



Kyle Rayner: The Journey of Light (3 of 3)

Avarice and Love

Previously

Kyle Rayner hopes to master the power of the white lantern to stop the imminent threat the Guardians pose to the universe, he's mastered 5 of the 7 but love and avarice still remain to be mastered; can he achieve what was thought to be impossible?

Scene 1

Planet Okara, 08:00 UTC

Kyle transports himself into the planet's orbit and finds Saint Walker waiting for him

Saint Walker: This will likely be challenging for you

Kyle: Mastering the ring or getting Larfleeze to actually help?

Saint Walker: Both. My energy negates the effects of the ring, so I will stay here and warn if the Guardian's army approaches

Kyle: OK (he flies down to the planet surface) ring, locate Larfleeze

Green Ring: Scanning

Yellow ring: Scanning

Blue ring: Scanning

Red ring: Scanning

Indigo ring: Scanning

Kyle: Just the green (A green arrow appears out of his ring, guiding him to the location of Larfleeze, an underground cavern)

Larfleeze: (Echo) I know why you're here and there is no ratchin' way I'm giving you what you want! Leave now and give me back my ring. (A door opens into the temple)

Kyle: Nice of you to invite me in

Larfleeze: I didn't invite you... DON'T TOUCH ANYTHING (several of Larfleeze's orange lantern constructs stand in Kyle's way) get him glomulus

Green ring: Power levels dangerously low
Red ring: Power levels dangerously low
Indigo ring: Power levels dangerously low
Yellow ring: Power levels dangerously low (Glomulus grabs Kyle and eats him but Kyle blasts out of Glomulous with a Blue Lantern blast)
Kyle: You can't absorb hope, Larfleeze (he continues to walk in and finds Larfleeze himself)
Larfleeze: Alright then, I'll just have to take my ring back now (he approaches by Kyle weakens him with his blue lantern blasts)
Sayd: End this folly at once
Larfleeze: Watch your tongue, Guardian witch. You're my servant, not the other way around
Kyle: Sayd? What happened?
Sayd: Larfleeze attacked Oa, hoping to find treasures, the Guardians saw me as a bargaining chip; they sensed my lingering doubts about their plans
Kyle: How long have they been planning for this?
Sayd: They have had this idea for thousands of years but I sensed them beginning their preparations and the beginning of this year. I separated myself from the corps as it would allow me to complete my own plans, with you
Kyle: You're the one that...?
Sayd: Yes, unfortunate as my involvement is. Ganthet and I were tasked with creating the ultimate weapon; we started by experimenting with the power of hope, founding what is now the Blue Lantern Corps. But there are far greater powers; I was studying the effects of combining ring powers when we got word of Hal Jordan's disappearance. I used a lot of power to draw rings from each of the corps members and direct them upon a singular being, you.
Kyle: OK, that opens up a whole new avenue of questions, but...
Larfleeze: You stole one of my rings, guardian slave! I'll kill you for that
Sayd: As if you have any real power over me.
Larfleeze: I'm still not gonna teach him how to use my ring! There's a reason I'm the only orange lantern; aside from me killing all the rest, obviously.
Kyle: You need to learn to share
Larfleeze: Share? Never! Never gonna share anything! Not with anyone! It's mine! All mine! Not yours! Mine!
Kyle: Fine, I'll just have to take it. (He fires blue blasts at Larfleeze, Larfleeze shields himself from the blasts)
Larfleeze: You're not taking anything (he creates lantern constructs but they begin to fade as Saint Walker descends)
Saint Walker: They are coming. (The third army bursts into the room)
Larfleeze: No, there's no way you're touching my stuff (he draws his attention to the third army and attacks them)

Sayd: I know greed disgusts you Kyle Rayner but look (Larfleeze and Saint Walker are failing against the third army) sometimes the best way to help others is to help yourself. (Kyle grabs the battery from Larfleeze as Sayd is attacked by the third army)

Larfleeze: What are you doing, that's mine! (Kyle charges his power ring with the battery)

Kyle: Oh yeah! That's beautiful. How I did I not want this power? (He blasts the third army back)

Larfleeze: Give me back my shiny battery!

Kyle: Like hell, I'm keeping it! It's mine now! (The third army monster obliterates Sayd, Kyle turns to face it) you'll pay for that (he begins draining the power from Larfleeze's ring)

Larfleeze: Give it back (Kyle converts the power into a massive blast that destroys the third army creature)

Kyle: This feels so good! I'm never giving it up! Never (Saint Walker descends)

Saint Walker: You need to snap out of it, Kyle (his ring shines blue) in fearful day, in raging night, when strong hearts burn our souls ignite, when all seems lost in the war of light, look to stars, for hope shines bright (Kyle begins to calm)

Kyle: I'm sorry, I don't know what came over me

Larfleeze: If you're done stealing away my power (Kyle gives him back his battery) oh, I've missed you, you gorgeous thing. (He looks to the guardians) the guardians stole my slave, they'll suffer for that...

Saint Walker: We must be on our way, thank you for your help Larfleeze

Larfleeze: I'll cash in in due course.

Kyle: Just one more to go

Scene 2

Guardian Council Chamber, Oa, 08:45 UTC

The Guardians are watching a display the destruction of the third army at Kyle's hands

Appa Ali Apsa: This is becoming a troublesome development

Ganthet: Kyle Rayner is closer than anyone has ever been to mastering all 7 rings

Appa Ali Apsa: We all saw the damage he could do without mastering them

Ganthet: He must be heading to Zameron to master the Star Sapphire ring, I will go with the army to end this.

Scene 3

Zameron orbit, 09:00 UTC

Kyle and Saint Walker arrive by teleport

Saint Walker: Your mastery of the various techniques is impressive but do you feel yourself changing as you master each ring?

Kyle: A little, I lost it for a moment after I used rage and then again as I used avarice. I fear my mastering this white lantern could just mean me losing it all over again. (His yellow ring begins to glow)

Saint Walker: A broad view of emotion must be part of your view; you must see the good for all the evil.

Carol: A very good point

Kyle: Carol? What are you doing all the way out here?

Carol: Co-ordinating with the Star Sapphires; Hal has alerted us to the third army and their plans to extinguish all life, all love. We cannot allow that to happen.

Kyle: I thought the Zamerons were...

Carol: Psychotic psychopaths? There were a few trying to use love to satisfy their greed, they have since been expelled. I see you wear a Star Sapphire ring, one of the first men ever to do so.

Kyle: I came to Zameron hoping to master it.

Carol: (Sighs) you are young, and have been disconnected from the universe for so long, it could take time before your heart fills with love enough to fuel that ring.

Kyle: I did harness it before

Carol: And who was your tether?

Kyle: I'm not sure I realised it at the time but I think Tess might've been my tether

Carol: And she died, saving you from yourself, no act more born of love. Concentrate on her, feel the love you felt for her. (He begins to concentrate but is blasted by Ganthet; he flies backwards, but recovers quickly and sees the third army lead by Ganthet)

Ganthet: It seems you have come so far for nothing (the third army attack Saint Walker and Carol Ferris, Kyle fires a red blast at Ganthet but he deflects it away with a bat of the hand) you can't defeat me with the power of a single ring's ability (he creates a green slingshot and a green ball, the ball is fired straight at Ganthet but he destroys it before impact, he creates a yellow sword and tries to strike Ganthet but Ganthet grabs him by the neck) we should have ended this charade years ago.

Kyle: Of all the guardians, you were the one who believed in me, what have the others done to you? (He glows purple and teleports out of Ganthet's grip)

Ganthet: They helped me realise the error of my ways (he tries to blast Kyle, and ends up breaking through Kyle's blue shield) was that it?

Kyle: Not quite (an orange Lantern construct tries to attack Ganthet from behind but Ganthet destroys it, Kyle whacks him with a baseball bat projection, Saint Walker and Carol are struggling to keep the third army at bay.)

Ganthet: You will all fall this day (Kyle closes his eyes and flashes to his time with the Juniors)

Kyle: No, we won't (he is glowing pink, then starts to glow white, Ganthet attempts to blast him but Kyle shrugs it off, Kyle blasts the third army, atomising them, Ganthet disappears)

Carol: How do you feel?

Kyle: I feel great. But we have bigger matters at hand to deal with, we need to stop the Guardians and it'll take everything we have!

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