



## One-shot: Latveria Stands Featuring Doctor Doom

### Previously

A.I.M. in crisis. In a bold move orchestrated by Lex Luthor, the main base of operations for A.I.M. has been destroyed; Talia must seek to conquer new ground or lose out, Latveria is in her sights and she has a secret artefact that may work in her favour.

### Scene 1

A.I.M. Fleet, 24<sup>th</sup> October 10:02 UTC

- A.I.M. Pilot: We're about 2 hours from Latveria  
Talia: Excellent. Is everything ready?  
A.I.M. Pilot: We've got 80 ships ready to bombard the country 50 man-bat soldiers, 2 goblin soldiers and about 200 ordinary ground troops.  
Talia: Good, with Seattle compromised, everything depends on our success here. And the artefact?  
A.I.M. Pilot: Powering up, should be usable once we arrive.

### Scene 2

Doctor Doom's Palace, Doomstadt, Latveria, 14:50 EEDT

- Lucia: Warning: There are approaching aircraft. Designation: Advanced Idea Mechanics.  
Doctor Doom: They have sold us weapons in the past; it seems their new leader has different plans. Prepare the defences.  
Lucia: Defences activated. Warning, AIM soldiers are landing by teleport. Doom bots are engaging.  
Doctor Doom: Good (he turns around and blasts back an invisible Goblin soldier) your cloaking technology was wanting (the Goblin Soldier throws fire at Doctor Doom but he shields himself; the soldier charges, Doctor Doom avoids its punches, his fists glow and he punches the Goblin Soldier backwards, the

soldier recovers from the glow, and unleashes a wave of fire, Doctor Doom shields himself, he walks to a computer and activates 6 doom bots, they all fire at the goblin soldier doing no damage. Lucia opens fire on the Goblin Soldier but the soldier is unfazed by the attacks, he tries to throw fireballs at the doom-bots but they are shielded from such attacks. Doctor Doom stands by the computer and watches as man-bat soldiers begin attacking his defences, he presses a button and Doombots begin sprouting up over the city; they begin firing sonic weaponry into the sky, the man-bats are dazed by the noise and begin crashing into the walls, the weapons begin firing at the A.I.M. warships.) Your mistress has made a grave miscalculation in attacking Latveria. (Talía teleports in)

Talia: We weren't attacking Latveria. We already own Latveria, whether you know it or not (she is wearing the rune on her chest)

Doctor Doom: A bezerker stone, impressive. (She walks by the robots and they shut down, Lucia included)

Talia: A.I.M have many new toys we're using for this project. This one though, found in the ESU, would you believe, using an Asgardian particle detector. We've created technology that would push Stark Industries into the Dark Ages.

Doctor Doom: And yet you overlook a simple problem (a gas begins pumping into the room) when the Masters came to Latveria they left me with a sample of their formula. It was a simple task to reverse engineer an antidote. (The goblin soldier loses his pyro-kinetic abilities, Talía coughs as the gas impedes her vision)

Talia: Clever move (the bezerker stone begins to absorb the gas, until none is left) but you know the rules, always have 2 (a second goblin soldier teleports into the room) surrender and you might even survive this battle

Doctor Doom: Doom does not surrender

Talia: Then, I guess it's the old fashioned way. Take care of any more of his toy soldiers, I'll take of Doom myself (she turns around and Doom is gone) I guess you've surrendered then.

Doctor Doom: Hardly (he fires at Talía but the bezerker stone shields her from harm) I'm just evening my odds. (He traps Talía inside a force-field, the bezerker stone glows and the force field deactivates, Talía walks out but is surrounded by another force-field. Talía deactivates it the same way)

Talia: This technique can only buy you so much time.

Doctor Doom: It has already bought me enough time (he fires a shot from his armour, but it turns into a thin beam which hits the stone directly, knocking Talía backwards) the Bezerker stone has 1 weakness, its structure. (He continues to fire but is knocked forwards by one of the Goblin soldiers, attacking from behind)

Talia: You can't win, Doctor Doom. (Doctor Doom flips to his feet, the Goblin soldier throws fire, Doctor Doom redirects it at Talia, but the blast is absorbed, Doom looks outside where A.I.M. foot soldiers are firing electrical guns which short out the Doombots, and are planting explosives on the bigger weapons) continue your search, I'll handle this (she draws a sword which becomes energised by the bezerker stone, she swipes at Doctor Doom who blocks the attacks with his armour, the sword energises further and begins to dent the armour; Doctor Doom takes hold of it and throws it into a wall, Talia with it, he blasts her again, Talia is knocked against the wall, she falls to her knees, Doctor Doom is about to blast Talia again, but he instead blasts an A.I.M. soldier, 4 more A.I.M. soldiers open fire but Doctor Doom shields himself from the blasts, the A.I.M. soldiers switch to rocket launchers and fire, but Doctor Doom redirects them back at them, they are blasted backwards and knocked out, but Talia begins to recover)

### Scene 3

Salt Lake City, Utah, 06:12 MDT

Cheshire arrives at a meeting point, a black Limousine arrives, Mercy comes out, and passes Cheshire a phone

Cheshire: I swear if you've harmed her...

Luthor: You did what I asked, you killed Ra's al Ghul and destabilised Talia's operations, your daughter is alive and waiting for you at the address Mercy will hand to you, when you arrive you will find a tidy sum as a personal thank you.

Cheshire: Why did you want him killed, Luthor?

Luthor: He and Vandal Savage had both lost sight of the Master's goals, if we were to survive, such ties had to be cut.

Cheshire: Hmm. I'll be in touch. (She hangs up, Mercy hands her an address) if my daughter isn't there, you and Luthor will not survive. (She disappears into the shadows, Mercy dials Luthor)

Mercy: I thought you said you didn't have anyone watching Lian?

Luthor: I said I didn't have an assassin watching her and the man in question was no assassin. Besides, the plan worked perfectly. The loss of a major base like Seattle will force Talia into desperation. And when people are desperate, that's when they begin to make mistakes.

### Scene 4

Doctor Doom's Palace, Doomstadt, Latveria, 14:50 EEDT

Talia recovers, Doctor Doom takes off and hovers, blasting Talia, the stone blocks the attacks, Talia creates a blast from the stone, but Doctor Doom's shields manage to block the blast

Talia: We're going round in circles here.

Doctor Doom: I agree. I have stalled for time long enough (a large metal claw is fired out of a wall, and grabs hold of Talia) that claw is made of Nth metal, known to disrupt magical and extra-dimensional forces, including your bezerker stone. Look outside (the remaining A.I.M. ships have been destroyed and the A.I.M. soldiers and man-bats are dead) your were foolish to come here, Miss Al Ghul. I do not rest on my laurels when there is so much at stake. I was prepared for war; all I needed was the time to uncover my contingencies.

Talia: You've not won yet (the Goblin soldiers return but cannot physically attack Doctor Doom in the air, the one without pyrokinetic abilities launches himself at Doctor Doom but Doctor Doom easily evades the attack, the other throws fire at Doctor Doom but Doctor Doom shields himself; the other Goblin soldier grabs Doctor Doom but Doctor Doom electrifies his armour and forces him to release him, a cryogenic gas pumps into the area)

Doctor Doom: Your monsters cannot survive the extreme cold I am pumping into the room. (Talia teleports herself away but leaves behind the bezerker stone, whilst the Goblin soldiers are frozen into blocks of ice, the gas pumping stops and Doctor Doom shatters the blocks, killing the goblin soldiers) all in all, not a total loss (he lays eyes on the bezerker stone, and smiles)

### Scene 5

Tinasha, the Democratic Republic of Congo, 16:00 CAT

Talia teleports into the city where a small group of A.I.M. and ninja man-bat agents await her

Talia: You can take off those stupid beekeeper suits, A.I.M. is dead, it's time to move onto the next endeavour.

### Scene 6

Muspelheim, 15:00 UTC

Enchantress: As we expected, Doctor Doom did repel Talia's invasion. The overall objective was successful. We've taken another major player out of the game, the power vacuums on Midgard are forming; the war will begin to escalate.

Surtur: You have done well, Enchantress but there are still loose ends to be tied up, start with the children, then find the cosmic cube.

Enchantress: Of course my Lord. (The camera pans out to see many of the planet abductees hammering away at Twilight, Surtur's sword, all their eyes are flame, they are totally under Surtur's control)

