MCU RECAPPED

The barebones sparknotes of plots and characters that are important to the MCU so far.

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NEW TO THE MCU? HERE'S THE DEAL SO FAR...

The Marvel Cinematic Universe (MCU) currently takes place across six phases split into two sagas - the **Infinity Saga** and the **Multiverse Saga**

PHASES 1-3

In the Infinity Saga, we mainly follow the story of the original six Avengers and their battles with both terrestrial and extraterrestrial threats. Along the way, they meet a variety of other heroes that essentially become an extension of the Avengers team.

Behind the scenes, the ever powerful Infinity Stones have been discreetly weaving their way through our heroes' storylines. The problem? Thanos is in search of the six Infinity Stones in order to alter the world as we know it. The Avengers assemble for an ultimate mission to find the Infinity Stones and hopefully save humanity from Thanos.

PHASES 4-6

The consequences of the Blip weigh heavy on the public, especially the absence of a reliable team of heroes. The characters we have come to know, plus some new ones, are individually trying to keep their cities, realms, and even entire worlds intact as they come across situations that pose catastrophic risks to their existence.

And as if it's not enough to be vigilant of their planets plus outer space, the multiverse is officially open. A few of our heroes face threats beyond their universe for the first time, while others are finding out there are other universes and variants they need to be on the lookout for.

WHERE WE ARE RIGHT NOW: Whether it was through direct experiences with it or through side conversations, our heroes know the multiverse exists. They have been warned that a threat is coming to Earth 616. Cue Dr. Doom...

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MOVIES IN THE INFINITY SAGA













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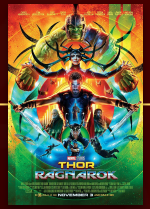






















THE INFINITY SAGA MAINS



TONY STARK
IRON MAN



STEVE ROGERS
CAPTAIN AMERICA



THOR



BRUCE BANNER
THE HULK



NATASHA ROMANOFF
BLACK WIDOW



CLINT BARTON
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GAMORA



DRAX



MANTIS



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NEBULA



VISION



SCOTT LANG
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PETER PARKER
SPIDER-MAN



STEPHEN STRANGE
DOCTOR STRANGE



SGT JAMES RHODES
WAR MACHINE



CAROL DANVERS
CAPTAIN MARVEL



AGENT NICK FURY



THANOS

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THE HAPPENINGS IN BRIEF

SPOILERS!!!

PHASE 1

Nick Fury, the Director of SHIELD, recruits a team of super-abled humans to be part of the Avengers Initiative. The original six Avengers - *Iron Man, Captain America, Thor, the Hulk, Black Widow, and Hawkeye* - officially assemble for the first time when Loki comes to Earth armed with the Tesseract in search of world domination. He opens a cross-universal portal over New York, which bring the Chitauri alien army into the city. Together, the Avengers defeat Loki and close the portal to outer space.

PHASE 2

Each Avenger carries on with their own missions to keep the world safe from seemingly personalized threats.

Along the way, they join forces with more superhuman and extraterrestrial beings. One of these new team of heroes are the Guardians of the Galaxy, who reveal to us the existence of the Infinity Stones - sources of immense power that have subtly popped up throughout the previous films.

The Avengers assemble for the second time to take down Ultron, an AI-based robotic entity accidentally created by Tony Stark. Ultron is accompanied by the superpowered Wanda (*Scarlet Witch*) & Pietro (*Quicksilver*) who soon realize they are on the wrong side of history and turn on Ultron. The Avengers, accompanied by the Falcon, War Machine, and a newly brought to life Vision defeat Ultron in Sokovia. However, during the battle, the city of Sokovia is destroyed in an effort to prevent a greater global disaster.

In space, Thanos is determined to collect the six Infinity Stones.

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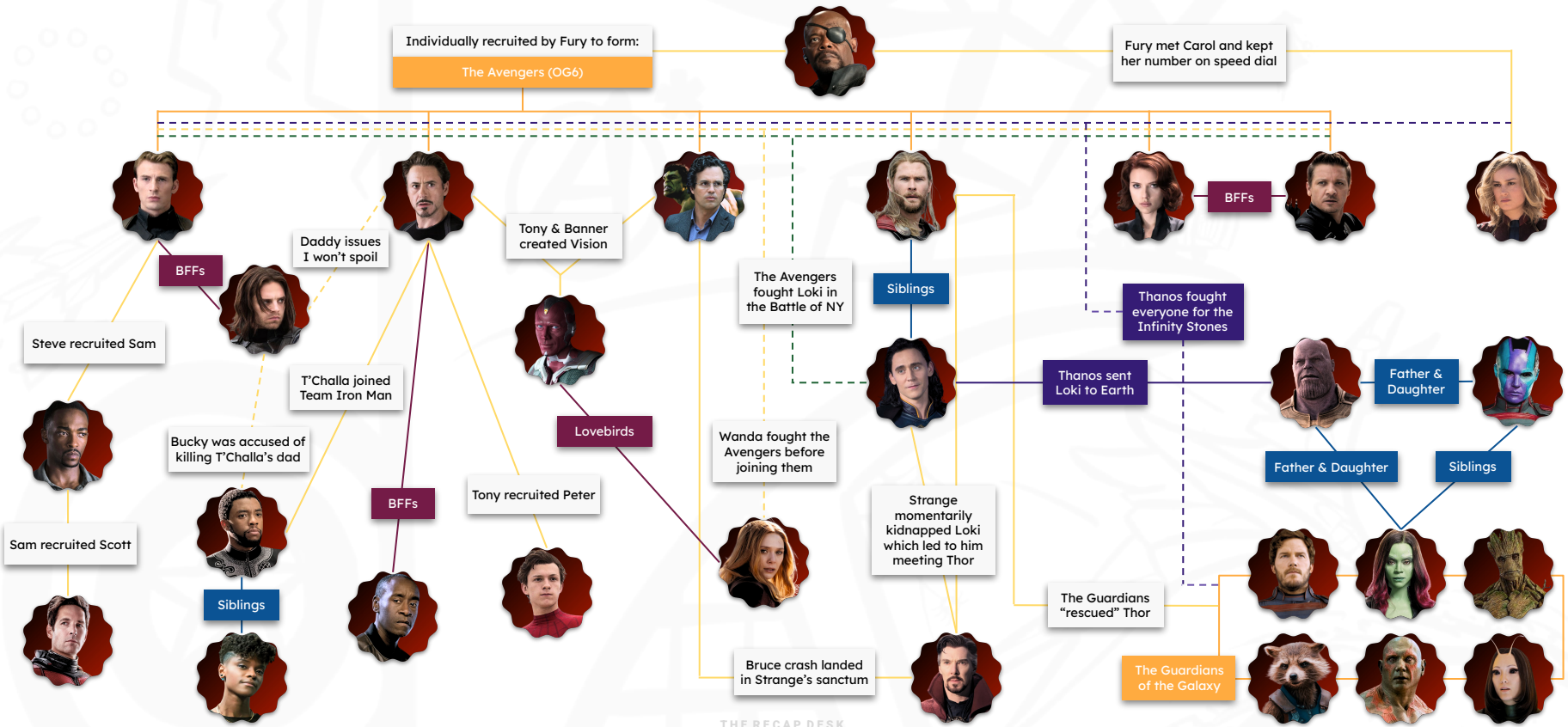
Due the negative aftermath of the Battle of Sokovia and a mission in Lagos, the UN introduces the Sokovia Accords which causes friction between Iron Man and Captain America. Their disagreement escalates dramatically when Bucky Barnes (*Winter Soldier*) is framed for bombing the UN, leading to a difference in opinion on whether he should be turned in or not. The Avengers and extended heroes (including Black Panther, Ant-Man & Spider-Man) take a side on Team Iron Man or Team Cap. Failing to come eye to eye on Bucky x Sokovia Accords (plus some extra reasons more personal to Tony) the Avengers fall apart. Team Cap become fugitives for going against the Sokovia Accords and then escaping prison after helping Bucky flee.

Upon learning about Thanos' plan to eliminate half the population with the Infinity Stones, the Avengers reassemble joined by Doctor Strange and the Guardians of the Galaxy. Split between Earth and Space, they do their best to stop Thanos from finding all the Infinity Stones but fail. After acquiring the six Infinity Stones, Thanos performs *the snap* and half the population turns to dust, including most our beloved superheroes except the OG6 and Ant-Man who is stuck in the Quantum Realm.

Five years after Thanos' *snap*, with a little push from Ant-Man, Tony Stark somehow figures out time travel and the Avengers go back to different moments in the past to retrieve the Infinity Stones. With all six stones in their possession, the Hulk performs his own *snap* to reverse the effects of the Blip (the five years following Thanos' snap). They fight Thanos' army, alongside all the superheroes that have now been brought back from the Blip. Thanos is defeated for good when Tony Stark makes one final snap, sacrificing himself for the world one last time.

Steve Rogers goes back in time to place the Infinity Stones back where they were found (to not alter timelines) but stays in the past and comes back to the present much older, having lived his life fully beside Peggy Carter. He passes on the Captain America shield to Sam Wilson, marking the end of the Infinity Saga.

HOW DID THEY ALL FIRST COME TOGETHER?



SOME KEY INFINITY SAGA STUFF

THE OG6 AVENGERS



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THE GUARDIANS OF THE GALAXY



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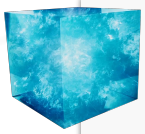
ROCKET RACCOON

GROOT

THE INFINITY STONES



POWER | SPACE | REALITY | SOUL | TIME | MIND



THE TESSERACT
Contains the Space Stone and gives its holder the ability to open portals throughout space.



VIBRANIUM
A nearly indestructible, extraterrestrial metal that can be found in Wakanda. It's unique molecular structure allows it to completely absorb kinetic energy making it incredibly resilient.

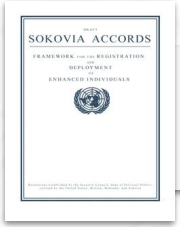


SHIELD
(Strategic Homeland Intervention, Enforcement and Logistics Division)

An organization that protects Earth from groups that pose advanced technological and/or supernatural threats.



HYDRA
A Nazi deep science division turned paramilitary terrorist group.



THE SOKOVIA ACCORDS
A treaty that puts the Avengers and their actions under the oversight of the United Nations.

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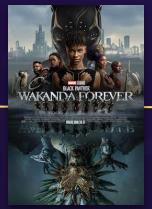
MOVIES IN THE MULTIVERSE SAGA



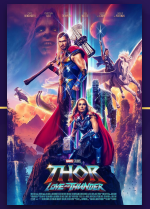








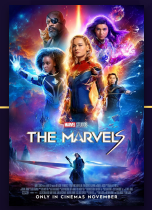




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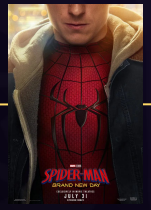


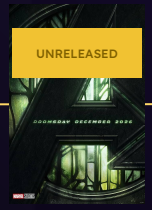


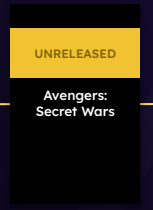


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PHASE 6

THE MULTIVERSE SAGA MAINS | PRE-DOOMSDAY



THOR



SAM WILSON
CAPTAIN AMERICA



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ALEXEI SHOSTAKOV
RED GUARDIAN



JOHN WALKER
U.S. AGENT



AVA STARR
GHOST



BOB
SENTRY / VOID



JOAQUIN TORRES
FALCON



AMERICA CHAVEZ



CAROL DANVERS
CAPTAIN MARVEL



MONICA RAMBEAU



KAMALA KHAN
MS MARVEL



NAMOR



ROCKET RACCOON



PETER QUILL
STAR-LORD



REED RICHARDS
MR. FANTASTIC



SUE STORM
INVISIBLE WOMAN



JOHNNY STORM
HUMAN TORCH



BEN GRIMM
THE THING



WOLVERINE



DEADPOOL



VAL ALLEGRA DE
FONTAINE



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THE HAPPENINGS IN BRIEF | MOVIES ONLY

SPOILERS!!!

PHASE 4

Earth-616 continues to spin as old and new heroes mourn their lost loved ones and protect their cities, realms, and planets from new threats. Superpowers are acquired, and alliances are forged between old and new civilizations. While succeeding to solve independent problems that would ultimately end the entirety of humanity, hints of otherworldly forces arise. These otherworldly forces? The Multiverse, which has officially been unlocked.

At the centre of two of these multiversal mayhems is Doctor Strange. Strange faces a heartbroken Wanda on her dark quest to experience a version of the life she misses in another universe. Later, Strange tries to help Peter Parker reclaim his anonymity through a universal spell that goes awry. This brings villains from other universes to them. That all gets sort of resolved but not without the expectation that incursions are forming behind the scenes.

PHASE 5

Teams of heroes face the aftermath of a post-Blip world, travelling across time and space protecting their livelihood. Along the way, a few of them come face to face with variants of themselves and of acquaintances, whose presence could jeopardize their existence (including Kang the Conqueror and characters from Earth-10005). Timelines come close to clashing, planets are destroyed, and universes nearly converge on each other.

On a more human scale, the anti-hero squad - the Thunderbolts - accidentally come together and are promptly tricked into becoming The New Avengers. Tensions are high between them and Sam Wilson (Captain America), who is apparently also forming an Avengers team. Nonetheless, both teams are discovering there may be another universe beyond their own.

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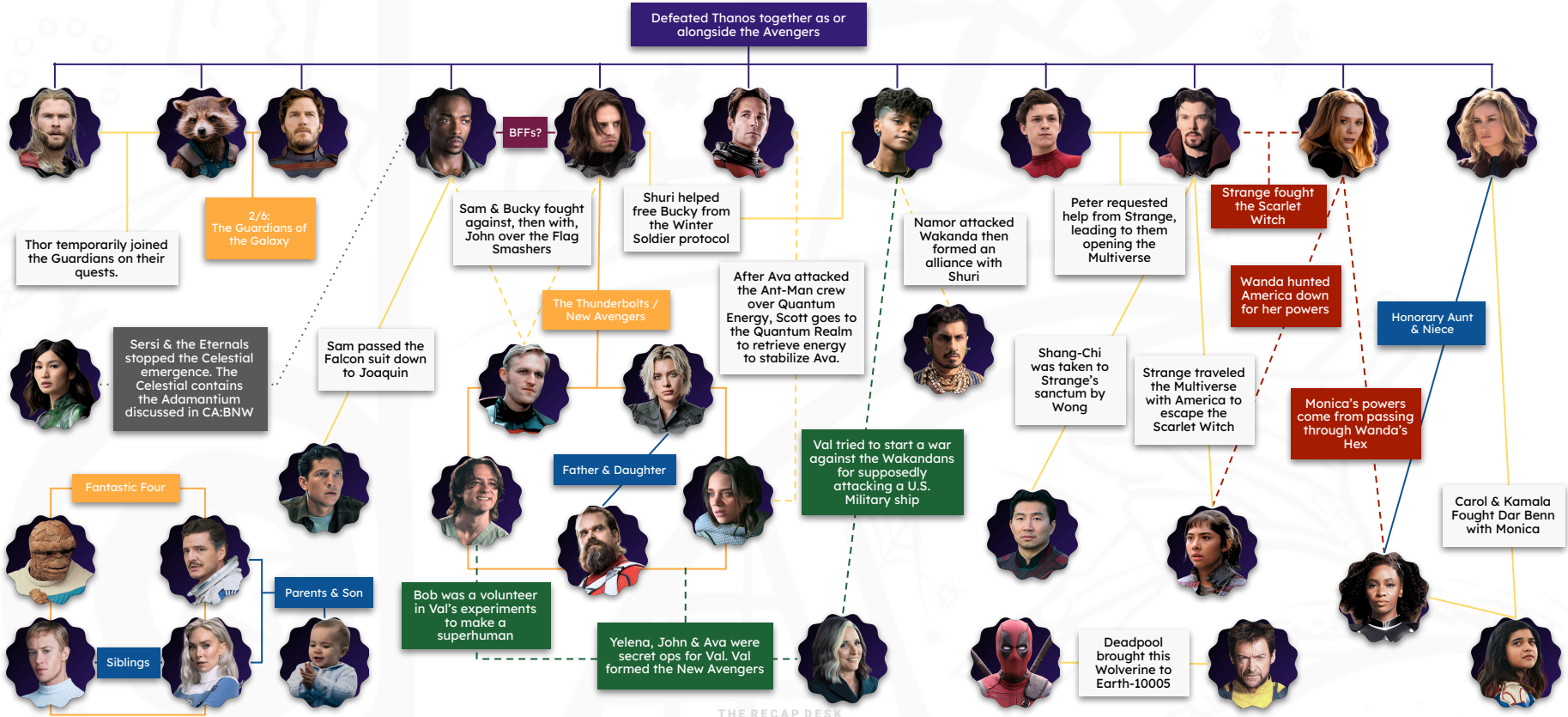
Welcome to Earth-828, where the Fantastic Four recently saved their planet from being consumed by the Devourer of Worlds, and are now trying to continue to live life normally. Their main goal, protect Reed and Sue's supposedly crazy powerful son Franklin from other powerful beings.

Meanwhile on Earth-616, Peter Parker has been working his butt off trying to keep New York City safe while continuing to be completely isolated from the life he once knew. He has some new spider-powers he's coming to terms with when NYC is targeted…again.

How everything will come together, I guess we'll see because Dr. Doom is on the way.

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HOW ARE THEY ALL PRIMARILY CONNECTED?



SOME KEY MULTIVERSE SAGA STUFF

THE THUNDERBOLTS / NEW AVENGERS



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THE SACRED TIMELINE

A master timeline that consists of an infinite number of unique universes that all follow one stream of time and events.



When an event takes place that goes against the predetermined order of the Sacred Timeline, that universe's timeline branches. Too many branches can cause universes to collide.



INCURSIONS

Incursions occur when the boundaries between two universes clash, destroying both realities entirely if they touch. They can be caused by prolonged travel to another universe (physically or through objects i.e. the Darkhold), dimensional tears, or disturbing timelines causing them to branch.



THE CELESTIAL & ADAMANTIUM

The Celestial Tiamut was stopped by the Eternals from completing its Emergence, which would have destroyed Earth-616 and all of humanity. It now sits as a stone configuration at Earth's surface. It contains Adamantium, a highly indestructible metallic element, that comes close to mimicking Vibranium.



VARIANTS

Versions of one person/being from different universes. Although all variants represent the same person their only relation is that they will experience similar life paths in each of their universes.

Example: Every universe has a Peter Parker that will always be raised by an Aunt May, but their Spider-Man powers, arc, and appearance differ.

EARTH-616

The Earth in the MCU's main universe.

EARTH-828

The Fantastic Four's Earth in another universe.

EARTH-10005

Deadpool & the X-Men's Earth in another universe.

THE TVA

An organization that polices the timelines, preventing branching from occurring.

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NON-ANIMATED DISNEY+ SHOWS

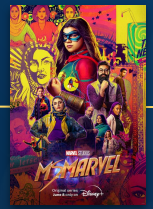






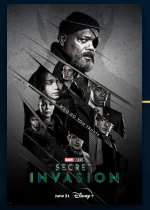








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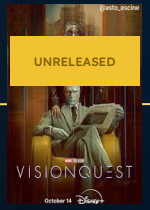




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DISNEY+ SHOWS MAINS



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NICK FURY



AGENT MARIA HILL



SGT RHODES
WAR MACHINE



STEVEN GRANT
MOON KNIGHT



JENNIFER WALTERS
SHE-HULK



RIRI WILLIAMS
IRON HEART



MATT MURDOCK
DAREDEVIL



FRANK CASTLE
THE PUNISHER



WONG



TEEN



G'IAH

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KEY PLOT POINTS RELEVANT TO THE MOVIES

SPOILERS!!!



- Wanda has twin boys (Billy & Tommy) with Vision in an alternate reality.
- Agatha wanted to steal Wanda's magic.
- Monica Rambeau helped S.W.O.R.D. try to break Wanda's hex and recover Vision.
- White Vision (Vision's corpse) attains Hex Vision's memories and flies away.
- Wanda accepts her destiny as the Scarlet Witch, using dark magic to find her sons.
- Monica is recruited by the Skrull.



- John Walker becomes the new Captain America after Sam gives the shield to the government, feeling unworthy of it.
- Bucky is pissed Sam gave it up.
- They adamantly then lovingly work together to defeat the Flag Smashers.
- Sam takes back the title of Cap after the shield is stripped from Walker.
- Bucky's free of the Winter Soldier control.



- Loki is taken to TVA after his time-heist escape caused a branch in his timeline.
- He partners with Mobius to find Sylvie, a Loki variant hiding in different timelines.
- Loki & Sylvie kill He Who Remains and the Sacred Timeline, freeing all timelines from the TVA's control (not good).
- Loki takes control of the timelines for all eternity, becoming the God of Stories.



- Clint partners with Kate Bishop to defeat the Tracksuit Mafia's Echo who's seeking revenge on Clint's vigilante persona Ronin.
- Yelena was sent by Val to kill Hawkeye. She obliges thinking he is responsible for the death of Natasha.
- Yelena learns Natasha sacrificed herself and let's Clint go.
- Kate's mom was working with Kingpin.



- Kamala found a bangle that belonged to her grandmother which unlocked superpowers she didn't know she had.
- Department of Damage Control agents tried to take Kamala in before the public protested against her capture.
- Kamala's powers come from a mutation.



- The Department of Damage Control developed inhibitors that stop Emil Blonsky and Jen from transforming into the Abomination and She Hulk.
- Jen & Matt Murdock worked a case together (and also became f buddies).
- Bruce Banner has a son.
- Wong broke Blonsky out of prison and took him to Kamar Taj.



- A group of Skrulls were impersonating humans (including Rhodey and Agent Ross) in order to destroy humanity and make Earth their new home.
- Agent Hill and Talos die.
- Real Rhodey and Agent Ross are rescued.
- Fury and his Skrull wife now live in space.
- G'iah has the powers of basically all the Avengers after absorbing *The Harvest.*



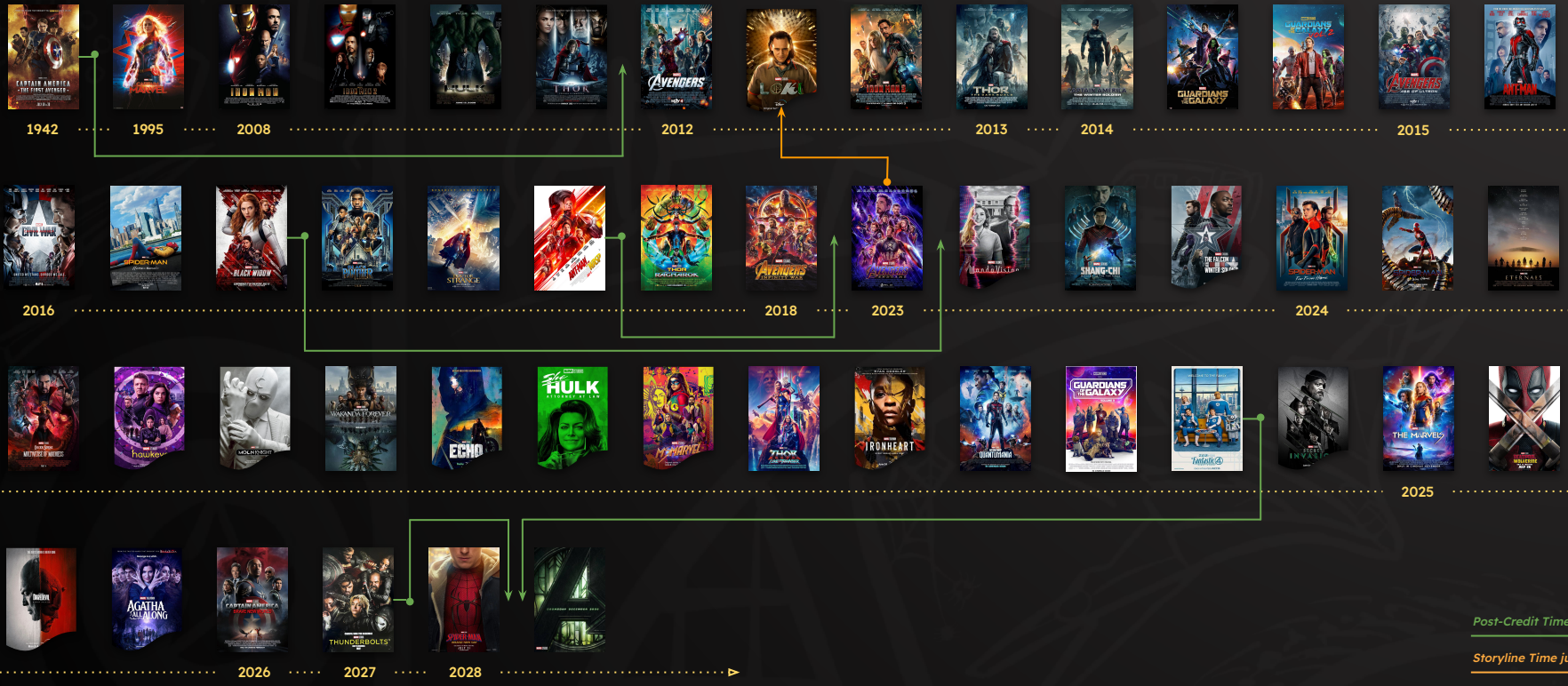
- Agatha was stuck in a trance in Westview for 3 years after Wanda ended her hex.
- One of Wanda's sons Billy reincarnated into the body of Teen.
- Teen/Billy has the same reality-altering powers as Wanda and created *The Road*
- Agatha died and is now a ghost.
- Teen/Billy and Agatha venture out together to find Billy's twin, Tommy.



- Parker Robbins' hood holds dark magic and was given to him by Mephisto.
- Obadiah Stane has a son named Zeke.
- Riri's friend Zelma powered the new Iron Heart suit with magic.
- Riri makes a deal with Mephisto to keep her friends and family safe. We see dark magic marks spreading on her arms.

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A ROUGH GUESS AT THE MCU TIMELINE



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