

Characters

The Legae Family

Mmapula	matriarch of the Legae family; wife of Dipuo and mother to the Legae siblings
Dipuo	patriarch of the Legae family; husband to Mmapula, father to the Legae siblings
Modiri	eldest of the Legae adult brothers and of all the siblings; runs his own small transport business, predominantly responsible for the family's cattle
Keitumetse	eldest of the Legae sisters; mother to Lorato; deceased
Khumo	third of the Legae siblings and second eldest sister; mother to Boipelo, Tshepo, and Thabo; live-in partner of Mosimanegape
Moagi	fourth of the Legae siblings and second eldest brother; a soldier; father of Kopano
Kelebogile	fifth of the Legae siblings and third of the sisters; employed at a local NGO; mother of Tefo
Kagiso	sixth of the Legae siblings and third of the brothers; preacher, driver, and shop owner
Oratile	seventh of the Legae siblings and youngest of the sisters; mother of Lesego and Kenosi
Tuelo	youngest of the Legae brothers and of all the siblings
Lorato	eldest granddaughter of Mmapula and Dipuo; only daughter of Keitumetse
Boipelo	eldest daughter of Khumo and Mosimanegape; older sister of Tshepo and Thabo
Tshepo	second eldest daughter of Khumo and Mosimanegape; younger sister of Boipelo
Kgosiemang	eldest son of Khumo and Mosimanegape; in his mid-teens

Lesege	eldest daughter of Oratile; in her early teens
Lethogonolo	second eldest son of Khumo and Mosimanegape
Kopano	only son of Moagi; in his early teens
Tefo	only son of Kelebogile; in late primary school
Mompati	second-youngest son of Khumo and Mosimanegape; in late primary school
Thabo	youngest son of Khumo and Mosimanegape; younger brother of Boipelo and Tshepo
Kenosi	youngest daughter of Oratile; in late primary school
Mosimanegape	live-in partner of Khumo; father to Boipelo, Tshepo, Kgosiemang, Lethogonolo, Mompati, and Thabo

Neighbours and Friends

Rra Ditau	neighbour of the Legaes and builder; married to Mma Ditau, a distant maternal relative of Mmapula
Pono	young woman; neighbour to the author and the Legaes
Mpho	Pono's older sister; resident in Maropeng
Lesedi	friend of the Legaes; cousin (mother's sister's child, <i>ngwana a mmangwane</i>) to Tumi
Tumi	cousin (mother's sister's child) to Lesedi
Bonolo	young man from Dithaba; moved to stay with the Legaes
Mma Dineo	distant relative of Mmapula's; grandmother to three boys involved in the first formal fostering arrangement made in Dithaba
Mmabontle	staff member from the local orphan care project; daughter of Tharo's grandfather
Tharo	young man from Dithaba initiated into the <i>Matsosangvao mophato</i> ; grandson of Mmabontle's father

Key NGO and Government Figures

Thapelo	founder and coordinator of national non-governmental organisation specialising in retreats for orphaned youth
Tsholo	coordinator of local non-governmental orphan care project
Tumelo	village social worker for Dithaba