

Multiverse 371

Chapter 371: Norrin Radd

John spent the whole journey in boredom. He really wished that he could just teleport if he knew the location of Norrin Radd, the name of the Silver Surfer.

Norrin belonged to the planet Zenn-La. An extremely long-lived and technologically advanced humanoid race which had created a worldwide utopia devoid of crime, disease, hunger, poverty, and want of any kind.

Norrin's life changed forever when Galactus came to invade his world and consume it. Radd offered to become his herald and seek out new worlds for him to sate his hunger in exchange for Galactus sparing Zenn-La. Galactus agreed, transforming Radd into a silver-skinned, cosmic-powered super-being.

And thus his journey began. Being herald for Galactus for a long time, until he met the famous Fantastic 4. Due to the Fantastic 4's help he was able to free himself from the clutches of Galactus. And surprisingly, Norrin kept the Power Cosmic with him.

Now Norrin was kind of an intergalactic policeman like Ms. Marvel of their universe. And since he wielded the Power Cosmic it was not possible for John to just search for him. This was the reason John was travelling to find him.

And after almost 3 months John finally found him.

On a planet which was untouched by any civilization.

"Boss, the person you are looking for is on this planet. This is where the pointer ends." Blackbird said.

"Hmm." John said as he started using magic to scan the whole planet. He didn't see the face of the Silver Surfer but he felt it. And he was pretty sure Norrin also felt that someone just scanned his planet.

"Let's go and meet him." John said as he wore a helmet and vanished to the location where Norrin was.

When John appeared again he saw a silver-colored shiny humanoid sitting on a fallen tree. His whole body was super reflective but he looked noble. It was as if being near him only provided calmness and tranquillity. The birds were chirping around him. And a few metres away from him was his famous surfboard.

Levitating on it's own.

John started walking to him. And like Norrin, the birds too gathered around John. John was the essence of life force energy so like Norrin, the living beings would be attracted to him.

"Hello Norrin." John said.

"Norrin!! That's a name I haven't heard in a long time... Thank you for reminding me of my roots. Hello host of Phoenix Force. I am sorry I don't know your name."

"I am John Jameson of Earth 1999999." John said.

"A person from another universe? That is rare. From what I can feel you aren't exactly his host. Is there a problem?" Norrin asked.

"No. The Phoenix is still in its egg form. And during this phase it chose me." John said the truth.

"Hmm. No wonder. I am still confused though. Your body emits the essence of so many things. And that watch of yours. Why do I feel it is as dangerous as the Ultimate Nullifier?" Norrin asked while eyebrows creased.

Ultimate Nullifier, the device which Dr. Reed used to ward off the attack of Galactus when he visited Earth to eat for the first time. It is considered as one of the most powerful weapons in all of Marvel multiverse. Same level as All-Black.

"Because this watch is as powerful as the Ultimate Nullifier. And my body emits different auras because there are many powers that resides inside me. I am the Lord of Order and also the ruler of Babylon." John replied honestly. There was no point lying to a person wielding Power Cosmic.

"Hmm. Having such a powerful weapon by the host of Phoenix Force is understandable. Why are you here Mr. John Jameson. It's been sometime that I could feel that someone was searching me. I presume it is you." Norrin asked.

"Yes. It was I who used magic to search for you. I need your help" John replied.

"Oh.. tell me.. How can I help you?" Norrin asked.

"I want you to help me meet someone." John said.

"Who?"

"Galactus." John replied. Norrin, hearing that name, trembled. He directly got up and started walking. The board came flying by to his side.

"Don't leave Norrin. This is very important. The fate of the universe is at stake." John said as he saw Norrin leaving.

"The fate of the universe is always at stake Mr. Jameson. I can help you in all other matters. But not him. I am sorry. You can go and search for other heralds of his." Norrin said. Galactus did choose another herald after Norrin left his service.

"I can but you are his favourite. I have no other choice but to come and seek help from you." John said. Norrin had already got on his board to leave. He wasn't even in the mood to talk. As he started flying out John shouted

"Black Winter is coming."

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Norrin Rodd suddenly stopped when John said that. He flew down again. Now he was interested. He had only only heard once Galactus spoke of Black Winter in all his life and there was fear in his voice when he said that.

Even though he didn't know what it was, he understood that Black Winter must be something extraordinary to even scare the devourer of worlds.

"Tell me more,"Norrin said.

"Well Black Winter is coming. Imagine Galactus on a multiversal scale. That is Black Winter. That's what it does. And that's what it has been doing since ages. Including eating the same cosmos that Galactus came from." John said.

"Oh so all our multiverse is at stake?" Norrin asked.

"Not exactly. The Gods of the multiverse have decided to isolate my universe so that Black Winter doesn't devour everything. So we are alone now and only Galactus can help us in dealing with Black Winter." John said

"Why are you sure that Galactus would help you? For all I care, he will join Black Winter and devour the universe as he loves doing that." Norrin asked.

"You are a herald of Galactus. Do you like it? Being trapped and not able to do anything." John asked.

"Though I have freedom now, I always have to look on my back, if that's what you are asking. I can never enjoy a life of full freedom." Norrin said. His tone was sad. He wanted to go back home but he couldn't. In fear that Galactus would come one day again and devour Zenn-la. He could never take that risk.

He even needed to leave his lover and be the servant of Galactus for such a long time.

"That is what Galactus feels. Just like you. Because he is the herald of Black Winter. Just like you." John said as finally dropped the main bomb of Galactus' true story in front of him. Norrin's eyes went wide when John said that. He got visibly agitated.

"What did you say? Say that again." Norrin said.

"You heard me right. He is the herald of Black Winter. Like you he was sent to guide him to this multiverse, which he hasn't done. For this reason I believe he never came after you. Because in you, he sees himself." John said.

"This.. How is this possible.. All my time with him, I could sense a cold person who doesn't have any emotions. He is just hungry all the time." Norrin said.

"His mother was a hero in her home planet. Do you think that won't rub on him?" John said. Norrin got silent when he heard that. He didn't know what he needed to do based on the information he just got on Galactus.

"Are you sure he will help you? if Black Winter is so powerful, he might not even show his face. As you said, the Gods have isolated your universe. He could just hide away. Like me." Norrin said.

"He can. But this time, he has me. A host of Phoenix Force and a huge team of powerful Avengers. I am sure he will help us." John said.

"So you are banking on Phoenix Force. the power which you have no control of as of now." Norrin asked sceptically.

"Yes. But I want to try. Let me see if I can convince him." John said.

"But if I go, I will never be out of his clutches ever again." Norrin said sadly.

"I promise you this. After this you will be out of his clutches forever." John said. And John was really going to free him from the clutches of Galactus forever. It would be easy for him to do that. He felt nothing but pity for Norrin so he decided to help him.

"Are you sure about that?" Norrin said.

"You yourself said, my watch is more dangerous than the Ultimate Nullifier. I will use it." John smiled as he showed Norrin his omnitrix. Norrin got silent. He was contemplating now.

This could be his chance to get away from Galactus, but this could be his doom too as he was sure that if Galactus thinks of confronting Black Winter he would have to fight Black Winter.

He could easily die in that confrontation. But on the other hand, if John kept his promise, he would be free forever.

"This is the only option I can give you, Norrin. I would meet Galactus, whether you like it or not. I just want you to be free and this is your chance." John said.

"Hmm.. Alright. I will go with you and find Galactus. I just hope you have enough strength to talk with him face to face." Norrin said.

"Oh you don't worry about that." John replied with a smile. And thus they both set off. Norrin and John vanished from their place and were in the spaceship now. Norrin looked around the spaceship and asked.

"This thing is alive?"

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"Yes, it is alive. Meet Blackbird. My personal spaceship in this universe." John introduced Blackbird.

"Hello." Blackbird responded.

"Hello. I am Norrin Radd." Norrin said.

"Welcome aboard. I hope you will like the journey." Blackbird said.

"Blackbird take me to where Norrin asks you to." John said as they needed to travel again as Norrin couldn't say the coordinates exactly.

"Sure." Blackbird said. Norrin pointed in the direction and they took off. And thus another long journey began. Though it wasn't a boring one. John was interested to know about the silver surfer history. Even though John read it in the comics he wanted to know more about him.

Even Norrin was interested to know about the host of Phoenix Force so they both exchanged their sides of the story. John then spoke of Black Winter and how they came to know about him.

He was amazed to know that the multiverse had so many beings and the Black Priests. Thus they normally spent time talking and exchanging ideas. It took another 3 months to travel.

Finally one day after months of travel John got to see Galactus.

From far away. And John was amazed by the mere size of him. He thought Arishem's size was big as he was much larger than Earth itself. But Arishem would probably be a kid in front of him.

The size of Galactus was almost the size of a galaxy. John had a mental preparation of the size Galactus would look like but he surpasses his expectations by a mile.

His face looked exactly like he was in the comics, though the color combinations were different but it wasn't far off. As they were approaching, Galactus who was just closing his eyes and levitating opened them.

Simply the opening of his caused the nearby planets to shake. Galactus saw the spaceship coming in his direction. He squinted his eyes and in a blink of an eye he started shrinking in size.

Soon the size of Galactus was just like Arishem's. John sighed when he saw this. Just this move alone showed how powerful he was.

"Ready to meet him?" John asked in a solemn tone.

"We have to.. No.. I have to. This is my last chance to be out of his clutches." Norrin said as his surfboard came to him. John put on his Kryptonian breathing apparatus. He felt sad. He still needed that to come

to space. John hoped that after becoming full host of Phoenix Force some drawbacks of his would go away.

Blackbird opened the hangar and they both got out. They then both started flying to Galactus. As they were approaching John could feel that Galactus was looking at them. He was looking at Norrin. Even though he looked at John for a few seconds, his eyes were more on Norrin.

They both finally stopped near the face of him. There was an eerie silence around as it was space. And this silence was kind of stifling. Finally Galactus spoke, even though it was space, his voice was heard by both of them. Probably because of the Power Cosmic wielded by him.

"After so many years you have come back for service?" The voice was heavy and loud. The voice had majesty that John had never heard before. John was sure that his voice was enough to kill mortals. He didn't even need to devour the world.

"I have not come back to serve you. I have come back with news. The news that is important to you." Norrin replied.

"What kind of important news is it that you have come from so far just to inform me." Galactus asked, now being little interested. His favourite has always been Norrin no matter who he chose next as his herald.

Galactus didn't even bother to reprimand Norrin for his absence. That was the reason he didn't say anything when Norrin refused to be of his service again.

"My friend here will deliver you the information." Norrin said as he pointed to John.

"A host of Phoenix Force? He is still too young to talk to me. It will be better if you tell me Norrin." Galactus said not even looking at John. Even though technically they both belonged to the same category, John wasn't the actual host yet so Galactus never cared.

Moreover, Galactus and John belonged to opposite camps. Him being on the side of life force and Galactus was responsible for devouring life force. John looked at Galactus while he squinted his eyes. It was the first time he was looked down upon.

Even the Priest Strange never looked down upon him. He directly used his omnitrix and changed himself.

To Alien X. Galactus was taken aback by this sudden transformation. He could feel that this new person which the host changed into had never appeared in front of him. And like him, this new being was powered by something cosmic.

And if this wasn't enough, Alien X started to get bigger. And in the blink of an eye the size of Alien X was exactly as the size of Galactus

Chapter 374: The balance

"Now can we talk?" John said and like Galactus his voice too travelled without any problems across space. Both Galactus and Norrin were taken aback by this sudden change. They didn't expect that John was able to do such a thing and both could feel that John's powers were like them.

"What are you?" Galactus asked as he got intrigued by this new host of Phoenix force. He had never seen such a being ever before.

"A celestialsapien." A voice again said which sounded like it was said by three different beings.

"Celestial? Do you belong to that race?" Galactus asked as he thought John belonged to the Celestials.

"Don't categorise me with them. I never have any connection with them." John answered and this time with a bit of anger.

"Let's leave my origins. We both have unspeakable origins. But the problem is I know of your origins. Galan of Taa." John said. Galactus' eyes squinted as John said his real name out loud. He never expected someone totally out of nowhere knew his actual name.

"Never expected an unknown guy would know my origins. So what of it? I don't think it matters where I came from." Galactus replied.

"It doesn't. You did what you had to do to survive. But the problem is you made a deal with the devil." John replied. Galactus looked at John with more stoic eyes now. He had done many things in the past and he made many bad decisions. He just wasn't sure what John was referring to so he was silent. John seeing that Galactus was silent and refused to speak said

"Black Winter is coming."

"What did you say?" Galactus shouted out loud. He was visibly shaken when John spoke about Black Winter.

"You heard me right. Your master is coming." John said. Galactus got agitated when John said that Black Winter was his master. He never spoke of this to anyone. Nobody knew of it.

Until now. He became angry when John said that Black Winter was his master. He hated being a part of him. And John just reminded him that.

Galactus then did not know what to do when John said that directly punched John. And John, who was expecting this attack, blocked him with his hands. And then after blocking him, punched back. This punch hit Galactus right at his face. This small move was enough to push Galactus back.

But that wasn't the highlight of all this. The highlight was the nearby planets and asteroids got destroyed into nothingness. This attack was felt by most of the planets nearby. Galactus who was pushed back was ready to hit John again but before he could do that a person appeared right in front of them.

A person of the same size as them.

A person who had three heads levitating over the shoulder with no neck. The other two heads were covered while others could see only his one face. The body looked golden in color.

Yes!! The Living Tribunal, the judge of the multiverse was here.

John's eyes squinted when he saw this because he knew this guy. This was the 'Living Tribunal'. The actual balance controller of the multiverse. The person who never interfered until there was imbalance in the universe.

"Can you guys calm down?" the Living Tribunal spoke.

"He was the one trying to hit me." John just shrugged his shoulders when he said that. Galactus, who was ready to hit John, stopped. Even though he wasn't afraid of the Living Tribunal, he didn't want to get on the wrong side of such a guy.

"Sorry, I couldn't hold myself when he said Black Winter was my master." Galactus said.

"Did I say a lie? You are his herald. You have been hiding from him since this multiverse started. Hiding and thinking he would go away. And now he is back. Hungry for my universe." John said.

"How? How do you know this? Nobody knew of this. Nobody!!!" Galactus said.

"How I know doesn't matter. What I want to know is what will you do about this matter?" John asked. Galactus was silent for sometime, but finally clenched his teeth and hands.

"Of course I will fight against him. Me, being an herald of him doesn't mean anything. My powers are not fueled by him." Galactus said with a hint of pride. His Power Cosmic was really wasn't fueled by Black Winter but by the Eternity from the previous multiverse.

"But your hunger is fueled by Black Winter." John responded. Galactus became silent when John accused him of that. His hunger for worlds was really fueled by it.

"Why are you here?" John asked now to the Living Tribunal who was watching the conversation of both of them. He too didn't know that Galactus was the herald of Black Winter. This was a total new information for him. (He is omnipotent but the moment John became the host his omnipotence lost on John and all the other Gods)

"I am here to stop you from causing more havoc in the universe." the Living Tribunal said. his tone was bland so John didn't know if he was angry or sad.

"They deserved it." John said as he understood what the Living Tribunal meant.

Chapter 375: The infinity stones

"But this has created an imbalance in this universe." the Living tribunal said.

"Imbalance? You dare speak of imbalance. You all isolated our universe. You chose to leave a whole universe with nothing. Don't you dare say those words." John said it out loud. His words echoed everywhere. His words were heard by all of the higher beings.

"We have no other choice. We need to think of the multiverse." the Living Tribunal said.

"You are right. You thought of the multiverse. So here I am. Thinking of my universe and did what they deserved. None of you can say that they didn't deserve it. They had become way too arrogant. I know that this universe's actions matters to the multiverse but I don't give a f**k. They will remain depowered until I deem them worthy." John said. The Living Tribunal sighed.

Since John himself was a representative of Phoenix Force they couldn't undo his actions. He was the same level as them and even more so now. This new form of John surprised all. None of them had seen such a weird powerful being ever before.

"What are you both talking about?" Galactus said.

"None of your business. So are you going to help us?" John asked instead.

"Yes. But I can't do it alone and I will need help." Galactus said.

"It is my universe so of course I will help you. Do you need anything for this?" John asked.

"I need the 5 planets that hold down the universe or a power equivalent to it." Galactus said.

"How about infinity stones?" John asked.

"That will do." Galactus said.

"Good. I will be leaving then. Have stayed enough in this universe. You can stay here. I am taking Norrin to my universe. And yes after Black Winter, he will be freed. And that is non-negotiable." John said. Galactus hesitated for a moment before finally nodding to it.

"Then it's settled." John said as he changed back to his normal form. Truth to be told, he was scared. Confronting such beings, such Gods, he was not sure if his Celestialsapien inheritance would be able to stop them. But thankfully he was the host of Phoenix Force.

A host who the Phoenix Force chose when it was in egg form. It meant that his words now represented that of the Phoenix Force. Thus combining both of them had given him a platform to speak at the same level of the Gods of this multiverse.

Both the Living Tribunal and Galactus now looked at the normal version of John. They really were in awe of such changes of John. They understood that all this version was powered by that watch of his. But they had never seen such a weird technology ever before. But they didn't ask as it was not right to ask someone of their secrets.

"Bye." John said as he vanished from the universe. The universe of Earth 616. With Norrin. He had spent months here and now it was time to go back. He needed to see his own homeland again.

John and Norrin thus both vanished with his magic.

"Who is he?" Galactus asked.

"John Jameson. An earthling from Earth - 1999999. We never noticed him, until Black Winter's news came. I have got to say you have hidden this from us for such a long time Galactus." the Living Tribunal said. The revelation of Black Winter was surprising to all.

"It's up to me who I say and not say about my matters." Galactus said. By that time a huge spaceship appeared. A spaceship the size of at least Earth's sun. This spaceship belonged to Galactus.

Named Taa-II, after his home planet. Galactus didn't even say his bye and just boarded his spaceship and left.

"Still grumpy as ever." the Living Tribunal mumbled as he too vanished. the Living Tribunal looked more easy going as he was in the comics. this was probably because he dealt with beings who were almost at the same level as him.

John on the other hand was back at his universe. Near his own home. The House of Mysteries. With Norrin and his board. Norrin didn't say a single thing in all of this. It was not his place to speak out. Even though he had questions he didn't ask yet.

As John appeared again, both Strange and Thor felt it. Without any hesitance they both appeared near John. They were curious about what had happened in the other universe.

As they came, they both saw a new person with John. A silver looking humanoid on a surfboard. Both could feel there was immense power inside him. And when they both looked at John they too felt a power that John had never shown before.

"I guess you have questions." John said. Both of them nodded.

"Summon all of them to the house of Justice. We have things to say." John said.

Chapter 376: Back home

"Alright. But who is this guy? At least, introduce us." Thor said.

"I will introduce him to all in the Hall. Let's go for now." John said as they all started walking to the Hall. Norrin on the other hand was looking around. He was amazed by what he saw.

A ring-like structure on the orbit of the Earth which had its own weather all around. The Ring had a full sustainable ecosystem. Even though using Power Cosmic didn't make him omnipotent, he still could feel around.

And what he saw amazed him. Especially the new kinds of creatures. The creatures which he had never seen before and he could feel that each and every one of them was powerful.

"This really looks like utopia." Norrin mumbled.

"There can never be an utopia. Perfect things don't exist." John said as he heard the mumbling of Norrin. John remembered the famous words of Mayuri Kurotsuchi. He really loved that arc where he showed that perfect things don't exist, and if it does it meant that there could be no further innovations possible on that particular thing. This was a curse.

As they reached the Hall, many others had started emerging from boom tubes and the teleportation of guilty spark. Norrin was more amazed seeing such amazing technology. Even though he had seen teleportation before, the operation of it was totally different.

All who were called by Thor and Strange were surprised to see a new guy. Everybody thought that it was another person who came from another universe. But none could remember any such person in John's works before.

"Who is this guy?" Tony asked.

"Don't know. Maybe John brought him on his return journey. Looks powerful." Banner said.

They all went inside and everybody took their seats. Norrin was looking all around. He had seen the Avengers in his universe so he knew many faces. But he had never seen some faces before and some of them looked powerful.

John got up from his seat and said.

"So I am safe."

"If anybody can kill you, it is you yourself." Tony joked. Everybody laughed. It was true. They had seen how powerful John was during the Thanos war. And now when John was back they could see he had changed.

Especially those eyes. Those eyes looked something straight out of a fantasy story. They were curious about it but didn't ask.

"Well yes. Many things happened along the way. Met your other versions. Didn't like them." John said.

"Well. That was expected from the world that Strange came from." Barry said. They all still remembered clearly the fight against Strange in the Himalayas.

"True, but that's not all. I met Galactus." John said. All sat straight when John said that. They had heard about him and his powers. They feared him a lot since John explained his origin. They knew why John went for him. Because of Black Winter.

Black Winter was supposedly coming within a year's time now. And truth to be told they still weren't sure how they would defeat him. So when John said he was going to another place many assumed that it was for meeting Galactus since they were enemies.

"How was the meeting? Any fruits?" Wayne asked.

"There is. He has agreed to help us. Speaking of Galactus, this is Norrin. The first herald of Galactus." John said. Now all finally knew who this new guy was.

"Hello. I am Norrin Radd from Zen-la. " Norrin said as he got up from his seat and introduced himself.

"No wonder he looks so weird but feels so powerful. Turns out to be his herald." Thor said.

"So I brought him here since he is his herald and because if we win this war, he will be free forever. So I hope we will win." John smiled as he said. He wanted to diffuse the gloomy atmosphere around.

"We will win it. No matter what." Geralt said.

"We will have to win. There is no escape." Steve said.

"Alright. There is still time. I will go and take a rest. Have been away from home for such a long time. I just need my bed." John said as he started going home. Then he remembered something and turned back

"We will need the infinity stones to help Galactus." John said.

"Can he be trusted?" Wayne asked.

"Of course not, but this is all we can do to have extra assurance. We will use it to power him if we ever fail in facing the Black Winter." John said as he vanished after wearing the helmet.

"I hope we don't ever reach that position." Tony said.

"Hey Norrin, do you have any idea why his eyes glowed like birds on fire?" Hal asked instead as he was more interested in knowing what happened to John.

"You don't know what that represents?" Norrin asked as he thought it was common knowledge.

Chapter 377: Earthquake

"No. What is it? All I can feel is immense life force. Almost unlimited." Triss said as she wanted to know what it was.

"Because it is an unlimited life force. John is the host of Phoenix Force. He is basically on a different level now. The mortals can now deem him as a God now. The Phoenix Force is one of the oldest known cosmic entities, representing life that has not yet been born, as well as the forces of creation and destruction." Norrin said. It was all he knew of the Phoenix force.

"What? A host of a god. Wouldn't it change his personality?" Banner asked as he feared John would be like his Hulk persona.

"The Phoenix force chooses a host every time it goes through rebirth. This time it was special. He was chosen as the host before the Phoenix force hatched. So it means when it hatches John will have full control. So don't worry. The John you know will remain the same John forever." (it is true, Scott once got the Phoenix force when it was an egg and he had full control over Phoenix force before dying in battle. Oh yes, having Phoenix force doesn't make him invincible. There are situations when a God can die too)

"This is interesting. We have a God now among us. An actual multiversal god. We have hopes against Black Winter." Diana said. Later they all introduced each other. Norrin was curious about them so he wanted to know more about his future comrades.

All were curious about the Phoenix Force too so they wanted to know more of its previous hosts.

He wanted to see if the Earth in this universe was worthy enough. And the Avengers wanted to know about his meeting with Galactus and how he looked. They were curious about the other universe. A universe where many of them had their doppelgangers. And the universe which they had not seen in John's works.

John went home and entered his beloved bathroom. He needed shower to clean himself. Even though he actually didn't need any cleaning he still loved doing that. Being a magician comes with a lot of baggage, and being clean always was one of them.

As he was in his bathtub he was checking the system. He had not checked the system since he entered that universe. Maybe because a part of him feared that checking his system he would be noticed so he wanted to be away from the system.

And now he was the host of Phoenix force. John hoped that the Phoenix Force wouldn't be able to see his secret.

"Oh yes. I forgot about the Fairy Tail. Let the Eternals arc end, then I will just summon them. Will keep the fan values. Maybe I will need them during the fight against Black Winter. I wonder how Arshem will react to our stopping of his plans. Can't wait to piss him off."

John was thinking all random thoughts as he was bathing. he soon came out and had his food. Audino returned the moment he came back. So she, John and the spirit of the house had a good time together.

"How were you when I was gone?" John asked.

"Was boring but we were fine." the spirit said.

"Hmm. I am sorry for leaving you all like this. I won't be going away any time soon." John said.

"It's ok. We understand. You have a lot to do and a lot to protect. All we can do is give you a good place to rest." the spirit said.

"Thank you." John said to them. Even though they were his summons and they needed to listen to his orders, John genuinely liked them and treated them all fair. Even if he needed to control them sometimes, he did as little as possible and wanted them to grow as normal as possible.

He decided to spend his time at home now and won't go out for a few days. He had been running around a lot and now he needed a break from all of this. Thus in the next few days he was at home. This year Emma wouldn't come as they all needed to be on the lookout for Black Winter.

This was a dangerous job, but they had to undertake it. John wanted her back at home but she refused to come back.

A month or so passed by like this but one fine day, his days of lazing around stopped. This day was kind of tragic for Earth as a whole.

Because there was a massive earthquake which jolted the whole Earth. Such an earthquake had never been seen on the planet and the geologists were clueless. John who came to know of this mumbled.

"So Tiamat, we are finally here. Let me see what I can make of you."

"Avengers, gather at the hall. We have a God to bury." John said as he wore his helmet.

Chapter 378: Tiamat

John and others soon gathered at the Hall. It had become a common practice now. Many other members of the Avengers many times gather here to execute plans. Even if its been sometime that the Pokemon's have appeared in their world there were still elements in the society who want to do ill to them.

So Avengers would sometimes participate with SHIELD to control these elements. SO gathering at the hall was a common practice for many now. Not all were as rich as John and Tony, and this was a good way to earn money.

"Where is Norrin?" John asked.

"He is out roaming the universe. You didn't tell us about the huge change you just experienced." Tony said.

"What change?" John got confused as he didn't know what he meant by that.

"You becoming the host of the Phoenix Force and even having the omnitrix." Tony said.

"Ah. That. I didn't think it was that important. I just got access to the omnitrix after much searching. I needed to make myself powerful so I was on the witch hunt. Took me a lot of effort to take away the omnitrix." John lied. If one day they came to know about Gilgamesh he would say that he had the access to the vault of his. The gate of Babylon.

That would explain many of his powers.

"At least inform us of all this." Arthur said.

"Well I am sorry next time I will inform everyone. Oh yes I got access to the vault of Gilgamesh. The gate of Babylon." John said. Since they asked him to be clear of his new powers, he decided to tell them about it.

"You mean that a**hole's vault? Hahaha.. He deserved it." Tony said as he laughed. He had watched the fate series so he knew about them.

"Yes, his vault." John attested to it.

"How does it feel to be a God?" Steve asked jokingly.

"I am not a God contrary to what you have heard about Phoenix force or Alien X. They are powerful, sure but not invincible. There are instances where both Alien X and Phoenix Force were defeated before. And I hate the notion of Gods. They are just beings with higher responsibility. And if a God isn't being responsible it is our obligation to remind them." John said.

"And this is the reason I called you all."

All got serious when John said that. When he called all the Avengers he mentioned about burying a God so they got the hint that it was serious.

"Can't this God wait? We have another huge matter thrown at us right now." Steve said.

"It can't, Captain Rogers. The god who had been sleeping on Earth will awaken in 7 days. Strange knows about it. Don't you Strange?" John asked Strange as he too came for the meeting. Strange nodded his head.

"You mean that God which you mentioned before. What were they called again? Ah yes. Celestials." Tony said.

"Yes. A seed of the Celestial Tiamat will be born soon." John said.

"Do we have counter measures in place?" Wayne asked as this was his main concern.

"We do. Actually I want to meet somebody through this. So I will insert my hand in this as minimum as possible. But we need to be alert. For this reason I called you all." John said.

"Are you sure not involving ourselves in this catastrophe is the best way we have got?" Victor asked.

"See, we can't take away the seed which is about to emerge as a Celestial now. This will just destroy the core of the Earth. So we can only act when he shows up and stop the emergence. That is the only feasible way with least destruction possible." John said.

"Man, what is up with these Celestials? Planting seeds like gardeners." Barry asked.

"Well they are so much more than gardeners. So this call for you all to be alert and yes Clark will be coming soon." John said as it was finally time to call Clark. He had decided to pit Clark against Ikkaris from the moment he knew he had enough fan values.

Marvel's Superman vs the actual Superman.

Though the whole plan got derailed with the emergence of Batman's change of lineage, Clark's plot was something he didn't change. He just wanted to play with Ikkaris a bit.

A soldier who had a blind faith in his superiors was a dangerous one and Clark would be the best fit.

"Oh the scout boy is finally here. Took him long enough." Tony mumbled.

"When is he coming?" Wayne asked.

"In a week the whole drama with the Celestials would take in this week too so all Avengers are advised not to take any extra mission during this. We have a lot on our plate." John said.

"Yes. All Avengers from now are advised to stop taking any mission until the Black Winter ends. We don't want any kind of disturbance now." Wayne said. At the end it was him who was the leader so he had control over the members.

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All nodded their heads as they understood that it was a crucial time and all needed to be fully fit to confront whatever was coming. This was a war that was very crucial for all of the universe and it's survival.

"Be on the lookout. I am off." John said as he walked away. All too returned back to their homes. As he was walking away he remembered something so he turned back and asked Tony as he didn't leave yet.

"How far are you with the Anti-metal?" John asked.

"I have made that in a suit made of nano anti-metal. There is a surprise for you." Tony said.

"Really? Then I am looking forward to it in the next fight." John said as he was really looking forward to what Tony Stark, who was one of the most intelligent people in this universe had in store.

John then vanished from his place and was near the house of Ajak. He was here to see how Ikkaris would react to this. He wanted to see if this new world would be able to convince him.

He didn't show himself to Ikkaris and just hid with his invisibility cap. And thus the wait started but it didn't last long. Ikkaris showed up in his car after about 5 hours.

John looked at him and mumbled

"Rob Stark. All that is left is John Snow. I am half contemplating introducing the Game of Thrones series till the end but that ending kind of ruins everything."

[Ding

After the update the host can make any motion pictures having their own stories in order to accumulate fan values. But the characters made by the host would never come to life]

"Are you kidding me? Why didn't you say this earlier? System, come out. I want to fight you."

There was no response from the system. He was really angry. Many of his projects were stalled because he didn't like the ending. Series like Game of Thrones and such other series were the prime example. Hell, even his Justice League movie was stalled because of this.

"Well whatever, since I can make my own stories I need to go to Disney to convey my ideas." John thought. As he was thinking that, Ikkaris had met Ajak and she said about the emergence which was very close now. And as the story should have gone Ikkaris did take Ajak to the pit where he found the deviants.

John followed them and sighed, even after all of this, a blind soldier was a soldier at the very end. He knew he needed to intervene.

Ajak was at the end thrown on the pit with her gun where the deviants were. It wasn't a pit to be honest, rather a frozen lake.

Ajak fought as she could but the deviants were too powerful for her and she wasn't exactly a fighter. As she was going to be stabbed by a deviant a huge spear came flying by impaling it on its spot. And new spears that emerged out of his gate killed all the rest.

Ajak looked up from where the spear came from and saw John just levitating with his helmet of Fate. Ajak was relieved when she saw that. Even though John had warned her against Ikkaris she didn't take it seriously.

But after she was thrown in the pit by him, she understood that John was right. It was good that she kept away Chansey in a safe place after Ikkaris showed up just so that if anything went wrong there was someone like Chansey to speak the truth later.

But now since John was here, there was hope.

"Still don't believe me?" John said as he came down. Ajak shook her head as this lesson was hard enough.

"Are you going to kill him?" Ajak asked.

"Of course no. He is going to bring the band together. I just showed him an illusion of you being dead. I think that is enough for him to believe that you are dead and he would soon use this as a pretext to bring everyone together." John said.

"That is dangerous. He would kill the others. Like he tried with me." Ajak said.

"No he won't. He loves Sersi way too much to come to that point. Let him go. I will send you to the Ring. Stay there. I will handle it from here on out. We have bigger wars coming and people like you will be required." John said as he waved his hands to send her away. He didn't even listen to what she had to say.

Ikkaris left after he saw in the illusion that deviants just dismembered her body completely. He didn't get to take her body away like he did in the original story. After Ikkaris left John summoned the system

"Take Clark Kent out. The Zack Snyder's version." John said as he spent 350 million fan value points on him.

[Ding

Character extracted]

Chapter 380: Deviants

John didn't bring out the character here. He would be brought out when it would be appropriate time. John before leaving looked at the cave nearby. He could see there were still deviants in that cave but he didn't kill them.

If he killed them all, it would just make the whole story very boring. So John just gave a glance at them and left. He would wait for them again.

In London. He just hoped that the deviants would show up for Sersi and Sprite.

John then vanished from his spot and reached London. It had been a long time since he was back here. He loved the city so he roamed around a bit. He had already found out the location of Dane Whitman. It was evening at that point so when John searched for him, he was at a bar with Sersi.

And as the story should have progressed he asked her to move in with him. And Sersi wanted to move in but age was what stopped her. Dane wouldn't be able to live for almost eternity like Sersi.

John kept an eye on everything but as expected a deviant did attack Sprite, Sersi and Dane. The deviants needed to absorb the genes of Eternals to evolve and thus they had started attacking all the Eternals.

Even though Sersi and Sprite were good, they weren't as powerful as Ikkaris and others. The deviant was easily able to overpower them and Ikkaris finally showed up to save them.

"Now, this is his time to shine." John mumbled.

As Ikkaris tackled the deviant on a nearby shop, John who was high up in the air was hidden and brought out Clark.

"Clark. I guess you know how you have to act and all the related problems of this universe." John said Clark was levitating near him. He brought him out near him. As the deviant got up he was blasted by Ikkaris by his laser eyes.

Ikkaris then came out and said.

"Hello ladies." and gave a cheeky smile. But before he could even look at Sersi he himself was blasted by a laser. He was thrown back a few metres. Sprite and others who saw this were a back. They didn't expect to see such a scene.

When they turned back they saw a man wearing a black suit with a cape behind his back. And there was a symbol of chest on his chest.

"Hey, why did you do this? He is on our side. That monster is a deviant." Sprite shouted as he saw his secret love being blasted by this new guy.

"We know what they are." came a voice behind their backs. They turned around only to see a guy who was close to legendary. The only person whose identity was unknown from the whole team of Avengers.

"Dr. Fate." Dane mumbled.

"Then if you know who they are, why did Batman attack?" Sprite said as she thought he was Batman. The videos of Mars suggested that Batman was a Kryptonian.

"To correct you, he isn't Batman. He is Superman. Batman is Kryptonian for other reasons. And the thing about Ikkaris is different."

"Do you know us?" Sersi asked as she was surprised that Dr. fate knew Ikkaris.

"You don't think that only Eternals have been the secret protector of the planets now. Do you?" John asked. Ikkaris, who was being thrown away finally got up and flew straight to Superman. He had never been hit by somebody like that before.

He had always been on top. With his flight, strength and his eyes. Now he saw another guy doing this to him. So he charged against him without even thinking.

Clark, who had just levitated down and saw the approaching Ikkaris. he just smiled and moved his foot a little and directly punched Ikkaris on his back. The punch was so powerful that it just changed the trajectory of his flight and stopped him on his tracks. (imagine the punch Luffy gave to Bellamy)

Ikkaris fell on the ground with a loud scream. Meanwhile the deviant who was blasted away saw the opportunity and decided to attack Ikkaris who was beaten down but before it could take a step spears were thrown at it from multiple sides.

And the next moment it was dead.

Sersi, Sprite and Dane just had their eyes opened of what had just happened. They thought that Dr. Fate and Superman didn't know who the real enemy was and wanted to stop him. But it was totally contrary to their beliefs. Ikkaris was beaten down and the deviant was killed before it could even lay a finger on anyone.

"Why are you doing this? We are on the side of humanity. We have protected you all since ages." Sprite asked as she was close to tears. She saw her beloved Ikkaris on the ground, unconscious. She had never seen him beaten down so easily and that too in only two moves.