



## The third army (1 of 2)

### Previously

A war has erupted between the peacekeeping Galactic Defence Force and the immortals known as the Guardians. Seeking to eliminate free will, they have conjured creatures born of their flesh known as the third army, which travel from planet to planet, assimilating the populous into its ranks and growing stronger. Green Lantern Hal Jordan has been leading a resistance force of Green Lanterns to combat the assault but as the war rages and his numbers have dwindled. Hope may come in the form of white Lantern Kyle Rayner, who has learned to master his powers. Meanwhile, Earth's primary protectors from an Alien invasion, the S.H.I.E.L.D. subdivision known as S.W.O.R.D. have recruited Barry Allen and Plastic Man to support their own efforts.

### Scene 1

Golovaxian Cruiser, Earth Orbit, 25<sup>th</sup> October, 21:00 UTC

Abegail Brand meets with Barry Allen and Plastic Man on the bridge

Abegail: Well?

Barry: We've been patrolling most of the galaxy in those fighters, there's no sign of them on our radars

Abegail: There hasn't been a Green Lantern or Nova Corps member on our planet for over a month. They must be gathering against something, something terrible

### Scene 2

Kella Sector, 21:15 UTC

A squad of 6 Green Lanterns (Hal Jordan, John Stuart, Guy Gardner, Tomar-Re, B'dg and Kilowog) face battle with 25 third army soldiers

Kilowog: Again? How many of these things are there?

John: Wail on them! (They create massive machine guns and begin firing at the third army, many of the bullets pass through but the third army soldiers regenerate from their wounds, the soldiers close in, Hal Jordan and Tomar-Re

create spiked walls which they push against the soldiers, the soldiers manage to hold the walls back, whilst regenerating from the wounds the spikes have caused, John and Guy create a shield to halt their advance but the soldiers pound against the shield, B'dg and Kilowog create cannons, which they poke over the shield and fire at the soldiers, they are knocked back but not out)

Kilowog: When are those re-enforcements arriving?

Hal: They're still 10 minutes out, we can't let these guys spread to the planets (he creates a buzz-saw and begins to cut off limbs from the third army but they regenerate their limbs, the third army penetrate the shield but just before they can strike, a white spark appears nearby, Kyle Rayner arrives and uses his ring to turn the third army soldiers to dust)

Guy: Kyle?

Kyle: Long time

Guy: No kidding, your parents kept calling me, they were worried sick! I had to tell them you were on a long-term undercover mission.

Kyle: Cheers Guy

Hal: Nice new get-up, didn't know white was your colour.

John: No kidding.

Kyle: Nice to see you too, John

John: I know what happened the last time you were channelling that ring, why should I believe that it won't happen again? (Saint Walker appears, with a number of members of the Blue Lantern Corps)

Saint Walker: Do not believe, have hope

John: Right

Hal: Saint Walker, been a long time. Sorry to hear about Odym

Kilowog: Yeah, your people fought bravely that day (Carol Ferris and the Star Sapphires arrive)

Kyle: I've brought some help

Carol: Hal! (She and Hal Jordan embrace)

Hal: (Awkwardly) nice to see you too, Carol. Erm...

Kyle: We're running out of time. The Guardians' army is spreading throughout the galaxy, we need to arrange an attack on Oa before they spread further.

Hal: Attacking Oa has always been the final stage of the plan, but we're losing lanterns out on the battlefield. We lost Chassilon, Ch'p, Gallius, and nearly a dozen others just yesterday. And we would need a massive force to invade Oa.

Kyle: Then that's exactly what we're going to get. The Blue Lanterns and the Star Sapphires have already pledged themselves to the battle. I know that Larfleeze is already mounting an attack given what they did to Sayd. Sinestro's gathering his forces and I don't think Atrocitus would complain about a chance to attack Oa. The Indigo lanterns might be more of an issue. Their loyalty was to Abin Sur

Hal: The guy whose ring is on my finger.  
Kyle: If anyone can persuade them, you can  
Hal: OK, then B'dg and Kilowog come with me; Guy, when the others arrive inform them we're stepping things up. John, go with Kyle and prepare the big guy. We're gonna definitely need his help.  
John: Right. Follow me hotshot (he flies away, Kyle follows him, Hal, B'dg and Kilowog fly in the opposite direction, leaving Guy with the rest of the lanterns)  
Guy: Well? What are you sitting around for, these planets aren't gonna protect themselves? Move out! (The remaining lanterns split up)

### Scene 3

Sector 2481, 22:00 UTC

Kyle: So, who is this big gun Hal wants us to get?  
John: Name's Mogo, you know of him?  
Kyle: Only in legends, the most powerful Green Lantern of them all.  
John: Yup, that's him. You ever seen him  
Kyle: Can't say that I have but he surely can't be all that's he's cracked up to... (He looks up and sees Mogo, the Green Lantern Planet) I stand corrected  
Mogo: Welcome Green Lanterns  
Kyle: How can you talk? For that matter how can you move?  
Mogo: The lantern ring buried at my core allows movement of my living cells. You have come to ask for my aid  
John: You know about the Guardians attacking the Lanterns  
Mogo: They tried to send Ego the living planet to attack me; we arranged a less conflicted solution. I will aid your forces in attacking Oa but it will take a while for me to arrange a route that doesn't interfere in the gravitational pulls of other planets.  
John: Understood Mogo, we'll see you there  
Mogo: Good luck, even with the immense power we possess we are against power itself in this battle.  
John: Don't let that willpower fade, Mogo, you'll need it.

### Scene 4

Golovaxian Cruiser, 22:12 UTC

Galactic Defence force troops teleport aboard the ship, followed by Galactic Defence Force Commander Siliseas

Abegail: What the f\*ck do you think you're doing on my ship?  
Siliseas: We're commandeering it  
Abegail: Not happening. Take them down (S.W.O.R.D. agents begin firing, but the defence force absorb the shots with force-fields, Barry tries to vibrate through the shields but a pulse knocks him backwards)

Siliseas: Hold your fire; we don't want to damage this ship.

Abegail: What do you want?

Siliseas: Our resources are limited, especially given the recent attack on our troop production plant. We need your ship to launch an assault on the Planet Oa. And this is not a request, as the head of the Galactic Defence Force; I have the legal right to commandeer any ship currently in space. (Several defence force troops blow up) what is this? (Plastic Man is expanding himself from inside the troops, Abegail creates fire balls as the Flash turns off the cooling systems)

Abegail: How hot can your shields take it? (The shields around the troops and Siliseas begin to deactivate) thought so. Now here's the point. You're not taking this ship anywhere. This is S.W.O.R.D. headquarters now, which means I'm in charge.

Siliseas: Sadly, we anticipated resistance but you're not the only ship we've commandeered (the air conditioners begin to activate, the force fields begin to reactivate) troops, activate repulsive shielding

A101: Roger that (Plastic Man attempts to infiltrate but is blasted out, the Flash tries to type)

Flash: We're being out-hacked here (Prima uncloaks outside the base)

Abegail: Arron

Siliseas: No, we commandeered Prima from the Ephemeris. Arron knew the importance of our attack and did not resist. You shouldn't either. You may not have seen the third army, just watch (a projection appears on their holo-screen, showing the third army decimating the Planet Rylox, converting it's populous) we have confirmation that these creatures having Malthusean DNA. Only 2 species in the universe have such DNA: The Zamerons and the Guardians. It didn't take long to eliminate the Zamerons as suspects. The Guardians are doing this, we need to stop them. We now have total control over this ship. If you don't want to be part of this, you're free to leave.

Abegail: Like hell (Flash and Plastic Man nod their heads)

Siliseas: Good. (He talks into his wrist-com) Siliseas to command station alpha authorisation 66195, the assault begins in 1 hour, get the fighters ready!

#### Scene 4

Nok, 22:00 UTC

Hal, B'dg and Kilowog descend on a battlefield, scarred and littered with bodies of both Indigo Lanterns and 3<sup>rd</sup> army troops

Hal: Wow, they don't clean up well around here

Indigo-1: See how you would after such a great battle, Hal Jordan

Hal: That's actually the reason we came, we're planning to launch an attack on Oa

Indigo-1: Who is we?

Hal: All the surviving Green and Blue lanterns, the Star Sapphires, we're also counting on the Yellow and Red Lanterns making independent assaults, same with Larfleeze. We could use your help.

Indigo-1: You wear the ring of Abin Sur, the founder of our corps. (He looks to the others) is he worthy?

Kilowog: Of course he is. He may not be the most conventional of Green Lanterns, but neither was Abin Sur. In a jam, Hal is the guy you want on your side

B'dg: Seconded, the Green Lanterns have followed Hal Jordan since the discovery of the Guardian's treachery.

Indigo-1: Including the 372 Green Lanterns that have perished at their hands. It will take a massive assault to bring down the Guardians. Even our combined efforts may be in vein. But... (She raises her staff into the air) Tor Lorek San Bor Nakka Mur, Natromo faan tornek wot ur. Ter Lantern ker lo Abin Sur, Taan lek lek nok--Formorrow Sur! (Her lantern is charged, in the background, many other indigo Lanterns raise their staffs) the battle is joined, Hal Jordan. The outcome is uncertain but what isn't is this: this will be your shining moment

#### Scene 5

Unknown, 22:15 UTC

Surtur looks at the goings on across the universe, including the meeting on Nok

Surtur: Enchantress, it is time

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