have hit Tebogo and Ali suggests that Tebogo also fights back but Thandi does not think that two wrong will make a right. She thinks they need to go to the school and address this matter.

Bettina and Vusi get married. Vusi's friend, Gomoleka wants Vusi to have a lot to drink because you cannot have fun without drinking. Bettina does not like it and won't allow Vusi to drive because he's had a lot to drink. They go to their honeymoon hotel where Vusi falls asleep the first night of their marriage and Bettina is very disappointed.

EPISODE 4

Vusi and Bettina are having breakfast at the beach and Vusi apologises for falling asleep the previous night. Bettina tells Vusi there's nothing wrong with alcohol but it is the way people abuse it that makes it bad.

Budlender's cousin is sick in hospital. He has cirrhosis of the liver because of alcohol.

Sol goes to the clinic to tell Lizzie he's turning himself in.

Tebogo starts stealing money from his mother's purse in order to pay the bullies.

Simon later sees Amos, Disco's friend. He is also involved in the taxi business and takes out a stack of R50 notes. Simon sees this and is becoming more and more interested in the taxi business. He tells the rest

of the members he's leaving them and they are all against it.

EPIOSOSDE 5

Budlender goes to check his cousin at the hospital. He has passed away. When Budlender checks his clothing, he finds a bottle of brandy. Khosi goes back to school. He sees the bullies hitting the child and taking money from her. Thandi catches Tebogo trying to steal money from her purse. Tebogo won't tell the teachers about the bullies because he's scared they'll hit him.

HOUSING GROUP, MATTERS DISCUSSED

You can build the houses yourself or hire builders.

Hot water can be obtained from a geyser or the sun.

Large rooms of the house must face north otherwise they'll be cold in winter.

West facing rooms will be too hot in summer

EPIOSODE 6

It seems like the new taxi business isn't going too well for Disco and Simon. The combi won't start and passengers won't ride. On the other hand, the band is doing well and even auditioning for a lead singer. Ali and Thandi are discussing Tebogo's behaviour. He's quite, stealing money and probably bunking school because of the bullies.

Thandi decides to go see one of the teachers at school. She tells Thandi that some of the children behave like that towards other children because they are abused and neglected at home. They walk around with knives in their pockets. The teachers are afraid to reprimand them because the children have gangster brothers who threaten them.

Gomoleka arrives late at the housing group because he had to go drink first. The rest of the members are not impressed.

Lizzie goes to Sol's boss to confront him about firing Sol illegally. He makes a stupid excuse by saying that Sol was a bad worker. He tells Lizzie that he will not expose other workers to that "disease"

EPISODE 7

Vusi is looking after the building material when Gomoleka arrives. He persuades Vusi not to go home and to stay with him for a couple of drinks. Vusi doesn't want to but eventually agrees. Vusi however tells him he will not drink because he's married. Gomoleka tells Vusi that he should be ashamed of himself being controlled by a woman. Vusi is lured into the trap and drinks. They are asleep and the tools get stolen.

The following day Vusi makes an excuse by saying that it was Gomoleka who forced him to stay. Bettina gets angry with him. Ali tells Vusi that when you drink you lose control and responsibility.

At school Khosi tells the parents that the children's bully behaviour is only a symptom and the real problem has to be addressed.

At the courthouse (during Sol's trial) Sol's lawyer makes Mr Resnick aware that you cannot pass AIDS on to other people by simply working with them.

A child arrives at the clinic with a burn. Cecilia tells her that whenever you have a burn, you must keep it in cold water and do not apply anything on it.

EPISODE 8

Tuko (Gomoleka's son) wants Tebogo to join his gang. Tebogo doesn't want to and knows it's wrong but because he's scared of Tebogo and his mates he's forced to join. He has to "prove" that he's committed by also taking money from other children.

The magistrates has sentenced Sol to 500 hrs community work and Lizzie suggests that he uses that by helping the community. She decides that they (Sol and Lizzie) start an AIDS support group for infected people and their families.

Zanele is at the clinic with a swollen eye. She can no longer cope at school, can't concentrate and has been involved in a lot of accidents. Apparently her father is physically and emotionally abusing her.

EPISODE 9

Lizzie and Sol have started with their support group. Vusi's drinking is worrying Bettina. She's upset because when you drink you become a fool and you lose control of your behaviour. The taxi business is becoming more and more difficult from Simon. He does all the work while Disco is misusing the money they make.

EPISODE 10

Zanele's father comes home drunk and knocks over a candle which catches a cloth and the shack catches fire. The fire spreads and the shacks are destroyed. Zanele inhales a lot of smoke and is admitted at the clinic.

EPISODE 11

It is after the fire at the Soul City squatter camp and everyone's homeless. Sol and Lizzie have decided to start a fire forum to help the homeless find shelter. Zanele's father was killed in the fire. Lizeka and Simon have a fight and Simon gives Lizeka a "blue-eye". Tuko's father has had a lot to drink and beats Tuko whenever he arrives from the shebeen. Mandla and Khosi are also among the homeless people. Khosi wants to know why they cannot go stay with Mandla's parents. Mandla never told his parents about Khosi's H.I.V. and he's scared that when he does, they'll throw them out.

Lizeka goes to the golden peacock to go meet Dinana and Pinki. She tells them that Simon has hit her. Pinki tells Dinana and Lizeka that her boyfriend also hit her when she "deserved" it. Dinana tells her that no-one deserves to be hit by anyone.

Vusi's shack has burnt out and resorts to drinking because he believes he can forget about his problem in that way.

Mandla and Khosi have decided to go to Mandla's parents house after all.

Later in the evening they tell them about Khosi being H.I.V positive and to their greatest surprise Mandla's parents accept Khosi's illness and promise her support.

Captain Modise goes to the clinic for a check-up and discovers he has an STD. He needs counselling and medication in order to prevent himself from being more exposed to H.I.V and AIDS. All information during counselling is confidential. Sol tells Detective Modise to remain faithful to one partner and always use a condom. Take blames his wife for the STD but Sol tells him that both partners are responsible for a safe sex life.

Tuko has been stealing tools of the housing group just "just the fun of it". He gets the key to the box from his father when he's drunk.

EPISODE 12

Zanele is staying with Cecelia because her father passed away and no relatives of hers can be traced. Simon is depressed and the taxi business is going down the drain day by day. No money and he's lost his friends and a girlfriend.

Tuko goes to show Tebogo where he hides the tools, but makes Tebogo swear he'll tell anyone.

Tebogo asks his father what he'd do if a friend did something bad like stealing and asked you not to tell him that usually when a child does something spiteful it is because he/she is bitter about something or he/she has a specific problem. In this case, the problem TUKO has is his father beating him up every time he's drunk.

Disco meets with Lizeka and tells her that the reason for the taxi business not working is entirely Simon's fault because he doesn't work and runs around with girls (He's lying of course).

At the housing group, Ali tells Gomoleka about Tuko's stealing. He says Tuko won't do that because he knows he'll get a good hiding. Vusi tells him that

may be the reason why Tuko does that. Later on that evening when Tuko arrives at home, Gomoleka wants to hit him. His wife stops him and tells him that beating Tuko will make him more stubborn and violent. Zanele's having nightmares about her abusive.

EPISODE 13

Tuko has run away from home and Tebogo blames himself for that. Had he not told Ali about Tuko's stealing he wouldn't have gotten him into trouble. Simon begs Lizeka for forgiveness but she won't. She wants to teach Simon a good lesson. Simon knows that hitting women does not prove your manhood but Disco believes you should give a woman a slap now and then to "straighten her out". Simon tells ignorant Disco that women are no inferior to men and should be respected.

At the AIDS support group a pregnant woman (martha) is seeking advise. She's H.I.V and pregnant. The baby's father ran away when he found out Martha was pregnant. Sol ntells her she can still give birth to a healthy baby even though she's H.I.V positive. Her second choice is to have an abortion.

Gomoleka is at the bar and Detective Modise walks in. He's wondering why Gomoleka is having alcohol so early in the morning and Gomo tells him it's because he has problems at home meaning Tuko. Gomoleka tells Det. Modise that no matter how hard or how often he gives Tuko a hiding, Tuko still behaves naughty. Detective Modise tells Gomo that the beating might be the problem and he takes Gomoleka to jail to show him all the juveniles who have committed crime due to unbearable situations at home. When Gomoleka returns at home he finds a big surprise - Tuko is drunk. He now realises that alcohol and beating have never solved anything but make things worse instead. He asks for forgiveness from his son.

The housing group has succeeded and their first house has been completed. The band has recorded and cut a tape. Cecelia has adopted Zanele. Lizeka is still upset with Simon and she was so angry, she decided to initiate a march for VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN. DISCO finally gets caught up with his own actions. His life is ruined and he burns the taxi. The march turns out to be very successful and Simon gets his second chance after all!