



Making Peace (2 of 2)

Previously

A plan falling apart! Hoping to end the war, Arron enlisted the aid of Superboy, Blue Beetle, Red Arrow, Red Robin, Wonder Girl and Longshadow to recover the cosmic cube from space pirates. With Josane and Ollie in tow, the attack was almost successful, but then the pirate flagship where the cube was sabotaged and crashed on the desert planet N4-365. The saboteur: Anarax Meranos.

Meanwhile the Calculator has called Agent Coulson, demanding Black Widow, Quake and Katana come to the ruins of the S.H.I.E.L.D. Triskelion and the Outsiders, Hawkgirl and Zatanna in tow, have bumped into Beta Ray Bill, together they pierced the realms and are ready to confront Surtur.

Scene 1

Ruins of the Triskelion, Washington DC, 25th October 07:00 EDT

Black Widow and Quake arrive at the ruins.

Black Widow: Alright, we're here. Now what? (Falcon and War Machine arrive on the scene)

Quake: You received a threat too

Falcon: Hill wanted a response from her end

War Machine: Personal call to my suit. (Something in the background begins to move) did you see that?

Quake: See what?

War Machine: There's something moving in the ruins, maybe two people

JARVIS: Incoming projectile! (War Machine bursts into flames as a clay shot narrowly misses him)

Quake: (Opens coms) Coulson, it's Clayface!

Coulson: (On coms) You know what to do. Take him in! (Quake unleashes a shockwave that hits Clayface and seems to splatter him but he quickly appears behind Quake and prepares to strike. Before he can Black Widow

hits him with her stingers, they have no lasting impact, neither do the weapons fired upon him from Falcon or War Machine)

Black Widow: Any chance Fitz has created a toy to help us out?

Coulson: One better, we have our secret weapon. Move in (Martian Manhunter blocks Clayface's attack, he had been watching, invisible the entire time, he tries to enter Clayface's mind but it has little effect. Black Widow notices something and begins firing her stingers elsewhere as Clayface and J'onn shape change around each other. Black Widow continues her investigation and manages to barely avoid an attack by the Absorbing Man)

Black Widow: Kreeel (she tries to blast him, but the blasts have no impact on his rock absorbed skin, he tries to punch her but she keeps moving backwards to avoid his attack) Coulson, we have Kreeel here too.

Coulson: Keep him busy, we're only a few minutes out. (Quake knocks the Absorbing Man backwards but Kreeel quickly recovers. Clayface tries to unleash a clay burst upon Martian Manhunter but he telekinetically blocks the attack, and Clayface is forced away, within reach of the Absorbing man, who absorbs Clayface's clay)

Absorbing Man: Oh you're in trouble now (he grabs Black Widow and Quake by the neck and lifts them into the air, War Machine and Falcon try to save them, but they are grabbed as well) now, which one of you dies first?

Coulson: I vote none of them (he fires a freezing grenade into the Absorbing Man's clay flesh which freezes him, Clayface tries to attack but he is hit from behind by the same weapon, this time fired by Fitz, the others are let go) check on them (Fitz checks the pulses of Black Widow and Quake, whilst Coulson checks on War Machine and Falcon, who are both fine) are they alright

Fitz: I'm not getting a pulse from them, sir; I think they might both be dead. (Coulson looks angrily at Absorbing Man as some agents come to drag away his body) get these men out of my sight.

Scene 2

Muspelheim, 25th October, 09:30 UTC

The Outsiders, Hawkgirl, Zatanna, and Beta Ray Bill walk into the fiery realm

Count: We should all be boiling to death

Doctor Fate: Fate decreed otherwise. Klarion is here, I can sense his presence

Beta Ray Bill: Then find him, I shall seek out the Korbinites (he flies away)

Doctor Fate: Klarion is here, but powerful magic is preventing him from determining his exact location (there is a light banging sound)

Count: Can you hear that? (The sound gets louder)

Hawkgirl: I can now (they descend, with Doctor Fate carrying Zatanna, Cyborg and Katana, whilst the others fly down)

Aprodyitie: Well, it's about time somebody showed up
Count: Who are you?
Aprodyitie: I'm sorry, can you speak up, I'm deaf; I can't hear you
Zatanna: *Llet su ohw uoy era*
Aprodyitie: I am Aprodyitie, I was an inhabitant of the planet Yuka, before Surtur took me and my friends and destroyed Yuka
Hawkgirl: Wasn't that the same thing that happened to the Korbinites?
Count: Almost identical. Zatanna, can you make him tell us if he's seen a ring
Zatanna: *Llet su fi uoy evah nees a lufrewop gnir*
Aprodyitie: A powerful ring, you say? I have in fact, the b*tch that works for Surtur had it placed somewhere safe, somewhere close by
Doctor Fate: I shall uncover this
Zatanna: *Llet su tahw uoy era gniod*
Aprodyitie: Most here are Surtur's slaves, but my handicap makes me less vulnerable to suggestion. Not immune you understand. But Surtur has been working for years to repair his sword, absorbing energy from stars to do so. But it needs to be done to the smallest detail for maximum power and his hands are incapable. He needs slaves to do the smaller scale work. But as it's such a large instrument, it takes a while.
Doctor Fate: I have found Klarion's ring. We can leave (Beta Ray Bill returns)
Beta Ray Bill: I have found my people, worked to death on this sword. We need to rescue these people before they meet the same fate.
Doctor Fate: Agreed (his eyes glow gold again) I will require assistance to free them all from mind control (Raven and Count Dracula both help using their telepathy, but Surtur arrives in the realm)
Surtur: Your efforts are in vein, they will not be released from my control with me so close
Hawkgirl: We'll see about that (as Beta Ray Bill zaps Surtur with stormbreaker and Cyborg uses a laser, Hawkgirl flies in, Surtur tries to shoot fire at her, but her mace blocks the attack, she gets to Surtur and whacks him back before Surtur swipes her back, Katana uses her sword to free the prisoners from binding chains that keep them from escaping, Doctor Fate, Raven and Count Dracula manage to free them from Surtur's control thanks to the distraction)
Doctor Fate: Time to leave (Doctor Fate opens an anchor)
Beta Ray Bill: (To Surtur) I'll be back (he uses his lightning to break open the portal, allowing the prisoners to run through, Surtur unleashes a wave of energy and Katana is hit, causing her to fall into the lava)
Cyborg: Katana! (Doctor Fate grabs him as he and the rest of the Outsiders leave)

Scene 3

Planet N4-365, 13:00 UTC

Inside the Pirate ship wreckage, Josane awakens amongst the unconscious, Captain Slykak wakes up; he sees the damage

Slykak: Someone's paying for this damage (Josane punches him back to unconsciousness)

Josane: I'll send you the check, maybe (he opens coms) anyone, come in (he hears static) that can't be good (he runs through the ship)

Arron runs and dives as Anarax fires rockets at her

Arron: I don't want to fight

Anarax: You've made your choice (she converts her hand to a sonic cannon, and fires, Arron crosses his arms in front of him, to block the shot, but the power of the shot sends him flying backwards, she converts her hand into a blaster, and tries to dive fire, but Arron flips back to his feet, a sand-storm is beginning to brew)

Arron: Please, you know I brought others on board that ship, you damage internal life support; they'll die!

Anarax: Should've thought of that (she fires another sonic blast but Arron uses his reflex to avoid the shot)

<Arron>: Anarax is exceptionally good; she won't allow me close, knows she's outmatched hand to hand. But she has access to more weaponry than I do (he flips to avoid another sonic blast, at the same time he loads an electrical discharger cartridge into one of his gun slots, he fires it at her but she creates a force-field which blocks the shot. Anarax then fires a laser cannon at Arron, Arron blocks the shot, whilst firing back, the sand storm gets worse and Arron's face plate drops but he is blasted back by a sonic attack. He recovers and tries to charge attack but she manages to blast him backwards, her hands convert to grenade launchers and she launches them, but the winds from the storm blow the grenades off course) this storm is gonna cause problems for both of us. Visibility is impossible even in infra-red, I'm worried (Anarax fires lasers at him, Arron uses his shield to block but a missile strikes him from behind and knocks him to the ground, Anarax stands before him and blasts him)

Mess hall

As Blue Beetle works to free Red Robin and Red Arrow from the foam, Superboy begins to recover

Superboy: One of you could've caught me!

Wonder Girl: Sorry (Red Robin and Red Arrow finally break free from the phone)

Blue Beetle: You guys alright?

Red Robin: Lucky we had that foam; it took most of the impact from the crash (Josane rushes into the mess hall)

Josane: Ah, good to see everyone's alright (sand begins to blow into the mess hall) great, sand storms, Red Arrow fires two arrows that project a force field that blocks the sand)

Red Arrow: Gotta admit, I like these new toys.

Josane: There's some kind of signal jammer blocking our coms, anyone here who can find it

Blue Beetle: Scanning (He begins to scan the area)

<Scarab>: Sand storm is interfering with the scan

Blue Beetle: Can't pinpoint it exactly but it's beyond the force-field

Josane: Wait here! (He runs at the force-field and forces his way through it)

Superboy: How does he do that? (Longshadow also recovers from the crash)

Longshadow: What did I miss?

Outside

Anarax blasts but Arron flips up before the shot hits him and manages to strike Anarax with his electric gloves, Anarax recovers quickly and punches Arron back

Anarax: It's over! I've hacked your eyes now, I can overload them with data (Arron holds his head with both hands whilst groaning)

Arron: So now what, are you going to finish me off?

Anarax: Of course not. I just needed you unable to stop me destroying the cube. It's for the best. No-one should have that kind of power.

Arron: You're dooming the universe

Anarax: No. I'm saving it (She walks away, as Arron is on the verge of passing out, Josane comes out, wearing a special mask to keep out the sand out)

Josane: Arron? Arron?

Arron: (Weak) over here (Josane follows Arron's voice)

Josane: What the hell happened?

Arron: Anarax happened. She overloaded my eyes, had to shut them off till I can connect to the Ephemeris and reboot. And I can't with this damned jamming signal. The Juniors, are they?

Josane: I sealed them off.

Arron: We need to get them out of here (fire demons start appearing in the skies)

Josane: Oh no.

Arron: What's happening, I can't see

Josane: Fire demons

Arron: Surtur's after the cube too. We need to stop them!

Red Robin: We can't just sit here forever, we need to do something (the hull of the ship is ripped open by the fire demons, letting in some of the sand, Longshadow grows his astral form and begins punching the fire demons away, Wonder Girl and Blue Beetle try to seal the cracks the fire demons created, but every one

they seal is replaced by 2 others, Red Robin and Red Arrow fire cryogenic weapons at the fire demons, knocking them back, and allowing the others to seal the cracks) I think we all know who's coming.

Outside the ship, approaching the treasure room

Anarax begins to cut her way into the treasure room when she sees the fire demons appearing

Anarax: Uh oh (she tries to accelerate her cutting but she soon finds herself unable to fire, she turns around to see the Enchantress manipulating her arm)

Enchantress: I'll take it from here

Anarax: The hell you will (he converts her other hand to a weapon and fires but the shot stops before it hits the Enchantress)

Enchantress: You've played your part well. We couldn't have slowed the progress of Arron's attempt to recover the cube fast enough on our own

Anarax: So I was playing into your hands?

Enchantress: Surtur wants the cube destroyed as you do (she burns down the door and fires upon the cube) a lot of energy but contained within a weak shell (the cube shatters and the cosmic energy is released) and now, you die (she throws fire at Anarax, but Anarax barely manages to avoid it, the Enchantress lifts her into the air, Anarax prepares two laser barrels and begins firing, but the shots have no impact on her) pitiful (she is hit in the back by a freeze gun fired by Arron, Anarax is released)

Arron: Why is it you people always love the sound of your own voice? (The Enchantress summons fire demons)

Josane: OK, there are 10... 15... 20 of them now

Arron: Just tell me where to shoot (as the fight rages on the Enchantress summons more and more fire demons, an anchor in space opens with the Outsiders along with Hawkgirl, Zatanna and Beta Ray Bill, troop squads swoop in from above and begin to open fire on the fire demons)

Josane: We've got reinforcements

Arron: About damn time. (Beta Ray Bill fires lightning from his hammer at the Enchantress but she blocks it; Doctor Fate reinforces the power and manages to knock the Enchantress backwards, she quickly recovers)

Enchantress: It doesn't matter, I've accomplished what I set out to do here (she disappears, along with all her fire demons)

Josane: When she said she's achieved her objective, she meant...?

Anarax: The Cosmic cube has been destroyed.

Scene 4

Ephemeris-Omega, 16:00 UTC

Ollie: When we couldn't get through to you, we tried to contact some of your old friends to help, took a while but we got through.

Arron: Thanks, Ollie. Guess I owe you a fair few

Ollie: Maybe one of these days I'll collect (he smiles) do you think Anarax was under Surtur's influence?

Arron: The Council of Shadows once said she was immune. But I believe it's possible. I believe Anarax always intended to stop us from getting the cube but I reckon she would normally have been more subtle than she was. But then again, was my temptation to use the cube from Surtur as well? She wasn't wrong when she said that power was too dangerous to be used.

Ollie: And the Juniors?

Arron: The Outsiders took them home. They'll regroup and start working on counter-offenses. Josane meanwhile is helping a squad battle that third army in sector 6139 (Anarax is walking towards the teleport) where are you going?

Anarax: I can't stay here, I played right into his hands. I betrayed you

Arron: There's too much at stake to dwell on it, Anarax. Surtur needs to be stopped and there's only one way to do that now. We need Asgardian help and you're the one person who can get it for us.

Anarax: You still trust me?

Arron: Yes. Now let's get to work.