

Following Disney's big announcement that Joss Whedon will once again write and direct the followup to the third-highest-grossing film of all-time, Marvel's The Avengers, the studio has issued a statement via HitFix. Detailing an "exclusive" deal, confirming involvement with Phase Two installments, the statement reads: "Joss Whedon has signed an exclusive deal with Marvel Studios for film and television through the end of June 2015. As part of that deal, Whedon will write and direct Marvel's The Avengers 2 as well as help develop a new live action series for Marvel Television at ABC. He will also contribute creatively to the next phase of Marvel's cinematic universe." Considering the statement notes that Whedon will only "help develop" the unnamed television series, we can assume he won't exactly helm the project. And also, while he's contributing "creatively" to phase two, this could mean he'll be "doctoring" the scripts for Iron Man

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