

## **Multiverse 381**

### Chapter 381: Eternals

"You did. Well until the deviants were killed. And then everything was back to what it was before. Savages. But that's the fault of humanity, not yours. Ikkaris was beaten down for another reason. But before that we need to leave here." John said as he saw many people taking out their mobile phones and had started making videos of them.

"Are there two Superman? Or is it a fight between Batman and Superman again?"

"Was that Doomsday? What were the spears? The spears of Gilgamesh? " People were whispering all kinds of absurd things trying to understand. John heard all this and sighed. His works had now infiltrated everywhere but now the people appoint other names to totally different and unrelated things.

Before they got overwhelmed by people he vanished with Ikkaris and others. Including Dane. He too had a role as he too was an Avenger, in other universes.

The Black Knight. Wielder of the Ebony Blade.

When they appeared again they all were in the Ring. Ikkaris was still unconscious and was on the shoulder of Clark. Sprite and Sersi were scared and so was Dane. They didn't understand why Ikkaris was treated badly. As they appeared in the Ring they saw a woman standing far on the beach looking at the ocean.

When Sersi and Sprite saw the woman they rejoiced, because they knew her.

Ajak.

"Ajak." Sersi shouted. Ajak turned her head to look at them and smiled, but then she saw Ikkaris. She could see that he was alive but was beaten badly.

"Sersi.. Sprite.. Come, we have things to discuss." Ajak called both of them. John on the other hand looked at Clark and said.

"Avengers, Clark is here. Meet me at the hall." saying that he took off his helmet. Sersi and Sprite saw the face behind the helmet for the first time. Even though John was one of the candidates who people thought was Dr. Fate many still didn't believe it but now seeing him in reality was different.

"Sersi. It's been a long time." John smiled and said.

"You.. You.. You knew about me at that time when we met?" Sersi asked as he remembered their first meeting at the museum. She thought the meeting was weird but now everything became clear.

"Yes. I knew about you all. And truth to be told I have always known. Known more than you. Ajak will say more about it. Ikkaris will be taken away for attempt of murder of a fellow Eternal." John said.

"What?" Sprite and Sersi shouted.

"Yes. He tried to kill me yesterday." Ajak said in a low and sad voice.

"What are you talking about? Why would Ikkaris do that?" Sprite asked agitatedly.

"Because he knows the real purpose of your arrival on Earth. Go and talk with Ajak. She will clear your doubts. I will send him to prison." John said as he waved his hands. He sent Ikkaris to a prison built on the Ring by using magic.

"Let's go, Clark. We will meet your new and old friends. Many things have changed." John said. Clark nodded and then they both flew away.

By the time John and Clark reached the hall almost all the Avengers had arrived. Wayne looked at Clark.

"It's been some time brother." Clark said.

"John told you about my lineage?" Wayne asked with a bland face. Clark nodded his head.

"I am happy that I have someone who has the same powers as me. Even though we don't have the same parents, at least we share the same heritage." Clark said as he was genuinely happy to see someone who was a Kryptonian. The death of Zod was still heavy on his shoulders.

"You guys need to get a room." Tony interjected. Everybody laughed when he said that. Then all proceeded to enter the hall. As Clark was an old member of the Justice League he knew some of them.

Thus the introductions began. They all were happy to see a new member who was very powerful.

"So Tiamat is going to come. In a few days. Be ready when I call you all." John said.

"Are you sure the handling of yours doesn't need help?" Tony asked.

"I don't. Help me handle the other guy who will probably show up after I block this new baby." John said as he was sure Arishem would show up.

"Alright. All of you get acquainted. I am off. Have lots of things to do." John said as he vanished.

"He is the most hard working person I have ever seen." Banner said. John didn't look like he had time and was always vanishing after speaking a few words.

"Power comes with huge responsibilities on shoulders." Vision said.

"True. But him being a God and still interfering in normal life. I don't think this will go down well with the other supposed Gods." Wanda said.

"Yes and in those moments we need to help him. We might not be real Gods but we damn as well give our all in fighting these hypocrite Gods." Natasha said.

Chapter 382: The band back together

John then appeared again at his home. Ajak, Sersi and Sprite had already entered his home and were sitting. John had ordered the spirit of the House to invite them in so they had all entered.

Their faces were not looking good after they came to know what their purpose was. They finally understood why Thena acted out of her character sometimes. It was because she had memories of her past life.

"You have been lying to us for centuries?" Sprite accused Ajak.

"I am sorry but I thought it would be better for all. Having conflicting emotions isn't actually a good feeling. It's like we are raising livestock. I have wanted it to end for such a long time. But we never had the power. Until now." Ajak said as he looked at John who had just appeared.

"This is Arishem we are talking about. Not Thanos. We are seriously outgunned." Sprite said.

"You don't have to worry about it. I will handle Arishem. Well Sersi will help us do it." John said.

"Me? How can I stop Arishem?" Sersi asked, surprised.

"Arishem? No. I want you to handle Tiamat. With the help of the connector of Ajak you can do a uni-mind with the other Eternals and make Tiamat a statue. And Arishem. I will talk with him personally."

"Who are you kidding? That is Arishem. He is the Judge. He can easily kill you." Sprite said.

"He can't. If he tries doing that I will unleash a force against him that he couldn't even imagine in his life. And the convention among Gods won't allow him to touch me." John replied with a smile.

"What does that mean?" Sersi asked.

"You will see when the time is right. Sprite, I know you love Ikkaris but let me give a piece of advice. I am not as good hearted as Sersi or Ajak. If anything goes wrong because of you, I will personally destroy you."

"Eh..." Ajak said.

"What...!!" Sersi said. Even Dane who was listening to the conversation was surprised. They never expected that Sprite had been secretly loving Ikkaris.

"How do you know this? I have never spoken about this to anyone." Sprite said as she clenched her fist. She really loved him and she had been hiding this from everyone for centuries.

"As I said, I know a hell of a lot more than you can imagine. Now you all need to bring the band together." John said.

"Sprite you really Ikkaris?" Ajak asked as she was really surprised now. After all these years none of them noticed. Only after John's words did they realise it was probably true. Sersi felt awkward as she was essentially married to him before. And now this revelation changed many things.

Sprite nodded her head but had tears in her eyes.

"Dane. Are you comfortable here?" John asked.

"Yes. Thank you for the hospitality. But I am curious why you brought me? I am nobody." Dane said.

"You aren't a nobody. You come from a very long heritage. And I want you to do one thing. Talk to your uncle and ask him about your family's history." John said.

"My family? Is it important?" Dane asked.

"Yes. I know you don't like your uncle and rightfully so but it is upto you now how you want to change your future. And maybe I can bring you to the Avengers." John said.

"Me and an Avenger? That's a good joke. Sersi and others are fit for that, not me." Dane laughed when he said that.

"The Eternals belong to a different camp. They are welcome to join if they want to. But you definitely belong to the Avengers." John said.

"I am just a normal guy..." Dane said.

"As I said, you should ask your uncle. You will know why I said that. When you are ready, call me. The Guilty Spark will now take you back home." John said. Dane nodded his head. From John's words he knew that something was up with his family. And needed to know what it was.

"How do you know all of us?" Sersi finally asked.

"There are many reasons for that. You will know when the time comes. Now we will go for Phastos and others. We need all of them to get the proper Uni-mind."

Sersi and others nodded their heads and thus all went on their ways. The Guilty Spark took away Dane and John's small and new team teleported to the home Phastos was living in.

Living with his son and his husband. And Phastos was playing with his son. When John and others appeared he was taken aback.

"It's been some time, Phastos." Ajak said.

"Heeey.. Ajak.. Sersi... Sprite... and Dr. Fate." Phastos incoherently said as he didn't expect his old friends would be back and this time with a new friend.

"Come in." Phastos said hurriedly then. The appearance of Dr. Fate would raise eyes in the neighbourhood and he didn't want any problems in his private life.

Chapter 383: All together

All went to his home. And after proper introduction of John, they told him about why they were here. Phastos, as expected, decided to help them. He had his family now and even a cute Pokemon Roselia. He didn't want to lose such a loving family just because Arishem willed it so.

"Now for Kingo." John said as he wore the helmet and vanished with all. They appeared again in a hidden place away from the Bollywood set. John changed his attire to normal and wore the invisibility cap.

He waited at the place while the others went to bring Kingo. When the Eternals came back with him, John saw Kingo for the second time in his life. Kingo looked at John closely. He had seen John before when he was young at the Oscars.

He didn't think much of a boy who supposedly created a miracle and made a huge movie. But now when he looked back at it, John probably knew about him at that point. He could still remember those clear eyes of his which looked at him.

"You knew about me when you were that young?" Kingo asked.

"Yes I knew." John admitted.

"Damn. How many secrets is he hiding?" Kingo said as he got to know everything from his colleagues.

"So are you with us or want to sit this one out?" John asked. In the actual story, he didn't participate in the fight against Ikkaris nor in stopping Arishem.

"I am on your side. You seem to know a lot from the words of Ajak. I have a feeling you have planned this whole one out." Kingo said.

"Oh that is cool. Karun can also join I think." John said. Karun nodded as he was happy to be with the Eternals. The supposed ancestors of theirs and of course the famous Dr. Fate.

"Alright. Let's bring all of them and then we can decide the course of action." John said as he vanished with all of them and reached the next location.

The place where Gilgamesh and Thena lived. They were able to convince them fast as Thena had been suffering from her past memories all her life and she was extremely angry about it. And Gilgamesh had always followed Thena so he too agreed.

And the last was Druig. John was sceptical about him. He was different in comics and different in the movie. His character wasn't so good in the comics and in the actual story too his character could be questionable at times.

But he still needed to try, so they went to the place where Druig lived with his subordinates whom he controlled by mind. And John was surprised that when they reached they were already under attack. In the actual story, the deviants attacked much later but here it was different.

John didn't waste any time and just killed with his spears. For the first time the Eternals got to see the power of John,.

"Is that Gate of Babylon?" Sersi asked. Even though she expected that she wasn't sure. But now when she saw it just reassured her doubts.

"I think so." Sprite said. All then looked at their Gilgamesh.

"What? I can fight like him too." Gilgamesh said

"In your dreams." Thena interjected. After killing the deviants they met Druig. And after telling the whole purpose Druig said.

"The deviants just killed half of my people. I don't care who is the enemy. I am just pissed off. I am with you." Druig said. As they really did lose half of his people in the attack by the deviants.

"And now for the last. Makkari." John mumbled. They all again teleported and this time it was on the ancient site of Babylon. John sighed. His powers were of Gilgamesh and now he had come full circle after coming.

"Is it nostalgic for you too?" Gilgamesh asked.

"Kind of." John said. Along with powers he had the memories of his kingdom too.



Phastos brought out their spaceship and all of them entered it. Makkari was there sitting on the throne. The Eternals introduced John through hand signs. Makkari, like others, was surprised to know the whole truth.

"Alright, you all have a good time together. Keep a lookout on the Indian Ocean. Tiamat will probably emerge from there. Sersi will handle it. I know you think your power only works on non-living things but it actually works on living things too. Try to practice on it. Only you are capable of stopping him without much destruction. Or else I will have to take drastic measures." John said.

"What if I fail?" Sersi asked.

"If you fail I will just teleport the whole people away and search for a planet. There is no other way. And of course many celestials will die later." John smiled when he said but his face gave a chilling vibe.

"Can you really handle the celestials? I know you have said that but Celestials are our creators." Ajak said as all still thought that John was boasting when he said that.

Chapter 384: Tiamat

"Yes. I might have exaggerated that I will be killing them but for sure I have the same privilege as them. Don't worry much." John said and without listening to more of them he vanished.

"Hah. What a narcissist." Sprite said.

"He doesn't like us. Does he?" Sersi said.

"No. He is fine with us. He hates the Celestials for some reason. And he particularly doesn't like Sprite." Ajak said, looking at Sprite.

"How did you figure that out?" Phastos asked.

"His way of looking. He looks at the same burning bird eyes of his, but it flickers a lot when he sees Sprite." Ajak said.

"You noticed that too? By the way, why are his eyes burning like that? Dr. Fate in Justice League unlimited doesn't have that power." Kingo said.

"He knows everything about us but we know almost nothing of him. The Avengers. They are definitely hiding something." Druig said.

"We don't have the moral high ground in this. We have hidden ourselves and never spoke of our purpose to the people. We belong to the same category as them. John assured us that time will tell why he had taken such weird decisions so lets trust him on that for now. Maybe that is his way of testing us." Ajak said.

"Ajak, you should have told us about this before." Phastos still held a grudge about it.

"Then you all wouldn't have been able to live a normal life. The feelings which you have right now, would it have bloomed if I had spoken the truth long ago? We too have a life and we need to live by it." Ajak said. All held their heads down.

The truth would have hurt them badly at that point of time and most of them were grateful for leading such a fulfilling life.

John on the other hand was back home. There were still 2 days until his emergence so he went to Disney to talk about his works and ideas. The system's late announcement of its features was still like a thorn in his throat.

He met Kevin and spoke of his ideas about the next movie which he had in his mind. Kevin was excited to get a script for the next movie from John after a long time. He thought John had lost his ideas and was more concerned with the Avengers team.

But now he understood that what he thought was wrong. And after seeing the script he rejoiced because he saw such an amazing story and a continuation of the previous movies.

"Take it slow. There is no rush for further movies. Hire a good script writer. And execute it to the best of your abilities. I won't be around too much from now. But I will try to come up with ideas." John said.

"I understand Boss. You have bigger responsibilities now. I just hope you always come back." Kevin said. John nodded.

"Is there anything going with the company?" John asked.

"Sir, the governments are trying to infiltrate Disney recently. Even though it's very subtle there is a growing influence of them."

"Is it? Any idea who started it?" John asked.

"I don't know Boss. But I think it started from the US military. The economic situation of the world has gone haywire with all the new inventions Umbrella has come up with and this has awakened a crisis like situation for many companies. So that too had added to the more power grabbing by the military of many countries." Kevin said.

"Hmm." John really hadn't given much attention to the people of the Earth recently but now it seemed like his inaction had let many people raise their heads. He needed to be in control of everything, especially in this crucial time.

"I will look into it. Don't worry. Disney belongs to us and forever will. No third party will interfere." John said. Later he went back home. He had decided that he would handle Earth problems after Arishem.

And as expected after 2 days the emergence took place. John sensed a huge power was being born from Earth.

"Avengers. Gather now. Fast." John spoke through his helmet. Saying that he teleported to the hall. Unlike most of the times all the members of the Avengers were present when he called them all.

"Tiamat is going to be born. All suit up." John said.

"I thought you would never ask." Tony said as the nano particles of his suit crawled on his body and turned him into a silver colored Iron Man. Other's too were suited up.

"Let's go." saying that all teleported to the Indian Ocean.

There they saw a small group of people standing side by side while there was indication that a volcano would erupt any time soon.

"So this is how the end of earth looks like." Strange said. Like Strange, Thor too had shown up for this as this fight was against the supposed Gods. He didn't want to miss the chance to swing his Stormbreaker at them.

Chapter 385: The corpse

"So these are the people you gathered to stop a baby God. I thought you had more faith in us." Arthur said, pointing at the team with fancy dresses that were standing side by side.

"I do. But they are more qualified to bring it down. Plus, we get the benefits later too." John defended using this new team that he just gathered to stop the emergence of Tiamat.

"Are you sure they would handle the emergence?" Clark asked. Clark was brought up to speed with everything going on in this world so he had the full idea of what was going on.

"It should be. If anything goes wrong, we are here." John assured them. And as they were talking there was finally a huge earthquake. As a huge golden head with 6 shining eyes and hands emerged, meanwhile, all the Eternals got connected with the uni-mind.

"Jesus, how big is this thing?" Banner asked.

"Bigger than earth itself and they can go bigger in size too." John said.

"And you said Black Winter is bigger?" Thor asked.

"Yes bigger than Galactus. I am sure, Norrin has described him for you." John said.

The Eternals finally got fully connected and Sersi used the energy that he had gathered by connecting Tiamat and the uni-mind to stop the emergence of him and transform it into a huge statue.

And thus Tiamat's emergence was stopped in exactly the same way as it did in the actual story. The head, some of his fingers and a small part of the body was out of the ocean. The earthquake generated by its emergence was felt everywhere in the surroundings.

"So this went as I planned." John said.

"You have been raising hue and cry for this?" Tony asked as he had a mocking tone in it. They had stopped it with almost no problems.

"Well not for this, the person who would show up for us stopping it." John said. The Eternals who had just stopped came near the Avengers who were standing and looking at them

"Thank you for helping us stop Tiamat. It would have been messy if it was up to us." John said.

"We needed to be out of the influence of our makers.. Thank you for believing in us." Ajak said.

"Now you are all free to go and live your life. But I will say this, Arishem will come for you. You have violated your own makers. This won't go down well."

All got silent when John said this. That was what they were scared about. And they didn't know how they would face Arishem.

"Don't worry. Since you have handled Tiamat we will handle Arishem. The Avengers don't go back on their promise. We will even help you with Thena's problem." John said.

"Thank you." all the Eternals expressed their gratitude for the Avengers' trust in them. Even though they were powerful, in reality they are far behind in power levels as compared to the Avengers. Just the fact

that the Avengers had let them take the initiative in such a huge matter showed that the Avengers trusted them.

"Now for our part." John said and then slowly an orange gate opened. A huge sword-like weapon came out. It was a sword like weapon but it wasn't actually a sword. It had a hand guard, the blade part was the tip of the sword but it was twisted and the body of the sword was cylindrical. The weapon looked like all other weapons and not at the same time.

Yes, it was Ea, the Sword of Rupture.

Those who knew what that sword was gasped. They understood what this sword meant. This sword was the most powerful weapon in Gilgamesh's treasury.

"What are you going to do with it?" Wayne asked as John took Ea in his hand.

"There is such a good corpse of God here. We can't just let it be there for just a show. Can we? We need to use the body for further research. Don't you think so." John said.

"You are not going to leave a corpse intact?" Arthur asked.

"Of course no. We will use every means possible for fighting Black Winter." John said.

"But this power can be dangerous." Vision said.

"It is. But we will have to try. Besides, it isn't the first time that humans have used the body of a Celestial. Tony in different worlds have used it multiple times." John said. All looked at Tony with big eyes when John said that.

"You are courageous Stark. I have got to say that." Thor said after putting his hand on the shoulders. Tony on the other had a gleam in his eyes.

"Did I turn this into a bad weapon?" Tony asked.

"Wow Tony now you even think of the consequences? You have changed a lot." Clint said.

"Normally I don't. But that Strange from that Earth reminded me that I need to be in my limits. I have gained more power recently, so I need to know if I am crossing a line."

Chapter 386: Breaking apart

"Alright. As long as everything we do is under control, it's fine. All things should be under scrutiny by us." Clark said.

"Yes. That is the plan." John said and then he waved his 'sword' in full force. The whole surroundings changed when he used Ea.

It was as if the void itself had been cut apart. The space in the surrounding caved in as an invisible wave travelled at a very high speed. The attack of Ea went straight through the neck of Tiamat.

That attack alone was enough to sever the head from its body. The neck after being separated fell straight back at the ocean creating a huge splash around. The splash was so big that Arthur and Mera had to go and stop the water to form a tsunami in the nearby surroundings.

"So the head is what we get?" Arthur asked

"We have desecrated the body of a Celestial. Can't add more humiliation to it." Natasha said.

"Alright then. Victor, take the head away and transfer it to the Ring. All of you can go and research it. We have very little time. Any kind of addition to our powers will help us." Wayne ordered.

John then turned around to the Eternals and said "Be on the lookout. We will keep an eye for Arishem. You all are welcome to live on the Ring till then." John said.

All nodded their heads as they were happy with the arrangements. John then waved his hands and all vanished from the spot. Both the Avengers and the Eternals, except for Victor who went to the bottom of the ocean to send the head of the Celestial to the Ring.

As all of this happened, the whole media on Earth had gone crazy. A huge statue suddenly emerged on the Indian Ocean and the statue was a severed head. The governments were full of questions about this and immediately contacted SHIELD.

Wayne just answered that it was a new born God and the Avengers just handled it for them. Of course, the governments didn't believe SHIELD and they went for investigation.

SHIELD didn't care about all of this and even welcomed them to do research on the statue. Tony on the other hand after the arrival of the statue went straight to work with Banner, Ryan, Arthur and even Vesemir.

He too was interested in the body of the Celestials and he wanted to see if it could help the new recruits in their mutation. A mutation that would infuse Godlike essence into their bodies was in itself a huge matter, so he needed help from everywhere possible.

Even though there was much hue and cry in the media about this new statue that just emerged out of nowhere, the general people weren't much concerned. They had seen so many weird things around that by now they have got used to it.

The emergence of Pokemon world has made the world more accepting of the weird world that they were living in. Though the media houses were debating on all of this, people's lives didn't change.

John who had been keeping an eye on all of this was grateful that the Pokemon world had emerged before, otherwise he was sure that the Avengers would have been liable to give answers of what had happened.

In the actual story, people didn't have a finger to point at because by that time they were busy accepting the fact that they just came back alive. And essentially Avengers were close to being disbanded as all the original heroes were either retired, dead or in seclusion.



In all of this, his father had finally decided to move to the Ring and move the headquarters of Daily Bugle to the Ring. John was delighted to know this and gave his father a place to live on the Ring. He was happy that his father was now under the direct care of GAIA and the Guilty Spark and he didn't need to care about anything anymore.

Though he was surprised to know why his father took this sudden decision, he didn't ask. His father would reveal the reason for such sudden change to him when his father would be ready to share.

Like these few days went by, John and all were working in their respective things. One day when John was working on the new movie with Kevin and others, he suddenly turned his head and looked at the window.

Nabu, who was levitating invisibly near him, showed itself.

"He is coming." Nabu said.

"He is." John mumbled as he took the helmet and wore it.

"Avengers, we have an important guest to entertain. Meet at the Hall." John said. And then he turned his head to Kevin who had nothing but awe written on all over his face. John sighed seeing this. Humans really worshipped strength.

"Kevin, tell all the employees to go home for now. Don't let anybody come out no matter what you see and hear. It might turn ugly very soon. And the very existence of our planet will be judged in the next few moments."

Chapter 387: Arishem

"Is there a new enemy?" Kevin asked before John vanished.

"Enemy? No. It's the creator of our universes." saying that John vanished. Kevin was the only one who heard it and he trembled when John said that. He didn't know who it was but just the description that John just gave shook him to the core.

John had appeared in the Hall. And so did the Eternals. He had also called them for this.

"John, you need to find a better way to call us." Tony complained again.

"Sure next time when I become omnipresent and omnipotent, I will knock on your door. How about that?" John said.

"Huh.. Forget that I said anything. How far is this guy?" Tony asked as he finally showed a serious face like the others.

"A minute or so. Let's go outside." John said. All then proceeded to go outside and wait. All had anxious looks on their faces.

John on the other hand directly brought out Ea. Then he used his omnitrix to transform himself to Alien X. John now looked amazing. With a humanoid structure whose body looked like it was made of small stars. And Ea on his hand. He looked like a warrior out of a fantasy.

But that wasn't the end. He, on Alien X form, proceeded to use the Phoenix form. The Marco-Phoenix form. As John used the Phoenix form, the actual blue-golden colour was now total black colored fire with white simmering dots on the whole body.

And there was a vague outline of normal fire on the outlines of his body. This was the power of being the host of Phoenix Force. The Phoenix was at least 5 times bigger than the normal Phoenix form.

This was John's ultimate form. He had used all his powers at the same time. He had used the Phoenix and Alien X form. Since both the powers of his were not dependent on each other, he could use the Phoenix form on all his omnitrix transformations.

John had checked on this a few days ago and now knew that he could use his Phoenix form on all his transformations. This gave a great joy to John. Even though technically it wasn't helpful now in actual power sense but in future it would be of great help.

That meant he could use the Phoenix Force on all transformations of the omnitrix. This in itself would be highly overpowered, if he used both Alien X and Phoenix Force at the same time.

"Jesus Christ. What is this?" Clark exclaimed. All had a surprise on their eyes when John just transformed himself.

"My ultimate form. A gift for Arishem." John as his wings now caught hold of Ea. It looked magnificent even if John was in Phoenix form.

As everybody was appreciating the power of John, there was a big black hole at about 500 kilometres away from the Ring. But mysteriously, the Black Hole didn't have any attraction. The black expanded in rapid speed to a huge sized one.

And then the Black Hole was replaced by a huge humanoid. A humanoid greater than the size of Earth. It looked exactly like the one they saw during the emergence.

There were two notable differences. One was the color. Tiamat was yellow, while this one was red. And another the body Arishem had many scars and various small broken parts. It looked like he had gone through battles ages ago.

As Arishem appeared all the Eternals who were able to move freely froze on their positions. And then circular rings surrounded them. Those small rings took all the eternal's up in the air. But before they could be taken away they were directly bombarded with many small knives.

It was John. He used knives to destroy the rings surrounding the Eternals. All then flew high up in the air. Tony had specifically built suits for all of the members of the Avengers to travel in space from Kryptonian technology. They all stood far from the face of Arishem.

This was the confrontation they had been waiting for a long time.

Arishem surprisingly didn't attack or stop the advancement of the Avengers and the Eternals behind.

"It's rude to come to our planet and not say hi. Don't you think so?" Clark said.

"Yeah it's very rude. The last time they went to the abyss, they weren't received well by Knull. I think that lesson was not enough for them." John just chimed him. In a tone which was mocking Arishem. Arishem when he heard the name of Knull moved his head a bit.

None of the Avengers looked fazed by Arishem's huge presence.

"This is not your jurisdiction Phoenix." Arishem finally spoke up.

"Jurisdiction you say? You lost any kind of power or jurisdiction in this universe 5 years ago. You and all the Gods. Only we have the final say here. In this universe. This is where we rule." John spoke up.

And as he did, his Phoenix form became bigger. Almost the same size as Arishem. His figure was so huge that it actually shadowed Earth from the Sun itself.

Chapter 388: Gods aren't invincible

Arishem didn't have any reaction in his face when John transformed just as the size of him. Or rather, his face was built in such a way that he couldn't show any emotions.

"Arishem. Go back. You won't be taking any Eternals back. Not even the rogue Eros. Everything in this universe is under my protection. Now and forever. You have enough headache of your own. You don't want to add me as your enemy." John said. His words echoed in all of void.

His words were so loud that everyone on Earth was able to hear it.

"This wasn't the deal." Arishem hit back.

"I don't remember having made any deals with any Celestials or higher beings." John retorted back.

"Eternals were made by us. They are under our rule." Arishem said.

"Really? What about the deviants then. The Skrulls which have been living for so many years. What about them? You have no control of your own creation. Wasn't that the whole point of the first war against your fellow beings? Don't try to fool me. None of us are under your jurisdiction. Go home. Deal with the Exterminators." John said.

He stood there with all the other Avengers. With no fear. He himself was a God now so he had the right to speak with them on the same stage.

The Celestials had faced opposition before. From mortals. But never from a lone man. This was the first time. This was an insult to them. An insult to the creators itself. A creation rebelling against their creators.

But Arishem stubbornly levitated there. His 6 eyes flickered for a bit and then suddenly he lifted his hand high up and brought it down. His fist clenched to hit a punch on John.

"So fight it is." John said as he shouted.

"SHAZAM!!"

"Now there is an extra power on John." Tony said. John was able to block the punch with his wings and proceeded to hit back with his other wing.

"Avengers. Attack." John shouted. And thus the first battle for the Avengers against a God started. This day would be written down as the day when the mortals took arms against the Gods.

All the members of the Avengers including the Witcher school and the people belonging to the original team attacked. Tony finally showed up what he had been researching on.

The Anti-metal suit. This suit was special because Vibranium normally absorbs the kinetic energy and then spreads it over as a vibrational force. What it does essentially is converting the kinetic energy into vibrational energy. Of course it can store the energy in itself and then release it later. Like the suit of Black Panther.

But the new anti-metal suit instead of taking the kinetic energy in the body, it just pushes it out. The whole suit was basically kinetic energy proof. This was probably the most efficient use of Anti-Metal. And Tony had made one of the most powerful suits in all of multiverse.

Even the superior Iron Man suit would fail in front of this new suit.

All attacked together. John took the lead as he was the only one who had the same size as Arishem. Followed by Bruce, Vision, Wanda, Clark, Strange, Diana, Thor, Tony and Ciri. These 4 were the most powerful. And Banner who had turned into Hulk also joined in.

The blue and the green lanterns made massive weapons with their rings. And the rest of the Avengers attacked with their strongest attack.

When John punched back Arishem was able to block it but he wasn't able to block the attacks of all 4 and the other members of the Avengers. Even though there was huge difference in size among them. But the power of Avengers weren't small.

Their fist attack was so huge that it caused a huge explosion on the chest of the Arishem. The explosion looked weird because there was no sound being in space but it didn't take away the lethality of it.

John who got the opening took out Ea and held it with his wings. And the next moment he used all his magic power on Ea to deliver a fatal attack.

As John waved Ea, an invisible wave hit the shoulder of Arishem. And before he could even react, his huge hand got severed from his shoulder. This scene looked epic as a Celestial just lost to a bunch of mortals.

Even though such incidents had happened before in other universes, it was still rare. Arishem roared in pain as he just lost his hand.

There was no blood whatsoever as the bodies of the Celestials weren't made the same way as humans.

Arishem who was thrown few kilometres away in all of this held his missing shoulder with his other hand. He didn't attack more. He just looked at this new team of Avengers. A team which became so powerful so fast.

"How was that? Want to continue? We don't mind going for another round." Tony said.

"Go back to where you came from. We don't need your jurisdiction or judgement in our universe. Never step your foot here again." Clark said.

Arishem who looked at them finally sighed. He didn't say anything more and just vanished. Using the same way he came. The Black Hole.

Chapter 389: The creator

"What the hell. I thought it would be a long fight. I couldn't even show my toys." Tony said.

"Rejoice that we have not been bombarded with other Celestials. There are a whole bunch of them." John said. Everybody's face became nasty when John said that. He had already transformed back to a normal form after Arishem vanished. He expected more of a fight from him.

It looked as if Arishem had gone easy on them. Even though John didn't know how powerful the Celestials were, he expected more from them.

"Whatever. Why am I concerned about it?" John thought.

"Are there many Celestials?" Natasha asked.

"There are. But I guess they are busy with their own work. All Celestials don't have the same work." John said. All nodded their heads.

"Let's go back. This whole fight is going to raise a storm everywhere." Steve said.

"Well it will. Who cares if it raises eyebrows. As long as the people are safe, the universe is safe. It doesn't matter." Arthur said.

All then vanished from their places and arrived at the Hall to discuss the next course of action.

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Arishem, after vanishing from his place with only one hand, arrived at a huge hall which looked purely white in color. There was nobody in this huge hall. Except for one person.

That person looked old. He was sitting on a small stool and drawing on a canvas with his paintbrush. It looked serene and peaceful. The whole environment looked as if this place was heaven.

Arishem, who just arrived, reduced his size instantly. He was now the same size as the old man who was sitting. Arishem went slowly to the person and bent on his knee.

This was Arishem. Bending his knee to another person. If the other Celestials came to know this, he would be laughed at. But Arishem knew that he needed to show proper respect to the old man drawing.

"I have done what you asked for. I hope the whole play was worth it." Arishem said.

"Yes. Thank you Arishem. You have done an excellent job. We finally know how deep his power is." the old man said.

"Did he really use all his powers? I feel like he never used the Phoenix Force." Arishem said.

"He can't. At least not now. Phoenix hasn't hatched yet. There is some time for it's hatch." the old man said.

Arishem became silent. He just lost an arm just because this old man asked him to go easy on John. He was in pain but he didn't dare to show any kind of dissatisfaction to the old man. He knew how powerful the old man was. He didn't even dare to show that he was in pain.



"Go back, Arishem. The other Celestials need you. Ah yes.. your arm." the old man said and the next moment the lost arm of Arishem was back. With no scratches and fully intact. Arishem was overjoyed to see this.

Arishem then bowed his head and vanished from his place.

The old man kept on drawing what he had been doing peacefully. There was utter silence for a few moments before he finally said

"You can show up. I don't think there is any reason to hide from me."

And as he said that a man who looked almost as old as the man drawing came out. He wore a black suit and a hat. The man essentially looked like a man stuck in the timeline of World War 1.

"I didn't hide from you. I just wanted to see how long it takes for you to notice me." the old man said.

"You are in my universe, dear friend. Nothing escapes my sight." the old man said.

"Well apparently this new guy has escaped your eyes." the other man in the suit said.

"He is different. He comes from the Wall. Neither you nor me have any powers of control over him."

"Well not gonna argue with that." the man in suit said shrugging his shoulders.

"How is the crack? Is it enlarging?" the old man in the stool asked then.

"It is. There are people there who are monitoring and trying to control the crack. But I am not sure how long it will hold on." the man in suit said.

"Hmm. This is going to be a huge war. A war that will change everything. I am not sure if we will survive this war." the old man in the stool said, finally finishing the drawing.

"Yes. But I hope we win the war. He is our best hope. He comes from the Wall. He has more knowledge of everything than we do." the man in suit said as he finally turned his head to see what his friend was drawing.

On the canvas there was a painting of the universe. The painting looked real as it contained all the stars, the galaxies and all the things required for a universe.

It looked real, because the painting was real. And that was because the old man on the stool was OAA.

One Above All.

Chapter 390: Handling the aftermath

Meanwhile John and the other Avengers and Eternals appeared in the Hall. John just used teleportation and sent them all here. All took their seats.

"I have a feeling that Arishem came just to test us." Wayne spoke up for the first time.

"I feel that too." Wanda said.

"There is something going on. Thanos being taken away and now this." Banner said as he was back in normal mode after using Ralts psychic power on him.

"True. But we don't know what." Tony said.

"Is there a conspiracy? What do you think, John?" Steve asked.

"I don't know. At first I thought it was because of the Phoenix Force. But now I am not sure. But whatever it is. We will face it together." John said.

"We will." Strange said.

"Now how shall we deal with the aftermath? Many satellites caught videos and images of us fighting Arishem. What are you going to explain?" Victor asked as he was now checking the internet.

"We will see how the people will react and then tell some of the truth. No need to say everything." Tony said.

"That is better." John said. After that everybody left. The Eternals too left for their home. Gilgamesh, Makkari, Druig and Thena decided to be on the Ring and help the Avengers in future problems.

Sersi and Ajak decided to return back to Earth as they loved Earth more. Kingo went back too as he needed to be back in Bollywood.

The internet just exploded. They had no idea who the enemy was but they did see a huge Black colored beautiful Phoenix.

The people who saw it had no idea who it was but they did recognize that Clark Kent, aka Superman, had joined the Avengers. But his entry was not even the focal point but the appearance of the red giant.

Umbrella Corporation and the Avengers website received an immense number of traffic for this incident and this time people wanted an answer. Normally the governments would reply to these kinds of attacks with proper explanations.

But for the first time the governments were totally silent on these. It was because they themselves didn't know. Even the Teen Titans headquarters In New York was surrounded by people.

And all this took place in a matter of hours. Umbrella finally had to come and say that Tony Stark himself would come out for a press conference. Umbrella knew that they would have to answer as Umbrella was basically under Avengers and Tony Stark being the face of it. John had almost disappeared from the public so Tony who still attended the parties and socialised, was being asked for more.

So the next day, Tony came out for a press conference in front of the public to answer the questions. Tony came to the podium in front of the reporters. The conference was held in the Ring so many reporters had come from Earth.

"Sir, Can you give us any headstart about what the Avengers faced yesterday?"

"About that. Well think of him as a very powerful being. And you do remember that headless statue on the Indian Ocean. They both belonged to the same species. Since we stopped the emergence of his kind, that powerful being came for inspection. That is where we stopped them." Tony said. It was based on a half lie and half truth.

"Sir, you just mentioned that the being belonged to a species. Are there more of them? If yes, how many? Is it a whole planet of these enormous powerful beings?" another reporter asked.

"Yes, there are others but not as many as you think. There are very few of them." Tony replied.

"Will they come back again with more of them? The Black Phoenix just severed it's hand."

"No. Hypothetically they shouldn't. They have their own problems to deal with. And only that guy had shown up." Tony replied.

"Sir can you speak about the identity of the huge black Phoenix. Is he the same Phoenix who fought in the war on Mars." a reporter asked.

"Many of the members of the Avengers have their own private life. Not all have the audacity to come in public and speak of their secret identities like me." Tony said in his typical narcissistic fashion with a cheeky smile. All the reporters laughed at Tony's comment.

"Sir what more can you say about the species that had emerged on the Indian Ocean. Is it dead?" another reporter asked.

"Why don't you go and see if a headless statue can move or not." Tony replied to that stupid question.

"Sir, what about Clark Kent? He has shown up recently. Do we have a proper contingency if he goes rogue." a reporter asked. This question made the whole hall silent. Tony looked at the reporter for a second before replying.

"Clark is our friend. The movies aren't always real stories. The movies are just a way to portray a character. Batman is also a Kryptonian. Did it change the perspective of how people viewed him? No. So we treat Clark the same way we treat the other members of the Avengers. As equals."