

H2O #157: In Which We Finally, Reluctantly Discuss Politics



“You two need to do the political episode. Yes, it’s time. You both have enough opposing views, but you also have the utmost respect for each other. There’s no way that this could get out of hand.”

OK. Our discussions of politics have generally been brief, mainly because we disagree on a great many things. But that doesn’t stop us from being friends and colleagues. Naturally, the conversations sometimes tend to get a little ... energetic, let’s say? But ultimately it comes down to having enough respect for each other to at least *listen* to what the other one says, even if he’s wrong.

Now it appears that’s caught up with us...

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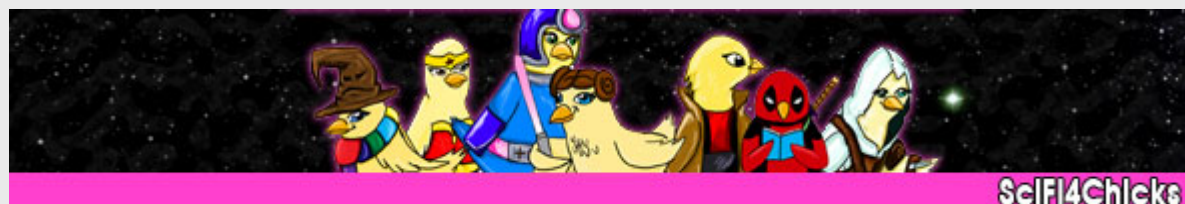
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SciFi4Chicks: Getting Your Kids Hooked ... On Genre



They're called "gateway drugs" — those first little things that get us thinking, "It's not so bad..." which lead to bigger things. And before we know it, we're hooked. Can't get enough. And we want to share it with our kids.

No, not the *special* brownies... we're talking about science fiction, fantasy — and yes, even horror — and how in our enthusiasm, we go about sharing our madness for *Star Trek*, *Star Wars*, *Doctor Who*, *Firefly*, Superman, Wolverine, Wonder Woman, Spider-Man, *Space: 1999*, comic books, video games, and Ray Harryhausen.

Do you have a favorite way of introducing the next generation to *The Next Generation*? [Share it with us in an e-mail.](#)

The panel: Mindy Inlow, Jennifer Wise, Sonya Rodriguez, Ann Laabs, James Hunt

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BOMB SHELTER Drill #5: Kevin and Jay Dump on MAC AND ME



Episode 5 ~ *Mac and Me* (1988)

A while back, we gave you *Starcrash*, an obvious copy of *Star Wars*. This month: *Mac and Me*, something that *could* be considered a ripoff of *E.T. The Extra-Terrestrial*, if it were even *that* good... It's about an alien, on the run from scientists, who gets befriended by a wheelchair-bound young boy.

Kevin and Jay have sat and watched this movie so you don't have to.

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ROGUES GALLERY #56: All the World Has Been Waiting on WONDER WOMAN



For many, it's the moment of truth. For *Wonder Woman*, it's a moment 75 years in the making, and we were all watching the box office numbers to see if

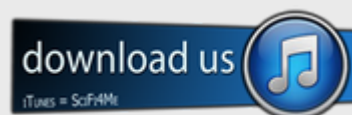
1. DC and Warner Bros. could deliver a solid *for-real* superhero movie that respected the source material, and
2. Audiences would go see a superhero movie with a woman in the lead role

The answer to both, thankfully, is “yes” — although we had very little doubt about the second item on the list. The first? Not so much faith in that one.

The Rogues gather 'round the table to discuss *Wonder Woman*, complete with spoilers, and we take a look at not only the execution of the idea on the part of Gal Gadot and Patty Jenkins, but also the idea itself. A modern-era superheroine movie, one that could set the stage for *other* superheroine movies (Black Widow, anyone?) besides Marvel's *Captain Marvel*.

From the story to the cinematography to the visual effects to the acting, and even the controversy surrounding the social reception the movie has received, we take a look at all of it.

The panel: Mindy Inlow, Maria Foss, Jeff Hackworth, Dan Handley, Tim Harvey, Jason Hunt



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H2O #156: In Which We Discuss Shows We Need to Watch to Get Caught Up



Back to our regular (ish) schedule this week with a discussion of some of the shows we've missed and/or fell behind watching, and the need to catch up in order to be the well-rounded, totally informed information brokers we claim to be. From *Wynonna Earp* to *Game of Thrones* to *12 Monkeys*, there are plenty of shows we need to binge-watch in order to get current.

But first: answering listener e-mail on why the new format for this show is the new format for this show.

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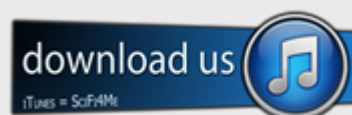
ROGUES GALLERY #55: Tis the Season for Finales



For a lot of the shows, it's season finale time, and for some of the shows, it couldn't come at a better time. Because more than a few of these story lines are drifting into "oh, please" territory, and we have concerns that if they continue on their present trajectory.... well, maybe one more season for some.

Arrow ended with another burning, because it's the season finale and something has to burn. *Supergirl* ended with a big thud named Mon-El, and *The Flash* ends ... without the Flash?

The panel: Ann Laabs, Jeff Hackworth, Thomas Townley, Tim Harvey, Jason Hunt



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We're All Mary Poppins, Y'all — Talking GUARDIANS OF THE GALAXY on LEVEL ELEVENTY-SEVEN #119



Guardians of the Galaxy, Vol. 2 (2017)

Written & Directed by James Gunn

Marvel Studios/Walt Disney Pictures

136 minutes, rated PG-13

In this special episode of *Level Eleventy-Seven*, we take a spoiler-ish look at the latest entry into the Marvel Cinematic Universe (with a few digressions along the way, of course...).

From Groot's greatness (and not so greatness) to Yondu's arc, from the wild "Hey, that's...!" beginning to the climactic battle between the stars, *Vol. 2* has all the pieces that make a Marvel film ... a Marvel film. It's got humor, pathos, family issues — more than just Peter and his father — great character moments, and Groot.

Plus, plenty of *possible* setups for the next chapter, as *Vol. 3* will be James Gunn's swan song (at least for now). What pieces of this story will inform the last installment in the first trilogy? Will it be... nope, you gotta listen.

The panel: Maia Ades, Mindy Inlow, Sam Sentman, Dan Handley, Jason Hunt

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ROGUES GALLERY #54: Barry is Still Dumb, Supergirl Needs Focus



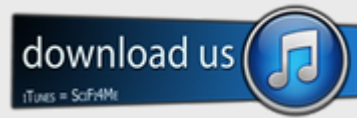
This week: it seems that Barry Allen is still not through making dumb decisions. And even though we now know the identity of Savitar, there really doesn't seem to be any kind of a plan from the writers room. And *Supergirl* has yet to get out of being about all the lovebird characters and get back to being about ... well... Supergirl.

Arrow continues to slide into irrelevancy. *Powerless* is cancelled, but we have *Black Lightning* waiting in the wings.

Plus: we've decided to weaponize Mr. Townley's recaps and unleash him on *Gotham*...

[Watch a special LIVE edition of episode 53 here on SciFi4Me TV](#)

The panel: Ann Laabs, Jennifer Wise, Jeff Hackworth, Will Tramp, Jason Hunt



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BOMB SHELTER Drill #4: Jay and Kevin Roll Snake Eyes with SSSSSSS



Episode 4 ~ Sssssss (1973)

This month, Jay and Kevin take a look into the snake eyes of Strother Martin and Dirk Benedict in *Sssssss*, as a college student becomes a lab assistant for a scientist working to develop a serum that can change humans into snakes. Because that's a thing, right? The film also features known genre actors Tim O'Connor (*Buck Rogers in the 25th Century*) and Reb Brown (*Captain America*), along with *The Sound of Music*'s Heather Menzies-Urich.

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H2O #155: In Which We Discuss Planet Comicon 2017



It's over for another year.

Planet Comicon has come and gone, and this year we got a great opportunity to repeat what we did at Worldcon: broadcast live online from the event floor. With the help of our friends at TV25.tv, we were able to stream interviews and live coverage from PCC pretty much all weekend.

In this episode, we take a look at how things came together and how the weekend went. Our post-Planet analysis continues, and we're still posting video to [SciFi4Me TV](http://SciFi4MeTV.com), so check back frequently for updates. We think we may have an angle on this live video thing, but we're still getting a feel for what the equipment can do, should do, and what our team is able to deliver — which is a lot!

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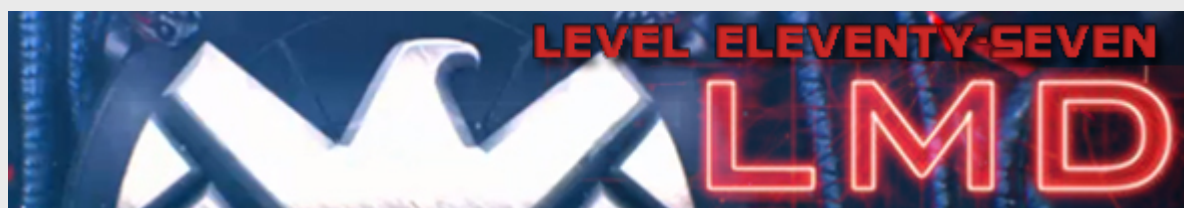
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AGENTS OF S.H.I.E.L.D. Marks a Return With Whedon Banter — LEVEL ELEVENTY-SEVEN #117



Episode 421 “The Return”

Written by Maurisa Tancharoen & Jed Whedon

Directed by Kevin Tancharoen

Our intrepid *Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D.* are back in the real world, and it’s not without its hangups. What with Mack still being in the Framework and May trying to shoot Ophelia and Fitz getting in the way and the two of them whisking out BAMF-style and Coulson not wanting to admit he cracked open the bottle and oh, how many robot copies of the Russian are there now?...

But at least it appears that Fitz won’t be the villain of next season (is there a next season?), at least not yet. He again demonstrates just how good a heart he has, even in the face of utter sociopathic murderous rage from his wanna-be girlfriend who suddenly finds that she’s... not? uh-oh. What was that about a woman scorned?...

Next week: the Ghost Rider returns!

The panel: Mindy Inlow, Sam Sentman, Timothy Harvey, Jason Hunt

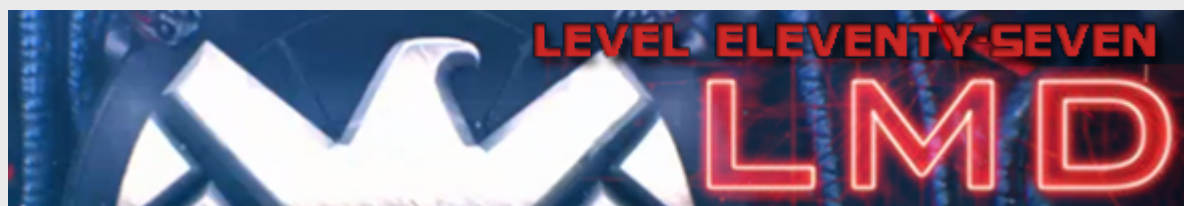
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AGENTS OF S.H.I.E.L.D. Is Back in the Real World, and Yikes! — LEVEL ELEVENTY-SEVEN #116



Episode 420 "Farewell, Cruel World"

Written by Brent Fletcher

Directed by Vincent Misiano

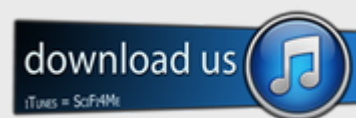
Back to our regular programming as the gang gathers in the post-convention bunker to discuss

the latest really tough to watch episode of *Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D.* — and not because it was badly written, but because there was plenty of emotionally-charged scenes that really worked. It's a really solid episode with a lot of moments that build to a few gut-wrenching final minutes. As we predicted, Fitz looks like he's going to have some ... issues. And our intrepid heroes inside the Framework will have to live with the knowledge that they're not "real" in the traditional sense, but then what are they?

And now that most of the team is out of the Framework, what does it mean for everyone? How does Fitz cope with the monster he became inside? How does everyone process Mack's decision? What will happen to PhilLinda?

The panel: Maia Ades, Mindy Inlow, Sam Sentman, Timothy Harvey, Jason Hunt

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From Planet Comicon 2017: LEVEL
ELEVENTY-SEVEN Episode 115 Live



Episode 419 "All the Madame's Men"

Written by James C. Oliver & Sharla Oliver

Directed by Billy Gierhart

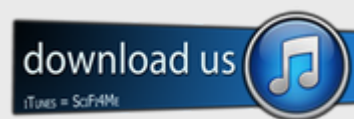
Live from Planet Comicon 2017!

The gang takes time to discuss *Marvel's Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D.* and the episode where Daisy uses her powers without pain, May becomes a traitor to Hydra, and Coulson goes on television to claim his place as an agent of S.H.I.E.L.D.

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The panel: Maia Ades, Mindy Inlow, Dan Handley, Sam Sentman, Timothy Harvey, Jason Hunt

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ZOMBPOCALYPSE NOW: Live From PLANET COMICON! (Well, Sort Of)



We didn't just livestream from **Planet Comicon**, we also recorded this week's **Zombpocalypse Now** in front of a LIVE audience! Listen!



Dustin: Well, we, as usual, said we were going to talk about one thing last week, and here we are, talking about something else.

Timothy: We did, and we are. We said we were going to talk about the last three episodes of *Santa Clarita Diet*, but instead...

Dustin: We recorded an episode in front of a live audience at **Planet Comicon!**

Timothy: ... just like the last few years. Like the last, what, three years?

Dustin: *I* am trying to make this sound exciting. *You* are not helping.

Timothy: *It was fun.*

Dustin: It was. It was also kind of a greatest hits episode, where we talk about *The Walking Dead*, *Fear the Walking Dead*, and *Santa Clarita Diet*, and take questions from the audience. Who were *awesome*.

Timothy: It's always a great time talking to other fans of these shows we love to hate to love. To hate. To love.

Dustin: It is complicated. But this show isn't. And you can actually hear the audience! Sort of.

Mostly.

Timothy: And every time you tapped on the table. *All the times you tapped on the table.*

Dustin: I... do that, yes. It's a thing I do. *That table was loud. It's not my fault.*

Timothy: And you can hear it all its glory. We had a good time out there, and we hope you have a good time listening to it.

Mindy: Oh! Hey! Hi! And rate and comment on our podcast and all our other podcasts on iTunes and Podcasts.com!

Dustin: Where the hell have you been?

Mindy: Working the floor, getting interviews and SO MUCH MORE! Check out all our great Planet Comicon Coverage! Here at **SciFi4Me!**

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H2O #154: In Which We Discuss the Premiere of DOCTOR WHO



The Doctor has returned! And he's got a new companion (two, really). And he's got photos on his

desk! And he's got a desk! And a vault! What's he got in the vault? Probably the thing that's going to keep him Earth-bound this year, very much as he was in his Third incarnation...

After having seen the episode twice, we found plenty of things to like and plenty of things to wonder and speculate about. Sonic screwdrivers. Penguins. Lectures about physics and poetry (they both rhyme). And Susan! That photograph isn't there by accident. With the original Cybermen making an appearance later this season, it's a sure bet that the photo of the Doctor's granddaughter is there for a reason.

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