Return of Ultron (1 of 2)

Scene 1

ALIAS investigations, New York, January 1st 2020, 13:00 EST

Cat Grant: (On television) Our top story. Lex Luthor has been cleared of all wrong doings in the Alaunus crystal scandal. Lex has repeatedly denied any involvement in the mining and has co-operated with all enquiries to find out those responsible. Now the enquiry has concluded, he has vowed to continue his campaign to be President, a recent survey suggests 35% of voters are willing to back him at this stage. In other news, still nothing has been heard from Superman, Plastic Man, Hawkgirl and the Flash since their mission in space in September, League liaison John Jones declined to comment on the situation…

Arron: (Angry) Turn it off (a woman turns off the news)

Jessica Jones: I’ve been on this case for 3 months and I’ve found nothing

Arron: I need you to keep looking Jessica, Luthor is up to something and we need to get it into the public before he becomes President.

Jessica Jones: Keep the payments coming and I’ll keep looking (Arron nods and leaves, bumping into Luke Cage outside)

Arron: Sorry

Luke Cage: (Panicked) This is not what it looks like… (He sees Arron and is more relieved) Well, actually it is

Arron: Good luck. (He leaves the building)

ANARAX: (On coms) YOU’VE GOT INCOMING! 10 o’clock! (Arron looks up and sees a projectile head towards the city)

Arron: Sh\*t. (Arron opens his glider and jets up to get a closer look)

ANARAX: Impact estimate 38 seconds.

Arron: Get in contact with Yellowjacket, if I can cool it off maybe he can catch it (He loads the freeze ray)

ANARAX: Yellowjacket’s out of New York and unavailable, 25 seconds (Arron runs a scan of the projectile, seeing a human shape)

Arron: This is really bad (he fires his freeze ray, cooling off the meteorite and revealing fragments of the Superman logo)

ANARAX: 15 seconds (Arron types frantically into his gauntlet) 10 seconds (Arron’s ship flies in and traps Superman in a mag-net, he continues to fall but at reduced speed, Arron jets in his direction and catches him, only barely avoiding crashing into a building, he lands on the ground and scans Superman) is he dead?

Arron: Amazingly, he’s alive. (A number of vans stop outside, carrying the S.H.I.E.L.D. logo, Maria Hill steps out with a bunch of mandroids)

Maria Hill: Step away from the meteorite

Arron: You’ve got to be kidding me, Hill! This wasn’t a meteor, it was Superman! (He holds the body up to them)

Maria Hill: I am aware; we’re taking him for study

<Arron>: I can’t let them, S.H.I.E.L.D. might compromise him, I need to get him to STAR labs.

Maria Hill: Get out of my way

Arron: I can’t do that, Maria (Mandroids draw their weapons)

Maria Hill: You know how this is going to go down… Surrender him, now (Arron activates his weapons jammer)

Arron: You’re right I do (the Mandroids aren’t able to fire their weapons) I’m taking him to STAR Labs to recover. You have questions, you can ask them to him there (Arron and Superman are teleported away)

Maria Hill: Maria Hill to tech team, find out the STAR Lab Superman is recovering at, NOW!

Fitz: (On coms) I’m sorry, tech team is performing another assignment, Coulson’s orders.

Maria Hill: Countermand that

Coulson: (Coms) Maria, it’s me, Ultron’s back

Maria Hill: Sh\*t, where?

Coulson: Canada, I’m on my way there now

Maria: Copy, I’ll meet you there. (She turns off coms) alright, we’re done here, we’re moving out! (Her team race back into the vans and drive away)

Scene 2

STAR Labs, Ivy Town, 15:00 EDT

Arron, Superboy, Martian Manhunter, Longshadow, Ryan Choi and Karen Beecher are sitting by the side of Superman as he wakes up

Arron: What the hell happened?

Superman: I can’t remember. We were on a mission, helping a colony, took us a month to get out as far as we did but… it was a trap. Not sure what attacked us, not even sure what happened.

Arron: To the Flash, Plastic Man and Hawkgirl?

Superman: I’m sorry, I don’t remember

J’onn: Perhaps I can help (he tries to read Superman’s mind)

<Whisper>: No you don’t (J’onn screams in agony)

J’onn: Some kind of mental block is preventing me accessing his memory. Only a powerful telepath could establish one I couldn’t break.

Arron: Another martian, J’onn?

J’onn: Perhaps

Arron: The threat’s still out there and we don’t know anything. The breakout at Galtos Prime was for a reason, I think we’re in deep here

Superman: It’s the never ending battle

Superboy: You told us Galtos Prime was impenetrable, how did they break out?

Arron: There’s one teleporter, it’s usually used to provide food and medical attention to the prisoners and to perform maintenance. The operator of the teleporter was found dead inside the prison, he must’ve given authorisation for someone to come on board and free the prisoners. I’m just guessing it’s a telepath.

ANARAX: I’ve got a communication from Iron Man

Arron: Patch it through (Arron brings up his holo-screen so everyone can see)

Iron Man: You remember that underwater base in Canada you thought you shut down. It’s currently siphoning half of Canada’s energy.

Arron: Impossible, the base was flooded

Iron Man: I’ve had a call from S.H.I.E.L.D. saying they’re engaging Ultron just on shore. The Avengers are heading in to support

Arron: Copy, you need help?

Iron Man: This is Ultron, bring in everyone!

ANARAX: I’m patching the message through to Oracle

Arron: Can you access the zeta tube in the base?

ANARAX: I thought you destroyed it

Arron: Ultron likely repaired it. I’m worried what Ultron might be able to do with one. And that building is protected from conventional teleportation, I’ll have to hack into it.

Superman: I should be there (he tries to get up but the others hold him down)

J’onn: No, rest, we will go to take care of Ultron. They all stand and are teleported away, except Ryan and Karen, Superman is too weak to get up. Ray Palmer enters)

Ray: Keep under the solar light, you’ve had months without any exposure, your body wasn’t used to it so you’ve been in an induced coma. This should get your strength back up.

Scene 3

Former Weapon X facility, 14:00 PDT

Ultron: (Voice) Recognised, Arron Redbeard, enemy (he is teleported into the base, Arron raises his face plate and looks around, seeing a massive production line of Ultrons)

<Arron>: Wow, this place has certainly had a few upgrades

Geo: (On coms) the sample of adamantium you sent was useful, I am developing a weapon that may be able to cut through it.

Arron: Send it to Ollie as well, get him to upload the patch to the troopers, given the size of this production plant, if wouldn’t be surprised if we’re up against thousands here

Ultron: Forty-three million two hundred and eighty-eight thousand nine hundred and thirty-one, and rising.

Arron: That’s a lot of you, Pym particles I take it?

Ultron: You will ask no more questions (he primes his blasters; Arron begins typing into the zeta tube) what are you doing?

Arron: Bringing in help

Ultron: (Voice) override complete, granting Zeta Tube access. Magneto A32 (Magneto arrives in the building)

Magneto: (Looks at Ultron) is this it? (5 more Ultrons grow, they all train their guns on magneto) but he redirects their arms so they shoot at each other, the Ultrons are not harmed by the blasts)

Ultron: Analysis confirmed. Eric Lensherr aka Magneto, mutant terrorist and diplomatic leader of Genosha. (Arron grapples away as Magento stops any Ultrons from pursuing)

Magneto: (Smiles) I’m not through with you yet (he begins tearing the Ultrons apart, Arron drops down to a computer terminal just beyond the action)

<Arron>: Making a deal with Magneto was not ideal, but with what I’ve heard about Ultron, I had to make that choice. (He begins hacking the terminal) I just hope he can buy me enough time to shut this facility down (more Ultrons grow and attack Magneto, an Ultron grows near him)

Ultron: Did you really think I wouldn’t guess your plan? (he swipes Arron backwards) you may have brought a powerful ally but you underestimate my numbers (more Ultrons grow and attack Magneto) for every Ultron he defeats, I will send 5 in its place, Magneto will not survive forever, and neither will you. (He fires lasers at Arron, which Arron blocks, Arron tries to engage physically but every move he places is blocked by Ultron, he engages a shield and Arron is knocked back, Magneto tries to strike the Ultron army with the debris but he is quickly overwhelmed)

Arron: What is your plan here Ultron, you’ve had this place operating months, why draw us here now?

Ultron: Because now I have what I need to complete my imperative.

Oracle: (On coms) Can anyone hear me, I’m being locked out of the teleport Network, Adam Strange isn’t responding. (Arron scowls, angrily)

Arron: Strange is dead, isn’t he? You’ve been hacking the network with a robotic duplicate.

Ultron: Yes. I can now send Ultrons across the planet in a matter of seconds (Ultrons begin growing and teleporting away)

Scene 4

Golovaxian ship, Headquarters of S.W.O.R.D., 20:00 UTC

Ultrons appear aboard the ship

Abegail: Where did you come from

Ultron: It doesn’t matter; this ship is mine (he begins killing the S.W.O.R.D. agents on board, Sydren fires from a sniping position but Ultron’s shields withstand the fire)

Abegail: Activate shields, let’s hope this LexCorp stuff works. (The Ultron’s are encased in force-fields)

Sydren: You think that will hold them?

Abegail: Make the call, the United Alliance should know what’s happening

Ultron: The United Alliance? Downloading information. (Small pause) download complete. The United Alliance is a threat to the Ultron imperative, and must be destroyed (thousands of Ultrons appear outside the ship)

Abegail: Oh this can’t be good (the contained Ultrons begin emitting a pulse which disables the force-field) alright them (her fists glow, the Ultrons shoot at her but Sydren jumps in her way, Abegail is angry and in shock) no! (She dives out of the way of the fire and locks herself on the bridge) computer, send out a distress call to the United Alliance, we need support (The Ultron’s break down the door) now would be a good time. (The Ultrons are about to gun her down when defence force troopers teleport in and shield her)

A101: Weapon patch online, take them down (they fire lasers which cut straight through the Ultrons, destroying them) what’s the situation?

Abegail: Look out the window. (They see the Ultrons hovering) what are they waiting for?

A001: Perhaps they’re waiting for the exterior shields to come down

Abegail: They seemed perfectly capable of teleporting in a moment ago

Ultron: Upload complete (the Ultrons begin entering hyperspace in multiple directions)

Abegail: That can’t be good (a second wave of Ultrons appear on the ship and begin to fire upon them)

Scene 5

Yukon Territory, Canada, 15:20 EST

Coulson and Maria Hill fire grenades at Ultron which unfortunately have no impact, more Ultrons begin appearing around them, Coulson activates a LexCorp force-field to protect them, Yellowjacket tries to shrink them but finds himself overwhelmed. One of the Ultrons spouts wires from his hand and attaches it to Yelowjacket’s head, the charge knocks him out but the wires are cut by Captain America’s shield. The bat-plane fires rockets which have no impact, Iron Man lands by Cyborg, whose sonic cannon is not having any affect

Iron Man: Can you interface with them?

Cyborg: I can try (his mechanical eye shines bright)

Ultron: No, you don’t (Cyborg screams and falls unconscious, sparking)

Iron Man: JARVIS, is he…

JARVIS: Functioning but the attack has put him into a coma

Iron Man: Damn it (Martian Manhunter uses his telekinesis to tear apart the Ultrons whilst Ms. Marvel tries to return their fire back at them, but even more Ultrons appear to fight them the Black Panther and Superboy are knocked back by Ultron) nothing we throw at them seems to be working

JARVIS: I believe a solution is coming (a clap of thunder is heard; everyone looks up to see Thor)

Thor: ULTRON!! (He charges, hammer first at Ultron)

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