

## **Multiverse 161**

### Chapter 161: Mars

John put all his luggage in a huge suite while others occupied their own ones. He gave the suitcases loaded with Kryptonian suits to Tony to work upon. Tony took them and placed it in the laboratory of the ship. They all went to the main deck where they would have to sit during takeoff.

The deck looked big and had many chairs with proper belts strapped on them. There was a huge circular glass window running through the whole wall of the main deck giving perfect view of outside from all corners. John could already imagine the scenes from here when they would travel in space.

Everybody took their seats as they were ready to take off. Everyone was excited, including Bucky as he too had a face of anticipation. Though Tony was still angry that Bucky joined he didn't stop the whole thing. At times he was close to hitting him but he remembered like Bucky he too was responsible for deaths of many people.

He swallowed his anger for this and Bucky would leave Mars soon so he just had to tolerate his face for few days.

"Starscream. Let's say goodbye to Earth and say hello to 4 new astronauts who are going to revolutionize Earth forever." Tony said.

"Right away."

Soon Starscream switched on its huge thrusters and took off. The lift off was fast so everybody felt the impact of G force but since everybody were either fit or physically enhanced it didn't create any problem. Even Tony took lessons for this.

After almost half an hour they were finally in the exosphere, that is outside earth's gravitational influence whatsoever. In the meantime all the major space agencies in the world were having a panic. Many satellites caught images of Starscream. Soon the information reached the world council and they called up Wayne and Fury.

Fury who didn't know anything was panicking too internally. Finally it was Wayne who said that it was Tony's ship and they went to Mars for exploration. When the world council came to know they were

shocked. Even Fury who expected this to happen someday after the emergence of the ships from Treasure Planet, but he couldn't imagine that it would be so fast.

Wayne was immediately summoned for the meeting with the world council. He went to the home of Tony in the Park to have the virtual meeting.

"Did you know about this from before?" one member asked.

"Yes I knew. I was the supervisor in this project. Tony and Captain America has left for Mars." Wayne said.

"Mars? Is the technology created by Tony so high tech that they can travel to Mars now? SHIELD would want a copy of that technology." another member said.

"The copy of that technology is already in the market. Haven't you seen the cars? He just improved on the solar harnessing technology that he had built. I am pretty sure many space agencies have started studying the solar panels that Umbrella have released in the market before." Wayne replied.

"Is the efficiency so high? Sigh. The world is changing very fast. We old people might not even have relevance now."

"Why are they going to Mars? Shouldn't they go to Oa to speak with the Guardians?" another members asked.

"They want to explore Mars and see if there is any thing in the planet for us to use. It's a exploratory mission. Going to Oa would be dangerous as we aren't sure how the Guardians would react." Wayne replied.

"The governments needs to be informed of this matter. It's too big of a matter to be kept secret."

"Sure. You can tell the public. Tony didn't want to speak of this as he knew the project might face hindrance due to bureaucracy. John and Tony pitched in money into it. Oh yes John had left too with them." Wayne replied.

"John Jameson too. What will happen if both of them dies in this mission. This wasn't a decision for you to take Secretary." a member retorted.

"It wasn't but do you think I or the governments would have been able to stop them. It's better to give them freedom. The ship is checked multiple times. It will be safe and fast journey."

The meeting ended and soon the information was passed on to all governments about the spaceship. As expected such a big news got leaked and even photos too leaked later of the spaceship. The world council decided to speak on this matter so as not to cause panic.

When people came to know that John, Tony and Captain America went into space for an exploratory mission they were surprised but they instantly rejoiced. Humanity has finally stepped it's foot on distant space travel. Even though it was just a nearby planet, at least it was a planet nonetheless.

Again there was a storm in the media about it and in forefront of the media on the story was Daily Bugle as Jameson had already known of this mission and he gave a more detailed story in the media. He was proud that his son has gone to space and has become an astronaut.

## Chapter 162: Traveling

Meanwhile John and others were in space. This was the first time they had traveled so far from Earth. Even though Tony had gone to space before for few seconds it wasn't exactly his intention to be at space. This time it was own choice.

Everybody looked from the deck outside. From one side they could see their blue planet Earth. It looked more beautiful and bigger in real than in pictures.

"Earth really is beautiful." Steve said.

"Makes us feel that all the problems which we have is nothing compared to vast Earth. Forget about the universe." John said looking at Tony. Tony understood what John meant but didn't reply to it.

"Will you not travel to Oa? It was you who guided them here. You should pay them a visit." Tony asked instead.

"Yes I will pay them a visit and maybe find out where they have sent Emma. Though there would be new Guardians now in Oa. Maybe I can convince the Guardians to heal Bucky. Their planet is very much advanced."

Bucky who listened to it had a more serious face when he heard it. He by now knew what Oa was and understood that getting help from the Guardians would be a huge mountain to climb. But he would try nonetheless as he needed to be out of this control.

They all spent an hour in the deck appreciating the beauty of the planet but since Starscream was traveling very fast Earth looked small soon. And later it got boring as everywhere it looked the same in all directions.

"Alright Tony work on the suits and make one for everyone of us." John said.

"I am my own boss." Tony said. John didn't reply to that and left for his suite. The suite of his was pretty big and it was almost the size of his own room at home. It had all amenities a person could ask for. It even had a private gym for each suites.

"Never thought I would in my life would travel to space. In my previous life I was just a normal guy. Now I am in space. I wonder where this system even originates from. Such a powerful system must have a purpose."

John thought all of this while he was cooking for himself. But since he had no idea what it was he didn't much think on it. After checking his fan values which was rising up slowly he had a smile in his face. Now almost everything was under his control. People's opinions and goodwill. He wanted to maintain that as it was his main weapon to accumulate fan values.

A day went by with him being in his suite. Steve once came by to understand small intricacies about the worlds that had come and asked doubts. John was surprised that Steve took knowing different worlds very seriously and was happy to explain. Bucky didn't join as he was still catching up with all the works of John.

The next day John went to Tony's laboratory only to see him sleeping in his chair.

"Starscream since when is he sleeping?" John asked.

"It's been more than 4 hours Sir." Starscream replied. Tony woke up by the voice of Starscream.

"What happened? Couldn't solve the suit problems?" John asked.

"No. It was very easy. Already did it. Was bored at my room so came here to work on. The suits are reconfiguring itself. They are amazing. Their helmets are more advanced and could even stop blasts. If I can emulate that I wouldn't need to wear a metal helmet in my head and move my head more freely." Tony said.

"That's cool. So how far are we from Mars, Starscream?" John asked.

"Estimated time of landing in Mars : 28 hours 46 minutes."

"Ok one more day that is. Tony you should go and have a good sleep. You would need rest for research on the new spaceships in Mars."

"Right." Tony said while getting up. The later day was boring as usual so John went to Steve's place to learn melee tactics as he still needed to learn close combat.

Even though he might not even need it, he still wanted to learn. The next day afternoon everybody got ready in their suits as they were about to enter Mars' atmosphere. The suits were really comfortable as was very light. Since Tony had reconfigured them it was easily breathable inside.

John could still summon his fires without effecting the suit. He still didn't understand how all the logia and special fruits powers can be used without effecting the clothes but he was grateful nonetheless. Mars looked red from outside. And since Starscream was traveling in high speed they couldn't appreciate it's beauty for much longer.

It soon entered the Mar's atmosphere and started descending in a very high speed. John had already given the coordinates to land. He had already summoned three Kryptonian scout ships, a dozens of attacks ships and drop ships. This included two world engines too.

[Ding

Total fan values - 4 billion

Total cost of extraction - 100 million]

"That was cheap. I guess because they aren't live characters. I should make more movies that can enhance my power through equipment and help."

Chapter 163: Landing

Starscream soon entered Mars atmosphere. John and others were all strapped in the main deck in their seats as it might be a little more bumpy ride. After 20 minutes or so they finally landed on Mars. John was happy that they have reached without any hiccups. Even though he never really cared about safety as he always had contingencies like transforming himself to green lantern and summoning spaceships to rescue themselves if anything goes south.

But John by himself didn't want to expose his trump card. So he prayed hoping that the journey was a safe one. And Starscream didn't disappoint. It was a smooth and even had a good rest along the way. As he was thinking all this Tony said

"These look huge than I thought it would be." Tony said looking outside the glass.

Everybody turned their heads to see huge spaceships. The scout ships looked pretty big with dozens of drop ships and fighter ships beside. But what really stole the show were the world engines. They were massive in size.

"No wonder these machines can change a planet. Just by the mere fact that they are floating without any thruster state how powerful they are." Tony said.

"Did you bring the cube?" John asked.

"Of course. But I don't want to use it on all of them. Need a few for my own research." Tony replied.

"Sure. But I would take the cube away with me in this travel. I would need it." John said.

"It's yours anyways."

Bucky and others got up from their seats to get themselves ready. They soon wore the Kryptonian suits which had already been reconfigured. John had sent the transmission back to earth that they have reached Mars. The world council was immediately relieved listening to the success of the mission. Even SHIELD who was monitoring the situation was overjoyed as it finally meant they are actually stepped their foot into space.

"I want to say 'a small step for men and blah blah.. but that's taken.'" Tony said as he was standing in the doorway ready to take the first step.

"Let this moment be recorded as our first step to take arms against destiny." John said.

"Destiny huh?" Steve said.

They all took their first step on the land of Mars. It was a very cold temperature outside but they didn't feel it due to the suits.

"There is almost no oxygen here. I guess it would take time to terraform the planet. It looks so barren." Tony said.

"Let's go the ship. I already brought the cube." John said.

They all walked in the sand slowly as the winds were strong in Mars. They walked to the closest scout ship. John took the cube and touched the ship with it. There was a lightning spark in the whole body of the huge scout ship.

Then it started transforming and soon turned into a huge mechanical monster that looked like tortoise.

"Hello" the ship said.

"Hello. I am John. This is Tony, Steve and Bucky. Since you are new, I will call you Fortress of Solitude or FOS for short." John said.

"Thanks for naming me. Happy to be of service." FOS said.

"That's a weird name. Where did you get that name?" Steve asked.

"After the name of spaceship of Superman in other universes." John replied "Let's go inside. You can change yourself back FOS"

FOS turned itself to its original shape. They went inside the ship. It looked almost exactly like in the movie. But the ship had rooms too to stay and rest. Even though they weren't luxurious as Starscream it was good nonetheless.

John and others took a casual walk on all the places of the ship. Since it didn't have a genesis chamber it was more spacious. It actually took a good half an hour to explore all the places. Tony's eyes were already shining looking at it.

"OK we are done with exploration. Let's go outside and change a few spaceships. I would take a few drop ships and attack ships with me. Tony and Steve stay here and go back if I am being too late. You can start the terraforming process." John said.

Everybody agreed as they went out. John used the cube to transform another scout ship and a few of drop ships and attack ships. He parked a few ones inside the scout ship. John even used the cube to transform a world engine. It was done so that the world engine would help understanding how it works.

"Done. Bucky we need to leave. We have a long and far journey ahead." John said to Bucky. Bucky nodded to it.



After spending an hour of transporting supplies to the scout ship they were ready to leave.

"Send pictures of those bald heads and come back with more advanced tech from other planets. Oh yes! kick some a\*\*." Tony said.

"Yes. Try to research as fast as you can while this planet is terraformed. Bye" John said while the hatch of FOS closed.

Chapter 164: First step in the journey

"FOS you have already exchanged information with Starscream. Take us away. Oh yes don't be seen by the satellites of Earth. Even though they seeing us is a very minute chance I still don't want to be seen by any spaceships if they exist on the orbit of Earth." John said as he wasn't sure if there were spaceships in the orbits of Earth as he didn't know what Skrulls had been plotting for Secret Invasion.

"Sure. I will go out from the other side of Mars so they nobody from the orbit of Earth can see us." FOS replied. Bucky and John took their seats in the main deck.

"I have to say, this ship looks more futuristic than the previous." Bucky said.

"It does. They were one of the most powerful races in the universe at one point." John replied as he entered the exosphere within mere seconds.

"Charging the Phantom Drive in 3 seconds.. 1..2..3..." FOS narrated.

FOS who just came to the space vanished after a flash of blue light. They couldn't again appreciate the beauty of Mars and were taken away. The next scene that came up was a huge planet which had massive ring in orbit position. They knew they were now near Saturn.

They could also see a huge green planet in the distance. FOS traveled in a very high speed to the planet. After few minutes FOS got a call. John connected it.

"John. I sensed that you are coming. Come to sector 45 for docking. I have sent the coordinates." a voice said. It was Appa. John had already informed through memories that they were coming in a spaceship.

FOS went to the given coordinates and finally landed in the dock. John and Bucky finally stepped into Oa. The planet of the Guardians. Bucky was having a hard time as he hesitated a lot while stepping his foot into Oa.

"What happened?" John asked seeing his weird face.

"Never have I imagined that I am going to step my foot into another planet. That too an intelligible one. And we are here for the mistakes that I did. Am I worthy of even saving?" Bucky said.

"Bucky. Whatever you did was not under your control. Whatever happens now is under your control. We are here to redeem your wrong and finally take a new path of freedom. And this is just another planet. Don't think much."

As they stepped out, they were able to finally get a glimpse of Oa. It looked more amazing than even John imagined. When John extracted Oa he didn't think much and just wasted 1.5 billion so that the lanterns would help him keep an eye on all of universe using the Guardians. But now when he looked into Oa he understood that it was the Oa of the Ryan Reynolds' movie.

It was futuristic way beyond belief with high rise buildings and small spaceships travelling on their courses. John could even see some Green Lanterns flying around. As they were appreciating the surroundings a Green Lantern came by flying by. It was Hal.

"Hey buddy. The Guardians are waiting for your arrival in the citadel."

"Hey. How's the training going on?" John asked as he hopped into the small ship nearby. It was being operated by a robot. Hal too joined inside along with Bucky.

"It's hectic but at least I don't need to run around. This must be a new guy. Hello! Hal Jordan, the first green lantern of this universe." Hal said while greeting Bucky with pride.

"Bucky Barnes, a semi-stable old man." Bucky replied.

"Woo.. Seems like a story there." Hal replied.

"So why are you in Oa. Don't tell me the Guardians summoned you too." Hal asked John.

"I am here to cure Bucky and for sight seeing." John replied.

"Cure him? OK. Let's talk with the Guardians." He said as they arrived at the citadel. The ship was fast so they didn't take much time to reach the citadel across the sectors.

John, Bucky and Hal walked into the center of the citadel. All the Guardians were present in their positions and all were floating. They didn't look so gloomy like the ones in the Ryan Reynolds' movie.

"Hello Guardians. We are all meeting for the first time." John said.

"Hello John. Thank you for guiding us in this universe and helping us in continuing the mantle of the lanterns."

"It's an honor and I just wanted a little peace in this chaotic universe."

"I understand. And thank you for the shielding technology. Even though the shield won't be able to stop energy attacks, any physical weapons won't be able to harm the lanterns now." Appa said.

"You are welcome. I am here to ask for a favor." John said. "Bucky here is my friend. He had a weird and violent past. He needs to be cured mentally. I hope the Guardians can help him."

"Hmm..." all the Guardians looked at Bucky with squinted eyes. "... Anxiety... Pain.. Sufferings... Killings.. Your mind is confused like the chaotic universe.. You boy need a proper medical screening. Send him to the medical bay."

## Chapter 165: A huge surprise

"Thank you for your help and concern." Bucky said as he was really grateful. The Guardians didn't reply that. Two humanoid robots came to take him away. John too followed him as he didn't have any other things to talk with the Guardians as he could always talk with them no matter where he was.

As they came out of the citadel John said

"Hey we can go and have something to eat first. I need to get some high energy food too from here."

"Sure. I too can see if there is any good places to eat in this futuristic place." Bucky said and looked at the robots.

"Hey I will send him to med bay. You both can leave." John said as these robots too were his summons basically. The two robots just left after John said that.

John and Bucky got into a canteen for the lanterns. It was a huge place where different lanterns gathered. Since all the lanterns were kind of new they were in awe of this place. Even though it was huge they were fewer lanterns as all the rings haven't chosen their wearer yet.

John and Bucky went to order and took their place in a lone table away from others. Even though both of them weren't wearing any rings nobody stopped them since every person present in this planet was related to the lanterns and the canteen wasn't exclusive to the lanterns. The food was served pretty fast and they looked delicious. John and Bucky who were little hungry dived in.

As they were eating John and Bucky they heard a voice saying.

"Hey how much for that metal arm?"

"Huh?" both moved their head to see who was talking and then a saw small furry creature looking at them. John was dumbfounded by seeing this new alien because he knew the alien very well.

Rocket.

Member of the Guardian of the Galaxy. One of the reasons John had come out into space was because of them. He didn't understand why Rocket was in Oa.

"Rocket. What the hell are you doing here? Where is Groot?" John asked.

"Huh? You know me? Who are you? Are we famous already? Or is it because of Groot?" Rocket asked.

"No. Rocket I know you because of other reasons. Why are you here?" John asked again.

"Ummm... Hello.. Sorry I don't know you so I can't say my reason." Rocket said. But John soon noticed a tree looking creature coming from behind. He was more astonished now.

It's not because he didn't know the new alien. It was Groot alright but he now looked totally different as he now had a green suit in his body. This meant that Groot was the new Green Lantern.

"Groot you are a new Green Lantern? What the hell is going on Rocket?" John asked.

"I am Groot... I am Groot." he replied.

"Well he says we were travelling to Xandar to collect when this ring showed up outside our ship. Then blah blah blah.. Me and Groot are here. Hey you moron you just spoke everything." Rocket said.

"So you mean the ring brought Groot here and you followed him?" John asked.

"Yes. The ring pointed the direction and I just came to join the fun. I was suspicious first but I have got to say I never imagined that such power existed in the universe. This planet looks so advanced. The so called Guardians must be really powerful to make this planet." Rocket said.

"What the hell is wrong with his world. First it was Emma and now Groot too." John murmured.

"John you know aliens too?" Bucky asked with curiosity.

"Yes" John replied.

"But I don't know you. Who are you?" Rocket asked.

"I am Groot?" Groot too said.

"Think of me as the same level of Guardian. I guided Oa and the Guardians here." John said nonchalantly.

"What? That's impossible. You guided a planet. What a good joke." Rocket said.

"It's upto you if you believe it or not. So Groot you must be training under Hal. Yes?" John asked.

"I am Groot."

"I will take that as a yes. He is the first Green Lantern here. Learn fast. You will need it." John said as he continued eating. Even though he was shaken, he accepted the facts.

"You are so weird. Even I just came to know the name of their trainer. Heard he is Terran like you. Are you both from the same planet?" Rocket asked.

"Yes. You can say so. He is my friend." John said.

"No wonder you are here. Came to meet Hal?" Rocket asked.

"No came to meet the Guardians and they owed me a favor." John said.

"What a bunch of lies. I need to stay away from a liar like you" Rocket said and left. John shrugged his shoulders as he saw both of them left.

"Why didn't you convince them?" Bucky asked.

"Seeing is believing. Our paths will cross soon in the future." John said.

#### Chapter 166: Morag

John and Bucky soon finished their food. Bucky said bye to John as he went to the med bay, while John went to the market to buy somethings but then he realized he didn't have any money to buy, so he had to use the system to let the shopkeepers let him take some food.

John felt guilty as it was scamming but he needed to bring food too. The shops were very few as there were only robots as residents and the lanterns were actually new here and they haven't built shops as of yet.

After buying some food, he went to FOS to go to his next destination and that was Morag. He needed to get the power stone before it could cause any harm. John went to the dock and directly went inside FOS.

"Take me to Morag star. I guess you have already connected with the other spaceships here and got the chart." John said.

"Yes I have already hacked into their network. Morag is quite far. It might take few hours even with the phantom drive." FOS replied.

"So be it." John said as he went to the main deck. FOS flew away from the dock to the universe and vanished after getting out of Oa. John went to his room as he wanted to take rest.

John was alone in this adventure but he had plan for this trip and Morag would be first step and then Xandar.

"Since I am alone here I can call him."

[Ding

Total fan values 4.2 billion

Fan value required to extract Cyborg- 190 million]

"Extract Zack Snyder's Cyborg and Jay Oliva's Cyborg" John said.

[Ding

Calculating..

Total fan values required : 250 million.]

"Extract him."

John waved his hand a Cyborg appeared who looked like Zack Snyder's version. John immediately shared the memories with him. After few seconds Cyborg opened his eye.

"I guess now you understand the whole story." John asked.

"Yes. So this is the scout ship I once connected to. Cool." Cyborg replied.

"Yes. Make yourself comfortable. It is a small journey. Wear something. We will go to Xandar too. People might give you looks as I am not sure if cybernetic technology there have advanced like yours." John said.

"I understand."



Cyborg then proceeded to look around while John thought of taking a nap. After a few hours John was woken up by Cyborg.

"We have reached Morag. What do you want us to do?" Cyborg asked.

"Search the whole planet for any level of gamma radiation. And simultaneously search for a source of strong power in any place of the planet." John said.

He was half sure that Peter Quill wouldn't come to Morag so early. Even though the universe was getting less and less recognizable but he hoped the butterfly effect wouldn't effect Peter till he got the power stone.

"Searching.. Searching..." FOS said. After about 10 minutes FOS finally said

"Found it."

"Good. Land us near that coordinate. Cyborg I will need your help."

They soon landed near a huge enclosed building. While landing some structures even got destroyed nearby but the main building remained intact. John wore the Kryptonian suit just in case.

Cyborg and John came to the hatch which opened and they went straight to the building.

"Break the lock." John said. Cyborg's hand changed into different shape as he inserted it inside the lock of the door. After a couple of seconds the door opened.

It was dark inside so Cyborg used his other arm to light up the room. They could see a ball levitating inside an enclosed small space. The surrounding of the small space was lit with purple vertical lines.

"Victor I want that ball." John said. Cyborg used his own hand to hold the ball after passing the barrier. It didn't effect his metallic arm in any way. Not even a scratch.

"Is this one of the infinity stones?" Victor asked as he has seen some future scenes too.

"Yes. Let's take it back. We need to make a replica of the ball and place it in the same position. I have changed the plot by a lot. I need to control some things here." John said.

They both went back to the ship and used the ship's technology to make an exact replica of it after scanning it. Of course the infinity stone couldn't be replicated inside.

Victor went back to the place to place the new ball in the same location. Victor even closed the door back as John had asked him to. John didn't want Peter and Gamora's meeting to be cancelled due to it. He wondered if Rocket would ever meet them after the debacle that happened at Oa.

John and Victor left after finishing the work here and keeping everything in the same place as it was with their spaceship to the next destination.

Another advanced planet. Capital of the Nova Empire.

Xandar.

#### Chapter 167: Xandar

The Nova Empire. One of the largest empires in the galaxy and most of the higher echelon members of the empire were the Xandarians. But the empire was huge and was a home to many alien species. It was one of the most progressive empire as there were no discrimination against aliens of different species like the Kree empire.

Xandar was the capital of the Nova empire and John needed to go and wait for Quill to appear. Till then he could contact the local empire and even exchange technology. He was pretty sure that the phantom drive technology of Kryptonians was far ahead than the 'jumping point' technology of space travel. John hoped that he could have another anchor in the Nova Empire, like on Earth.

This would be a major boost to his power. After few hours of traveling in space they were finally in the territory of the Nova Empire. FOS took the ship near Xandar but didn't land it inside the planet as FOS was pretty huge and he wasn't sure how the whole system of the empire worked.

"Victor, we will take a drop ship from here and you drive the ship to a docking station or wherever they lead us. I guess it will be easy for you to communicate with them."

"OK. Let's go then. FOS if anybody approaches the ship with bad intentions, contact me first and then I will order you of what to do." Cyborg said.

"OK." FOS replied.

John and Victor went inside the drop ship. It was spacious and also could travel in space. Even though it didn't have a phantom drive it was pretty fast. John and Victor took their seats and soon under the control of Victor it got detached from FOS and flew to Xandar.

As they were reaching the planet a communication call came up. Victor opened up the call only to a Nova corp on the screen.

"Hello ... umm Terrans.. umm.. your spaceship had never been registered on our list. Please state your purpose of entry into Xandar."

"Hello. I am John and this is my friend Victor. Me and my friend here do not belong to the Nova Empire. We are currently looking for business opportunities in the Empire and establish trade connections. I hope you can allow us entry into Xandar."

"Ok so you are new to the Empire. Welcome to Xandar. We would need you to register the ship and evaluate the danger level of the ship. We will also need you both to register on the citizen list of the Empire if you want to open a trade route." the Nova Corp said.

"Of course. Can you please show us the location of the dock. We are new here and we have no idea where to land." John said.

"Sure. I have already sent the coordinates. I will be your assessment officer waiting for you both at the dock."

"Thank you." Then the communication cut off.

"Victor we don't have any units to trade. Do you have any solution to it?" John asked.

"Let me check." Victor said and closed his eye. After a minute of trembling he finally said.

"We are millionaires now."

"Jesus. How terrible was the technology of the mother box. The scientists of Apokolips really outdid themselves when creating the mother box. I need to extract them later to summon boom tubes." John said.

Soon the drop ship reached the dock where the Nova Corp was waiting for them. They landed perfectly. The Nova Corp who was waiting for them was taken aback.

Never before had he seen a spaceship which almost doesn't make sound while travelling and even the thrusters of the ship were small and had blue color instead of conventional red fire of all normal spaceships. The hatch opened showing John and Victor.

They both came down and greeted each other.

"Hello again. I am Titus. Please wait while assess your spaceship and then I can show you around." Titus was polite like all other Nova Corps and he was very much interested in John as he had never seen such spaceship before. He wanted to find more about this new Terran.

Titus took out his scanning device to scan the spaceship. After a minute of scanning the spaceship the device showed error.

"Huh? Error? Why is it this? Probably due to malfunction. Let me get a new scanning device. Sorry please wait a minute. I will be back with a new scanner."

John waited a while before he came with a new device. But this time with a new scanner it showed error signifying the scanner can't assess the spaceship.

"Umm I am sorry I can't assess your ship. I would need to call higher authority for it." Titus said.

"Yes sure. I am here to do a huge business. So I will be glad to deal with higher authorities." John replied.

## Chapter 168: Nova Prime

Few minutes the officer of higher authority came to assess his ship and John actually knew the officer who came.

Rhomann Dey.

The fat guy who was in the Guardians of Galaxy and actually helped Peter Quill stopping Ronan by forwarding Pete's message to the Nova Prime. John was happy to meet this guy as he was trustworthy. Rhomann Dey came with an advanced looking scanner after getting the information from Titus.

He greeted John and Victor while proceeding to assess the ship. And like his predecessor his scanner too couldn't assess the ship. Now Rhomann Dey was surprised. This had never happened before in his entire career. A spaceship which the Nova Empire didn't have any records neither the technology.

Titus had informed already that this small ship was weird as it had weird thruster technology but he didn't pay attention to it but now he got serious.

"Mr. Jameson can I know on what technology is this spaceship built on?"

"I will be honest, the spaceship belongs to an ancient and advanced civilization and I am one of the last survivors of our lineage. I am here to trade some of our technology with the Nova Empire so that we can conduct business and make our civilization return to our past glory."

"Is that so? We will be happy to help you in this regard. Since our device can't scan your ship can you take me inside so that I can at least write a report." Rhomann Dey said.

"Of course. Victor show them the spaceship inside."

Victor took both Titus and Dey inside. They were more surprised now as the technology that they saw inside was more advanced than they have ever seen. Victor even explained some working of the ship to them. They came out after few minutes.

"Your civilization must have been really advanced. I would like to ask Mr. Jameson in what do you want business do you want to dabble in the empire?" Dey said.

"Umm exchange of space technology. I have no idea how the space ships of the nova empire works. I would like to get my hands on it."

"Ok. I will deliver the report to higher-ups. Maybe they will be interested in it. May your trip here be a successful one." Dey said.

Dey and Titus left after giving John and Victor a temporary citizenship card. They could use it to stay here and can even pay to extend their stay here. Since they are now millionaires John didn't care about it and went to search for a hotel to stay over.

John and Victor went straight to a luxurious hotel. Having Victor around was indeed handy. Only drawback was that he had to cover his face with a hoodie like in the movie. After checking in they soon entered their rooms.

John was little tired with all the running around and went straight to sleep while Victor just sat in a chair and closed his eyes. He went to the network on the Empire to amass more knowledge of the universe and get accustomed to it.

By evening they went out to look around the city and they got to see many alien creatures that was never showed in the movie. John was really amazed by all of this and he couldn't notice any discrimination among the various species.

After having dinner they went back. The next day after they had breakfast Rhomann Dey came over to speak with John.

"Mr. Jameson, the Nova Prime has summoned you in order to speak about your business venture."

"Nova Prime? Ok. Lead us." John said. Victor too joined.

They soon came to the main administrative building where the Nova Prime was waiting for them. As they went inside the Nova Prime, Irani Rael was waiting for them.

"Hello Mr. Jameson, welcome to Xandar. Please have a seat."

"Thanks. I guess we don't need to introduce ourselves and our purpose in the the Empire. I would like to establish trade with the empire." John said.

"Yes you can definitely. Mr. Jameson I would like to ask about the technology of your spaceship. We have never seen such high level of technology. Even the huge spaceship that is currently floating in space has never been seen. Can you explain about your civilization?"

"Our civilization is very old and reclusive one. Very few of us are left. We had a war once long that almost destroyed our lineage. I am one of the last. I actually came out of my planet to revive the lost glory of ours. I have already said I am ready to exchange some of our technology with yours." John said.

"Is that so? The Nova empire would be delighted to have this exchange." The noa prime said.

John smiled to it as he knew the Kryptonian technology was way far ahead then this universe had ever seen. He could easily establish and empire here and have massive influence just like he has on Earth.

That would make easier for him to dabble his hands on the entertainment industry and propagate his works. He would summon a character to manage all of it and he had a perfect person in his mind for this.

Lex Luthor.

## Chapter 169: The settlement

Actually Nova Prime didn't expect the first approach to go so smoothly. When the scientists of the Empire went through the recordings and visuals of the huge spaceship floating in the space near Xandar and the drop ship in the docks they already evaluated the ships as of higher level of technology.

Even though they didn't know how powerful it was, they were sure that this kind of technology had never appeared. The Nova Prime was hoping that John would be able to share the technology. This would be helpful for them as that could give them an edge in the war against the Kree. Even though they had a peace agreement with Hala but many factions of the Kree empire didn't accept the agreement.

"Mr. Jameson. How would you like to like this exchange to carry on?"

"I have brought my Secretary in the mother ship. I would like to call him and he would decide the general direction of the business settlement. I hope that is acceptable as I am not very proficient in business matters."

"Sure. Why not? I too will have to talk with the council as this business will be done through government channels."

"OK he will be here soon. I want to buy a good place to live here too as I will be establishing the company here." John added.

"Yes. Of course. You can choose any residential place. You won't have to pay anything. The Empire will pay the price." Nova Prime said.

"No.. No.. we have enough money to buy a good place. Thank you for the offer but we will be able to buy one." John said with a serious tone.

"Are you sure?"

"Yes." John replied. The Nova prime who was talking with John stole few glances of Victor and finally she couldn't hold herself back and asked



"I am sorry but I am little curious about the face of Mr. Stone. Even though we have registered you as temporary citizen here which doesn't need facial features to be recorded but buying a place would require a proper picture."

"Of course. Victor you can remove the hood." Victor removed the hood. When Irani saw his face he was taken aback. She didn't expect a cyborg and she could tell that it was a high level technology.

She wondered how advanced were their technology to even make such an advanced cyborg. She was now sure that John's civilization was very much advanced and powerful.

"Sorry if I offended you Mr. Stone. I didn't know you were a cyborg." She said politely.

"No it's fine. I am surprised that the guards didn't stop me from entering as having a cyborg in such a close distance with the ruler isn't so conventional." Stone said.

"I was sure that you didn't have any bad intentions as you had left your mother ship behind. This showed that you have enough sincerity to actually establish trade."

John left after that as he needed to extract Lex in FOS and then command him to come here and follow his instructions. Lex would be the perfect person to build a company and manage it.

They went back to hotel and John said to Victor.

"I am going to guide Luthor here and open a company under his name and make necessary trade. This would help us expanding and managing."

"Lex? Are you sure he will listen to you?" Victor asked as all of the summons doesn't have the notion that they are just summons as John always planted false memories in their brain through the system.

"Yes. My only power isn't just guiding other worldly beings. Occasional manipulation is also one of my powers. I will summon him in FOS." John said.

He then proceeded to waste 50 million fan values to summon Lex in FOS and then directed him to take a transformed drop ship and arrive at the docks.

"Victor he will be in the docks soon. Take him to the Nova Prime. I have already told him about the general idea of the exchange. You will be the one who will exchange the information as you are good at data manipulation. Don't give them anything about the phantom drive. Just normal technology of drop ship and maybe a portion of weapons technology. We will share the phantom drive technology when the time is right."

"I understand." Victor replied as he went to the docks. John left for searching a good place to buy a mansion as he wanted to spend his money here. This would be his holiday villa where he and Emma could always spend their time away from all the paparazzi on Earth.

After a whole day of searching with the help of Rhomann Dey as his guide he finally chose a villa just outside the city in a very high end area overlooking the sea. John spent 2 million units in buying the house. Meanwhile, Lex had arrived. Victor had a stern eye on him but Lex didn't mind that.

## Chapter 170: Terraform

Soon Lex met with the Nova Prime and even with the council. Lex pitched his ideas of establishing a company and then having a strategic, military and profitable technology exchange with the Empire. Lex even showed a glimpse of all the technology that their spaceships could provide and even said that their spaceships don't need jumping points to travel.

This astonished the scientists and the council members. They have never heard of any technology that could do that. At first the council members weren't really interested in this whole business settlement as they felt the scientists had exaggerated the technology of this new spaceship but now they knew this was a game changer.

"We will surely give you enough freedom for the establishment of the company and this would be very much profitable for the empire and even in future if your company needs to expand it's business outside the empire you can do so." Nova Prime said.

"Yes that's the long term plan. For now let's focus on the empire." Lex replied.

After discussing all the matters Lex and Victor went to the new mansion that John had moved to.

"How was the deal? Is everything good?" John asked as they entered the home.

"Yes. Though I feel some of their eyes weren't so good." Lex said.

"Yes. One of the council member's heartbeat was pretty much high during the whole deal. It was unnatural." Victor said.

"Is it? Another political drama? Everywhere people resist change. Well Lex you are an underworld don. Make your own empire here. Both in light and in dark. Just don't hurt innocent. That's the bottom line. I will handle the political attacks." John said to Lex.

"I understand. Will take time but I can do it."

Lex then proceeded to speak about the deal that they have made. Victor too pitched his own assessment on it. John didn't pay much attention as he didn't care about it.

The next few days went like a storm. Lex and Victor were out everyday directing the establishment of the new company while John was having a good time. He even contacted Tony and Steve to find out what was going on Mars.

After few days of John leaving, Tony started the world engine. It was estimated that it would take a month to terraform Mars. The governments soon got to know that there was an world engine in Mars and Tony had just switched it on.

Now all the governments got scared. Through SHIELD they contacted Tony and asked him to hand over the world engine as it was a mass destruction weapon. Tony just said that he didn't know how to move the world engine from it's place and could only configure it to copy the environment of Earth.

Of course the governments didn't believe him but the thing is since Tony said that it was a high level technology and no pilots on earth could operate it even if it was given to them. Even though they didn't

believe him, but since he was arrogant when he said that, it meant it was probably true. And secondly they can't force Tony to bring the world engine to Earth.

Bruce being the secretary of SHIELD said that Tony will never bring the world engine to earth and it will continue to be there in Mars. He even said that Tony and John would soon try to colonize Mars since the world engine process had already started. Bruce wanted SHIELD to establish a branch there so he needed to be straightforward with the council.

The council understood what Bruce wanted and gave permission to SHIELD to start this process. Fury too was happy to get this order as this would mean SHIELD being ahead of everyone and even fly to space.

John was happy to know all this, though he knew he has to face a storm when he returns to Earth but he didn't care. He had enough power now. After Bruce sat in the Secretary position, SHIELD had started infiltrating in almost all walks of life. Thanks to the ninjas and more power given to SHIELD. John wanted this to happen from the beginning and since the ninjas were under him almost everything was under his control.

Even though only half of SHIELD was now ninjas, in power wise they were more powerful. John didn't even care if SHIELD had skrulls hiding inside now.

A month went without any major changes in the plan of Lex in the establishment of the company and surprisingly they didn't face any opposition. John was expecting a roadblock but there were none.

He even expected political assassination but there was still no sign of that. Victor kept an eye on all of this but was surprised there was acute silence everywhere.

"Did I understand the universe wrongly? I imagined it to be more chaotic."

And then one day a bad news came, and the 'expected' attack was much bigger than he expected.