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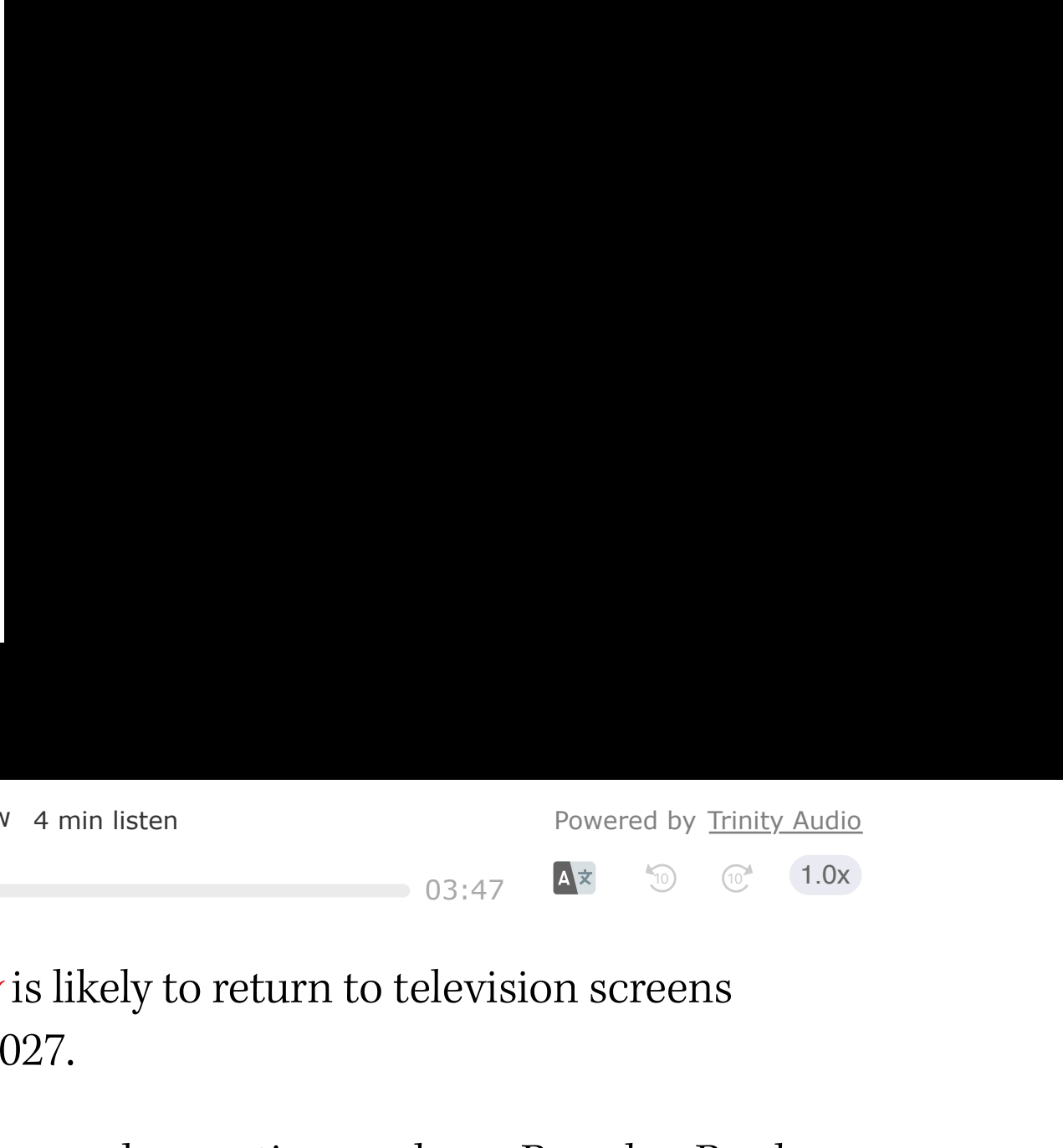
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'Heated Rivalry' Season 2 Is Shooting This Summer, Expected to Air in Spring 2027

The Crave series, which airs on HBO Max in the U.S., received a second-season order quickly into its first-season run.

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Show creator Jacob Tierney and executive producer Brendan Brady joined Gayle King on CBS Mornings Thursday, where the pair talked about the highly anticipated second season of the show.

The show is aiming for a spring 2027 premiere, The Hollywood Reporter has confirmed. Bell Media and Crave, Heated Rivalry's Canadian studio and streamer, said in a statement.

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"There will be more Heated Rivalry on your TVs, like, truly, as soon as humanly possible," Tierney said. Brady added that "like the best parts of this show" that fans should "enjoy the yearn" of waiting for the show's next season.

Tierney and Brady also spoke about making the show with Crave, the Canadian streamer that they'd worked with previously for shows like Letterkenny and Shoresy.

The writer, director and producer also added that he felt Heated Rivalry was a "very faithful adaptation" of Rachel Reid's source material.

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Tierney and Brady have long been advocating for taking the story and the fans of the story seriously. "This is what I told Rachel [Reid] — the thing I want to do with it is take it seriously, which is to say I don't want to do what I think a lot of people do when they look at adapting romance, which is simplify, truncate, shorten," Tierney told The Hollywood Reporter ahead of the show's premiere in November.

Heated Rivalry, hailing from Canadian streamer Crave and airing on HBO Max in the U.S., centers on a fictional hockey universe based on Reid's books. The show focuses on two rival professional players — Canada-born Shane Hollander (Hudson Williams) of the fictitious Montreal Metros and Russia-born Ilya Rozanov (Connor Storrie) of the fictitious Boston Raiders — as they navigate a near-decade-long relationship-turned-relationship.

Crave renewed Heated Rivalry for a second season, and HBO Max confirmed it will continue to air the series. Reid announced earlier this year that she'll be publishing her seventh book in the Game Changers series, which Heated Rivalry and its sequel The Long Game belong to.

The show has made certifiable stars out of Williams and Storrie. The leading men have also seemingly snagged their first post-Heated Rivalry roles with Williams joining the Crave series Yaga and Storrie, who is hosting Saturday Night Live this week.

Editor's note: A previous version of this story listed the return date as April 2027. CBS Mornings has since backtracked that date. THR has clarified that Bell Media says it will be Spring 2027.

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