

## **LOGLINE & GENRE**

When Atlanta's music mogul King Carter gathers his family to announce his successor, the revelation of a secret second family ignites deadly tensions, and as his mansion burns, everyone becomes both suspect and potential victim in a high-stakes game of power, betrayal, and survival.

## GENRE CLASSIFICATION

FAMILY DRAMA

PSYCHOLOGICAL THRILLER

MYSTERY

NEO-NOIR

SOUTHERN GOTHIC



## **LOOK & MOOD BOARD**

A luxurious yet ominous aesthetic that blends opulence with tension. The visual language draws from Southern Gothic traditions while incorporating modern Atlanta glamour and music industry extravagance.

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Cinematically inspired by the controlled elegance of "Succession" combined with the suspenseful mystery elements of "Knives Out," all set against Atlanta's distinctive cultural landscape.







#### VISUAL STYLE

Rich contrast between warm golds and cool blues, with crimson accents signaling danger and passion. Dramatic lighting creates shadows that hide secrets.

## **CASTING GRID**

A powerhouse ensemble cast bringing depth and nuance to this complex family drama and psychological thriller.



**Kerry Washington**Jasmine Carter

King's ambitious eldest daughter from his first marriage. Fierce, brilliant music executive who's been groomed to take over the empire but faces unexpected competition.



**Sanaa Lathan** Valeria Reyes

King's secret second wife. Calculating and poised, she's kept her children hidden from the public eye while positioning them as rightful heirs to the Carter fortune.



**Trevante Rhodes**Dante Carter

Jasmine's younger brother. Charming but arrogant, he's struggled to emerge from his sister's shadow while battling addiction and making questionable business decisions.

#### **Forest Whitaker**

King Carter

The dying patriarch and music mogul whose empire spans records, radio stations, and real estate. His decision to name an heir ignites the powder keg of family tensions.

#### **Damson Idris**

Zayd Reyes

Valeria's mysterious son who's been raised in the shadows. A musical prodigy with a quiet intensity who may be the most deserving heir to King's legacy.

#### **Regina King**

Detective Maya Wells

Shrewd investigator with personal connections to the Carter family. As she unravels the mystery of the fire, she uncovers long-buried secrets that hit close to home.

## **STORY SUMMARY**

## **ACT I** THE GATHERING

Music mogul King Carter summons his family to his Atlanta mansion to announce his successor. Tensions rise when his legitimate family discovers the arrival of his secret second family, previously unknown to them.

b Inciting Incident: The revelation of King's terminal illness and the need to name an heir.

## **ACT II** THE CONFRONTATION

As the night progresses, long-buried secrets emerge. Family rivalries intensify as each potential heir makes their case. A mysterious figure from King's past arrives with damaging information that could destroy his legacy.

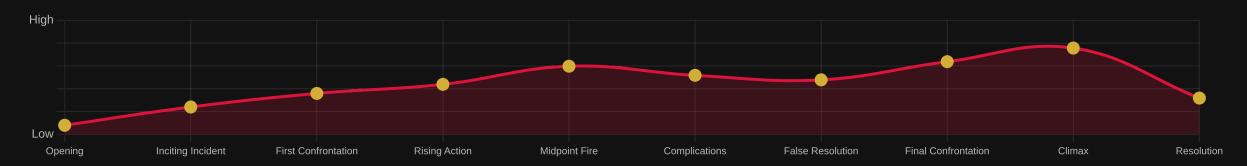
Midpoint: The mansion mysteriously erupts in flames, trapping everyone inside.

## **ACT III** THE RECKONING

As the fire spreads, alliances shift and true motives are revealed. The survivors must confront their own culpability in the family's toxic dynamics. King's true heir emerges, but at a devastating cost.

Olimax: The revelation of who started the fire and why, forcing a final confrontation between the two families.

#### NARRATIVE TENSION ARC



## THEMATIC MESSAGE

At its core, "The Last Dynasty" explores the tension between legacy and truth, examining how the pursuit of power corrupts even the most intimate family bonds.

## LEGACY VS. AUTHENTICITY

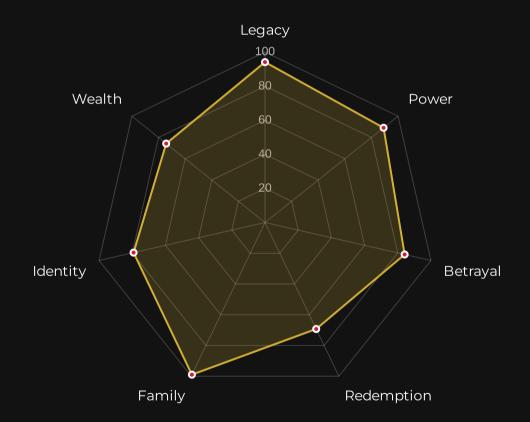
The central conflict between maintaining a carefully crafted public image and embracing one's true identity, regardless of consequences.

### POWER & CORRUPTION

How the music industry's wealth and influence can transform ambition into ruthlessness, with success coming at the cost of one's humanity.

### **FAMILY SECRETS**

The destructive power of hidden truths and how generational trauma perpetuates itself when left unaddressed.



## **VISUAL LANGUAGE & CINEMATIC TONE**

## VISUAL APPROACH

A rich, high-contrast visual style that juxtaposes opulence with tension. The camera work will emphasize power dynamics through framing and movement, while lighting creates both warmth and suspicion.

#### **COMPOSED FRAMING**

Symmetrical, architectural compositions that emphasize the mansion's grandeur and the characters' isolation within it.

#### **DRAMATIC LIGHTING**

Chiaroscuro lighting with gold highlights and blue shadows, creating dramatic contrast as tensions escalate.

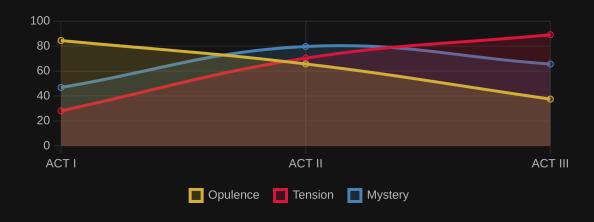
#### **DYNAMIC MOVEMENT**

Fluid camera movements that become increasingly unstable as the night progresses and chaos unfolds.

#### **COLOR PSYCHOLOGY**

Strategic use of gold (wealth/power), crimson (danger/passion), and twilight blue (secrets/night) to enhance storytelling.

#### VISUAL TONE PROGRESSION



#### CINEMATIC INFLUENCES



## **SOUNDTRACK & MUSIC MOTIF**

### MUSICAL DIRECTION

A fusion of Atlanta trap beats with orchestral elements creates tension between old and new money, tradition and innovation. The score evolves from opulent to chaotic as the story progresses.

#### KING'S THEME



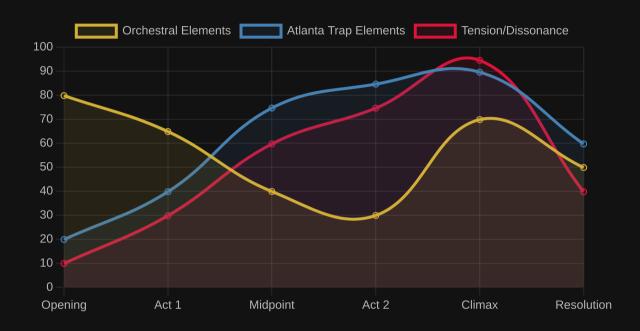
#### **FAMILY RIVALRY**

Competing musical signatures that clash and intertwine, using Atlanta trap production techniques

#### **CRESCENDO OF CHAOS**

Dissonant strings and percussion building to climactic moments as tensions erupt

### MUSICAL INTENSITY PROGRESSION



## SOUND DESIGN ELEMENTS

- Crystal glasses and luxury ambience establishing wealth and status
- We Heartbeat motif intensifying during moments of revelation and danger
- Sire crackling as metaphorical and literal destruction of the dynasty
- Atlanta cityscape sounds contrasting with mansion's isolated atmosphere

## **FRANCHISE HOOKS**

"The Last Dynasty" is designed as a cornerstone for a multiplatform entertainment universe that explores the Carter family legacy across different time periods and media formats.

## PREQUEL SERIES: "THE FIRST THRONE"

Origin story set in 1990s Atlanta during the rise of Southern hip-hop, chronicling King Carter's ruthless climb from street hustler to music mogul, and the founding of his dynasty.

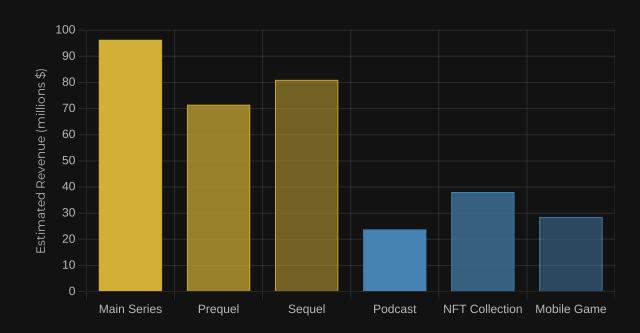
## SEQUEL SERIES: "HEIR APPARENT"

Following the aftermath of the mansion fire, tracking the survivor who inherits the empire and their struggle to maintain control while facing new threats from rivals and family members.

# COMPANION PODCAST: "DYNASTY CONFIDENTIAL"

In-universe true crime podcast investigating the Carter family scandals, featuring "interviews" with peripheral characters and industry insiders.

## FRANCHISE POTENTIAL



### NFT & DIGITAL ASSET STRATEGY

#### **LEGACY COLLECTION**

Limited edition digital art pieces representing key Carter family heirlooms and artifacts with embedded story content.

#### **SOUNDTRACK DROPS**

Exclusive music releases from fictional Carter Records artists featured in the series.

#### **MANSION BLUEPRINT**

Interactive 3D model of the Carter mansion with hidden clues and easter eggs revealing family secrets.

#### **DYNASTY DAO**

Community governance allowing fans to vote on story developments for supplemental content.

## **STATUS & PRODUCTION INFO**

#### PROJECT STATUS



#### **DEVELOPMENT STAGE**

Complete series bible and pilot script with season arc outlined



#### **TIMELINE**

Pre-production: Q4 2025 | Production: Q1-Q2 2026 | Release: Fall 2026

## BUDGET RANGE

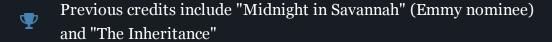
\$3.5-4.5M per episode (8 episodes planned for Season 1)

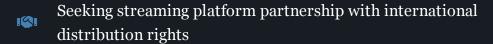
#### FILMING LOCATION

Primary: Atlanta, GA | Secondary: New York City (flashback sequences)

#### **NCCA ENTERTAINMENT**

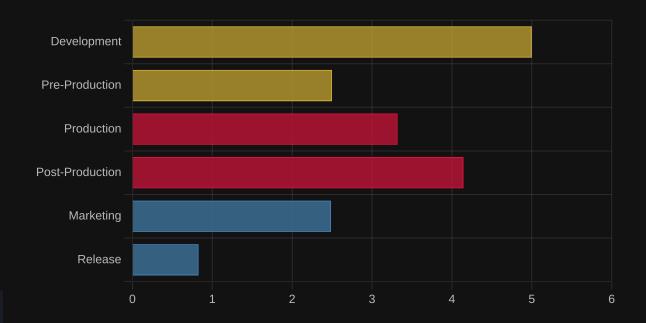






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## PRODUCTION TIMELINE



## FRANCHISE POTENTIAL

The Last Dynasty is designed as a cornerstone IP with multiple expansion opportunities:

