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TATORT –  
DAS INTERAKTIVE  
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HÖLLENFEUER  
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TATORT – THE INTERACTIVE  
AUDIO DRAMA.  
EPISODE 1: HELLFIRE  
<https://tatort.de/interaktiv>

Interactive content for smart speakers goes big with this blockbuster audio drama featuring Germany's most popular brand of TV crime dramas, Tatort.

Every Sunday, 10-15 millions of Germans tune in for their favorite TV show: Tatort. The long-running series is a phenomenon. On Sunday evenings, Twitter and other social media platforms are abuzz with speculation: "Who's the murderer this week?"

Finally, you can find out yourself – with this immersive and complex audio drama featuring characters from the beloved TV series. In its first instalment, titled Hellfire, a team of detectives from Munich takes the lead. The player takes the role of headstrong new detective Mavi Fuchs, working alongside fan-favorite Kalli Hammermann. The two are working on a missing persons case when they suddenly have to step up and stop terrorists from launching an attack.

The story takes place against the backdrop of Munich's world-famous Oktoberfest which has been the target of terrorists before.

While other interactive audio dramas have based their story structures on classic decision trees, Tatort: Hellfire uses a system of 'delayed outcomes' to mask the story structure and emphasise the perception that any decision could be important later on. A hidden 'trust score' system manages the interactions with other characters while constantly keeping the player guessing what their colleagues and bosses might think of them. Hellfire is the first in a series of interactive audio dramas for smart speakers, with the second instalment coming out in summer.