



One-shot: Internal Affairs

Featuring Falcon and War Machine

Previously

A power to behold! Tony Stark and Stark Industries developed the arc reactor to use as a clean source of energy for New York and one is currently operational in Stark Tower but multiple times it's been under attack to be utilised as a weapon. Now with the ongoing battles between the Masters with HYDRA and Talia with AIM and Tony Stark's disappearance, an attack on the arc reactor is imminent but who will rush to its aid?

Scene 1

Stark Tower, 3rd October 19:00 EDT

Pepper Potts is sitting at the Stark Industries desk, James Rhodes enters

James: Still haven't heard from him?

Pepper: Not a word. I'm worried

James: It's not the first time Tony's gone AWOL without an explanation

Pepper: No but it's not just him, all of the Avengers are gone.

James: Not all of them. The new Avengers protocols were activated on the day of breakout

Pepper: And?

James: The Thing's busy with the Fantastic Four; Wolverine's busy with the X-men, Spider-man... Lost his Avengers ID, and Power Man and Iron Fist are already out there helping.

JARVIS: There might be one possibility we've overlooked. Former SHIELD agent Sam Wilson still has his Falcon suit.

Pepper: Call him in

JARVIS: Alert, there are multiple hostiles breaching the Northern and Southern perimeters of the tower

Pepper: Hope you brought your suit (James Rhodes opens a closet containing his armour; he becomes War Machine)

War Machine: Connecting to JARVIS

JARVIS: You have a message from Tony Stark

Tony: Hey Rhodey, hope you're doing well. Look, if you've seen this message, I'm either missing or dead and I hope that it's missing, I'd rather not be dead. Anyway; until I return, if I return, you will have access to the Iron Man suits. Just you, no-one else. (He lowers his voice) I don't want Pepper involved with this: if it's at all possible, get her to safety.

JARVIS: Warning: HYDRA dreadnaughts incoming

James: How close?

JARVIS: About 25ft

War machine: Duty calls (he dives out of the window and flies towards the dreadnaught)

Pepper: Knew we should reinforce these windows. JARVIS: what's the status on project Rescue?

JARVIS: Project Rescue was shut down by Tony Stark after he returned from Enjanoan captivity. However, the suit was never destroyed, current completion 97.3%.

Pepper: Restart the project.

JARVIS: Estimated time of completion 1 hour 15 minutes

Scene 2

Oscorp Tower, 3rd October 19:35 EDT

The Masters talk on video screens

Vandal: Are you certain of this course? It's a risky play, even for us

Norman: Tony Stark's arc reactor could be used for various purposes in our designs. And it is imperative we do not let Talia get her hands on it. I don't know why you don't just kill her

Ra's al Ghul: She is not just a common thug, she is my daughter. As a father yourself you can understand that

Norman: Whatever. Your project is underway and will be completed in less than a week if you have a test subject for me

Ra's al Ghul: We do, his name is George Biner; he's a former inmate from Belle Reeve's Arkham division

Norman: Prepare him for injection; we should have a fully operational Superman by tomorrow.

Vandal: Don't grow overconfident; even Bromonox said the technique would be experimental

Norman: Hh, if you say so.

Scene 3

Stark Tower, 20:00 EDT

HYDRA dreadnaughts open fire upon the tower; War Machine flies out of the tower and fires his unibeam, blowing up one of the dreadnaughts, he fires missiles that blow up several more, but he is hit by several fire-blasts

War Machine: Since when do HYDRA agents have fire powers?

JARVIS: The Black Panther reported a similar occurrence in Wakanda last month

War Machine: Great (several AIM soldiers are constructing a device, using remaining members as a human shield as HYDRA soldiers attack) what's the status on the shields?

JARVIS: Use of the unibeam drained power from the shields, they should be operational in 18 seconds (he flies to avoid more fire blasts, AIM complete the setup of the device and activate it; the device sets off an electro-magnetic pulse which shuts down the HYDRA dreadnaughts, War Machine's suit remains intact)

War Machine: Armour status

JARVIS: Still active, the shield was raised just in time (HYDRA agents continue to throw fireballs at him, he flies to avoid them, 4 AIM agents are manning cannons from afar which all fire grappling hooks, grabbing War Machine's arms and legs, electricity charges through the cables, but they are cut before the electricity reaches them, Falcon's blades are responsible)

Falcon: Got your call

War Machine: Me? I had everything under control (they both fly to avoid HYDRA's fire blasts)

Falcon: We need to start an offensive if we're to stop them reaching the tower

Pepper: I may have something that can help, JARVIS

JARVIS: Project Rescue is complete

War Machine: (Firing missiles at the incoming HYDRA agents) what is project Rescue?

Pepper: It's a modification of Iron Man's stealth armour, for me

War Machine: Whoa whoa, I can't let you fight! Tony would never forgive me if I...?

Falcon: Look, can you two have your moment later, when HYDRA's not bearing down your door?! (He swoops down and fires several more exploding blades, but the HYDRA agents contain the explosions with their fire power; War Machine fires repulsor blasts at them, knocking them down, AIM agents arrive wearing special shields on their belts, HYDRA try and fail to burn through them whilst they fire electric blasts, the HYDRA agents fall when hit, Falcon swoops down and fires blades, but the shields block them)

War Machine: JARVIS, there any way past that force field?

JARVIS: I am analysing the AIM weaponry and augmenting the repulsors to operate with the same frequency

War Machine: Err...

JARVIS: Your repulsors will be able to bypass the force fields in 3, 2, 1, now (Rhodey fires his repulsors through the shields and knocks the AIM agents unconscious; more HYDRA and AIM agents teleport onto the scene)

War Machine: They just keep coming

Falcon: We both know we can't let them have the arc reactor (he fires more energy blades at the agents but the agents continue to absorb it, several HYDRA agents are knocked out by persons unknown allowing Falcon and War Machine to focus their efforts on the AIM soldiers, now all wearing that force field belt, HYDRA agents are silently being taken out when an enhanced George Biner charges in and punches Pepper, who was in stealth mode in the rescue armour, it forces her out of Stealth mode)

Bizzaro: Me am Bizarro, run! (He fires heat vision which quickly penetrates the AIM shields, and scatters the troops, the AIM goons begin to flee) Stark tower is ours! (He leads the charge to Stark Tower, Pepper recovers and Rescue becomes invisible again, War Machine and Falcon open fire upon Bizarro, firing rockets, repulsors and blades, but none have any impact on him, Bizarro turns around and uses his X-ray vision to find Pepper, who had already taken out another half dozen HYDRA agents by this point, he grabs her and lifts her into the air, before she becomes visible again)

War Machine: Keep them occupied, I'm going after her (he jets up to Bizarro) Let her go!

Bizarro: Why should Bizarro let her go? (Pepper manages to kick Bizarro in the face, forcing him to release her, he fires heat vision at them, but both are protected by their shields, Bizarro's flight begins to fade and he falls to the ground) no, me am Bizarro, me am Super... (He falls unconscious)

War Machine: Well, that was anti-climactic (Bizarro disappears along with all the unconscious HYDRA agents)

Falcon: Might I suggest that until the crisis is passed you shut down the arc reactor?

Rescue: I'll see what I can do about that. Thanks Sam

Falcon: Pleasure. But you've got to wonder why both sides backed off so easily. I mean did they really want the arc reactor, or was it all just a ploy for something else

Scene 4

New AIM HQ, 21:00 EDT

Scientist: All went exactly as you planned, Lady Talia

Talia: The Masters don't even realise that we were playing them at their own game. We've just got a great asset to our cause, Technovore is ours! (The camera pans out to show Technovore)

Scene 5

Oscorp Tower, 21:15 EDT

Norman: You were right, early results were good, but after a few minutes the subject shows of massive neural degeneration.

Vandal: We may have use for him yet. With the right motivations we can still assure he follows orders. But it seems the serum would not work, we'll have to rethink our stratagem with them. (He turns off the screen)

Norman: I think I have just the thing (he looks on his desk and sees a vial full of an unidentified green fluid)

Scene 6

Stark Tower, 22:00 EDT

The arc reactor begins to power down.

Pepper: It took long enough, but it got there eventually. Pity Falcon had to take his leave for other business.

Rhodey: Look, for what it's worth you totally kicked ass as Rescue out there

Pepper: Which is why I'll be donning the Rescue suit to help out until Tony comes back?

Rhodey: And I hate to bring this up, I know how you two cared for each other but, what if he doesn't come back?

Pepper: Then so be it