

Stop and Stare: *She-Hulk* Polarizes Viewers

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The Marvel Cinematic Universe's (MCU) newest installment of *She-Hulk* on Disney+ is 5 episodes in and heavily polarizing. With the season complete and all episodes being released and available to the public, we have a general idea of just how good it is.

Unlike most Marvel shows to this point, *She-Hulk* breaks the fourth wall. *She-Hulk* (Jennifer Walters played by Tatiana Maslany) speaks to her viewers comically. Breaking the fourth wall can be pulled off in some situations: *She-Hulk* is not one of them. Aside from the show's quirkiness, which is unique and entertaining, the series feels poorly written and not well-thought-out.

Many of the jokes on the show don't land well. Most Marvel shows have a consistent story-line, while *She-Hulk* deals with different characters essentially every episode. It's almost more of a sitcom than a traditional superhero show. Right now, Disney seems to be pushing an agenda for equality. The company has been

producing more content highlighting people of color and women in major roles, and *She-Hulk* is one of those projects. Walters often explains the difficulties of being a woman in everyday society. She explains how she's catcalled and gets objectified by men. However, in that very same episode she can be found shaking her rump on camera with Megan Thee Stallion. It feels counterproductive to the important message the writers are trying to get across.

On top of that, the CGI is less than stellar. Marvel is generally great about the CGI quality, producing breathtaking scenes. At times, *She-Hulk* looks extremely unrealistic. Aside from the individuality of the show itself, *She-Hulk* is very relatable as a character, and she resonates with many of the viewers of the show. Recently, Marvel has been pushing out a lot of projects with lots of new characters. A new show comes out about every three months, almost too many to keep up with. Many have stated that they would like the quality to be higher at the expense of less shows; *She-Hulk* is exhibit A.



Tatiana Maslany as Jennifer "Jen" Walters/She-Hulk in Marvel Studios' *She-Hulk: Attorney at Law*, exclusively on Disney+. Photo courtesy of Marvel Studios