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## **Introductions from your MCU Dais**

Hello delegates!

My name is Olivia Tedesco, and I am delighted to be your chair for miniMUNC 2021! I am currently a senior here at Stuyvesant High School, and this is my fourth year participating in Model UN. I am so excited to be able to work with you all on a topic as interesting as this, especially considering that for many of you, this will be your first committee. My first miniMUNC experience was a very interesting one: I was thrown into a very complicated crisis committee with absolutely no experience (similar to the experience many of you will likely have at this conference). Although I spent the majority of the time quite clueless, the wonderful atmosphere of the committee and the interesting discussions I observed were enough to hook me. Since then I've grown as a delegate, and have earned my position on the Upper Secretariat of the club. If you are going into this committee with no experience under your belt, I assure you that you are not alone. As long as you come sufficiently prepared and eager to learn, you will have everything you need to succeed.

I have been a Marvel fan for several years now, and am very excited to be able to lead a committee on this topic. Whether you are a fan of the Marvel Cinematic Universe or not, it is expected for you to do lots of research on your position and the committee before the conference begins. Doing substantive research means that you will come into committee with a clear idea of what your own personal goals will be, and will help you to be a more engaged and powerful delegate. This background guide can serve as a starting off point for the research you will conduct, and don't hesitate to contact me if you need guidance as to what exactly to research.

I am more than excited to work with each and every one of you, and I hope you find the premise of this committee as interesting as I do. I am looking forward to a wonderful experience at miniMUNC 2021!

Best of luck,

Olivia Tedesco

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Dear Delegates,

My name is James Kang, and I am pleased to be your director of the Marvel Cinematic Universe Crisis Committee at miniMUNC 2021! I am currently a senior who has been a member of ModelUN since my sophomore year. When I was a sophomore, I wasn't completely immersed in the Model UN environment because I have been shifting back and forth between Model UN and Speech and Debate. It wasn't until I went to miniMUNC 2019, which regardless of it being my first time, made me feel more comfortable and compatible with the Model UN system. With this in mind, I do hope that this committee will be a great kickoff for your ModelUN journey, and hope that you cherish your first ModelUN experience as equally as I have while establishing this committee, especially since it is about the Marvel Cinematic Universe!

I have been a fan of the Marvel Cinematic Universe since the release of the Iron Man Movie in 2008, and I am very excited to experience this universe with you through this committee. Whether you are a super Marvel enthusiast or a newcomer to the Marvel universe, be prepared to research your Marvel character position. While some characters on the list are more familiar than others, some may not, and thus would present a challenge when it comes to research. However, the villain of this committee has not been introduced yet to the Marvel Cinematic Universe so, regardless of your position, major research is to be expected. And before you start your research, try learning and understanding your character's role and what exactly the "Blip" is. Also, strive to understand your powers or abilities as well, since these will help you play your special roles. And as always, since this will be your first Model UN conference, do not stress about making any mistakes or hesitate to come to me, or any of the dias members, if you need help or to ask any questions! And as always, the most important thing is to have fun!

Sincerely,

James Kang

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Tere päevast, delegates,

I would like to welcome each and every single one of you at miniMUNC! My name is Andrey Sokolov, and I'm going to be the crisis director of your committee. In my free time I like reading internet horror stories and spend time maintaining various Stuy websites (including [stuymun.com](http://stuymun.com)!). Usually we have to write about our MUN experience, but I won't bore you with the shtick and will go straight into the meat of the matter.

Albeit I am not as much of a dedicated fan of Marvel as my fellow dais, the universe Marvel Comics was able to come up with in the last 60 years is something I've gained considerable admiration for ever since binge watching the entire MCU discography a few years ago. At the time of writing this letter, I'm really pumped for everything related to Doctor Strange and I'm especially excited for the newest Spider-Man movie coming out in December! I think everything revolving around the multiverse and time travel definitely makes for really interesting scenarios to follow. One piece of advice I can give you is try making your crisis notes detailed and a little ambitious, as I am going to be more than happy to see you influence the committee in a fun way.

If you have any questions regarding the committee topics, feel free to ask me by sending an email to [asokolov30@stuy.edu](mailto:asokolov30@stuy.edu). I am looking forward to hearing any questions or comments from every single one of you! As Theodore Roosevelt said, "Keep your eyes on the stars, and your feet on the ground."

Adios!

Andrey Sokolov

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## Committee Information

In this committee, you will all be representing characters from the Marvel Cinematic Universe (along with a select few from the Comic universe), and you will work together to create a new Avengers team and defeat a new galactic threat.

It is worth noting that the older TV Series created by Marvel Television are considered canonical, but characters from them will not appear to make research for delegates easier.

Debate will alternate between moderated and unmoderated caucuses, and there will be no speakers list. Delegates may further their agenda in two different ways: either directives, which are essentially shorter, more direct versions of the resolutions seen in GA committees, or by using crisis notes, which are sent directly to the chair. Crisis notes contain actions that one may use to accomplish a more personal agenda. The actions one relays to the chair in crisis notes will not be shared with the committee, unless intercepted through a different delegate's actions.

Delegates do not necessarily need to have a general understanding of standard parliamentary procedure before going to the committee, as there will be a workshop on crisis procedures before the committee starts. This includes the explanation of moderate and unmoderated caucuses, along with directive and crisis note practice. It is

worth noting however that the committee might be conducted a bit differently from a normal crisis, and procedures may be elaborated on the day of the committee.

Our committee will function as a crisis committee. If you would like to learn about crisis committee procedures, please refer to this [helpful guide](#). In brief, crisis committee delegates are assigned a specific character to portray. With this character comes certain "portfolio powers." The powers of each character are briefly outlined at the end of the background guide, but **further research** is *highly encouraged* to allow one to really use those powers to the fullest in committee. Creativity in power usage is encouraged, and resourcefulness and ingenuity will prove to be rewarded.

miniMUNC does not require position papers, but they are **highly recommended**. Position papers are a great way to combine all of your research into one document that can be referred to throughout our committee, and can help you solidify your stance on the topics we will be discussing. If you would like to receive feedback on your position paper, submit papers to [otedesco20@stuy.edu](mailto:otedesco20@stuy.edu) by 10/10/21. The chair will still be accepting position papers until the start of the first committee session, but feedback is not guaranteed after the deadline.

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# Committee Background

## *The Avengers*

The universe is a dangerous place. Filled with technology, magic, and cosmic beings beyond human understanding, Earth has seen numerous cases of extinction-level events throughout history.

It is no wonder that in a world that is filled with as many threats as this one there would also be heroes who would risk their lives protecting the innocent. On Earth, this band of heroes is known as the Avengers. Initially assembled by S.H.I.E.L.D's former director Nick Fury, the Avengers would prove numerous times to be a team that could prevent wide-scale catastrophes<sup>1</sup>.



In the past, the Avengers have dealt with multiple planetary threats, including an invasion of Chitauri led by Loki Laufeyson<sup>2</sup> and a robot uprising started by Ultron - Iron Man's self-aware artificial intelligence<sup>3</sup>. Although they were successful in most of their missions so far, almost all of the

battles the Avengers have taken part in involved numerous destruction and casualties. This put a huge strain on the relationship between the superheroes and the nations of the world, culminating in 2016's Sokovia Accords<sup>4</sup>

The Sokovia Accords, bearing their name from a nation greatest affected by the Avenger's fight with Ultron, is a set of legal documents designed to regulate enhanced individuals. It prohibited those who signed from taking any sort of action in any country other than their own unless given permission by the country's government or the UN, greatly limiting the power which the Avengers had<sup>5</sup>.

The way Sokovia Accords restricted Avengers' unchecked power proved to be enough for the team to experience a schism. Heroes such as Iron Man and the Vision agreed to sign the Accords, while others like Captain America and the Falcon severely disapproved of draconian restrictions set by the Accords. This resulted in the Avengers having a Civil War, which culminated in the anti-Accords group becoming fugitives and the pro-Accords faction not only losing half their force, but also losing the people they've called friends<sup>6</sup>.

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<sup>1</sup> [The Avengers](#)

<sup>2</sup> [Chitauri Invasion](#)

<sup>3</sup> [Battle of Sokovia](#)

<sup>4</sup> [Sokovia Accords](#)

<sup>5</sup> [Iter](#)

<sup>6</sup> [Captain America: Civil War](#)

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While all of this was happening, Thor Odinson, one of the original members of the Avengers, was dealing with the impending Ragnarök, a prophesied destruction of his homeworld Asgard. In his journeys he reunited with the Hulk and defeated Hela, his sister who tried to forcefully take over Asgard and its people. In spite of that, he failed to prevent Ragnarök, and the realm known as Asgard was destroyed.

However, this did not mean the destruction of the Asgardian people.

Loki was able to prevent the complete genocide of the Asgardians by obtaining a massive spaceship *Statesman* he stole. With Hela defeated and Ragnarok in full force, Hulk, Thor, and Loki set Earth as their destination, preparing to bring the Asgardians to their new home.

The peace would not last, however. While the trio were travelling to Earth on the *Statesman*, the ship was attacked by an unknown force - the only known assailant being Thanos, the Mad Titan himself.

### ***The Mad Titan***



Thanos, the last Titan, is one of the galaxy's most powerful warlords. Driven mad by the collapse of his homeworld, Thanos took on the task of wiping out half of all life in the universe, in a quest which he believed would make everything perfectly balanced, as all things should be<sup>7</sup>.

In the past, Thanos used to commit genocide on planetary-scale, conquering worlds one by one and killing half of the population randomly, so that the rest could live peacefully. He was actually Loki's facilitator during the latter's invasion of Earth<sup>8</sup>. Due to how slowly the planetary method of thinning out the universe turned out to be, however, Thanos decided to use a more radical approach to his problem. One that would require the Infinity Stones<sup>9</sup>.

The Infinity Stones represent the 6 primordial elements of the universe, those being Space, Reality, Power, Soul, Mind, and Time<sup>10</sup>. When combined, the Stones allow their wielder to have unlimited power and do anything they desire. With their power, Thanos sought

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<sup>8</sup> [Iter](#)

<sup>9</sup> [Iter](#)

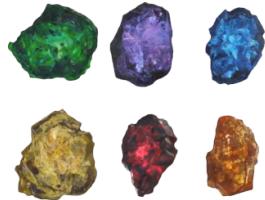
<sup>10</sup> [Infinity Stones](#)

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<sup>7</sup> [Thanos](#)

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to reduce half of the universe to dust with just a snap of his fingers.



Having obtained the Power Stone previously, Thanos got a hold of the Space Stone by ambushing the *Statesman* - an Asgardian refugee ship on its journey to Earth - and killing Loki.

From there, Thanos ordered his henchmen to bring him the stones currently located on Earth, before travelling to Knowhere, in search of the Reality Stone.

On the *Statesman*, Heimdall, the Guard of the Bifrost, used his last strength to transport Hulk to Earth, in hope of Hulk getting the Avengers together and defeating Thanos once and for all.

### ***The Infinity War***

When Hulk was transported away from the exploding *Statesman*, he crashed into the New York Sanctum - inadvertently meeting the Masters of the Mystic Arts who were tasked with protecting the Sanctum from mystic threats<sup>11</sup>. There, Hulk turned back into Banner and met Doctor Strange and Wong - two of the orders' sorcerers - who are then able to help Bruce find Tony Stark and call upon the rest of the Avengers. With the threat of global genocide on the horizon, the former Avengers have to set aside their differences and unite once again<sup>12</sup>.



Following a brief confrontation with Thanos' henchmen, Spider-Man, Iron Man, and Doctor Strange were taken on a spacecraft towards the Mad Titan's homeworld, the ruined Titan<sup>13</sup>.

Meanwhile, the Guardians of the Galaxy - a group of intergalactic outlaws protecting the galaxy<sup>14</sup> - rescued Thor after receiving a distress signal from the *Statesman*. Once realizing that Thanos sought the Reality Stone from the Collector, Thor and the Guardians split up: Thor, Rocket, and Groot went to Nidavellir to create Stormbreaker and the rest of the Guardians went to Knowhere to battle Thanos. Thanos, however, already having the Reality Stone, kidnapped his adopted daughter Gamora, who would eventually be sacrificed for the Soul Stone at Vormir.

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<sup>11</sup> [Masters of the Mystic Arts](#)

<sup>12</sup> [Infinity War](#)

<sup>13</sup> [Iter](#)

<sup>14</sup> [Guardians of the Galaxy](#)



At Titan, Doctor Strange used the Time Stone to foresee millions of possible futures, where there was only one in which the heroes triumph. Desperate, the heroes formulated a plan to remove the Infinity Gauntlet from Thanos, but failed because of Peter Quill's short temper. Strange and Stark battled the Mad Titan one by one, but with Thanos seemingly moving in for the final blow on Stark, Strange willingly gave up the Time Stone.

With just the Mind Stone left to complete the Infinity Gauntlet, Thanos teleported to Wakanda to fulfill his destiny. He killed Vision to obtain the Mind Stone after defeating the heroes. As the powers of the Infinity Stones flowed through him, Thor suddenly appeared from the sky and flew down to Thanos.

As Thor was about to deal the final blow to Thanos, Thanos had just finished his Infinity Gauntlet. With a cold remark on how Thor should have aimed for the head, Thanos snapped his fingers, erasing half of the universe and whisking himself away into hiding.

The Scarlet Witch, the Winter Soldier, Spider-Man, and the Black Panther - all were victims of Thanos's wrath.

The remaining Avengers were able to find the last Titan in hiding. They were too late, however, as he had used the power of the Infinity Stones to destroy the Infinity Stones. Although they killed the Titan, they could not reverse the Snap.

With no other way of bringing back their loved ones, the Avengers disbanded.



## Current Crisis

Half of the planet is gone. As all spheres of life around the globe are unable to deal with the sudden disappearance of billions of people, the United Nations General Assembly has been granted expanded legislative power backed by the armed forces of the 5 permanent members of the Security

Council. With the notable exception of North Korea and Switzerland, the United Nations now has de jure control over most of Earth's territory for the foreseeable future<sup>15</sup>.

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<sup>15</sup> [The Snap](#)

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Still, many regions of the world are currently in complete anarchy. Governments are being overthrown in some parts of the globe and fight one another in others. If any sort of a cosmic threat targets Earth, the planet will not be able to defend itself.

There are also sightings of some silver figure surfing across the skies of the world. Whether friend or foe, the UN has decided that they will assemble a team whose task is going to be dealing with identifying who this mysterious “silver surfer” is.



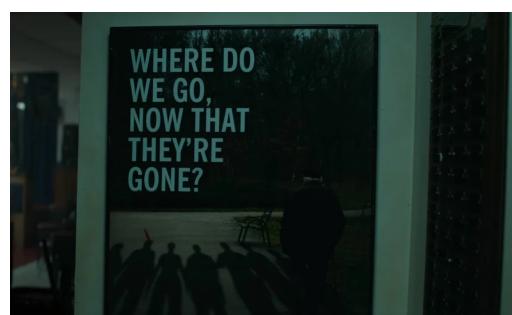
Which is why the United Nations is calling upon all enhanced individuals to sign up for the new roster of the Avengers. With notable members such as Tony Stark, Bruce Banner, Steve Rogers, and Thor Odinson retiring from the program, the UN believes that the team can finally have a restart it so desperately needs.

In light of the fact that the original Avengers disbanded due to the extremely strict nature of the Sokovia Accords<sup>16</sup>, nations of the world

renegotiated the legal agreement to be less strict, giving superheroes a right for a trial in case they use their powers to break the law, as well as providing them amnesty for any sort of crimes they might have been charged with in the past. Nevertheless, enhanced individuals are still required to provide biometric data and operate as entities under the United Nations.

The United Nations is considering a team anywhere from 4 to 7 individuals - too many would prove to be too much to handle, although you might be able to persuade them to have a larger team.

Some of you are here because the Avengers are the only family you have; Others want to take matters into their own hands and help the world; There are even those who might have ulterior motives; what matters now is whether or not you are going to do what it takes to keep the world stable.



The time is ticking, heroes. Will you be able to diplomatically decide, or will you let the world perish once and for all?

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<sup>16</sup> [Sokovia Accords](#)

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## **Questions to Consider**

During the committee, remember to consider these issues and how you as a character can answer them:

- 1) How will my powers/connections benefit the Avengers?
- 2) Do I want to become an Avenger because I want to help or because it will benefit me?
- 3) Will the new Avengers team completely comply with the Sokovia Accords?
- 4) Is it worth negotiating with the world governments on the suspension of the Accords?
- 5) Who is in charge of the Silver Surfer? Is the entity in charge malicious?
- 6) How will the Avengers deal with the Silver Surfer?

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# Committee Positions

## **Natasha Romanoff (Black Widow)**

Natasha Romanoff, more commonly known as Black Widow, is one of the most influential superheroes remaining on Earth. With her skills in hand-to-hand combat and connection across the globe, her presence on the team would definitely be beneficial. This does not mean, however, that she is guaranteed to be an Avenger. Due to her betrayal of Iron Man and violation of the Sokovia Accords 2 years ago, Romanoff is still very much on thin ice with the governments of the world<sup>17</sup>.

## **James "Rhodey" Rhodes (War Machine)**

James Rhodes has been a man of honor since the beginning. A man dedicated to protecting America, Rhodey endured great injuries on his duties. Not only did he lose his ability to walk without augmentation, he has also lost the most important fight of his life against Thanos. Lesser men would quit already, yet Rhodey is still continuing the fight. Whether he becomes the next Avenger or not, with his skills and his suit he will not abandon Earth when it will need him<sup>18</sup>.

## **Clint Barton (Hawkeye)**

Ever since the Snap took his family, Barton has not been the same. As a former Avenger, Hawkeye has both the strength and the credentials which would potentially help him join the reformed Avengers. Consumed by the guilt of not protecting his family, however, Barton now faces a pivotal moment in his life: he needs to decide whether he will join the Avengers once more, or follow his own destiny, becoming a vigilante set on fighting crime all across the globe<sup>19</sup>.

## **Nebula**

An augmented daughter of Thanos, Nebula has been the weakling. Forced through cyber augmentation of her entire body, she has almost no original body parts left. Although the augmentation gave her superhuman strength and agility, it resulted in her hating her father. Now that her father is gone and she helped kill him, however, she is left with nothing. Since now she is truly alone in the world, it only makes sense that Nebula joins the one team which she can call family<sup>20</sup>.

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<sup>17</sup> [Black Widow](#)

<sup>18</sup> [War Machine](#)

<sup>19</sup> [Hawkeye](#)

<sup>20</sup> [Nebula](#)

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### **Rocket**

When one thinks of a superhero, one does not think of Rocket. As a Halfworldian, Rocket is a product of horrible bioengineering experiments. Although he gained surprising strength and durability, he is often considered to be a freak of nature. Despite being different, however, Rocket was able to find a place in the world with the now defunct Guardians of the Galaxy. Although his original family was destroyed protecting Earth, he still remains, hoping that one day he will be able to bring them back<sup>21</sup>.

### **Okoye**

With T'Challa and half of the Wakandan people gone, Okoye, being the former head of Wakanda's military, has an immense crisis on her hands. Although Wakanda is the world's most advanced nation, losing even a fifth of the population, let alone half, would put those who remain in mourning. Considering Okoye's more isolationist views, it is most likely that she would want to stabilize her nation first, and only then consider the offer of becoming an Avenger<sup>22</sup>.

### **Sharon Carter (Power Broker)**

Sharon Carter was one of the few people to help out Steve Rogers when he was betrayed by everyone else. Her skills as a spy and expertise in martial arts ensured her success in retrieving Steve's iconic shield. For that, however, she paid a price. Forced to go into hiding in Madripoor, Carter endured both physical and emotional pain. After all these years of hiding, however, Sharon was able to obtain the status of the most influential person in Madripoor, and by consequence now has a lot more to gain from becoming an Avenger than just a pardon from the United States<sup>23</sup>.

### **Brunnhilde (Valkyrie)**

With the defeat of Hela and the exodus of Asgard, Brunnhilde has decided to take it upon herself to defend her people. Currently reigning over New Asgard, the Valkyrie is one of the strongest beings on Earth. Her superhuman strength, speed, and regenerative ability make her a perfect fighter<sup>24</sup>. Joining the Avengers will, however, force the Valkyrie to abandon her people once more. Will she remain with them, or will she be forced to leave?

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<sup>21</sup> [Rocket](#)

<sup>22</sup> [Okoye](#)

<sup>23</sup> [Sharon Carter](#)

<sup>24</sup> [Valkyrie](#)

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### ***Yelena Belova***

For the majority of her life, Yelena Belova had to follow orders from the elusive Red Room, forced to be the perfect assassin and have no way out. With the help of her surrogate sister, however, Yelena was able to take down the Red Room and go on a quest to end trafficking of little girls all across the globe<sup>25</sup>. Now that half of the world's population is gone, however, Yelena is left with a dilemma: should she continue her mission, or should she put it on hold so that she can first help the world in need?

### ***Hamir***

Being the father of the great sorcerer Wong, Hamir is one of the few remaining Masters of the Mystic Arts<sup>26</sup>. With the Snap erasing half of the Masters off of the face of the Earth and rogue Karl Mordo<sup>27</sup> thinning out the remaining numbers, the situation the sorcerers find themselves in is extremely dire. Although Hamir is a powerful sorcerer, he alone will not be able to defend Earth if the order goes extinct. If there is a way of preserving the sorcerers, however, it will most likely lie with the Avengers.

### ***Lord M'Baku***

M'Baku, being the leader of the Jabari Tribe, is currently operating as one of the Wakandan Councilmen. His ability to assess and plan along with the fervor he has on the battlefield make him a powerful person in all regards<sup>28</sup>. Despite his lack of notoriety anywhere outside of Wakanda, Perhaps M'Baku can make that his strength as opposed to his weakness?

### ***Nakia***

Nakia can be considered one of the important people in the crisis the world is currently facing. As former king T'Challa's lover, she has been tasked with overseeing the humanitarian policy of Wakanda - along with continuing her past work in espionage. For her, using her skills for the good of others is of the utmost priority. And what better is there to pretend that from happening than to become an Avenger?<sup>29</sup>

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<sup>25</sup> [Yelena Belova](#)

<sup>26</sup> [Hamir](#)

<sup>27</sup> [Karl Mordo](#)

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<sup>28</sup> [M'Baku](#)

<sup>29</sup> [Nakia](#)

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### ***Red Guardian***

Alexei Shostakov is not a young man anymore. Sure, he is just as strong and durable as he was ever since he was administered the Soviet Super-Soldier serum. But his past glory days as the Soviet response to Captain America are long over. Locked far away in Siberia, the Red Guardian was saved by his surrogate daughters to destroy the Red Room. With the Red Room gone and all Black Widows freed, Shostakov has a chance of becoming famous once more. Question is: will he take it?<sup>30</sup>

### ***Agatha Harkness***

Agatha Harkness is different from the other people in today's crisis. Unlike everyone else, her story is shrouded in deep mystery. Rumored to be one of the witches tried during the Salem witch trials, it is unclear what Harkness is trying to gain from becoming an Avenger. Whether it's her quest to gain more power or a genuine want to help the world in its time of need, one thing is clear: Agatha Harkness could definitely prove herself powerful as a superhero.<sup>32</sup>

### ***Carol Danvers (Captain Marvel)***

Danvers is a former United States Air Force pilot who was exposed to energy from the Tesseract and obtained cosmic powers. She eventually became a Kree-Human hybrid, after which she gained superhuman strength, speed, endurance, and reflexes. She defended the Earth from the Kree invasion during the Kree-Skrull War, and then spent over 20 years journeying through the universe. After The Snap, Danvers returned to Earth when she received a distress call from Nick Fury. Danvers is not lacking in power, however, can she gain the trust of people on a planet she has not stepped foot on in decades?<sup>31</sup>

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<sup>30</sup> [Red Guardian](#)

<sup>31</sup> [Carol Danvers](#)

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<sup>32</sup> [Agatha Harkness](#)