

Multiverse 171

Chapter 171: Retaliation

It has been more than a month that John had been living in the villa and one day John was sipping in his juice outside soaking the sun. The weather in Xandar was more pleasant than Earth so John loved every moment of it.

As he was having a good time he suddenly saw a small regular ship approaching his villa at fast speed. It was still few seconds out but it looked as if the small ship was on a course collision with the villa. It was big enough to destroy the villa and kill everyone in it.

At that moment all the three were in the villa, including Lex. Victor came running out from his room as he had already made an alarm system to notify such kind of weird events. He came out and saw the approaching fast ship. He immediately started his thruster to stop the ship but was stopped by John.

"I haven't moved my muscle for a long time. Time for some action."

As he said that he transformed into Minato and took out his flying raijin kunai. John did a hand seal and the whole villa was covered in weird markings. The ship which was only a second out collided into the villa.

Since this was an high end area there weren't many people but still some saw that the ship was in a collision course. Some even closed their eyes as the ship collided with the villa but what others saw next changed their world views.

The ship caved into the villa as if the whole villa was made of fur. There was no explosion whatsoever and then the ship vanished from it's place. The villa that caved it was back in it's original shape as if the ship had never collided.

This was the flying raijin style jutsu of Minato. He used it first time to save Konoha when Kurama launched the Bijudama. Minato in that scene teleported the Bijudama kilometres away thus saving the village.

Lex and Victor who saw this scene was dumbfounded. They had never seen such weird thing. Even though Victor knew about boom tubes but that needed preparation to start. John just transformed himself into another person and sent the ship somewhere.

"Victor bring the pilot. The ship is 2 kilometres away from here in the north direction. Bring him here. I want to know who convinced him to do suicide." John said. Victor understood what he meant and flew away.

"Are you going to retaliate?" Lex asked with excitement as he felt this would be a show of dominance.

"Of course. I would let them know that the fake civilization that I represent is not something that they can deal against. I don't mind taking over the entire galaxy if it is required."

Lex shuddered when he listened to that but felt more excited. After 5 minutes, Victor came back with an unconscious man in his shoulder. He threw the man down. John knew that he needed to work fast so that main culprit wouldn't run away. John instantly summoned Sasuke as interrogation was the most easy job for him.

Sasuke didn't even speak a word after being summoned. He slapped the man and woke him up. The alien creature opened his eyes only to Sasuke's sharingan and he fell to his genjutsu (illusion) instantly.

Victor and Lex were again surprised a new person appearing out of thin air. They understood that John has more powers than he has shown. Just the mere fact of him changing to a different person and doing the space transfer was powerful enough and now he could summon a person too.

"So. Who was behind all of this?" John asked.

"A red skinned alien. I will have to dig further and catch him." Sasuke replied.

"Go with Victor. Don't care about anything. Make the innocents sleep when retaliated. Kill the culprits and keep the main person behind alive." John said. Sasuke then looked at Victor the gave him the person's picture which he drew on a paper. Victor scoured the network to find the said person.

After a minute of searching Victor found the person and thus both of them left. John didn't want to join this witch hunt as he was too lazy. John transformed back to his original face. Lex was still amazed by this transformation but he didn't ask. They waited for both of them to come back.

Thus started the search of the main culprit behind the assassination attempt on John and others. This day was remembered as day where the Nova Corps couldn't even stop 2 persons from doing whatever they wanted. Sasuke and Victor went from one person to another to find the main person behind. In all of this the police force and the guards who tried to stop them were put to sleep instantly.

Sasuke and Victor killed three person in this hunt and finally brought the main culprit to the house of John alive. This was what John wanted from the very beginning.

A show of power.

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Chapter 172: Retaliation (2)

Baldo, a Kylorian belonging to the member of the council never imagined that he would end up in such a tragic position. He had been the member of the council for a long time and had good relations with major industries in the empire but today he was dragged out by two people from his own house like a dog.

A month ago he came to know about the new technology and he instantly had greedy eyes. He knew if he could get his hands on the technology his standing would be different and in fact have a chance to replace the current Nova Prime, which was his lifelong dream.

He consulted the giants of spaceship industry and said that there would be a new player in the game. They got scared after they heard about this and then also realized that they needed to get their hands on it to start a new era.

All the giants soon decided on assassinating John and others in one go and make it look like an accident. They hired a desperate man who was ready to give away his life for the family. And thus the whole staged incident of ship on a collision course took place.

When Baldo got the whole visual of the spaceship vanishing instead of the expected explosion. He couldn't understand what just happened and wondered what kind of technology John had used to pull this off. He was more greedy now to get his hands on their technology.

But after a few hours he got news that one of his subordinate who was responsible for the whole process was killed. For the first time he got scared. He understood it was the retaliation of John. He immediately called the Nova Corps for added security but what happened next really made him doubt his life.

A man which had weird eyes and Victor came to his house. And wherever that man went, everyone would just fall asleep. The Nova Corps couldn't even shoot their guns before they fell down. Baldo tried running away but as he took the first step he saw the man standing in front of him. His eyes captivated him and before he realized he was asleep.

When Sasuke and Victor came back from the hunt it was already night. The Nova Corps didn't come to disturb them as Sasuke and Victor's hunt was done while manipulating the camers around. Victor never showed his face while Sasuke's face had never been registered and was never seen in Xandar or in the Empire.

The Nova Corps went into a frenzy at night searching for Sasuke but they didn't even understand how he made so many people sleep and even killed three while kidnapping a council member.

"So all the evidence has been extracted?" John asked as he saw them coming back.

"Yes."

"Good. Lex call a meeting tomorrow with the council members and Nova Prime." John said to Lex.

"OK."

The whole night the corps searched for the missing council member but they couldn't find him. All the spaceships that were supposed to go out of Xandar were stopped. Even though the daily life didn't stop there were many corps in the streets patrolling the next morning.

John after waking up had his breakfast and went with Victor and Lex to attend the meeting. He said to Sasuke to hide himself and show up with Baldo when called. Since Lex asked for an important meeting, all the members showed up even if they were in panic mode after the kidnapping of their own member.

"Mr. Jameson I wonder why you have called for a meeting at such a troubled time?" the Nova Prime as she really felt weird for a sudden call of meeting from Luthor. The deal was going pretty well and the company's building was almost ready with the industry being built and soon it will be online.

"I am here to hand over a snake to you. Victor show them."

Victor closed his eye and projected all the information of Baldo, his connections to crimes of the underworld and such other nefarious activities. At the end Victor showed the assassination attempt on John the previous day. It took full 10 minutes to show all the information and data about him.

"This is fake, this is conspiracy. You are using fake information to throw Baldo in the jaws of law. Yes. That's what it is. Now I understand how Baldo was kidnapped. You did it. Guards arrest him." said one council member hysterically.

The guards immediately pointed their guns at him.

"I have just stated a fact council member. And I don't really like guns being pointed at me." as John said that all the guards who were nearby suddenly fell down unconscious. The members and even the Nova Prime who didn't say anything yet got scared. They didn't understand how John did it.

As the guards fell down, Sasuke appeared out of thin air with Baldo on his shoulder still being unconscious.

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Chapter 173: Fear

"You very well know what I showed there is true. If you don't want a public shaming then I would advise not to make any rash decision. Your empire can't even deal with Ronan, forget about dealing with me. So don't try to flaunt your power in front of me." John said.

The Nova prime and others were really scared by this sudden unconsciousness of the guards and the emergence of Sasuke out of thin air with Baldo.

"Mr. Jameson will you please calm down? We really didn't know anything about Baldo. Can you let us go through the data provided by Mr. Stone. I can promise you that a fair trial will be provided." the nova prime said.

The other council didn't even let out a single tone from their mouth. They were really scared as they didn't understand how Sasuke arrived and how all the guards just fell asleep in their places. The Nova Corps had informed before of unconsciousness of the corps but they just thought the enemy used some kind of tranquilizer that could be administered through air.

But they understood that they were wrong. Very much wrong. They still weren't sure how the guards became unconscious while they were fine. This made them fear John more.

"Sasuke leave the body of Baldo here. You all have 48 hours to deal with this. I will release all the data if everything isn't done. Since you have pointed the guns at me, let me point my gun at you." John said.

John wanted them to fear him mainly because of the fact that he wouldn't be in Xandar for most of the time. He needed to have everyone in line. In Earth it was different here, but here he could show his own arrogance as the universe was more chaotic as only strength ruled over everything.

The council members understood that they would have to remedy the situation fast or else the people's trust in Nova would be shaken and that would be detrimental specially at a time when Ronan had started giving them problems.

"We will give you a satisfactory explanation in less than that Mr. Jameson."

Sasuke vanished after leaving the body while John and others left by the front door. The council members finally sighed in relief after John left. They now understood that John was very tough nut and he would be almost impossible to crack him. Just the mere power he had shown just now had shaken their beliefs.

As expected, the data was again assessed by the crime department and every wrong dealings of Baldo came to light. Even though the council members had a vague idea that Baldo was having some connections with the criminal underworld they didn't expect it to be that deep.

The next day, all the wrong doings of Baldo was publish in local news and he was judged fast without any trial. This shook many of the citizens as they didn't expect a council member to be so deeply involved in crime and they were happy that he was judged immediately.

This helped gaining more reputation of the council members. The Nova Prime was more happy about it as Baldo was a tumor and he had always been eyeing her position for a long time. John just paved a smooth path for her. In her heart she was grateful to John but didn't express it as it would shame her in in front of council members.

John too was happy when he saw this. At least the nova prime didn't betray his trust. John didn't want to turn the whole empire as that would take a lot of time and manipulation. Lex went and had another meeting with everyone as he needed to step up the process of establishing the industries as Lex had promised that their weapons system would be upgraded.

He had already showed a glimpse of their weapons and the Nova prime was in a hurry to mass produce the weapons as this would give a huge edge to Nova Empire against the unruly Ronan who was giving huge troubles to the planets affiliated with theirs.

There was almost over a month for the story of Guardians of Galaxy to start. Even though John wasn't sure if his butterfly effect would change the story of the, m but he wished to find out. Since Rocket and Groot had already been removed from the equation he was waiting to see what changes would be in the story.

John spent the following month lazing around and occasionally contacting home, Tony and even contacted Disney once to check on the movie. Though he didn't tell them that he had left Mars long ago, he still wanted to have a proper talk with them.

As he was roaming around one day in the city alone one day, he saw a commotion and people gathering around. He got curious and he wanted to see what was going on. He soon saw a man and a woman fighting each other.

John immediately had a smile in his face as he knew both of the characters from before.

Chapter 174: Ronan

Peter Quill and Gamora. Son of Ego and daughter of Thanos.

"At least their story has started. I guess Peter did go to Morag to get the power stone. Nice. This is my stage to shine and improvise."

As they were fighting John saw another known acquaintance and this one surprised him a lot. It was Rocket. John walked upto him and him from behind and asked

"Where is Groot? Is his training over so fast?"

"Where they hell did you come from? I thought you were a Terran." Rocket said as his jumped on his feet since John approached him silently.

"I am Terran and I am also a citizen of the Nova Empire now." John replied.

"That's good. Well great liar, Groot is still training. The Guardians didn't like unknown people nosing in their business so they kicked the extras out. There were few of us anyways. Came to be fish in troubled waters but seeing these two stupid people fighting it out I would rather not join."

"Agreed. They both are stupid. Now the Nova Corps have already arrived. I wonder if they will survive in jail."

"So why are you here, O great liar." Rocket asked.

"I have a company here so I am just to look over it. I will return to home planet after I deal with someone." John said. "Do you want to come over to my home? Since we are both friends of lanterns I am sure we have many things in common."

"Umm sure.. Will save my hotel money." Rocket said. He believed John wasn't malicious as he was really friend of lanterns and he had met him before.

John and Rocket went back to his villa. Now Rocket was surprised as he saw a huge mansion. He never expected John to be so rich that he lived in such a posh area in Xandar.

"Dear Lord. Seems like you are rich."

"That is relative. Money doesn't really matter to me."

"Only rich people says those philosophical words. If you don't care about money you can give it to me..." Rocket said.

As they were talking Lex and Victor returned. Rocket after seeing Victor was more surprised as he had never seen such a cyborg in his life. He himself is a product of genetic and cybernetic experiment but he had never seen someone like Victor.

"What kind of horrible experiment did they do to you?" Rocket asked after he got introduced to Lex and Victor. Rocket thought Victor was was result of experimentation due to him.

"Well I was experimented on but I was dying. My father used an alien technology which he had no idea about. Due to that I survived at least." Victor replied. Rocket was fascinated by Victor and started asking questions of his cybernetics paying no heed to Victor's privacy.

Though Victor found it weird but from his scanning he knew that Rocket too was a experiment and a horrible one at that, so he answered patiently. Lex on the other hand was least interested in this conversation and said to John instead

"We had a meeting today. The Nova Prime looked really stressed with Ronan. He just annihilated an entire planet leaving none. Not even the children." Lex had disgust in his face. Even though in his life he had been a villain and never really cared about human life but even he had a bottom line.

"Hmm. Tell Nova Prime that I can solve her problem of Ronan on two conditions." John said.

"Huh you want to deal with Ronan? Are you sure that would be profitable?" Lex asked.

"Yes. Kree has grown way too arrogant. I went through their recent expansion. Skrulls weren't enough. Now they want Nova too."

"Ok I will pass on the information and your question of conditions." Lex said as he opened his mobile to talk with Nova Prime.

"Wait. Nova Prime? You know the Nova Prime? Why the hell is Nova Prime involved with you?" Rocket asked. He believed that John knew Nova Prime as for a Terran it was almost impossible to buy a house here without the help of Empire but he didn't expect it was the Nova Prime.

"Didn't I tell you I have a company here. The company is special so Nova Prime is dealing with it personally." John said.

"No wonder you can get a home here. But you said you are going to deal with Ronan. Are you going to call for the help of your friend? No offense but it will still be hard for a single lantern to deal with him. He has an army and a spaceship." Rocket said.

"I never said my only friend is a green lantern." John said with a smile.

"Victor. Barry will arrive here tomorrow. Register him into the citizenship of the Nova Empire. Actually you know what register every one of my friend as the highest level into the citizenship. You never know when it will be required." John said as he wanted his friends to be known to the empire in case something happens in the future.

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Chapter 175: Huge price

"Oye are you being serious? Do you really have the fire power to confront Ronan. He has an whole army." Rocket still asked.

"Of course. You will soon know if I am a pretender or not since you have been calling me a liar all this time." John said.

As they were talking John received a call. It was Nova Prime. She called because Lex sent her the information that John would help her with Ronan.

"Hello Mr. Jameson. Mr. Luthor said that you can help me the Ronan problem. Is that true?"

"Yes of course. But on two conditions." John said.

"What conditions Mr. Jameson." She asked as she was now excited. She had seen what only two person could do to Nova Corps. If she could get help from him than it would be much easier to deal with Ronan. She just hoped that John had enough command and authority in his home planet to call an army to deal with Ronan.

"First condition is that when I deal with Ronan, the Dark Aster would belong to me. And second condition is that I am a movie maker in my home planet. I would like my movies and other motion pictures to be propagated here." John said.

"Huh. Dark Aster? The spaceship of Ronan? Sure. If you can help us kill him then we will surely give that to you. And about your movies? Are you sure that it's your second condition?" the Nova Prime asked.

"Yes that's my condition." John insisted.

"OK we accept your deal. I hope you can summon help from your planet to deal with him." the Nova Prime said as she felt weird with the second condition but didn't pay much heed as she thought it might be the hobby of John.

"Who said about summoning an army? We few people will be enough to deal with him. Don't worry Nova Prime, you will soon get the good news." John said as he cut off the connection.

"Victor take Barry tomorrow to Klyn prison with FOA. Stop him from doing major destruction in the prison. Let Peter and Gamora escape with Drax. Antagonize Ronan to come here to Xandar. This will be a good way to make yourself known. Since Rocket here still doesn't believe us, he too will get to see the extent of our powers."

"OK. Let Barry come."

Rocket who listened to all this was surprised by how without worry John and Victor talked about Ronan. They talked as if everything was bread and butter but still couldn't think how a person would be able to deal with Ronan who had a whole army.

Rocket stayed over John's place as he had invited him over. The next day John woke up as usual and recalled the system to extract Barry Allen.

[Ding

Cost of extraction of Barry Allen/Flash and Speed Force- 600 million]

"What the hell? Even Superman is less than 400 million. Why is Barry so costly?" John almost shouted.

[Ding

Barry Allen could change timeline as he pleases. A character is not always judged by it's powers. Sometimes the price value isn't about the power but it's impact on the world. And Speed Force is one of the greatest forces of DC universe.]

"That means if I extract Christopher Reeves's Superman I would have to pay more?"

[Ding

Yes.

Do you want to extract Barry Allen?]

"Fine fine.. Extract Barry." John said. He felt pain as he just lost half a billion fan values for a single character.

"My movies better be famous here, otherwise I will squeeze the Nova Empire dry." John grumbled to himself. John summoned him at a nearby place. Since John had already registered him with the Empire he didn't care. In fact yesterday he asked for proper details from all his friends of Earth to send over. He wanted to register all of them, even his own father.

While having breakfast there was a knock on the door. Lex went to open the door and there was Barry Allen standing.

"Hello. I was guided to this place. Is it the right place?"

"Yes. We were waiting for you. Food is on the table. Made a lot for you." Lex replied as he lead him inside.

"Wow a raccoon which could stand and eat normally. That's awesome." Barry said in an excited tone.

"Who are you calling a raccoon kid? Do you believe I will blast you into space now?" Rocket got irritated by his remark.

"Omg it can talk to. Didn't expect an alien planet to be so awesome. Hey Victor, nice to see you again man. Thanks John for bringing me here." Barry said paying no heed to the threat of Rocket. Barry sat on the table to eat as he was hungry.

"Nice to see you again. We have a mission later in space so eat up." Victor said.

"Mission in space? That's so cool. Can't wait for it." Barry said as he was gorging on his food.

"You are going to send this to space to stop Ronan? They will die." Rocket said with more skepticism.

"They will be fine. You have no idea how powerful they are." John said as finished eating.

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Chapter 176: Klyn prison

After everybody finished their food they all went to the dock for departure. Even Rocket joined in as he would be bored waiting for Groot. That's what Rocket and Groot had decided upon before he left Oa. Rocket would wait here for Groot and later go on adventures together. Groot could kill or arrest criminals while Rocket could profit off them.

Rocket was happy as now he had a huge force behind himself, thanks to Groot so he was lazing around now. They all arrived the dock where the drop ship was.

"Oh the ship of Krypton." Barry said. The drop ship opened its hatch only to reveal Sasuke waiting inside. He had called Sasuke to help them in this mission for extra help.

As John had already shared some vague ideas of Sasuke and Naruto's world from before they didn't ask about him. Rocket on the other hand was surprised to see a new guy.

Barry brought his suit too in his suitcase as John summoned it for him. Rocket on the other hand after entering the ship went crazy. He had never seen a small drop ship of this technology.

"What the hell is this spaceship. Why is it so different?" Rocket said.

"It's because this technology is something that the universe has never seen before. Soon my company would make spaceships of the same technology. Look out for those."

"Are you serious? You will be in spaceship industry? This is a huge matter. You said you have a mother ship. Can I see it?" Rocket asked with enthusiasm.

"Yes. Come with us. I will make you realize how big the universe is." John said. And thus Rocket joined on this mission too even though he hesitated a lot. He thought it was a suicide mission but then he saw John too going on the mission. Rocket didn't think John would be such a dumb person to lead his own self to danger. This was probably universe trying to make some things right by sending Rocket to Klyn prison.

Soon the drop ship left for FOS. John too joined as he wanted to be with FOS a bit. Lex was left alone in Xandar as now he had a company and people to recruit. The drop ship in a few minutes had entered FOS.

Rocket was going mental as what he saw. Just the speed of the drop ship surprised him but the size of FOS was what astonished him the most. It was huge and the technology he saw after entering the ship surprised him even more.

"FOS. Feeling bored in space?" John asked.

"No. It's fine. Most of the times I am sleeping anyways." FOS replied.

"Oww artificial intelligence. I don't trust AI." Rocket said.

"FOS isn't an AI. This mother ship is itself a living being." John replied.

"What? What do you mean?" Rocket.

"I mean the whole ship is a living one." John said.

"That is impossible. No technology like this exists." Rocket replied.

"Have you seen such high technology before? No. You will get used to it Rocket. FOS take us to Kyn. We have a mission. I won't participate in it. You three will take care of it. There are kryptonian breathing apparatus. You three can use them when you assault. Don't kill everyone. We need to lead them to Xandar later." John said.

FOS used the phantom drive to vanish into space after locking the coordinate. They reached the prison in a few minutes. Now Rocket was more surprised as they didn't go to a jump point to travel. They just directly traveled into space. Now he kind of believed in John's words that this technology had never appeared before.

He was looking forward to the new spaceships that John's company would be manufacturing soon. They stopped a distance away from Kyn hiding from the radar and detection. They waited for Ronan to arrive to get the fake Power stone from the prison.

John wants Ronan to assault the prison and then go inside to save everyone. This would show a glimpse of their power to the higher authorities of the Nova Empire. Thus making the Nova Prime and the others believe in John more. The Nova Prime had already known that John had left and they believed that John left to find Ronan so the assault of him against Ronan would be more believable.

Thus the long wait started. John hoped that Ronan would come before anything happened to Gamora as she had a wrong reputation, thanks to being the daughter of Thanos and an accomplice of Ronan. John even asked Victor to hack into the security to check on Gamora always so that nothing ill falls upon her.

She was required in the future plans of John. After 5 days of waiting, the Dark Aster finally showed up. This looked more huge than in the movie. The whole length of the spaceship was at least a kilometre.

"Can't wait for this big baby to be mine."

Chapter 177: Attack

"Let them attack the prison. It would be easier to assault them when they land there." John directed.

"How did you know that Ronan would attack the prison. I don't think even for Gamora, Ronan would have attacked." Rocket asked as he found it weird that they waited for Ronan here and surprisingly Ronan did come to attack Kyn.

"Didn't I say once that I am more knowledgeable than the Guardians? This is a glimpse of that." John said with a smile. As they were talking Ronan had already started attacking the prison and sent his soldiers. Since there was no Rocket and Groot, Peter and Gamora weren't able to escape as the original world.

"Alright chop chop people. Take an attack ship and leave. FOA send all the attack ships and kill every one in space. Dark Aster doesn't really have fire power on its own. It relies on small suicide spaceships with

low firepower. Don't kill too many. That would be counterproductive and wouldn't help our purpose." John said.

Sasuke, Barry and Victor left. Victor didn't need a space suit while the other two did. They took the attack ship while Rocket and John just looked at the images in their holographic projection. When the attack ships started their assault everybody were taken aback.

Ronan didn't understand from where these new ships came from, while Rocket was taken aback by the fire power of the attack ships. It only took a few minutes to almost wipe out many small spaceships of them with the just the help of 5 small attack ships. John didn't bring the big vertical attack ships from Krypton as it wouldn't fit inside the FOA but these small attack ships were enough for handling this situation.

Even though the small spaceships of Ronan did try to retaliate they didn't have the sleek maneuverability like the Kryptonian's they failed to damage them as FOA remote controlled them very perfectly. In the meantime, Sasuke and others landed in the prison.

If the attack ships weren't able to make Ronan fear this sudden ambush, the three people scared the big Jesus out of him. Victor transformed himself into a steel helmet and started shooting at the soldiers while flying. He looking like a flying humanoid with no end it's fire power and energy. Since Victor's template was taken from Jay Oliver's Cyborg too, Victor could accumulate various machinery into his body and make them weapons.

Barry ran so fast that nobody was even able to see him. He was causing havoc everywhere and the soldiers had no clue what hit them. Some were even killed by just a small touch as it was done in extreme high speeds.

And Sasuke was like a God to them. He walked slowly around while assaulting anybody he could see. He didn't over did it as he knew that would be an over kill so he just used normal ninja techniques. He did his best not to kill too many.

Rocket now understood from where the huge confidence of John came. He thought the Green Lanterns were already the top force of the universe he had ever seen, but now just these 3 people subverted that view.

"What are these people? They are monsters. Where did you even find them?" Rocket said as he couldn't believe what he saw. He passed a day with Victor and Barry yesterday but they had never shown such high combat ability.

Even though Barry looked inexperienced but just his speed alone made him invulnerable. Victor was way too calculative to be hit by any of the soldiers. And Sasuke was way too powerful to even speak about him.

"I told you didn't I? They are my friends." John said.

"When you said that you went to Oa to meet the Guardians. You really meant that?" Rocket asked.

"Of course. They are my friends too." John said.

The attack continued and Ronan who was already in the prison and he couldn't leave as John had already sent the attack ships to make sure Ronan wouldn't leave without proper greeting from the three of them. Even Nebula was there in prison.

In almost 20 minutes all the rioting prisoners and the soldiers were dealt by three of them. Barry finally met Peter along the way of doing things. He remembered the order of John so he said

"Peter Quill, Gamora and Drax. You three can escape from here. The Nova Empire wouldn't hold you accountable."

"What? What do you mean?" Peter asked as he saw a man in red suit standing in front of him. He had seen flashes of this man while he attacked the soldiers and the rioting prisoners and he was really afraid if he would be one of them to be attacked.

"That's exactly what I mean. You should escape from here." Flash said and ran away again. Gamora and Drax didn't understand what Flash meant by that but they wanted to take the opportunity to leave.

Chapter 178: Heroes welcome

Quill didn't want to lose the opportunity to leave the prison. Even though he doubted the words of Barry he wanted to escape and even make money as he understood that the orb he found was very costly. He directly went to the place where the orb was kept and took it, while Gamora and Drax went to ready the spaceship.

At first Drax wanted to kill Gamora, but later she convinced him otherwise and even said that she would help him kill Ronan. Drax who was on a path of vengeance was happy to join this team of Peter and Gamora. FOS finally sent the information that Peter and other have left.

John sighed in relief as he Quill was the only source of finding and killing Ego. John also sent Sasuke with Peter sneakily as he wasn't sure how the story would unfold in Nowhere as there was no Groot and Rocket. Sasuke would be their security in Nowhere.

In the meantime, Ronan was cornered by Victor and Barry.

"Who the hell are you? What do you want?" Ronan roared as he used his hammer to take swings at both of them. He was frustrated beyond belief. He thought it would be an easy assault but only three people subverted that in a matter of minutes.

Victor and Barry easily avoided his hammer. Victor then transformed his hand into a canon and took a shot at Ronan. He was thrown away by few metres with this one shot alone.

"We belong to the Nova Empire. You have already breached the agreement between Kree and Nova. This is the final warning. If I see you next time assaulting anyone from the ranks of the Nova Empire it will be your death. Go home Kree. This isn't a child's play."

Ronan felt humiliated by the dirty blooded people of Nova but he knew he didn't have the power to fight back. Soon a small ship came near after the attack ships left the surrounding space. Barry and Victor left by a drop ship who came to pick them up.

The guards of the prison saw all of this and was really grateful by what happened. They weren't sure who just helped them but they saved everyone here and in fact stopped the prisoners too from rioting. Though they wanted them to kill Ronan but they understood that beggars could never be choosers.

The Dark Aster soon left and even though Ronan felt humiliated by all this he still got the information that Gamora escaped from prison. Ronan was ecstatic when he heard the news as now he could catch her and give the orb to Thanos so that he could wash away the humiliation. Soon he ordered his subordinates to find the location of Gamora because he felt pretty sure that such an important piece would still be in her possession.

Victor and Barry returned after the assault into the hidden spaceship FOS. They were happy as they had the first successful mission. Rocket was still in awe with what happened.

"Where is Sasuke?" Rocket asked.

"He has another mission to complete." John replied.

"Let's go back. I guess the Nova prime would be very happy with what had happened. Now let's hope he comes to Xandar. Would be more of a grand show. And even if he doesn't come we can always find the Dark Aster and kill Ronan. The tracker is already in place with some of his men." John said.

"Yes I did place some un-detectable very long range trackers. Well that big of a spaceship wouldn't be invisible anyway." Victor replied.

"Man sometimes you are more scary than Ronan. You are basically toying with him. Why not kill him?" Rocket asked as he was sure now that they could have taken over Ronan easily.

"Because sometimes politics can be over whelming." John replied. "Let's go back and wait for the news of Sasuke. Hope there is good news."

FOS soon left for Xandar. And this time after they returned John didn't park FOS in space as he wanted to bring them into the planet. He felt a little bad leaving FOS all alone in space for such a long time.

The Nova Prime came to actually receive them when they landed in Xandar. John himself was taken aback when he saw her waiting.

"Thank you Mr. Stone and Mr. Allen for helping us stop Ronan. The guards have already informed us about your teams assault. We are really grateful." She said before John could speak. They had already brought out information about Barry who was registered recently by Victor.

"We too belong to the Nova Empire and since we have a company here it would look too bad if the Empire looked weak. Plus there was a deal between you and John. So I had to intervene." Victor replied.

"Yes the deal. The part about movies. We would more than happy to showcase the hobby of Mr. Jameson." she replied looking at John.

"That's not my hobby, that's my main job. You will understand what I mean when you will watch the movies." John said.

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"Oh OK I will surely look into your movies later." she replied. The Nova Prime had also said that they forwarded video evidence to Kree Empire and showed how Ronan attacked the kylln prison and even showed them Victor easily defeating Ronan and sparing him.

"I hope this will stop the Kree from their underhanded tactics." She said.

"If only it was that easy." John said as he knew Ronan wouldn't stop.

"I presume you all are very tired with all this. I won't hold you. You can take rest. There will be a banquet for you all tonight. Hope you all will join it." She said while leaving.

"Sure. We will be there." John said. They too returned home after that. Rocket was still pretty much shaken after all of this and he kept asking Victor about his cybernetic enhancements as he was dreaming of using them on himself later. Victor had to basically run away from Rocket to stop answering him.

Meanwhile the story of Quill and his smaller gang continued. He went to Nowhere to sell off the orb but it didn't go as it was planned. They went to collector to sell it off. Tivan, the collector was pretty much pumped up for the power stone but it turned out to be a huge embarrassment as the whole orb was fake.

Peter and others were taken aback, they had gone through so much just to realize that the whole orb was a fake one. Drax on the other hand got bored out of all this and sent a signal to Ronan about their position.

Ronan did come after that and as the story should have gone, Drax assaulted directly after he came out and he was easily tossed away by Ronan. He was very much in bad mood so he beat down Drax more harshly than he should have and threw him to a water pod.

Ronan after beating Drax down went to search for Gamora with Nebula. They soon found them and confronted. But when she said the orb was a fake one, he didn't believe them and immediately attacked.

And thus the fight ensued between Peter and Gamora against Ronan and Nebula. After exchanging few punches Quill understood they needed to run away as they would be out numbered. So with Gamora they ran straight to their ship to escape.

But this was where the story again took a major turn. When John later came to know what happened in Nowhere he was more surprised, because an old acquaintance of him showed up.

Groot.

Now a proper recruit of Green Lantern corps.

Nowhere belonged to his sector and since the ring gave him the information of an illegal attack in Nowhere he came to see what was going on. Groot who just reached Nowhere saw everything and understood that that he alone wouldn't be enough to stop Ronan. Even though he was a green lantern he was still new and he couldn't make huge objects from his ring and cut down spaceships.

He flew to Drax, Gamora and Peter to rescue them. Though he wasn't sure why Ronan was after them but being a green lantern he needed to save them. He directly used his ring to take him to their spaceship.

And thus with the help of Groot all three were able to escape with their Milano spaceship. The Dark Aster couldn't travel as fast as Milano so they were able to escape.

Now Quill and others were amazed by this new power shown by Groot. Since Groot couldn't talk he couldn't explain his powers to them. Groot also understood that they couldn't run away from Ronan as that was not the way of the lanterns and he needed help but he was too shy and embarrassed to ask the help of other lanterns in his first mission and like him all the lanterns were just new recruits.

They needed a professional help and only one person could help them. Rocket. So using the Milano he directly contacted Rocket. Rocket who was chilling at the home of John after having a huge banquet with Nova Prime was woken up by the call.

"Hey Groot. Where are you? I have been dying alone. Wait who are these people? Gamora? What are you doing with them?" Rocket asked as he saw their faces in the video call.

"I am Groot... I am Groot.. I am Groot." Groot said.

"Hmm.. I understand. Bring them here to Xandar. We will handle Ronan. Peter and others have already been set free by the Nova Prime so you three don't have to worry. Xandar will be perfectly safe for you." Rocket said.

John on the other hand got a call from Sasuke narrating him what had happened. Sasuke was supposed to intervene between them but after the emergence of Groot he kept himself in the shadows.

"Wow so the lantern corps are online. I hope there won't be many deaths in the beginning for them."

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As he was thinking that Rocket came to his room to ask about them Gamora and others coming with Groot and explained the whole incident. Even though John knew what had happened he didn't know what happened after they escaped as he didn't ask Sasuke.

"Sure bring them here. Didn't we want a confrontation against Ronan. I hope they come after us. Will be fun." John said. Rocket was ecstatic as he didn't expect John would be so helpful in this regard. John on the other hand was happy and hoped Ronan would come to Xandar to attack as he did with Kryn.

This would be his stage to shine and pave the path for his works in the Nova Empire. Groot and everyone reached Xandar after few hours, thanks to the fast speed of Milano.

Peter had doubts on the fact that were actually free from Nova Empire's wanted list but when they saw they they could enter Xandar without any problems they got relieved. Groot directly took them to the home of John where Rocket was waiting for them.

Meanwhile, after the huge failure of Ronan he directly called Thanos and said that the orb was a fake one as the Collector already said the same thing.

"I want to go and search for Gamora. Your daughter betrayed us. This was not the plan. You need to compensate for this." Ronan said.

"The only compensation you will get is your head still in the body. You made my favorite daughter alienate from me." Thanos said in a grave tone.

"Alienate her from you? She already hated you from beginning from what I heard from the Kyn prison." Ronan replied.

"I need support in catching her. She has way too many friends who are powerful. In Kyn and in Nowhere we were stopped twice." Ronan continued as he still thought that Victor was the friend of Gamora as he let them escape.

"Friends? My daughter has friends outside?" Thanos murmured.

"Proxima Midnight go to Dark Aster and assist him in finding the orb. This is the last help I will give you boy. If you can't return with the orb the next time I will come for your head." He said then.

Ronan who listened to Thanos couldn't speak in higher tone. He felt more humiliated and he secretly made up his mind that if he even find a chance to take revenge he will do so. He was really interested in

the orb that Thanos was searching and wanted to see what secrets it held that Thanos was ready to send Gamora, Nebula and now another member of the Black order.

Groot and others reached the home of John. Gamora and Peter were surprised to see Victor and the red suit guy at the home, while Groot was happy to see his old friend again.

"How was training? Did Hal kick your ass?" Rocket asked.

"I am Groot."

"Well he better be otherwise I won't mind blowing him up." Rocket said.

Gamora, Peter and John were still looking at Victor and others. John too came in to see the whole team of 'Guardians of the Galaxy'.

"Mr. Quill, I am John Jameson. Welcome to my home."

"Your home? This is big. You must be rich. Umm I want to know why did you help us? I don't think we are your friends." Peter asked.

"I have my own reasons. Maybe because we both come from same planet."

"You are from Missouri too?" Peter asked.

"No Missouri is just a state in USA which is on planet earth. I live in a different state in the same planet. Well enough about me. What are your plans?"

"I don't know. We can't go out of Xandar because of Ronan. He is way too powerful."

"Where is Yondu? Call him. I am sure he is pretty much angry of you betraying him." John said.

"What the hell? How do you know of Yondu." Peter asked almost getting scared.

"He is some kind of prophet. Don't think much of it." It was Rocket who said that. "Now how do we blow up Ronan?" Rocket intervened.

"No.. No.. How do you know of Yondu?" Peter insisted on knowing.

"He has a weird power to see future. That's how we helped you in Kyn prison, even tried helping you in Nowhere, Sasuke accompanied you in that journey." Rocket replied as he now understood a little bit of the power of John. While they talked Sasuke emerged from nowhere.

"Huh this guy helped me in Kyn." Drax said who was silent all this time. "Thank you."

Sasuke just nodded at him and vanished again.

"So now can you call Yondu?" John asked again.

"Ok. But what do you want me to say to him?" Peter asked.

"Tell him that we have the original orb and to spread this information to Ronan. I am sure he will come running by for it."