

CRISIS COMMITTEE

STUDY GUIDE

MARKMUN'22

Introduction by the Crisis Chairs

Dear Esteemed Delegates,

We are Labibah and Ammarah, and we have decided to team up to provide you with the best possible crisis experience. This year's crisis will evolve around the Marvel Universe. We are glad to welcome you to our crisis committee and we are sure that it will be an unforgettable experience. As you will probably recognise soon, researching and preparing for a crisis committee is different from the preparation for an ordinary UN-Committee. Sometimes it is very hard to find useful information and if you find any, they often contradict each other. Since our main goal is to provide you with an interesting and challenging setting for the crisis and not to deliver an accurate timeline of the Marvel universe (which would be difficult anyway since many of our main characters in the crisis we have created have died in some of the movies), we took the freedom to reinterpret certain scenarios. Although it is still broadly based on the Marvel Universe, we made assumptions about certain characters' beliefs or motives. So, if the google search on your character does not deliver the results you were expecting, do not panic. The information we will provide in our Study Guide and the Character Information you will receive prior to the conference will well prepare you for the crisis. If you conduct your own research, you are of course welcome to do so. Your research done by watching the Marvel Movies will be most valuable. If you have any further questions you can contact us at labibah.ehsan03@gmail.com and ammarahaimel9876@gmail.com. This said, we can't wait to see you all at this year's MARKMUN'22!!

Kind regards,

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POSITION PAPERS

For this crisis committee, we require every delegate to write a Position Paper of minimum one page and submit it one day before the first committee session by emailing

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The format needed to be followed for the position paper is upto to the delegates discretion, you can easily find formats and sample position papers online.

You should introduce your character and their objectives in a short story, summarise the crises from your character's point of view, share your objectives and how you want the committee to proceed.

DIRECTIVES

Directives are your tool for affecting the crisis. Whether you want to alter the crisis, make troop movements, establish spy networks, do press releases or assassinate other people, you have to do it through directives. To introduce a directive simply write down your directive on a piece of paper and pass it to the chairs. Then it will be the chairs discretion whether they want to introduce your directive or not. Here is some guidance on how to approach it. Be concise and to the point, but still detailed enough to not leave room for misinterpretation E.g. Do not write "I want to kill person B". Instead, write a plan: Who kills them? What is the weapon? What is the contingency plan? Try to fill in as many holes as you can without writing essays, which brings us to our next point that if there is room for interpretation it can get exploited. Do not include multiple issues in one directive. In this way it is easier for the chairs to process it and get back to you. It's good to refer to your previous directives and current crisis. Do this briefly in the opening sentence because a crisis can get hectic and the committee can lose valuable time in trying to see what you are talking about. Other than that, the only other thing you need to note is different types of directives. You can send joint directives with a few other delegates and then you need to make sure all of you are among the senders so that we can verify that everyone is ok with the decision.

CRISES

A virus has been spreading in Africa for a month by the name of RD-34 , and currently it is contained within the African Continent with Senegal being the only country in Africa having zero number of cases. It is highly infectious, and 2 million people are infected with it while 5 hundred thousand deaths have occurred because of it.

After international involvement by the United Nations, Africa has been sealed off from the rest of the world and all trade with Africa has been stopped for now. Only Senegal is still carrying out trade activity. Businesses and economic activity within Africa except for Senegal has come to a stand still. The doctors on the front line are being infected by RD-34 the most and the total doctors population has decreased by 39% in Africa.

In this same month, a school trip of Xavier's School for Gifted Youngsters with Storm as their chaperone went to the country of South Africa during which all of the mutants came into contact with infected persons, however they were found to be immune to RD-34, and did not contract the virus. Upon hearing about this, the African Union held an emergency meeting in which they agreed to make a joint demand for a vaccine to be created by examining and testing the mutants' blood. Due to the risk factors and uncertainty involved, the mutants rejected the African Union's demand. Further pressure by the African Union did not change the mutants' decision and the South African government seized the mutants' aircraft and placed the mutants in a special prison until they agreed to their demands. Before being arrested by the South African government, Storm escaped and in Senegal caught a flight back to New York.

The mutant children have been detained for 1 week now. The X-Men back in New York are in contact with the mutant children detained in South Africa by having one phone call per day and through these phone calls they find out that Kitty escaped. These calls are being monitored by the South African Government which is reporting back to the African Union.

The X-Men, back in New York, are worried that Kitty will be captured and testing will be carried out on her secretly.

A shortage of food and medical supplies has occurred in Africa except for Senegal and the African Continent is dependent on Senegal for extra ration, medical equipment and medicines. The African Union accused Senegal of aiding Storm in her escape and wants to investigate their involvement in the escape. USA, UK, France and Germany support the African Union's accusations whereas Russia, DPRK and China are backing Senegal.

The Loki scepter that the Avengers obtained after defeating HYDRA was in possession of Iron Man who conducted tests on it. Further experiments were stopped by SHIELD because of the risk factors involved and they seized the scepter and placed it under their care. Loki has found out this information. Loki revealed that he has had a weapon built that is capable of destroying the majority of New York city and will also destroy the UN secretariat in New York. Loki threatens that he will carry out the blast unless his demands are met which are:

1. Return the scepter to him.
2. Dismantle SHIELD.

3. Make him an official member of the United Nations Security Council and bestow upon him veto power in voting for resolutions at the Security Council.

A league of villains has been formed in the Marvel Universe, consisting of Magneto, Raven, Sabretooth, Apocalypse, Silver Samurai and Mystique. Their numbers grow day by day and there are rumours that Mephisto, a perennial villain responsible for a number of evil acts, is a part of the league as well. In hopes of establishing headquarters in South Korea, they have been damaging public property and injuring civilians in Seoul, the Capital of South Korea where they have established control over 40% of the city. South Korea's military, the Republic of Korea Armed Forces, and X-Men are unable to hold them at bay. 73 people have been killed with over a 100 injured civilians.

As the X-Men witnessed the situation getting out of their control, they turned towards the Avengers for help and sent an official request for assistance in defence against the League of Villains. The Avengers did not consider this a world threatening situation thus, Iron Man especially, refused to fight their battle. Still insistent, Jean Grey, without telling the rest of the X-Men, mind-controlled Captain America to try to convince the Avengers to work together with the X-Men and defeat the League of Villains.

With Captain America's persuasion, some of the Avengers such as Black Widow, Thor, Winter Soldier, The Falcon, Black Panther and Ant Man agreed to help them. Doctor Strange, Scarlet Witch and Vision also offered their assistance for they believed that they were the only ones who could defeat Mephisto and had previously fought him. Skirmishes with the League of Villains led to many deaths on both sides; Quicksilver, Jean Grey, Winter Soldier and 4 of the evil mutants including Apocalypse and Mystique were killed.

The League of Villains has retreated for now and there has still been no presence of Mephisto. Control of the entire city of Seoul has been regained by the South Korean government.

After Jean Grey's death, Captain America realised that he had been mind controlled and this trickery enraged the Avengers for which they placed blame on all of the X-Men. The rest of the Avengers who had not gone to Seoul such as Iron Man, Hulk, Venom, Hawkeye, Spider Man, Vision and Deadpool head to the X-Men Institute in New York, USA to confront the X-Men. The Avengers had the following demands for the X-Men:

1. All the X-men must register themselves to the government.
2. Professor X must surrender himself because of the danger posed by his mind-controlling ability and go into custody of the government.

CHARACTER INFORMATION

1. Mephisto

Mephisto, sometimes using the name **Mephistopheles** or even **Satan**, is a powerful demonic shape-shifting being and one of the main antagonists of *Marvel*, serving as the a major antagonist in the *Silver Surfer*, *Doctor Strange* and *Avengers series*.

2. Kitty

The youngest to join the X-men, Kitty Pryde, a mutant, possesses a "phasing" ability that allows her, as well as objects or people she is in contact with, to become intangible. She can also pass through any solid object such as walls.