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Episode Topic: “The fan campaign to get ABC to release the pilot for Most Wanted to fans”.

Reading Begins.

Segment 1 Josh L: On January 9th 2016 Deadline

Hollywood reported

<http://deadline.com/2016/01/marvels-most-wanted-pilot-abc-1201679255/>

Quote.

ABC has given a pilot order to Marvel’s Most Wanted, the proposed Agents Of S.H.I.E.L.D. spinoff starring [Adrienne Palicki](#) and [Nick Blood](#).

Unquote

Quote.

The show will revolve around Barbara “Bobbi” Morse, aka Mockingbird, and Lance Hunter.

Unquote.

Deadline.com also reported that then ABC President 'Paul Lee' told a Television Critics Association panel:

Quote

"It's a really good script."

Unquote.

My name is Josh Liston, this is On The Bubble podcast, and today we're discussing the unaired pilot episode for ABC's 'Most Wanted' and the fan-campaign to make the pilot available to fans...

Segment 2 with Josh L: Before we get going today, I wanted to let you guys know about some exciting news for the podcast. As mentioned in the intro to today's episode, On The Bubble podcast is now a proud member of GonnaGeek.com Network. Which I'm really really excited about.

The GonnaGeek network is a Pop and Geek culture focussed enthusiast network, based out of North

America, and there are seriously a lot of great shows over at GonnaGeek.com

..there's loads of top flight TV aftershows and Geek culture shows on the website incl. shows about Arrow, The Flash, Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D and more general Geek culture and tech topics.

My recommendation for today is to check out GonnaGeek's "Legends of S.H.I.E.L.D" podcast ..it's without a doubt the best Agents of Shield and Marvel Universe podcast I've heard. Check them out at LegendsOfShield.com

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Segment 3 with Josh L: On August 5th 2016

TheMarySue.com reported that ABC Entertainment president Channing Dungey had the following thoughts on Marvel's Most Wanted:

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"Most Wanted, ultimately at the end of the day, did not feel as strong as some of the other pilots that we shot." Unquote.

(Now ... We're assuming that Marvel's Inhumans wasn't one of those STRONGER PILOTS that Dungey was talking about in her quote there, Riiiiighttt?

..sorry, my loyalty to SHIELD alumni "Bobbi Morse and Lance Hunter" might be clouding my brain right now.. Yeah, I think I'm definitely biased.

So just gotta shake Dungey's comments off..

Segment 4 with Josh L: As soon as 'MOST WANTED' wasn't picked up for a full season angry Marvel & Agents of SHIELD fans took to social media to voice their frustrations..

..In the wake of Bobby & Hunter's final episode as members of the Agents of SHIELD, it's easy to understand why fans would be so annoyed at ABC for passing on Most Wanted..

..I will say here is this (#NoSpoilers) that last SHIELD episode featuring Bobbi and Hunter elevated both their characters and also Henry Simmons' character (Mack) to an entirely different level in the SHIELD mythology. It was a very. good. episode.

Segment 5 with Josh L: DenofGeek.com reported on August 24 2016

Quote

Marvel TV fan Dominic Ryland-Jones has taken to [Change.org](https://www.change.org) to lobby ABC into action under the title 'Please Air Marvel's Most Wanted TV Pilot For Fans'.

Unquote.

As at early April 2018 the pilot still hasn't come to light, and given the massive response for Lance Hunter's recent return for a single episode in Agents of SHIELD's S5, the following line from the Change.org petition seems particularly prescient:

Quote

So it turned out that two of the most beloved characters from "Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D." had been written out of the show... for nothing

Unquote.

Quote.

I do not believe a small group of company executives can rightly speak on behalf of all Marvel fans around the world by deciding whether or not a new Marvel show is good enough to broadcast.

Unquote.

Normally, I wouldn't agree with that last statement 100% (as, on some level we have to believe that television executive have at least a smidge of talent for their roles in the industry) (unless of course they're associated with FOX) haha..

..but in this particular case, I'm going to argue in favour of *Ryland-Jones and the Change.org petition.*

..as we know.. Bobby and Hunter were beloved characters, and we also know that they can carry both entire episodes of a show, and also entire story story-arcs of a show ..with that in mind, I'm not sure that ABC has a whole lot to lose here by putting out the pilot for fans to watch (*unless of course ABC*

themselves chose to under-resource Most Wanted.. and their exec team is in fact directly to-blame for the weaker than expected pilot..)

Either way, I think we need to keep pushing them to release the pilot.

If it means us fans having some Skin in the Game too, I think we're all down for that. If need be ..FOX could charge a small yet meaningful fee for viewing and keep the purchase window limited. That way ABC can collect some unrealised revenue, and fans get to see the pilot and get some closure.

Segment 6 with Josh L: Now I just wanted to take this opportunity before we finish up for today to ask the following: What if in the immortal words of Ron Weasley the Most Wanted pilot is actually "*Bloody Brilliant*" - then the ABC suits could end up looking even worse, and will come under even more fire from fans for being totally clueless! Just a thought.

#MarvelsMostWanted #DontDieOutThere

Thank you for reading, you're a legend! ~ Josh Liston (josh@onthebubblepodcast.com)

Episode Links:

<https://www.themarysue.com/why-marvels-most-wanted-was-canned/>

<http://www.denofgeek.com/uk/tv/marvels-most-wanted/35073/marvels-most-wanted-fans-petition-abc-to-air-the-pilot>

<https://www.change.org/p/abc-release-marvel-s-most-wanted-tv-pilot-for-fans>