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Marvelous news: *Punisher* series coming to Netflix

John Bernthal will reprise the role he played in *Daredevil*.

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Marvel

For many viewers, the introduction of Frank Castle—aka *The Punisher*—was the highpoint of *Daredevil*'s second season. Played by John Bernthal, Castle takes a very different approach to ridding Hell's Kitchen of crime, choosing the kill shot over just crippling the bad guys. Evidently Marvel was listening to the chorus of fans calling for a full *Punisher* series; on Friday *Entertainment Weekly* reported that the comic empire has ordered just that.

Bernthal is actually the fourth actor to play Frank Castle, after Dolph Lundgren (*The Punisher*, 1989), Thomas Jane (*The Punisher*, 2004), and Ray Stevenson (*Punisher: War Zone*, 2008). The character is one of Marvel's grittiest, and those previous three adaptations did poorly at the box office. But we live in a post-*Deadpool* age, where comic characters no longer have to be PG-13. Not to mention that a series on Netflix enjoys freedoms denied to tentpole cinema releases.

This will be the sixth Marvel series to run on Netflix. We've already seen *Jessica Jones* and *Daredevil*, with *Luke Cage*, *Iron Fist*, and *The Defenders* all in the works. Certainly, *Disney's acquisition of Marvel for \$4 billion in 2009* continues to look like a clever move, particularly in contrast to how DC's catalogue is being translated into live action. Now if only someone would finally push the button on a *Dredd* series for Netflix...

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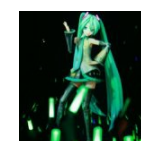
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