

The story so far...

The long-awaited Avengers: Endgame, the concluding chapter to Avengers: Infinity War (2018), opened in theatres yesterday. The Straits Times tracks all previous 21 movies in the Marvel Cinematic Universe in a visual marathon.

PHASE 1

01 Iron Man (2008)
Tony Stark is captured by terrorists and builds an arc reactor to stay alive. He creates an iron suit to escape and defeats Obadiah Stane, who is responsible for his kidnapping.

02 The Incredible Hulk (2008)
Exposed to gamma radiation, Bruce Banner becomes the Hulk. He fends off the military in pursuit of him and clashes with the creature known as "The Abomination".

03 Iron Man 2 (2010)
Whiplash attacks Stark at a racing event. S.H.I.E.L.D. director Nick Fury assigns Black Widow to assess Stark. Iron Man teams up with War Machine to defeat the drones of his enemies, Whiplash and Justin Hammer.

06 The Avengers (2012)
Loki, with the aid of a scepter given to him by Thanos, leads an alien invasion through a portal above New York City and is defeated by the Avengers...

05 Captain America: The First Avenger (2011)
Red Skull, head of evil organisation Hydra, gets hold of the Tesseract which contains the Space Stone, while a super serum transforms Steve Rogers into Captain America...

...He stops Red Skull from dropping bombs on the world's capitals and is frozen in the process, only to be discovered years later by Fury.

04 Thor (2011)
Banished to Earth, Thor fails to lift his hammer, Mjolnir. He proves his worth and regains power to defeat the Destroyer. To stop his brother Loki, he returns to Asgard to destroy the rainbow bridge.

...Thor returns with Loki and the Tesseract to Asgard.

PHASE 2
07 Iron Man 3 (2013)
Mandarin, a terrorist, destroys Stark's mansion but is later exposed as a puppet. In the finale, Stark battles villain Aldrich Killian and his Extremis followers with his Iron Legion.

08 Thor: The Dark World (2013)
Thor's love interest, Jane Foster, stumbles onto the Aether, the Reality Stone. Thor partners Loki to stop Malekith the Dark Elf from using it to destroy the nine realms. Later, the Aether is handed over to the Collector.

09 Captain America: The Winter Soldier (2014)
S.H.I.E.L.D. is infiltrated by Hydra moles while Captain America faces an assassin who turns out to be his friend Bucky. Captain America destroys Hydra's helicarriers as Bucky starts to recall his past.

12 Ant-Man (2015)
Ex-convict Scott Lang dons the Ant-Man suit to stop villain Darren Cross from selling the Yellowjacket suit to Hydra and other terrorist groups.

11 Avengers: Age Of Ultron (2015)
After finding Loki's scepter in a Hydra base, Stark creates an AI program called Ultron that goes rogue and decides to wipe out humanity...

...Ultron creates a new body called Vision, but is intercepted by the Avengers. They join forces to face off against Ultron and his army in Sokovia.

10 Guardians Of The Galaxy (2014)
Star-Lord finds the Orb which contains the Power Stone. He is captured, but recruits Gamora, Drax, Rocket and Groot to break out of prison. The team races to stop alien militant Ronan from using the Orb and leaves it in the care of Nova Corp.

PHASE 3
13 Captain America: Civil War (2016)
The Sokovia Accords drive a wedge between Iron Man and Captain America. A showdown ensues. Their differences deepen when Stark learns of Bucky's involvement in his parents' deaths.

14 Doctor Strange (2016)
Stephen Strange loses the use of his hands in an accident. He trains under The Ancient One and later uses the Time Stone to stop the evil forces of Kaelcius and Dormammu from fusing the world with the dark dimension.

15 Guardians Of The Galaxy Vol. 2 (2017)
Star-Lord reunites with his father, Ego, a celestial being. But Ego turns out to be evil. The Guardians manage to destroy him with a bomb.

16 Spider-Man: Homecoming (2017)
Peter Parker plays superhero apprentice to Stark...

19 Avengers: Infinity War (2018)
Thanos kills Loki, defeats Thor and Hulk and obtains the Space Stone. He sacrifices his adopted daughter, Gamora, to gain the Soul Stone. The Avengers and Guardians fail to stop Thanos on planet Titan...

18 Black Panther (2018)
T'Challa is sworn in as king of Wakanda. His cousin, Killmonger, challenges and defeats him. T'Challa returns to unite the tribes and defeat Killmonger.

17 Thor: Ragnarok (2017)
Odin dies, and Hela returns and destroys Thor's hammer, Mjolnir. Thor is marooned on the planet Sakaar and faces off against Gladiator Hulk. Asgard is destroyed by Surtur as Thor saves, and escapes with, the remaining Asgardians.

...He fails to stop Adrian Toomes, also known as The Vulture, aboard a ferry, but later foils Vulture's mid-air heist.

...Thanos arrives on Earth, rips the Mind Stone off Vision's head and performs The Snap with his gauntlet, wiping out half of the galaxy's population.

20 Ant-Man And The Wasp (2018)
Lang teams up with Hope van Dyne, also known as The Wasp, to fight "Ghost". Hank Pym goes into the Quantum Realm to rescue his wife. During Thanos' Snap, Ant-Man is trapped in the Quantum Realm.

21 Captain Marvel (2019)
Caught in a war between the Krees and the Skrulls, Carol Danvers crash-lands on Earth and meets Fury. She discovers the life she once had on Earth, how she came to have her powers and the truth about the Kree-Skrull war.

22 Avengers: Endgame (2019)
Can the remaining Avengers find a way to undo Thanos' Snap?