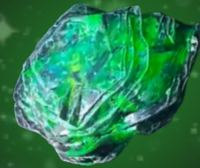


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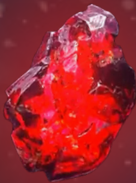
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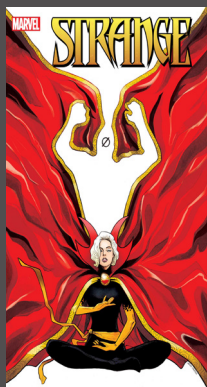
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AGATHA'S COVEN

What can we expect?

With the recent announcement that Marvel will begin filming *Agatha: Coven of Chaos* this month, fans have been waiting on the edge of their seats to find out how our one-time Darkhold keeper, Agatha Harkness, has been doing since her last appearance in Marvel's *WandaVision*. The star of the Disney+ show, Kathryn Hahn herself, stated that the show is "...gonna be very delicious."

As viewers last saw Agatha, the Scarlet Witch had placed a spell on her to keep her trapped in the town of Westview. *Coven of Chaos* will pick up from this place, and fans are excited to see Agatha reclaim her power - hopefully with the help of a few rousing musical numbers. Kathryn Hahn will reprise her role as Agatha Harkness, but what other casting announcements can we expect? The Disney+ show's title has sparked theories that Elizabeth Olsen will return as the Scarlet Witch. That likely won't be an announcement made until fans are able to watch the show for themselves.

Heartstopper's own Joe Locke has been cast, possibly as a young Nicholas Scratch (Agatha's son in the Marvel comics). Emma Caufield Ford will return as "Dottie," the Queen Bee neighbor caught in Wanda's spell in *WandaVision*.

The latest to join *Coven's* casting lineup is Aubrey Plaza, most recently known for her work in *Emily the Criminal*. Plaza's casting announcement has sparked a social media uproar; most fans noting that Plaza already has a place in the Marvel Cinematic Universe (MCU), as *Legion's* Shadow King. Many suspect that she will be reprising this role; other theories suggest that she could be playing a genderbent version of Nicholas Scratch.

Only time will tell, and now fans must wait as *Agatha: Coven of Chaos* begins filming this month, for a Winter 2023 debut.



EMMA CAUFIELD FORD

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"It's gonna be very delicious." - Kathryn Hahn, Chicago International Film Festival



AUBREY PLAZA

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Kathryn Hahn, MCU

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HOW SHE-HULK

TOOK FANS' EXPECTATIONS AND SMASHED THEM

Marvel's *She-Hulk: Attorney at Law* is a fresh take on women in the Marvel Cinematic Universe - one that puts female sexuality at its center and isn't afraid to take risks. Let's take a look at how *She-Hulk* faced fans' expectations and criticisms - and completely SMASHED them.

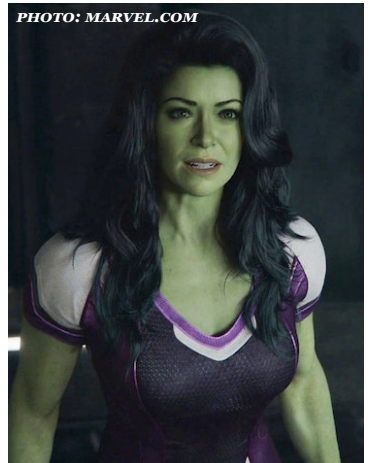
Before fans even tuned into the show, they criticized Marvel's CGI work on Jennifer Walters' (Tatiana Maslany) face and body. This was just the first attack on Jennifer's character as a "Hulk" - much like her cousin, Bruce Banner - and on the show itself. A lot of people simply asked "why," while others took to social media to slander a woman-centered Marvel piece for being "too woke."

She-Hulk clearly expected these criticisms and took them head on, with the character's name quickly becoming a feminist issue in the MCU. Episode one shows a sequence of social media pages and posts criticizing "She-Hulk" as a superhero, because: "If we already have a Hulk, why do we need a woman hulk, too?" The media aptly dubs Walters "She-Hulk," and it takes her a while to truly feel empowered under that pseudonym. It's a great allegory for reclaiming your power and accepting your identity.

The show's main plot - before it gets derailed by the horribly meta finale, that is - centers around a group of misogynistic critics called "Intelligencia." As Jennifer Walters tackles her sexuality via online dating - something that the MCU has had yet to deal with - "Intelligencia" creates a plan to humiliate her publicly with a leaked intimate video. This toxic masculinity is something that Marvel encounters day in and day out regarding its female protagonists. In recent years, Marvel has tried to make its heroines just as prominent as its heroes, but with *She-Hulk*, they've made significant strides. We had not yet seen a female superhero tackle social media, feminism, sex and even harassment - let alone see someone face them all in one show.

When it comes to controversial topics, it's extremely important to remember that, at its heart, *She-Hulk* is satirical. It effectively plays into the sitcom sandbox, so much so that it's *allowed* to be taken less seriously than other Marvel projects. For an experimental show, it's done a great job at facing topics that our other female heroines have yet to even touch the surface of.

As of late, Jennifer Walters isn't set to appear again in the MCU until *Avengers: Kang Dynasty* and *Secret Wars*, set to release in 2025 and 2026, respectively.



Tatiana Maslany as Jennifer Walters



PHOTO: DISNEY+

CHARACTER OF THE WEEK:

KANG

THE CONQUEROR

A time-traveling tyrant, Kang the Conqueror is aptly named, using all his resources and technology from the future to rule as many universes as possible while there's still time. On his endless journey to become the ruler of all universes, Kang the Conqueror has secured his spot as the Avengers and Fantastic Four's most dominating foe. This chronologically-misplaced menace threatens to unravel the timestream if not reality itself. While his comic history is extensive, you can catch Kang in the first season of *Loki* (now streaming on Disney+), and this February in *Ant-Man and the Wasp: Quantumania*.

STATS:

HEIGHT: 6'3"

EYES: Brown

HAIR: Brown

WEIGHT: 230 lbs.

ORIGIN: Other Earth, 31st Century

GROUP AFFILIATION: Time Variance Authority

OTHER ALIASES: Blue Man, Victor Timely, Blue Totem, Scarlet Centurion, Rama-Tut, King of Kings, Master of Men, Lord of the Seven Suns

ENEMIES: Kang variants (Immortus, Rama Tut, Iron Lad), the Avengers, the Fantastic Four

ALLIES: Princess Ravonna Renslayer, the Anachronauts, the Chronos Corps



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