

Multiverse 51

Chapter 51: The woman

"You all are so desperate that you even brought my friend, John here too. For what? He doesn't even have the technology that you want to so use by yourself." Tony continued.

"Tony it's fine. Senator, you can proceed to your questions." John intervened.

"Mr. Jameson, is Batman your friend?" he asked.

"Of course he is my friend senator." John replied with a smile.

"Then Mr. Jameson I would like you to reveal his face. Him having such high tech weapons is dangerous for the people of United States." senator replied. When Bruce came to earth, Nick Fury made a separate identity for Bruce and Alfred so the normal politicians had no idea of who he was exactly.

"Do you want me to rat my friend Senator? I am sorry. I can't do that because that's not what friends do." John said.

"Then you will be charged with aiding and abetting a vigilante Mr. Jameson." said the senator with authority.

"Vigilante? You can't even hold on to Tony, do you think you can hold on to me or Bruce? There is not even a single incident of vigilantism by Bruce and police can't even prove that it was his work. The weapons which he has is already with many departments of the country and the only difference is a suit provided by Tony. The only thing is that he is far more efficient, better and faster than other people around." John said and everybody on the audience gave a nod accepting it.

"The technology of Bruce's suit is provided by me. That's my property. As I said you can't have it. Bruce is my friend too. Thank you senator for making us take such a long flight and your immense help in wasting our time." Tony added and started leaving. John too followed and left with Tony.

John knew that this was all a facade for showing dominance. The committee knew that they could never force something out of both of them as that might backfire and bring the economy to it's knees. This

was a power play by the politicians which turned out to be a failed one and an embarrassment for the people of the world to see. John had made such long preparations just to face this day without any worry.

"There will be a Grand Prix in Monaco. I hope you will join it." Tony said to John as they were leaving.

"Sure I would join you at Monaco. Take Bruce too." John replied.

John left for his home as he had work to do and Tony for his with Pepper. In the next few days Tony and Bruce started learning and working on alkahestry and alchemy. They were amazed of how vast the knowledge was. They both had plans to use alchemy/alkahestry while fighting.

After weeks of research the only solution they could come up with was stopping the palladium poisoning but it can't cure him as the reactor continues to pollute his blood. Bruce drew a transmutation circle all over his chest and two small transmutation on his feet to channel life energy and stop the advancement of blood pollution.

Even though it will stop the poisoning but if he used his armor too much the poisoning would still rise albeit slower this time. Tony was heartbroken when he saw the results. He had hoped a lot out of it but still it seemed that God had left him bare handed.

Tony, in order to distract his mind, started learning fighting tactics from Bruce. He even made an arena at his home just to learn how to fight. As he was practicing with Bruce, Pepper came with a very gorgeous and beautiful woman with fiery red hair color following Pepper. Tony saw her from the corner of his eye and was immediately distracted.

Tony received a punch on the face right after that "Distraction. Could kill you" Bruce said after hitting him.

"Hello boys. Thomas how is the babysitting going on?" Pepper asked Alfred who was watching the fight from the sofa. In the presence of others Bruce and Alfred had different names. Bruce was named as Lucian and Alfred as Thomas.

"It's fine miss Potts. Master Stark can be handful but I can take care of him." Alfred said. Alfred had been looking after both of them while Pepper was busy managing the company.

"That's good. Tony I need your signatures for the last time. It's about the handover for the company" Pepper asked Tony. Bruce looked at the beautiful woman, he instantly felt that the woman wasn't simple. Being an assassin himself he could feel that the woman was like him, a trained personnel.

Bruce wasn't sure if she was an enemy but he made a defensive pose instinctively. The woman saw that and smiled at Bruce instead. Bruce was confused but kept his guard up.

"Hello, what's your name lady?" Tony asked her.

"Rushman, Natalie Rushman" she said. "No she is not." Bruce said under his breath.

"Come here. Help me take my position and fight this guy." Tony told her.

She happily obliged while Tony got down and sat with Pepper.

Chapter 52: Monaco

As she went to the arena she became serious and her body language changed to a fighting mode. She knew that the guy in front of her wasn't simple. Bruce punched at her abdomen immediately which she defended by both her hands. She initiated a kick from the other side towards his upper body which he dodged.

This small harmless and flashy moves went on for a couple of seconds. Then Bruce suddenly wrapped his hands around her neck from behind after dodging her previous punch and asked coldly in a whispering voice "Who are you?"

"I am Natasha. An agent of SHIELD. I am here to evaluate Tony." she said as she was trying to free herself. Bruce loosened his hands and she fell down.

"This guy is really not simple. I took lessons from the ninjas and he could still overpower me." she said under her breath.

She was the famous Black Widow. The last few months she went to the world of Naruto to learn the way of the ninjas. She was accompanied by other agents like Clint, Rumlow and others. Even though they couldn't replicate the way of ninjas because of no presence of chakra, they still learnt some tricks. And even got to learn how to use weapons such as kunai, shuriken and even paper bombs. These new ways fascinated her and other agents.

All the agents realized that all those training over these years would mean nothing in front of a chunin, let alone the higher jonin levels. This was the miracle of chakra and all felt extremely powerless so all worked hard to overcome their gaps.

Tony and Pepper didn't notice this small interaction. Tony just felt he was hard on her so said "Lucian, she just a lady. Please go easy on her." Tony commented. Sometimes he wondered if Bruce would have a girlfriend in the future. His cold manner kept everybody out.

"It's fine Mr. Stark. He is a good teacher. My two months of defense classes proved nothing in front of him" Natasha lied immediately.

"Well he is an expert." Tony said. "I want an assistant like her" he added.

"Thomas is enough for you" Pepper left after saying that.

Soon, the day to travel to Monaco came. John came with Bruce and Tony accompanied by Pepper, Happy, Alfred and Natasha. John was not surprised seeing her. She already knew from Bruce's memories. Even though John gave his summoned characters full autonomy but still would check their memories from time to time.

In the same way he knew that SHIELD agents went to Naruto world. He even saw Hydra agents but he didn't stop them because it was almost negligible of what they could learn from their world and they could never invade the Naruto world. The world was closed entirely and in a different plane and they could never enter their plane without permission so he didn't really care.

Natasha on the other hand, had different thoughts than John. According to Fury, he knew her from before but she was sure she had never met him before today. John supposedly knew her story from a

parallel universe. Fury always felt that John wasn't as simple as he showed so told her to be on the lookout for him and try to extract more information if possible.

John smiled at her when he met her on the plane but didn't say anything. She also noticed tattoos on his arms. She felt weird but didn't ask.

They finally landed in Monaco and went to the high end hotel. The next day all went to attend the grand Prix. Pepper could sense something was wrong with Tony. On asking he always denied so she stopped poking her nose. Justin Hammer was also there and Tony didn't let go of the chance of insulting him as usual. As all were having food at the table Tony suddenly vanished by excusing himself. When they noticed that Tony was missing for a few minutes, they got curious of what happened.

Suddenly Pepper saw Tony in the race track replacing the driver in television. Pepper was surprised after seeing this and got worried because racing wasn't for the fainthearted. Bruce raised his eyebrows but didn't say anything. A person who was dying tended to be self-destructive.

"Bruce. You should go near the race track. Wear a mask. Tony might need help." John said. Bruce was surprised by what John said but left immediately.

"Pepper did you bring the suitcase?" John asked Pepper.

"Yes. Why John? Is something going to happen?" Pepper was more worried now by the question.

"Well something might happen. But you don't have to worry about it. Bruce is here. Miss Natasha you should call Fury. He needs to hand over the archives to Tony. It's almost time." John said while looking at Natasha.

"Well it seems like my hard-earned cover is blown instantly." Natasha said with a sweet smile. John even felt his heart racing at that moment. He had forgotten how beautiful Natasha was. Her figure alone could kill many people.

"Natasha. Aren't you Natalie? Who is Fury? Are you a spy of another company." Pepper asked, now agitated, while looking at Natasha. But John said

"It's fine. She is here to protect Tony. You need to go Pepper."

Chapter 53: The whiplash

Tony just completed a lap and was proceeding to the second one. But as he was driving he saw a man on the track walking on the track from afar who was wearing a very rudimentary exoskeleton on his body while holding a two lashes on his hands that was sparkling with electricity running through the lashes.

There was a half cut car behind the man signifying the man had damaged the car with his lashes. Tony wanted to stop his car but he was cruising very fast. The man hit his car with the lashes. It immediately cut his car in the front which catapulted his car in the air forward and crash landed upside down few meters ahead.

Tony wanted to get out of his car but he was stuck and the man with the lashes was approaching him slowly. As he was approaching there were suddenly 5 sharp knives that looked like bats stuck the track in a circular shape between Tony and him. The moment the knives stuck there was blue spark like electricity around it and the next moment there was a huge wall of at least 10 inches thick that rose from the ground diving Tony and the man in lashes covering both side ends of the track.

"Thanks Bruce" Tony murmured. This was alkahestry. Bruce took the alkahestry path as he felt that it could help people with injuries and launch long range powerful attacks. Tony liked alchemy more and felt alchemy was better and researched on it.

The man in lashes was dumbfounded by the wall that formed in front of him. The wall was so thick that he couldn't destroy it immediately. He could see the whole wall that rose was formed by the ground underneath as it created a dip beside the wall.

As Tony was thinking what he should do as he was sure this wall wasn't going to stop this man for more than a minute he heard a car engine from behind. He saw his Rolls Royce car approaching him. After it stopped in front of him Tony eyes gleamed as he understood his help was here.

Tony took the the suitcase from Happy and opened it. The suitcase slowly transformed into a suit. It was exactly the same as the Mark 4 suit in the original world. The only difference was that there were special writings and signs all over the arms leading till the elbow.

Tony had drawn the iron alchemic transmutation circle all over the suit in his arms, exactly the same as the iron blood alchemist in the anime. Tony felt safe now as he now had enough equipment to fight this new man. He didn't think much about this new man but the arc reactor on his chest surprised him. He always thought only he had that technology.

As the wall in front of him broke down by the continuous barge of the lashes, the man came through the damaged wall. Without uttering a single sentence he immediately attacked Tony. Tony dodged on the side while clenching his fist. He stuck both of his knuckles together.

This instantly created a blue lightning spark like before but this time it was in his arms. He hit the ground with both his arms and suddenly bunch of iron chains rose from the ground. The chains flew towards the man in lashes and immediately bounded him before he could react. It wrapped around his arms, legs and abdomen rendering him immovable. The chains that came out of the ground created a 3 meter wide depth as the iron content on the road wasn't so high. Tony even had to use the iron fences on the sides to compensate for iron deficiency around.

"What the hell is this?" the man shouted.

"Alchemy. You should study more." Tony replied as he approached the man. He saw the arc reactor on the man's chest and removed it.

"Where did you get it?" Tony asked him directly.

"Hahaha.. You lose Stark.. You lose.. Hahaha.. " the man replied hysterically. The authorities came seconds later. Tony removed the chains after striking it with his hands. The surrounding audience looked at him with an astonished expression.

This new kind of power surprised everybody.

"What the hell was that? I thought Tony Stark could only use missiles and fly around. Where did this new electricity come from. Those chains and wall rose from the ground. Does Tony Stark have some special powers?" one person in the audience said.

"I don't know. But it looked so cool. Bringing the chains out from ground and making that wall." Another person replied. Everybody thought that the wall was created by Tony as almost nobody saw the batarangs that stuck the road.

Even though many people followed the works of John but most of the people disdained watching animated series as they felt it was beneath their age to watch these so most of them hadn't watched the series.

John had given the knowledge of alchemy to Tony because it would help the people understand that the knowledge of alchemy was real and in this way many people would watch the series and gain more fan values via that. Tony would act as the greatest advertiser there every was.

Chapter 54: Self destructive mode

Tony came back from the track after putting away the suit. He saw Bruce and others sitting in the table while most of others left who were attending the race due to security reasons.

"You selfish piece of sh*t. What were you thinking? Do you know how dangerous it was? You were almost killed just now. Do you even think of others who care about you?" Pepper shouted in a very loud voice. Tony just kept his head down, he knew this was dangerous and it was his fault.

Bruce and John didn't comment on anything as they knew why Tony was acting weird. A person who was dying might act in a self destructive way. This was normal. And specially a person like Tony, who all his life had been in control of everything.

"Thanks Bruce for the help. You saved my life again." Tony said to Bruce without replying to Pepper because he knew no amount of apologizing would remedy the situation. Bruce just gave a nod and didn't say anything.

"Who was he anyways? How does he have the arc reactor" Tony murmured.

"He is Ivan Vanke, son of Anton Vanke. Anton was a colleague of your father Howard. That's how he knows the arc reactor. Anton wanted to make money out of the arc reactor so Howard deported him to Soviet Union. Ivan inherited all the knowledge from his father. So that led to this situation. Your previous generation's of hatred continued till now." John said in one breath.

"What? You know him? Son of father's colleague. That's a first. He has been arrested already so it doesn't matter. But now the senate will come after my posterior soon. What a headache!" Tony said. he didn't ask the validity of John's claim. Being able to dream of various universes came with a perk of a peek in the future. At least, that's what Tony believed.

Everybody returned to USA after this event as this destroyed the mood of everybody. The birthday of Tony was approaching fast and Tony was thinking of enjoying it to his fullest. As it might be his last birthday, although he might get help from the Naruto world but he didn't have enough confidence if they will listen to him.

John could always help Tony with his poisoning but he wanted Tony to go through this cycle. It was important to build his character. And this would also catapult his company to a much higher level in the energy sector after he invents the new element. That's why he told Natasha to inform Fury. It was useless to play long mind games. Though he wasn't sure if Fury would listen to him.

After they returned the story of Tony followed exactly as the same as Iron Man 2. Tony did more outrageous things and on his birthday he used his suit to entertain the guests. Bruce didn't stop him as he knew Tony's situation. He even asked John for his help. John just told him not to worry, so Bruce left Tony to his instruments.

As the birthday celebration continued Rhodes came and saw the mess Tony had created. He was angry because he had been working hard to defend Tony. The US military wanted to tear down his house and take away his suit. The senate also suspected that Tony had new knowledge which was called Alchemy.

They did research on it and found out the powers of it through the series that John created. They immediately approached John to give them the information of it. John just said it was the property of Tony and he was the owner of the knowledge. John didn't even hesitate to pit Tony. Tony had SHIELD behind his back so he was sure that it would only a slight inconvenience to Tony with the knowledge of Alchemy.

Actually even if John said he had the knowledge of alchemy the senate couldn't force him to reveal this. As it fell under the jurisdiction of SHIELD and John being a consultant of SHIELD was already safe from the hounds of senate. It's just that John always subconsciously forgets that he was the consultant of SHIELD, because of the presence of Hydra.

Rhodes went to the laboratory to wear a suit and came back to the upper level where the celebration was going on. "Shut it down!" Rhodes shouted with anger.

All, except Bruce, immediately left. Tony who heard this didn't pay attention and asked the DJ to continue playing the song. Then the fight ensued. And the fight followed like it was supposed to be, with a huge blast at the end caused by their both hand thrusters. Tony was thrown away by the blast and felt unconscious.

After Rhodes came out of the mess he saw Bruce standing a little far looking at him.

"I thought you are here to make him better, you disappointed me." Rhodes said to Bruce. Rhodes being a great friend of Tony, knew the identity of Bruce.

"Do you really think you can just walk away with Tony's suit without him allowing it? If you think so then it means you don't really know Tony." Bruce replied.

Rhodes was stunned when he heard that. But when he thought about it he couldn't understand why Tony was behaving so weirdly. He looked at Tony with a complicated expression and then flew away to the US Air Force base.

Chapter 55: The new element

The next day when Tony got his bearings he flew away wearing his suit. He needed some air and wanted to eat burger and doughnut. As he was eating while sitting on the roof of the fast food joint, Fury appeared out of nowhere and instructed him to come down.

"I told you I won't join your superhero boy band. You already have Bruce. Last I remember I was rejected." Tony said while sitting in the cafe opposite to Fury.

"Bruce told me that you have palladium poisoning and your days are numbered." Fury said instead.

"I know. I have been trying to use every known element. Every combination and permutation possible. There is no replacement to it." Tony said

"And I am here to tell you that you haven't tried everything possible." Fury replied. "We have much to talk about Mr. Stark. Let's go to your home." Fury added.

After reaching Tony's place, they could see there were repairs being done. It was probably Bruce who ordered it. "Hello Bruce. How are you holding up?" Fury said after having a handshake with him.

"Well I can't complain. Tony gives me everything I want." Bruce shrugged and said without taking any note of the emotions of Tony.

"Hey we are here to talk about me. You said I didn't try all possible elements. What do you mean by that?" Tony interjected.

Fury then told him of Howard's invention and said that only Tony could complete his works. Tony didn't believe him as he always felt his father was a cold and calculative man. Fury didn't reply to that and instead gave him a box of archives that was left by Howard for Tony.

"Howard was the founder of SHIELD, so in a way your well being is our responsibility. Find a cure soon Tony. I will always keep an eye on you. I have told Bruce to assist you on this new research. He will be your babysitter till you find a result." Fury said before leaving.

Tony opened the archives and soon found out his unfinished notes and a video where Howard saying that the model of the Stark Expo was the future. He ended the video saying Tony was his best creation. Tony got emotional by that as he felt that he might have misunderstood his father.

"Seems like you misunderstood your father." Bruce said from behind.

"Master Stark your father seems like a good man. Bruce didn't get to see his father for a long time. A family's love is immense." Alfred added while bringing drinks for them. Tony just smiled and didn't say anything while Bruce felt a little sad remembering his parents.

"We will need to bring this model of Stark Expo. It might be the key to your problem." Bruce said.

"Yes we do. Jarvis tell Drift to bring out the car. We are going to take a ride." Tony said.

As they went outside, a white sports Audi car came driving by itself. "Drift take me to the headquarters of Stark Industries" Tony said.

"Hop in. It's good to make a round" a voice said from car. Drift was the name given to his Audi car which got transformed with the help of the Cube.

After going to Stark Industries he took the model of the Stark Expo and tried apologizing to Pepper for his deeds. As his recent deeds had been outrageous and it had put too much pressure in the company and her. After a small talk he came back.

"Jarvis scan the model and give me a digital wire frame of it" Tony said. After the scan was done he rotated the projection.

"Remove the shrubs, trees, buildings, parks and exits." Bruce added while looking at the model.

"That's what I was thinking. Take the frame of streets and lanes as protons and neutrons and add it to the center" Tony continued to it. The whole model now looked like an atom model.

"Enlarge it" Bruce commanded. The whole atom model looked stunning. There was a silence. Alfred who was looking into it finally joked "Congratulations for winning the next year's Nobel Prize."

"We don't have the technology to synthesize it." Jarvis said again.

"We have work to do fellas. Time to break this house down." Tony said getting up excitedly.

After a day's hard work and tearing half of the home down they finally built the necessary machine to make the new element.

"We should go, live in New York. John is there. He might need help. He is handling the empire alone." Bruce said after making the machine.

"You are right. California looks boring now and this house is almost ruined" Tony said.

After a hard work and destroying more of his property he finally was able to create a new element. Jarvis informed that his arc reactor could be replaced now with this new element. It was more efficient and totally clean. Tony jumped with joy as he had finally found the cure.

Chapter 56: The whiplash (2)

In the mean time following the events in Monaco, Justin Hammer managed to free Ivan from prison. And cut a deal with him for making suits while Justin would provide the necessary equipment and arrangements. Ivan said that he could help him making drones instead of suits. As that would be more safe.

Hammer accepted this proposal instantly and finally decided on showing his creation in the Stark Expo with that help of Ivan. But Ivan had other plans, he had a thirst for revenge against Tony. So he installed a remote inside the drone suit to control them. The only difference in this world was that there were larger number of drones than in than in the original world. Tony's powers in Monaco scared him a bit and he wanted to have a proper protection this time.

The next day in the Stark Expo Hammer presented the drone suits. Even Rhodes joined in the presentation. At the moment of presentation Tony got a call from Ivan saying that he would take revenge for all the bad things that happened to him due to Tony's family.

"Bruce we need to go. Time to suit up." Tony said.

"Are you sure you want to use the new core? We didn't even have a test run" Bruce said.

"Doesn't matter. Pepper is in the Expo." Tony said while suiting up. "Drift you drive towards the expo for damage control. Bruce you need to find the location of Ivan. We need to shut him down." Tony said.

"Yes, Batwing let's go we have work to do" Bruce said after he sat on the pilot seat. Like Drift, Batwing too was a transformer, thanks to the Cube. They both flew away after that. Bruce had a new suit which was made as a combination of metal and Kevlar.

Tony landed in the event and said to Rhodes " We need to get these people out of here. It's not safe"

"What? Why? What happened" Rhodes said with guilt as he felt he had betrayed Tony after letting Justin modify his suit.

"Ivan is alive. He is behind the drones here and he is coming after us. Justin where is Ivan?". Justin who was still giving presentations was shocked about hearing this. Justin had made sure that nobody knew of Ivan but now Tony knew. Justin was sweating inside.

"Tony I don't know what you are talking about." Justin denied on the spot.

"Tony we have target locked." Rhodes said from behind.

"Who is the target?" Tony asked.

"It's you. Run Tony" Rhodes shouted as all the drones had missiles and guns pointing on him. Tony had to fly away because there were people around the event and he didn't want people to die in crossfire.

The firing of bullets caused people to panic and run away. As Tony flew away, Bruce came and confronted Justin.

"Where's Ivan. I will give to 10 seconds to answer. After that your fingers will start coming off." Batman asked him.

"Hey I told already I don't have any clue. We need to control the drones somebody might have hacked it. It might be even you who wants me to be in bad press." Justin said.

"9..8.."

"I need my lawyer." Justin continued.

"6..5.."

"Fine fine. He is in the old warehouse of Hammer Industries" Justin was trembling finally said.

Bruce climbed up to the Batwing who was hovering nearby and flew away to the location given by Justin. He needed to stop Ivan and reboot Rhode's suit. Bruce couldn't hack into the suit as it was on a private server.

He went inside the warehouse after knocking down the security. As he went inside the control room he saw there was no Ivan. Bruce took out his phone and said

"Toolbox hack into the server and shut down all drones and reboot Rhodes' suit". The mobile immediately transformed into a 4 legged robot with 2 hands. Toolbox put his hands on the ports of the CPU and the screen of the main computer changed and showed various command prompts. After few seconds Toolbox finally said

"I have rebooted Rhodes' suit and stopped the drones but these drones are rigged to blow later. We will have to manually go to the scene and disable it." Toolbox said.

"Dammit. Tony did you hear that? You will have to lead the drones away from people. There is no Ivan here. He might be coming after you. I am on the way." Batman said.

Tony who was standing in front of Rhodes as he was being rebooted heard what Bruce said. As Rhodes suit came online they were ready to lead the drones away but as they were about to fly away Ivan wearing a new and improved suit which covered the whole body came flying down.

"It's good to be back." Ivan said as he took out his electrified lashes. These lashes were much longer and thicker than the last ones.

Chapter 57: Fight

"I have got something for this guy." Rhodes said as he took out the launcher for the missile called "ex-wife" and launched it towards Ivan. But it immediately bounced off after hitting Ivan suit without even exploding.

"Never trust Hammer. I told you." Tony said with sarcasm.

Rhodes started firing bullets but it did nothing to Ivan as he had a strong armor. He used his whip to hit both of them but they dodged.

"I need to be near his suit to do alchemy. The iron content in this place is low and it won't be able to stop his armor nor his whip." Tony said. The fight ensued as it was supposed to in the original world.

With both the whip bounding the bodies of Tony and Rhodes. As Ivan was holding them 5 batarangs stuck near his ground. After seeing this Ivan had a bad premonition. In Monaco too it had happened before a wall was formed.

Before Ivan could react the place where the knives stuck the ground bulged forward fast like huge log and hit his body. Ivan was thrown away a few metres. Tony and Rhodes were freed instantly as Ivan let go of his whips. Tony got an opening and came to Ivan who was lying down. After striking his two fists together he touched the armor of Ivan.

The armor distorted crazily while giving out sparks of blue lightning and the whole armor opened by itself. It was the iron alchemy which made the armor fall apart. Tony pointed his hand thrusters on the face and said

"You don't think my name of Iron Man is just a name. Do you?" Tony said.

"You still loose Stark. I have rigged all the drones. Haha people will die and you won't be able to do anything." Ivan laughed.

"We know that. That's why I let Cinch, Toolbox, Drift and Batwing to take care of it." said a bland and deep voice from behind.

"That's impossible there are so many drones, your friends won't be able to save everyone." Ivan said as his face changed as he saw Batman arriving from the shadows. He knew that he has failed in all his pursuit

"You need to do your homework Ivan. I have more friends then I have shown."

Ivan's suit suddenly made a beeping sound. Tony understood what Ivan wanted to do so he flew away. Bruce and Rhodes too left the next second as Ivan had rigged his own suit too. They didn't want to save Ivan as a lunatic like him who was consumed by revenge was beyond saving.

Tony flew towards Pepper's location. As he saw Pepper standing near his Audi car he knew that Drift had kept her safe. He was relieved after seeing this. Tony really thanked John in his heart as the Cube had saved all of them. Drift and Batwing were able to dismantle the drones which were lying damaged without anyone nearby. While Toolbox and Cinch went to disable the drones which were in open public. They did it sneakily as they didn't want people to know the existence of Transformers yet.

They did all this when Ivan, Tony and Rhodes were fighting. "Thanks Drift. Thank God you are alright Pepper." Tony said.

"I quit from being CEO. This job isn't for me." Pepper said.

Tony was surprised by this but he didn't accept the resignation. He apologized to Pepper saying it's because he was dying that he was acting weird. They had a long conversation while at the end Tony finally ended up with kissing Pepper.

The next day Tony came to a secret base for SHIELD and sat opposite of Nick Fury. "This is the evaluation given by Agent Romanoff and Bruce. Read it." said Fury after handing him a file written Avengers Initiative.

"Uhh.. Personality report. Mr. Stark displays compulsive behavior. That was last week. Prone to self destructive tendency, damn. Bruce is my enemy number one. C'mon I was dying. Text book narcissism. Agreed to that. Recruitment assessment for Avengers Initiative. Iron Man yes. See I am still good." Tony said

"Read on." Fury continued.

"Tony Stark, not recommended." Tony said with puzzled expression " How can you recommend me but not recommend me."

"It means that at this juncture we can't hire you as a consultant" Fury said. Tony got up and did a handshake with Fury saying " You can't afford me."

"By the way I need a small favor. Rhodey and I are being awarded. We need a presenter." Tony said with a smile.

"I will see what I can do." Fury said.

At the award ceremony Rhodes and Tony were both presented the award by the same senate who tried taking away Tony's suit on the basis of national defense and security concerns. Tony really felt happy at this as he never forgets to take revenge when he can.

Chapter 58: Meeting her

The romance in the story is cringe and it is inconsequential to the whole part. I would suggest that you should ignore it. I just wanted to add the part so that some people who liked romance would be happy with it. The female won't be around too much so I hope you all will stop shouting about it. Thank you.//

In the last 9 months after the emergence of Tony Stark as Iron Man and Bruce Wayne, the world went crazy. In the previous years his early fan value earning was around 330 million/per year. Now it had jumped to 400 million. All thanks to new works and of course the emergence of the mysterious Batman.

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total fan value: 250 million.

Urging the host to work hard]

John had already announced that there would be a new Batman movie. A sequel to the previous one. Everybody was excited as they felt it was like a life story of a superhero. Like the one with Captain America.

John had already thought of a new character to be brought to life soon. He didn't want to bring a world as that would cost too much. The world of Naruto came with a discount. The next worlds would cost very much. He had already inquired.

Even a very simple world with a decent amount of power will cost him more than 2 billion. John didn't want to go down that route. He wanted to bring a single realistic character which could influence all and boost his yearly fan value earnings when the character is brought to life.

He had plans to bring another world but it would take time. And he has enough patience to endure it. It's still 2 years before Thor comes to Earth and he would have enough time for bringing a suitable character. Till then he could bring low budget characters to the world and influence the world more. It's just that he could not think of low budget characters for now.

"As for now I don't need any characters. Only thing I lack is being sniped by a bullet as I wouldn't have enough time to change. I need a protection for that. For that only one movie comes to my mind. The VFX of this world has almost caught up with the movies of 2021. So it would be easier to make the movie. Let me call Bob. I need that movie soon" John thought in his mind and called Bob to make a new movie.

That year, 2008, Disney won the best animated movie again for Wall-E. And this too like always was created by John. So in March he had to go LA to receive the Oscars again. John was bored of Oscars as every year he had to go and put up with people who he doesn't even know.

His father and Val accompanied him for first two times. Later they just stopped. He cursed his luck as this time even Tony bailed on him saying he was moving to New York so he had work to do.

"Hah. Moving to New York is a big deal for him? All he does is laze around and Alfred running around. I miss the playboy Tony" John lamented in his heart as stepped out of his car. Soon the reporters flocked towards him as usual.

"Sir you said that there will be a new Batman movie. Will it based on the fight that happened this year?" a reporter asked.

"No. Of course no. This story will be based on his past like the previous one." John replied.

"Sir what are your plans for the future? what movies can we expect." another reporter asked.

"There will be a space sci-fi movie soon and some movies which won't be produced by me." John replied and turned his head as he wanted to leave this torture soon but then he saw something that he would never forget in his entire life.

He saw a woman of his age with burgundy hair color till her shoulders and wearing a black dress standing in a pose while the photographers taking her pictures. John was so mesmerized that he stopped for a second to appreciate the beauty. After a momentary daze, he took his eyes off as he was in public and couldn't be shameless enough to be labelled as someone who ogles at a woman.

In all his life here he had seen many beautiful characters, the famous Hollywood stars and beautiful girls all around who were trying to approach him, but he never cared. Firstly, he wasn't sure if he would survive the future. There are too many variables in his life and secondly he didn't have enough time to have any kind of romantic relationship with anyone.

His father even urged him to go out with someone but he always refused. In his previous life he had a girlfriend but later they had to break up. It turned too much toxic at the end. He didn't want to repeat any such cycle.

But the woman he saw just now was probably the woman of his dreams. In his previous life he watched all her movies and was a great fan of her. Both in movies and real life. She was the famous girl from Harry Potter movies, Emma Watson.

Chapter 59: Meeting her (2)

After John came to this life he checked if there were movies from his previous life. He saw that there were Star Wars movies already been made and the Harry Potter books so he immediately removed these two worlds from his mind. So he never cared about it after that. Though John felt it was a huge loss specially the Star Wars movies but he accepted it.

This was the first time he had seen Emma up close and she looked more beautiful in real then in reel life. Even though she still looked quite young but her beauty was already apparent.

John had a huge temptation to go and ask her for an autograph but finally thought better. "I will ask for an autograph later."

Then John went inside the gallery for the event. Soon everything played out like it was supposed to. He went to receive the Academy Award for the best animated movie. He thanked the audience and said that Disney will always continue producing animated movies as this was their legacy.

After the award ceremony ended it was time for the Oscars party. Normally John always hated this event but today he was looking forward to it. He wanted this opportunity to ask for the autograph and see her up close. He was trembling inside thinking about it.

After the party started, he met various stars and acted normally, but he kept an eye if Emma was free for him to approach. Finally he saw her free in a bar sitting by herself. Her age didn't allow her to drink in USA so she just sat there. Daniel Radcliffe and Rupert Grint who came with her went for a dance after being invited to the dance floor by others. She was asked too but she rejected.

"Hello Miss Watson. Can I have an autograph?" John said after he came near her in the most politest way possible for him. He was shaking inside in fear that she would reject him.

"Wow one of the biggest tycoons in the world is asking for my autograph. I should be honored." she replied.

"I am your biggest fan so I couldn't stop myself from asking it." John replied with a smile.

"Sure I will give an autograph if you take a this seat." Emma said with a smile while pointing at the seat beside her.

"Sure Miss Watson, I would love to." John replied.

"You can call me Emma. I think we are of almost same age so I don't think that there should be much formality." she said.

"Sure. You can call me John then." John said. "How are you liking the party?" John added.

"I will be honest, this is my first time attending such a huge party with glamour and shine. It's really not my liking." Emma said honestly.

"You do know that your answer will raise many eyebrows here if you say it out loud." John said with a straight face.

"I know but I don't really care. I believe you too don't like it that much." Emma replied.

"Hah well I too don't like it, but how did you guess that?" John asked with interest.

"I guessed it. A celebrity like you almost don't generate any gossip. The only big gossip they could generate after years was Batman and evaluating if you are Batman. Such person generally don't like too much glamour. Even though you are a friend of Tony Stark but you are the exact opposite of him." She said after evaluation.

"I am impressed, well not that impressed as I had already known you would be able to guess it." John said.

"It seems like you know about me. Tell me John, what do you guess about me" Emma asked.

"Not much actually. I just know you are kind, care about the planet and the people around. You want to change the world, especially for women who suffer all over the world due to injustice." John said after recalling her works in public in his previous life. This impressed Emma more as John was accurate to the point.

"I am thoroughly impressed John, I have to say." Emma replied. John thanked her for the compliment with a laugh.

"Would you like to dance with me?" Emma finally said.

"Dance? But I actually don't know much about it. Forgive me if I make wrong steps." John replied as he honestly didn't know much about dancing. He only learnt it a little after being forced by his father, as Jameson didn't want to shame John in public places such as this.

"It won't matter, I don't know much about it myself." Emma said sweetly. John felt he was living in dreams. He had never imagined of being able to have a dance with the famous Emma Watson. His heart was beating fast as he couldn't believe his luck.

John took her hand and went to the dance floor and slowly started dancing with the slow music being played. He was way too much happy at that point of time and felt it was worthwhile of being transmigrating to the MCU.

Chapter 60: The second trailer

"You dance pretty decent." Emma said after dancing for few minutes. "Thank you. I was just following your lead to be honest and praying that I don't step on your feet." John said with a laugh.

They both realized that many eyes were on them as they were dancing. Emma felt a little shy as she noticed it.

"Seems like tomorrow the first gossip of you will come out." Emma said with a serious face.

"I never cared about their gossips and it's fine even if they come out with one." John said a little boldly this time. Emma blushed a little from this but didn't say anything.

"I want to ask a question?" Emma asked after few seconds.

"Sure ask away." John said

"What does the tattoo in your hand mean? I have never seen such kind of tattoo before. It's not something Satanic is it?" Emma asked

"You even noticed that? Well for now I can't say much about it. But it's nothing Satanic or bad. Maybe one day I will explain it's meaning." John said with a mysterious tone.

"One day? I hardly come to the States. I am not sure when we will meet next time." Emma said with a hint of regret.

"Umm we can exchange numbers if you feel like." John finally gathered up his courage and asked for it. Emma gave a very sweet smile to it and said

"Sure. I will be looking forward to the explanation of your tattoos."

After exchanging numbers and having a small talk they left after bidding farewell to each other. He even met the other two actors of Harry Potter and took their autographs too. They were surprised that John was a fan of Harry Potter but was happy about it.

John returned the next day after the party and many entertainment tabloids really printed the news that he danced with Emma. John was surprised a bit but didn't pay much attention. After coming back he called Kevin and asked him about the progress of the Batman sequel.

"Everything is going fine. The movie will come out by the end of the year. Boss do you have any more project?" Kevin asked John.

"As a matter of fact I do. Here is the script and related music required and general direction of the story. It's also a superhero movie and will be set in the same world as Batman's." John said

"Same world as Batman?" This raised an eyebrow of Kevin. Because Batman is actually real in this world, wouldn't it mean that this new superhero might actually exist. But Kevin didn't ask and went through the story. After reading the story Kevin was pretty sure that the story wasn't real as it was a story based on mythology.

The months passed by pretty smoothly. After settling down in New York, Tony and Bruce even went to meet John for many times and had talks about future plans. He suggested some interesting things that helped them. They even discussed alchemy and the proposed fight happened between John and Tony finally happened.

Tony was devastated at the end. Even though he choose the arena of metal but John's use of decomposition alchemy ruined all his attacks and on top of that he had to defend against John's fire

attacks. John even practiced fighting with Bruce as John needed a proper coach in hand-to-hand fights. His alchemy wasn't invincible and he needed experience.

Bruce on the other hand went around New York city to clean trashes. Specially places like Harlem and Hell's Kitchen. Wilson Fisk was rising very sharply so Bruce went in to many of his locations and damaged many of his properties and illegal industries.

The local gangs at the beginning didn't pay much attention but after they knew it was Batman's doing. Many of them went into hiding. They didn't want to provoke someone who had high connections like John and Tony Stark. Even police turned a blind eye to Bruce's night vigil. Both John and Tony donate millions of dollars to the police department each year so they didn't want any thing to do with Batman.

By the end of the year the new trailer of sequel of Batman was out. It was called the "Dark Knight". The trailer showed Joker being a person who wants to kill Batman and glimpses of his lunacy. John didn't reveal much in the trailer as he had very high hopes for the movie.

Tony who was watching the trailer asked Bruce "What's up with this Joker guy? Does he have any special powers?"

"Special powers? No. I don't know what's up with the joker of the universe shown by John but the joker in my universe is just a lunatic. A person who will do anything to achieve his goals." Bruce said coldly.

"Hmm interesting. Let's see what is up with this joker guy. Let's hope he doesn't come to this universe. We have enough lunatics in this world." Tony said.