



## Resistance (1 of 1)

### Featuring the Fantastic 4

#### Previously

The City of New York is falling! The Masters have used a strong footing in the criminal underworld to launch massive scale assaults on police and military forces. With the Avengers missing, the only remaining resistance is the Fantastic Four but they have their own issues to deal with as Johnny Storm: The Human Torch is still suffering the after-effects of being injected with the Master's power serum, can they turn the tides against this threat?

#### Scene 1

Master's HQ, unknown, 19<sup>th</sup> October 19:45 UTC

Vandal Savage begins holographic communication with Lex Luthor and Ra's al Ghul

Vandal Savage: We now have influence in 30 of the 50 states of America and holdings in 2/3 of the rest of the world, things are going as planned

Lex Luthor: Except for the fact that we lost Alaunus, Norman Osborn and Bromonox

Vandal Savage: Yes, without Klarion we have been left vulnerable to certain powerful Superheroes. But I've discovered an answer (he brings up a holographic image of the Destroyer) a powerful Asgardian weapon, designed to be indestructible.

Ra's al Ghul: But without Klarion's magicks; how do you expect to control it?

Lex Luthor: I might be able to find a way, but first I'd need to study it

Vandal Savage: We'll need a team to find the item, in Avengers Mansion, can you get us in?

Calculator: (Appears on a new hologram) oh yes, but you'd better get out your cheque-books

#### Scene 2

Top Floor, Baxter Building, New York 16:00 EDT

Johnny Storm is lying on a medical table with Reed Richards preparing to inject him with a serum

Johnny: How much longer are you gonna be doing preparations?

Reed: Not much longer, just relax, it would help this serum not burn up in your bloodstream like the last ones

Johnny: Alright (he takes deep breaths as Reed injects him with the serum)

Reed: The injection's done. Give it a few minutes and we'll find out if it worked, try to stay relaxed for just a few more minutes.

Johnny: Couldn't you just sedate me?

Reed: Unfortunately not, a sedative strong enough not to burn up in your blood might kill you. (Sue Storm and Ben Grimm enter the room)

Sue: How's he doing?

Reed: We'll find out shortly (he looks to his watch) ok, try now

Johnny: Alright. Flame on! (His body sets alight, he falls to his knees screaming) flame off! (His body returns to normal, but he is still able to create fire balls) it didn't work

Reed: The serum must've been too volatile, it burned up in your bloodstream like the others; (he puts his hand on Johnny's shoulder) I will keep working on it, Johnny. (Their computer begins to beep) an incoming call. (They answer)

JARVIS: Emergency protocol 616 has been activated.

Ben: Mind translating? We have no idea what that means

JARVIS: My systems are being hacked; there are intruders at Avengers' mansion.

Reed: What would they want?

JARVIS: Unknown, but there are 105 items within the mansion that could potentially be dangerous. With Tony Stark missing, your assistance may be required. (The signal begins to fade)

Reed: Tony Stark gave me an inventory of what could be found in Avengers' mansion.

Sue: What's there?

Reed: Best case scenario, they're after the 8 other Iron Man suits. We need to get there now

Johnny: You 3 go, I'm not at full strength, I'd be a liability

Sue: No, you're coming; we need to keep an eye on you.

### Scene 3

Avengers' Mansion, New York, 17:05 EDT

Several HYDRA agents, led by Sportsmaster and accompanied by Blockbuster, Mammoth, Icicle Jr and Madame Rouge arrive at the mansion

Sportsmaster: Alright, let's break in and get this done (They get to the door) break it down (Blockbuster and Mammoth try to smash the door down but it doesn't break, Madame Rouge shakes her head)

Madame Rouge: I will deal with this (she slips under the door and unlocks it from the inside)

Sportsmaster: We've got a short window here, let's move! (The crew move into the house, Sportsmaster begins scanning the house) fan out, there is something beneath the surface of the house, find it

Calculator: (On coms) JARVIS is an AI, not a computer: I can only keep it deactivated before it finds a way to reactivate itself

Sportsmaster: Fine, Blockbuster and Mammoth, start wrecking the place (Blockbuster and Mammoth nod and begin punching walls and bookshelves, Madame Rouge shakes her head) you have a better plan?

Madame Rouge: Why do men always think punching is the answer?

Sportsmaster: Look, if you have a better idea, do it already.

Madame Rouge: No, but scanning is not my speciality, we have the Calculator for that

Calculator: (On coms) she does have a point, give me a sec and I'll find your secret entrance

Sportsmaster: Quit listening in on everything and do what you were paid to do

Calculator: To your right, Sportsmaster (a secret passageway opens revealing an elevator)

Sportsmaster: Good. Blockbuster, Mammoth, cover us from here, everyone else, going down (Madame Rouge, Icicle Jr and the HYDRA agents join Sportsmaster in the elevator and they descend into the Avengers Mansion, the Fantastic 4 arrive, Mammoth and Blockbuster smile)

The Thing: Guess it's clobberin' Time (he cracks his knuckles as Mammoth and Blockbuster charge at him, they both punch him but he doesn't even flinch, they are both stunned) oh yeah, now who's in trouble (he grabs Mammoth's head and slams it to the ground before punching Blockbuster in the face) I got this, but there are more of them here, go!

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Lower levels

Sportsmaster begins scanning the area

Sportsmaster: So, what are we looking for?

Calculator: (On coms) a giant suit of armour, you'll know it when you see it (the ceiling shakes a little)

Sportsmaster: We're not alone down here (Mr Fantastic, The Invisible Woman and Johnny Storm appear behind them)

Mr Fantastic: End this now, and no-one gets hurt

Sportsmaster: Hold them off (the HYDRA agents throw fireballs at the Fantastic 4 but Mr Fantastic stretches around the blasts, Johnny absorbs them, and The Invisible woman blocks them, Johnny throws fireballs back but they are absorbed as well but they are soon knocked back by the Invisible Woman, Madame Rouge and Icicle Junior turn around and charge at Mr Fantastic and Johnny, missing Sue as she is using her invisibility to sneak up on

Sportsmaster, Mr Fantastic and Madame Rouge stretch around each other whilst throwing punches which they both manage to counter, Icicle Jr throws ice balls at Johnny, but he easily counters, Johnny tries to fire a big blast but Icicle Jr begins to counter with his own and overwhelm Johnny, who is frozen into a block of ice. Sportsmaster uses the infra-red scanners in his mask to detect Sue and throw a bo-staff at her, she knocks it away before it explodes, she lifts him into the air and throws him into the next room) better have some good news Calculator

Calculator: I think I might actually be able to help, you see that door in front of you? Enter the room that door leads to (Sportsmaster runs into the room, the Avengers' training room)

Sportsmaster: I like the way you think (the invisible woman bursts into the room and lasers begin firing at her, she uses her shield to block the attack as Sportsmaster exits through the door on the other side. Johnny melts his way out of the ice, but is weakened by the effects of the blast)

Icicle Jr: Had enough?

Johnny: Not yet! (He takes some deep breaths) flame on! (He becomes the Human torch, burning brighter than ever, he easily overpowers Icicle Jr and manages to force Madame Rouge away from Mr Fantastic) Ha, you can't take the heat

Mr Fantastic: It's killing you, turn it off

Johnny: Flame off (nothing happens) what? Flame off! (His flames begin to glow brighter) I can't control it. Get Sue and Ben and get out of here, I have an idea how to use this.

Mr Fantastic: No, you should come back to the lab, let me help

Johnny: There's no time, I could go critical at any minute, at least I'll stop them from taking whatever it is they want. Tell Sue that I love her

Mr Fantastic: Goodbye Johnny (he slithers away but Icicle Jr Freezes him in place)

Johnny: Let him go, you need to get out of here too

Madame Rouge: We're not going until we have what we came for (Johnny is now glowing bright red, Sportsmaster comes across the destroyer armour)

Sportsmaster: I've found the suit of armour, I'm placing a tracker on the armour so you can retrieve it (he places the tracker on the armour and it is teleported out of it)

Calculator: That concludes our business, goodbye Sportsmaster

Sportsmaster: Wait, what? Was this a suicide mission? Hello? Hello? (Johnny Storm is beginning to emit fire pulses that eventually free Mr Fantastic from the Ice)

Mr Fantastic: Sue (he runs, ignoring Icicle Jr and Madame Rouge, Sportsmaster arrives)

Icicle Jr: Mission accomplished I take it, what now?

Sportsmaster: The heat is making it difficult to get a teleport fix down here, the Masters have cut us off! We move, now! (They make a run for the elevator but

before they can make the elevator Johnny Torch reaches critical and explodes, taking the whole of Avengers Mansion with him)

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