



Outsiders

Insiders (2 of 2)

Losing battle

Previously

The Outsiders have gone through much in the last few hours. Jade was murdered by the third army, the latest in a long line of galactic threats. Klarion escaped his containment and his whereabouts are unknown and Raven has called upon his former team to help him reclaim Alaunus from the Masters. Doctor Fate is not among the team as his helmet was sabotaged by Metamorpho. Now Fate and Count Dracula know this but can they stop him in time?

Scene 1

Forest of Dawn Time, Alaunus, 18th October, 10:33 BST

Raven, Captain Atom, Firestorm, Cyborg Katana and Metamorpho arrive on the scene, the HYDRA agents are digging in a clearing

Captain Atom: How did the forest survive?

Raven: There is a tree that dwells in this forest and its spirit protected it, pity that the forces that burnt the island went and slaughtered everyone in the forest. I can still see all the blood that was spilt (HYDRA agents are nearby, they hide behind the trees and the agents pass them by without seeing them)

Katana: So, they first thing they're doing is drilling a hole in the forest, why?

Captain Atom: That's what we first need to establish. Go with Firestorm and Cyborg and cover them from the south. Raven, Metamorpho and I will cover from the

North. They'll likely to intercept our coms. Raven, can you keep us in telepathic contact? (Raven slams his staff against the ground)

<Raven>: I have established a psychic link.

<Captain Atom>: Let's move out (they split up and sneak around the forest)

Raven: I see the roster has vastly expanded since my departure

Captain Atom: When Arron passed leadership of the team to me, I decided to make the team a place where people who don't all fit in with society can go. Tatsu hasn't got the most cheerful history, her husband and son were murdered in front of her; Firestorm's a student who in a nuclear accident formed a fusion bond with his teacher, allowing them to combine into 1 entity, Metamorpho here was exposed to chemicals designed to adapt to their surroundings, whilst Cyborg was a former sports star who was in an accident, and his father saved his life, by replacing most of his body.

Raven: I heard you had an encounter with Dominor

Captain Atom: Yes... He was formidable, nearly defeated the team.

Raven: He was a monster; the damage to the Island proves that. (Some HYDRA agents pass nearby)

<Captain Atom>: Cyborg, can you see what we see?

<Cyborg>: Yes, I can... Oh my god, it's a highly compacted nuclear bomb

<Raven>: They're trying to contaminate the soil, kill the forest

<Captain Atom>: The blast would probably reach the seas and contaminate the water. We have to stop it.

HYDRA agent: Lower it carefully, we don't want that thing going off whilst we're still in the blast radius (they lower the bomb carefully into the hole using a pulley) step 2 complete, now we have to cover up that hole (they begin push the dirt from when they were digging the hole back into it, covering up the bomb) now let's get out of here (the HYDRA agents evacuate the areas)

<Captain Atom>: We'll need to move quickly, there's no telling how long we've got before they detonate that bomb (the team regroup at the bomb, Firestorm uses an atomic attack, turning the Earth to water around where the hole had been filled, the water evaporates out of the hole, revealing the bomb that had been planted) now we just need to get it out (Cyborg fire a grappling hook from his army which hooks onto the bomb)

<Cyborg>: Then help me pull it out (they heave on the bomb slowly pulling it out of the hole) bomb disposal's my expertise, stand back (he looks at the bomb) that's odd. It had all the signs of a nuke, but it's missing a payload charge

<Captain Atom>: Then where is it (Metamorpho laughs)

Raven: What's so amusing? (Metamorpho spreads a knock out gas that knocks everyone out, Vandal Savage stands beside him)

Vandal Savage: Well done

1 hour later

Doctor Fate arrives on the scene

<Doctor Fate>: Unfortunate that the incantation drained my abilities, I could've arrived here sooner. (He observes the area) they were here, I can sense it. (He looks at the uncovered hole) the hole had to have been uncovered by Firestorm, few others could be so accurate. Perhaps I can use this to track them down (his eyes glow yellow again and he floats off through the forest) something is amiss, my helmet should not be so easily tampered with, and a simple time-reversal spell should not have weakened me so. (He walks into a clearing with the Outsiders chained up to some sort of rocket, surrounded by HYDRA agents, and Vandal Savage)

Vandal: I was expecting you

Doctor Fate: You are no longer under the protection of a lord of chaos, you have no power to stand against me

Vandal: Do your worst, you cannot kill an immortal

Doctor Fate: Your immortality is a result of radiation that was absorbed by your body. I can purge your body of that radiation.

Vandal: If you could do that, you would've done it long ago (he turns around and the HYDRA agents begin to fire upon Doctor Fate, Fate creates an anchor shield, Doctor Fate's eyes glow gold once again)

Doctor Fate: Your body chemistry was altered by chemicals not of this planet, I will purge you of these chemicals, now (a golden barrier passes through all the people and they are robbed of their fire powers) you were never fated to have these powers, now you have them no more (he is hit over the head from behind by Metamorpho)

Metamorpho: If you can cure them, can you cure me?

Doctor Fate: Perhaps once the imbalance is settled. My powers are not strong enough to cure you of your ailments now.

Metamorpho: Thought so (he creates petrol out of his hands and it sets alight, he throws fire bombs at fate but Fate easily blocks them)

Doctor Fate: Your blasts are no match for me (he flies towards Metamorpho and punches him in the face, knocking him out) a traitor disposed of, I take it you offered him vengeance against Stagg, I'd heard of his abduction.

Vandal: Yes.

Doctor Fate: You will release them now

Vandal: No

Doctor Fate: You are alone, you cannot beat me, Klarion is not in your possession (Vandal teleports away) is everyone alright? I'll free you (he frees Raven, Cyborg and Katana, he prepares to free Captain Atom)

Captain Atom: Wait! This rocket is a bomb, and it's being fuelled with energy from me and firestorm, they had to cut holes in us to do it, we're looking at 2 nuclear accidents

Doctor Fate: Equally the case if I allow the bomb to explode

Firestorm: Send us away, where we can't hurt anyone; it's been an honour working with you (Doctor Fate looks at his free team-mates, he creates an anchor below the bomb, allowing it to slowly fall through the anchor, the portal leads to a part of space devoid of life, the bomb then explodes, Doctor Fate closes the portal to stop the explosion seeping through)

8 hours later

Raven, Cyborg, Katana, Doctor Fate and Count Dracula gather at Alaunus, where memorial stones are set up for Jade, Captain Atom and Firestorm

Cyborg: Captain Atom is the reason many of us are on this team, and Firestorm's abilities have helped us out of tight spots time and again. Jade was a caring woman. All chose to do great things despite the world not always wanting them to, and they sacrificed their lives doing that good. They will be remembered in their hearts. (He lays down a bunch of flowers by their graves and the others follow suit)

Doctor Fate: We are entering dark times, the destruction of Alaunus and the death of our friends may only be the beginning. There is a great cosmic imbalance; chaos and order are under threat by an unknown entity. I fear things have only just begun.

Raven: (To Count Dracula) He seems less in tune with himself than ever

Count Dracula: I think Doctor Fate may be getting closer to full control, I can't save him.

Raven: I am sorry

Count Dracula: You've lost people close to you recently, how are you holding up?

Raven: Just barely. Before I could mourn everyone I had to fight the masters. Whatever happened to the ring?

Count Dracula: We're not even sure, anything could've happened to it.

Scene 2

Space, Outside Planet N4-365, 20:00 UTC

Klarion's ring floats about in space and is surrounded by fire demons, they guard the ring as the enchantress arrives, she grabs the ring.

Enchantress: I have what you seek, master

Scene 3

Masters HQ

Vandal Savage returns from Alaunus

Vandal: Alaunus is lost to us.

Lex Luthor: Most unfortunate, but we're already integrating the underworld of New York and Gotham City to our arsenal, soon our plans will come to fruition. The loss of Klarion won't stop us. Nothing will.