

Multiverse 31

Chapter 31: The conversation

"Who are you? What are you? What is your purpose? How come you know so much about us?" Fury asked in a more calm way this time.

"Haven't you done your homework on me? Don't worry I am not an alien. The reason why I know about you is for another reason. But that's not what you really want to know, do you?" John said as he sat beside them.

"It seems like Coulson has watched Naruto. So it will be easier for me to explain. Whatever story you have watched at Naruto is a real story, well, except for some of the deaths. Due to certain reasons their universe has started merging with our universe and their world has entered the planet earth. This process almost started an year ago and now their world has completely merged with planet Earth. Of course by merging I don't mean that they live on Earth. The reason why you haven't noticed the existence of them is because they have hidden themselves in a smaller plane which is aligned with Earth. All the people living in the villages and countries are now in that plane. Now they have showed their faces because they needed information about this world and I was the mediator for them" John said in one breath.

"So you are saying their whole world has collided with our world. Aren't they aliens? Is there any reason behind it? What are their purpose? Did they initiate this? And how are you connected in all this?" Fury asked curiously now.

"Fury there are infinite universes out there. You must have heard the theory of parallel universe. If you haven't you should give it a read. Their world is just another parallel universe and due to unknown reasons their world has merged with us. Don't look at me like that. I really don't know the reason of this collision. But I can tell you this, their universe isn't the only universe to merge with us. Some more universes will soon start this process" John said.

"Oh you moth***er!!" Fury blurted out after listening to this. Even though Fury didn't believe what he said but the facts in front of him showed that whatever John is saying might be true. Coulson after listening to the conversation finally remembered something and asked,

"Mr. John if what you said is true then there must be the 5 Kages. If you really want us to believe this can you let Director meet the 5 Kages?"

"It seems like you really have watched the whole series. Yes there are 5 kages. The fight today with the monster was their decision to intervene in order to attract your attention and have meeting with you and the world council behind to negotiate their merge with earth. Even if they live in their own plane they need Earth's help for trade purposes. They are even ready to trade some of their science and technology with you all. Fury, I advice you to go and watch the whole series before meeting the 5 heads of their villages to understand their character better. And Fury tell your world council not to conspire against the world of Naruto. The ending will not be good for them. Politics is nothing in front of real power."

"Though it's naive to think on my part that there will be no conspiracies from your politics but let me remind you and your world council that they are basically assassins, so for them to turn over a government is very easy. Bullets, missiles and even your nuclear weapons are useless to them. SHIELD and governments of countries won't even know what hit them if they decided to do so." John said.

"Ok. Fine! I will think on it and try to arrange a meeting with these so called heads. But they need to meet me first before having an audience with the world council. Don't worry I will warn the world council" Fury thought for a moment and gave a decision.

"Sure then I thank you on behalf of them. Sasuke you have heard what he said you can go and inform them. Arrange them in a location and their SHIELD will pick them up." John said to Sasuke while blatantly giving orders on behalf of SHIELD.

Fury raised his eye brows when he heard this but didn't reject it. "Sasuke will soon contact you. You can take his number from me" John continued and said to Fury. After listening to this Sasuke vanished from his spot without even speaking a sentence during the whole meeting.

Fury had been eyeing Sasuke for the whole time now as he himself felt that the person was dangerous. It was as if his instinct almost screaming to him saying not to make any funny movement in his presence. After he disappeared, Fury relaxed his nerves. The past few moments were one of the most stressful in his life. It reminded him of the incident with Carol.

"Ok now tell me what is the deal with you. How come you know about them? And you said there might be situations like that. What do you mean by that?" Fury asked John now.

John smiled and replied,

"My situation is a bit special. You can think of me bit of like a middle man. When I sleep I can dream of different worlds and their stories. It's in this way I know about you two and your identities and Naruto's story. It started few years ago and from this knowledge I was able to build such a huge empire in such a short time. But soon I realized that this was not all to these dreams, which led to the current situation."

"Last year the 5 kages approached me as they knew that I already know their story from animation. Even if their planes are separated by dimension barrier they can come and go into earth as they please. But anyone who doesn't have permission can't enter their dimension. You should actually thank me for this. I made a complicated process simple. " John said a whole bunch of lies with a straight face. He didn't feel any wrong saying this as this story was mixed with truth.

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Fury became silent after hearing this. Whatever John said can be inferred as real as he had some weird ideas which propagated his rise in such a short time. His deeds can only be described as legendary. Now Fury felt thankful that John existed otherwise he would have been in the dark all this time and it might have spiraled into an uncontrollable manner.

Now at least he has some information of the other party. From Coulson's hints he could infer that these so called 5 Kages shouldn't be bad and he could take a week to watch the whole series and get to know their story.

"Fine! I believe you for the time being. Would you like to join SHIELD? Of course not as an agent but in another department" Fury asked John finally. He would like to get the first hand information from him about the coming of new worlds. He didn't want to be passive like this and take the initiative to contact them.

"Sure I could join SHIELD as consultant. Keep the military away from me. But don't put a security detail on me as it will hamper the other party from approaching me. I would like to mention that I will still continue creating series and movies as that will help the other party approach me. Movies can be said as a gesture of good will towards them. Fury, some of the people that might come in the future can be really powerful so you might not even find them so it's better to do this ritual. Oh yes! Have you blocked the news of Bee and others? The world isn't ready yet to know the news of Bee and that monster." John said as he didn't want to expose his secret.

Fury after thinking quite a bit and seeing the power of Killer Bee agreed to this.

"Yes SHIELD is controlling the situation. I have handled Ross as he created quite a scene in Harlem. The White House isn't happy about him and consulted us to handle your situation. Coulson will be the liaison on this matter and you can contact me directly when you get new information about new worlds." Fury said as he already had a headache thinking of the explanation he would have to give to the world security council.

"Yeah about that, in a few months or weeks there might be a new guy soon."

"Mother**er!" "Sh*t" Fury and Coulson almost shouted out loudly after hearing John.

"Don't tell me it's the Transformers." Coulson thought of John's works and speculated that only the world of Transformers might collide with their world. He was both excited and worried thinking about this.

"No no Coulson it's not Transformers. It's about the new movie I am making which will release in a few weeks time." John said.

"Tell me about this guy" Fury asked John.

"If you and Tony ever had a child in the future, then this new guy would be that child. Being a great inventor and a detective, he is someone who walks in shadows and like you Fury, he doesn't trust anybody. You should know how to deal with such people. So don't try to find him. Even though he hasn't arrived yet he will come soon" John said with a smirk.

If one problem wasn't enough for SHIELD now they have another guy who is like him but more dangerous. Fury now really had a huge headache.

"Give me more information about him" Fury said.

"It's fine he hasn't arrived yet. His story is a bit sad so you can watch the movie. He won't be coming before the release of movie anyways so you can rest assured. Tomorrow there will a trailer too for the movie. You can check it out".

Fury didn't insist on this as he has enough headache now. Receiving the location of the 5 Kages he was surprised. He thought they would be in a single position but their locations were separated. This made him trust John a little bit more as he never went to these locations ever before.

After discussing the necessary process of approaching them he and Coulson left as he had too much work to do.

Jameson returned home few minutes after their departure and he already knew that Killer bee had appeared in Harlem. He excitedly asked John about the situation and was dumbfounded when he learnt that the whole world of Naruto has merged with earth. John lied to him too as he didn't want to tell his secrets to anyone.

Surprisingly there were no videos or any new information in other papers about the wreckage of Harlem. It seemed like it never happened.

"SHIELD really has too much power in this world. Sigh! As long as Hydra doesn't affect me I don't really care of what they do." John thought.

The same day, a new trailer for a movie came out from the official channel of Disney on YouTube.

The trailer started showing a small boy falling in an unused well and someone speaking in the background saying,

"Tell us Mr. Wayne what do you fear?"

Chapter 33: Similar stories and the meeting

The video then showed a young man in a dirty room with an another older man in suit. The young man asked "How do you know my name?"

"Well the world is too small for someone like Bruce Wayne to disappear" the other man replied after coming out of the shadows. The trailer played while showing glimpses of many interesting and fascinating scenes and ended with a man dressed in black with pointed ears on this head and at the end it showed the name of the movie.

Yes, the movie John chose to create was Batman Begins. The famous movie of Christopher Nolan. John was a great fan of DC in his previous life and he wanted to make things right in this world for the DC universe. While shooting of the film, he directed Nolan to make Batman more flexible and show more fighting scenes. Because he would incorporate this version of Batman in the DCU.

John had enough confidence that this movie would inject sufficient amount in his depleted number of fan values. In addition the sequel would inject a higher number in future.

The internet went mad at that moment because no movie ever showed a superhero apart from Captain America. And Captain Rogers' movie was more of a propaganda than a movie for all. This was a new refreshing theme for movie lovers and it specially came from Disney which has a huge reputation of making great movies.

In the next few days there was a buzz in the entertainment sector of the media. Many speculated that this movie was a silent arrow shot to Tony Stark as in the trailer the hero clearly lost his parents who were rich and inherited their wealth but later turned out to be superhero. Some people even debated on the fact that John and Tony had some secret rivalry and people were divided in the comments section of the trailer.

Fury also paid attention to it and was actually relieved when he watched the trailer. He felt at least there is no huge danger. Even though he wasn't sure if this 'Batman' had any powers but he felt that "Batman" wouldn't be outrageous like the world of Naruto.

Fury had a meeting with the world council before and told the exact situation he learned from John and said about the meeting in a week. The world council happily obliged as they could get intel from this so called new world and exchange ideas. They had their own ideas about this new world and they saw it as a way point to exploit a new world. They said they could definitely strike a deal of trade as it would be beneficial for SHIELD too.

Fury told all the agents of SHIELD to watch Naruto series so that every agent could understand the other party's powers better. By that time almost all the agents knew about the new situation. Of course all the agents had to keep this information secret.

Obviously the Hydra agents felt that the vision of Obito was much better and idealistic than these 5 Kages as they felt in real world the people would forget their hard won war and humanity will enter the

same cycle of hatred. Only absolute control could maintain absolute peace. Pierce was already making plans on how to use this in his favor and had to make necessary plans.

Soon a week passed by as the scheduled meeting was set in morning. After a long time all the five members of the world council met with each other. Every Kage was brought to the main headquarter of SHIELD in Washington DC via the quinjet. All the Kages wore the same dress as they did during the last 5 Kage summit meeting with a huge squared shaped hat and a cloak.

At around 11 am all the Kages arrived. All the agents that were in the Triskelion came to the windows and crowded near the doors when all the Kages arrived. Every Kage was followed by a bodyguard. The agents were excited to see such legendary characters. They all have watched the Naruto series and they knew all about all the 5 Kages.

Nick Fury personally came to meet them near the door.

"It's an honor to meet you all. I am Nick Fury. Welcome to the Triskelion. I hope your journeys were a pleasant one".

"It's a pleasure to meet you too Nick Fury. Even though you have already known us but it will be rude not to introduce myself. I am Naruto Uzumaki, the seventh hokage and the jinchuriki of the 9 tails. Man, your mode of transport is so cool. I would really like one myself. This Kurama is such a useless thing. He has such awesome powers but he can't fly" Naruto said with a hint of regret.

Nick Fury almost fell down when he listened to his complain. "I guess only he can mock the almost invincible 9 tails and get away with it " Fury said in his heart. He wiped away the invisible sweat from his head. "Sure we would love to provide some quinjets for you all so that you can travel faster" Fury said at the end.

The other Kages introduced themselves. Fury felt he was living in pins and needles. Each character present here was powerful enough to destroy the Triskelion with a single swipe but felt lucky that they were on the good side. Even if they would never be under the thumb of SHIELD, it was good enough if they could become allies.

Chapter 34: The negotiation

Soon Nick brought them to a big closed room with no surveillance. he didn't want to be fancy and sneak away anything as this meeting was very important for future and he wanted to convey a good will.

They all set down. The meeting with the world council was scheduled after the meeting with Fury as he wanted to personally talk with them. The world council approved of this as they felt even if they know their story, they weren't sure if the story was true. It would be better if Fury can judge their character after meeting the personally.

"We would like to open trade with you and establish a proper trade route so that we could sustain ourselves. In exchange we can allow some of your agents to visit our villages and even learn our ways of fighting. Even though you don't have chakra in your body I am sure our way of fighting will be suitable for you all." Gaara said immediately after sitting in his chair.

"He really is a person with no nonsense as opposed to Naruto who likes to blabber a lot. They really are the same as in the series. I guess John can be trusted in this regard, but why do I feel like he is hiding something? Or is it just my overthinking?" Fury thought to himself. "Sure Kazekage we will happily cooperate. It's just that we don't have a big department for logistics. We might take more time but rest assured we will work around the clock for it. We will also like if you could share some medical personals from your villages."

"That can be done I guess." Chojuuro said timidly.

"Speak up Mizukage. You are a great shinobi and last generations of 7 swordsmen. Have some confidence. And there better not be any shady things behind the scenes. We will know immediately if that happens." Kurotsuchi said. " We will also accept limited number of mercenary operations from SHIELD. Of course we will take money in return as we ninjas also need money. Of course only Chuunin graduates will be allowed to take the missions. Oh yes. John might have said it but I will add again. Don't try to trick us. Naruto might be gullible but we are not. We don't mind reminding the people out there why we are ninjas." She added.

Fury was delighted when he heard that because having Chuunin personals would mean having already top rank forces for SHIELD equivalent to Captain America with weird powers. "Sure we would love this cooperation even more. And I will make sure there are no conspiracies against you all."

"But do keep in mind that the missions would be evaluated first by the management in respective villages and if we think that the mission has a problem that doesn't go by our ninja way we will reject." Darui added

"Of course I understand that. I will also help you all to provide identities so that you can come to our world." Fury said hurriedly

Fury knew that they lived in different plane than the Earth's and in fact in these few days he tried searching for any weird energy all over the earth but the science department of SHIELD said there is no such thing in whole earth and everything was normal.

"The further negotiations can be done under the presence of the world council and we could sign relevant papers for it." Fury said at the end.

Everybody agreed and went outside to bring all the 5 members of the world council in the room. After couple of minutes they came as Fury assured them that the story John depicted is probably true as their characters were same like the story.

"It's my honor to meet the famous 5 Kages. I am Gideon Malick. How are your children Mr. Naruto? Are they well?" a member of the world council said as he approached Naruto.

"Don't speak about them. Boruto is still a headache. Only Himawari is the sensible one. But it's my own fault. After coming to this world I am trying to spend more time with the family." naruto said with a small smile in his face.

"Hahaha. I have a daughter myself. I can totally understand your thoughts" Gideon said with a laugh.

Shikamaru who came with Naruto approached and said "Hello all. I am Shikamaru Nara of Konohagakure. I am the advisor for the Kages and I will be responsible for the negotiations in this meeting. I hope you all can accept it.

"Sure. Fury will be our representative. Let the negotiations begin. We will like to include exchange of technology, share of medical knowledge, mercenary operations on behalf of SHIELD in the negotiations." Yen, one of the members of the world council said.

"Sure, Let's start with the share of medical knowledge..." Shikamaru started providing proposals. Sometimes Fury added his own perspective and input. After a hour of negotiations a deal was reached

between the 5 Kages and world council. The negotiations were very fast because the world council didn't want to provoke an enemy like them and they got new knowledge and personals with almost paying the price equivalent to nothing.

Chapter 35: The awaited superhero movie

June 4th, 2008

Today again there was a red carpet premiere in LA and John came for it with his family. The premiere for "Batman Begins" was a grand one partly because the American audience loved superheros and the story seemed like it was based on Tony Stark's life and this movie was silent jab to Tony's legacy.

After coming to the premiere John was surrounded by reporters again. "Mr. John, what are your expectations from the movie?" one reporter asked.

"I have very high expectations from it and we have already decided that there will be a sequel to the movie soon." John said. This was a new information for them and they immediately asked John about it but didn't reveal any more information about it.

"Mr. John, some say that this movie is based on the life of Tony Stark and you taking an aim to him. Is that true?" another reporter asked.

"Of course not, I know the media is trying to portray in such a way but let me assure the story has nothing to do with the life of Tony. This is just a made up conspiracy theory" John said with high confidence even though the reporter didn't feel he was speaking the truth. "Excuse me! My friend is here. I need to say hello to him" John said after rejecting further questions.

"Hey Coulson, What's up? Fury didn't come to the premiere? I heard Sasuke saying that the negotiations went good. Congratulations" John said as he approached Coulson. Coulson came as he was the liaison of John and gather information from the movie about this new hero who is going to come to Earth soon.

"Thanks Mr. John. I would like to know when will Mr. Bruce come to earth?" He asked.

"You can call me John. You don't have to be formal with me. Treat me like a friend. He will arrive soon. Maybe within a month. I am not sure yet" John replied. "Thanks John. " Coulson replied

After few minutes of talking John noticed that an acquaintance also arrived. John didn't expect his presence. He could already see that the reporters were flocking towards him.

"I can wholeheartedly say me and Mr. John there don't have any rivalry. Don't try to find make weird stories from your conspiracies. Me fighting a person almost half my age is hilarious. If the military people hear about this they will laugh at me and cancel the contracts on ground of this. Don't you think so Mr. Jameson" Tony said as he noticed John approaching him.

"Of course Mr. Stark. I have already told them the same thing but they just refuse to believe me" John said with a smile. " I am surprised by your presence here Mr. Stark. Thank you for coming and sorry for not giving you an invitation. I didn't think you will be interested. Congratulations for winning this year's Apogee Award." John said

"Thank you! though the ceremony in a few weeks. You should come with me for the ceremony. Your ideas surprised even me kid. I am sure we can come up with something good. You can be my assistant in this." Stark said. He still had the arrogance which continued his entire life. John didn't mind his arrogance as he has the capital to back it. "Sure Mr. Stark. We will have lots of things to discuss in the future. Now let's go and watch the movie. I am sure you will like it" John said.

The movie started with a boy playing hide and seek with a girl and while hiding from her he accidentally fell into a well and suddenly the bats living in the well attacking him. The shot changed and then showed a young man with handsome face in a foreign prison opening his eyes. He had a fight soon with the inmates and then was caught while in the middle of the fight and thrown to a locked cell by the guards.

Suddenly a man came out of the shadows and said "Are you so desperate to fight criminals that you lock yourself in so that you can fight them one at a time"

"Actually there were 7." The young man said.

"I counted 6 Mr. Wayne" The man in suit replied

"How do you know my name?" the young man said with solemnness now leaving his careless attitude from before.

"The world is too small for Bruce Wayne to vanish". The man in suit said "My name is Ducad, but I speak for Raas al Ghul, leader of League of Shadows". He continued by saying his purpose of his presence and asked him to join a group of warriors fighting for justice.

The movie followed by him going to the place where Ducad asked him to go and joining the League of Shadows.

Chapter 36: New function of the system

The movie followed almost as the original Christopher Nolan's original version. But the fights were more exciting and fast paced than the original. The movie went on with him refusing to kill criminals and burning down the whole compound of League of Shadows.

After he returned he decided to do something about the rotten city of Gotham. And with the help of his steward Alfred, policeman Gordon and Lucius Fox's fancy gadgets, suits and a modified vehicle he started a cleaning process in the city of Gotham wearing a bat suit. But soon realised there is a larger conspiracy at play in the city.

After much investigation he found out that there will be a terrorist attack on the city that will destroy the city and the astonishing thing was that his company's hand was there in this attack. As he investigated more the person behind the whole operation came out. That person was Ducad, who he rescued when he bombed the compound of League of Shadows. He turned out to be the real Raas al Ghul.

Raas said in order to clean the city there needed to be cleansing in full scale and this can only be done if they killed everyone in the city. The audience exclaimed at the plan and lunacy of Raas. Then Batman fought Raas to stop him in the final fight in a train. The train crashed and Batman glided away before the crash with the fate of Raas being unknown.

John wanted Raas to be alive for later period as he needed Raas to be more comic accurate and had grand plans for him. He didn't know how the system evaluates his movies and worlds. As there were different versions of Raas. There was a different Raas in the Green Arrow series and a different Raas in the animated movie. He hoped that there will be no conflicts when he brings the characters to life.

The movie ended with a post credits scene of Gordon asking for help from Batman with a new criminal that has risen in Gotham called Joker. People really loved the movie and gave a big applause. Tony too loved the movie as the movie's story coincided with his life a lot but there were differences.

The movie was produced by the subsidiary of Disney named as DC. Though people didn't know why there was a subsidiary for Batman's production they didn't think much about it. In 2 weeks the movie earnings reached a whopping 300 million dollars. Almost reaching the original box office earning in such a short time.

[Ding

Total no. of fan values - 120 million

Fan value required to bring the character Batman (George Clooney's version) to life - 2 million

Fan value required to bring the character Batman (Christopher Nolan's version) to life - 40 million

Fan value required to bring the character Batman (Jack Snyder's version) to life - 60 million

Fan value required to bring the character Batman (Jay Oliva's animated version) to life - 80 million

The fan values required to change yourself will be half of of the character's fan value.

Fan value required for batmobile (Christopher Nolan's version) - 2 million

Fan value required for batmobile (Zack Snyder's version) - 2 million]

Suddenly John had a weird thought and asked the system " System can I combine two versions of Batman together?"

[Ding

Yes.

Which versions does the host wants to combine?]

"I want to combine Zack Snyder and Oliva's version. Is that possible. If yes then how much will be the cost?" John asked excitedly

[Ding

Calculating...

The fan value required is 100 million]

"It's probably due to less difference between these two versions. Well anyways extract the combined version of Zack Snyder and Oliva's version with the 2 types of batmobile ,the Zack Snyder's version of batwing and Alfred (Zack Snyder's version)" John said

[Ding

Characters and items extracted. You can summon them whenever you like.

Remaining fan values - 10 million]

"All fan values gained by the movie gone to ashes. Sigh! The stage for Iron man has been set." John said excitedly as he was lying down in his bed. Tonight he would have a good sleep.

July 2, 2008. Las Vegas

"As liaison to Stark Industries, I have had the unique privilege to serve with a real patriot. He is my friend and he is my great mentor. Ladies and gentlemen, it's my honor to present this year's apogee award to Mr. Tony Stark" Colonel Rhodes said and waited in the podium for Tony to appear. But Obadiah Stane appeared instead to receive the award and gave a speech.

John too attended the ceremony and he wanted to say his farewell to Tony before his change. In addition he wanted to see who was Colonel Rhodes as he had changed in subsequent movies and saw that it was Don Cheadle's character. Before when he fought against Abomination, he noticed it was Mark Ruffalo's character. "So I guess the universe corrected itself here" John said in his heart

Chapter 37: The kidnapped Stark

After the ceremony was over Rhodes called Tony to find his whereabouts. John already knew where Tony was so he directly went to the casino after the awards slowly. After he came to the table where Tony was, he saw Rhodes having a conversation with Tony. After losing the money in the gambling table he was ready to go home only to see John standing and looking at him on the opposite side of the table. Rhodes left after reminding Tony to be on time for the flight to Afghanistan.

"Hey kid you didn't come to ruin my luck in the gambling table. Did you?" Tony said as he approached John. Behind Tony stood Happy. John looked at him for a couple of seconds as in the original world Happy's actor was the director of Iron Man movie. He looked at Happy but didn't say anything.

"No Mr. Stark I just came here to see you. I was in the award ceremony and I just walked in here only to see you." John lied

"Well don't drink here. If you get caught the media will tear your good image apart" Stark said with a laugh

"I never drink Mr. Stark. Well I heard you are going to Afghanistan tomorrow. You should be careful there as that place isn't safe now." John reminded me once

"Don't worry I will be fine, the US military will protect me as this weapon is important for them." Tony replied without much care. John just shrugged and didn't say anything. He didn't want to change his trajectory as this journey is important for him to change himself.

After saying goodbyes to each other John moved away and saw from afar as Tony took a reporter into the car after she interviewed him intensely. John just smiled after he saw that. John returned home by flight the next day.

As per the original timeline Tony arrived late by 3 hours to his private plane to Afghanistan. As the flight attendant closed the doors of the plane felt a gust of wind pass by her. But she didn't feel anything wrong about it.

Somewhere in Afghanistan

"... They say the best weapon is when you never have to fire. I respectfully disagree. I prefer the weapon you only have to fire once. That's how Dad did it, that's how America does it and it's worked out pretty well so far..." Tony said a long speech and continued "For your consideration, The Jericho"

After showing off the missile's capabilities he went to the military Humvee. Soon he got a call from Obadiah asking about the situation and Tony replied happily.

After Rhodes leaving in a separate way, Tony and the convoy rode towards the military base. Suddenly there was an sound and the forward Humvee exploded. They were being ambushed. There was a fierce battle between the soldiers in the convoy and the the people who ambushed. The soldiers were outgunned and outnumbered. Tony after realising the dire situation made a run for his life but soon a missile flew and got stuck near him. Tony after seeing the name tag on the missile tried making a run but it exploded before he could do so.

As soon as the convoy was hit, SHIELD got the immediate information about the ambush and sent agents to find out what happened. After Fury knew the whole process he was agitated. He immediately called Coulson to start searching for Tony. Even after 2 weeks he couldn't find Tony. Fury was really stressed now and he immediately called Kazekage.

"Hello Kazekage, I would like to apply for a mission. I want a team of your ninjas to be sent to Afghanistan to find Tony Stark. He is an important asset for SHIELD"

"Ohh. I have got the information. But sadly I can't help you in this. Because there is another person from another world who has his eyes on Tony. We don't want to be in conflict against him. But don't worry he is a good guy. I am sure he will bring Tony back" Gaara replied.

"Another guy from another world?" Fury stopped for a couple of seconds "OK I understand. Thank you Kazekage" Fury replied and immediately called Coulson.

"Coulson stop all your activities in finding Tony and come back. We need to go to meet our consultant. We have a new visitor." Fury said. Coulson understood the meaning and asked his team to stop all operations and return home.

After returning the next day, Coulson and Fury went to the new home of Jameson. Jameson bought a new home in Long Island with a view of the ocean. Much further away from Stark Tower. And even the Daily Bugle news headquarters shifted to a new building far away from Stark Tower.

Chapter 38: The rescue

"So is Mr. Bruce after Tony Stark?" Fury asked. Fury and Coulson have both arrived at the house of John to ask about Tony.

"Yes. Tony is rich. Batman is interested in his intelligence and knowledge. You might get a surprise when Tony comes back. Don't worry. Nothing will happen to Tony Stark" John said.

"Fine, I will wait for him" Fury said

Somewhere in Afghanistan

When Tony woke up he found himself in a cave. He saw that there was a small tube being fed inside his nose. He pulled it with some irritation. But then the reality stuck him. He saw a metal circle like device being attached to his chest. There were 2 wires connected to it and the wires were connected to a battery. He wanted to remove this but then he heard a voice

"I wouldn't do that if I were you" said a man who was shaving his beard.

"What did you do to me?" asked Tony with a desperate expression.

"What i did to you? I saved your life Tony" said the man and then he explained how this device is stopping him from death but this battery would only last a week. Tony now was really scared. As Tony was lost in his thoughts, he heard a banging sound at the door.

Soon three people came inside and started speaking a foreign language. The man translated the language for him. They wanted Tony to make Jericho which he directly refused. As a result Tony was tortured and after that they brought Tony outside to show their weapons which was all provided by Stark Industries. The terrorist ordered again to build Jericho for them and this time Tony accepted the arrangement.

"....They will never find you in these mountains. Look what you just saw, that is your legacy Stark. Your life's work in the hands of these murderers. Is this how you want to go out? Is this the last legacy of the great Tony Stark?" the translator said.

"I shouldn't do anything. Even if I do they will kill me, you, in a week" Tony said.

"Well then this is a very important week for you" the man replied. Soon Tony got an inspiration and started building the famous miniaturized arc reactor for his chest. They both got acquainted during the building process and Tony came to know that the man's named was Yinsen.

"How much energy can it generate?" Yinsen asked after seeing arc reactor.

"Should be about three gigajoules per second" Tony replied.

"That could run your heart for 50 lifetimes"

"Or something big for 15 minutes" Tony added to it. Now Tony had enough energy to make a metal suit out of the energy from the reactor and started building on it immediately.

It took them almost two and a half months to almost finish building the first Mark 1. But soon the terrorists realized there was something wrong going on and confronted Tony and Yinsen. A bald guy approached them and threatened Tony that he would kill both if they don't give them the Jericho missile soon. Tony assured that he would finish it soon for them.

In a few days time the whole template of Mark 1 was ready and as Tony was getting ready in the suit the terrorists realized there was something wrong and came knocking heavily at the door. As the door was rigged with bomb when they tried barging the door blasted away. Tony ordered Yinsen to follow the procedure and load the functions.

They could hear that the other terrorists were coming after hearing the blast. But Tony insisted on continuing but soon Yinsen said that they didn't have time.

"We need more time. I will buy you time" Yinsen said after loading the whole procedure which would few seconds to upload and ran outside with a gun lying on the door step.

"Stick to the plan, Yinsen. Stick to the plan" Tony shouted as he knew what would happen when Yinsen ran out. Tony looked desperate but couldn't do anything. When the Tony was ready with his suit and started walking out he was barraged with bullets but they couldn't do anything to Tony.

As Tony came out near the mouth of the cave he saw Yinsen lying in a pool of blood.

"We had a plan. C'mon you have a family. We are going out to see your family"

"My family is dead. I am going to see them now Stark." Yinsen replied somehow. "It's Ok I want this, I want this"

"Thank you for saving me" Tony said with tears in his eyes

"Don't waste it. Don't waste your life" Yinsen said before closing his eyes. Tony got up with much anger and went towards the mouth of the cave. He didn't realize that after he got up Yinsen's body sank into the earth as if the earth swallowed him.

As soon as Tony came towards the entrance he was barraged again by loads of bullets. But as they were they were shooting there was a sudden explosion behind the gunmen who were shooting and it instantly killed many gunmen. The terrorists moved their head to see what caused he explosion only to see few missiles flying towards them. They couldn't even react before being blasted by the missiles.

Tony was shocked when he saw it and thought the military finally found him. After the dust settled he saw a medium sized black colored aircraft with exquisite finish was hovering in front of Tony. And from the glass panes of the aircraft he could see a person sitting inside wearing a black half covered mask with pointed ears.

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After the glass panes slid out the person in the mask came out of his seat and jumped to the other edge of the aircraft. and sat down on the edge while the aircraft hovered by itself in front of him and the person just looked at Tony from head to toe.

"Who are you?" Tony said. He had some guesses in his mind but he could hardly believe his own guess.

"I thought John informed you about me." the man in the mask said.

"You are Batman? You really are Batman?" Tony blurted out.

"Yes, I am Bruce Wayne" the man replied. "I have been watching you for over a month Tony. I have to say I am impressed" he continued.

"What? You have been spying on me? Then why didn't you save Yinsen before? He was innocent. I thought you are a superhero" Tony said with some anger.

"Relax Tony, Yinsen is alive. He is being treated now by someone. Come in . I need to send you to the military base. They are going haywire looking for you." Bruce said.

"What? Yinsen is alive? How is that possible? I watched him die. Are you sure you are speaking the truth?" Tony said with some agitation.

"Relax. I am not the only one here to monitor your situation. Even though I haven't met the other guy I knew he was there to protect you. He took away Yinsen. I am sure he will be sent to you soon when he will be fit." Bruce said.

"Fine! I will trust you for now. Wait let me remove my suit." Tony said. He chose to trust Bruce because he knew if Bruce really wanted to kill him he could have used his aircraft to blow him up. By what he could see, he was sure the aircraft had powerful weapons system that could kill him even when he was in suit.

After removing the suit he climbed up to the hovering aircraft and proceeded to sit on the co-pilot position. Bruce too sat on his position.

"Don't you want to destroy your suit?" Bruce commented.

"It doesn't matter. This suit is useless without my reactor." Tony said nonchalantly with a hint of pride in it. Bruce already knew the whole story from John's memories so he didn't comment anything more. Tony was too naive for this world. He needed a wake up call and Obadiah would give him that.

After tying the seat belts they flew away. Tony was curiously looking at the inside of the plane and he could see that the technology was of high level. Tony had sparkles in his eyes as he thought of many things. He had many questions but he knew that it wasn't the right moment to ask.

He needed to get back home and find out who was selling his weapons to terrorists. And more importantly he needed a cheeseburger. Living there for 3 months was like a hell for him. Soon the Batwing arrived near the base in a stealthy manner.

"Go on Tony. Go home. John will soon come to speak with you. We have a lot to discuss." Bruce said as Tony climbed down the plane. After that Bruce flew away without saying a farewell.

"This guy has more attitude than me." Tony murmured.

As Tony approached the base he could see the guard tower outside. He waved at the guards. At first the guards were pointing their guns at him but as his face became clear he immediately called his superiors. After a few minutes Rhodes came running with worry on his face

"How was the fun-vee? Next time you ride with me. Okay" Rhodes said as he hugged Tony.

The next day a military airplane landed in LA at Stark Industries's private airport. Tony came out of the plane only to see Pepper waiting for him.

"Your eyes are red. Few tears for your long-lost boss?" Tony said to Pepper.

"Tears of joy. I hate job hunting." She replied.

"Yeah vacation's over." Tony replied.

"Hogan take us to an hospital." Pepper said to Happy.

"No. There are two things to do. First I want a cheeseburger. And second I want to hold a press conference" Tony interjected.

"A press conference? why?" Pepper asked with

"Hogan drive. Cheeseburger first" Tony didn't answer her.

When they arrived at the press conference, Obadiah was waiting for him. Tony hugged him while eating the burger. Then he saw John standing and watching him a little far away.

Tony, Obadiah and Pepper walked towards John with a smile. "Thanks for the heads up. You saved my life." Tony said.

"I am just a messenger Mr. Stark. I am glad that you are safe." John said.

Obadiah who listened to the conversation was shocked as he didn't know what happened in Afghanistan. From the conversation it seemed like John helped saving Tony. After thinking this he clutched his hands in anger but didn't show any impressions on his face.

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"Well Mr. Stark you should go to address the press conference" John continued. "Just call me Tony from next time. I owe you a life kid" Tony replied.

"Sure Tony." Tony and Obadiah then went to the podium for the press conference. Obadiah just said a greeting and thanked John along the way. Pepper too followed Tony and thanked John for saving Tony even though she didn't know how he saved Tony but she was grateful nonetheless.

As Tony came to the stage he sat down and said " Hey would it be alright if everyone sat down? That way you can see me and I can see you" All sat down and even Obadiah joined him and sat down beside.

From a corner Coulson approached Pepper and said " Hello, Miss Potts, can I have some moments with you?"

"UMM. I don't know anything. You can ask Tony there who is on the stage" she replied

"I am not a reporter miss Potts. I am special agent Phil Coulson of SHIELD. I am here to debrief Mr. Stark on what happened over in Afghanistan" Coulson said.

"We have already been contacted by the DOD, FBI, CIA.. We have already said that we don't know anything"

Before Coulson could reply her they heard a voice saying

"It's fine Coulson. You will get your answers soon. He will be joining too. You really took my advice. Didn't I give you a nice abbreviation? I should get the naming rights."

"Umm hello John. I was going to ask you too about this. Is he coming? " Coulson said as he saw John beside him.

"Mr. Jameson you know this agent? That's great. He can ask you about what happened. I am curious too about what happened out there" Pepper said

"Please miss Potts.. Call me John. Actually I too don't really know what happened out there. 'He' will come soon. You can go and tell Nick that he will contact soon" John said. After listening to this Coulson left

"I never got to say goodbye to Dad. There are questions that I would have asked him. I would have asked him how he felt about what the company did. If he was conflicted, if he had any doubts." Tony said. " I saw young Americans killed by the very weapons I created to defend them. I have become part of the system which has zero accountability."

"What happened over there?" asked one reporter

"I had my eyes open. I came to realize that I have more to offer to this world then making things blow up. That is why, effective immediately, I am shutting down the weapons manufacturing divisions of Stark International until such a time I can decide the future of the company" Tony gave the announcement while standing up and it sent the reporters in a frenzy.

Obadiah stopped Tony from saying anything more and said "What we should take away from this is that Tony's back"

After Tony came out he saw Pepper and John and went towards them. Obadiah joined him with a sullen face.

"Well that went well. What do you think the over-under on the stock drop is gonna be tomorrow?"

"Well approximately 40 points" Tony replied.

"That's a minimum" John said this time .c(o)m

"Well the news papers will be very happy to see this new development and make a headline saying you have won in this supposed war between us." Tony said to John with a laugh.

"Well then I better start buying all the stocks that I can from tomorrow. I have great faith in you Tony" John replied. This surprised all of them as they didn't expect John to buy the stocks after it falls through that would be a loss, of course if the company's stocks rises again in future then it would be a different ball game.

Tony just smiled at his words and didn't say anything and took them to the big arc reactor that was built. Obadiah wanted to see the small arc reactor as he already knew from beginning. John and Pepper also saw it after he opened his buttons. Pepper and John both gave a serious look to it. Even though John already knew the whole story but it still surprised him when he saw the arc reactor up close.

"Ok. John come with me. We need to talk." Tony said and he went to his car. John and Pepper joined him. Obadiah went on his own way as he has to handle the storm that was approaching for the company.

They reached Tony's famous home in Malibu and entered through the gate.

"I have got to say Tony, I envy your big home, it looks stunning" John said with envy.

"Well you are ok to move here if you want. I don't have anyone other than myself here." Tony said without much giving a thought.

Suddenly a voice said "Welcome back sir."

Tony didn't reply but John said "Hello Jarvis. It's nice to meet you"