Leviathan Rises (1 of 2)

Scene 1

Oracle: Routing coms

Batman: Batman to all points, Captain America and Ms. Marvel went missing during our mission, we believe Leviathan has them.

Iron Man: How did this happen?

Batman: They were outside

Iron Man: I sent them there to guard you, and you left them outside?

Superman: Did you learn anything from your contact?

Batman: He’s dead, took a cyanide capsule before we arrived

Oracle: Why would he have done that?

Batman: It may not have been his choice.

Red Robin: Titans Tower’s analytics system is state of the art, we’re going to give him the once over, so if there’s any other trace toxins in his blood.

Oracle: Oh no

Batman: What is it?

Oracle: It’s not just Batwing; Man of Bats, the Raven, Captain Britain, Knight and Squire, Mr Unknown, The Hood, Azreal, Fire, Ice, Doctor Light, Rocket Red, Vixen, Red Star, the Tazmanian Devil, I’m getting hundreds of obituary reports

Batman: She’s targeting our international allies.

Iron Man: I’m heading to Wakanda; Black Panther may also be a target.

Red Arrow: I’m taking a squad to Ivy Town, the Atom has several foreign students with Superpowers.

Red Robin: Understood, take Blue Beetle and Kid Flash, Robin and I will be at the tower shortly.

Robin: Not coming with us, father?

Batman: No, get me Maria Hill, now

Aphelios-Delta, 13th August 14:00 UTC

ANARAX: It’s not looking good out there, why aren’t you getting involved?

Arron: Still have to look at disposing of these Macluan rings, we don’t want them united ever again.

ANARAX: Leviathan’s making their move, you’d better make yours soon.

Scene 2

Titans Tower, 07:12 PDT

Robin and Red Robin teleport into the building, with Red Robin holding David’s body

Red Robin: Clear the crime lab, now, me and Robin only (Wonder Girl and Beast Boy clear out of the lab)

Robin: You’re the detective, why do you want me in there?

Red Robin: You’re Bruce’s son, surely some of his skills brushed off on you. Besides, I could always use a second pair of eyes (Nightwing enters the room)

Nightwing: How about a third pair?

Red Robin: Dick! How’s Blüdhaven?

Nightwing: (Smiles) like I never left. Batman filled me in, let’s get this done. (Tim places David’s body down on the table)

Computer: Full body analysis commencing (the body is scanned by several beams)

Scene 3

S.H.I.E.L.D. Holding Facility, 10:25 EDT

Maria Hill: Is this really necessary? (Batman just scowls) obviously it is.

Batman: Cut the audio and visual feed to the cell

Maria: Now, wait just a minute… (Batman scowls again, she sighs) tell us everything you find out (Batman enters the cell, the cell containing the Jason Todd, Batman unmasks)

Jason: Well, I wasn’t expecting you this soon, didn’t think they gave visitor perks to costumed vigilantes.

Bruce: You said after the Joker the next thing you remember is waking up in a Gotham Penthouse?

Jason: I did

Bruce: You’re lying. Leviathan wouldn’t have attacked the Red Hoods without a reason. I want to hear everything.

Jason: Why?

Bruce: The woman in the skull mask is Talia, since the only other person who had your tracking intel it’s certain she was involved with your resurrection. The Lazarus pit?

Jason: I wouldn’t know.

Bruce: I didn’t know it would work on the dead, otherwise I would’ve…

Jason: I’ve said before; I don’t blame you for my death.

Bruce: Just for the Joker being alive. He’s far away, he’ll never hurt anyone again.

Jason: I’ll believe that when he’s dead. But you’re right, I did get some flashes, Talia was meeting with some German scientist, had a swastika on his uniform and some weird-ass goggles)

Bruce: (Brings up a picture) him?

Jason: Yes

Bruce: Otto Netz, aka Doctor Dedalus

Jason: They were talking about a project they named Oroboro

Bruce: The snake that eats its own tail.

Jason: I think it might’ve have had something to do with a new explosive compound that could be triggered in a chain, each blast creates the next around the world.

Bruce: Thank you (he puts his mask back on and leaves)

Maria: Did you find anything out

Batman: There are bombs being planted around the world.

Maria: I’ll position the satellites to scan for them

Scene 4

Wakanda 17:00 EAT

Iron Man teleports outside Wakanda, he is confronted by several Wakandan soldiers

Iron Man: T’Challa, it’s me! Tell your men to stand down

Soldier: Hail leviathan!

Soldier 2: Hail leviathan!

Soldier 3: Hail Leviathan!

Iron Man: Damn it (they try and attack him but his shields manage to hold the fire)

JARVIS: Shields at 10%

Iron Man: Forget the shields, full power to the unibeam (he blasts the unibeam and knocks each of the Wakandan soldiers backwards and out)

Black Panther: My apologies, I did not intend to send a welcoming party to you

Iron Man: What happened to them T’Challa?

Black Panther: It’s a sickness, our scientists are working to determine what it is as we speak, but with more and more people turning, I fear this is only going to get worse.

JARVIS: Sir, incoming call from Maria Hill

Iron Man: Patch her through.

Maria Hill: (On coms) there’s a bomb in your vicinity, I’m having trouble locking onto it because of the radar blockers.

Iron Man: We’ll find and disarm it, Maria (he turns off coms) what are the odds it’s right next to the vibranium mound?

Black Panther: I suspect reasonably high (Iron Man flies towards the mountain)

Scene 5

Titans Tower, 07:40 PDT

Nightwing, Robin and Red Robin are filtering through the holo-data

Robin: (Analysing blood data) I think I have something (he pushes the screen to the centre of the table and it enlargens) there’s traces of metals not common in blood.

Red Robin: The concentration is higher near the brain, like something around that area has dissolved after his death. Open coms. Roy come in, I need Professor Palmer’s expertise on this one.

Ray Palmer: (Appears on holo-screen) what do you need?

Red Robin: We’ve found trace elements of foreign metals near his heads, possibly some kind of nanite? We’re sending you the data. Can you confirm?

Ray Palmer: Hmm, looks a likely possibility but without seeing actual nanites I couldn’t say for certain. But I’ll try and work up something to dissolve such metals harmlessly for anyone still living.

Nightwing: If it is the case, we’re left with the question of when they were introduced to these people and how?

Robin: Look at the concentration of the metal in the stomach. (They see a large concentration of the metals in the stomach) looks like it was introduced into the food supply.

Red Robin: Then it’s worse than we thought, we could be looking at millions of people infected. Oracle.

Oracle: Any progress?

Red Robin: We’ve theorised that nanites have been introduced into his blood stream via food supply. Can we cross reference the known victims with local food sources?

Oracle: Not without knowing exactly what food is being contaminated

Red Robin: Then we need to recon, fast, get everyone

Oracle: The remainder of the League and Avengers are dealing with a bomb threat. Your team is on your own.

Red Robin: There are only 8 of us

Oracle: 5 actually. Superboy, Longshadow and Aqualad were called to help with the bombs.

Red Robin: We need re-enforcements before we have an international crisis on our hands.

Oracle: I’ll put out a call to S.H.I.E.L.D. and S.W.O.R.D., they might be able to help.

Red Robin: In the meantime, we’ve got to… (Damian is gone) Robin? (He prepares to run after him but Nightwing holds him back)

Nightwing: I’ll go after him, get your team ready (he runs off, Red Robin exits the crime lab)

Red Robin: Wonder Girl, Beast Boy, we’re moving out

Wonder Girl: Finally

Scene 6

Jumita System, Flurbian Galaxy 14:00 UTC

Nearby the Jumita Star Arron is floating, he tosses the final Macluan ring into the sun and breathes a sigh of relief.

<Arron>: Burning in 5 different suns, I’d like to see someone try to find them now (A trooper command ship appears nearby)

Ollie: (On coms) damn, I didn’t expect to see you here

Arron: You’re a bit close to a sun, aren’t you?

Ollie: Heat shields and gravity stabilisers can handle it. What are you doing out here?

Arron: Tying up loose ends.

Ollie: Well, we’re needed back on Earth, S.W.O.R.D. sent out a call for assistance, said Siliseas owes her a favour after borrowing her ship.

Arron: What’s the deal?

Ollie: We have an hour to raid every farm, food production plant, store and market, searching for potential nanite infections.

Arron: They gave you permission for that? That’s a 20,000 troop operation at least

Ollie: I know. But you know people have already begun showing signs of infection

Arron: By killing themselves, I’ve heard. Let’s move out

Scene 7

San Francisco Batcave, 08:00 PDT

Robin is typing into the computer as Nightwing arrives

Robin: Thought I was the only one who knew about this place

Nightwing: You thought wrong. Bruce set up batcaves like this across the continent in case of emergencies. So why are you here?

Robin: Bombs and nanites are one thing, but this problem needs to be confronted at the source, I need to find her

Nightwing: OK. I get it. Need any help?

Robin: If you insist.

Scene 8

Wakanda, 17:57 EAT

Iron Man and the Black Panther arrive at the vibranium mound

Iron Man: JARVIS: scan the area. Find that bomb

JARVIS: Unfortunately, the vibranium makes it very difficult to locate anything (he narrowly avoids a vibranium dagger) T’Challa?

Black Panther: Hail Leviathan (he throws two more daggers at Iron Man but Iron Man dodges both of them)

Iron Man: We don’t have time for this (he flies into the mine, T’Challa jumps and scratches him on the back before kicking him to the ground. He’s about to use another dagger when Iron Man blasts him back with a repulsor blast) you know we can’t fight in here, if the vibranium takes all the energy, it’ll blow and take Africa with it (he jets back to his feet)

Black Panther: Hail Leviathan (he jumps at Iron Man knocking him down deeper into the mine)

JARVIS: I think I may have a lock on the bomb, it’s only a few feet away from your location

Iron Man: (Jumping away from Black Panther) can we disarm it remotely?

JARVIS: It’s not a conventional bomb, it’ll have to be disarmed manually.

Iron Man: I need something, JARVIS (he dodges a vibranium dagger which hits the bomb, destroying it) well, that was easy (Black Panther scratches his armour)

JARVIS: Warning, armour integrity breached.

Scene 9

Leviathan HQ, Unknown, 15:20 UTC

Talia is observing the disarming of the bombs across the globe

Talia: Your plans are falling apart, Herr Netz. Is the ‘first rule’ protocol in place?

Doctor Netz: Yes

Talia: Good (The Heretic is chaining up Miss Marvel and Captain America)

Doctor Netz: Pity we fought in different wars, Captain.

Cap: Your plans are going to fail.

Talia: You don’t even understand the magnitude of what I’ve done. Even without the Orboro Ring, an old master project that I refined is going live throughout the world.

Batman: That was the last piece I needed (he comes out of the shadows)

Talia: You think I didn’t notice that they both had Avengers IDs you could track?

Batman: It’s over Talia

Talia: No Batman, it isn’t (she opens a door thought to be full of assassins but Nightwing and Robin have taken them out)

Nightwing: Oops, maybe you should try for another door. (Batman ties her up)

Talia: Very well. Computer, activate ‘first rule’ protocol. I’m sorry, beloved, I didn’t think I’d have to use this.

Batman: What’s the First Rule?!

Talia: It’s quite simple, beloved, the first rule in making a bomb…

Scene 9

Gotham City, 11:27 EDT

We see an overhead shot of the city as a large explosion occurs in the centre of the city

Talia: … is to always make 2.

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