

Multiverse 251

Chapter 251: Another John

"What Pokemon did you catch Tony?" John asked. On Tony's shoulder there was a very small Pokemon and John didn't expect Tony to actually have an Alolan Pokemon. It was Meltan.

"Well this is Meltan. I caught a Metang and a Scyther." Tony said with pride.

"All Steel. Scyther isn't steel as of yet but it will be a steel type after evolving. You deliberately went for them. Didn't you?" John asked.

"Of course. I can't tarnish the name of Iron Man." Tony said with pride. Banner came with Ralts on his shoulder. Banner probably went for them because he wanted a Pokemon that could calm himself down. He failed to catch any other Pokemon.

After talking with all John finally got to know who caught which Pokemons.

Clint - Rowlet and Sableye

Oliver - Charmander and Pichu

Natasha - Misdreavus

Flash - Ninjask and Weavile

Pietro - Swellow

Rhodes - Skarmory

Steve - Combusken and Croagunk

Diana - Kartana and Togepi

Bucky - Honedge

Arthur - Lapras, Totodile and Mantine

Mera - Mudkip and Piplup

Geralt - Dratini

Triss - Raichu (Alolan)

Yen - Girafarig and Abra

Wanda - Riolu and Axew

Vision - Magearna

Wayne - Darkrai and Golbat

John was really surprised by the Pokemons of Vision and Wayne. They both got their hands on mythical Pokemons. Magearna, like Vision, was an artificial Pokemon. Magearna was a Steel/Fairy type Pokemon while Darkrai was a famous dark type. Both were mythical.

"You really outclassed us. Didn't you?" Banner said to Bruce.

"It's nightmares had no effect on me so I asked it to join me and it followed." Wayne said as if it was not a big deal. But John had a feeling Batman was too happy in his heart. Everybody wanted to see their mythical Pokemons but John said that summoning them here would just create chaos. They could check it out at the Ring later.

They all went in for the movie. Everybody was still busy discussing the new Pokemons they had seen and the adventures in the past month. Even Pepper got herself a Pokemon. It was an Eevee.

The movie finally started and it began where the last post credits scene was shown. People seeing monsters on the face of others. And this was happening all over the globe. The Justice League finally came in and stopped some cases but not all were caught. After this the whole team came to a meeting and said that this was probably magic and they would need someone who knew magic.

Wayne didn't believe all of this at first and went home. There he saw the name 'Constantine' over his room and even in his bathroom. The scene changed and it showed a new place where there was a British guy named John Constantine dealing with some hell monsters.

Yes. This was the animated movie named "Justice League Dark". This was the only way he could bring more fan values and properly show magic to people. The last few days his fan values rose higher than he ever thought was possible. In just one month he gained 2 billion. John was very happy with how everything was going on.

The movie continued as it showed there was a fight between the hell demons and John. Jason Blood who too was participating in the whole gambling turned to have a superpower too. It turned out that he could replace himself with the demon named Etrigan. A demon that breathed hellfire.

They finally came to know what kind of person John Constantine was. A massive prick. He didn't care about anything except for himself. Batman meanwhile went to meet a woman named Zatanna 'Z' Zatara, who was the ex of John. Batman came to meet her as they needed the help of the magic side to deal with whatever was going on in the world right now.

Deadman (Boston Brand) a dead person bestowed powers upon by a Goddess named Rama Kushna showed up too as he was the one who asked for Constantine's help and drew his name on Batman's home.

They then drove to the home of John. The House of Mysteries. After meeting him Batman finally spoke about the problems League was facing recently and asked if he could help. John finally accepted the invitation after everybody convinced him.

"So now we have 2 John. 2 Bruce wasn't enough it seems." Clint said. Everybody smiled at this comment. Later they all went to meet Ritchie Simpsons, an old friend of John who was on the verge of death. John was able to keep him away from death. Even the spirits of death were a little bit afraid of Bruce Wayne when he came near them.

"John in other universes is Bruce alive?" Tony asked as here even the spirits of death were afraid.

"All multiverses don't have the same flow of time. So of course in many universes Bruce is dead. Some died young and some died on missions. Some of them even got resurrected." John said.

"Resurrection? Is that even possible? Can we also resurrect people?" Banner asked as now even he got interested.

"It's not necromancy. Is it?" Triss asked as the witches too have that kind of magic power.

Chapter 252: New person

"Necromancy? Well in one case yes, but it's not what you think. Resurrection always comes at a cost. The lines between the dimensions become blurred. It never ends well when resurrection is involved. There is more pain later than what they bargain for." John said while looking at Tony.

"I understand." Tony said as he understood that bringing his parents back wouldn't end well.

"John, are my parents alive in other universes?" Tony asked.

"He is in some. You might even see them one day." John said. Tony got excited when John said and he couldn't wait for that day to come.

The movie continued as John and others went to investigate into the matter with the help of Keshanti Key given by Ritchie. They got a clue but they needed more information. They again came back to Ritchie to ask more but found that he was again on the verge of death. Now it was more terrible.

John and others again brought him to life. There was also Jason present there and finally they got to know the history of Jason. A man belonging to the ancient times. The time of Merlin, the great wizard who tied Jason with Ertrigan.

"Merlin too is real. I have a feeling that all past lore is based on reality." Steve said.

"Most of them are actually." Diana replied.

Jason was there to get his hands on dreamstone as it was a very powerful weapon, the stuff of nightmares. They then proceeded to work on the clue after Ritchie woke up.

John and others later followed the information given by Ritchie and with the help of Swamp Thing and tracked down the man responsible for all the nightmares. They confronted Felix Faust but later realized that he wasn't the main culprit.

It was Ritchie all along. Since he was close to death he wanted to make a gamble. He wanted to use the dreamstone to keep himself alive. Destiny, an evil sorcerer, from ancient times was trapped in the dreamstone and he took over the body of Ritchie when he revealed he had the other part of the dreamstone.

Later they all had to confront Destiny. John was finally able to kill him with trickery and help from Boston. Ritchie too fell in hell.

"So there is hell?" Steve asked.

"I think so. I haven't checked" John replied as he really didn't check. He could use his helmet to check but it might rub Mephisto the wrong way so he was reluctant to see that.

Now it was time for the post credits scene. It showed various Justice League members fighting a bunch of villains. The audience could recognize the villains from the Justice League Unlimited series. As they were fighting they saw a young kid in costume helping the people who were afraid. The movie ended with that scene.

"So that's your son? What is his code name?" Banner asked as now everybody had a code name.

"Robin." Diana replied as every member of the Justice League knew him. After the movie ended they all went to the Ring. Even though the movie was great they were still more interested in Pokemons.

Wayne and Vision summoned their mythical Pokemons. Everybody's eyes had stars as they saw the Pokemons.

"We should all have a Pokemon battle." Clint suggested.

"Why not?" Triss said as she waved her hands. The land changed into a stage which was of massive size. They all wanted to have battles and thus everybody joined in except for John. He only had Audino for now so he was the referee.

Without any surprise Batman won every game. There were wins and losses for almost all. What surprised John was that Vision and Diana had a draw. They all cheered for the battles and were still very much amazed by the powers of Pokemon.

After having dinner they all went back home, and John too went to his Tower to take a rest. The next day after completing his work, he went to London as he needed to summon and talk with Constantine.

[Ding

Fan values required for John Constantine - 350 million]

"Wow, Constantine is costly. Extract him. And I need another item." John said.

[Ding

Fan value required for extracting the staff of Shazam (wizard's staff) - 400 million]

"Damn even being a non living item it still costs that much?" John then proceeded to summon them. Out came John Constantine with his famous overcoat and cigarette on his mouth. John directly shared his memories with Constantine.

"Bollocks.. Another world.. Another headache." Constantine said as he got to know everything.

"That's why I have insurance for you. Take this staff of Shazam. I will take the House of Mysteries." John said.

"Shazam? That's a good deal I presume." Constantine said as he took the wizard staff. He looked into the staff for a few seconds before keeping it in a magical invisible depository.

"Keep an eye out for magical openings. It might get nasty soon." John said.

"Worry not." Constantine replied.

Chapter 253: Kaecilius

John went back home and directly extracted the House of Mysteries. He had been changing his homes quite frequently and now finally he has a home where he could spend for eternity. John spent a 100 million to extract the House of Mysteries.

Near the tower of Fate he proceeded to extract the house. He called Audino and both went in. As the House had a spirit by itself, she manifested near John as they went in. Audino didn't expect another person at their new home.

The spirit looked at Audino and petted her cheeks. The spirit loved Audino the moment she saw her and Audino too was happy to have another person living at the house. John wasn't at home all day so she felt a little lonely. Now finally she had someone to play with.

John then went around the spacious house. This house was big and had everything. From huge bedrooms to multiple kitchens and bathrooms. A cozy fire place and huge halls. This house had everything John had wished for. And now this house had a spirit too by itself, so all in all John was happy.

The days went by as usual and soon it was October. John had kept an eye on Earth as it was time for Doctor Strange to emerge. John didn't know how the story would proceed but he would try saving the life of the Ancient One. Constantine was brought solely for that purpose.

The story of Kaecilius followed like it was supposed to. He went to steal the pages of Cagliostro and ran away the moment the Ancient One emerged to stop him. He and his zealots ran after coming out of the London Sanctum. But after running a few metres they noticed that they were trapped in the mirror dimension.

Kaecilius and his zealots thus started the fight against the Ancient One in the mirror dimension. Soon he realized that he wouldn't be able to win so he opened a portal with his sling ring.

The zealots ran to the portal to escape but only to realize that the portal closed by itself. Kaecilius who saw this turned his head to look at the Ancient One but he saw here still fighting the zealots. So he was confused about what just happened. He opened a portal again only to be closed the next second.

He was running out of time as the Ancient One had started killing the zealots. As he was thinking that another portal opened and out came a tall blonde guy with an overcoat.

The Ancient One stopped fighting the moment another person emerged in the mirror dimension. The zealots too stepped back because they had no idea how another person came into the mirror dimension. And they even noticed he didn't have a sling ring.

The Ancient One sighed as she saw that, because the emergence of this new person now has changed everything.

"What? Don't want to continue the fight? This is the mirror dimension isn't it? Fight to the death. I am here as a referee and see that the contestants don't run away." the man said. Kaecilius didn't speak a word and conjured Rings of Raggaddor to fight this new person while the zealots continued to assault the Ancient One.

The person was John Constantine.

"Mate, you should never assault the referee. Your mother never taught you the rules of fighting?" the man said as he uttered a spell and directly used magic to shoot at Kaecilius. He was thrown metres away and even his rings of Raggaddor couldn't defend against the magic attack of Constantine.

By this time the Ancient One had killed all the zealots and only Kaecilius left. Kaecilius knew he wouldn't be able to escape. He still couldn't get up from the hit of Constantine and the Ancient One had tied him down by folding space in the mirror dimension.

"That's a nasty trick you got there." Constantine spoke to her for the first time.

The Ancient One looked at him for a second before saying "Did he send you to interfere?"

"If you are asking about the Jameson lad, you are correct." Constantine said. She now was sure that John was behind this. She then looked at Kaecilius who was still stuck.

"Kaecilius, you have hurt your fellow colleague in your pursuit of power and thus I give you death." the Ancient One said.

"You are just a hypocrite." said Kaecilius. She didn't reply to that and waved her hands. The space folded and a wall closed on Kaecilius. He didn't even get to utter a word in his defense.

Thus the person who was responsible for the future summoning of Dormammu died very early. After seeing his death he turned to Constantine and said.

"Your magic is a little bit dark."

"So is yours, Sorcerer Supreme. So is yours. We both belong to the same category it seems." Constantine smiled as he said that.

Chapter 254: Stephen Strange

John was having a good time listening to music when he heard a knock on the door. The spirit of the house opened the door only to be greeted by a bald woman and Constantine.

"How are you, love? Is John treating you properly?" Constantine spoke. The Ancient One too was surprised to see a spirit inviting them. She had never come before to John's house and even in the Ring.

It was her first time in the Ring. She could feel the magic power of the House of Mysteries and even the Tower of Fate nearby.

"Treats me better than you ever did. Please come in." the spirit spoke in a bland tone.

John, who saw them, invited them near the fireplace. Everybody sat down. The spirit brought tea for the Ancient One and a glass of whisky for Constantine.

"So Kaecilius is dead." the Ancient One said. John looked at her and smiled. The first mission he gave to Constantine was successful. He didn't care about the future anymore.

"That's good. No more Dormmamu." John replied.

"Yes. Then what about Strange?" Ancient One asked.

"What about him? He can still be a magician." John asked, confused.

"You don't understand. Do you? Your medical technology wouldn't allow Strange to take the magical route." the Ancient One spoke.

"Huh. Wait? I actually forgot about that. Fine. If he gets into an accident I will guide him to Kamar Taj. Is that better?" John said as he actually did forget that the medical technology now of Earth was at least a 100 years ahead. Even though the Pokemons haven't been integrated with hospitals, that day wasn't far. That would add more to the medical industry.

"You better do that. Your interference of Kaecilius has already changed a lot. I don't want Strange to go on a different path." the Ancient One said.

"Who are you kidding? Strange is destined to take the magical route no matter what." John said. The Ancient One just shrugged her shoulders to that and drank her tea. She really loved the tea that the spirit made for her. Constantine didn't utter a word as he was enjoying the whisky.

"Is there any chance for Z?" Constantine asked finally.

"There might be." John said as he had other plans for Z. She was way too powerful and was perfect for another person to handle. Even though he would participate in it himself.

The Ancient One left after finishing her tea. John called GAIA and gave her instructions for handling the case of Strange if his case ever came up in the next few days. John now wanted to see if Strange really ever took the path of magician after this massive interference.

Constantine spent some time at his old home before leaving. John too went for his own works. The next few days went like normal and nothing happened of significance.

Meanwhile, Strange's path didn't deviate much. It followed the exact course as the original story and was in an accident where the bones of his hands broke. When Strange woke up he saw his hands dangling on bandages. When he saw his hands in such a position and in pain he was in, he had tears. His face too had terrible bruises.

Then he saw Christine Palmer sitting by his side looking at him.

"What happened? What did they do?" Stephen asked.

"It took a long time to find you. You have severe nerve damage. There are steel pins inserted on your hands so that you have the functioning of your hands left." Palmer said.

"Why did they do that? Don't we have the medical pods to operate on that?" Stephen asked with more pain in his voice.

"The Umbrella Corporation refused to give access to you and they left a phone number for you to call when you wake up. Did you ever antagonize them Stephen? They never said no to anybody. You are the first person they said no to." Palmer said.

"I have never done anything wrong to them. I admit that because of them I have become poorer but in no case have I ever complained. Why are they doing this to me?" Stephen asked.

"No idea. Take rest now, call them when you are in a position to make that call. Don't let your arrogance speak over the call Stephen. I have gone through the reports. Only a med pod would be able to save your hands."

"I understand." Stephen said in an annoying tone as he really didn't know why he didn't have access to the med pod.

After 2 days of feeling better, Strange finally called up the number given by the Umbrella Corp. He was hesitant at first as he didn't know who was on the other side of the call.

"Hello, This is Stephen Strange. I was provided a number to call the Umbrella Corp."

Chapter 255: Stephen Strange (2)

"Hello, Doctor Strange. This is John Jameson."

Strange shuddered when he heard that name. He thought the other end of the call would be a manager of some kind. He didn't expect that it was the ultimate boss himself. John was way too famous and was in a way too higher position. He didn't understand how he had warranted the notice of such a being.

"Mr. Jameson I made this call because I was denied the access to medical pods. Can I know why?" Stephen asked politely as he didn't know the actual reason.

"Umbrella denied the access because to let to show you how little you know Stephen." John said.

"What do you mean?" Strange asked. But as he said that there was a weird symbol appeared in his room. The symbol glowed and out came a mad with a golden cape and golden helmet.

Stephen and Christine who was also present nearby was surprised. She had seen how teleportation worked of the Ring and it was never like that.

"This is what I mean Dr. Strange when I meant you know very little."

"You are John Jameson?" Stephen asked. To his question, John removed his helmet. What surprised John was that Christine actually had a Pokemon. But sadly it wasn't a Pokemon related to healing. It was a Sobble. John smiled as he saw this, signifying that Pokemons have started its normal integration of the society.

"Never knew the famous Mr. Jameson has a thing for theatrics." Stephen said without holding back his words. He didn't know why he was not given access to the med pods but it really made him annoyed. John just smiled at the comment and said

"What do you think of the last movie Dr. Strange?. I will presume you have watched it." John asked.

"You mean Justice League Dark? It was a good movie. But what has that movie got to do with me?" Stephen asked as he was more confused now.

"Do you think magic exists?" John asked.

"Magic? I only believe what I see Mr. Jameson. Until I see with my own eyes I don't believe in anything. For now I believe magic is just higher form of technology and nothing else." Dr. Strange replied. Christine who was listening to this also sighed. It was hard for someone like Strange to accept magic. He had seen Pokemon and people think they have powers because of their genes and physiology. They never connected them to any form of magic.

"Do you think the movies I make are just for fun?" John asked.

"I don't know. Nor do I care. I just want to know why I am not being given access to med pods?" Strange insisted on it. John sighed when he heard that answer. His arrogance had always been a problem. Tony too had arrogance but it has toned down a quite now after know the other versions of him are more powerful than him, especially after know that there is Cosmic Iron Man. That has been his drive and he had been working diligently.

Strange hasn't gone through that as of yet. In the original world he became a little humble after the Ancient One showed him a way. Now he needed to show Strange how little he knew.

John didn't reply his question and directly hit him on his chest. Christine and Stephen couldn't even react to John's move. As he did that Stephen's astral form came out of his body. Stephen's astral form floated for a few seconds before John pulled him back to his body.

"Still think magic is unreal Strange?" John asked.

"What did you do?" both of them asked. Even though Christine couldn't see the astral form she was scared that John had hit him. She was almost ready to call he police.

"What did you just do? What was that?" Strange asked as he really didn't understand what had happened.

"I pushed your astral form out of your physical form." John replied. "It's fine Christine. I didn't hurt Stephen. You don't have to worry. He is alright." John said to Christine.

"Can you explain me what was that?" Stephen asked again. As he said that there was a portal opening by John's side. Out came the Ancient One.

"That's your patient now. I can't handle him." John said first to her before the two people could even ask what was going on. Today was a huge shock for both Stephen and Christine.

At first it was John appearing weirdly in front of them and then saying that there was magic. He proceeded to push the astral form out of Strange. And now there was another portal opening which looked different than John's. And a bald woman appearing in ancient looking clothes.

"What the hell is going on?" Stephen asked now as there was another woman in his room whom he have never seen before.

Chapter 256: The story which he never expected

"It's fine John, I will take it from here." the Ancient One said.

"Thanks I am off then. Strange if you want answers why I didn't give access to med pods, she will give you a better answer. One day when you are ready, you can come to me then I will heal your hands but I doubt you will choose that then." John said before vanishing.

John didn't want to participate in this teacher student meeting. He had work to do. Though he was a little curious of how she would convince Strange to take the magical path. But that story could wait for later.

After returning back he went to Disney to work on the next movie. He needed to plan for the next movie. Since he had almost all stories going he didn't really need characters for now. The anime he has been releasing was enough for him.

All he needed was to accumulate his fan values and give more powers to his summons later. He was thinking of providing this when he had enough fan values, probably by the start of the next year.

In this way a whole month went by without much change. John even once went to Kamar Taj to see if Strange had joined and as expected he really did take the magic route. He was happy to see that as at least there wasn't a change in that story. He even talked with him for a few minutes before returning back.

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One fine day in early November, as he was working in Disney with the directors and actors, a magical portal opened and Constantine came out. Everybody was surprised by the sudden emergence of a man from a weird looking circle which looked like a portal.

"John, we have a problem." Constantine said with a very serious face. He didn't even care about all the weird looks everybody was giving him.

"Why are you here Constantine?" John asked. Constantine would never come to him if the situation wasn't very dire. He even came through the portal of the sling ring not by his own magical teleportation.

"The multiverse wall is breaking John. She sent me here to inform you and asked for help against whatever is going to arrive from the other side." Constantine said.

"What?" John's eyes went wide when he heard that. The wall of the multiverse which looked like a glass that divided one universe from another was responsible for the separation of all the universes. It was one of the toughest things to break. John could break and go through it as that was the power of Dr. Fate. Only a few people could break through that. The Watchers were one of them.

John didn't ask anymore and wore the helmet of Fate that was floating invisibly near him. He directly changed himself to the full attire of Dr. Fate and vanished with Constantine without even asking any more.

All the employees who were nearby and saw this were taken aback. They didn't understand of what just happened until one employee finally said

"Doesn't that look like Dr. Fate from the animated series? Is our boss Dr. Fate?"

Kevin's eyes went wide when the employee said that. He knew he needed to handle the situation and thus proceeded to say

"Whatever just happened should never leave this room. Never. If you wish to stay in the Ring you all better forget what you just saw. Since our boss never showed to the world that he is Dr. Fate, you all better keep that new information in your deepest memory, never to see the light of day. I would hate to fire any of you if any leaks happen."

Everybody understood that whatever happened should never go out or else they would lose the privilege that all had been enjoying in the Ring all this time.

Meanwhile John appeared with Constantine near Ancient One. He saw all the magicians were in fight mode with all weapons and shields. He even saw Strange among them.

"What is going on?" John asked.

"We have no idea. The multiverse wall is suddenly showing cracks and something is going to emerge from it in a minute or so." Mordo replied as he was beside the Ancient One.

"Sorcerer Supreme, is it Dormammu?" John asked as he thought it might be him because Dormammu might be coming forcefully since he just stopped his advance and he was a very powerful entity.

"No, if it was him I would have felt it. This is something else which I have never seen before. It's not a single person. It's three people." the Ancient One said. John now used his magic to see beyond the wall with his helmet.

But what he saw shook him to the core. He never expected to see these three people in his whole life. John now knew he would have to battle for sure and the battle would decide the life and death of his universe.

"Avengers. We need your help." John spoke as he waved his hands.

Welcome to the comics. Now this story will diverge away from MCU and officially set it's foot into the multiverse.

Chapter 257: Battle for the universe

As John said that, all the Avengers appeared out of nowhere. Some weren't even in good clothes. Geralt was even half naked in a bath suit. Everybody was surprised about how they all got teleported and that too in a different place without their consent. Only to see many weird looking men and women with magical rings and shields.

John's magic allowed him to teleport people from one place to another whenever he needed to do so.

"What the hell?" Pietro screamed.

"Don't ask. There will be people coming out now out of that cracked glass in the air. They are powerful beyond your imagination. And no matter what, don't let them speak their language. Even if you die, don't let them speak. Because if we allow them that, our universe will be destroyed." John said without even allowing anyone to voice any protest.

"Are you kidding me?" Tony asked.

"No." John replied with a dignified face. As he said that the cracked glass in the air finally broke and out came three weird looking men. They had black overcoats on their bodies. But what was most eye-catching about them was their huge masks.

Their masks were golden in color with pointed sides and had one huge eye drawn on them. They understood that it was a fake eye because there wasn't any hole in it. John didn't even speak with them for a second and directly attacked.

Others too followed John as they trusted him. Since he said that these people were dangerous they all attacked followed by John. Tony and Wayne put on the nano armor while Triss and Yen used their magic to attack. Everybody used their strongest moves at the same time.

All of their attacks came together and hit them. There was a huge explosion. After a second the dust settled but what surprised them was that nothing happened to the three of them. And at this moment they understood that they would have to be more serious with this fight.

Banner transformed into Hulk while Flash and Pietro got ready to run at full speeds to hit them. As they got ready to attack one among the three spoke a letter using a language they had no idea about. Then another man proceeded to speak another letter which like the previous one had no idea about.

"Nooo..." John screamed and directly used fire magic to hit the last of the three which hadn't spoken yet. The fire magic was so huge that the third person was thrown away many metres. John even used flame alchemy while adding the power of philosopher's stone in it which he had kept on the amulet of Anubis. This day was one of those days he needed to use the philosopher's stone.

The person who was hit by fire got up again. Even after such a huge fire attack it failed to kill him but it did burn away his overcoat and his mask. Now everyone got to see the person's face for the first time. The person was bald and human looking but what was astonishing was that he didn't have any eye. He only had a weird black symbol on his forehead. His mouth looked like it was stitched to the face like the Joker's.

"What are you all spacing out? Do you all want to die? This is the battle for your lives and everybody in this universe. Attack." John shouted.

Everybody didn't hold back any more and used magic, technology and everything they had at the arsenal to attack all the three. Since they couldn't kill so easily they all used their strongest magic. Even the Ancient One looked serious and participated in the fight.

John used magic and alchemy with the help of a philosopher's stone to attack. He didn't hold back at all. Other's too followed his lead and attacked. Batman used the hellbat armor while Tony used his bleeding edge. Flash and Pietro ran around and hit the trio whenever there was an opening. Wanda used telekinesis to lift one of them up and tackled him to the ground. Triss and Yen used magic. While Aquaman and others used weapons to stab them.

Ciri was successful in removing the mask of another guy and this person too looked almost the same as the other guy who was unmasked.

"Who the hell are they? Why are they so powerful?" Tony asked as he sent a missile to one of them. He had just spoken a letter and from John's attack they understood that all needed to focus on stopping the other two from speaking another letter.

And this time all came together to stop another guy from speaking another letter which they were successful to do so. Even though their attack didn't kill them, it stopped them from speaking another letter. But before they could rejoice, 4 other guys who had the same outfit as the other three emerged from the broken glass in the air.

Chapter 258: The identity of the enemy

"Oh. Fuck me." Hal spoke as he saw 4 others emerging.

"No point in cursing. We need to fight. Give your all. Make small teams and attack them. Make sure you stop them for speaking." Wayne said.

"I really want to know where they come from." Flash said as he just appeared to talk with them.

"Barry, separate all of them from each other. We all need to bring out our Pokemons too in this battle." Wayne said. And thus everybody summoned their Pokemons. And no further instruction was required as they started attacking again to confront the new enemies.

John who saw all this was angry now. He really didn't expect that their universe would be visited by these people. They were the 'black priests', also known as 'Field Surgeons of the Multiverse'. They are basically the 'white blood cells' of the multiverse. It was the multiverse's defense mechanism to stop its destruction. But John was confused too. Because he knew the story of Black Priests. So when they appeared he had already checked his Earth for the presence of the person for whom the Black Priests might have come but he couldn't find any such person.

That person was Owen Reese, the molecule man.

That's why John was mainly confused as he didn't know the reason for the arrival of the Black Priests. But it didn't stop John in trying to stop the Black Priests. They basically have a hive mind and their powers are related to their letters. Only one letter can be spoken by one person and when all the Black Priests utter the letters in sequence and complete a word, they could basically rewrite reality.

For example if there are many Black Priests and all of them spoke 'Destroy'. Then the whole word will actually happen and the whole universe would be destroyed. For this reason John was scared of them and he tried his best to stop them in completing a word. Even though he couldn't understand their words he needed to stop them from completing their words.

As the 4 new Black Priests emerged everybody got more serious while fighting. They divided into small teams of magicians and Avengers and fought against them. The Black Priests finally stopped defending and now were actively attacking. Even though they tried speaking their letters, the Avengers and the magicians were successful in stopping them from completing a word.

Darkrai and Wanda even tried invading the minds of a Black Priest but was hurt in return. They understood that mind controlling powers won't have any effect on them.

"What did you see Wanda?" Yen asked as she defended against the attacks of the Black priest's magic.

"Information. Lots of information. They have a hive mind. We can never control their minds. That would be suicide." Wanda replied. Ciri meanwhile got really irritated and directly used her dimensional power on the sword to cut the head off of one of the Priests.

This sudden death of a Black priest made them all stop attacking. John thought finally there might be light in the end of the tunnel as he saw the Black Priests stopping to attack. But the next moment he saw 5 more members of the Black Priest emerging.

"Are you f**king kidding me?" John said in a very angry tone.

He then proceeded to use the bio-fission magic of himself to make multiple copies of himself. It was exactly like the clones of Strange during the infinity war fight on Titan. Then the main John proceeded to transform himself to Phoenix.

The Avengers knew that now John was really angry. He never used his Phoenix powers in so close range as it might hurt the other members. But now John didn't care after the emergence of 5 more members from the broken glass.

"We can fight like this all day and you will lose. It's better to let the leader of the Black Priests come out. I need to talk to him." John said. The new Black Priests who emerged stopped from attacking and 'looked' at John for a few seconds.

"Call your leader or we can continue the fight like this. I don't mind bringing the Asgardians in this fight. They would be happy to join us and with numbers we can easily overwhelm you." John said. But as he said that there was a rainbow bridge that fell near. Out came Thor and his friends. It was probably Odin and Heimdall who saw them fighting from Asgard and sent them to help in this fight.

"See, even Thor is here. Better call your leader. I am sure he is listening and watching all of this." John said again. The Black Priests turned their heads to look at each other and after a minute of deliberation they stood aside on a line making space for a new person to emerge from the multiverse passage.

Chapter 259: The leader

As the Black Priests made their way for their superior to arrive, everybody got to see a person emerging from the multiverse passage in the same outfit as other Black Priests. The only difference was that this new guy was wearing a weirder and bigger mask. He levitated down slowly towards them.

John got irritated with all the slow theatrics of this leader, especially when he knew the identity of their superior so he said

"Constantine, give me the staff."

"Ah.. Sure mate." Constantine said as he threw the staff of Shazam to John who was still in his Phoenix form. John caught the staff with his claws and shouted

"SHAZAM."

The next moment a huge lightning bolt fell on him from the sky. As the lightning fell the Phoenix form which had fire on his wings were now added by lightning spark all over the body. After the dust settled created by the lightning bolt, the Phoenix looked totally different now. He now looked so huge that even the people from the city of Kathmandu could see the Phoenix. There were lightning sparks all over him and instead of blue fire he had an orange colored fire.

John didn't waste any more time and directly flew to the leader's side. Before the leader could even determine what just happened he was caught by the claws of John and was thrown away with a huge force to the snowy mountains at the back.

The force of his throw was so huge that the leader basically went through a series of mountain ranges before stopping. This destroyed a lot of mountains. They all were dumbfounded by this sudden action of John. Nobody knew that Constantine had the staff of Shazam and even lesser people have ideas about the staff.

The Ancient One who saw that the mountain ranges were collapsing directed the mages to stop the mountains and avalanche from coming down and killing the people living on the foot of the mountains while she got ready for the retaliation from the Black Priests but surprisingly none of the Black Priests moved.

John on the other hand flew so fast to the direction the leader was being thrown that only few people could make out that John had flown away, while others thought that he just vanished.

John found the leader lying in rubble. John used both lightning and fire to hit at the leader and used his full force. The leader who just got back up was hit again by such a huge attack. He was again thrown away a few miles before stopping. John then proceeded to do the same cycle with the leader before he could even speak a word.

These actions of John were seen by everybody. Even the satellites of Earth could now see such a massive Phoenix bird flying around and causing destruction. Even though nobody died, the Himalayan mountain ranges had now officially become one of the ranges which housed the lowest peaks. Mt. Everest was totally gone.

All the governments who saw this got scared and immediately called Fury. Fury, who had no idea what had happened, called Wayne only to receive a vague answer of enemies arriving from another universe and John fighting against it.

After 5 minutes of flying around and using all attacks possible on the leader, he took the leader in his claws and came back to the position where it started. He then threw the leader to the center where everyone was present. The Black Priests surprisingly still didn't react to all of this. The mages had all gone away to secure the collapsing ranges. And even some Avengers joined them after seeing no reaction from Black Priests.

The leader seemed dead as most of them thought that no matter how powerful a person might be, such a continuous and huge assault couldn't be survived from.

"That's a nice trick you did. Called the leader and killed him. We should use such strategies." Arthur said.

"If only it was that easy. I know you are alive, Strange. You can stop pretending to be dead." John said. The Ancient One, Stephen, Mordo and some other mages shuddered when said the name 'Strange'.

The Avengers didn't know anything about the name Strange so they had no reaction. The leader who was seemingly dead got up slowly. Everybody was surprised as they didn't really expect that somebody could survive even after that assault.

"What is this guy's body made of? Vibranium?" Steve asked as that was the toughest metal known to them.

"No. He is using letters to defend himself. Isn't it right Strange?" John said.

The leader finally removed his mask to show his face and what some of them doubted finally came to be true. It really was Stephen Strange. Those who had been fighting for the last 15 minutes recognized him and turned their head to the person who actually looked like. Even though he had bruises on his face the Avengers could make out his identity.

Doctor Stephen Strange.

"Why do these two guys look the same? Is he the leader of these people from another universe?" Pietro asked. John didn't reply to that but asked.

"Why are you here Strange? There is no Molecule Man in our universe. Nor is there any incursion. You better give me a good explanation or else I don't mind locking you up at a place where you won't be able to utter a single word. Let alone finishing a sentence."

Chapter 260: Black Winter

Everybody understood that there were two 'Strange' from two universes and this Strange was 'evil'. The Ancient One looked at this new Strange and was surprised that this Strange was so powerful and had some weird minions. Even though she could look into other multiverses she couldn't keep track of everything and thus she had no idea about this 'Strange'.

"Your power looks like the Phoenix Force but yours isn't actually it." The new 'Strange' spoke up for the first time.

"There can be only one Phoenix Force in all multiverses. And I am not it's host." John replied. Strange nodded to that answer as he too knew there could be only one host to the Phoenix Force.

"Don't change the topic. Answer my question." John said as he transformed himself back to his original body.

"You are John Jameson? But in no versions of John are you this powerful. Your power is something that this multiverse has never seen. This is astonishing." Strange said as he still avoided answering him.

"Have you ever seen these guys before?" John asked, pointing to the whole Avengers lineup.

"You haven't, so don't speak about being a prophet in front of me." John said with a harsh tone.

"I thought I knew everything after becoming the leader of Black Priest. Seems like I am wrong." Strange said.

"Making you the most powerful version of Strange in all of the multiverse doesn't make you a God. Even Gods don't know everything, let alone you." John replied.

"Agreed. Well what is this Molecule Man and incursion you spoke about before? Can you tell me?"

"Huh. Didn't you join the Black Priests because of the fact that the multiverse was collapsing?" John asked as he was confused now. He actually thought Strange followed the comics and joined the Black Priests to find out the reason behind the collapse. That's why he wanted to speak to Doctor Strange and find out how much the multiverse had collapsed.

There was no actual reason to attack Strange, it's just that he was annoyed by how high and mighty he acted. Especially after joining a group that didn't care about good and evil and proceeded to obliterate everything just so that the multiverse could survive.

"No. Are there other versions of me that joined the Black Priests? As far as I remember there is only one multiverse in all of the multiverse." Strange said.

"The hell. If there is no incursion why did you join the Black Priests? You are from Earth-616. Aren't you?" John said.

"Yes. I am from Earth-616. I joined the Black Priests because I was invited as the multiverse started the defense mechanism to save itself from the coming wrath." Strange said in a very grave tone.

"Who is coming?" John asked softly as he had a bad premonition. Since even the face of such powerful Strange looked grave he knew the matter was serious.

"The Black Winter." Strange said slowly and steadily.

"Huh. Fimbulwind? Didn't Thor kill Black Winter?" John asked as he was more confused because according to comics the Cosmic Thor killed the Black Winter and he wasn't really that powerful as Thor actually single handedly defeated it.

"Where do you even get such information? This multiverse has never faced the Black Winter." Strange said.

"What?" John said. Now he was more confused than he ever was. All this time he thought the other universes followed the story of comics. When the Black Priests appeared he thought of the 'secret wars' comics and that was the reason he attacked. But now it seemed that the comics weren't actually true always. Maybe because he had interfered in the multiverse and thus the story was changing fast.

The butterfly effect that affected all of the multiverse and now the whole story was messed up. John became silent for a minute as he started contemplating the future which he was very unsure about now.

"So the Black Winter is coming. So what of it? Why come to our universe with such fan fare." John asked as this was the main question now.

"I wasn't sure before but I am sure now. Your emergence and the power you possess with all the new members in the Avengers has sparked the hunger of the Black Winter. So it is coming for this universe. We as the defense shield can only wipe away this universe to preserve all of the multiverse. After he comes here and eats this universe he would be unstoppable. This was the reason the Black Priests were established, wasn't it?"

"Earth 616 is more powerful than ours. Don't give me that lame explanation." John said.

"For now it is true. But can you say the same in the future? You are a Sorcerer Supreme. Aren't you? You yourself can look into the future. Look into it and tell me that your Earth wouldn't be as powerful as Earth-616." Strange said.