

Multiverse 721

Chapter 721: Beyonders (2)

"You are applying the same strategy as we did in Hell. This will blow up in your face,." Wanda said as she sat and waited for Owen to call them.

"I know but is there any better option to sneak attack? I know that the chances of sneak attack are very less, probably less than 1% but at least we can try. Owen is the main candidate here who can fight and bring them down."

"Wait are you both talking about Mephisto?" Jean asked as she was confused about what John meant about Hell.

"Yes. Hell has been replaced and Mephisto is dead." John said as he remembered that the death of his has never been announced to the multiverse and people still don't know about him. Of course, the Ghost Riders of different universes might have known this and they were probably having the times of their lives.

Though all ghost riders were not necessarily influenced by Mephisto, he did have his sway on many of them. In fact in one universe, the Ghost Rider was Punisher and he was a menace to the universe and Mephisto and even went after the major criminals of his universe.

"When did that happen?" Jean was from 616 so of course she knew all the major antagonists, especially, someone like Mephisto.

"Few years back. Why? Johnny didn't speak about it?" John asked as he was polishing his jagged huge sword with a piece of cloth . The sword had a red shine on its edge and everyone was able to feel the heat emitting from it.

"No." Jean shook her head. She was surprised that John and his team were even able to take down such an ancient being who had been causing havoc all over the multiverse with his minions.

Wanda then spoke to Jean about how they did it and how they were able to take down Mephisto. John on the other hand was thinking about his plan and the ways to bring down the Beyonders. The comics

had never been comprehensive about how Doom and Molecule Man were able to take down the Beyonders.

Doctor Strange was on this mission and he even got the chance to be one of the most powerful Strange but for some reason he gave that up and the power was given to Doom. And thus he went on to become God Doom.

John was sure Owen would again give the choices to them after the defeat of the Beyonders and was thinking who will take over the mantle of godhood this time. As he was thinking of these random thoughts and plans of the future, John already felt the call of Owen and was brought out.

John didn't even speak a word the moment he came out he took a swing of his huge sword to all the surrounding directions. He had already instructed mentally to Owen to take his head down to avoid being hit by a sword and so did the others.

The fire slash flowed in 360 directions. They were standing on the platform which was levitating high on air without any support or energy source, it looked like magic and there were people sitting on their seats. It looked like it was there on the sets of Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of Crystal Skull, where in this case the Crystal Skulls were alive and had flesh.

John could only make out this bit as the huge hall was instantly lit up by the fire slash and he was sure that it would take time to douse the fire as the fire was magical and it worked on a different system altogether than the Beyonders power.

"Owen, how is the situation?" John asked after he made the move. Owen had a ugly look on his face.

"What is the matter Owen?" Jean asked, seeing a not so good look on his face.

"There is another person who is present in the room and he looks like one of us." Owen said.

"What?" John and others were taken aback by the word of Owen.

"Another person? Who?" Wanda asked. Owen just moved his head and looked in a certain direction. The fire which was burning brightly and was lighting up the hall was finally being extinguished gradually.

They had already predicted that John's move would have no effect on the Beyonders. If such fire was able to kill them then it would be a blot on the name of the Beyonders, though this move wasn't just for show. The Beyonders had to use quite a bit of force to stop and extinguish the fire.

And there were several burn marks on the hands of the Beyonders. The Beyonders looked exactly like they did in comics. If a human being imagines an alien in their head, then the Beyonders was the closest thing that should come to their minds.

But in addition to the Beyonders, there was another person who was sitting in the main seat of the Beyonders. And that person looked like Batman on steroids.

Chapter 722: Batman?

The person who sat on the main chair wore the exact cape of Batman, with his iconic mask and black cape. But there was a difference. This Batman had a thick beard and he looked more manly. The person looked like a mixture of Bane and Batman.

The only difference was the beard. The beard had a weird shape and John wasn't sure why it was like that. His mind went through all the comics and especially the Dark Multiverse of DC and there was a version which was a combination of Bane and Batman.

But that person didn't have a beard.

"Whoa are you?" John shouted.

"You got some balls John Jameson. You and your little friends come to our territory and attack and later ask who the fuck are we? Do you think that this place is your home?" said the 'fake' Batman.

John's eyes squinted when he heard being named by this random Batman. He was pretty sure nobody knew of him from Source Wall or the DC multiverse. If there was another John in the multiverse of DC, Presence would have spoken about it.

But this Batman knew of him. How? Is it because he had the powers bestowed upon him by the Wall? But he never had any recollection of Source Wall. Even when he was reincarnated, it was an instant one, or was it?

"Fine, if you don't want to speak your identity I will beat it out of you." John said as he could already feel the movement of the Beyonders here. He didn't expect that the Beyonders would team up with a 'fake' Batman.

How were they able to accept the fact that a person who didn't belong to their species was sitting on their main seat? No!! This Batman was leading the Beyonders... What the hell is going on?

"We will have to beat it out to get the answer." John mumbled as he already had one thing in mind. Take this Batman down and get the answer. The Beyonders would be left to others. John had a feeling that this Batman wasn't as simple as he looked like.

"Ice age!!!" John murmured as suddenly under the feet of John the surroundings was getting frozen. It became so cold that even the air was freezing up and slowly there was a bridge between the platform from where they were standing and the main Hall where everyone was sitting.

Wanda and others were now looking at John with a curious look. Ice age? That is Aokiji from One Piece, where did John get the powers.

"I will explain later. Now attack." John said as he saw that he was getting weird looks from everyone. Thanos didn't seem to care that John had frozen up the air and he was the first person to attack the Beyonders.

Thanos had made it a point to redeem himself here so he was the first person. Wanda, Barry and Lucifer followed him. Owen was the last. The main point here was to secure the life of Owen while bringing the powers of the Beyonders.

John appeared near Batman with a single move. He used the Soru from One Piece and used his leg to hit Batman with all his strength. Batman dodged this with a side step while he took out his katana to take a swing at John.

John couldn't avoid the katana and he didn't try to dodge either. The katana which had randomly appeared at the hand of Batman went through the torso of John and the blade came out from the other side.

The blade seemed like it went through the frozen hell as there was frozen ice all over the blade. It looked terrible and the blade would for sure break in the next move if it hit something hard.

Batman looked at his blade with contemplation, not at all surprised that his blade had just gone through the body of the opponent.

"He did say that you will be terrifyingly powerful, now I get the gist of it." Batman said in a loud tone. John was still in limbo. A batman who used a katana. What the hell!!

Was this Batman from the Japanese old times ?? He doesn't remember any Dark Multiverse story where Batman belonged to Japan. Even during the war none of such forms were shown in the comics. Most of the Batman was under Robin King and all looked the same.

"Who are you?" John asked again and now his tone was more demanding.

"Oh!! Don't be impatient. He said that you have knowledge of us too." Batman said.

"Who said that?"

"Your nightmare." Batman said as now he used Batarangs to throw at John. These Batarangs were ladden with bombs. The Batarangs got struck at the cold icy body of John and blasted with a huge explosion.

The explosion was loud enough to attract the attention of others who were fighting around. The Beyonders have come together to take on this small team that John had brought.

Chapter 723: Dark Claw

After the smoke receded, everyone who had stopped the fight saw John standing where he was and nothing had happened to him which was expected. His teammates were little concerned because the laws of the multiverse didn't apply here and many things were different.

But it seemed they were over thinking a bit and John was still as powerful as before.

But John knew that the explosion with the batarangs wasn't as simple as it looked. His natural barriers of magic weren't able to stop the batarangs. Magic had just failed John and that too against a Batman variant.

This was really wrong on so many levels!! Batman who was immune to magic. Though Phoenix Force would have easily stopped the explosion from hurting him he didn't need to use that power. He just used elementalization of magma from Akainu and avoided any small injuries from the batarangs.

Now John was pissed!

He didn't say a word and covered the floor with dark colored particles. The power of Black Beard, the Dark Fruit. He used the gravity power on everyone present except for his present. Since the floor was frozen and they could walk on it, there was no problem in covering the entirety of the Hall.

Batman now had a solemn face seeing this as he could feel he was being sucked into these dark particles and the gravity was slowly getting higher. Wanda and Barry who were in the safe zone could easily recognize what it was and what John had just done.

"How many Devil fruits did you eat?" Barry shouted to ask.

"Too many."

"Let's get this over with." Owen said as he used a dagger which he had just conjured out of thin and drove it right through the heart of the nearest Beyonder. The gravity pull was a welcome move for John's allies and Owen just used the distraction as a weapon to kill one.

And the kill of one just enabled Owen to have more power. Owen could already feel the immense power he had just obtained. When he had entered the Source Wall, he could feel the rejection that his powers faced. He was not even 50% of his old power and was only able to do some simple things which he was able to do when he first went to hunt other Owens over the multiverse.

But now he felt more powerful than ever before. With his capacity crossing the 200% of this previous power. Thanos and everyone just looked at John with surprise as he did what others had failed to take advantage of. Killing a Beyonder and taking the power.

John meanwhile didn't care if Owen got new power or not, he appeared near Batman and gave a kick on his right side with the strongest power. He used Ryou (internal destruction) on his leg and hit him right on his right hand.

Batman wasn't able to move well due to gravity and only had enough time to lift his hand to defend. But the power of Haki did the job. His hand disintegrated and blasted away with his full hand. Nothing remained except for a skeleton hand.

But the skeleton hand was what surprised John. The hand was silver in color and was shiny. Even after John used Internal destruction on his kick which in itself was fast, it did destroy the flesh but it did nothing to his bones.

"What the hell are you?" John had a grave expression. He didn't expect that Batman here had a weird skeleton build. Batman used the distraction of John and used his legs to kick away John and get away from him and he was successful in doing that.

Barry had been running around like crazy and hitting everyone with his full speed. The Beyonders were not able to catch him and in this wake he finally got a close look at the skeleton hand of Baman which was now healing at a fast speed with flesh, nerves and muscles building up again.

This surprised John more.

"What kind of experiments have you done on yourself to achieve this? What is that hand? Is it made out of vibranium? No, its adamnatium." Barry was in his own world as he was speaking to himself while maintaining fast speed. Batman wasn't able to hear Barry's thoughts as he was recuperating slowly and John had allowed him to heal. He was sure that he would be able to defeat this Batman, but before this he wanted answers.

"John, his bones are made of adamantium?" Barry had just arrived near John and spoke in his ears.

"What?"

"Yes. I just double checked. In fact he has claws like Wolverine." Barry said with solemn expression. This was when it struck John on what kind of version they were dealing with.

Logan Wayne. Dark Claw. The Amalgam Universe.

Chapter 724: Amalgam Universe

The Universe which was created as a result of cross-Multiversal conflict. In the comics, two brothers that are DC and Marvel once bet against each other to see whose universe was better. So they chose combatants from their respective universe to fight against each other.

In a race to stop this, the Living Tribunal from Marvel and Spectre from DC came together and made a universe which had people wielding both the powers from DC and Marvel. And thus the famous Amalgam Universe was created.

It had people like Logan Wayne who was a combination of both Wolverine and Bruce Wayne. Iron Lantern, a combination of Iron Man and Green Lantern, Clark Kent, a super soldier who was given a formula which had cellular samples from an alien corpse. Basically, Captain America but with the powers of Superman. Such stories were vivid all over this special Earth which had the combination of two different Earths from two different Universes.

But here comes the problem. Nothing as such had ever happened between the two multiverses from the looks of it or else the Living Tribunal or the OAA would have mentioned. And the most important part of this universe was an existence.

Dr. Strangefate.

He was a combination of Dr. Fate and Dr. Strange. Two sorcerers together and he wasn't exactly good in the comics. He wanted his universe to exist even after the battle between two multiverse was over and the abstract beings weren't really happy about it as they feared this universe to be very powerful. So at the end the universe was locked away, never to see the light of the day.

But it seemed whatever was written in the comics was a lie. Because here they were alive and kicking on the Source Wall. John didn't have any idea of how they were created nor he cared. Maybe Source Wall was behind this or maybe their creation was an accident. The main thing was the Amalgam universe was against them and it seemed like Dr. StrangeFate wanted to make a comeback or rather their universe wanted to see the light of the day.

John wouldn't have cared about it, but now Dark Claw was sent to help the Beyonders. The negotiation had already broken before it even started.

"Logan Wayne..." John murmured.

"Yes, John, I am Logan. Hahahah... Why? Confused? Surprised? Surprised that we exist after all our existence shouldn't have been possible. But here we are. And now you will face the wrath of our power. Both of the multiverse will be annihilated and we will reign supreme. Away from the rules of abstract beings, away from everything." Logan was laughing like a maniac when he said all this.

Barry and others who were fighting in the surrounding were a little taken aback by the words of this guy. The person looked like Batman but he spoke so much which was not consistent with the character of Bruce Wayne.

There was definitely something fishy about this. John didn't care and he again used Soru to appear near Logan as he punched at him. Logan had already healed his full hand and had taken out his iconic adamantium claws.

As John punched, Logan took a swipe at him with his claws and they both clashed against each other. John's hands would have chopped off if his hands were normal but John had used advanced armament Haki and also conqueror's Haki. Thanks to Kaido.

Logan was surprised seeing that John was able to stop his claws with his bare hands. He was using adamantium and John was just using bare hands. John didn't speak any more as it was not required. He needed to engage him until the Beyonders are wiped away and they were getting wiped away in fast speed now.

The Beyonders couldn't exert their powers on their own race, so Own was beating them left and right. Wanda and Lucifer were just behind Owen helping him. Wanda was not able to change reality but using chaos magic to attack the Beyodners wasn't difficult.

And Lucifer!! Well Lucifer was Lucifer, he was chanting magic and weird magic to subvert the surroundings and attack the Beyonders. The only one who was suffering the most was Thanos. He was simple with only brute strength here. Even Barry and Jean were holding fine. Jean wasn't able to do much as she only had telekinesis, there was nothing to hold on to and throw.

Phoenix, who had been with John, took pity on her and gave her a bit of her powers to help her. Thus she was doing fine even if she wasn't exactly helpful in this war. But distracting the opponents was fine. Thanos was the only one who took full brunt of the anger of Beyonders and was tossed around. It was good that he had the body of the Eternals or else he would have died.

Chapter 725: Amalgam Universe (2)

John were now fighting in close combat with Logan while him using Haki. Kicks, punches, elbow knocks all moves that they both had learned in their lifetime was used in this fight.

"Fighting a hybrid of Logan and Bruce is really annoying." John thought as Wayne was known to have practiced every form of combat known to mankind and Logan had the experience of of long age. He was basically fighting a person who had more than 80 years of experience.

This was terrifying!! And of course the healing factor.

And surprisingly Logan didn't feel stop the killing of the Beyonders. He could see that he was genuinely enjoying the close combat with John while the Beyonders were dying left and right. John was intrigued.

"Are you not going to help them?" John asked while trying to punch the face of Logan.

"No. They were meant to die the moment Owen showed up. That was their destiny. Wasn't it?" Logan said he was trying to off balance John.

"But you are their leader." John said.

"No they just fear us and our power. You don't think that I am the only one from that universe. Do you?" Logan asked while giving a very creepy smile from under his mask. His claws were a hybrid of Logan's claws but the blades were undercut in the from of a bat so John made it a point to avoid the under cut of the claws or else it would be painful if it touched the body of John.

"Then why are you here if they are meant to die?" John asked.

"To test you and to see if you are worthy of fighting our leader." Logan said as they continued fighting.

"You mean Dr. Strange fate." Logan nodded his head.

John didn't speak more. He could see only a couple of Beyonders were left now. Others had been sucked dry by Owen. The last two Beyonder is desperation killed the other one so that he could suck the power of the other one.

This gave the last beyonder more power than the original. In the whole of the fight, the Beyonders didn't even speak a word which made the others feel that the Beyonders were communicating on telepathic frequency that the others weren't able to tap into.

The last Beyonder too died at the end. But when he was being sucked the Beyonder gave a creepy smile to Owen. Seeing this the Avengers had a bad feeling. It's just that they didn't know what had gone wrong.

"Logan it seems you will have to die here. you shouldn't have come just to test me." John said as he could see from the corner of his eye that the Beyonders were dead. Logan just smiled at it and said

"You really think you can kill me? You are looking down on our universe if you think you can kill me. I might not be able to do magic. But here you are in our world." Logan said as he suddenly backed off with a jump.

"Oh you think you can escape." John smiled as he threw magma meteors at Logan. The meteors were at least 1 m in diameter. Logan who saw this smiled and used his claws to cut two of the meteors and avoid being burnt. John's black hole was still in effect so Logan still wasn't able to move freely.

In fact all this time John was entertaining Logan as he needed intelligence and it seemed Logan was happy to answer John. It was for this reason John had stayed his hand and didn't kill Logan. He could easily kill Logan with his powers or stop him but that would render his mission useless.

After seeing that the raptors were killed John needed data and this person was freely providing him that.

"Logan it was nice having this small chat with you and thanks for freely providing us the information." John said and in the next moment he used Chains of Heaven from different angles to chain him from all sides while making sure that he wasn't able to move. Logan instinctively tried moving away from the chains but it was impossible as the chains had come flying in from all angles.

He was finally chained down though he tried his best to move away. But this was the problem. Even after being chained down Logan didn't show any panic. From the moment they had appeared, Logan never showed any form of panic or fear. This puzzled John.

He knew that Logan wasn't powerful enough to fight against John. So what was the gameplan of Logan?

"You don't seem to be afraid of us?" John finally asked the chained Logan.

"Why should I be? You can't kill me." Logan said.

"Why can't I kill you?" John asked. Logan smiled at it and said

"If you kill me one of Owen in your multiverse would explode and it will start the process which you have been dreading and trying to avoid." Logan gave a creepy yet confident smile. He seemed like he had won the war from the get go.

Chapter 726: Threat

John's face changed the moment Logan said those words. They have come a long way to get into Source Wall and take the huge risk of irritating Perpetua to come here and kill the Beyonders. And they were easily able to do that but it seemed like they had targeted the wrong person from the beginning itself.

"What are you talking about? Your poor ass body can't hold the power of Beyonders no matter what. The magic and the power required to kill an Owen via suicide across the Void and the Source Wall. You will never be able to do it." John said.

"That+is true but if I die here or just give a hint to Dr. Strangfate that I am in huge danger then he has the power to let the avalanche come down and destroy your meticulous plans and mission." Logan was still giving a confident smile while saying this.

Wanda and others had finally reached the place where John was holding down Logan. Everyone had heard what Logan had just said and it sent a chill up their spines. They had come a long way and undertook an uncomfortable journey just to kill the Beyonders and even after that they might not win.

"What do you want to do with that, Logan? Even if you can do that, at the end we will escape the catastrophe and later we will give away our lives hunting you down and killing you and your so called bands of misfits will be running dogs who we will hunt down. And for sure we will call more superheroes from all of the multiverse. Then I will see where your so-called courage is." John said in a threatening tone. He never liked being threatened and that too by someone who had no power over him.

"Are you sure you will do that? Are you sure that the guilt of so many lives would not weigh on you?" Logan was still smiling when said that. He had a mad look on his face and it seemed like he was enjoying even after he was chained by Enkidu.

Wanda and others were still silent and didn't know what to say. Lucifer couldn't hold it anymore he started raining punches on the face of Logan. And even after a minute of punches and even kicks on his face he still had the same menacing smile on his face. The bruises caused by the assault were already healing that was visible in the naked eye.

"So what are you going to do? Kill me and risk the lives of trillions of people or let me go." Logan said. There was silence on the scene. John sat down on the floor with an exhausted face. He had taken the risk of his own life while coming here.

In fact when John decided to come here he was ready to give away his own life if it was required. Perpetua was too powerful for them and it was her home ground so they have been very cautious. But now even after all the precautions and even winning the battle they have been told that they would still loose. It was a huge blow for John and others.

"You will still trigger it even after we leave you alone. Don't you?" John asked slowly.

"Oh it seems like you are smart enough." Logan said.

"Why do you want to do this? Why? I don't think we have ever done anything bad to you and your other versions are good and honest." John was confused. In the comics they have been portrayed in rather a good way, though the problem with Dr. StrangeFate was debatable but at the core they still have a good enough reputation with themselves.

"You don't need to know why we want to do this." Logan said in a rare serious tone other than giving others an evil smile.

"Now I understand why the last Beyonder gave an evil smile before he hit the sack. From the start itself the game was rigged." Barry said.

"So all that we have done is going to undo anyway?" Jean was shaking in anger when she heard about what Logan was blabbering about. She couldn't believe that a variant of her own friend could be so evil as to destroy a multiverse for his own selfish reason. Her friend would rather give away his life than commit such a heinous crime.

"Then why not kill this dung beetle and get on with it. Since he is going to pull the trigger, why should we care for his life." Lucifer said as he conjured up a big machete in his hand to hack at Logan. He wasn't reconciled that their multiverse might die and that too with a bang.

He was angry that he might lose his night club.

Chapter 727: Hunter and hunted

"You can kill me for sure but if you do that Owen will die the moment my heart beat stops and if you let me go, Owen will commit suicide 10 months later. That was the predetermined time anyways." Logan was speaking in a very calm tone and it didn't seem like he was fazed by the fact he was speaking of the fate of the multiverse and killing trillions of different species.

John was now in contemplation of what his next move would be. He would have to contact Eternity and let him find Owen in all of the multiverse and kill each and every Owen who is still influenced by the

power of Beyonders. Kill each one before they could even understand what was going on. Only in this way could they win this race against time.

He wasn't sure of how truthful the words of Logan were as he wasn't sure if Logan had the power or not , but he didn't want to play games with such a large population and regret later for the rest of their lives. John could only hope that the 10 months time gap was the truth.

This would be a shot in the dark but at least now they have time. There are various smart minds working at the Avengers facility and they would have enough time to come up with something.

"I say we kill him. Who knows if he is speaking the truth or not." Lucifer said as he was still angry thinking of the fact that his night club and penthouse might be gone. Wanda and others were still shaken and in the depth of their heart they really wanted to kill him but the responsibility of such a huge decision was weighing on them and they didn't want to gamble.

"John, you are the leader here. What should we do?" Barry asked in a low tone. He didn't want to be the person who would take tough decisions. John was always the person who had better knowledge of the Source Wall, even better than Batman who once sat in the Mobius Chair.

John was looking at Logan with sharp eyes and thinking if he should trust him. Bruce Wayne and Logan were always someone who could be trusted in their respective worlds but here. He wasn't so sure any more.

"Will you keep your word if I do this?" John asked.

"No, John we should kill him now." rare words came out of Thanos' mouth. In the whole journey he had been mostly silent and never went against the orders of John or any other person for that matter. But he was forced to open his mouth. John looked at Thanos with cold eyes and didn't answer him. He knew that Thanos like many others wouldn't choose to believe Logan and kill him here but he has read the world more times than he could count off. Especially during the last few months.

He needed immense knowledge and comics were the best in this regard. Dr. Strange was not a joke and he might just have the power to kill the multiverse. Any Doctor Strange in himself was a very powerful being but they had their moral code. So John hoped that Dr. Strange had the moral code and abided by what Logan said here.

10 months would be enough to bring down each and every kind of Owen. The abstract beings would be called for this and thus it would be easier and faster. It was time for TVA to show their effectiveness and let the Time Keepers come down to help.

"I will let you go. And I know that the Source Wall would be broken. But you are forgetting the most basic thing. The Source wall is in the Void of our multiverse. Even if it breaks, the multiverse wouldn't fall apart unlike the other multiverse. So we will be safe. But the Wall breaks. Run and hide.... RUN and HIDE because we will come for you. Not Perpetua nor Batman who Laughs would be able to stop us from killing you and your entire band. I didn't want to dip my hands on the filth of the Dark Multiverse but you have forced our hands. We will hunt you down and kill each and everyone of you."

"Hahahaha.. Of course you will. We have always known that your band will come along with that band of half dead Justice League. Ha.. I heard Batman is dead there. What a shame!! Anyway if you don't come for us, we will come for you. Let's see who will be the hunter and who will be the hunted." Logan said as he was smiling. John clenched his fist in anger and almost blasted him away with his magma hand which was flowing down due to his anger.

He really wanted to kill Logan.

Chapter 728: Return

"Now leave. Leave before I change my decision." John said in a cold tone while taking his chains back to his vault. His hands were shaking a bit. For the first time since his reincarnation here, he had been forced to step back.

After the chains were taken away, Dark Claw just stood there while rubbing away the non existent filth in his clothes. He still had a smirk under the mask which everyone could see, signifying that they still couldn't kill him and the Avenger's loss.

"See you soon, Avengers!!" Logan said as he pushed a button from a small remote that he just took out. The next moment a teleportation square covered his body and he vanished.

John was just sitting on the floor exhausted. Not because of physical exhaustion but mental. As a team he had been trying his best to hold on to the hope that his multiverse would not be affected by the Beyonders.

The break of the Wall would already create a huge matter to their multiverse so he wanted to make sure his backyard was safe. He killed Doom long before just because of his fear. A fear that the Molecule Man will just destroy everything.

Even after such a long plan, someone still came and threatened them with the same thing. He was tired.

"John, are you alright?" Jean was a little concerned when John just broke down in his position.

"I am fine. I am just a bit exhausted. So much planning. Just to go to waste." John said.

"We can brood over this later. We need to leave. If she comes, it will not only be just mental exhaustion." Thanos reminded them.

"Yeah, John, we need to leave." Barry also chimed to leave. John just nodded and picked up his body by force. He needed to go home and sleep. Maybe it will help me relieve his exhaustion.

Everyone stepped out of the Hall slowly and started to pick up pace to the same direction they came from. Finding a direction was very difficult in the Wall as everywhere looked the same, but John had put a magical mark near the entrance of the Wall.

So now they could follow it. John and others cast their eyes on the dilapidated big structure that looked like something from the ancient ages of their worlds. Now it was all in ruins because of the fight. They didn't have nostalgia about it but rather a sense of defeat in their eyes when they looked at it.

"We will have to inform everyone of this." Lucifer said in a rare serious voice. He too was concerned about the multiverse. Since he came here with Chloe, he had done nothing but fun here and he didn't want to give it away. He didn't want his customers to leave who enjoyed his piano playing and his bar.

He knew that he would probably survive the destruction. But he didn't want just survival but rather live his life like the way it was. Death in trillions will be traumatic to him too.

"We will." John said as he was now flying at high speed in the front while the rest were using their suit to fly at the fastest speed trying to keep up with John. The others could feel that the loss was weighing heavily on the shoulders of John and he wasn't in the right mind at the moment.

Barry and others were concerned a bit for John but there was nothing that they could do. Only hope that this loss wouldn't break him. All his life John had been winning. His luck, his wealth, his achievements... everything that he had touched had turned to gold.

For the first time he had a setback, everyone was not sure how John would handle this.

"We will have to take him to Banner after this." Wanda whispered to others. Everyone nodded their heads. Everyone was shaken a bit except for Thanos and Jean. Thanos had faced loss before so it didn't really matter. And Jean was from 616.

The mutants had been on the run for a long time. So this loss was not so devastating for her. It took the team 72 hours to return to the same place from where they stepped inside the Wall. Now the crack looked larger than they saw it last time.

The death of Beyonders had somehow triggered the Wall and there would not be much time left before it broke apart. It would probably end when Perpetua starts her last mission and faces obstruction.

John was in a low mood as everyone could feel it but after an hour of brooding he realised that he needed to get his shit together and get over this. He needed to take countermeasures and take the battle to the Amalgam Universe.

That Universe was the main enemy this time rather than Perpetua or the Hands.

Chapter 729: The bomb

As they passed by the huge crack in the Wall they were welcomed by rows of Green and Blue Lanterns floating in the void with exoskeleton suits made exclusively by Umbrella where most of the brilliant minds of the multiverse came together.

As John stepped out, he was greeted by a hug from Emma. She had been on the harvester since John had entered the Wall and had been anxious for him. She had read the books of Oa so she had a great idea of how terrifying the Wall was.

Others didn't have the privilege but she did thanks to being the first Green Lantern of her universe. John never spoke much of the Wall to the others or the enemies except for the high echelons of Avengers.

"Hey! Missed me?" John asked as he was hugged tightly by Emma. John gave a smile when he saw her almost on the verge of tears. He could feel anxious. Looking at her, John now was more determined to save their multiverse. He would do everything possible.

Emma meanwhile was looking from top to bottom to make sure everything was alright and even eyed others to see if they had a fight. Thanos had some scratches and rough bruises here as she scanned him with the help of the Ring.

"Ummmmm... I was just nervous for you all this time. Thanos returned in tatters. Didn't want to see you in that."

The lanterns were expecting the worst so they even made a mobile ambulance in case they needed one. Thanos gave quite a scare last time so they had been ready with the greatest caution. Even the turrets that were on the Harvester were pointed at the Crack now, ready to blow everyone up.

Everyone then flew to the Harvester and they had to go through the procedure of checking to see if there were any problems by any of the people who had returned.

Wayne asked specifically for it to make sure no rat entered their Avengers team, going as far as to check the psychology of everyone who had returned. After a lengthy check at the Harvester, John entered the Command center where everyone was present on the screen.

Only Professor X, Reed Richards from Earth TRN 891 were present physically at the Harvester. Emma didn't enter with John and others as she still didn't have enough authority to enter in such a big discussion. Only Hal Jordan and the Guardians have the access.

John sat on the chair with a dark mood and so did the others.

"Tell me you killed them." Tony was the first to break the silence from the other side of the screen.

"We killed them." Jean gave the answer in a flat tone.

"Then we should pop champagne and celebrate. You returned in one piece and even manoeuvred away from the big Giants that we could see from here." Tony replied. Hearing Tony's words and seeing the smile on everyone's face, there was still no joy on the face of John and his team.

"What happened?" Wayne asked.

"Don't tell me the problem of Owen is still looming on the top of our head." Banner asked, seeing the not-so-joyous faces of John and others.

"My other variants have 10 months to live. Or they will die. I have escaped that cycle but others didn't so we still haven't won." Owen finally answered for everyone present.

"Oh!! So we need to bring each and every Owen to other planets beside Earth and it will be done. Yes?" Captain America asked.

"Theoretically yes. The beginning we didn't touch each and every Owen in the fear that they might alert the Beyonders and detonate. Since they are dead, it should be fine." Diana said.

"Wait!! If Beyonders are dead then how come we have 10 months? How is the timing so perfect?" Clark finally saw the loophole in the words of Owen.

"It is because the real controllers were never the Beyonders. But an organisation that belongs to a particular Universe which has been living inside the Wall from God knows when." John replied.

"A universe inside the Wall?"

"Another Universe?"

People were dumbfounded by the words of John. They had always known that they were people living inside the Wall, but a universe inside the Wall. This was new.

"What is special about the Wall?" Naruto asked.

"This universe has a combination of people that belong to both the multiverse. We came across Dark Claw, a.k.a., Logan Wayne. A person who has the mutant gene of Wolverine and the merits of Batman hailing from Gotham City of his Earth. And that is just one of them. The person who is leading them is a combination of Dr. Fate and Dr. Strange, or commonly known as Dr. Strange fate."

"Eh!!"

"What?"

"What the fuck!"

Chapter 730: Out of the window

"What are you talking about?" Batman got up from his seat and asked in a sharp tone. He just heard a version of himself was evil and that too a combination of another person from the native multiverse.

"I will explain to you when I reach the multiverse. We need more people in this conversation and help will be required." John said as he didn't want to repeat to others what he was going to say. He would have to say the same thing to others too. He didn't have enough patience, nor the time to do that. The others too didn't push it. If they wanted to know more they could ask the others about their journey while they were returning. John was in no mood to talk much in the meeting.

"Alright. Come to the Ring. We are waiting for you." Clark had an anxious face just like others. Actually John didn't want to attend this meeting and go straight to the Ring to speak but he knew that the people were anxious to know what had happened.

"Oblivion, you there?" John shouted after coming out of the command center. After a second of silence, a dark figure wrapped in a cloak levitated near him and looked at him with hollow eyes. Oblivion didn't reply and just looked at him with no expression whatsoever.

"Tell the others to come to the Ring. We have a major problem."

Oblivion continued looking at John, probably trying to figure out if John was serious or not. Calling all the abstract beings was a huge matter and the last time it didn't go well for one of them. Now John had asked for calling all of them and that too in the presence of multiversal heroes.

It was not that the beings would commit some sort of crime if they do it, but it feels very weird to them. They are Gods and these heroes are mortals at the end. It didn't fit right. But Oblivion also knew that he couldn't say no to John.

OAA had spoken long ago about it. At the end, Oblivion nodded his head and vanished away from his place. He would have to inform his colleagues about it.

John after this short encounter, took the Harvester and flew away to his home and Emma joined this journey as she wanted to be with John.

"You look stressed." Emma asked as she sat near him while holding his hand.

"I lost for the first time in my life. Won the battle but lost in strategy." John replied in a gloomy tone. He was still not over the fact that he lost in such a helpless way. He didn't expect that someone would one up him from the start. It should never have been a possibility. Emma was silent when she heard his words.

After a moment she finally said

"You have been dreaming of so many things from a very young age. Haven't you?" John nodded his head.

"John, this isn't a fantasy world. Your dreams, your powers have helped you for such a long time. But this, right here, is the real test. You will have to step above your dreams. Sometimes your powers won't solve each and every problem. Sometimes you just need to be yourself to save others instead of just using your powers. Besides, you just lost in a simple strategy. It's not like we lost the war."

John didn't know how to answer this. He knew that Emma was right. His courage, arrogance and his confidence mostly came from the fact that he had read each and every comic out there for both Marvel and DC. Over the past one year many things have changed and evolved.

The story of their multiverse had evolved in a direction which he has no idea about. And right now he was still holding on to the beliefs that his comics would save him. It was not comics at this point. This was the point of life and death of himself and the multiverse.

John hugged Emma for a minute before accepting his mistake and apologising. He really needed to be out of the mentality that the comics were gospels. The appearance of the Wall had already changed the fact and he needed to accept it and make their own plans.

"It's good that you understand." Emma said as she gave a sweet smile and sighed in relief a bit after seeing that John had accepted the fact that his dreams might not help him here anymore and he needed to make his own path over the course of time.

John didn't speak more words and at the end slept away on the lap of Emma. Exhaustion and mental stress finally caught up to him and he slid away to his own dreams. His real dreams. Over the course of years he had stopped dreaming. Maybe it was a curse of his lie to others. But today on his lap he finally dreamt for the first time he had arrived on Earth.