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# TNT orders pilot for "Deadlier Than the Male"

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## TNT Orders Pilot for *Deadlier Than the Male* From Executive Producer Bruna Papandrea And Executive Producer/Writer Harriet Warner

Turner's [TNT](#) has ordered a pilot for *Deadlier Than the Male* (working title), a challenging and morally complex thriller about three damaged people trying to start over. The pilot is being produced by Bruna Papandrea's **Made Up Stories** and Turner's **Studio T**, and executive-produced by **Bruna Papandrea** (*Big Little Lies*); **Harriet Warner** (*Call the Midwife*, *Mistresses*), who is also writing the script; and **Casey Haver** of Made Up Stories.

*Deadlier Than the Male* centers on a trio of characters, each with a mysterious and troubling past, including a young woman who once looked into the eyes of a dangerous killer, a former serial predator desperate to find redemption and a grieving mother obsessed with finding her missing daughter. As each of them is pushed to the edge, the truth about their pasts and their motives grows ever murkier, blurring the lines between victim and perpetrator.

"*Deadlier Than the Male* will represent TNT's exploration into a new style of mystery drama," said **Sarah Aubrey**, **executive vice president of original programming for TNT**. "Unlike traditional mysteries, it's not about 'who done it,' but why it was done. We love Harriet's ability to paint visceral portraits of complicated people and put them inside the most satisfying puzzle box of a plot."

*Deadlier Than the Male* joins an expansive roster of TNT pilots designed to continue the network's programming evolution that began with the summer hit *Animal Kingdom* and the acclaimed thriller *Good Behavior*. TNT's slate of pilots includes *Snowpiercer*, a futuristic thriller based on the award-winning film by **Bong Joon Ho** and co-produced by **Tomorrow Studios** and **Studio T** and *The Deep Mad Dark*, an atmospheric mystery-thriller about the complexities of female friendship, produced by **John Wells Productions** and **Fabrik Entertainment** in association with **Warner Horizon Television** and **Studio T**.

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### About Made Up Stories

**Made Up Stories** is Bruna Papandrea's new development, production and finance company. Formed in January 2017, the company is currently producing and co-financing *The Nightingale*, a period thriller from acclaimed filmmaker Jennifer Kent (*The Babadook*). Prior to Made Up Stories, Papandrea launched and partnered with Reese Witherspoon in the production banner Pacific Standard, where the pair produced the hit movies *Wild* (two Oscar® nominations) and *Gone Girl* (over \$365 million in worldwide

box office), as well as executive-produced the top HBO limited series *Big Little Lies*. Papandrea previously produced and executive produced a wide range of commercially and critically successful films, such as *Warm Bodies* and *Milk*.

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## About TNT

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