

Ya Lla

Season 1

Episodes: 13 Duration: 46'

Synopsis:

Set in the dusty mining town of Welkom, Ya Lla is a story of how an extraordinary young man takes control of what's left of the once legendary Marashea gang and tries to restore it to its former glory. It explores how a man can rise from the bottom of the food chain, to a position of power and how that power can become detrimental to everything he stands for.

Episode: 1/13 Duration: 46' Rating: 16

Synopsis:

Lenka Moshoeshoe arrives in the town of Welkom to take over his father's job at Haarhoff Mine. When he discovers that the mines are down-scaling and the promised job is no longer available, he finds himself drawn to the dangerous world of illegal mining. A tightly contested world with its own mining Don and a dirty cop willing to turn a blind eye for a fee. And where men are willing to die for the prospect of an overnight fortune. A world Lenka is determined to enter, with dire consequences.

Episode: 2/13 Duration: 46' Rating: 16

Synopsis:

Left for dead, Lenka is rescued by Palamang but winds up in police custody where he meets Puleng who treats him in hospital and helps him escape. Lenka is disappointed that Marashea gang is no longer a powerful force. Kobo encourages

him to join the gang. Lenka discover the hostel, Zama Zama's business and the insatiable demand for mercury.

Episode: 3/13 Duration: 46' Rating: 16 Synopsis:

The Marashea give a Moferefere a public beating, which does little to improve his behaviour. Lenka proposes a cultural event to uplift K-Hostel and help win over the residents. But Palamang's band will be unable to perform on account of a broken accordion so Lenka and Puleng both get down to trying to make some cash in a hurry to get it fixed. Along the way they fall in love. The K-Hostel Mohaonto is a big success, but comes to a shocking end.

Episode: 4/13 Duration: 46' Rating: 16 Synopsis:

After killing Moferee, Lenka is regarded with fear and awe and there are mutterings that the Marashea might have found its new leader. But the gang is broke and anyone who wants to be top dog will need to find a new source of income. Lenka believes K Hostel is the key and sets a "hearts and minds" campaign in action, against the advice of the elders.

Episode: 5/13 Duration: 46' Rating: 16 Synopsis:

Lenka is warned to stay away from the Hostel after Zwane has threatened the Sheriffs, looking for him. He is bored, spending time at the tavern until he gets the money to help Palamang record his CD. A desperate Zwane resorts to brutality when she victimises Kobo to get to Lenka. When Lenka tries to rescue a desperate Nala, he runs into Zwane's plot and is targeted.

Episode: 6/13 Duration: 46' Rating: 16 Synopsis:

A week behind bars is frustrating, but a blessing in disguise as Lenka learns about an out-of-town corruption busting cluster who he is able to use against top local cop Zwane. Having won the hearts and minds of the Hostel dwellers, the Marashea set up an elaborate sting to get the cops arrested and take over as landlords of the hostel.

Episode: 7/13 Duration: 46' Rating: 16 Synopsis:

Things appear to be working in K-Hostel with Marashea collecting protection money and providing community services. But the arrival of Diroto breeds jealousy and animosity between Diroto and Marashea. His personal life nonexistent, Lenka directs all his attention to showing Diroto who is K-Hostel's boss.

Episode: 8/13 Duration: 46' Rating: 16 Synopsis:

After Marashea suffer heavy losses at the hands of Diroto, Lenka starts to lose the support of the older Marashea. When Lenka fails to make peace with Ntate Brass, the older man cuts off Tendai's access to Raymond's gold fence, plunging the Zama Zama's into a financial crisis. Rebellion is in the air at K-Hostel. Lenka begins to feel his power slipping away, but cannot bring himself to bow before Ntate Brass.

Episode: 9/13 Duration: 46' Rating: 16 Synopsis:

Lenka decides to topple Ntate Brass' empire by interrupting supplies sent underground to the Diroto and simultaneously preventing money intended for the Diroto's families from reaching their destinations. Diroto go on strike which interrupts the flow of gold to Raymond. Moshe gets on Lenka's wrong side and ends up as a sacrifice to a fallen hero. Lenka asks Puleng to marry him on the spur of the moment. Puleng is delighted, but has to get past Palamang first.

Episode: 10/13 Duration: 46' Rating: 16

Synopsis:

Lenka decides it's time for the Marashea to rise and take their rightful place as top dogs in town. The decision is made to strike at Legoa while he's perceived as weak, having cut him off from Raymond. However things don't go according to plan when Kobo, stuck in his old ways, thinks the path of peace is the way and secretly goes to see Ntate Brass.

Episode: 11/13 Duration: 46' Rating: 16 Synopsis:

Comfortable in his new position, Lenka doesn't realize that his former mentor, Kobo, is engineering his downfall and orchestrating the resurrection of the Marashea under Kobo's leadership. Key to this plan is Puleng's sudden disappearance, an event that sets Palamang and Lenka on a collision course. Meanwhile Nala realizes that revenge isn't so sweet after all.

Episode: 12/13 Duration: 46' Rating: 16 Synopsis:

Lenka and Palamang forge an uneasy alliance as they unite to search for Puleng, but they are running out of time as the Mole is making plans to take her underground. Kobo manages to persuade Nala to turn on Lenka and assist his plan to have Lenka taken out of circulation by the police. Tumo encounters the Mole, and it's almost the last sight he ever sees.

Episode: 13/13 Duration: 46' Rating: 16 Synopsis:

Lenka literally risks life and limb and goes underground to rescue Puleng, leaving The Mole dead. He reclaims his position as leader of Marashea and cements his relationship with Puleng by asking her to marry him, but Palamang does not see eye to eye with him. Tumo and Keke's relationship goes into further crisis when she sleeps with Diliza. When Tumo finds out, he loses it, trying to prove himself as the man. He almost necklaces Nala for her betrayal of Kobo and Marashea. Nala has to face her own demons and begin dealing with her nyaope addiction.