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Drama Script

**Program Title**: The Punisher Season 2

**Program One Liner**: The show follows Frank Castle, a murdering vigilante who fights crime in New York while suffering from severe PTSD due to the effects of his past.

For my drama script, I want to set a course for the second season of The Punisher on Netflix. I chose this show because Frank Castle is a very flawed hero. He wants to do what’s good and stop crime, but he also kills all of his enemies. This creates a dichotomy that causes an interesting conflict within Frank. He is our hero so we want to cheer for him and hope he succeeds at the end. He has experienced loss and tragedy so the audience feels for him. But Frank is still a monster and a criminal who does terrible things which causes the viewer to debate the actions of the protagonist. [?] He is a stark contrast to other heroes from comic book properties who refuse to kill.

 The first season focused on Frank hunting down the people who killed his family. Frank teamed up with David Lieberman, a hacker on the run for exposing a government secret that connects to the murder of Franks family. He also had help from Homeland Security agent Dinah Madani, who at first was tasked with arresting Frank, later realized he wasn’t the real threat. After tracking down the man responsible, Frank kills him, but not before discovering that his best friend Billy Russo was also responsible for his family’s death. Frank and Billy get into a fight where Frank disfigures Billy’s face but can’t go far enough to kill him. The season ends with Frank at peace and attending his friend Curtis’ trauma meetings, David reuniting with his family, and Dinah in the hospital after being shot by Billy.

The characters I want to focus on this season are:

* Frank Castle: The protagonist. A Vigilante who believes that the only way to stop crime is by killing those who cause it. He suffers from PTSD due to the murder of his family.
* David Lieberman (Micro): David is a hacker and the person who helped find the people who killed Franks family in season 1. He has been reunited with his family after going into hiding and is trying to live a normal life.
* Dinah Madani: FBI agent who is determined to do her job but not afraid to break rules to do what’s right.
* Curtis Hoyle: Franks best friend from the army. He runs a trauma support group that Frank attends. He is also missing his left leg which he lost during combat while serving.

This season will focus on Frank’s past coming back to haunt him. During his search for the people who killed his family, Frank killed hundreds of gang members, and now the criminal underworld is coming for him. Now Frank must survive against the mob while protecting the people closest to him.

Episode Title: Welcome Back Frank

Episode one-liner: Frank is attacked and goes on the run.

This episode is the season premiere. In it, Frank is still keeping a low profile and using the name Pete Castiglione. He is then attacked by a group of thugs in his house and eventually has to go on the run. Meanwhile Dinah is in court trying to prosecute Billy, and David is trying to adjust to family life again.

Plot A: Frank having to fight off the thugs and then go on the run.

Plot B: Dinah in court with Billy.

Plot C: David is having issues at home with his family after returning.

Act 1:

**Plot A**: Frank is still attending trauma meetings with Curtis. He is trying to get back into the real world and try to live a normal life under his alias “Pete Castiglione.”

**Plot B**: Dinah is still recovering from her injuries and is getting ready to go to court to testify against Billy for his crimes from Season 1.

**Plot C**: David and his family are back together but are experiencing some issues due to David being gone for so long. There are issues but David is trying to keep everything together.

Act 2:

**Plot A**: Frank goes home and is attacked by a group of mobsters. He fights them off but then the police find him and try to arrest him. Frank is hurt in the confrontation but is able to escape.

**Plot B**: Dinah is in court testifying against Billy but she starts noticing things that make her feel uncomfortable.

**Plot C**: David and his family sit down to talk about what they need to do to get to a better place and David realizes just how much he missed while he was hiding and that it won’t be easy to fix his family. There is then a knock on the door and David goes to answer it.

Act 3:

**Plot A & C**: Frank is still on the run and avoiding patrolling police cars. He is really hurt and decides to go to David’s house for help. Frank gets to David’s house and David and his family are tied up and being held hostage.

**Plot B**: As the court hearing progress, there is a disturbance as people start screaming. A group of armed mercenaries break into the courtroom and use violence to kidnap Billy.

Act 4:

**Plot A & C**: Frank tries to free David and his family but the phone rings. Frank answers and a mysterious voice tells Frank that he will pay for his actions and that he must turn himself into the NYPD and if he doesn’t David’s family will be hurt. Frank concedes and the NYPD shows up to arrest him.

The scene I have decided to script is Frank being attacked in his apartment and then escaping.

INT. BUILDING HALLWAY- NIGHT

Frank enters his building and is walking to his apartment. The building is old with moldy walls and flickering lights. He runs into his neighbor Dave who’s all too excited to see Frank, who is currently going by the name Pete Castiglione.

DAVE

Hey Mr. Pete, what’s up man? Check this out!

Dave sticks his tongue out to show Frank his new piercing. Frank is disinterested and a bit uncomfortable but goes along anyway.

FRANK

Um, yeah Dave that’s great. See you around

Frank walks to his apartment and opens the door.

INT. FRANK’S APARTMENT- NIGHT

The apartment is small with one bedroom, a bathroom and a small kitchen area.

Frank puts his bag down and takes off his shoes. He walks to the bedroom door and opens it. Out of nowhere, he’s struck with a baseball bat and falls back. Two hold him while the third keeps attacking him.

THUG LEADER

Oh look, the big bad Punisher. Thought you could hide?

Frank fights off the thugs to break free.

FRANK

You maggot pieces of shit want me? Well here I am!

The thug leader gets up and pulls out a knife to stab Frank in the thigh and then slashes his chest.

THUG LEADER

Come on get up you idiots! Grab him, hold him down!

Frank screams out in pain and anger. He grabs the bat and starts swinging at the thugs. He knocks one out. The other thug shoots Frank in the shoulder. Frank screams in pain and then grabs the thug leader as a shield against any more gunshots

THUG #1

Shit boss what do I do?

THUG LEADER

Don’t Shoot me! Shoot him, Shoot him!

FRANK

You shoot, he dies! Put the gun down and I’ll let you live.

There’s thud at the door. Frank and the thugs take a pause. They hear another thud and the door comes crashing down. Standing there is a SWAT team.

OFFICER

DROP THE GUN AND PUT YOUR HANDS UP! WE WILL SHOOT!

Frank throws the thug leader at the SWAT team knocking them down and makes run for the window. He crashes through the window and lands outside. Hurt and bleeding, Frank runs away to hide.