

# GRIFFMUN 2019

Advanced Specialized: Crisis

**B**arvel's "The **B**nap"

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## **Committee Description**

This is an Advanced Crisis committee, so flow of debate and procedure will differ from that of a standard MUN committee. We will begin in General Debate, going round-robin to deliver general speeches. Then, in Substantive Debate, the committee will be held largely in moderated and unmoderated caucuses. We will also enter Voting Bloc and Formal Debate frequently as Committee Directives are presented to the Dais.

The following crisis notes are permitted:

- Directives
- Communiques
- Press Releases

While this committee is certainly based on a fantastical world of superheroes and aliens, we hope to emulate the actions we mere humans would take in such a situation. As such, all delegates are intended to emulate real-life politicians, and extensive knowledge of the Marvel Universe is certainly not required (nor will it provide a significant advantage).

*Policy Paper formatting is at the bottom of this synopsis.*

## **Chair Introductions**

### **Head Chair:**

Hi! My name is John Kim, and I will be your Head Chair for this committee. I'm a senior attending Los Al, and this is my fourth year in MUN along with my third year chairing Crisis.

Outside of MUN, I am a percussionist in our school's Wind Symphony, and I also participate in Math Club, Figure Skating Club, and Growing Up STEM. This topic practically guarantees some fun, so I'm so excited to see the creative solutions you create for this committee!

**Vice Chair:**

Hi my name is Bill Wang but you can call me **B**ad **B**oy **B**ill. I am your 2019 GriffMUN Vice Chair. I attend Los Alamitos High School as a senior and this is my second year chairing for GriffMUN. Outside of school, I play piano, participate in Boy Scouts, and play a lot of games. If you have any questions about the committee or just about life in general, feel free to contact us by email. I look forward to meeting everyone and seeing how this crisis will turn out!

**Vice Chair:**

Hello, my name is Ruben Ramirez, and I will be your Vice Chair for you committee, in GriffMUN 2019. I am currently a Junior at Los Alamitos High School, and this is my third year in MUN. During my freetime I usually go to Bolsa Chica Beach, and when I want to help out my community, I volunteer at a local park program. I anticipate seeing creative resolutions, and consistent acts of diplomacy among our committee.

## **Background**

The year is 2018. Alien warships have appeared over the African continent; nothing new for the world of superheroes. Suddenly, after a resounding \*snap\*, people around the world are simply fading away. International governments are scrambling for answers: half of the world's population has disappeared in an instant. Whatever has befallen the world has killed people at random; some countries' populations suffered massive losses, while others remain unscathed. Many government officials, VIPs, military personnel, and others are still unaccounted for; details on who exactly has perished is still incoming. Now, world leaders meet to gather the scraps of a new world.

Here are some known details:

- The President of the United States, the President of the Russian Federation, and the King of Saudi Arabia are missing.
- China's rural population has remained rather unscathed, but its urban manufacturing population has undergone significant losses.
- Chaos has broken out in several world cities as a result of weakened authority. This includes Paris, New York City, London, and Seoul.
- The global economy has come to a halt as uncertainty dominates the markets.
- In democratic countries, many governments are still reeling from the deaths of many legislators. The effects on legislative bodies such as the US Congress, UK Parliament, and the German Parliament are still indeterminate.
- Many countries are in the process of recalling their militaries to maintain security and count casualties.

## **Delegate Positions**

*\*For simplicity's sake, real-life politicians, rather than those of the Marvel Cinematic Universe, will be used in this committee. Your portfolio powers should be determined according to your assigned position.*

- Antonio Guterres - Secretary General of the United Nations
- Jean-Claude Juncker - President of the European Union
- Mike Pence - Acting President of the United States
- Andrés Manuel López Obrador - President of Mexico
- Xi Jinping - President of the People's Republic of China
- Dmitry Medvedev - Prime Minister of the Russian Federation
- Shinzo Abe - Prime Minister of Japan
- Moon Jae-in - President of the Republic of Korea
- Narendra Modi - Prime Minister of India
- Angela Merkel - Chancellor of Germany
- Emmanuel Macron - President of France
- Theresa May - Prime Minister of the United Kingdom
- Mohammad bin Salman - Crown Prince of Saudi Arabia
- Benjamin Netanyahu - Prime Minister of Israel
- Recep Tayyip Erdoğan - President of Turkey
- Jeff Bezos - CEO of Amazon.com
- Larry Page - CEO of Alphabet Inc.
- Jerome Powell - Chairman of the US Federal Reserve System

## Questions to Consider

- How are countries possibly affected by the aftermath of the snap?
- What countries do you ally with? Do alliances remain the same, or will they change as power shifts?
- How will order be re-established around the world?
- Is democracy still functional with much of the population gone? Will your government temporarily take on martial law or any other form of government?
- How dependent is your country's economy on economies like that of China? Will a decrease in labor, trade, or investment drastically influence your country?
- With the death of significant world leaders, will power vacuums and instability dominate certain countries?
- What groups stand to benefit from the outbreak of chaos? Could illegitimate governments and terrorist groups arise in your state or elsewhere?
- How many of the MCU movies have you actually watched?

## **Policy Paper Formatting**

Policy paper should include the following:

- Background (ex. What resources does your country have? What possible struggles may the world encounter?)
- Character Policy (What actions is your character willing to undertake? Will you act in your country's interests or your personal interests?)
- Goals (ex. Will you take advantage of the chaos? What will you prioritize?)
- Works Cited (MLA Format)

Given that this committee is based on much speculation, your policy papers and research can also be speculative. However, your paper must still be guided by appropriate knowledge of country policy, agendas, resources, etc.

## **Recommended Readings**

- [The Impact of China's Economy](#)
- [Wikipedia Article on Martial Law](#)
- [The World's Most Powerful Militaries](#)