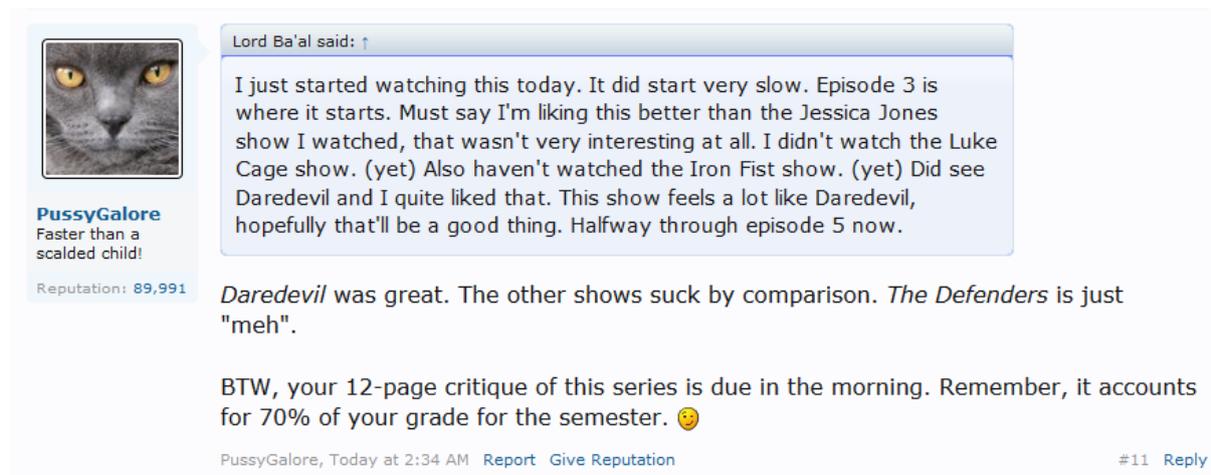


My 12 page report on season 1 of Marvel's The Defenders

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Introduction

The purpose of this report is to provide some observations and insights I have gained regarding the first season of the TV show named The Defenders from the Marvel studio after having binge-watched it once. Please note that any opinions provided in this document are solely my own. The reason for writing this is a specific request which was made by a suspected long-time member of the forum on www.gatefans.net who appears to be hiding under a pseudonym as a new member, albeit with a very cute picture as an avatar. Case in point, see the screenshot below.



The screenshot shows a forum post by a user named PussyGalore. The user's profile picture is a grey cat with yellow eyes. The user's bio reads "PussyGalore Faster than a scalded child!" and their reputation is 89,991. The post is a reply to a user named Lord Ba'al. The post content discusses the user's experience watching the TV show The Defenders, comparing it to other Marvel shows like Jessica Jones, Luke Cage, Iron Fist, and Daredevil. The user states they are halfway through episode 5 and that the show feels like Daredevil. The post also includes a critique of the user's 12-page critique of the series, stating it is due in the morning and accounts for 70% of the user's grade for the semester. The post is timestamped "PussyGalore, Today at 2:34 AM" and has 11 replies.

PussyGalore
Faster than a scalded child!
Reputation: 89,991

Lord Ba'al said: ↑

I just started watching this today. It did start very slow. Episode 3 is where it starts. Must say I'm liking this better than the Jessica Jones show I watched, that wasn't very interesting at all. I didn't watch the Luke Cage show. (yet) Also haven't watched the Iron Fist show. (yet) Did see Daredevil and I quite liked that. This show feels a lot like Daredevil, hopefully that'll be a good thing. Halfway through episode 5 now.

Daredevil was great. The other shows suck by comparison. *The Defenders* is just "meh".

BTW, your 12-page critique of this series is due in the morning. Remember, it accounts for 70% of your grade for the semester. 😊

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The character named Jessica Jones

Played by Krysten Ritter

In my opinion, Jessica Jones has got to be one of the most boring and useless characters ever to “grace” a TV show and this is almost certainly true when considering the Marvel universe only. I don’t know whether this is due to the capacities of the actress (as I have not seen her in anything else as far as I can recall) or due to incompetence on part of the writers of the show. The fact is however that this character could be left out of The Defenders completely and no one would ever miss her. The character doesn’t add anything to the story or to the group of defenders. Luke Cage is just as strong as Jessica Jones or perhaps even stronger and has the added advantage of being unbreakable. On top of that, Jessica Jones is annoying to watch with her self-centred and cranky demeanour. It seems obvious that she was written into this show because Marvel already had a show about her and they just like tying everything in their universe together. God knows why they ever made a show about her in the first place.

The character named Luke Cage

Played by Mike Colter

There really isn't much I could say about the Luke Cage character aside from the fact that he makes for an excellent bullet shield. The character is not unlikeable. I wouldn't go as far as to say I like him as I simply haven't seen enough in order to make up my mind. I must note that I haven't watched the Luke Cage show yet, so perhaps that has something to do with it. The actor is doing a good job portraying the character as far as I'm concerned, or perhaps I should say that at least I don't feel at any point that he isn't. The character is underutilized in the sense that we don't get to see him do a lot of nifty stuff involving his above average strength. We get to see him in combat but those scenes are unspectacular. I'd love to get to see him do things such as picking up and throwing a car at someone every now and then for example rather than him landing a punch on someone and seeing that person fly across a room.

The character named Danny Rand (a.k.a. Iron Fist)

Played by Finn Jones

I haven't watched the Iron Fist show yet but that is next on my list. As far as The Defenders is concerned I have not learned a lot about this character. I know his hand sometimes glows which enables him to do some interesting things, but as with the Luke Cage character this is underutilized in this show. Apparently he is some kind of billionaire orphan, which is apparently not uncommon among the "super"-hero clique. Sorry for using the word "apparently" twice in one sentence but I didn't quite see a way around that here. At least I know this guy has got his heart in the right place. Apart from his glowing hand he has some martial arts skills which is so far all I really know about him. I'll have to delay forming an opinion on the character until I've seen more.

The character named Matt Murdock (a.k.a. Daredevil)

Played by Charlie Cox

He is blind. He is a lawyer. He beats up bad people and does it in style. I like him. The actor has never given me any pause while portraying this character. Perhaps the most believable character of the bunch. The show appears to revolve for a great deal around him. It's almost as if it's Daredevil with some added characters on the side.

The character named Elektra Natchios (a.k.a. The Black Sky)

Played by Elodie Yung

It's a cool character and the actress is doing a decent job on it. Even though she is pretty, I don't at any time get the feeling that there is an attempt to portray her as a sexy character for little boys to jerk off on, which I can appreciate.

The character named Alexandra Reid

Played by Sigourney Weaver

Boring. Don't like the way this character is written/portrayed. I would expect more from an experienced actress such as Sigourney Weaver. The character seems rather bland. Too much attitude.

The character named Misty Knight

Played by Simone Missick

I felt this character deserved to be mentioned in this report even though it is not one of the main characters. I chose to leave other characters out as I only have twelve pages to work with and I simply can't cover them all.

One thing I have observed regarding the Misty Knight character is that the studio / producers / directors / camera staff / editors made sure that for every scene the character is in she is framed in such a way as that her massive knockers get plenty of attention. I applaud this approach as I am rather a fan of knockers, especially those of the size of this actress' headlights. Apart from this fact, I think the actress has done a decent job. The character is not unlikeable and not unbelievable either. She doesn't appear to really play an important role in the overall story though and I'm sure this character could have been left out altogether, but I think that would have been a shame. In essence, the fact that she did not play an important part is a good thing, because I would have missed out quite a bit on the plot side of things as I was only paying attention to what the character was saying for about 50% of the time and the other part I was simply fixating on the headlights.

The story

A club of bad guys with a dumbass name (The Hand) comes to New York to destroy the city. Why they wish to do this is entirely unclear, it was never made apparent during the entire first season. Instead they appear to just be after some stuff that would give them “eternal” life which as far as we are able to see in the show does not involve destroying anything at all aside from some fossilized bones. Either I didn’t quite get it or the writers dropped the ball on that I guess. Of course some good guys are needed in order to battle the bad guys as normal law enforcement agencies wouldn’t stand a chance in that regard, however the thing is that if the good guys hadn’t been there the bad guys wouldn’t have had to do any bad things in the first place. It appears in fact that the good guys are actually the instigators of the battles which are going on. All the bad guys want is to use one of the good guys’ hands to perform one simple little task, but the good guy is too stubborn to cooperate. Of course the bad guys failed massively to explain this to the good guy so one could say that both parties are equally at fault. If only people could learn to communicate effectively. But then there wouldn’t have been a reason for this whole show of course.

All in all I can say that I enjoyed this first season of The Defenders. It was rather short and I would have liked to see more of it. I hope there’ll be another season and am curious as to what that would be about story wise.

Conclusion

Jessica Jones sucks ass.

Luke Cage is alright.

Iron Fist is alright so far.

Daredevil is cool as always and rather steals the show in The Defenders.

Elektra Natchios may stay.

Sigourney Weaver could have done better.

Simone Missick has wonderful knockers.

I would like to see more of The Defenders.