

Multiverse 41

Chapter 41: The meeting of bigwigs

"It's nice to me you too Mr. John Jameson. How do you know me? There has been no such information in my database of us meeting" Jarvis said with a monotonic voice

Tony looked at him with surprise too. "I know a lot Jarvis. And you too Tony. I know your past, your present and future." John said. Pepper too looked to him weirdly.

"My future? Is that why you warned me to be safe in Afghanistan? Why did you not inform me from before?" Tony asked seriously

"Tony I don't want to influence too much of your destiny and this journey was necessary for you. Didn't you get to see the horrors of your own creation" John said

Before Tony could reply they saw a luxurious car coming towards them through the gate. The gate mechanism didn't stop the intrusion surprisingly.

"Sir, I couldn't stop his intrusion. He disabled the gate's mechanism" Jarvis added. Tony heard it but he didn't say anything as he had a hunch of who the person was. After the car stopped a handsome tall man with black hair came out. He looked lean and had muscles in all the right places and that was visible even though he wore a suit.

"How are you holding up Tony ? You should replace that thing in your chest. It's not working in full efficiency. Hello John. Its nice to see you again. I like the new home you arranged. It's spacious. Thank you. That trip was fulfilling. Got to see the scum of this world too" the man said after coming out of his Mercedes in a deep voice.

"You must be Bruce. Thank you for saving me there" Tony said after realization

"You would have saved yourself anyways. That suit would have kept you alive." Bruce said. "Hello miss Potts. You must be confused. I am Bruce Wayne. It must be hard to handle a guy like Tony." he added while greeting Pepper.

"Hello, I am sorry I don't recognize you" she replied with more confusion.

"Pepper this is Bruce Wayne. You know him by other name. The batman. You remember the movie right? He is that Bruce Wayne." Tony said to pepper.

"What? You are batman? How is that possible? Batman is just a movie? I remember the movie. There is no Gotham city here." Pepper said. Actually Tony had the same doubts but he didn't get to ask. If batman was a real person then why will John make movies. Because according to what he understood Batman's superhero avatar is based on stealth. Making a movie on him will just expose him.

"Well that's what I wanted to say. We don't belong to this universe. Rather to a different parallel universe. Due to unknown reasons we traveled to this earth. And John has the powers to identify beforehand who will come to this world. He makes the movies because so that the people who came or will travel in the future can approach him and he can make the traveler understand their situations." Bruce said

"You mean you don't belong to this earth. So the theory of parallel universe is real. This is unbelievable. Wait by your words you mean there are other people who have traveled before? Who are they? The transformers? And you mean other travelers will also come?" Tony said

"Yes some have traveled. Bumblebee has already arrived. He is my car. Others from Cybertron haven't come. I am not sure if they will. I just dreamed of their story. Others too have arrived and I have arranged for them accordingly. The other party was the one who rescued Yinsen. Don't worry Yinsen is fine. They are the best in medical" John interjected. Tony was shocked inside.

"So Yinsen is fine. That's good, I hope to see him soon, the big liar" Tony smiled as he said that and then suddenly asked excitedly. "Can I see Bumblebee?"

"Sure, but he is in New York. You will have to go there to see him" replied John.

"So Tony I guess you will work on your suit now. Do you need help?" Bruce asked Tony. Tony was silent for a few seconds and then after thinking of all the horrors he saw in his captivity. He wanted to do something about it.

"Can you help me? I am not judging you but your suit and my suit are totally different." Tony said with a hint of pride because he felt that batman's suit will not be worth mentioning in front of his metal suit.

"Who do you think made the plane that rescued you?" Bruce replied without any emotion.

"What you made that plane? Didn't Lucius make it?" Tony asked in a surprised way.

This time it was John who replied "Tony don't trust the movies that I make very much. Movies and real life story is different. Like you he is a genius from his world. His butler Alfred too is very knowledgeable. The movie that I made is another version of Batman in another universe. There are many similarities but there are differences too"

"I understand. Sure batman let me see how much of a genius you are. I will handle somethings before and in a few days we will start making the suit." Tony said

"Sure I will bring Alfred to help too. I too might get some inspiration for my bat suit" Bruce said.

Chapter 42: New Mark II

Tony decided to trust Bruce because he felt he can be trusted and Bruce saved him from the cave. Tony didn't realize that he was subtly affected by the movie and since he believed its Bruce's life story and was a superhero in his world, Tony felt that they could work together and even wanted to check out his 'batwing' that he saw before. Tony didn't for a minute doubt the words of John as he can't guess the presence of "cheat" like John's system as that was unscientific.

The next day Tony went to meet Rhodes to say that if he would want to join in a project but Rhodes refused and asked him to take time and make his mind right.

After 2 nights at the home of Tony Stark, Pepper and Tony were one a side of the roof. Tony now had a new arc reactor in his chest as he changed with the help of Pepper. Tonight they were going to receive two guests.

The batwing descended at the roof which was covered in surroundings. Alfred and Bruce climbed out of the batwing.

"Welcome to my home. Hello Alfred." Tony said.

"Hello Master Stark. It's nice to you. It's nice to meet you too Miss Potts" Alfred replied. Tony noticed that Alfred was much younger than he thought.

"Hello Mr. Alfred, Please step inside." Pepper said

They directly went for the lab and started working on the suit for Tony. After few minutes of discussion Tony realized that Bruce was really knowledgeable and started making the proper changes in the design.

After a week of changes and adjustments to the actual Mark I drawings, the new suit was ready. Tony didn't have to go through any failed tests like in the actual version, like for example when he used more energy on thrusters and got slammed in the ceiling. Tony even added functions to avoid icing on his suit in high altitude after taking tips from Alfred.

Tony went for a test run which went perfectly and after the warning of Bruce he landed slowly in the roof as opposed to destroying the roof in the original version. Bruce also followed him in batwing to make sure everything went well in the test run.

"You should use gold titanium alloy to have a good power-to-weight ratio for the exoskeleton of the suit. It will help in pressurization and icing too" Bruce said.

"Yes that will help." Tony said as they discussed to make the suit better. Suddenly as they were discussing Tony from the corner of an eye saw the TV showing about a charity benefit of Tony Stark.

"I don't remember you being invited" Bruce commented as he watched the news. "Because I was not invited, Jarvis was I invited?" Tony asked.

"No sir, I have no such record." Jarvis said

"Then I guess you should get ready" Alfred said as he served a cup for them "I will bring out the suit. Miss Pepper is already at the event" Alfred said

"Thanks Alfred" Tony said while Bruce still looked at the schematics and thinking of how to improve the batsuit.

"Batsy you are coming too. Get ready. We need to go out and have some fun" Tony said.

"Yes Master Bruce you should also go and meet the people of this world. And maybe find someone interesting" Alfred added to Tony's comment.

"Fine" Bruce said.

"Jarvis paint the suit while we are out. Alfred don't you want to attend the event?" Tony asked.

"It's fine Master Stark, I will be at home going through your suit again. Jarvis will accompany me" Alfred said while smiling.

"Happy to be of service." Jarvis added

Tony didn't say anything and went to the event with Bruce. As soon as he reached the event, the reporters flocked to Tony. Tony even saw Obadiah and exchanged a greeting. Bruce and Tony then went to the bar to order drinks.

As they were taking a sip, Coulson appeared from behind and said

"Hello gentlemen."

"Oh I know you, you are from ... umm.. "

"SHIELD Mr. Stark and this must be Mister Bruce Wayne. Hello Mr. Bruce." Coulson said.

"You know Bruce? I thought only few people know of his existence." Tony was surprised.

"John is a consultant of their organization. I guess you came to know what happened in Afghanistan. I can give you a report after the event. Is that fine?" Bruce said

"Sure I will be here for that." Coulson said.

Later Tony saw Pepper in a gorgeous dress and immediately asked for a dance. Bruce too danced with a woman. Tony went out with Pepper to the roof later and almost kissed but both backed out. When Tony came back to bar to get another drink for both of them, the girl reporter who slept with him before came and showed him pictures of Gulmira, the town where Yinsen was from.

"I didn't file any shipment." Tony refuted

"Well your company did." she said

"I am not my company." saying that he left and confronted Obadiah. Obadiah said he did all this protect him and the company including him being locked out. Tony stood there trembling in anger and immediately left.

Chapter 43: The expected conspiracy

After speaking to Coulson, Bruce came back to Tony's place. He expected that Tony was at home as he noticed him going out. But there was only Alfred sitting down at the lab.

"Where's Tony?" Bruce asked

"Master Stark just came and wore the suit and flew away without saying anything" Alfred said

"Jarvis, where's Tony?" Bruce asked.

"Mr. Stark is currently flying over the the Atlantic ocean at a speed of 120 miles per hour heading towards Europe." Jarvis replied.

"I should have gone with him." Bruce said as he felt there must be a reason why he was flying towards Europe and it must be serious.

John normally doesn't share all the memories with the characters being bought out. He only gave glimpses of future and enemies they would have to face. John didn't want to babysit the heroes of actual world and the characters brought from other world because if he helped everywhere then the superheroes won't grow in character.

Soon according to the original timeline, Tony arrived at Gulmira and destroyed the weapons while killing a bunch of terrorists. While returning back he was attacked by the US air force but he managed to shake them off while saving the pilot whose plane exploded. Rhodes helped him covering up but asked for a better personal explanation later.

Tony returned only to see Bruce eyeing him with dangerous eyes. Tony felt a chill in his bones by looking at him like that.

"Did you think I saved your life so that you can throw it away in that damned place again?" Bruce said in a very cold voice.

"Well I came back safe and sound.. Isn't it?" Tony said. Before Bruce could reprimand Tony they heard a voice saying

"What is that? Are those bullet marks?" Pepper who just came to the lab saw Tony who was taking off the suit with the help of Jarvis while Bruce and Alfred looking at him.

"This is not what it looks like Pepper. This won't be sold to anyone. I want to correct my legacy.". Tony said with seriousness.

"It's all fine if you make weapons and other things. But I won't be a part of this if you put your life on line" Pepper said with immense sadness. Tony was shocked and at the end convinced her that what he was doing was right for the first time.

"I want you to hack into the main server of the company and find out if there are any back deals going on. I am locked out of the company so I can't go in. Bruce can accompany you." Tony added at the end.

Bruce was still angry about his carelessness to go so far without any backup but he knew this was important now so he didn't refuse this.

"I will do this last job for you then I will resign." Pepper said and she left.

"Tony you should tell her your feelings. The world is more dangerous than you think. Don't keep any regrets." after saying that Bruce left to follow Pepper to the company.

Soon Pepper and Bruce came to the main office of Obadiah and Pepper started the process with the help of USB device given my Tony while Bruce stayed at the door to be on lookout. Soon the truth came out as she watched the video showing that Obadiah was responsible for the kidnapping of Tony and his new project with suits named Sector 16.

While the information was being copied Bruce said that Obadiah was coming and she needed to hide. So she hid the hard drive with a newspaper.

"Who is he? Your new bodyguard?" Obadiah said after entering the office

"Yeah. Tony said I needed an assistant so I hired him. What's up" Pepper said after calming herself. Then they initiated small talks while making sure that Obadiah doesn't realize that all the files were being copied. Finally after the process was completed she left in a hurry. Obadiah knew that something was wrong but he didn't say anything but when he saw that all the files were copied he knew that his secret was out.

"Obadiah is responsible for the kidnapping of Tony and there is a new project called sector 13 where he is making a suit. He might be upto something bad Bruce.. I hope you can help him."

"Sure. I will call Coulson to accompany you to this sector 13. He can protect you in case of emergency. I will go back to Tony's place to inform him. You can call Rhodes too. Having a support from military can help" Bruce said

Pepper informed Rhodes and Bruce called Coulson for backup. After half an hour Coulson came and Bruce left for Tony's place. When Bruce came to Tony's place he saw Alfred lying unconscious in the living room . Bruce was stunned and immediately woke him up.

"What happened? Where is Tony?" Bruce asked.

"Master Bruce, Tony is in danger. You need to go to save him. Tony was in the laboratory before" Alfred replied somehow as he was still not fully conscious.

Chapter 44: The fight

Bruce reached the laboratory only to see Stark crawling towards the previous arc reactor which Pepper gifted him. His original arc reactor was missing from his chest. Bruce ran to the old arc reactor and placed the it in his chest. Tony finally returned to normal after few minutes.

At that point Rhodes too came and saw Tony getting ready in the suit. "This is the coolest thing I have ever seen" Rhodes said.

"Tony, Obadiah took away your reactor to fuel his own version of suit he got from your Mark 1. You will have to be careful." Bruce said as he himself started to put his suit.

"You are?" Rhodes asked feeling weird because he had never seen this new person before and from his words it felt like Tony and him are good friends but he had never seen him before.

"Bruce Wayne. A friend of Tony. We can talk about myself later. We have to go now. Alfred, Jarvis guide us when required" Bruce said.

"Sure sir." both said immediately.

"Rhodes keep the sky clear for us" Tony said after putting his suit on.

"Jarvis bring out the TUMBLER, Alfred I might need the batwing. Take it's wheel. " Bruce said. Bruce had brought all the 3 vehicles in the garage as he needed some modification to do. The batmobile came near him as he went to the garage. He went inside while Tony flew away.

Rhodes was stunned when he saw such a huge vehicle and wondered where he had seen this vehicle before. "Hello. Can I know who is he?" Rhodes asked Alfred as he saw them riding away.

Alfred just smiled but didn't say anything as it's not his secret to say.

Tony reached when Pepper was about to be attacked and fought with him but the fight led to the streets. It happened exactly as the same in the original world. But as soon as the fight started in the streets suddenly Obadiah was hit by big bullets from behind. Even though the bullets failed to penetrate the armor but it dented the armor by lot. Bruce realized that Obadiah had changed the exoskeleton because the bullets in the batmobile didn't pierce the armor.

"Tony, he has upgraded your armor." Bruce said over the network.

"Who are you? Well! It doesn't matter. Since you shot me now it's my turn" Obadiah said and immediately launched a missile towards the batmobile and it exploded immediately after it was hit.

"No Bruce.. You piece of shit" Tony shouted in an agitated voice and Tony started fighting after against Obadiah.

"You care about a person's life who you have probably met a few days ago. You disappointed me Tony." Obadiah said. And while they were fighting Obadiah was hit by a small device on his neck and it exploded immediately after. The device came from exploded Batmobile. And from there emerged a motorbike with huge tires and mounted guns on both sides and a man in a batsuit riding it.

After coming out of the fire he immediately started raining bullets on Obadiah and he was thrown away by the impact as the bike was up close now. "We need to disable his suit. Take him to high altitude. His suit will develop ice on its armor." Bruce suggested after approaching Tony riding the bike.

"Yes. Where is your batwing? We need it" Tony said

"We are here Master Stark. Now mount him over the plane. Be sure that he doesn't fall of" Alfred said over the call.

Bruce and Tony immediately went towards Obadiah who was lying down. Tony sent a missile to Obadiah while Bruce threw incendiary device at him which exploded immediately. Obadiah who was trying to get up got blasted away again and became unconscious. Tony put Obadiah over the batwing after spending a lot of energy as the Obadiah's suit was really heavy. The batwing immediately flew away to high altitude while Tony made sure that he doesn't fall down from the batwing.

They went to high altitude and icing started to form on Obadiah's suit. After a certain altitude, Tony threw him down.

Tony, whose energy on his reactor was negligible started to come down and Alfred gave him a lift at the end as he saw Tony working on fumes. Obadiah didn't survive the fall as he was unconscious and his suit was heavily damaged from missiles and bullets before.

A day later after the fight John, Bruce, Coulson, Tony, Alfred and Pepper were in a room. John came in the next morning when he saw the fight happen in the streets. Though there was a huge change in the plot but the general trajectory was the same. It reinforced his belief that even if there was a butterfly effect on the events but still it didn't change the actual heroes' story very much. John came to see that famous scene in the press conference that will mark an era to come.

Chapter 45: I am Iron Man

"Here's your alibi. You were on a yacht and here's the signature of 15 people who can testify for this. And John you can just say the half truth. Of course the thing of other universe should be omitted. I think you know what you say." Coulson said after handing the statement to Tony.

"Iron man. That's a nice name. Bruce what do you think?" Tony asked as reading the newspaper. Bruce just shrugged and didn't say anything while Coulson left.

"I have a gift for you all for defeating Obadiah." John said while bringing out a cubic suitcase.

"Gift? Are you going to give me the shares of my company back?" Tony asked as he knew John bought many shares when it went down.

"No Tony, it's much better than that?" said John while opening the suitcase. "I got it much earlier but I think this is will be more helpful for you. Of course I might have to take it for some of it's uses in future." Bruce and Tony both looked at it. Tony suddenly thought of something and became excited.

"Is this what I think it is?" Tony asked.

"Yes, it's the Cube" John said. "Use it well."

"Thanks John." Bruce said.

"OK let's go for the press release."

In the press release John came to the podium first.

"Hello Mr. John the videos circulating say that the guy in the fight in the freeway was Batman. Is that true?" a reporter asked. Because all already knew John wasn't Batman because in body structure wise his body is completely different from Batman.

"Yes it was Bruce Wayne. I can say truthfully that he is indeed real and he is my friend but I can't reveal his face. That's the least I can do as a friend and protect him." John said. This caused a commotion.

"Is the story in your movie real?" another reporter asked after silence prevailed.

"Yes some of the parts are indeed real, but some are just for selling the movie" John said. "Now Tony will give his press release" John continued.

"Thanks John. Now I will follow the script unlike last time to buy vilify myself again" Tony said as he laughed and came on stage

And the following scenes followed exactly like in the original world.

"I am not a superhero because that would be ridiculous and..... fantastic" Tony said being little distracted.

"I never said you are a superhero" the reporter said who questioned him before.

"The truth is..... I AM IRON MAN" Tony said with a smirk. And immediately the reporters went crazy and started asking him questions but he left turning around refusing to take any questions.

" So it starts." John said.

"Yes and it starts. This is going to be a long and dangerous journey. I hope we will strong enough." Bruce said while standing beside him.

" I hope so too." John said.

"Let's go. I can't wait to try the power of the cube." Tony said

"Tony at first try to solve your problem" John said in a serious expression while pointing to his chest

" You know it too? Well I guess you will know since you can see glimpses of future. Will I be able to get rid of the poisoning?" Tony asked

"Tony the future I see is never constant. It changes. Don't rely on my powers but yes in alternate future you did find the solution. I just don't know, maybe you can look into your father's work. It might help." John reminded Tony which was almost close to the truth as future is never constant. Him being in the universe already means that the trajectory has changed.

"I understand. Bruce? What will you do? Do you want to try this Cube's powers?"

" Sure. " Bruce said.

Soon after John left for New York. He had work to do now. Since Batman became real his influence in the world would change as he was the friend of superhero. He was thinking of expanding his network by starting a television channel and broadcasting various cartoons from previous life to extract more fans. There was a sharp rise in the number of fans after Batman came out real. He was happy about it and he needed to capitalize on it.

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Total number of fan values - 6 million]

"It rose 1 million in just 2 days and it's still rising. That's good. I need to think of a world which can influence all but be equally balanced. Now the plot of Iron Man 2 will start. I will try to help if there is diversion in the story. Bruce can help him too. I have two more year for Thor. Let's start with mythology. I already have a character during his emergence. Bruce needs more suit too. I hope the cube can help him in this regard." John thought to himself.

Chapter 46: The post credits scene

In the next 2 months he did lots of things like making a television channel and introduced various cartoons, starting new animes and making two more movies. The two movies he has in mind will help him gain more recognition.

He had already shared his ideas of how to use apps in mobiles to Google and told them to work on it. John wanted to bring another character and for that he needed to do the proper work to achieve fan value because bringing a powerful character is going to cost him and he wanted to bring some knowledge from a particular anime. This knowledge would help him gain a power without even changing himself to characters.

John even tied up with an European company to make games specially working on role playing games because only that will bring characters but developing games needs lot of time so he would have to work hard and make necessary preparations.

At the mean time in LA, John and Bruce who were working on the cube when a certain man visited them. Instead of showing up suddenly from shadows like always Fury came from the front door this time.

"Hello Mr. Bruce it's nice to finally meet you and you to Stark, 'I am Iron Man'. You think you are the only superhero in the world?" Fury asked.

"Bruce here is also a superhero, so of course no. I know that I am not alone. Oh yes Bruce said that someone took away Yinsen to save. I guess he too is a superhero. I hope he is fine. Who are you by the way?" Tony lamented. Fury took out a mobile with connected a video call. Yinsen popped out from the video and said.

"I am fine Tony."

"Yinsen you are fine? That's great? Where have you been? Why aren't you here?" Tony asked

"Yes I m fine. Director Fury here brought me to you. The things and the people I have seen are so awesome. Never knew such a world existed Tony." Yinsen said with wonder in his eyes. Fury coughed as he said that. "Sorry Director, I know the rules."

"The reason I am not beside you is because I can't go out of their dimension. I am not safe outside. So for now I can't meet you." Yinsen continued

"What happened? You can tell me what you know. I will sue them in court if they do anything to you." Tony said while eyeing Fury.

"It's ok Tony. Their world is different and their people are way too powerful for this world. And they did no harm to me. I can't tell you why I can't go out but rest assured I am safe. It's better we have secrecy." Yinsen replied.

"Fine. One day I will find this so called 'world' myself. Wait if this is a world, only one work of John fully consists of a full fledged world apart from Bruce's Earth. Shit.. You mean Naruto is real. OMG!!" Tony said. Tony was smart enough to understand from the hints given by Yinsen.

"I am Nick Fury, Director of SHIELD. Sometimes you are too knowledgeable for your own good Stark. You better keep it under wraps. Or else one day your body will be found in the seas and I won't be responsible for it. Yinsen will be working for SHIELD now as a liaison between us and the 5 kages and won't be coming out." Fury said seriously.

"I know. Bruce here too won't say anything." Tony said without even asking Bruce.

"I am sorry for his rude behavior. It must be hard to be put up with his attitude" Fury said to Bruce. "Mr. Bruce I hope you can come with us later for your assessment by SHIELD. I will have to follow some protocols and make a report." John told me that your world too is very dangerous." Fury asked.

"Sure. I am fine with Tony. He provides me the platform to better myself and we can share ideas so little bit of arrogance can be handled." Bruce said without even considering the feelings of Tony.

"I thought you are my friend Bruce. You hurt me." Tony commented sarcastically.

"Even though I don't like being subjected to such ridiculous assessments but John had asked this from me so I guess I will accept it." Bruce added.

"And answering to the question, yes. Our world was or is dangerous. I hope they don't come to this universe. It will be very difficult if 'he' comes" Bruce said clutching his fist.

He has two worlds of memories and both world's Darkseid was terrifying.

"He? who's he?" Tony asked he could see the helplessness, anger and guilt all over his face. It was the same he felt when he was on the cave. Fury too was interested. But Bruce didn't answer to that.

"I understand Mr. Bruce. Are there any more superheroes in your world?" Fury asked

"My world? There are some. We were a team. Some are really powerful. Powerful enough to destroy earth single handedly" Bruce said with a smile.

"My god you are saying that you have a group of superheroes powerful enough to destroy earth and you still don't have much confidence with this 'he'?" Tony was really surprised and shaken this time. The last few months have been great for them. Tony understood Bruce better now.

Bruce is an epitome of 'persecution delusion' syndrome. His contingencies had contingencies, be it his suit or his works. He would evaluate everything before giving a green light to anything. Tony felt it was fine if this 'he' doesn't come but if he comes he would have to get ready to stop him and he needed better suits.

Then again he remembered he was dying. Bruce and Tony had tried everything but still no result. Now seeing Yinsen he saw a ray of hope but he wanted to try everything possible to get himself out of his situation. He didn't want to owe a favor to another person again which he didn't even know and he wasn't sure if 'they' would help him. Specially after what Yinsen said.

Chapter 47: A new knowledge

"That's why I am here. I am here to talk about the Avenger's initiative. Bruce already has the qualifications to join it and he will be assessed later. It will be a team of superheroes to face threat which might affect humanity in a big way. It's an idea to bring together some remarkable people, to see if they could become something more. Fight battles that the people never could. Tony you too are on the list but we need to evaluate you." Fury said

"Heh. I am more than qualified to join your so called 'Avengers Initiative'" Tony said nonchalantly. "I am rich and have an advanced technology that's enough to make me qualified."

"Tony you are reckless, not a team player and love to make your own decisions. This alone makes you unqualified" Fury cut his arrogance short.

"Fine I am exactly same as that description. Can you blame me?" Tony shrugged. Even though Tony didn't care about this Avengers much but he was interested. After seeing Bruce's look at that moment he knew he needed to have powerful friends to safeguard this world.

"I will invite you to join Avengers when you are ready Stark. Bruce can you keep an eye on him?" Fury

"Sure. I am here most of the time anyways" Bruce said. Fury left after that.

The months went by. Even after 3 months he couldn't find any solution to his palladium poisoning. Bruce too felt sad. He secretly thought if he couldn't find any solution he would ask John for help at the end.

Finally Stark decided to hold Stark Expo to bring geniuses of the world together. He wanted to leave a legacy if he dies. he didn't want t die thinking that only weapons was his legacy. After Stark Expo opened people were excited as it could mean getting close to a superhero.

Pepper was not so happy about it because it would be more waste of money. And for Pepper to stop complaining, Tony made Pepper the CEO of Stark Industries.

John, in the mean time, was responsible for releasing a bunch a new animes and in order to generate faster fan values. He even introduced cartoons like Tom and Jerry, Looney Tunes and such others. But since their audience were only children, they didn't generate much in a short period of time, nonetheless, John was happy about it.

This would give him powers and he wouldn't have to change himself to protect himself. John spent a full 150 million fan values just to bring the knowledge of the anime to life. He was able to get such high fan values in such a short time was all thanks to animes and cartoons he had been releasing continuously. Before during Naruto he only used to get about 20 million fan values per month. Now it had changed to above 25 million.

John was stressed. When he came to know about the system he thought it would be very easy for him to deal with the world but reality hit him like a truck. Even though he could bring characters and world to life but the required fan values made him want to cry. He felt that Naruto's world should be reserved for greater threats but the small threats too needed to be dealt with.

John spent the last two months studying the new knowledge he acquired. This was a whole new world for him and knowledge was very much extensive.

"Son you should go out. You have been studying like mad in the last two months." Jameson said worriedly.

"It's fine Dad I just finished my studies. By the way Dad I might drop out from High school soon. I don't think they can teach me anything of importance. And I don't have many friends there. I hope you won't stop me." John said.

"Are you sure about that? Even though you won't need a job in future thanks to your companies. But knowledge is important for a man" Jameson asked with hesitation.

"Dad I will be travelling outside earth soon. Do you think my school knowledge will be helpful?" John asked with a smirk.

"What? Travelling the universe? Are you serious? Has the earth's technology so advanced?" Jameson asked shocked.

"Who said it was earth's technology? And are you sure only earth technology is helpful travelling the universe?" John asked with a smile.

"What do you mean? You mean aliens will come from another world?" Jameson asked with fear now. Human beings have always lived under the fear of attack of higher civilization.

"You will know soon Dad" John said mysteriously. "I will go to Tony's place tomorrow. I need to share something with him." John said and started packing all the books in a ordered manner. He had copied all the books in a USB drive too. These books were for somebody else. As he was getting ready and Jameson was making small talks with him they heard a knock on the door.

Valentina went and opened the door only to see a man in suit standing. John had never seen the man before.

"You are?" Jameson asked.

"I am here for Mr. John Jameson." the man said.

Chapter 48: The promise

"Yes I am here. Go on, spit it out." John said without much care. Being a tycoon he had to show some arrogance.

"You are hereby ordered to present yourself for the Senate Arms Service committee in a week." the man said without much expression in his face.

"It's finally here. I have been waiting for you." John said with a smile. This time all were surprised when they heard it including the man who came with the subpoena. "I will be there on time. I guess Tony too will be served the same one. Right? It doesn't matter. Thank you by the way" John continued.

The man thanked him and left.

"Are you sure you can handle it alone? I can use my connection to find something dirty on the senate committee." Jameson said with worry in his face.

"Dad did you think I built an empire for money? No Dad. I made my empire to handle situations like this committee. I have long known that the politicians will come after me. My empire is one of my ways of handling them. And no, I don't want you to interfere. That committee has people with whom I don't want to be in conflict yet. Even though I don't care about their existence I prefer not to be seen by them." John said as he remembered that the committee had members of Hydra. He didn't want them to know his real situation yet.

"Fixit come with me. We have work to do tonight." he said.

"Sure." said Fixit after transforming himself.

After coming to the room John took out three drawings that he drew recently.

"Tattoo these drawings in both of my arms and the small drawing over my hand" he said to Fixit.

"Ok but it might be painful." Fixit said

"It's fine. I am ready for it." said John.

The next day John packed the books and took them to the Bee's trunk he went out of his home. He now had three tattoos on his arms and hand.

He needed to deliver a promise he made to someone. Soon he came to Bleeker Street. After taking out a bag full of books he knocked on the New York sanctum. Drumm opened the door.

"You are here again? Meeting with the ancient one?" Drumm asked after seeing John. Drumm always felt weird about John. John had such a huge empire and he was probably the only person who got the freedom to meet the ancient one whenever he liked.

"Yes Master Drumm. I hope you can inform her." John asked politely.

"The ancient one told me that you can go to Kamar Taj directly whenever you come." Drumm said to him directly.

It was evening at New York so when he crossed the door towards Kamar Taj it was morning in Nepal. He saw many people practicing magic in the courtyard and then he saw someone he knew from before.

Casilias. He was stunned. John really wanted to change himself and throw a kunai at his face to avoid future trouble.

"John come with me instead of spacing out." A voice from afar came. John who was clenching his fist and contemplating he let go of his thoughts after he heard the voice. The people who were practicing looked at John with curiosity.

They had never seen a normal guy coming to the temple and from the voice of ancient one. They felt he was quite close to the ancient one from her tone but had never seen him before.

John gave a last glance at Casilias and left for the main hall. After sitting near the ancient one he was served tea again like last time. He really loved the tea.

"What happened? Did you want to kill Casilias?" the ancient one said

"Yes." said John without hesitation.

"He is important for Strange. Before he comes you can't touch Casilias." the ancient one reminded.

"Fine. It's just I don't want you to die." John said. She just smiled and didn't say anything.

"Why are you here? New world's emergence?" she asked instead.

"No. Last time I told you I will help you in guarding earth. This is my help." he said while handing out a big bag. It weighed a lot as it had many books. He wanted to help the ancient one as he felt his butterfly effect might effect the defense of earth. So he wanted to add more security for the mages.

The ancient one opened the books and started reading. The more she read the more astonished she was. This knowledge was powerful and dangerous. The she saw the tattoos on John's hands.

When she first saw those tattoos she felt weird because it never occurred to her that John had a thing for tattoos. But now when she saw the tattoos on his hand she had a different expression on her face.

She started reading more into the books with more concentration. After reading for over an hour did she finally put her head up and looked at him.

"You will have to practice the science which you used on your hands. That power isn't simple and I hope you don't forget the theory of equivalent exchange." she said to John with a very serious expression.

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"Of course I know how dangerous is it's powers. Didn't you watch the anime I made?" John asked her.

"You think I have a lots of free time to watch all your works?" the ancient one retorted.

"You really are a monster. You figured out my tattoos with just an hour of reading. No wonder you are sorcerer supreme." John murmured under his breath.

"You want me to keep the books?" she asked speculatively.

"Yes this is my help for now. Of course don't share the core information. That will be dangerous. Such knowledge shouldn't be known to anyone." John said.

"I know. I will make sure that only sorcerer supreme will have access to it's core knowledge. Thank you John. This knowledge will help generations of mages. This is a great help" the ancient one said with all sincerity.

"It's fine. If there are people who comes to the universe which has magical powers in future I will notify." he said with a smile. Then they discussed on the new knowledge, even though she didn't have in depth knowledge she could figure out the general directio of the science involved. After an hour of discussion John felt sleepy so he excused himself and left Kamar Taj. She even asked him if he wanted to learn magic.

John didn't have so much free time for now. If he has in the future he might try to learn.

The next morning John left for LA to meet Tony. After he reached his home he went directly to the laboratory. He noticed that the laboratory has become bigger than last time and it had two separate sections. One section looked extravagant and the other looked a little gloomy. John immediately knew that this two have separate laboratories now to work on their projects.

"Hey John. You are back. Wait what are those? Tattoos? You like tattoos? You never seem like that kind of person." Tony said as he came to greet John after finishing his work.

John could see many small robot like creatures working on the table.

"You seem like you have are using the full force of the cube to your advantage." John said and from the corner he saw Bruce coming out from his laboratory with a robotic dog following him.

"Yeah thanks to you our work has become easier and faster." Bruce replied to that.

"By the way you didn't watch my new series?" John asked.

"Of course we did. Your anime is very colorful. Specially loved 'Fullmetal Alchemist Brotherhood'. I loved the whole plot. I cried so many times after watching some scenes. Specially when Colonel Hughes died and her daughter crying on his funeral." Tony said with sadness. "It must be very saddening to see such worlds in dreams but can't do anything to stop them" Tony lamented.

"It's fine. I am used to it by now. Since you have seen the series don't you know what my tattoos represent?"

They both were surprised when they heard it. They both came close to see his tattoos and then Bruce suddenly realized something and said

"You used Scar's alchemy and alkahestry? And that tattoo in your hand? Flame alchemy? From Roy Mustang?" Bruce asked with doubts. John clapped instantly

"Yes Bruce it is exactly as you said." John said.

John made those tattoos after gaining knowledge of them from the world of Fullmetal Alchemist Brotherhood. It was a world where science was based on transmutation circle and the theory of equivalent exchange. John's right hand could perform decomposition which means if he wanted, whatever he touched, be it organic or inorganic, it would decompose. And the left arm could reconstruct. Any material could be reshaped to any form of the corresponding material. He could make a spear out of bricks if he wanted. Of course it would take practice. And the last tattoo on his hand was flame alchemy. With just a spark he could make fire and attack enemies with fire. Same as Roy Mustang, the flame alchemist in the anime. Since fire uses oxygen for burning and spark giving the initiation the theory of equivalent exchange stood valid.

"My god now you have the knowledge of their world. Wow. Now you can finally use powers. Can you teach me alkahestry? I would love to know more about it and see if it could cure my poisoning." Tony asked with enthusiasm.

"I am here for two reasons. One for the senate hearing tomorrow, I am sure Tony got it and secondly to share the knowledge of alchemy and alkahestry." John said.

Tony was instantly excited as that would mean another means to get stronger. As for the senate hearing, he didn't really care. He just needed to hack on their servers and bring out their dirty work. Both of them are powerful and influential people. The senate can never force them to do anything.

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"Really? That's awesome. I loved the iron blood alchemist. Its a pity that he got killed so easily. Wait since you have Scar's tattoos we should have a fight later when I research on iron alchemy. This time I will defeat you and take back the glory of iron alchemy. " Tony said with fighting spirit.

"Sure. But first detoxify yourself. We both need to practice on it." John said after giving the USB drive. Tony took the drive and put it on the table and said.

"Jarvis make a private folder labelled as Alchemy and give highest security to it. Nobody except me, Bruce and John will have access to it."

"No. The knowledge of Alchemy can never be accessed or saved in a computer which is connected by the Internet. Even Jarvis can't get access to it." John stopped Tony as future Ultron might be a problem if he learns alchemy.

"Huh are you sure about that?" Tony said little puzzled.

"Yes. Never in any computer with internet ." John insisted.

"Fine."

Bruce won't accompany for the hearing as that might lead to speculations of him being Batman. Tony had his first entrance for his Expo that night so he got busy. So he didn't get much time to study alkahestry but they both went through the knowledge. Both were excited and worked up. While John gave some tips to it. He was sure they both would get more out of this knowledge instead of him as they both were geniuses.

At the Stark Expo, Tony landed from an airplane using his Iron Man suit like in the movie and gave a speech for leaving a legacy.

".. tonight we have two guests for you. Ladies and Gentlemen. He has the same influence as me, well maybe a little less as he is not a superhero but a great man nonetheless. Please welcome, the teenager who creates miracles everyday, Mr. John Jameson and followed by my father Howard Stark" Tony ended his speech by that.

John came out from behind the stand and said

"Thank you Mr. Stark for the compliment. Well I might not be a superhero but I can definitely be of help to the society. Welcome you all to the Stark Expo. I too will be investing money in this and hope you all can join your minds together and help innovate new ideas and inventions." John said as he got a loud applause. John like Tony was very famous as he had his hands on so many things that his existence was now very crucial for the functioning of a society.

"Let's not hold you all for too much time and welcome Mr. Howard Stark" John continued.

After the end of Expo they went back to Tony's place and slept as they had a flight the next day to Washington DC.

Tony and John accompanied by Pepper reached the building of senate hearing. They both took their seats.

"Mr. Stark, please pay attention" said the senator who took charge in the hearing.

Tony who was busy talking with Pepper turned his head and said "Yes dear". This made everyone laugh out loud.

"Do you or do you not possess a specialized weapon?" the senator said.

"I do not" Tony replied without hesitation.

"Then what is the Iron Man weapon?" the senator asked.

"My device doesn't fit that description" Tony replied again.

"Then how will you describe it?" the senator asked

"It's a uh.. umm.. it's a high tech prosthesis." Tony replied and everybody started laughing at this answer

"It is a weapon Mr. Stark. It should be handed to the people of the United States." the senator said with a higher voice.

"You can forget it. I am Iron Man. Me and the suit are one. Turning it over will be equal to servitude or prostitute depending on what state I am in" Tony replied and everybody again laughed at it.

"I am not an expert in weapons but we have somebody who is. I would like to call Justin Hammer, our current primary weapons contractor"

"Justin, haha, an expert? what a joke" Tony said out loud

"I am no expert Tony as compared to you of course" Justin replied. The Justin went on to give a speech of how dangerous the world was and that America needed technology like Tony's who was adamant on using it as a shield.

The senate called Colonel Rhodes this time and asked him to say about his doubts which he submitted before to the military. Rhodes mentioned that it would be unfair as there was a huge report he made about it. Then Rhodes showed how different countries were trying to make weapons such as Iron Man's suit.

Tony brought out his mobile and said in a low voice "Cinch, hack into them and show them the results. Work your magic"

The small mobile immediately started working on it's own and soon the images on the screen changed to the scenes of actual results where countries failed to make Iron Man suit and even lost men due to it. It even showed Justin Hammer's research on the suit where he failed to make a successful test and even the guy in the suit seemed injured.

"The countries might be 5 6 years behind in replicating my suit. But Hammer Industries is at least 10 15 years behind. You should thank me. I am your nuclear deterrent. It's working, we are safe. America is safe. You want my property you cant' have it. I have successfully privatized world peace" Tony said with confidence as everybody gave a standing ovation.