

# POWER TRIPPIN'



## Sinqua's comfort level with sex scenes...

"Even as Shawn, I have to adore these women, which I do, but it's like I have to be sexually infatuated with them and I just want to laugh because we have to make these faces and I mean you saw the scene. I'm picking La up and I'm just like, *This is crazy*. It's a moment when they're calling cut because they need to reset the cameras and I have La in my arms and we're just looking at each other laughing like, *What are we doing here?*" —SINQUA WALLS

Starz brings back their intoxicating hit series *Power* and *Juicy* gets **Omari Hardwick** (James "Ghost" St. Patrick), **Naturi Naughton** (Tasha St. Patrick), **Sinqua Walls** (Shawn) and **Joseph Sikora** (Tommy Egan) to explain why their troubled characters do what they do.

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**Tasha trusts...** "Hmm. Well, that's part of the problem in this life. When you're always the go-to person to be trustworthy and to be helpful, who's going to help you? It's a challenging thing. I think Tasha trusts... Oh gosh... I don't even trust my own mother. This is really hard, but I think the one person she confides in is Tommy. She does trust Tommy and she does feel a closeness where she can tell him stuff, but lately that gets tested too because he's not telling me about what's going on. They came up together. They're like brother and sister. They've been through a lot together. But over time that starts to get really challenging because he's not looking as trustworthy as he used to be." —NATURI NAUGHTON

## Ghost as a father...

"He's a good father. For every bit of his ominous side and his dangerous moves or actions, he's equally a very loving and doting father. He, like many men in his 'profession,' desires for his children not to be a part of this world. He wants them to have a life, an education and more opportunities." —OMARI HARDWICK



## What Truth represents to Tasha...

"It doesn't make a lot of money, but that's not really what it's about. It's about the disconnection that it creates between Tasha and Ghost. A lot of people didn't like her and were like, *Oh, why she not supporting his dreams*. But it's less about her not supporting his dream because at one point his dream was to become the biggest drug dealer in New York City, which he became with my help. Although it's a sad, criminal world, the criminal world is what made us Bonnie and Clyde, what made us a team and made us fall in love. I guess Tasha's issue is fear. If he goes legit and finds a whole other group of friends, women and people, it becomes his new life and then what happens to me? Am I just going to be apart of his old life? So, I don't want to lose him and I think that's what it's about. Everything that Tasha feared has actually come to fruition, unfortunately." —NATURI NAUGHTON



## Shawn walking in on his dad Kanan receiving oral pleasure...

"That was a funny scene because Curtis is so dedicated to his work. So he's throwing lines at me like, *Yeah get some of this. Come over here*. And what makes it even worse is that my reaction is so authentic because he's literally throwing lines like, *Yeah she's a good one. Go on*. It's easy to react. You saw my facial reaction. And Curtis is getting a kick out of it. There was a lot of ad libbing." —SINQUA WALLS



**Tommy's loyalty to Holly...** "Tommy is definitely the bros-before-hoes guy, but not with Holly. He starts putting her first and that's when these guys start to question his character. Who the hell is this guy? But Tommy is also a jealous guy with Holly. But if you're jealous of your partner, ultimately you don't trust them." —JOSEPH SIKORA



**Sinqua braces Carmelo Anthony about the sex scene with his wife...** "It's funny because I did say, 'Hey, if I need to I'll come over for dinner. I'll write Mel a letter and I'll tell him the kind of guy I am.' But Mel is so cool and they have such a great relationship. He respects what she's trying to do as an artist. He was like, *Ah, I don't care. I'm just not gonna watch it.* It was really like I was picking up my date for prom. I'll come over. I'll talk to him. I'll let him interview me. I'm totally professional. We got a chance to talk a couple of times and he's just so supportive and proud of her. He's like, *whatever she wants to do.* —SINQUA WALLS



**What Joe likes about his character Tommy...** "I like how strong willed he is. I like his warrior spirit. He's one of those guys that's such a soldier. He's really good at it. He's a great right-hand man, unless he's called upon to lead and then he's able to lead. He's comfortable in the position of power. I want everyone to get along. I'm a real negotiator and compromiser. Tommy doesn't compromise as much." —JOSEPH SIKORA



**Tasha requests a favor for a favor...** "How strong is that for a woman to ask her husband knowing that he's cheating on her with another woman, *you know look if you put this to bed we can still make this partnership work.* I think that's just a testament to Tasha being a little bit of a G. She's gangster. She wants Ghost to know she's not afraid to put it on the table, which is what's so dope about that scene. She just lays it out like it's a business deal. That takes a lot of balls and courage." —NATURI NAUGHTON

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**Shawn loves Tasha, but sleeps with her bestie...** "You know, I mean guys we're not the smartest. Even when I read it, I was like, *Okay, that's a guy move*. Because we think we're playing a game, but really we're just playing a game with ourselves. How many times have guys made that decision where we think we're actually doing something that's going to make the other party jealous and really all we're doing is messing up *our whole situation*?" —SINQUA WALLS



**Ghost trusts Tasha with his secrets...** "First off absolutely he trusts her differently. She knows so many secrets. She's someone that helps build his power structure as it pertains to the drug business. Tasha at the end of the day is the mother of his children. That affords a level of trust. She's his partner in crime whereas Angela is his vehicle out of crime." —OMARI HARDWICK

**Shawn's feelings for Tasha this season...** "He's even more in love. Last season we got to see a little bit of the beginning of where his affection was growing and this season we get to see him take the initiative to make that known and really expand upon that. So Shawn isn't only sprung, he's madly in love with Tasha." —SINQUA WALLS



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