



## Fall of the Masters (2 of 2)

### Previously

A battle incoming! Arron has struck a deal with Talia to take down the Masters, not knowing that she's secretly creating Goblin-powered re-enforcements, meanwhile the S.H.I.E.L.D. Playground base was infiltrated by former associates of the Masters, Doctor Fate has been called to Fate tower by a mysterious presence and Batman and Superman begin the fight for Gotham City, will all end well for these heroes?

### Scene 1

Fate tower, 21<sup>st</sup> October 03:00 UTC

Doctor Fate enters the tower and enters its alternate reality

<Nabu>: Only Fate can alter what lies inside the walls (The space around Doctor Fate turns into a room, with a fireplace and 2 chairs, into one appears Shazam)

Doctor Fate: Shazam, the wizard who gave Billy Batson his powers?

Shazam: Yes. I am very different type of Lord of Order, my physical presence is bound to the Rock of Eternity but this is no physical plane. And the situation is dire

Doctor Fate: I know what happened to Captain Marvel, I'm sorry

Shazam: It doesn't matter now, what matters is the delicate balance of order and chaos is threatened. Klarion's presence no longer registers in any plane.

Doctor Fate: That's impossible

Shazam: And yet, here we are. The balance of order and chaos must be maintained, or it is the end of everything, Klarion must be found. And only you can find him.

Doctor Fate: How can you hide something from the lords of order?

Shazam: The Council of Shadows claim that Surtur has returned, he has been able to avoid Odin's sight; he may well be able to avoid ours.

Doctor Fate: Leave this to Fate. Farewell (Shazam fades away)

Raven: (On coms) Doctor Fate, can you hear me.

Doctor Fate: I hear you, Raven

Raven: Arron called, asked us to meet him in Washington DC, we're going to ambush the Masters

## Scene 2

Providence, Classified, 03:00 UTC

Coulson: Any luck with a way to neutralise him?  
Fitz: Assuming the inhibitor collar doesn't work on him, no  
Coulson: Then keep working on it; we need to be ready for anything now  
Computer: Recognised, Agent Natasha Romanov  
Black Widow: Сила и единство  
Coulson: Strength and unity, come right in, you got the password  
Black Widow: I didn't know you spoke Russian  
Coulson: I speak 18 different languages. But it is an honour to meet you agent Romanov, you've done some great work for S.H.I.E.L.D. I'd like to introduce agents Fitz and Simmonds  
Fitz: Hey  
Simmonds: (Slower) Hey  
Coulson: They're the field scientists, may I also introduce agents Hunter and May, you know agents Morse and Johnson  
Black Widow: Mockingbird and Quake, yes. What exactly is this unit?  
Coulson: Our priority is to find and capture as many metahuman criminals as possible, and if capture is impossible, take them out.

## Scene 3

The Playground, 03:00 UTC

Maria Hill: (Gun trained on Sportsmaster) you had better answer all of our questions, or I'll make sure you won't make it out of this base  
Sportsmaster: Unlikely  
Maria Hill: How did you find us?  
Sportsmaster: We had tabs on you since you were investigating the destruction of Avengers mansion. We were just watching from a pub in Blüdhaven as you lead us right to your "top secret" base  
Maria Hill: Alright, what's your offer?  
Rouge: We provide help taking out the Masters and you keep us out of whatever new prisons they will build to replace the prisons that were destroyed.  
Sportsmaster: The Masters like to think they're on top of the world but they're more vulnerable than you think  
Maria: We know that, Lawrence, Laura, Cameron, Baran, Mark. We've had a mole inside the Masters for years, one we inherited from UNAMAT (Amanda Waller steps out of the shadows)  
Amanda: We have a lot of work to do if we're to ambush the Masters.  
Samson: As far as I can work out, the antidotes Mr Fantastic tried should've neutralised the serum in the HYDRA soldiers

Sportsmaster: Did you take into account that the formula is derived from alien biology  
Samson: That explains a lot, this really isn't my field. Maybe Simmons would...  
Maria: Simmons isn't here! You are, you're the only guy we've got and you need to continue working on this antidote.

#### Scene 4

Gotham City Clock Tower, 23:00 EDT

2 HYDRA agents have Oracle backed up against her computer

HYDRA 121: We can't kill her, she's an invalid

HYDRA 122: So? She's an invalid who works for Batman (Oracle trips them both up with a bo staff, the hard impact with the floor knocks them both out, half a dozen more HYDRA agents arrive and prepare to fire but Superman knocks them all down as he arrives with Batman)

Superman: More of them heading up (Batman throws some explosive batarangs, the bring enough of the ceiling down to block their path)

Batman: That won't hold them for long

Nightwing: (On coms) Oracle, can you hear me?

Oracle: Loud and clear, how's Metropolis holding up?

Nightwing: They're not used to our kind of crime-fighting here; one of the guys spilled his guts about Ra's al Ghul. He's in DC, in a place called the Triskelion?

Batman: Good work, Dick, stay in Metropolis for now, Superman and I will check out the Triskelion. (He turns off his com-link) you can't stay here, Oracle. Until these HYDRA agents are kicked out of the city, we're relocating you to the watchtower.

#### Scene 5

The Triskelion, Washington DC, 00:00 EDT

HYDRA soldiers are amassing in the building alongside a platoon of LexCorp mecha-suits

Ra's al Ghul: The army is prepared for our assault on the S.W.O.R.D. headquarters

Vandal: Good.

Ra's al Ghul: Something wrong?

Vandal: You could say that but I'm honestly not sure what? (A metal device lands amongst the mecha-suits, it activates the EMP, which shuts them all down, Vandal growls, as several HYDRA agents are strung up by web fluid)

Spider-man: (Crawling on the wall, talking to suspended HYDRA agents) hi, how's it hanging? (The others notice, and begin throwing fireballs at him) whoop (he runs away) these guys are packing heat, hope your re-enforcements arrive soon.

Arron: They'll be here; you got that gas mask on? (The ventilation shafts begin to emit knock out gas)

Vandal: We're under attack (a few of the HYDRA agents are knocked out but the gas is quickly burned up by the others, Ra's al Ghul hears a screeching) A.I.M. (A.I.M. soldiers teleport into the Triskelion and begin attacking the HYDRA soldiers, man-bats begin smashing through the windows, Talia teleports into the room with Ra's al Ghul and Vandal Savage)

Vandal: Deal with this (he leaves the room)

Talia: Hello again Father, round 2? (Ra's throws 2 fireballs at Talia, Talia dodges both but is quickly knocked down by a third fire blast directed at her legs)

Ra's al Ghul: Have you forgotten what I can do?

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Vandal walks down a corridor, and unleashes the destroyer

Vandal: End this, now (the Destroyer fires upon him, he is flung into a wall) no (the Destroyer knocks Vandal out as he walks out, Batman and Superman break in through the window)

Superman: What is that thing? (It fires and they both get out of the way, Superman fires his heat vision at it, but it has no effect, the Destroyer blasts but Superman dodges he charges in and lays a few heavy punches on the Destroyer, knocking it down to the ground but as Superman prepares to rip it open it fires and knocks Superman into the ceiling, before blasting him back to the end of the corridor, Superman struggles to get up) magic, it must be. (The ceiling grate above them is dropped down)

Arron: This way. (Batman fires a grappling hook and takes Superman into the shaft) I've been doing some research on it; that is the Asgardian destroyer. Savage must've thought he had it under his control. All fool him

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Savage recovers but soon Sportsmaster, Icicle Jr, Madame Rouge, Mammoth and Blockbuster have him surrounded

Sportsmaster: Guess your ultimate weapon didn't work out

Vandal: How?

Rouge: It was all too easy to access your teleport system to arrive here. (She wraps her arms around him and throws him to Blockbuster who punches him to Mammoth who punches him to Sportmaster who using his flail to knock Savage into a wall, Icicle Jr freezes him there)

Icicle: You're going to suffer dearly for leaving us for dead

Vandal: Perhaps but not today (he breaks free of the ice and teleports himself away)

Sportsmaster: He did remember we had hacked the teleport system, right?

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S.H.I.E.L.D. agents storm the base, using their new antidote on the HYDRA agents and robbing them of their pyrokinesis

Maria Hill: Keep pushing forward, we'll take back this base (the Destroyer walks into the room, firing at everything in sight. Fall back, we can't beat that thing. (Doctor Fate and the Outsiders arrive)

Doctor Fate: No, but Fate decrees you will not face this battle alone (he uses an anchor to block the fire from the Destroyer) this vessel is usually powered by a living soul. It must be very powerful magic that allows this to work without one.

Raven: Then can powerful magic disable it?

Doctor Fate: Perhaps (he drops his shield and tries to blast it but the blast isn't powerful enough to penetrate his armour) *Respice sonantis SHAZAM!* (A powerful bolt of lightning strikes through the ceiling and hits the destroyer) hit it with everything! (Cyborg fire his sonic cannon, Raven fires his staff, Count Dracula creates lightning from his fingertips, Spider-man arrives, and seeing what's happening he pulls a gun from an unconscious AIM soldier)

Spider-man: Mind if I borrow that, thanks (he opens fire on the Destroyer)

Doctor Fate: It isn't enough (A vent above them opens and Superman fires his heat vision at the Destroyer, Arron jumps down firing his electrical discharger at the machine, Doctor Fate calls down SHAZAM's lightning again, his eyes glow gold and he creates an orb inside the Destroyer that expands and destroys the armour from the inside) the Masters' ultimate weapon has fallen

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Talia is at the mercy of Ra's al Ghul

Ra's al Ghul: A child always has much to learn from her father

Talia: One thing I have learned is to have an ace up my sleeve (2 goblin soldiers teleport into the room) I had your former partner drained dry, here is fruit of the labour, Ra's throws fireballs but they have no impact on them) the goblin skin is impervious to flame. Grab him (the two goblin soldiers grab Ra's)

Ra's al Ghul: Is this it, has my time come

Talia: Not yet, take him (the soldiers teleport away) it's time I took control of this base

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Arron: Now all we have to do is deal with Vandal Savage

Sportsmaster: That's already taken care of (Sportsmaster, Icicle Jr, Mammoth, Madame Rouge and Blockbuster show themselves, Batman, Arron, Superman and the Outsiders all stare angrily at them) we didn't come to fight. We hacked the Masters' teleport system, set it so that any further teleports would teleport into the sun, Vandal Savage will burn forever. You're welcome (Sportsmaster, Icicle Jr, Madame Rouge, Mammoth and Blockbuster are all shot in the back of the head with sniper bullets, Talia walks down the stairs with A.I.M. soldiers and man-bats behind her)

Talia: I thank you for your assistance but this is my base now and if you value your lives you will leave, now. You're outnumbered and outmatched

Doctor Fate: We'll leave that to Fate (he fires upon Talia)  
Arron: Stop! It's alright, Fate, we're leaving  
Maria Hill: What, we can't just let her take control of the Triskelion  
Arron: We don't have to, Spider-man and I planted bombs here, we've got 2 minutes to get out before this facility comes down around our heads, insurance in case we failed. Same advice goes to you Talia, get your people out.  
Talia: Well played (she, and the A.I.M. agents leave, Doctor Fate opens an anchor to transport himself and the Outsiders away, Maria opens contact with Abigail brand with S.W.O.R.D. and she and her team are teleported away)  
Arron: Ephemeris, prepare teleport with 3 passengers. (He, Spider-man, Batman and Superman are teleported away as the bombs explode and the Triskelion comes crumbling to the ground)

### Scene 6

Ephemeris Omega, 05:15 UTC

Anarax: Was it really necessary to destroy the base, surely Fury already wiped the systems and got valuable items out  
Arron: Yes, he did, but when I was looking I found another of their secret projects (flash to him finding the Red Hulk in a sublevel) the Red Hulk, completely drained of blood. If that got out into the open in mass the consequences would be catastrophic.  
Anarax: And you're sure none of the blood left the place?  
Arron: How can I be? Ra's may be captured and Savage dead but Luthor's still out there, this is a battle won but the war wages on.