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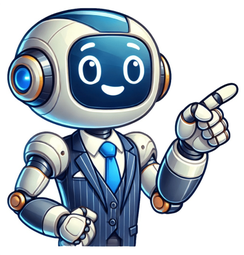

The fourth and final season of Power Book II: Ghost means endgame for everyone, but what does that actually mean? Is college graduation on the horizon? Does family mean more than money? Has the definition of loyalty been rewritten? However, the biggest question is whether or not—those who want to—will make it out of the game and if they succeed, will they be alive to enjoy a worry-free life? With each new episode, VIBE will discuss some of these questions along with a few character-specific lingering ones with those who know the cast best—themselves. As we unpack the drama of this season's first two episodes, we spoke with Alix Lapri, who plays Effie Morales, about her love triangle, its comparisons to Power, and what she feels is Effie's end goal. Enjoy our spoiler-free chat below. VIBE: Effie is such a complex character. She's smart and resourceful, but she has a soft spot and people either love to hate or hate to love her. Plus she's in this complicated love triangle with Cane and Tariq, do you think that she'll choose one or the other, or will she finally just choose herself? Alix Lapri: I hope that she chooses herself, honestly, because she really never has. We'll have to see what goes down [to see] which side she does pick. In some of these situations, I feel like it gets picked for her. She ends up in a place that she doesn't even really want to be. So I think complex is a great word, but we'll have to see. How do you feel she's grown since Power into Ghost? I think that she's gotten a lot more confident with her decisions and in herself. She's taking up space and [owning] her power. She definitely speaks her mind and does not let anyone run over her and I really, really love that about her. Something I really, really love is if you let someone in and they let you down, you're still a good person for deciding to do what is normal, which is to make connections, open up, and be a good person. Things don't always go your way, but you're still a good person. At this point in the season, what do you think Effie's end goal is? Always school. School is her end game. Her ultimate goal is to be out of the game. I know a lot of characters in the Power universe say that, but they're also like, 'But I'm in love with this. I gotta go a little further. I can't…' And that's just definitely not her, not even a little bit. She wants out. I just think that she's stuck right now, which is a scary place to be, and it's super unfortunate, but she has to do what she has to do for now to work her way out of this pickle that she's in. Would you say that she kinda set herself up for this because she chased after this guy or money? Yes, it was all her. She has a super big brain [and] did not use it; I think that was a choice. I don't feel like she was finessed by any man to stay in because it's never really been her. She likes people, but she will also sell their heads to the highest bidder. I think that [staying in] was a choice [but] she does ultimately want love. When Tariq approached her like, 'Oh, no, we can get out of the life together and then go on to have a normal life,' her eyes lit up. That's something she's always wanted, but if she has to get out by herself, she has to get out by herself. STARZ She loved that moment in Italy with Tariq. Like you said, it felt normal for once. Do you think that Effie can have it all: power, education, money, and love? No. I think that she could, but not the way that she's operating right now. She has to change her ways if she wants [it] all. We'll have to see if she's smart enough to do that because she has it all at her disposal, but she is being a little bit hasty in her decision-making right now. Especially since she abandoned her Stanford interview for Cane. She's constantly sacrificing or prioritizing men over her own needs and wants. Do you feel that tug of war internally when playing this character? Yes, actually. I would have discussions with the writers and showrunners about that. Are we reaching a point where she's boy-absorbed? Because I've never seen that for her, and if we're going to do that, then we have to do it for a reason. So [I've been] definitely very conflicted when it came to that because that is so not me. If you're not showing the good signs, then I'm going to believe you. Goodbye. STARZ If Tariq is like Ghost, do you think Effie is his Tasha, his Angela, or is she her own person in his life? She's got to be her own person because she means more than Angela, right? I think that Ghost and Angela were always really in love, but he was also sometimes not fully ready to give her everything. I think with Tariq and Effie, they felt very right. It was their circumstances that were wrong, and it just kind of brought out the worst in both of them. But she also understands Tariq more than Tasha understood Ghost. So, I don't know. I don't know if she fits in with either one of them, which I've seen a lot as well. In a lot of the discussions, I always see the comparisons, and [to me], she's neither. But I feel like as Effie and Tariq search for this sense of normalcy and try to get out of the game, they're equally conflicted. Do you think they will find their way back to each other? I hope so. Their story is always just one of my favorites. I love watching them on-screen together, so hopefully. TVEffie Morales has always been one of the most secretive characters on 'Power Book II: Ghost.' But what is the deal with her family? Tariq St. Patrick (Michael Rainey Jr.) has gotten in over his head on Power Book II: Ghost and now he's dealing with the repercussions. While Tariq is scrambling to get his life in order, his colleague, Effie Morales (Alix Lapri) is thriving. As enticing of a character as Effie is, there is still so much that we don't know about her. Here's what we know about Effie's family and how this information might change everything in season 2. Alix Lapri as Effie Morales in 'Power Book II: Ghost' | Starz Though Effie appeared in the final seasons of Power and had a brief role in season 1 of Ghost, she has a much bigger presence in season 2 of the series. "Effie Morales, a Yale student no stranger to drama," her official character description reads. "And her quest for financial freedom via drug dealing leads her to big competition — her former Choate classmates, Tariq and Brayden. But when Effie decides to join forces with Tariq and Brayden again, she will be forced to determine where her loyalties lie — with herself and herself only, or with people who have shown their true colors time and time again." While Effie might appear to be a sideline character, Power Universe creator Courtney Kemp says that she is one of her favorite of the series. During a recent Instagram Live, Kemp revealed if she could add one other spinoff to the Power Universe, it would center on Effie. We know that Effie is dealing drugs to put herself through school and that she has an estranged relationship with her family. In a recent episode of Ghost, Diana (LaToya Tonodeo) asked Effie about her parents and the Yale student replied that they stay out of her way. "Effie's mom is a mess. But I'll tell you about that later," Kemp revealed in a 2020 Instagram Live. "And if you guys remember, close readers of the series, Effie's brother is dead. He was murdered, so keep that in mind." We have a feeling this information will come full circle by the end of this season or certainly in Power Book II: Ghost Season 3. Related 'Power Book II: Ghost': Is Tariq Dealing With PTSD in Season 2? At present, Effie is focused on her studies at Yale, selling products, helping Diana, and dating other women. However, Ghost fans are convinced that Effie and Tariq are destined for each other. "Angela saw positive in Ghost which is a big part of the reason why he chose her over Tasha," a Redditor said via Express. "As far as we know right now, Lauren seems to be the only positive one over Effie and Diana. Effie is mainly the balance but Lauren just tends to be more on the positive side. Yes, we are only coming into season 2 but I can see this playing out. So basically I'm saying Effie will be the long-run relationship but Lauren will be the winner in the end." We're not so sure Tariq and Effie are on the same path, especially since they betrayed each other in the past. However, we are excited to see more of Effie's background come to life. Jump toFollowed by (2)Spin-off from (1)EditSuggest an edit or add missing contentYou have no recently viewed pages Ever since Power premiered in 2014, it amassed a huge following, which led to the show's expansion into somewhat of a universe. Power Book II: Ghost is a spinoff about some of the most controversial Power characters, and one of them is Effie. She appeared briefly in Power and Power Book II Season 1 before being promoted to a regular role. But, who is Effie, and who plays her? Effie Morales is a character from the so-called Power-verse, a cinematic universe of several spinoff series revolving around the characters from the highly successful show Power. Effie is a bold character walking a thin line between being an anti-hero and an antagonist and is portrayed by the talented Alix Lapri. Alix was actually most known for her music, being a singer and songwriter. However, she had worked with 50 Cent – the producer of the Power-verse – closely on a movie called Den of Thieves, and now they worked together again. Effie is an amazing, layered character, so let's explore it a bit more, as well as Lapri, the actress behind the character. Effie Morales is a female character that first appeared in the TV series called Power. In the final season of Power, she appeared briefly in a minor role, only to appear again in the first season of Power Book II: Ghost, which is a spinoff show about Tariq St. Patrick, the son of James 'Ghost' St. Patrick. In Season 2 of Power Book II, Effie became a series regular and basically the season's main anti-hero, while in the third season, she took more of an antagonistic role. But who is she, and why is the character so polarizing and complex? Let's start from the beginning. Effie first appeared as Tariq's love interest in Choate – a school they both attended. Interestingly, Choate Rosemary Hall actually exists as a school in Connecticut, but it's unsure if it's the same school as the one in the show. Anyways, Effie first attacked Tariq when she found out he was selling drugs it the campus, but eventually, they started working together and formed somewhat of a relationship. It fell apart when Effie betrayed Tariq for her own gain, revealing his business and getting him expelled from Choate. Fast forward to Season 1 of Power Book II: Ghost, Effie attends Yale University, where she meets Tariq again. Effie was ready to make amends with Tariq, but he refused despite her trying to explain herself and the reasons why she did what she did. Later, she returns to Tariq's room to ask for help, making his new girlfriend, Lauren, jealous. Tariq tells her he doesn't deal anymore, but after getting into debt with the wrong crowd, he has no choice but to contact Effie and work with her to pay his debts. Their relationship somewhat rekindles for a moment. However, Tariq is forced to lie to her to protect her, so Effie gets angry and leaves to continue attending Yale. When he meets up with her to apologize and explain, Effie accepts, and they kiss yet again. Now, in Season 2, her role gets more regular, and fans can't hide their excitement. Effie teaches Diana the game, and they share deeper conversations, but Effie warns Diana not to get too close to Tariq if she doesn't want to get hurt. Later, Tariq is put on trial for two murders – one of which he didn't commit – and is forced to stay in his room with an ankle monitor during the trial. Effie is there for him, though, and he introduces her to some people, saying she'll be working for them as of now. Long story short, Lauren betrays Tariq and his associates by wearing a wire, so Effie plots her murder, which fails. Tariq gets angry at her for that, which is when the third season commences. I won't head into detail about the third season, as many might've missed it so far as it just came out recently, but Effie is still a recurring character loved (and hated at the same time) by fans. Effie Morales is portrayed by Alix Lapri, an American singer, songwriter, and actress. Alix is most well-known for her music career, and her role as Effie in the Power-verse is probably her biggest acting role so far. She actually already worked with 50 Cent in 2018 in the blockbuster movie Den of Thieves, where Lapri portrayed Maloa. As mentioned, her role as Effie in Power was a minor role, as she only appeared in four episodes of the last season of the show. So, when Effie became a more prominent role in Power Book II: Ghost, Alix didn't hide her excitement and joy. Speaking to TV Insider before Season 2, she shared: "It's surreal. It took me a long time to believe it was actually going to be happening. It's validating when your role grows and gets deeper and more complex. You get to stretch more as an actor. I think she was still a mystery last season. Everyone wanted more because they are intrigued by her. She would just come and go and pop up as she pleased. I think this next season you'll get to see her step into her bag a little bit more. She is powerful, edgy, risky, bold. She definitely does some very crazy things this season. We're expanding the tough, borderline masculine, dominant energy in Season 2." However, she did share that she plans on turning to music again a bit and that she would actually love to work on some music for the show: "I would love to [provide music for the show]. There have been no talks but I've actually been feeling like I want to step back into music a little bit lately. I feel it would be a great place to start. Who knows? Maybe we'll make something happen." Whatever Alix chooses to do in the future – acting, music, or both – I'm positive she'll do an amazing job and have a fantastic career, just like she has had so far. It looks like we don't have any soundtracks for this title yet. Be the first to contribute.Learn moreSuggest an edit or add missing content "Power Book III: Raising Kanan" will end with its upcoming fifth season, Variety has learned.The show just aired its fourth season finale on Starz. The fifth season was announced back in March 2024, though it was not known that it would be the final season until now.Spoilers Ahead For The "Raising Kanan" Season 4 FinaleShameik Moore has joined the show for its fifth and final season. He made his first appearance in the Season 4 finale as the often mentioned but never before seen character Branford "Breeze" Frady."The 'Power' Universe fans have been patiently anticipating this moment and I'm honored to step into the iconic role of Breeze," said Moore. "I jumped into a story that is already alive with such strong characters, but it was a fun challenge to find Breeze's unique identity, and I can't wait for fans to see how Breeze will shift dynamics in the story.See full article at Variety Film + TV5/16/2025by Joe OttersonVariety Film + TV"Royal Pains" might return to screens soon, with a reboot series currently in the works at NBC.NBC is developing a new "Royal Pains" series centered on Mark Feuerstein's Hank Lawson, with Feuerstein attached to star and executive produce the new series.The official logline is as follows: "Over a decade ago, Hank Lawson left a hospital to start a concierge practice in the Hamptons. Now, several years later and searching for a new purpose in life, Hank is about to embark on his biggest project yet."Andrew Lenchewski, who created "Royal Pains," will return to write and executive produce the new drama series alongside Michael Rauch, who served as a producer on "Royal Pains" during its eight-season run. Rich Frank will also return as an executive producer.The new series hails from UCP, a division of Universal Studio Group."Royal Pains" ran for eight seasons from 2009-2016 on USA Network,...See full article at The Wrap4/24/2025by Loree SeitzThe WrapGenre regular Josh Stolberg has co-written Jigsaw, Spiral: From the Book of Saw, and Saw X, among other credits, and there is definitely some Saw influence on display in the trailers for his TikTok-inspired horror film Skillhouse, one which you can see in the embed above. Another trailer can be found at the bottom of this article. Nearly three years have gone by since we saw the first trailer for this movie, but now it has been revealed that Fathom Entertainment will be giving the film a theatrical release on July 11th. If you want more of a preview than the trailers offer, the first nine minutes of the film are available to watch on Skillhouse.GenTV.com.Written and directed by Stolberg, Skillhouse is a dark satire of social media and influencer culture, exploring how far people will go for online fame. In this high-stakes social media nightmare,...See full article at JoBlo.com4/17/2025by Cody HammanJoBlo.comExclusive: Kai Parham (Colin in Black and White) and Michael Ealy have joined the cast of Prime Video's The Greatest, a limited series about the life of Muhammad Ali (Jaalen Best), from executive producer Michael B. Jordan and executive producer/showrunner Ben Watkins.The series will feature the defining moments in Ali's life and career — both in and out of the ring — that have been well documented and moments that took place outside the spotlight. The world remembers an icon, but The Greatest is about a man, a husband, a father, a brother, and a son.In a series regular role, Parham will play Rudy Clay, Ali's younger brother. In a recurring role, Ealy will (finally) play Malcolm X.Throughout his career, Ealy's name has been mentioned repeatedly as the actor fans would most like to see portray Malcolm X.See full article at Deadline Film + TV4/16/2025by Rosy CorderoDeadline Film + TVExclusive: Netflix new crime drama Nemesis has cast its recurring cast with eight actors: Moe Irvin (Ahsoka), Stephanie Sigman (Narcos), Quincy Isaiah (Winning Time: The Rise of the Lakers Dynasty), Jay Reeves (6888), Mike O'Malley (Heels), Khalilah Joi (Mayor of Kingstown), Shane Johnson (Power) and Siua Ikale'o (Chief of War).The crime drama created by Courtney A. Kemp and Tani Marole is described as an action heist series in the vein of Power set in L.A., where the new series will film.The project will reunite Kemp with Johnson, who played FBI Agent and attorney Cooper Saxe in the mothership series and its first spinoff, Power Book II: Ghost, both created by Kemp. He will bring to life the new character of Harvey in Nemesis.Irvin plays Amos "Nightmare" Stiles, Isaiah plays Gideon "Deon" Davis, Reeves plays Jamel Brinkley, O'Malley plays Detective Rick Viggiano, Sigman plays Detective Nicolette Harper, Joi...See full article at Deadline Film + TV4/9/2025by Rosy CorderoDeadline Film + TV13 Power Universe Deaths That Left Us Shook to Our CoreThe Power Universe is still going strong, some ten years after the original Power debuted on Starz. And as you're probably well aware, Power was known for its surprising and savage plot twists.That's the thing that put Power on the map in the first place.You never knew what you were in store for each week, as the characters and their journeys took us on a dangerous ride through the world of drug dealing, causing us to understand early on that no one was safe.(Courtesy of Starz)Each iteration of Power has followed that same formula, and with high stakes, you can never assume that anyone will be safe.In the real world, if you put yourself in dangerous situations, you're liable to get burned.1923 Season 2 Episode 6 Recap: The Mountain Teeth of Monstersby Carissa Pavlica Power Book III: Raising Kanan Season 4 Episode 4 Recap: If Hating Raq Was a Job,...See full article at TVfanatic4/8/2025by Whitney EvansTVfanaticFrom gritty dramas to hit movies -- is Starz right for you?With crime sagas like "Power" and blockbuster films, Starz packs a surprising punch.I recently wrote about how Starz absolutely crushes gritty crime dramas like "Power", "Bmf," and "Hightown," (you can check that article here). But the truth is, there's way more to Starz than just street-level thrills and crime sagas. The streamer's also got a huge lineup of original hits, fan-favorite movies, and plenty of content you might not even realize is included – all at a very competitive price for a premium streamer. If you're wondering what exactly Starz is, how to get it, and whether it's worth signing up for, here's everything you need to know.Everything you need to know about StarzWhat is Starz?How much does Starz cost?What original shows can you watch on Starz?What movies can you watch on Starz?What platforms can you use to watch Starz?...See full article at The Streamable4/1/2025by Thomas WaschenfelderThe StreamableBold and the Beautiful's Lawrence Saint-Victor to Star in BET Plus MovieLawrence Saint-Victor's Carter has certainly run the gamut of emotions on The Bold and the Beautiful lately. He went from feeling elated when he snatched Forrester Creations away from Ridge, Steffy, and Eric to feeling like a heel for betraying his friends and pseudo-family. He also went from thinking he was in love with Hope to having mixed emotions about Daphne. Saint-Victor's been having a field day with these storylines and now he gets to branch out into the thriller genre.She Was FramedOn Instagram, the online streaming service BET Plus shared a post with Saint-Victor that stated, "Corruption, conspiracy, and murder! How far will Dani go to prove her innocence and uncover the truth behind her fiancé's death. Watch @thugginn, @crystalleebrown, @lsaintvic, and @rockmonddunbar in #TheAccusedBETPlus, streaming April 10th!"View this post on InstagramA post shared by BET Plus (@betplus)Along with that was...See full article at Soap Hub3/21/2025by Roger FroilanSoap HubStarz has built a crime drama empire - these shows prove itWith hits like 'Power,' 'Bmf,' and 'Hightown,' Starz has mastered the art of street-level crime dramas that keep fans hooked.The first time I realized Starz was doing something different was when "Power" blew up. It wasn't just another crime show - it was a full-blown phenomenon, the kind that had fans dissecting every episode and debating character choices like they were real people. Then came the spin-offs – "Power Book II: Ghost," "Power Book III: Raising Kanan," and "Power Book IV: Force" - each one expanding the world and proving Starz wasn't just making crime dramas, it was building an empire. Add in "Bmf," a gripping, real-life crime saga, and "Hightown," a dark and twisty murder mystery set against Cape Cod's heroin crisis, and it's clear: if you want gritty, high-stakes crime dramas that pull you in and never let go, Starz is the best streaming service for it.See full article at The Streamable3/15/2025by Thomas WaschenfelderThe StreamableExclusive: Hulu and 20th Television are in early development on Hip Hop Cop, a TV series adaptation of Ron Stallworth's memoir The Gangs of Zion, his first book since the 2018 release of Black Klansman: Race, Hate, and the Undercover Investigation of a Lifetime, Deadline has learned. The project is executive produced by Curtis "50 Cent" Jackson's G-Unit Film & Television and Ashok Amritraj's Hyde Park Entertainment Group.Multiple award winners Kevin Willmott and Anthony Hemingway are set to write and direct the series, respectively. Willmott and Stallworth reunite following their collaboration on the acclaimed 2014 film BlacKkKlansman, based on the latter's book, for which the former received an Academy Award for Best Adapted Screenplay that he shares with Charlie Wachtell, David Rabinowitz and Spike Lee.Hip Hop Cop is not a sequel to BlacKkKlansman but is a...See full article at Deadline Film + TV2/25/2025by Rosy CorderoDeadline Film + TVPeacock has revealed exciting news about the second season of Poker Face. New images have also provided a first look at the new episodes.Poker Face Season 2 is set to premiere on Peacock in Spring 2025. New photos share a sneak peek at Natasha Lyonne in the second season along with some of the various guest stars. While a specific premiere date has still yet to be announced, the Spring 2025 release window is good news for fans who have been waiting for the second season to arrive. For now, the new images can be viewed below.RelatedPoker Face Season 2 Guest Stars Include Justified & The Office ActorsA new trio of familiar actors have signed on for the second season of the acclaimed Peacock series."Charlie Cale is back on the run, and in Season 2 we've taken her journey to the next level one murder mystery at a time," series creator,...2/25/2025by Jeremy DickCBRThe 56th NAACP Image Awards, which honor the year's best in Black achievement and excellence, wrapped up Saturday night by naming Keke Palmer its Entertainer of the Year, the group's marquee award.Deon Cole emceed the ceremony at the Pasadena Civic Center, where honorary awards were given to Kamala Harris, who received the Chairman's Award; BET Media Group, which received the Founders Award; and Dave Chappelle, who received the President's Award and gave an impassioned speech, saying he was "invigorated" in receiving what he called the most important award he had ever received.Palmer, the multihyphenate actor-podcaster-host who won an Image Award earlier this week for hosting Password, beat out a loaded group for the Entertainer of the Year honor, winning over Cynthia Erivo, Kendrick Lamar, Kevin Hart and Shannon Sharpe.In other big awards tonight, Tyler Perry's The Six Triple Eight was named Outstanding Motion Picture,...See full article at Deadline Film + TV2/23/2025by Patrick HipesDeadline Film + TV'Nickel Boys,' Jennifer Hudson Top NAACP Image Awards Creative HonorsBefore the NAACP Image Awards' main, televised ceremony kicks off Saturday night, some of this year's winners were announced in a non-televised Creative Honors event on Friday night.Nickel Boys, a six-time nominee, took home two awards, with director RaMell Ross winning for best directing in a motion picture and Ross and co-writer Joslyn Barnes winning best writing in a motion picture for their Oscar-nominated adaptation of Colson Whitehead's novel.Another double winner was Jennifer Hudson, who saw her eponymous daytime talk show win best talk series as she won best host in a talk series.Other notable winners included Sing Sing (best independent motion picture), Denzel Washington (best supporting actor in a motion picture for his work in Gladiator II), Inside Out 2 (best animated movie), Fight Night: The Million Dollar Heist (best limited series), Abbott Elementary (best comedy series), Cross (best drama series), the Luther Vandross...See full article at The Hollywood Reporter - Movie News2/22/2025by Hilary LewisThe Hollywood Reporter - Movie NewsExclusive: Kelly Rowland (Mea Culpa) and Cliff "Method Man" Smith (Power Book II: Ghost) are set to lead the new Amazon MGM Studios rom-com Relationship Goals, based on Michael Todd's New York Times bestseller Relationship Goals: How to Win at Dating, Marriage, and Sex. Robin Thede (A Black Lady Sketch Show) and Annie Gonzalez (Flamin' Hot) will also star.Relationship Goals is a funny and inspiring romantic comedy on finding lasting love and sustaining a healthy relationship at every stage of courtship. The book, based on Todd's viral sermon series about dating, marriage, and sex, spent 13 straight weeks on the NY Times bestsellers list and debuted at No. 1 on Amazon, according to the streamer.The script was written by Laura Lekkos (Somewhere Only We Know), with prior drafts by Michael Elliot (R&b) and Cory Tynan (R&b). Rowland and Bart Lipton will executive produce while DeVon Franklin will produce. Linda Mendoza is set to direct.Rowland recently starred in Netflix's Tyler Perry film Mea Culpa. She has also guest starred on several series including Girlfriends, Empire, American Soul, Being Mary Jane, and L.A.'s Finest. On the film side, Rowland appeared in Kevin Hart's Think Like A Man, New Line Cinema's Freddy vs. Jason, Netflix's The Curse of Bridge Hollow, and produced and starred in Merry Liddle Christmas Baby. Additionally, she executive produced her docuseries Chasing Destiny and co-produced a digital series called Milk + Honey alongside Idris Elba and Issa Rae. She is repped by UTA, Sb Projects, and Del Shaw Moonves Tanaka.Smith starred in all four seasons of the hit Starz series Power Book II: Ghost, which recently wrapped up after four seasons last year. For his portrayal of Davis MacLean, he received three NAACP Image Awards for "Best Supporting Actor in a Drama Series." He can currently be seen in Carnegie Hill Entertainment's feature Bad Shabbos, and the Paramount+'s feature film On the Come Up for which he received an NAACP Image Award nomination for "Best Supporting Actor in a Motion Picture". Smith will next be seen in Maude Apatow's directorial debut Poetic License and as a guest star in Peacock's Emmy Award-winning original series Poker Face for Season 2. He is represented by Shauna Garr, CAA, and Frankfurt Kernit Klein & Selz.Six-time Emmy nominee Robin Thede is the creator, showrunner, executive producer, writer, and star of HBO's Emmy-winning sketch comedy series, A Black Lady Sketch Show. She recently starred alongside Eddie Murphy and Tracee Ellis Ross in the Amazon MGM Studios holiday feature, Candy Cane Lane. Previously, she was the creator, executive producer, writer and host of The Rundown with Robin Thede on BET becoming one of the only Black women to host a late-night talk show. She is represented by WME and Johnson Shapiro Slewett & Kole Llp.Gonzalez can be seen in films such as East of the Mountains directed by S.J. Chiro, Flamin' Hot from Searchlight Pictures and Franklin Entertainment, Drive-Away Dolls directed by Ethan Coen, and Jenni, which Gonzalez stars in and produced. On the TV side, credits include Netflix's Gentefied, Showtime's Shameless, FX's American Horror Story, Netflix's Good Girls, Starz's Vida, and most recently, NBC's Lopez vs Lopez. She is represented by Innovative, Neon Kite, and Granderson Des Rochers.Franklin serves as President and CEO of Franklin Entertainment, a production company dedicated to uplifting the human spirit through inspirational content. He just wrapped production on R & B, a modern version of the Biblical love story of Ruth & Boaz. Franklin has also produced the inspirational hit films Flamin' Hot directed by Eva Longoria, Breakthrough starring Chrissy Metz for Disney/Fox, Sony's The Star and Miracles From Heaven starring Jennifer Garner. Franklin has a first-look deal with Tyler Perry Studios and Netflix and with CBS Studios.Elliot and Tynan are represented by Evoke Entertainment. Lekkos is represented by Gersh and Felker Toczek. Mendoza is represented by Independent Artist Group, Atlas Literary, and Del, Shaw, Bobb et al.See full article at Deadline Film + TV2/13/2025by Rosy CorderoDeadline Film + TVExclusive: Writer Mike Gauyo and Coverfly have announced the 2025 class of the Black Boy Writes & Black Girl Writes Mentorship Initiative, a talent incubator for up-and-coming Black writers.The new cohort of 10 mentees came together following a global search for emerging storytellers across the Black diaspora. Each writer will have access to monthly roundtables with established writers/industry leaders; writing workshops to fine-tune their scripts and prepare them for fellowships, generals, and staffing opportunities; and general meetings with networks and production companies. Participants will also each receive the latest edition of Final Draft's screenwriting software, at the end of the year having the opportunity to be read by Gauyo's agents at Culture Creative and managers at M88 for representation consideration.The yearlong initiative is co-run by Chief of Programming, Heather Daughtry. Among those set to serve as mentors are Jackie Penn, Andre Ferguson (Power Book II: Ghost...See full article at Deadline Film + TV2/12/2025by Matt GrobarDeadline Film + TVNia Long and Larenz Tate will serve as ambassadors for the 2025 American Black Film Festival.This year's ABFF, presented by Nice Crowd, will be held in Miami Beach June 11-15, followed by an online segment June 16-23 on ABFF Play.In their role as ambassadors, the "Love Jones" stars will help bring awareness to the festival's mission of showcasing Black content and fostering opportunities for creators of color to succeed in the film and TV industry. Plus, ABFF has set a special screening of their hit 1997 classic romance, dubbed "ABFF Remembers: Love Jones," an intimate conversation and musical tribute celebrating the legacy of the film. Long and Tate will reunite to reflect on the making of the film, their experiences on set and their enduring friendship."Their work in 'Love Jones' remains iconic, and they have long been trailblazers in the industry," stated Jeff and Nicole Friday, founders of Nice Crowd,...See full article at Variety Film + TV1/30/2025by Angelique JacksonVariety Film + TV'The Night Agent' Cast and Character Guide | Photos"The Night Agent" has returned with many new faces. Now that Peter Sutherland is officially a night agent, he must take on a new conspiracy mission with a new team.Gabriel Basso will pick up the action, starring as Peter, and Luciane Buchanan will return as Rose. Though the couple ended their relationship at the end of Season 1, when Rose hears Peter is in trouble, she jumps at the opportunity to rekindle their relationship.Because this season follows Peter on a new mission, several members of the original cast will not be back for Season 2, though, including Hong Chau and Robert Patrick.Keep reading for the full cast and character guide.Gabriel Basso as Peter Sutherland in "The Night Agent" (Credit: Siviroon Srisuwan/Netflix) Gabriel Basso as Peter SutherlandAt the end of Season 1, Peter Sutherland, a low level FBI agent, was officially named a night agent. This season he...See full article at The Wrap1/24/2025by Tess PattonThe WrapOpus Trailer: The Bear & Predator Stars Headline New A24 Horror MovieAfter leaving its mark on the genre in 2024, A24 has revealed its first horror movie of 2025. The official trailer for Opus, starring The Bear's Ayo Edebiri, has been released.Edebiri stars as Ariel Ecton in Opus, a young writer who is invited to the remote compound of legendary pop star, Alfred Moretti (Emmy winner John Molkovich), who mysteriously disappeared 30 years ago, for an "exclusive listening experience" he's putting on. "Surrounded by the star's cult of sycophants and intoxicated journalists, she finds herself in the middle of his twisted plan," reads the synopsis. Produced and financed by A24, Opus marks the debut feature of writer-director Mark Anthony Green. Check out the official Opus trailer below.Related A24 Period Drama With 93% Rt Score Wins Several Major Awards at Golden GlobesStar Adrien Brody winning for his acting is among several major Golden Globe Awards won after the recent release of the A24 film.1/21/2025by Lee FreitagCBRA24's first new horror movie of 2025 is writer-director Mark Anthony Green's Opus, and the official trailer invites you to the remote compound of a legendary pop star this morning.Watch the official trailer for A24's Opus below, which looks like a bit of a mix of Mark Mylod's The Menu (2022) and Zoë Kravitz's Blink Twice (2024). The theme of these three horror movies is clear: don't meet your heroes. And celebrities, well, they can be pretty goddamn scary."There's no cult like celebrity," after all.Opus will release in theaters on March 14, 2025.Ayo Edebiri (The Bear) and John Malkovich (Billions) star in A24's Opus alongside Amber Midthunder (Prey) and Juliette Lewis ("Yellowjackets"), Murray Bartlett ("The White Lotus"), Stephanie Suganami (Power Book II: Ghost), Young Mazino (Beef), Tony Hale (Woman of the Hour) and Tatanka Means (Killers of the Flower Moon).The film...See full article at bloody-disgusting.com1/21/2025by John Squiresbloody-disgusting.comA24 promises us this week that the trailer for their new horror movie Opus will be making its way online on Tuesday, January 21, and today they're previewing the "event of the century" with a series of eight character posters that spotlight the main cast. Find them below.Ayo Edebiri (The Bear) and John Malkovich (Billions) star alongside Amber Midthunder (Prey) and Juliette Lewis ("Yellowjackets"), Murray Bartlett ("The White Lotus"), Stephanie Suganami (Power Book II: Ghost), Young Mazino (Beef), and Tony Hale (Woman of the Hour).A24 will release Opus in theaters on March 14, 2025. From writer-director Mark Anthony Green, the upcoming film will be A24's first new horror movie to release here in 2025.The film has been described as "flashy pop horror" as well a "tense, psychosocial game of cat and mouse."In A24's Opus, "A young writer is invited to the remote compound of a legendary pop...See full article at bloody-disgusting.com1/17/2025by John Squiresbloody-disgusting.comAll products and services featured are independently chosen by editors. 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In Starz's hit crime dramas Power and Power Book II: Ghost, the actress plays Tasha, the wife of nightclub owner and drug kingpin James 'Ghost' St. Patrick (Omari Hardwick), who as a savvy and resourceful individual, is heavily involved in her husband's drug empire. Her work in the franchise brought her two NAACP Image Awards for Outstanding Supporting Actress in a Drama Series, among other accolades. While Power wrapped years ago, sequel/spin-off series Power Book II: Ghost just concluded its four-season run in October.In television, Naughton's other notable credits include Mad Men,...See full article at Deadline Film + TV12/3/2024by Matt GrobarDeadline Film + TVAfter 10 years of following the same formula, Power looks set to shake things up with its new spinoff, and it could be the franchise's best show yet. With six successful seasons to its name, Power finally came to a close in 2020, but the story didn't end there as the universe continued to expand with three unique spinoffs. Each series followed a character from the main show and continued to flesh out their journeys; however, Power Book II: Ghost and Book IV: Force's cancelation means there is only one ongoing spinoff, but a new one is on the way.Starz confirmed another prequel titled, Power: Origins, is in the works, although no release date has been confirmed yet. The plot will focus on Ghost and Tommy during their younger years, with the story being set before the events of the original show. Although this premise could be risky, Power Book III: Raising Kanan...See full article at ScreenRant11/26/2024by Kyle McLeodScreenRantExclusive: Cliff "Method Man" Smith (Power Book II: Ghost), Martha Kelly (Euphoria), and Will Price (After the Hunt) are the newest additions to Maude Apatow's directorial debut, Poetic License.Character details are under wraps. Written by Raffi Donatich, the film follows Liz, a former therapist and soon-to-be empty nester, as she becomes the unexpected point of tension between two inseparable best friends and college seniors, Sam and Ari. Liz is forced to reexamine her life as the boys' friendship unravels in a fierce competition for her affection.As previously announced, Andrew Barth Feldman, Cooper Hoffman, Leslie Mann, Nico Parker, and Maisy Stella will also star. The project is the first from Jewelbox Pictures, Apatow's recently launched production company with Olivia Rosenbloom, which produces alongside Apatow Productions and Levantine Films.A Grammy-winning musician and actor best known as a founding member of the hip-hop collective Wu-Tang Clan, Smith has...See full article at Deadline Film + TV11/22/2024by Matt GrobarDeadline Film + TVPoker Face Season 2 Adds Method Man, Awkwafina, Simon Rex to CastThe beloved Natasha Lyonne comedy Poker Face will be playing with even more of a stacked deck in its second season.Peacock announced today that Method Man, Awkwafina, Simon Rex, and Corey Hawkins will be joining the cast for the show's sophomore outing.In other words, the series will continue to rival Elsbeth and SNL in terms of big-name guest stars.(Photo by Arturo Holmes/Getty Images for The Rock and Roll Hall of Fame)Though best known for his work with the Wu-Tang Clan, Method Man is no stranger to the world of acting.In addition to his performances in films like How High and Garden State, he also appeared in 13 episodes of HBO's The Wire, considered by many to be the finest show in recent TV history.The legendary rapper is currently a regular on Power Book II: Ghost.As for Awkwafina, in addition to her signature series,...See full article at TVfanatic11/12/2024by Tyler JohnsonTVfanaticExclusive: Awkwafina (The Farewell), Corey Hawkins (Straight Outta Compton), Simon Rex (Red Rocket) and Cliff "Method Man" Smith (Power Book II: Ghost) will guest star in Season 2 of Peacock's Emmy Award-winning original series Poker Face. Details regarding who they will play are under wraps.They join previously announced guest stars Giancarlo Esposito, Katie Holmes, Gaby Hoffmann, Kumail Nanjiani, Sherry Cola, Kevin Corrigan, Ben Marshall, Kathrine Narducci, Cynthia Erivo, Bj Novak, Margo Martindale, John Mulaney, Ego Nwodim and Sam Richardson.From creator, writer, director and EP Rian Johnson, Poker Face is a mystery-of-the-week series following Natasha Lyonne's Charlie, who has an extraordinary ability to determine when someone is lying. She hits the road with her Plymouth Barracuda and with every stop encounters a new cast of characters and strange crimes she can't help but solve.Showrunner Tony Tost serves as executive producer for Season 2 alongside Rian Johnson, Natasha Lyonne,...See full article at Deadline Film + TV11/12/2024by Rosy CorderoDeadline Film + TVA sterling lineup of stars and filmmakers have been set to be honored at the Critics Choice Association's seventh annual Celebration of Black Cinema & Television, which is set for December 9 at the Fairmont Century Plaza Hotel in Los Angeles.Among those being recognized are stars of 2024's most acclaimed and anticipated films including Regina King, John David Washington, Cynthia Erivo, Aunjanue Ellis-Taylor, Jharrel Jerome and The Fire Inside breakout Ryan Destiny. On the TV side, honorees include Natasha Rockwell, Wendell Pierce and Michael Rainey Jr. Filmmakers Steve McQueen and Malcolm D. Lee among other luminaries will also be receiving awards.As previously announced, actor and filmmaker Tyler Perry will be honored with the Icon Award for his body of work and achievements throughout the years. The writer, director and producer of Netflix's upcoming The Six Triple Eight, Perry has helmed 24 feature films, 20 stage plays, 17 TV shows and penned...See full article at Deadline Film + TV11/7/2024by Pete HammondDeadline Film + TV11/7/2024by Angelique JacksonVariety Film + TVRegina King, Steve McQueen and Cynthia Erivo are among the honorees for the 7th annual Celebration of Black Cinema & Television, which will be hosted by Jay Pharoah and take place at Fairmont Century Plaza in Los Angeles on Dec. 9, 2024. The Critics Choice Association released the full slate of recipients on Thursday.As previously announced, Tyler Perry will receive the Icon Award for this career achievements. Joining him are King, who recently starred in Netflix's Shirley Chisholm biopic "Shirley"; McQueen, director of the Apple TV + WWII drama "Blitz"; Erivo, soon to appear in Universal's "Wicked"; and many others known for their excellent work.Shawn

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