



## The Third Army (2 of 2)

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With the Third army threat growing in size, Hal Jordan has begun preparations for an all-out assault on the planet Oa, with the combined might of all 7 lantern corps. Unbeknownst to them however, the Galactic Defence has commandeered an attack fleet, including pirate ships, Prima, and the SWORD headquarters of the Golovaxian cruiser, currently housing Plastic Man and the Flash, for the same purpose. Secretly observing them, Surtur has sent the Enchantress on an unknown sinister mission.

### Scene 1

Guardian Council Chambers, Oa 23:00 UTC

Appa Ali Apsa monitors the situation as hundreds of lanterns gather just outside the range of Oa

Appa: Call back every member of the Third Army

Ganthet: Is Lantern Rayner among them?

Appa: He appears to be

Ganthet: He is a formidable opponent

Appa: Perhaps, but there is an easy way to combat this. Something we should've done long ago, drain the central power battery. End the Green Lanterns for good.

Ganthet: It would be wise to first consider generating a force-field around the planet, our combined might could be able to delay their assault until the third army arrive; then we can drain the battery.

Appa: Yes, yes, that would be the logical course of action. (The guardians all float outside the chambers and begin spread apart, evenly spaced around the planet, their eyes all glow and they create a force-field that surrounds the planet)

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Sinestro and his corps arrives

Sinestro: Hal Jordan

Hal: Thaal Sinestro, you look different

Sinestro: Parallax now is a part of me, the Guardians don't know what's coming (Larfleeze, Atrocitus and the Red Lanterns arrive)

Atrocitus: It seems we have a common goal, Hal Jordan, the time has come to attack. (He shouts) stay away from the Blue Lanterns, they will negate your power. The time has come! (The Lanterns all charge towards Oa and begin blasting at the force-field, the Guardians manage to hold them back, even with the Green Lantern's powers enhanced by proximity to the Blue Lanterns)

Hal: John, when's our big gun arriving?

John: He'll be here

Hal: Good, because we'll need him to help punch through that shield. Let's just hope he gets here before... (Third Army soldiers arrive on the scene, they number nearly a trillion) they arrive. Alright: Open fire (before the Lanterns open fire a fleet of attack ships, including the Golovaxian Cruiser jump into the sector and begin attacking the Third Army, it unleashes a wave of attack fighters that begin blasting at them)

Siliseas: This is Siliseas; commanding chief of the Galactic Defence Force, your army will surrender (the Guardians look to each other)

Appa: Continue to hold the force-field, I will respond to this (he floats to the Guardian chamber, where he speaks into an intercom) your ships and your powers are no match for the Guardians. We will not surrender (troopers begin teleporting outside the ships, using jets to sustain themselves, they begin firing at the Third Army but the Third Army take the shots and regenerate, satisfied about his point being made, Appa returns to the Guardians)

Ganthet: The arrival of the Galactic Defence force is rather unfortunate

Appa: We should drain the Lantern power battery now

Ganthet: Agreed but the force-field should be held up as well. The numbers have been turned in their favour and the inorganic troops will be impossible to convert.

Appa: All the more reason to drain the battery and eliminate the primary threat. You and I shall do it whilst the other Guardians hold the force-field (they float down to the central power battery and are about to drain it, when the Enchantress steps from behind it)

Enchantress: Not yet (he throws fire at their faces and their eyes briefly set alight, they turn around and activate Oan weaponry)

Ganthet: The weapons will not be effective on putting a halt to the battle in space but if the force-field is penetrated, we now have our backup. (Mogo arrives)

Hal: About time. You think you can penetrate that shield

Mogo: I can try (Hal Jordan creates a buzz-saw which he uses to saw off the heads of several third army members, Mogo charges a massive blast and attacks the

shield with a continuous flow. The Golovaxian Cruiser charges briefly and fires a giant photon-laser at the shield; we cut to inside the cruiser)

Abegail: I had no idea the ship could do that

Siliseas: There are a lot of things this ship can do

Abegail: When this thing was first found, it was surrounded by a camouflage shield that allowed people to walk through it as if it wasn't there, could we phase through that shield with it?

Siliseas: It's possible but we'd have to act fast to disable the shield once we get inside

Flash: I can do fast.

Siliseas: Then you'd better suit up, we're about to go in (we cut to outside where the troopers create plasma saws and begin slicing into the Third Army, they meanwhile use their strength to rip open the troops, destroying them, Kilowog creates missile launchers and fires the missiles at the Third Army, Sinestro creates 4 blades which he stabs through the chests of Third Army soldiers, Atrocitus breathes red lantern fire from his mouth at a Third Army soldier, turning his head to ashes, Larfleeze jumps onto one of the Third Army where he takes out one of the eyes from the soldier)

Larfleeze: Mine! (He smiles, the Golovaxian cruiser manages to phase through the force-field)

Siliseas: We only have a short window here, move out! (The Flash and Plastic Man run to the edge of the ship)

Flash: I'll need a running start (Plastic Man nods, he stretches himself to create a pathway leading past the Guardians, the Flash prepares to run) 5, 4, 3, 2, 1 (he runs on the path Plastic Man created, as he passes the Guardians he punches them, making them lose their focus, he does this to 5 of them in quick succession before reaching Plastic Man's head, he launches himself to punch a 6<sup>th</sup> and a gaping hole appears in the shield)

Hal: Alright, we have an opening, time to press out advantage (they try to press forwards, but the Third Army is still strong enough to hold them back, the Oan defences begin to attack Plastic Man and the Flash but they easily avoid the shots and get to work disabling the defences, Appa notices)

Appa: What is the meaning of... (He is blasted back by Atrocitus and Sinestro, the guardians that the Flash punched recover but Kyle Rayner entraps them in a bubble) you think you can attack us? We are the Guardians (he fires blasts at Sinestro)

Atrocitus: My justice will be done (he breathes fire at Appa but Appa shields himself from the attack, Sinestro aims his ring and fires shattering the shield)

Sinestro: Parallax lives within me, now you will die (The Flash and Plastic Man are disabling the Oan defensive grid but they are both picked up by a Guardian with his telekinetic abilities, we pan to the Enchantress behind the battery, she speaks with Surtur's voice)

Enchantress: Now (before the Guardian can kill the Flash and Plastic Man, he is hit by a massive fire blast, Flash and Plastic Man are released, Plastic man transforms into a parachute which the Flash uses to slow his descent)

Flash: Thanks, Abegail, I... (He sees the Enchantress) you're not Abegail

Enchantress: No I am not (she creates an army of fire demons which go out into space, killing Lanterns and Third Army soldiers alike, and destroying Defence Force troopers with ease) with Siliseas down here, the troopers have no instruction, they will fall

Plastic Man: But the Lanterns will still fight

Appa: As will the Guardians (the Guardians surround the Enchantress)

Enchantress: You have long detached yourselves from your emotions, it is time for them all to be returned (she clicks her fingers and a wave of fire infects all the guardians)

Appa: What have we done?

Enchantress: You created an army that's ravaged across the galaxy, and taken out quadrillions of sentient lives and all in the service of my master. He manipulated you into taking this action; an action you had already devised but never agreed to use, all to get the lanterns in position, in space (the power battery explodes and the Green Lanterns in space all suffocate, Mogo powers down and begins to fall to pieces)

Flash: Hal (he prepares to run off but the Enchantress lifts him into the air)

Enchantress: It's too late; the Green Lantern Corps has fallen

Appa: NO! (The Guardians attack, but their powers are inhibited)

Enchantress: Many of you have not experienced emotion in millennia; your powers are inhibited by it

Ganthet: I'm afraid mine are not (he blasts the Enchantress backwards, the Enchantress summons more fire demons, Kyle manages to fend off half a dozen fire demons, he looks around and sees all the dead Green Lanterns in space)

Kyle: Hal, John, Guy, no! (He charges at the Enchantress but she smiles, and suddenly the other corps power batteries explode, we see that a fire demon had found its way inside each of the batteries and have taken them out from the inside, the lanterns from the other corps all die, Kyle looks on in astonishment, the Guardians except Ganthet all break down)

Enchantress: The battle is won, just one lantern left

Ganthet: You will not touch him (he blasts the Enchantress but she manages to hold the blast back. Kyle tries to blast back but a number of fire demons jump him, the Flash and Plastic Man manage to defeat a few fire demons)

Enchantress: It's coming (the debris from Mogo begins to fall onto the planet, the Guardians are all hit and killed, except Ganthet)

Ganthet: Get out of here! GO!

Flash: This way (he runs with Plastic Man back to the Golovaxian ship) let us in! (the uncloak briefly so that they can get aboard) we need to go, now (the ship takes off and jumps into hyperspace, Ganthet halts his attack and is killed by the Enchantress, the dire demons finish off the troopers and the third army)

Siliseas: That battle was a disaster.

Kyle: Even with all my power, I couldn't stop them, I couldn't save them

Flash: It's alright, I'm gonna miss them too. But we're still alive, there's still hope

Siliseas: The Lantern Corps are all gone; even if any of them survived; their rings would've all deactivated leaving them powerless. The defence force has been crippled. We'll need a major change now to turn the tides (they hear thunder as Thor appears on the scene)

Thor: Surtur is hiding on Midgard!