



# Outsiders

## Insiders (1 of 2)

### Betrayal

#### Previously

Lost in space, during an encounter with Vandal Savage, Arron grabbed the ring in which Klarion was being kept and teleported it to location unknown. And it's up to the Outsiders to find it before the Masters can retrieve it.

#### Scene 1

Planet N4-365, October 18<sup>th</sup> 01:00 UTC

Doctor Fate's anchor opens and everyone steps through

Captain Atom: Firestorm (Firestorm uses atomic blasts to create breathable air for the team)  
good work.

Metamorpho: You know I could've done that too, you know

Captain Atom: Doctor Fate, can you see the ring?

Doctor Fate: No but I can estimate that it is within 50 miles of our position

Captain Atom: Then we've got some ground to cover. Cyborg, you stay here with Katana and use your scanners to find the ring whilst Katana covers you. Count Dracula, Metamorpho and I will look around the edges of the radius, Jade, search the middle grounds, Firestorm will be your cover

Jade: Yes sir

Captain Atom: Doctor Fate, can you give us a clear idea of the boundaries (Doctor Fate nods and creates a shield of 50 miles in radius)

Doctor Fate: I will not be able to keep this up indefinitely, and should we be attacked, I'll have to narrow the radius.

Captain Atom: Understood, move out (the team split up, Doctor Fate stays hovering in the centre, Cyborg begins scanning the area)

Cyborg: I'm not detecting anything, but I'm not even sure what I'm looking for (Doctor Fate examines the scan results from afar)

Doctor Fate: You haven't found it.

Katana: Then you'd better keep looking

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Jade is scanning the planet with her lantern abilities

Firestorm: So; what's gonna happen if we do find the damn thing?

Jade: Doctor Fate will throw it out of this realm, I hope

Firestorm: I thought chaos couldn't be contained

Jade: As long as it isn't back in the hands of Vandal Savage (Jade concludes her scan) I can't find anything, guess we'll have to hope Captain Atom finds it

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Captain Atom, Metamorpho and Count Dracula arrive at the outskirts of Doctor Fate's shield

Captain Atom: (On coms) understood. Cyborg and Jade have reported nothing from within their regions, we must be close; can you sense it, Dracula?

Dracula: (Concentrates hard) yes, it's moving but (he raises his hand and levitates the ring out of the sand) I think we have it (HYDRA agents teleport around the force-field) and we'd best be leaving (Doctor Fate falls to the ground, screaming) Vlad, what's wrong? (Doctor Fate removes his helmet and his face looks inflamed, the shield begins to drop) Vladimir (he rushes to his son, Cyborg begins analysing him)

Cyborg: It's almost like he had an allergic reaction to something

Dracula: Garlic, most likely. (He looks in the helmet and picks out an incendiary device) how could this have happened? (The shield begins to fall)

Captain Atom: We need to get the ring out of here, Jade, toss it into the sun. (Jade encases the ring in a shield and flies away) now, the rest of us have a fight to win (the shield drops completely and the HYDRA agents begin to throw fire at them, Captain Atom and Firestorm manage to absorb the flames, Katana draws her sword and begins a charge, performing a jump kick to one of the HYDRA agents and punching the agent on the left, she blocks several fireballs with her sword, Count Dracula manages to absorb the fire balls)

Vlad: I know enough about the helmet to know this, if he was unable to protect me, the forces of chaos are growing stronger. Klarion won't be in that ring much longer

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N4-365 orbit

Jade is flying towards the sun carrying Klarion's ring in an energy bubble, suddenly it begins to vibrate and Klarion comes out of the ring

Klarion: I am no-one's prisoner (he fires magic lightning from his finger-tips, Jade shields herself from the attack, she grabs Teekl in a bubble, but Teekl turns giant and smashes through the bubble) tear her to pieces (Teekl flies at speed towards Jade, Jade creates a giant spike construct and stabs it straight through Teekl's chest, Klarion begins to fade from the realm) I'll be seeing you around (he disappears, Jade breathes a sigh of relief, but then she notices an army of robot-like creatures flying towards her, she shields herself but they stop before they reach her and begin to look at her)

Third Army: Analysing Data. Jennifer Lynn-Hayden: Alias Jade, you will become part of the third army

Jade: Like hell (she tries to fly away, but the creatures begin to drain her energy)

Third Army: You will become part of the third army. (They grab her and her body begins to decay, leaving only her heart to be transformed into another third army soldier) our minds are one (they look to the planet N4-365) and theirs will be too (they fly down towards the planet)

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Captain Atom manages to eliminate 50 HYDRA agents in a single attack, Firestorm and Metamorpho also manage to hold their own in an attack, Cyborg blasts a couple down with his weaponry, Vlad gets a psychic attack and screams.

Count: What's wrong?

Vlad: I just heard a voice screaming in orbit. It's Jade, she's dead and Klarion is gone.

Metamorpho: Let's end this, masks everyone (he manages to synthesise tear gas and he uses it against the HYDRA agents, whilst the Outsiders have gas masks on, he knocks out the remaining HYDRA agents) so... Jade's gone

Captain Atom: Vlad, I need to know, what killed her? (The Third Army begin to spread across the skies)

Vlad: They did

Katana: What are they?

Cyborg: These readings don't make any sense, their DNA, their minds all seem to be the same. They are, for all intents and purposes, a single being (they charge to the ground, feasting on the dead HYDRA agents and turning them into more Third Army soldiers)

Captain Atom: We need to get out of here, now

Vlad: (Still weak) the helmet

Count: No, you're not well; the stress of that helmet could kill you (Firestorm creates a massive fireball and throws it at the third army, it disperses them, but only briefly, Katana tears through a couple of them with her sword, but is quickly pushed backwards by a lantern blast, spared only because of her sword blocking the attack, Captain Atom unleashes his attacks upon them, he

destroys some of them, but they vastly outnumber our heroes, and eventually they're backed into a corner)

Captain Atom: We need to leave, now (Vlad struggles but raises his hand and the helmet comes towards him, Vlad places it on his head, he struggles to his feet, and prepares to open an anchor when suddenly a portal opens)

Raven: Come quickly, there is very little time (Everyone travels through the portal)

## Scene 2

Outsiders HQ, London 09:00 BST

They step through the portal back into the base

Captain Atom: How did you find us?

Raven: I have keen eyes and I contacted Arron (Doctor Fate passes out, weak) I have dire news; Alaunus has fallen and is now under the control of Lex Luthor and the Masters.

Captain Atom: Was this before or after it burnt to the ground?

Raven: After. Luthor said he would rebuild the Island, but... I don't trust him. If the Masters want Alaunus, they want it for something other than an investment.

Captain Atom: Agreed. But with Jade and Doctor Fate... A head on attack might not be a good idea. Katana, Cyborg, Metamorpho, you and I will take a closer look and see what Luthor's up to. (Raven nods) Count Dracula, I know you'll look after him (Raven creates a portal with his staff, and leads the away team through)

Count: (Tries and fails to remove the helmet) Vlad, listen I can't help you if you don't remove the helmet (the eye sockets glow gold)

Doctor Fate: Fate has intervened. This body has been restored to health.

Count: Thank you

Doctor Fate: But, there is an important question that must be answered, who sabotaged the helmet to unleash that garlic?

Count: Yes (he scowls) who did (he turns into a swarm of bats and begins to search the rooms, Doctor Fate stands in a room, magic symbols appear in shining gold light around him, a book levitates towards him and opens at the right page) *Et erubescant ex praeterito*. (His eyes glow and he sees a golden hologram of the past play backwards over the present, he sees Raven call Arron on the computer, and then he sees the team leaving on the mission, he notices Metamorpho arrive to the briefing late) *prohibere* (the time flashing stops) *lente retrorsum* (the scene begins to rewind, Doctor Fate floats after Metamorpho and watches him making a private call) *prohibere* (the flashing stops) *deinceps cum sonitu* (the scene plays forward, with some audio)

Vandal: You are to ensure your team finds that ring. I will make sure the rest is taken care of

Metamorpho: I've already planted a surprise in Fate's helmet; he won't be able to transport us home.

Doctor Fate: *Finis incantatores* (he falls to his knees and the holograms disappear, Count Dracula sees this)

Count: What happened?

Doctor Fate: Metamorpho is an agent of the Masters, he sabotaged the helmet, and he is likely finding ways to lead the team astray now.

**TO BE CONTINUED**