

Multiverse 301

Chapter 301: The Palace

John felt it weird that Loki would actively defend him. Loki was never like that and he was definitely thinking something to act in that way but he didn't ask, as he didn't want to call him out among the others and embarrass him.

All the other women in the army took their weapons and pointed at Loki, but since the whole thing was still an illusion it didn't matter to him. Angela who saw all this was little agitated as her trusted aide was being threatened so she promptly said

"Can we talk about it without using weapons?"

"We were under attack the moment we stepped in your realm. Do you think we are fools? You are from Heven and we belong to Asgard. We can never be friends. Especially after what they did to you. Since we have destroyed the furnace the only thing left is Heven to surrender. There will no negotiations." John said in a stern tone.

"Me? I am the Princess of Heven. Though I don't understand why am I being important here but we will defend against you imbeciles with all our strength." Angela said as she too got ready to attack.

"Avengers. Let's show them what we are made of." John shouted as he transformed himself into a Phoenix again with all the powers of Shazam. Though the army knew that the enemies had a huge bird burning on fire, they didn't expect that it was actually a person.

And then the Avengers attacked. And this time they didn't hold back. Since Angela was here they just needed to catch her. As the fight started, Ciri and others had arrived via portal and they too joined in the fight.

Ciri with her sword looked stunning but the problem was she still couldn't kill her opponents as John forbade them. Only after Angela knows the truth, they can do whatever they want. But the Avengers attacked the enemy with more power this time. Constantine, John, Aquaman and Victor flew around at high speed and used long range tactics to take down the so called 'angels'. These women, like before, had wings on their back.

The army of Heven didn't even know how to defend against such a powerful army. Even though their army was lacking in many aspects, it was Angela who fought bravely and she was actually good at it. Thor who saw flew opposite to her and said.

"Sister, I have come back to take you home."

"Who are you calling sister? Eat my sword." Angela said as she still didn't understand the reference. After saying that she waved her sword at Thor which he easily defended by using the Stormbreaker.

"Believe it or not you are an Asgardian. The first born of Odin. The Queen of Heven abducted you and now she made you the Princess to spite on Asgard. We have come back to take you home." Thor.

"Good lie. But it won't be effective on me. Do I look that naive." Angela said.

"Look around you. Do you think we even need to lie? Do you think we care about your army of Heven? It's because of you that they are still alive. If not all would have been dead by now." Loki said after defeating many women in the army.

"You Asgardians are all tricksters. My mother was right." Angela still didn't believe Loki and Thor.

"Thor, who are you trying to convince? Someone who had been brainwashed since childhood. It is better we make them surrender and then show what the reality is." John said as he saw them talking.

This time too the fight didn't take that long. Only Angela remained standing at the end with her sword in her hand. She had bruises on her body as she was hit by multiple people.

"That was fast. I was expecting another hidden ambush." Oliver said.

"Z bind her. We need to now talk with their precious Queen and settle this once and for all." John said. Everybody nodded and took Angela with them to the Palace.

There were guards in the palace but they too couldn't stop John's team. Soon they entered the main hall only to see the Queen sitting on her throne and being surrounded by some elite looking soldiers.

Like every woman here, the Queen looked stunning. More beautiful than all the others here. Enough to mesmerize men for centuries. Most of the men in the team felt it was a pity that the women here were the enemies.

Most of the single men in the team would have loved to go after the women. It was a shame that they were on the opposite side. And the way the story was going, the men would probably never be able to pursue the women here without being downright cruel.

Chapter 302: Precognition

"You gave us quite the welcome, Queen of Heven." Thor said after landing on the main hall. The elite guards of Queen were still pointing their spears at the John's team who just landed.

"I am sorry for that, we didn't know that the guests would be arriving. Please excuse our hospitality." The Queen replied.

"Skip the formality. I am tired of seeing this day in and day out." Mera said.

"Angela would be taken back to Asgard. She belongs there the day she was born to Odin. Heven will be under the rule of Midgard and Asgard. Now and forever." Constantine said.

The Queen trembled when Constantine said that because she didn't expect that these new people would know the real identity of Angela. She made Aldrif the princess because she wanted personal satisfaction of having someone of Odin's lineage with her.

Since Odin destroyed their future, her twisted mind thought of keeping Aldrif alive. Even though she was the princess now but in the beginning she wanted to torture her all day long. But later she changed as she thought Aldrif could be a huge asset to Heven.

And since Odin thought that her daughter had died, she thought the truth would never be out. But reality slapped her again like it did when Odin cut the world tree from her realm.

"I have no idea what you are talking about." The Queen said.

"We just spoke of the submission of your realm to Midgard and Asgard but all you could take from that was Angela belonging to Asgard. This already shows that she is really the daughter of Odin." Strange said, pointing out her reaction.

Angela was still bound in chains, looked at her mother and felt for a second that what the enemies said might be right. She felt that only for a moment before cursing herself to be swayed by the enemy. This was a taboo for her.

"Whatever! We are not here to entertain your toxic relationship with your daughter. Tell us, do you want to surrender or do you want us to make you surrender." John said as he grew impatient. There were other important things to do apart from fighting this illogical fight.

And since John had said so they all attacked this time. And like previous times, the Avengers didn't hold back. Though the guards were tough, they still couldn't stop the Avengers. The Queen surprisingly didn't react to all of this and sat on her throne. But her face looked a little listless.

The guards were different this time. They didn't hesitate to self harm themselves to bring the enemy down. John noticed this too as he saw a guard blowing herself up when facing Ciri. It was fortunate that Ciri just teleported away.

"Avengers. Just kill them. No need to be all goody two shoes with them since they don't appreciate it." John said. And this time, the Avengers didn't hold back. For the first time since they came to this realm they used their full power.

And the enemy were in horror to see the full power of them. Especially John, Thor and Ciri. Those three were worlds apart. Ciri's one slash killed a dozen while Thor's lightning electrocuted many. And John's fire and lightning made gory scenes all over.

Angela didn't expect that the enemy really held back when they fought them. She now understood that the enemies really didn't need the lies to take them down. The fight now didn't even last a full minute before killing all the personal guards.

Thor flew near the throne and put the axe on her saying

"For the crimes against Asgard and all 9 realms. For conspiring against the late Allfather Odin and deceiving my sister, you will be taken to Asgard and will be judged under the new King." Thor said.

"Hahahaha... Hahaha. You Asgardians still think you are top? I hate your arrogance to the bone. Heven will never surrender." The Queen said.

"Then I will gladly bring this realm to the understanding of where they belong." Loki said. All the Avengers now stood opposite to the Queen looking at her in a rather mocking face. John too transformed himself back to his original form, wearing the Helmet of Fate like always.

As everybody was happy that finally they got Angela and even the Queen was under control, John suddenly fell to his knees and screamed. As he screamed he saw some scenes in his mind.

A destroyed Asgard.

Dead soldiers.

Queen Figga bleeding from her abdomen.

Thor and Loki crying.

A person's back who wore a huge overcoat. That person had a huge black sword in his hand. That black sword gave a sense of fear that John had never felt before.

As John fell on his knees all the members of John's team got frightened. This had never happened before. They had never seen John screaming in pain. Even when he was impaled.

Chapter 303: Return to Asgard

Erza put her sword on the neck of the Queen while Victor was ready to shoot her. Thor tightened his grip to the Stormbreaker. They all thought that she did something to John and for this reason John just screamed.

They all wanted to kill her but the Queen had a confused look on her face when John fell because she too didn't understand why John reacted in such a weird way. She had seen him being transformed in a huge burning bird so any thought of opposing would be suicide.

"John, are you alright? What happened? Speak to me." Yen asked. After a small moment of silence, John pulled his helmet out of his head. He was sweating and felt like his head was being pounded by hammers constantly.

John took a minute or so to properly calm down and think what he just saw. He needed answers, so he said to the helmet which was levitating near him.

"Nabu, what was that?"

To the surprise of Angela and the Queen a voice came out of the levitating helmet.

"You had a precognition, a glimpse into a possible future."

"So the future isn't constant?" John asked.

"It never is." Nabu said.

"Hmm.. I understand."

"That was precognition into the future? What did you see?" Ciri asked as everybody was concerned about John's reaction. Though they were relieved now to know that John just had a precognition.

John shook his head as he refused to reply. What he saw was horrifying and he needed to stop it. He didn't know who that person in the huge overcoat was but that black sword gave him chills and reminded him of a story.

A story of pure horror and death.

And this story was related to Asgard. Well, at least in the start and later it diverged into a more terrifying enemy. If it was really that enemy then they would have a more terrifying problem than Black Winter.

"Thor, connect the realms. Take Aldrif away to Asgard. I am going back. Use all means necessary. I don't want any back stabbers in future. We have enough enemies of our own to have a back stabbing pesky rats lying around." John said in a very serious tone.

All nodded to it.

"Arthur, give me your Trident. I will need it." John asked Arthur.

"My Trident? Sure. Take it. But at least tell us what you saw in the future." Arthur asked.

"Death and destruction." John replied. The Queen now got a hint of what was going on. When she heard John's reply she laughed loudly.

"Hahahha.. Asgardians... That's what you all deserve death and destruction. Hahahah.."

Thor didn't hold it any longer and just slapped her straight at her face. The slap was so strong that she was flung away by a few metres and stopped after hitting the wall of the hall.

"No.. Mother!!" Angela cried as she tried to free herself from the binding of Z, but of no avail. She had a look of hatred on her face. John didn't care about the laugh of the Queen. He had enough on his plate to care about a small Queen who thought she was the leader of all realms.

John took the Trident in his hand as he might need the weapon. A God weapon.

After taking it John vanished and returned to Asgard. Since the fight happened in Asgard he needed to make sure that Asgard was safe from the start. He needed to secure the people.

He appeared again near the Palace and went inside to the main hall. He saw Frigga sitting on the side speaking with the guards and even Atreus was with her listening to everything. Frigga noticed John arriving but she didn't see other people with him so she was confused.

"John has there been any problem with Heven? Do we need to send soldiers?" Frigga asked.

"No Queen, I am here on another matter. Heven is under control. Aldrif has been found. Thor will bring her soon after connecting it to the 9 realms."

"That's marvellous news." Frigga said as she too was looking forward to meeting her once lost daughter. She would try to make up for all the lost time she missed with both of her daughters.

"But then why are you here?"

"I am here because there might be an attack on Asgard. I am here to tell you to move people to safety."

"Attack? From Heven?" Frigga asked.

"No. A single person mounting an attack. With a very powerful weapon."

"Is he very powerful?" Frigga asked as she could see the concern on John's face. She knew the enemy must be strong to give John such a grave face.

"If he is half as powerful as I think he is, he would be a disaster to Asgard and all the 9 realms." John replied. Frigga then looked at the guards and ordered.

"Evacuate the city. Engage all defenses. Atreus will be leading the people outside to the woods till this person who is our enemy is taken down."

Chapter 304: Connecting the realms

Meanwhile after John left, the team faced another assault from the army of Heven, but like previous times the attack was foiled easily. Even though John had left they still had enough power to foil any kind of attack be it from up front or sneakily.

Angela and the Queen were devastated by all of this. They never expected that a small party of Asgardians would be enough to bring the whole realm to its knees.

"Thor you need to go to the Water of Sights, there you can connect this realm with the world tree." Strange said. Thor nodded to that and flew away to location of Water of Sights with Triss and Ciri. They were powerful enough to protect him, if anything goes wrong in the process.

Arthur who was a King before knew the whole process of taking over a kingdom and directed what to do in order to fully control the kingdom. The Queen and the others were taken to the prisons and thrown in the cells.

There were resistance as usual but they handled it easily. After throwing them in the cells Loki said.

"We will need Asgardian soldiers to fully occupy this realm."

"Yes. We need to crush any kind of rebellion. I am sure the normal people will rise up against us soon. We need to quash them." Mera said.

"Let Thor connect this realm. Then we can proper measures against it." Erza said.

As this was all going on, Thor found out the location of the Water of Sights and started the process of connecting this realm to the World Tree. Only Thor could do it because the spirit of the World Tree guided him to connect the realm.

It took more than an hour to complete the connection. The moment the World Tree got connected, every realm felt it. All the powerful people of every realm felt that the long lost 10th realm was back in the picture after thousands of years.

Some realm felt that there might be a war soon so they prepared for war, Frigga who was busy in evacuation the people from the city, looked at the direction of the World Tree. She smile as she knew that the operation was successful.

Even John felt it from his magic and nodded.

After connecting the realms, Thor went out of the pond. He had a victorious smile and now knew what he needed to do. He needed to get to the roots of Yggdrasil to complete his quest that the World Tree gave him. Even though he wasn't sure what he needed to do but was ready to face any challenges.

After coming back to the main hall Thor said.

"We need to go to a planet named Halycon where the roots of Yggdrasil is located."

"Do we know what do we have to do after we reach there?" Oliver asked. Thor shook his head as he really didn't know.

"Then how do we know that this isn't some kind of ambush?" Constantine asked.

"It isn't." Strange replied who was sitting on the steps of the throne.

"How do you know?" Z asked.

"I have used the time stone before to look into multiple futures. I know to what the World Tree is leading us to." Strange replied.

"You used the time stone? Did that old bag allow you to use that?" Constantine asked as he too belonged to Kamar Taj and knew all the ins and outs.

"She didn't stop me, so I guess this can be said with me being allowed to use it's power."

"What is the world tree leading us to. And why is it leading Thor?" Erza asked.

"Ragnarok is coming. The World Tree is trying to help us stop it." Strange said.

"So there will be new power for Thor when we visit the World Tree?"

"That will depend upon Thor." Strange said looking at Thor.

"I will accept whatever power Yggdrasil gives me." Thor said.

"If only it was that easy.." Strange mumbled silently.

"Alright since everything is done we need to go this so called planet Halycon and be done with it fast."
Triss said.

"We need soldiers here." Loki reminded.

"Heimdall send some soldiers here. We will leave this realm now." Thor shouted looking up. Even though the people of Asgard were on the process of evacuation the soldiers were working perfectly fine. Heimdall and Frigga knew that Thor might need some soldiers for maintaining peace, at least for a short time.

As Thor said that, the Bifrost came down and out came many Asgardian soldiers. Thor directed them to take control of the management here. Zatanna was tasked to bring Angela to Asgard. Ciri opened a portal for her to go to Asgard.

With her new sword she could use her powers in a more better and smooth way. The Uru metal was made for the use of magic.

Chapter 305: Well of Mimir

"All ready?" Thor asked. Everybody nodded to it.

"Then let's vanish." Thor then proceeded to open the Bifrost using his Stormbreaker. The Bifrost opened and all got sucked into it, vanishing from the Palace where only the soldiers remained now to look after the realm.

They appeared on a small planet. The planet looked like it came right out of a fantasy movie. It was beautiful with plants, trees and small birds and animals roaming around freely. This was so beautiful that even Thor and Loki who lived in a beautiful place like Asgard took time to appreciate it.

As they were looking at the scenery, a small child manifested in front of them. The child looked like he was made of pure white energy. Like a God. And the child had two crows on his shoulders.

"Welcome guests to the roots of Yggdrasil." the child spoke. Nobody expected such a scene. Only Strange and Thor looked like they expected it.

"I can't feel any soul from it." Yen said. Triss too nodded at it meaning that the child wasn't actually real but just a magic manifestation.

"Please follow me." the child said.

"Brother, is that the child who had been coming to guide you?" Loki asked. Thor nodded at it. They started following the child. From afar they could see a huge tree-like structure that went up in the skies. Only thing was that the tree itself looked like it was made of energy like the child.

All were amazed at it. This was Yggdrasil that connected all the 10 realms together. Now they were able to see it clearly because the 10th realm had been connected again to Yggdrasil thus completing it.

After following the child for a few minutes they reached a well. A huge well. The well that had no end to it when being gazed upon.

"Thor Odinson, this well contains all that you wish for. The well of Mimir. Your father gained his wisdom and power right here. And now it's your turn. You have more potential than him. But every power comes at a cost. In order to gain something you have to give up something."

"What do I need to sacrifice? What price do I have to pay?" Thor asked.

"You can decide on your own what is worthy of sacrifice. And you too Stephen Strange. You both need to decide on it." the child said.

"Huh!!!" Everybody was taken aback by this sudden mention of Strange, including Thor. He thought only he was led here.

"What is going on?" Clint asked.

"Thor and I were both led here to gain powers. John knew about all of this from the very beginning. You remember after you spoke of the child, he said something?" Strange asked.

"Yes. he asked if you were ready to sacrifice. Odin's beard. He knew of this too?" Thor came to a realization.

"Yes. This is where we both change our destinies and become more powerful. I am not sure how powerful we will become but for this we will need to sacrifice an equally important thing."

"What do we need to give up?" Thor asked.

"Our eyes." Strange answered.

"My eyes? You mean I need to sacrifice my eyes to gain more power?" Thor asked, looking at the child. The child nodded his head.

"I understand." Thor said as he went to the side of the well. He took a deep breath inside. Nobody stopped Thor even though they felt sad. They knew there was no turning back from here. Even though they felt sad, all knew that Thor had already decided on it.

After the battle against Hela, he had changed and he kind of blamed himself for being so powerless. Now he would have a stronger power that they could ever ask for and if the price were his eyes, he would gladly give it away.

Thor then proceeded to use his bare hands to gouge out both of his eyes. This scene looked very gory as blood splattered everywhere. But Thor didn't even utter a single cry of pain. I was as if nothing had happened. After a couple of seconds of struggle he was successful in bringing out his eyes, laden in blood. And then dropped it on he well.

The moment he did so Thor's body was sucked into the well. Loki who was looking at all this brought out his knives as he felt they were being deceived. At first his brother lost his eyes and now even his body was taken away.

He was ready to assault the child and get some answers but felt a hand on his shoulder.

"Don't be impulsive Loki." Strange said.

"Impulsive? This damned well just took my brother away. Do you think I won't react? I accepted him giving away his eyes. But not this." Loki said.

"Your brother will come back. He needs time to absorb the new powers. The well took him away for that." Strange said in a calm voice.

"Don't tell me now you will do the same thing?" Loki asked.

Chapter 306: Rune King

Strange nodded at it as he too went to the well to give away his eyes in exchange of power. Loki looked at others thinking somebody would stop this madness but nobody uttered a word.

"Are you all absolutely fine with this?" Loki asked.

"I never knew that you have such deep emotions from your brother Loki." Arthur said.

"Don't mock me. Even though I did absurd things, I would never mortally hurt my brother." Loki said.

"Says the guy who stabbed Thor once." Oliver said. Loki just shook his head to it.

"Strange, are you sure you want to do this?" Constantine asked as he knew him from Kamar Taj.

"There is no other way. Do any of you have any instruments so that I can gouge out my eyes?" Strange asked.

"Let me help you with this." Triss said as she performed magic. A white light went straight into his and in a moment's notice the white eyes of Strange came out.

The eyes looked pristine and bloody. Unlike Thor, Strange screamed in pain as he had never been hurt so badly before but he still stretched his hand. The eyes fell on his palms.

Then Strange proceeded to throw the eyes inside the well like Thor did. Like Thor his body too was sucked inside the well. The child who saw all of this finally said.

"It will take time for them to emerge, you can roam around the planet until they return."

Listening to this many left to roam around. The things that just happened in the last few minutes didn't go down well with many of them, especially Loki. He still wanted to confront this child who was the main culprit in all of this.

The planet was full of beautiful places and many wanted to have fun here. There was silence and peace here. Even though in Ring too they had the same thing, it felt more ethereal and holy here.

It was like heaven in reality. This unique feeling came because of the presence of Yggdrasil and its roots in this planet. Seeing all of this Triss didn't hold back and used magic to make a small home for all of them to stay till both Strange and Thor came back.

Since the child said that it would take time, it might be possible that it might take days. All went inside the home and started talking among themselves. They were very much interested in Erza's story as she was new to the team.

Erza then recounted her adventures from her childhood till now. Their whole guild of Fairy Tail, the team of Natsu who was a dragon slayer. The fight against Acnologia and Zeref who were immensely powerful.

They never knew that Erza had such an interesting and could be said to have a sad past.

"So John said that the whole Fairy Tail guild will arrive at Asgard?" Loki asked. Erza nodded at it.

"Asgard will be happy to welcome such powerful people who are driven by justice." Loki said.

"Then they will be the first to hunt you down." Clint said, still mocking Loki. Loki in response made an illusion and placed a knife at his chest.

"Don't push your luck mortal." Clint in response also responded by hitting Loki in the face. Since it was just an illusion, it faded away the moment Clint's hand slapped Loki's face.

"Enough." Yen shouted.

"Be calm both of you. I know we all are agitated by what just happened. But we need to be together in this." Geralt said. All became silent when they heard this.

"I have made beds for all of you. Go and take a rest. We all had a long fight." Triss suggested. All got up and proceeded to the rooms made by Triss. All had their separate rooms.

After freshening up they all went to take a rest. They were really tired and needed sleep. In this way 2 days went by.

As time passed by many got agitated thinking Strange and Thor wouldn't come back. Ciri and Loki were almost ready to go looking for them in the well but Geralt and Constantine stopped them as they felt the two needed more time to absorb the knowledge and power.

On the third day there was finally movement near the well. After noticing it all ran to the well only to see Thor standing in front of them.

But there was a huge difference now. Thor's eyes now shined blue. His attire had changed now as he now had a blue armor with a usual red cape behind his back. But what really stood out was the nordic runes on his skin. And even his face had markings.

This was the Rune King Thor.

Now Thor had changed in the most basic essence. He was omnipotent in all of the 10 realms. It wouldn't be a lie if he was declared God in the 10 realms. Because his power levels did correspond to that of God here. Now Thor had the power to destroy galaxies. Forget about planets.

Chapter 307: God

"How do you feel brother?" Loki asked as he himself felt little awe towards his brother. Even though Thor had lost his eyes, he achieved something more powerful. A power that could influence the cosmos itself.

"Like I can finally control my own destiny." Thor said as he waved his hands. The surroundings which were full of vegetation turned into a desert in an instant.

The desert looked harsh and strong winds blew. And the scale of it wasn't small. It actually covered the entire planet with it. Then Thor again waved his hand to bring it back to the original scenery.

"Damn." Loki mumbled under his breath. He never expected his brother to be at a whole new level. Thor now 'looked' at his own self. He didn't realize that he had a new attire but he could feel all the new markings that were now all over his body.

Even though he lost his eyes he could feel everything around him. In fact he could even feel all of 10 realms without even needing to move a muscle. He could literally kill a person in the 10 realms just by his thought provided the person is not more powerful than him.

Even outside the 10 realms he would still have a power equivalent to God like the Power Cosmic though in a much smaller scale. He felt happy as he finally had the power to confront superior beings. He was sure that if he faced Hela, he would be able to stop her easily. Though killing might be a little difficult as her power was related to Asgard, nonetheless constraining her would be a piece of cake.

As Thor was checking himself out but suddenly there was a flash of light near him. The light came up from the well and flickered in front of him. Then in the next moment, the light transformed into a man.

It was Stephen Strange.

But he looked totally different now. His attire was Asgardian with an influence of Kamar Taj. There was a long staff in his hand that was flashing with small dusts of light around it. Like Thor, Strange too didn't have the eyes, but surprised everybody was that there was a third eye in his forehead. His other two had closed eyelids as he lost them.

If Thor looked powerful from the get go, Strange looked holy in this new setup. He looked more divine than the Asgardians themselves.

"Strange, you with us?" Constantine asked.

"Hmmm..." Strange as he looked at himself with his third eye. His new attire and everything. He even looked at the brand new staff that he just got. He could feel the power flowing inside of him. And like Thor he too felt omnipotent and all powerful. Especially near the world tree. (this is the second most powerful version of Strange. According to comics when Loki invaded his home and took over the mantle of sorcerer Supreme, he went to the yggdrasil to gain more power. In comics he sacrificed his dead dog, who loki killed before. You can look up Asgardian strange or God strange in Google.)

Yggdrasil had just chosen two warriors to defend this realm. Thor and Strange were the two of them. As all were looking at the two of them, the child that had appeared before came again.

Only this time there were no crow on his shoulders and the crows flew and sat on the shoulders of Thor. These crows would be his eyes and ears in all of the universe from now. Odin too had them, but these crows of Thor were more powerful and all reaching.

"Warriors. Due to special reasons you both had been chosen by the Yggdrasil as it's champions in the upcoming battle, defending the universe. May the cosmos be with you."

"Thank you for all the help and guidance. We will do our best to defend our home and this universe."
Strange said. The child nodded at it and vanished into thin air.

"Thor, what did you see in the last 2 days?" Loki asked as he was curious of what had happened when he was in the well. Thor thought for a second and said

"Met different Gods from many eras. They shared their wisdom and power with me. These runes on my body help me contain the power. I also met....." looking at Kratos.

"Who did you meet?" Kratos as he could see Thor eyeing him.

"Your father." Thor said slowly. Kratos clenched his fists when Thor said that. He hated his father to his bones. But he was dead. Zeus was nothing, just some old bones.

"He is dead. His afterlife is of no importance." Kratos said.

"He was a funny guy though." Thor said.

"Strange, what about you? Ready to take the mantle of Sorcerer Supreme?" Constantine asked. Strange nodded his head and said.

"I am. This new gained knowledge and power would be useful in the coming journey..... huh...."

"What?" Arthur asked as Strange stopped mid sentence and his eye shining bright in white light.

"We need to leave. John is now fighting a powerful enemy. He might need help." Strange said.

"Where?" Clint asked.

"Asgard. It's in ruins." Thor replied this time but his voice had immense anger now.

Chapter 308: All-Black

As all of this was going on in Halycon, Asgard received an unwelcome guest. A guest who had a very powerful weapon. John actually didn't fear the guy but that sword that he wielded.

The sword had a very terrifying reputation. It's name was even known to the Gods and the Celestials even fought against the actual owner of the sword.

Knull.

This All-Black sword or the Necrosword was essentially the first symbiote. Yes, the same species where Venom came from. The All-Black was manifested from the shadow of the evil deity Knull and tempered using the divine power of a slain Celestial. Primarily taking the form of a sword made from living darkness, All-Black was wielded by Knull during the dark god's deicidal rampage, earning it the monikers of the Necrosword and Godslayer.

Knull was the deity who belonged to the darkness from which the The Celestials made the different universes from. Knull didn't like that another party had come to his home and made his peaceful home dirty.

Knull, felt by creating universes the Celestials soiled his home and thus attacked the Celestials, even though he was defeated by the Celestials, he was able to kill some of the Celestials.

Knull knew that he wouldn't be able to kill the Celestials easily, so he created the Necro Sword. The first symbiote. When Knull made the sword he had to use a hammer striking at it. The hammer strike produced massive sound and the forge produced heat for its shaping purpose.

And from that point on sound and heat became the main weakness of the first symbiote and this trend continued to all of it's later generations. It was for this reason that Venom and all other symbiotes had weakness against sound and heat.

And of course even after making the sword, Knull was defeated again and decapitated (not killed). After that battle the sword escaped. Since the sword was a symbiote it was able to travel in space easily.

And after years of searching for a good host, he finally found one who was worthy of his host.

Gorr, the God butcher.

Gorr was a normal guy who lived on a very barren planet where their species used to go through hardships everyday just to survive. They lived a nomadic life and deaths due to hunger, hunted by animals, lack of water made their lives more harsh and cruel.

But even after all of this they worshipped Gods. They believed that Gods would make their life easier. Gorr too believed in the beginning but as he lost his parents, his pregnant wife he lost faith in Gods.

He was denounced from his clan for losing faith in Gods and was banished into the wilds alone. But destiny had other things saved for him. After twists and turns, The All-Black fell into his hands.

And since being the first symbiote, the sword had tremendous influence on Gorr, making him go into rampage against Gods. Gorr vowed to purify the universes from all Gods and hunted Gods actively everywhere in the Universe.

In the actual story, Gorr was defeated by three Thor. Yes, three Thor.

One from the past, one from the present and one from the future. It took a whole lot of power to bring Gorr down. And even then he later got resurrected from the All-Black which had previously escaped in the battle.

And now Asgard was visited by the same Gorr, well at least a version of Gorr in this universe. When John first saw the images and the sword, All-Black was what came to his mind. And since it was All-Black, it was probably Gorr since he was the second owner of the sword.

Truth to be told, John was scared at the beginning. If it was the actual Necrosword it would have been a very tough battle as it was one the top 5 weapons in the universe and might have needed all the forces together to defeat Gorr, but the moment Gorr landed with his spaceship on Asgard, John felt relieved.

Because with the help of Nabu and his magic, John was sure it wasn't the actual Necrosword. Though the sword had the same kind of power, the power of darkness, it wasn't so overwhelming that John would get serious about it.

"What's wrong with this sword? Isn't this the All-Black?" John mumbled.

"I have a feeling that this sword is just an imitation of All-Black. Not the actual Necrosword." Nabu gave his own thoughts. As they were conversing in John's head, Gorr finally stepped down from the spaceship with which he came here.

The spaceship was huge but it was piloted by him alone while he searched for Gods all over the universe. When he heard of Asgard he immediately steered his ship to its location.

The sword always followed him, but surprisingly it seemed agitated the moment he stepped at Asgard. It was as if the sword was afraid of something.

Chapter 309: A fake one

"Gorr, the God butcher." John opened his mouth to speak after Gorr landed.

"You know me? Have I become that famous?" Gorr as if he felt embarrassed that he was famous. John felt it weird with this reaction of him, as he expected a more serious version of him. John then looked at the black sword in his hand.

The black sword looked like it was a part of his hand. And small strands of it covered his entire body making it look like a cool black attire. When John focused his magic on the sword he felt the sword shaking. And that shaking was not because of excitement, but out of fear.

John smiled at it as he knew that the symbiote sword must have felt his phoenix power. Even though his power is passive and he never shows it to others, some beings could always sense it.

"Can you tell me why my Necrosword is afraid of you?" Gorr asked.

"Necrosword? Hahaha.. What lies has the sword fed you to think this sword is the Necrosword? If it was the real Necrosword I would have never faced you alone. This is just a fake. An imitation. The real Necrosword would never be afraid of me."

When John said, the sword trembled. The sword didn't think this new guy here would know the real Necrosword. Gorr's face became serious when John said that.

"How dare you say my friend is a liar. Die!" Gorr said as he used his sword to make a cut motion at John. John easily dodged, but the momentum of the sword made it touch the ground.

And this caused a huge wave of destruction around it after it impaled into the ground. Even though it was a fake Necrosword, it was still powerful and could easily cause massive damage to anyone in its path. It might not be able to kill actual Gods but dealing a serious damage might not be an issue.

John who saw this was also amazed. Even a fake one was this powerful, he wondered what the real one was like.

"Didn't expect this fake one to have some real power. Gorr, I respect you. Your history of rising from nothing but ashes is commendable, but your hatred has consumed you. Gods are not omnipotent that they will save everyone on every turn. They are called Gods just because they are more powerful." John said.

"You know nothing of me. I have lost everything. And Gods are to be blamed for this. They didn't help any of us. None came for our rescue when we most needed them. I will purify this universe of this curse called Gods." Gorr said in a harsh tone now. His expression had taken a turn from the happy go lucky guy that John saw in the beginning.

"This purification is just a way to cover your own weakness. Your weakness of not being able to rescue your family, your loved ones. This just shows your insecurity. If you are really so good then you should have rescued and saved the weak ones since you are all powerful now. But instead you let the hatred consume you." John said.

"Shut up!! Just shut up!!!" Gorr shouted as he used the sword to give another blow at John. John continued dodging him. But Gorr's wave destroyed many things in its path. The houses, the streets, the marketplace place were all getting destroyed by his assaults.

"The truth hurts. Isn't it Gorr?" John asked.

"You are a God too, aren't you? I will capture you and then show you the heads of your loved ones. Maybe then you will understand despair." Gorr said in a twisted voice.

"God? No. I am just a normal human being. I am not even Asgardian. I am here because I have business here and I don't want to see anybody being hurt by such an insane guy like you. But since you threatened my loved ones, I will have to take this fight seriously now. Didn't you want to know why the sword was afraid of me. I will show you."

And then John transformed himself to a full Phoenix form. The sword was shaking terribly now. The sword didn't expect John would have such insane power. Even from a distance it could feel the heat coming out from the body of the bird.

The strands that were clutched to Gorr's body were receding now slowly as it fell into weakness. And if John's presence wasn't enough, Thor and the whole team appeared behind John.

He turned his head to look at the new versions of Thor and Strange. Whatever he had imagined in his head for the new Strange and Thor, it was exactly like that.

"How dare you attack my home?" Thor shouted the moment he appeared. He used his Stormbreaker to hit Gorr. And since Thor's power level was different from the past, that hit alone threw Gorr at least a few kilometres away.

Chapter 310: Symbiote

"You just destroyed more of Asgard than he ever did." Loki complained. Thor looked embarrassed of what he just did. His attack was so powerful that the surrounding buildings got destroyed. But he was never going to admit it. So he said

"It killed him. So be happy about that."

"Attacks don't kill him. Only fire and sound are his weaknesses." John commented.

"Well done brother. You are powerful but you have lost the ability to think. I am sure Yggdrasil took your brains too when you sacrificed your eyes." Loki again mocked. As they were all having a kind of jolly time, Gorr got up and walked towards them.

Everybody was really surprised as they expected the hit of Thor would at least hurt him, but not even a wound could be seen. They expected him to be alive but never expected him to be perfectly alright.

It was because the symbiote sword can heal a person very fast if it was in a normal state. Since Thor's hit sent Gorr away from John, it allowed the symbiote to get back to its power.

"Nothing can kill me and you all hypocrites will die under my sword." Gorr said in a loud tone.

"Seems like the sword never spoke to you about it's weakness. This makes it easy." John said as he flew in fast speed towards Gorr. He didn't want to stretch this fight any longer.

John hit Gorr with both his wings together in flapping motion. Gorr and the symbiote both felt the heat and screamed in pain. John was so fast that Gorr couldn't even dodge or defend against it.

"Strange make ultrasonic sounds surrounding the area to contain him. I don't want him to run away." John said. Strange nodded and waved his staff.

Huge speakers appeared out of nowhere surrounding both John and Gorr. The speakers were pointed inward so that the Gorr wouldn't be able to run away from any sides. Before Gorr could react, the speakers started producing sounds.

And like last time, Gorr screamed in pain. All the symbiote strands that were attached with Gorr were now receding from his body. John's fire was already damaging enough for the symbiote and now the sound was like double swords stabbing at him.

Gorr started crawling out of the area but John caught him with his wings.

"You aren't going anywhere. Didn't you want to kill my loved ones? What happened to all the big talk you just shouted?" John said.

"Get me out of this place then I will show you who is stronger." Gorr said, trying to insinuate John.

"You have no idea, do you? You are just a pawn in someone's larger plans. Nothing but an ant who has no idea whom you are actually against. Your bloodlust has consumed you way too much to even understand that you are being used." John said.

"I am happy that you came straight at me as honestly I wasn't able to find you using my magic. But thanks for coming to my door yourself. Now just die." John said as he used more fire to burn the body of Gorr.

Gorr screamed in pain again as his body was burning. The symbiote tried to defend for sometime but it too started receding completely to the sword form. And after a whole 5 minutes of burning, nothing remained except for a small path of black on the ground.

Nothing was left of Gorr's body, not even his bones. John felt like the scene from Fullmetal Alchemist Brotherhood where Roy Mustang burned Envy for a long period of time. That was one of the most satisfying moments in anime history for John.

The small black patch on the ground was still trying to slide away even after being hit by fire and sound continuously.

"After all of this, still think I will let you escape?" John said as he used his normal hands to hold the black symbiote.

"Please leave me. I will be a great weapon for you. Serve you till eternity. And make you stronger." the symbiote said after turning itself into a small mouth. It looked funny because Venom used to do that with Eddie but in his case since Venom had already bonded with Eddie, it used to make a full face while talking with Eddie.

But here since this symbiote didn't have a host, it could only use the little power it had left to turn itself into a talking mouth and try to convince John.

"I can never be a host to a symbiote. My basic power comes from fire, so sorry to burst that bubble." John replied.

"Wait, wait. You said you have your loved ones. I am sure they are not as powerful as you. I can choose them to be my host and give them protection." the sword again tried convincing.

"That's not a bad idea, but who is your allegiance too will be when Knull comes out? Me or the Hive?" John said.

