



## The Interstellar Chessboard (2 of 2)

### War conduits

#### Previously

Forged in Fire! The Norn Stone to Niffleheim was broken, freeing the fire demon Surtur from his prison. A freak accident transported Amora the Enchantress into Surtur's realm, and now she's his unwilling servant, and queen of his fire demons

The Galactic Defence Force is in crisis. Spread thin dealing with the breakout, they're now faced with dealing with wars spouting as planets have been moved across the Galaxy. Their only hope appears to be Galivagar, infused with the power of the infinity gems. But Surtur has sent the Enchantress to stop him once and for all

#### Scene 1

GDF HQ, 1<sup>st</sup> October 11:30 UTC

Arron: Are you f\*cking kidding me! Galivagar cannot be trusted.  
Ollie: You know, his record isn't as long as you make it out to be, and he would have a fair case to sue you for wrongful imprisonment  
Arron: I can't believe what I'm hearing.  
Ollie: Honestly, there's no evidence aside your word that he's done anything  
Arron: Me and my recorded footage  
Ollie: Which could easily be tampered with; as you are well aware of  
Arron: So we're gonna put the Universe in his hands? (He shakes his head) I can't even believe I'm having this conversation. I'll have no part in this; call me when you've seen sense. (He opens coms) Anarax (he is teleported away)  
Siliseas: Keep a close eye on him, will you.  
Ollie: Arron or Galivagar?  
Siliseas: Arron has a personal grudge against Galivagar, but it's not entirely unfounded, we all know what Galivagar has done, even if proving it would be rather more complicated in law. But it would be foolish to turn away help when we're stretched so thinly.

## Scene 2

Planet Zanzibar, 12:00 UTC

Dark Spider has his eyes on a target, but before he can act he is levitated in the air by Galivagar

Dark Spider: Hey, trying to make a living here

Galivagar: Well, your plight is over

Dark Spider: Ha, wanna bet (he fires webbing at Galivagar, but Galivagar channels red electricity through the webs, turning him to ash, Ollie is watching from a rooftop opposite)

## Scene 3

Planet G784, 12:21 UTC

Robot Mercenary 776-490 holds a senate building hostage

776-490: You will surrender this planet to guild of robots, or this building will go up in flames (a head from one of his hench-bots is tossed into the room) what is this?

Galivagar: Justice (he fries 776-490's circuitry, destroying him, a security camera watches over the room with Arron watching from the satellite)

## Scene 4

Honolulu, Hawaii, 03:37 HADT

The Parasite is attacking the citizens, citizens are running from him

Parasite: That's it, run! Your screams will make my meals all the sweeter (he is levitated into the air) what? (He lays eyes on Galivagar) Ooh, you look like a good meal (Galivagar creates 5 copies of himself, all of which fire electricity at him)

Galivagar: Feed on this, because it'll be your last meal (the Parasite is turned to dust)

## Scene 5

Planet Xax, 13:00 UTC

7 of the 8 crime families are gathered at once sitting

Non: Meeting commence 1300 hours Universal Standard Time, Language Chosen Earth English, don't know why it's a stupid language

Drolnax: You're only here to keep notes, stick to your job, or die. So hard to find good help these days

Yna: Quite agreed, sadly the Terra Shyata crime family could not join us, their planet is at war with P3260

Helta: Nasty, guess we'll never see them again. I lay claim to his territories

Minister: Please, you've been seizing control of crime territories since the breakout

Helta: And how is that your concern?

912-343: It is all of our concerns, if we cannot share territory fairly, then there will be war, and this disrupts business for all of us.

Raltar: We're diving around the purpose of this meeting. Around a dozen other crime bosses we had dealt with are out of prison.

Jax: We just need to kill them

Galivagar: Don't worry, I already have (Non tries to leave but Galivagar blasts a hole in his chest, he enters the minds of the 6 organic crime bosses)

912-343: That technique will not work on me (he tries to shoot Galivagar, but the shots bounce off him)

Galivagar: I don't need to; I have accessed your programming. I will kill off your associates in due course but you die now (he channels electricity through all of their bodies, and leaves them all lying dead on the ground, he smiles and leaves, Arron is waiting outside)

Arron: You've been busy

Galivagar: As I promised I would be the moment the GDF accepted my offer

Arron: You've just killed the heads of 7 major crime families, and the 8<sup>th</sup> will likely be dead soon thanks to the conflicts. You've created a massive power vacuum, gang wars could spread as everyone fights for the territory that's just been freed up

Galivagar: Not while I stand. But don't you have better things to be doing than keeping an eye on me?

Arron: Not currently, you seem to have the crime situation handled, so the defence force is deploying more troops to keep peace in the warzones

Galivagar: There's a certain irony that they're sending in troops to keep the peace, don't you think?

Arron: What are you up to?

Galivagar: You think I'm up to something, and it just kills you to know that I'm working with the GDF, and you don't know what I'm planning. I'd count that as victory enough.

Arron: I will work it out

Galivagar: Sure you will, but you'll be spending hours working on it, when you could be helping to put an end to this. People are dying!

Arron: SINCE WHEN HAS THAT MATTERED TO YOU?! In planning the Prison City scheme you killed anyone who got in your way. On Alaunus you started a war that killed hundreds, with consequences that killed millions.

Galivagar: You know I did all that under the instruction of the council.

Arron: And recently you nearly blew up my satellite and killed a lady I had in a safe house. I'm not stupid, you clearly have another motive for doing what you do?

Galivagar: (Laughs) you know when you come to a planet as a conqueror, you're met with nothing but war. When you hide in the shadows, you're shunned when

you step into the light. But if you arrive as a saviour, people will bow down to you before they can question it

Arron: So that's what this is about, you're helping, but only so you can take over the planets you've saved once this is over

Galivagar: I'll be benevolent as a ruler. Besides, it's worth it just to get under your skin (he is set on fire, and burns) what, impossible?

Anarax: (On coms) I've detected a strange energy in your location. (Arron fires an ice blast at Galivagar, putting out the fire)

Galivagar: I thought you would let me burn

Arron: All in good time, but we may have bigger problems.

Enchantress: You are quite correct.

Galivagar: Who are you? (The Enchantress summons fire demons) really? That's what you've got? (he blasts them, but the blasts are blocked, Galivagar multiplies but even 50 of himself can't penetrate their shields) any ideas

Arron: One (he fires ice blasts at the fire demons and hit them, destroying them, but for every one that's destroyed another appears in its place)

Enchantress: Destroy the armoured one, leave the hybrid to me (the demons go after Arron, Arron fires his ice-blasts at them, but more replace those destroyed)

Galivagar: Who are you, witch?

Enchantress: It does not matter (he goes in to punch her but she disappears appearing in front of him) there is no attack I cannot evade; there is no shot I cannot block

Galivagar: There is no chance you'll shut up (he multiplies and surrounds her by multiple selves and fires blasts upon her, all of which she blocks) perhaps I cannot defeat you at this moment, but I can access your memories, find a moment where you're vulnerable and snuff you out (he tries to enter the Enchantress' mind but his head is set on fire, the Enchantress speaks with Surtur's voice)

Enchantress: You will only access the parts of her mind that I allow

Galivagar: And who the hell are you?

Enchantress: Why don't you take a look (Galivagar sees a battlefield where everything's ablaze, and Surtur, holding his sword, twilight, Surtur looks to the screen and we flash out to a terrified Galivagar) you wanted to create order, but there is only one reality, everything burns (Galivagar is set on fire again) there are two parts of your essence (the Enchantress removes the robotic parts of Galivagar, and Galivagar is turned to ash, the Enchantress disappears, with all her fire demons with it)

Arron: (Sighs) gone

Anarax: Who was that?

Arron: I haven't got a clue, but given that she was speaking with 2 voices, she's clearly not working alone. Call the GDF. The situation's just got a whole lot more complicated

Anarax: What now?

Arron: Before he died, Galivagar killed 7 of the 8 head crime families of the Jaksis system, the 8<sup>th</sup> one is currently involved in a war which will likely see him killed. There's a massive power vacuum in this sector, and it will ignite the sector in war. Things have only just begun to go bad.

### Scene 6

The Enchantress speaks to Surtur

Enchantress: Galivagar has been dealt with, should I bring my army to Midgard

Surtur: No, Midgard will burn as the war tears it apart.