

# Power Book II: Ghost Season 1 ((EXCLUSIVE))

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**For so long Tariq has insisted that he isn't Ghost, but he says to Tommy, "If I ever see you again maybe I'll be worthy of his name," and the final line of episode is, "He might not be here no more but ghosts never die." Is this him finally fully embracing that he is his father's son, or is he still not quite there yet?**

Like grief, Tariq's acceptance of his similarities to his father is not on a straight trajectory. There are going to be moments and decisions he makes, especially in season 2, that are the opposite of what Ghost would do. And there are going to be moments and decisions where he does exactly what his father would have done. And there are going to be moments when he looks at himself in the mirror and he doesn't like what he sees. **It feels like Power always has at least one wildcard character, and that role in season 1 of Ghost belonged to Cane. You never knew what he was going to do. And he's obviously a big reason why Tariq pulls the trigger on Jabari, so where does Cane go from here after the events of the last few episodes, and should everyone be afraid of the damage he could do?**

The significant thing here, and it actually came from an idea Woody McClain had, is that Cane knows what Tariq did. That is a very different situation from anything we've had before. Because it was always Cane messing up and Tariq knowing about it. What are these shows always about? Power. Cane has some power in knowing that Tariq has committed this murder. And I want to be really clear that this is the murder of a civilian. We definitely escalated the stakes here. A little preview: We have this moment in season 2 where Saxe is talking about Tariq to someone, and as Tariq leaves the room Saxe says, "Well, now more people are going to die." And I think there is something very real about the fact that Tariq has gotten himself in this situation where he's exposed the fact that his presence causes death wherever he goes.

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