

Multiverse 581

Chapter 581: The first line of defense

When all of the members appeared again they saw that they were standing on the rooftop of a building. They were in the city of New York and it was apparent from the tall skyscrapers around and their distinct structures.

"New York?"

"Yes. The Avengers tower of this universe. GAIA, call all of the people on our team to come here." Victor answered the mutants who were curious about the new world. In just a matter of days they had gone from living in their homes to travelling to two universes.

This was a huge leap for most. Even Charles himself was in a little daze with what was going on.

"Is there no Ring here like your world?" Rogue asked as she was searching for a high level of technology like their world had around and even the Pokemons flying, but she saw none.

"Our world is unique. There are weird versions of multiverse out there and none of them will be like ours." John said and he had a hint of pride when he said that. Many of the universes were the same but their universe had changed because the Avengers had all added so many elements and he himself was the architect in making their universe better in every way possible.

Their Earth had taken massive leaps in better living.

As they were discussing that, just like last time the door to the staircase was opened and a person with an iconic beard stepped out . But unlike last time, he was sober now and looked perfectly fine.

This was Tony Stark. Or rather 616-Tony.

"Is he Tony?" Erik whispered. John nodded his head. Updated from novelbIn.(c)om

"I have been waiting for you all assholes. What took you so long?"

"Eh..."

John was a little surprised by Tony's words. His attitude seemed too good to be true. After what they had done to their universe, he was sure that the Avengers hated them. Like him, even others of the Avengers members were surprised to see such weird words from Tony. And before they could point it out, Banner of their world had come out wearing a labcoat.

"Banner? What is going on?"

"You are here early. Come in. We can talk about the matters later." Banner said. All the Avengers were confused but they didn't ask more. The mutants were just curious about this version of Tony Stark. They had seen their version and both of them looked the same, walked the same and from the voice they could infer that they talked the same too.

All the people went to the huge hall of the Avengers tower. 616-Tony was looking at them in curious eyes. This time there were aliens and mutants too. The last time they came, the Avengers didn't have mutants and from what he remembered their universe didn't have mutants.

At least that's what John said!!

"Banner, what is going on?"

"We have ended up in a truce with them till the problem of Knull ends. Eddie has explained the fearfulness of him and the Avengers have accepted our help."

"So after Knull ends we will be enemies again?"

"That's right. Eternal enemies." 616-Tony said while looking at them in an all serious face. But everybody who knew Tony long enough could figure out that he wasn't serious about being enemies later. His attitude showed that he has changed his views of them.

"Why this change of heart from your time?" John couldn't help but ask.

"Wayne convinced us. He is one hell of a guy. Your universe is lucky to have him." 616-Tony said with a hint of jealousy. It seemed like just like their universe, Wayne was able to charm his way inside the 'enemy lines' when required. John expected this to happen, but didn't expect he would be able to do it this fast.

Batman was always unique!!

"Where is he?"

"He is in space arranging the first line of defense. They will be back soon."

John closed his eyes for a second to see where Wayne was. He saw Wayne and Clark in space arranging the broken spaceship in a specific way around the orbit. They had a light suit around them to let them breathe and do their work. Both of them didn't need any help as their power was enough to let them fly in space without any extra help.

"Spaceships from the Kree war to be used as bombs?"

616 - Tony nodded his head. He didn't even ask why John suddenly mentioned it. They didn't even speak of it to him, but by now he has gotten used to John's omniscience.

"Where are others?"

"Krakoa. Convincing the mutants. Eddie was not able to convince them as they didn't believe him so the others had to go and tell them about the threat and your involvement."

"Hmm I think we will have to pay a visit to your counterparts."

The X-men and Brotherhood nodded their heads and they were excited to see the other version of themselves.

Chapter 582: X-men

Before anybody could even realise what had happened the mutants and John had disappeared from the room. The people present in the room weren't surprised by that. They had seen John doing that before when he came last time.

"He really does vanish whenever he wishes to. Doesn't he?" 616-Tony couldn't help but ask Banner.

"Oh. You have no idea!!"

When the mutants and John appeared again, they were at an island. The mutants were not accustomed to sudden change of scenery. They have gone through portals but they have never been teleported without their consent. Some expected to throw up after this change but surprisingly none did.

"Do tell us next time when you want to teleport us."

John paid no attention to the words as he started walking towards a huge structure that looked more or less like a palace. This is Krakoa (or Genosha).

The home of mutants. An exclusive country just for mutants. Last time there were Sentinels guarding this island. But not this time. The humans of Earth have totally stopped giving problems to the mutants. And every government was treating them as normal as possible.

The governments didn't give them any privileges nor did they discriminate. They could not change the perspective of all the people but the least they could do was treat them as normal human beings and consider Krakoa as a country with all the rights and even a seat at the United Nations.

All of this was due to the threat of John. What he said and did last time had infused fear upon them, and nobody dared to cross the lines of their country. There was peace. And all of the mutants lived together now.

John and others were already at the gate when Charles said.

"This island is alive?"

"Yes, remnants of the old gods during the break of the 2nd multiverse."

There were question marks over the heads of the mutant kind. Most of the answers that John gave were always so complicated that they didn't even know what his words meant. John could see their confusion, so he said

"You will be up to date with the things around us and the multiverse that we are living in."

The gate opened by itself and all walked in. After going upstairs they reached a round table Hall where Charles and Magneto were sitting while the group of John's Avengers were sitting on either side talking about Knull.

"We have been expecting you."

There were mutants on both sides and all of them looked at each other. Especially Charles and Magneto on both sides.

"You can walk?"

616-Charles couldn't help but sigh when he saw his counterpart looked totally different than what he was. He could already feel that Charles was more powerful than him. Probably due to the helmet that he was wearing.

Even 616-Erik could feel that his counterpart looked younger and more powerful.

"So these are the people who came from another universe to yours. They are lucky. Maybe we should have taken the chance to go to your universe and live." 616-Erik laughed when he said that. He really envied his counterparts.

He had a general idea now of their world, thanks to John's Avengers with whom he had been talking. The mutants of Krakoa already knew of what was going on as they have been narrated of the story, and the more they knew, the more they felt like they had lost a perfect chance for resettlement.

"I heard that the X-men aren't ready to help in this war?"

John went straight to the topic. He didn't want to go to the topic in a roundabout manner. He actually didn't like it when he heard that the X-men declined the request of Eddie. He specifically asked him to say his name.

There was complete silence when John opened his mouth.

"John, they had agreed to help us but they just didn't want to admit it to Eddie and the other Avengers."

Geralt spoke up and replied to the question of John.

"Why the secrecy?" John was confused now. He came because he heard that X-men asked for John and refused to help.

"We refused because of our rivalry between us and them. We didn't want to give them the satisfaction of us responding to them. We know what is at stake here, and we can see the bigger picture. But I refuse to help them in a straightforward manner." Erik said. He was the one who said 'no' to Eddie. When Eddie spoke of John's name, he already knew that the mutants would have to help.

But he wanted the mutants to keep the cards from showing to the world. He didn't trust the Avengers yet and he thought that they still had political connections.

"So you still don't trust them. Well, I guess that was expected. Do you have any plans?"

Chapter 583: Keeping the differences aside

"Wayne came a day ago. He gave us his plans of handling the first line of defense. I had helped in accumulating the broken spaceships from the Kree War in an orderly fashion."

"No wonder Bruce and Clark are arranging bombs there." John said as he was now sure why the spaceships were all accumulated in one place. Erik must have helped them.

"I hope during the war you trust everyone and fight. This war won't be easy. Knull has another kind of force with him and this would be more dangerous....."

John then proceeded to tell about the way Knull had killed Annihilus and he might come with an army of bugs which would be more powerful than the normal symbiotes. This made the situation more grave and tense.

"Call all the spying mutants on the globe back. This won't be easy." Charles said as he ordered the mutant standing nearby to relay his instructions. Like all countries, the mutants too had spies all over the world to keep an eye for everything.

"I am sure both of you have a lot to speak about so I will not impede you further. Charles, these people are new so they have very less idea of the multiverse. Educate them of how the universe works and the different rankings of power here." John said to 616 - Charles. This was true, as the new mutants were really very ignorant and they would need time to understand the general process around.

John then vanished from his place and now he was in space. Floating!!

From a little far he could see two human beings with masks hopping from one debris to another. Both of them had a bag on their back. The bags looked heavy, even though there was almost no gravity here.

As expected they were Clark and Wayne.

Bruce stopped jumping around the moment he saw John. John had appeared a few days earlier than the supposed deadline, signifying that something had happened. Though everybody got the notification of Cyborg of John and his team coming to this universe, they didn't show up.

The calling wasn't urgent and they needed to finish the work they have been doing.

"What happened?" Bruce asked. Clark too had joined them as he too saw John when he had arrived.

John again had to re-narrate the problem of Knull having a bigger army.

"So from a normal host seeking a symbiote army we have an army which doesn't need an army and is more powerful?"

"Seems like it."

"How strong are these 'anti-symbiote'?"

"They don't have weaknesses. That's all I can infer from here and from other universes." John said as he remembered the problem of Anti-venom.

"So all we did in blowing his army up was for naught?" Clark looked irritated, seeing all his work would probably go to garbage disposal.

"Explosions will still be helpful in this. The bombs were made of both inflammable substance and shrapnel. The spaceship parts will also help these bugs being inserted with matter. This will not be totally useless." Bruce said. He was thankful that there was matter here. He wasn't sure how strong their resistance to 'matter' here, but with so many bombs he was sure that many of bugs would die.

"Give me the bombs. I will distribute them." John said as he forwarded his hand. Clark and Bruce gave them their backpacks. John took it in his hand and just waved at it. In a moment's notice, the remaining bombs were scattered and they were placed in all of the other spaceships.

Their work was done in a second.

"Let's go back."

And with that they vanished only to appear at the Avengers' Tower. But this time, it was different. Last time, only Tony was here but now everybody had arrived at the Tower.

Everyone who belonged to the Avengers. Sentry, Spider-man, Ms. Marvel, Daredevil, Luke Cage, Namor and many other famous superheroes. The whole floor looked crowded with so many superheroes. He saw that even his own team was back and some of them were talking with other members.

He was really surprised by how his team was able to so easily mix with the 616-Avengers. No matter what, the things which he did was kind of unforgivable in many respects. As John looked at all of them a voice said from behind.

"Surprised how they look so easy going with your team?"

It was Fury. He had already seen John's arrival with Clark and Wayne. John turned around and looked at him with curious eyes. He didn't speak but John's mannerisms relayed that he wanted to know the reason.

"After you helped us in uncovering the truth of Secret Invasion, we realized how broken of a team we are. We were almost in shambles after that. In that moment we realised what it is to be needed to trust each other. To rely on each other. To know each other. And above all, work for the greater good. Your team had all of this, but we didn't. So the Avengers thought of changing this."

Chapter 584: Fear

"But I don't think the general public likes us very much. What did the Council say?"

"Council doesn't even know that you are here. The governments has stopped meddling in all of our affairs now. There is an influence of them but they don't push their agenda any more as fiercely as before. Shutting off the sun has awakened the fear of God in many of them. Some of them reach high positions mostly because they can intimidate people well and are cruel. You have done the same thing but on a larger scale. Taking away the powers and saying such terrifying stuff has made them step back a bit."

"Hmm... Glad that they have some sense in them, or else I wouldn't mind infusing more fear onto them."

Fury got chills in his spines when he heard that. He actually didn't say another reason for why the Avengers were friendly now. It was fear.

Fear of John and their team had made them think twice of every decision. Even Captain America who normally speaks of fearlessness, didn't speak out when it was decided that the John's Avengers would not be treated with hostility. Sure, they had Sentry and other super beings, but on the other side they had someone who had full control over Phoenix Force, one of the Primary Gods.

One uncontrolled Jean was more than enough for them. They didn't want more problems from a potential ally. Especially now, when Knull was coming. They would need all the help they need.

"Avengers of both teams. I have some grievous news for all of you...."

John, out of nowhere, spoke out. His voice was not so loud but it magically resonated in the ears of everybody clearly. John proceeded to tell of the bigger problem at hand and the enemy had the Negative Zone under their hands. This was new information and not all of the Avengers were up to date with it.

Heck!! Even some of them had no idea what Negative Zone was and Reed had to come and explain what it was as he was the first person to go to their dimension and come back alive.

"So we have a bigger headache?" Eddie came with a glass of red wine in his hand after John and others made all of the people be up to date with all the problems they were going to face.

"Yep."

As they were talking Venom came out by itself and said

"There must be something for him to ally himself to another army."

"Do you think there is something else going on"

"I connected to the hive passively for a few seconds to look into his plan, and I can already see his aftermath and destruction he has been causing around while arriving here. Klyntar has amassed a huge army of symbiotes. From almost all generations. The ones like me are hiding and they don't dare to come out and connect themselves to the Hive. Knull has too much pride to ally himself with anybody."

"So what are you trying to say?" Wayne joined in when he saw Eddie talking with John.

"I am saying that he must be fearing something as he had allied himself to others."

"He didn't ally himself, he took over the Negative Zone." John corrected Venom.

"Same thing. Knull will still never use others as hosts and try to gain greater power to take over other things. There must be something for him to wake up this fast and try to take over everything in a hurried manner."

"So you feel he has other fears and is running from something? Why would the God of Darkness have fear? He has Celestials under him."

"No idea but I think you all should be ready to see his desperate nature. He has been in prison for quite a long time. He won't take this incursion lightly. Especially on the planet who proved to be his doom."

"Hmm. I will face him head on. The people of this Earth don't deserve to see an ugly war. Fury, does this Earth have bunkers?" Wayne asked while turning to Fury.

"After the Shia-Kree war, we have designed bunkers in all major cities. Do you want us to evacuate New York?"

"Yes. Do it. We only have 2 days, if my estimation is correct." It was Venom who replied to the words of Fury. Yesterday he connected to Hive for a few seconds to see the situation. It was dangerous but he still did it as he needed to see the situation. Connecting to Hive might mean under the control of Knull so he needed to get out of it fast.

Fury looked at other Avengers for approval. Seeing that all the major players nodded their heads at it, said

"The Council will not be happy about this."

Chapter 585: He is coming

Fury went away to talk with the Council while the Avengers were deciding of how to attack Knull and his army. They have two problems. Firstly, the bug army and secondly, the symbiote army. John would be fine in this but there would be millions of them out there.

For sure he would use his full power but that won't be enough because at the end Knull is still a God. His equal. Though he has the Alien X with Phoenix Force, but the reality changing powers be ineffective against Knull so all he could do was to weaken his army.

His army wasn't unlimited. There is a point of exhaustion for it and honestly, he didn't want to kill the whole symbiote army.

He wanted to control them. Control every symbiote and make sure that all of them were on the right path just like before. The Hive would need a master always and he could be that easily, instead of handing this over to Eddie, he wanted to take this mantle himself.

This would help him keep an eye on the major universes out there.

And only destroying Knull would he be able to sit in his position. So Knull was always the main target and the primary person of interest. Of course the army of bugs could not be overlooked. They needed to die or be sent back to the Negative Zone.

Fury had informed the Council that the Avengers were asking for public evacuation. Of course they were not so happy about this, but Fury patiently explained them the problem they were facing, which would make the Kree-Shia war look like a small toddler in front of it.

The Council understood the gravity of the situation and asked for emergency on the city.

"Why do we have to fight in the city?" A council member asked.

"We can do it on an open field for sure, but he would come for new hosts. And New York is one of the most densely packed cities in the world and it has its defenders. Knull being a God would love to trample on the superheroes while showing them how he was controlling the citizens."

"So you want the people to be bait while they are trapped in the bunkers?"

Fury didn't reply to this but silence meant that the Council had guessed it right.

"If people die, it will be on your shoulders, Director. Be ready with a resignation letter if that happens." the council member said for the last time before switching off the video conference.

"What an asshole!!! I will resign anyway after this war. Skye can take over this mess and I will just retire." Fury mumbled seeing the arrogant expressions of them. Skye, the Quake was his successor as he had been grooming her for quite a long time. The most apt person was probably Captain America but he was too morally straight to take up such an easy job.

Skye had seen both sides of the moral and like Mariah Hill, she was perfect for the job.

As these thoughts were going on and plans were being hatched at the Hall on how to counter attack, there was sudden announcement at the Hall. It was the Friday, the AI of 616-Tony who spoke. She said

"Sir, there is a person claiming to know the people here and knocking on the door to meet everyone here."

"There are many such people who want to meet us, why bother with the notification?"

"But Sir he appeared at the main door out of nowhere. He never passed the security check."

This raised the eyebrows of Tony.

"Open the video."

And as he said that, a transparent screen appeared. There was a man with a disheveled face and mustache. He wore a pure white suit and pants and had a black overcoat around him. The whole dress of his looked like he was a person from an old age.

Like the age of the World War 2. He had a long black hair till his shoulder. The face was a handsome and manly one. His eyes looked like he had seen some serious shit in his lifetime. As the camera zoomed in on him, the man looked back at the camera.

All the people present in the room, felt like he could each see each one of them. This was a weird felling for many, but their instincts were saying that this guy is dangerous.

"Is this Knull?" Updated from novelbln.(c)om

"No." Venom replied as everybody were seeing this image who were present at the Hall.

"Is he who I think he is?" Geralt was the first one to break the silence when everybody was looking at the image.

"Seems like it, but how is this possible. Isn't he just a sword?"

Chapter 586: One of the most powerful villains

"Do you know him?" one of the 616-Avengers asked.

"No. We are not supposed to know him. Rather he is not even supposed to exist. John, what is going on?" Wayne turned his head and looked at him. All of the 616-Avengers were confused by this new person, but it seemed like John knew about this guy but apparently his team members didn't.

"Why are you all looking at me like this? I don't even know him." John denied without even flinching. He didn't even take a second to lie. It was a lie because he did know the person. After all it was him who brought him.

He was Yhwach

The man was like an actual God. And for this Knull he had decided to summon him. He had wasted 20 billion fan values on him. But it was worth it. With all the powers of his, he would be a huge asset in the fight.

"You really don't know why Zangetsu is here in live form? Do you want to call Ichigo?" Clark asked.

"Let him come in. If he is a problem, we will deal with it. Since he knocked at the door, it might mean he comes in peace?"

"Friday, open the door."

The video showed the door slowly opening and him walking side. His cloak was waving as he entered. He really looked like a badass from the images.

"He looks cool. More cool than motherfucking Steve. Not gonna lie." Deadpool couldn't help but chime in. After a minute of waiting he was finally at the Hall. All looked at him curiously, while many were secretly ready to take action if this person wasn't friendly. As John's Avengers said that they too had no idea, many had their weapons ready.

The man walked in like he was the boss of the entire room and didn't even glance at the people around. He went straight to the bar and said to the robot bartender

"Can I get some wine? Anything will do."

Clark slowly levitated towards him and landed just near him.

"Care to share a drink?"

Clark needed to break the tension in the room. There was a complete and awkward silence in the room.

"Why not?"

Clark pointed to provide two with his fingers.

"Who are you?" It was Hyperion who asked that. He slowly approached Yhwach from the other side.

"I am Ywach, the first Quincy and their King..." (there are other descriptions for him but you can look into wiki if you want that, spoiler alert!! I will only speak of the powers, not of his story)

"So you are a human being or what? I can't sense the power of normal human beings on you. It's like you are made of energy."

"Its complicated. Even if I explain you, but that's not what you want to hear. Is it? You are asking what I know of everyone here and if I am an enemy or a friend." Ywach said.

All looked at him with glaring eyes. They all wanted to know the answer. Even John was curious of how Ywach will answer this. Though he was under control and was not supposed to speak of the Blood War, he would like to see how he would weave a story that fit everybody. Especially now when half of the people here didn't even know his origins.

"I came to this universe mistakenly as I was cast out by my father. This universe is the first universe I came across and from my powers I could already foresee that a huge war is coming. I just lost my home, I don't want another place which seemed good to be destroyed by someone who has very high ambitions. Once upon a time, I had high ambitions too, but the years crushed out all of this and now I am just a traveller. Is that explanation enough?"

"Foresee? You can see the future ?"

"Yes. I can see the future, see the past and change it according to my needs. Just like the two ladies here. Though I can do it on a much grander scale." Ywach said while pointing out to the Wandas in the room.

This point was enough to explain that the person here was serious. None of the people have ever spoken of the fact that Wanda has huge reality bending powers to anyone outside. The real person behind House of M was always under secret but this man pointed it out easily while sipping wine.

"Why do you look like Zangetsu?"

It was John who asked as he needed to play his part.

Chapter 587: All ready

"His mother was a Quincy. So it might relate to that. Though I think his real Zanpakuto is someone else. It has nothing to do with me. Or maybe he being the first Quincy who is a Shinigami might have played in its manifestation."

All were silent after this explanation.

"Time out.. Time out... Can anyone explain to me what is going on and who the hell is he? Quincy? Shinigami? What does that even mean?" She-Hulk spoke out. None of the 616-Avengers had any idea of who he was and where he came from.

Surprisingly, it was Tony who came forward to explain what Shinigami and Quincy were and their origin. And also the fact that Mephisto was dead.

"It was you who killed him?" Johnny Blaze came up and asked. He was the Ghost Rider, though his power never came from Mephisto originally, he had great connections with him (watch both of the movies to understand a part of his power)

"No, there were many people involved in this. I wasn't the only one. Now the Soul Society has taken over its place and Lucifer too. Not the Lucifer of this multiverse. But from another multiverse." John explained the death of Mephisto as concisely as possible.

"Then I will have to thank these Shinigamis. Me and the other Riders from the multiverse have been searching for someone to thank." Johnny said.

Tony continued to explain their history and power. Though he didn't mention having Aizen in their prison. The 616-Avengers now had a general idea of who Quincy was and who the Shinigami were.

"What are your powers actually?" Wayne asked. Like him everybody was curious.

"I can deal huge damage, have the power to grant others powers and have control over time. It was for this reason I know many of you here. I have seen the future of how you fight that being you call Knull. I am not a life saver, but if the people are just in control and there is total darkness it will be boring. I know what the Shinigamis might have hinted of us being the bad guy and we having an ancient war with them but I am too tired now. Don't want any war. Too much blood has been spilled."

John's Avengers were skeptical of him as this was a guy who came out of nowhere and claimed that he was a good guy. But they didn't shoo him away. His knowledge of Knull was proof that he knew what was going on. It was a top secret matter and it was impossible to hack into the servers of Tony Stark.

So for now they accepted him but he won't be the part of the main team, nor would they include him in the plans. He would be sent as 'Cannon fodder'. John, who was listening to their discussion, just smiled. In front of him, it might be his own team that would prove as Cannon fodder if it ever comes down the line.

But he didn't say anything against him. Him adding Ywach wasn't in his plans. But after seeing the craze of Knull, he needed failsafe and Ywach could be that easily. He wasn't sure if he would get help from the Enigma Force and he didn't want to leave his fate to other abstract beings.

They needed all the guns to defeat Knull. And Ywach was a strong one. If he added any known villains in the team, none of the Avengers would have accepted, but Ywach was a person who was never shown in anime. Only in manga. And John never dealt with the topic of Manga.

This gave him an edge. And Ywach was the loophole he would be able to easily use. No one would point fingers at him and he had already said that he had no idea of who he was. Acting and lying all these years had paid off, and none of them suspected.

They didn't trust Ywach and that was fine. He doubted that his powers ever needed a plan to work upon. He himself was an army and he could manipulate people, however he felt like it.

"The plan is in motion. The people have arrived. I can already see the destruction he is causing in his path while coming here. But we need to battle him here. Only here it would be possible to stop and kill him. Hope everything goes to plan, or the world would just plunge into darkness."

John sighed as he walked away. He needed a mental rest from all the running around. He had been using his powers continuously in these few days and all the noise that comes with it could easily overwhelm people. He would shut it out, till Knull arrived.

Chapter 588: He is here

John asked Tony for a room to rest. He needed to close his eyes for sometime. As John left the room, there was another topic of discussion among all the Avengers, which included both of the teams.

"Why is it that John is always involved when a new person emerges from other universes for almost no reason. Does his existence smell very good to other powered people?"

"I don't know. But it has always been the case. Most of the time, he has a story for it but this Yhwach has no story. Nothing. It's as if he is losing his powers."

"Oh c'mon. This guy is the only one who has no explanation."

"Does he really have no explanation or is he hiding the story of this guy from us."

"Does it matter? He is helping us and though we can't gauge the power of this new guy, any addition to the roster is a welcome one. Besides, he did appear out of nowhere."

"So we are going to trust this new guy?"

"Of course no. Just a simple acknowledgement is fine for us."

"We do need to ask John after this war if his powers attract people from other universes. His dreams. His different powers. It might have another kind of origin than we know. Or maybe John himself doesn't know. I hope in the end it doesn't turn on us. We have always been good guys. It might just blow up in our face one day, so we need to talk it out with him."

"Alright let's win the war first. Knull will not be easy, I will say it again."

In this way, a day went by. Knull was supposed to appear in a day or two and all were tense. In order to get rid of the tense atmosphere, the Avengers flew away to handle the people of New York. Not that it would matter. Venom has an idea of how powerful the Hive was but only John knew that his arrival will just plunge the whole planet into darkness. This hiding was for naught.

But he didn't want to call it out. Saying this will only increase the panic of the people, including the Avengers. All he could do was stop with all his power.

After John woke up he used his cosmic consciousness to search for a person who must be in this universe roaming around the cosmos with freedom. He had contacted him once to give him a task. This task was important.

It was Norrin Radd. The Silver Surfer.

"Norin did you find what I asked you for?"

"Of course no. You are asking me to find a needle in a haystack. Let me rephrase that, you are asking me to find a bacteria in a universe scale."

"I know what task I have asked of you. But this is important. The scale of the universe depends on it."

"I know I know.. I have seen what he has been doing to the universe. Even had a face to face confrontation with him. Had to run. You were not kidding when you said he is a God."

John raised his eyebrows when Norin said that. Norin, after the war with Black Winter, came back to his universe and wanted to travel around for his mental peace and be as a protector like the Green Lanterns. In comics, Knull did mention of him meeting Norin but John never paid much attention to it, as at the end he wasn't the main hero.

"Don't annoy him. You just need to find that thing, before we run out of time."

"You did say that the thing will come looking for me. So why am I searching for it."

"I have changed the course of the universe by inserting myself, so I don't want to regret later."

"Fine.. I will continue searching for this. Hope you are right."

John had given him a task. A weapon to search for in the universe which would help him immensely in this war. If he or any of their members could get a hold of the weapon, they would for sure win the war.

All John could do now was wait for it.

Meanwhile, all of the Avengers were busy relocating people and helping. Both of the teams came forward for it. The people had little fear seeing new faces as they remembered the last time these new faces had appeared, the sun went out.

John's Avengers could feel their fear but they still helped them asking for nothing in return. Only kindness could triumph over all kinds of negative emotions. Of course some actions could never be forgiven, but they didn't care. Everyone helped the way they could.

In this way one more day went by, when the sirens of the satellites rang loudly in all space stations, space agencies and especially in the Avengers Tower. The siren meant only one thing.

Knull was here!!

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The sirens were blaring loudly in all major official government buildings or at least on the buildings that had them. It was installed due to emergencies. And from what the space agencies had circulated it was the emergency of their life.

When the World Council got to see the images and videos, they thought it was some kind of prank, but after repeated checks, they understood that it was not a prank and what they were seeing was real.

They just couldn't believe their eyes of what they were seeing.

"Damn that Fury. He said it would be a war. This isn't war, this is genocide. That is what it is going to be if that thing reaches Earth."

"Call Fury. He better say that we have some defense in position or else he will be fired."

"We need to be alive later to fire him. From the looks of it, even the greatest superheroes we have in our arsenal will not be enough."

As these kinds of discussions were being held in secret in many places all over the globe, the Avengers were having another kind of discussion

"What the hell is this? I thought it would just be a planet worth of symbiotes. But this is a galaxy worth of symbiotes."

"John, did you know this?"

He shook his head. From the destruction caused around, he did sense that Knull had a huge army, but what they saw was ridiculous. The army of symbiotes didn't look like a symbiote at all. It looked like a pitch black mass of water substance was following Knull as he was approaching Earth from outside the solar system. The black substance was so huge that the solar system looked like a baby in front of him.

Even John who read the comics was visibly shaken. In the comics, when Knull arrived he covered the Earth from all possible angles with darkness or in his case, symbiotes. Imagine pure symbiotes in the stratosphere covering the Earth, allowing no light to pass by.

He was called the God of Darkness for a reason.

He hated light. So he would never allow any ounce of light falling in his kingdom. But now when John looked at his army, he thought the comics didn't do any justice. This was terrible!! John could easily see that among his black symbiotes there were bug-like creatures flying behind him, following him.

These humanoid beings looked white in color with various black patterns on their bodies. These for sure were the antimatter symbiote bugs that he had collected during his invasion of the Negative Zone.

These bugs would be more tricky as they didn't have any weakness. Both sound and fire would be useless in front of these bugs. Just the sheer number of symbiotes was overwhelming and now these bugs.

Will they even win the war?

"This is much more than I expected to be honest."

"Almost made me feel nostalgic." Thor said as he remembered Black Winter.

"I think we will have to bring Tony now and release the weapons that we have been building for sometime." Clark was reminded of their other weapons.

"True. It's time." Wayne chimed in. John also nodded his head. They didn't have time to be at awe with the majesty of the enemy. They needed to start fight right here and now!!! Every second was precious.

John opened two portals. One was for Krakoa. One was for his original universe.

They needed all hands on deck. As John opened the portals. It took a minute or so for people to emerge from them. First were the team of X-men. Or rather X-mens. Both of the universes X-men were in Krakoa and now it was time to call them back. The 616-Avengers looked a little ashamed when they saw their old friends.

Many things had happened in the past years. And now here they were again. But it was not the time to lament on the past. This was probably the greatest war they had faced in their lifetime since the Beyonder case (Not the same beyonder of Secret war 2)

Their whole existence was in jeopardy now and they needed all the help they could get. After the X-men emerged, few more people emerged from the other portals. The remaining members of the Avengers.

Tony, Arthur.

"Tony, are the machines ready?"

"Still in production and from the looks of it, I think whatever we made isn't enough. I will advise that we should open the portals after intervals of time so that we can continue the influx of new drones and androids."

"A;right I will do that." John also accepted the advice.

"We need to stop as much as we can before he reaches Earth. Deal as much damage. Those who can fight in space raise their hands. We will leave now." Clark said in a loud voice.

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Many had held their hands high. Tony from both Avengers, Vision, Hyperion, Sentry, Ms. Marvel and many other heroes who always operated on universe scale. But among them was one guy they didn't expect.

Yhwach.

Most of them were now up to date of what Quincy and Shinigami were. John's Avengers had explained to them what those two factions meant. So they were surprised that this guy would volunteer in the front. He had spoken of his powers but most of them didn't believe him, nor they cared. Forget about the 616-Avengers, even John's team members didn't trust a word of him.

And they had noticed that even John didn't give much importance to him so almost all of them isolated him, and he too seemed like he didn't mind. Though he did speak of Knull saying that he came from the future, in the back of their minds most of them were thinking that his powers was only related to seeing the future and nothing more. And maybe some Quincy type powers like Uryu.

"Are you sure you can handle the ones who are coming?"

"I will be fine. I also want to see the space as you all have talked about."

"Alright. Just don't be a hindrance to us."

Yhwach just smiled at this comment and didn't argue on this snide comment by 616-Tony. If powers were to be gauged in this first confrontation in space, then 616-Tony would probably be the weakest.

"I will be opening the portal from here to a location near Pluto, We will start our fight there. Let's assume that we will not be able to stop him but what we can do is slow the advancement, till he reaches Earth. That's the best we can do. And if we are able to defeat him in space then that is well and good but I don't think we will be able to. Remember, don't let the symbiotes touch you and be a host. It will be very hard for you all to be brought back from the Codex. And be very wary of his sword. It is one of the most deadliest weapons on the multiverse."

There was a silence in the room when John reminded them that there was something more terrible than the number of the symbiotes.

The All-Black.

They had seen its power when Thor had to face and when he narrated his story to them. This really was one of the most powerful weapons out there. And they needed to tread carefully. John waved his hand and soon the portal opened.

"Alright, we have a plan. Two teams. One shot. If we lose this, we will lose everything. Nobody will be the same if we get sucked away. We will lose a part of ourselves. You know your teams. You know your missions."

"This is the fight of our lives, and we are gonna win. Whatever it takes. Good luck."

616-Steve as usual gave the last motivation for all of them. John hearing this couldn't help but remember the words of his during the time travel. There Steve too said almost the same thing. It really was the fight of their lives.

After Steve said that, the team which was ready to fight in space went through it.

2 Doctor Strange (both are God Strange as during the Knull arc he too was given the power from the World Tree)

2 Vision

2 Tony Stark

Ms Marvel

Hyperion

Sentry

Yhwach

Hal Jordan

Natasha Romanov (Blue Lantern)

John Jameson

Clark Kent

Bruce Wayne

Ciri (she was taken as her space power would be helpful in dealing the damage)

Star Fire

Raven

Basically almost all the big guns were taken to space to fight against Knull. As they passed through the portal, they were in space. They could feel the soft rays of sun hitting them from the back. The sun was too far away now. The heat of the sun could hardly be felt.

And on the other side they saw a huge goo-like structure flying towards them. Its size was almost the size of Black Winter. It felt like they were confronting Black Winter again.

"Having PTSD . Are we?" John said to make the environment little more friendly

"Another cloudy villain. I hate such kinds of villains." Natasha said. Moving the galaxy sometimes made her come across many weird people. So she had a general idea of the aliens. Knull was approaching them at a fast speed with his army. Soon he was a few kilometres away. The Avengers have still not fired. John wanted to talk with him before it starts

"Knull. Ruler of the Abyss and symbiote of Darkness. Welcome to Earth-616." Knull squinted his eyes when this new guy called him a symbiote of Darkness, not God of Darkness. Only he knew that he was never the actual God. It was Darkness who gave him this power.