Day of the Dead (1 of 2)

Scene 1

Galactic Defence Force HQ, 23rd April 08:00 UTC

Siliseas: An artificial planet? My, Buliox have been busy.

Arron: We did some heavy damage but they retreated before we could finish the job. They’re likely repairing the damage already

Siliseas: Tell me you put a tracker on them

Arron: We couldn’t infiltrate their systems to plant anything, best I could do is gain a snapshot from their security cameras. (He displays a picture of Whisper)

Siliseas: Oh no, not her

Arron: Explains a lot, doesn’t it?

Siliseas: Too much.

Arron: Whisper’s powers are certainly not exaggerated, and that means anyone you send up against her could be converted into a weapon

Siliseas: Then a troop will need to be deployed to stop her.

Arron: We’d need to isolate her first. But even with the ship heavily damaged, she’s been elusive.

Siliseas: You have an idea? (Arron smiles) I presume that you do, be sure that it works, with her there’s no margin for error. (He walks away)

Scene 2

Mount Justice, 05:00 EDT

Kyle Rayner flies down into the cave but finds it empty and abandoned

<Kyle>: Guess when you’ve been gone for 7 years, things change.

White ring: Code 14

Kyle: What?

White ring: Urgent action required, code 14 in progress

Kyle: Guess you got your naming systems from the guardians, what’s a code 14

White ring: Code 14. Crime scene detected (Kyle teleports away)

Scene 3

Albany Rural Cemeteries, New York, 05:04 EDT

Kyle arrives on the scene

Kyle: Holy… (He looks around to see all the graves have been emptied) ring, scan them

White Ring: Code 14

Kyle: Will you stop saying code 14 and tell me what’s going on.

Captain America: You know I was just about to ask the same thing (Kyle turns around)

Kyle: We’ve met once before but I don’t know your name? Who are you?

Captain America: (Taking off his mask) My name is Steve Rogers; I’m better known as Captain America. And who are you?

Kyle: (Removing his mask) Kyle, I suppose you can call me White Lantern, you know what’s going on?

Captain America: Only that a lot of old friends were buried here, and now they’re all missing

Kyle: Ring keeps telling me it’s a code 14 but I have no idea what that means. Captain America, huh? Very patriotic, has America really gotten that desperate?

Captain America: (Smiles) you’ve been out of picture for a long time, haven’t you? My origin isn’t important, just know that I’m here now, and can call the Avengers to help if we need them

Kyle: Sorry, the who?

Captain America: I remember you, you fought Surtur.

White Ring: Code 14 detected (the ring begins to pull Kyle away)

Kyle (Talking fast) Guess I’ve gotta fly (he’s dragged away at speed)

Captain America: Always in such a hurry

Steven Rogers

Captain America: Who are you? You sound familiar

Hope, such a glorious emotion, especially when tinted with love.

Captain America: (Turns around) Peggy?

Yes, Steve, it’s me

Captain America: How?

I came back for you, Steve. You promised me one last dance. Would you do me the honour.

Captain America: (Backing away) no, you’re not her, Peggy Carter is dead, you’re just a trick.

Anger now, how refreshing, I assure you I am very much not a trick

Scene 3

Fawcett City, 04:35 CDT

The graveyard is empty, Arron, CM3 and Mary Marvel are standing by the Grave of Billy Batson

Arron: I see why you called me.

Mary Marvel: What evil could’ve done such a thing

Arron: I don’t know, but it’s not just here, it’s across the country. Who would want so many bodies

Flesh

Everyone turns around, they see nothing

CM3: Can you feel that, tingle down your spine

Fear. I savour the taste.

Arron turns around to see a zombie army lead by Billy Batson.

Arron Redbeard. You let me die. You could’ve saved me! That sneak attack, you should’ve seen it coming

Arron: You say that as if you’re the person who once died, but you’re not, are you?

Clever man, and burning with willpower, whilst hope dominates your friends. You’re too tasty for words, and it’s feeding time. SHAZAM!

Nothing happens

Arron: The lords of order are not stupid, you’re not Billy Batson, you can’t call down the Lightning.

Then we’ll do it the hard way

The zombies approach, Arron loads a cartridge into his arm and begins firing flames towards them, Mary and CM3 are frozen on the spot. Billy attempts to grab Arron’s chest but can’t get through his armour. The zombies stop

Feast! Feast!

The zombies scatter, Arron notices a ring on Billy’s finger and fires a disk blade which cuts it off. He grabs the ring as Mary and CM3 return to normal.

Arron: What was that?

Mary: A trance, those creatures could sense our emotional levels, we’ve both been taught how to enter a state of non-being where such emotions cannot be detected.

Arron: And they focused their attacks on me, interesting. So is this (he holds up) it looks like a lantern ring.

CM3: But the lantern batteries were all destroyed.

Arron: So we believe. ANARAX, find me Kyle Rayner.

ANARAX: He’s in Central City. (The ring flies out of Arron’s hand and flies towards the city)

Arron: Give me access to CCTV in Fawcett city (Arron sees people being murdered across the city) sh\*t. No more meditating, those ‘black lanterns’ are turning Fawcett City into a slaughter house. Slow them down, I’m getting to the bottom of this. Teleport me to Central City. (Arron is teleported, Mary and CM3 look at each other)

Mary/CM3: Speed of Mercury, Power of Zeus (with fists electrically charged they speed into the city)

Scene 4

Central City, 06:00 CDT

Kyle flies over the city

White ring: Code 14, ring teleportation disabled

Kyle: You could’ve at least brought me here before doing that, and stop trying to control my flight, tell me where to go.

White ring: Grave yard in 3 miles. (Kyle sees the Graveyard, empty)

Kyle: Holy… (He’s jumped by several black lanterns; he creates a bubble to push them all back) what’s happening?

White ring: Code 14, the Midnight protocol.

Kyle: The what?

White ring: With the lights extinguished, the darkness began to rise. Midnight was the epicentre of the darkness, your presence there kept it from rising.

Kyle: Are you saying I wasn’t there by choice?

White ring: Your grief was amplified to serve the purpose. Arron Redbeard severed that connection temporarily and allowed your return. But now the darkness is rising, and Earth is its target.

Kyle: You’ve been manipulating me all this time! I could’ve spent the rest of my life on that desolate planet

White ring: For the greater good of the universe, it had to be done.

Kyle: Why am I here?

White ring: The epicentre of the threat has moved, it is here. Nekron rises (screams are heard down below) remove the rings

Kyle: What, so you won’t do it for me now. Fine (he flies down into the crowd being slaughtered by the black lanterns)

<Kyle>: Ok, Kyle, concentrate (he sits with his legs crossed in the air and closes his eyes, streams of which lantern energy come out of the ring, each turns into a hand which grabs onto the ring and slides them off their fingers, the bodies fall to the ground)

White ring: These bodies are still vulnerable, incinerate them all. (Kyle begins to incinerate the bodies as he does so a black blur with lightning coming from it runs on the side of a nearby building and punches him in the face, Kyle is slammed into the ground but recovers quickly)

Kyle: What was that? (Another blur is seen and punches him away) speed force, I could feel it. Barry?

Guess again, light wielder

Kyle: Wally?

Where is Barry? Death is owed to him. He must return to the grave

Kyle: Well, I haven’t seen him. (Black Lantern Wally looks at the Flash Museum)

Lovely. It only took me a year to be forgotten. One Flash is as good as another to them ingrates

White Ring: He’s trying to gain an emotional response from you, do not oblige

What are you? It burns just to be in your presence. Lucky I’m a fast healer

Kyle: My name is Kyle Rayner; I am the protector of life (he tries to blast Wally but Wally easily dodges a dozen S.H.I.E.L.D. transports arrive on the scene, Agent May is pointing a weapon out of the bay of one transport)

Agent May: You sure this will work, Fitz?

Fitz: 100%... well, 98%

Agent May: It’ll have to do (she fires an inhibitor collar which attaches around Wally’s arm and robs him of his speed, Kyle uses this opportunity to take the ring off of his finger, and incinerate the body)

Agent May: Tell Coulson the upgraded inhibitor collars work.

White Lantern: Let them secure the city, we have a more important mission. The lantern battery is nearby

Kyle: Take me to it (Kyle flies away as S.H.I.E.L.D. begin firing upon the Black Lanterns, Kyle lands in the graveyard where a massive Black Battery has appeared) ok, ring, how do I take care of that?

Power levels 97%

White Lantern: Even your presence here weakens it.

Power levels 96%... Power levels 97%, 98%

White Lantern: Attack now, do not let it get to 100%

Kyle: (Blasts the battery with his ring) why? What happens when it gets to 100%?

White Lantern: Death shall rise (the white lantern doesn’t seem to be doing any damage to the battery, Black Lanterns approach him in their hundreds, a swarm of rockets destroy them but they’re quick to regenerate from their wounds and close in on Kyle. Arron drops down with a sword at the ready)

Power levels 99%

Kyle: Come on, come on. Arron charges into the Black lantern fray, slicing through and shooting the black lanterns, the lantern battery still appears undamaged)

Power levels 100%

The ground rumbles and a figure rises from the ground, bursting through

Kyle: Nekron

Nekron: At last, we can begin (Kyle creates a white sword and engages, Nekron blocks with his scythe) you cannot beat me child, death will always triumph over life (he pushes Kyle away)

Kyle: Not this time (he traps Nekron in a bubble and throws him into a tree, he walks away uninjured)

White Lantern: There is nothing that can be done now (Nekron swipes his scythe at Kyle, he ducks backs away and takes to the air)

Kyle: I don’t believe that (he blasts Nekron but Nekron uses the blade of his scythe to reflect the attack right back at Kyle. He falls to the ground. An explosion occurs nearby as Arron has defeated the black Lanterns, he fires flames to keep them back as he closes in

Nekron: Strong armour you have there?

Arron: What do you even want?

Nekron: I want peace. Life is noise, it has to be extinguished.

Arron: Over my dead body

Nekron: That’s the plan (Arron fires disks at Nekron but he bats them away with his scythe, he swings his staff and a black blast projects towards Arron, Arron holds up his shield but is forced backwards anyway, through the flames and back with the Black Lanterns, Arron draws his sword and prepares to face them)

Nekron: With every kill my lanterns make, I grow stronger. You cannot win this fight

Kyle: (Recovers) forgive me if I try anyway (he uses his ring to get a hold of his scythe, Nekron grabs it and they fight over it, eventually Nekron wins the battle and projects another blast out of his scythe, Kyle shields himself but like Arron the force of the blast knocks him to the ground)

Nekron: It was inevitable that you would fall, White Lantern, only death is absolute (he is about to stab Kyle when the footage pauses, cut to Deadpool watching this on a TV)

Deadpool: I know what you’re thinking, these two are royally f\*cked. But don’t worry, next week’s when I enter the picture (he jumps through the TV screen)

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