



Battle for the Universe (1 of 2)

Previously

6 weeks ago, the universe was rocked by an energy wave that released prisoners from across the Universe. The mightiest heroes of those worlds fought valiantly, some giving their lives for their cause, but the battle is not over yet. Surtur has been manipulating events from the background, with his enforcer The Enchantress and an army of fire demons at his command, his endgame of world of the 9 realms being free of life comes ever closer to fruition. What power will be needed to end his threat once and for all?

Scene 1

Golovaxian Cruiser, 26th October 04:00 UTC

Thor: (Responding to the shocked reaction) did you not hear what I said?

Abegail: I think they heard you; they're just stunned that Thor is in the room. But you'll have to fill us in a bit. Who's Surtur?

Thor: He is the Asgardian God of fire and lives to see the 9 realms burn.

Abegail: And don't tell me, he commands a demon witch and an army of fire demons?

Thor: Aye, you have seen him?

Abegail: No but we've met his witch

Thor: Amora. Once known as the Enchantress, she fell under the possession of Surtur and became his demon queen

Siliseas: (Clears his throat) yes, well the "demon queen" just took out the Green Lantern Corps. With the Nova Corps already gone, the Galactic Defence force is the only peacekeeping force left. So where is he?

Thor: I do not know. Even with Odin's eyes I cannot see him, I can only sense his presence on Midgard. I have not been able to sense the Avengers, can you find them?

Abegail: The systems on this ship can do plenty, so let's find out. (Thor turns and approaches the Flash and Plastic Man)

Thor: I have not met thee before. (Plastic man has his jaw stretched to the ground, the Flash clears his throat)

Flash: Sorry, I am the Flash, (he points to Plastic Man) that's Plastic Man
Thor: Pleasure to meet you Flash and Man of Plastic (scans come up negative)
Siliseas: There's nothing within our galaxy matching the Avengers' signature. They haven't been seen since the crisis with Thanos, are you sure they're not...
Thor: Nay, they are not dead. Keep searching with your scanners. I will find them.

Scene 2

Ephemeris-Omega, 24 hours later

Anarax waits at the computer screen when she receives a call from the council of shadows

Head: The time is approaching when all who are able will have to fight Surtur, finding a way to transport the masses to Asgard is now essential.

Anarax: I can't breach the dimensional barriers without irreparably damaging them

Nix Uotan: We received intel it was accomplished 2 and a half weeks ago by Darkseid and his forces.

Anarax: And you didn't tell us this before because...?

Question: That is an interesting question. I have not heard of this myself.

Head: Information collection is my responsibility; I distribute the information when I think it's required. I only came across the information myself 25 hours ago. I suggest you head to Apokolips, Miss Meranos.

Scene 3

The Watchtower, 27th October 08:45 UTC

Oracle wheels into the medical bay, where Superman, Batman, Black Canary are still recovering from their injuries, Professor Palmer returns to size

Oracle: Anything?

Ray: Batman and Black Canary are ordinary humans. Batman has 3 cracked ribs, Black Canary has a damaged larynx and it's only been 4 days. Give them another few weeks and they'll recover. Superman is another story: his cells regenerate more rapidly; he should be healed by now. But if there is something wrong, it's not at a microscopic level. (She turns off the sedatives keeping the 3 of them under)

Scene 4

Apokolips, 27th October 05:00 UTC

Anarax continues her search of the planet

<Anarax>: Unusually quiet. (She approaches Darkseid's palace) no-one's been here in about 3 weeks, if Darkseid's forces did invade Asgard, they were driven back. (She begins to scan the palace) 1 mother-box. With that Arron's attack plan can begin. I only hope he has the other pieces in motion.

Scene 5

The Watchtower, 27th October 06:00 UTC

The Flash and Plastic Man zeta aboard the Watchtower

Flash: How are they?

Oracle: Batman has 3 cracked ribs but he's survived worse, Black Canary can be in action again but she won't have her sonic scream. I have no idea why Superman's still out. I've had Ray Palmer up and we're still none the wiser

Computer: Recognised: Hawkgirl 08, Zatanna 17.

Oracle: Everyone come in at once, I don't mind

Zatanna: Sorry, we got separated from Doctor Fate in Fate tower whilst hiding Klarion away, took us a while to get out on our own

Hawkgirl: I told you I could smash us out but you insisted we didn't damage the place

Oracle: Anyway, I'm glad you're here Zatanna, we could use some magical assistance getting them up and running. (Zatanna approaches Bruce)

Zatanna: Laeh s'namtab seirujni (she walks to Black Canary) Laeh kcalb s'yanac seirujni (she walks to Superman) Laeh s'namrepus seirujni (nothing happens, Arron teleports aboard the watchtower)

Oracle: What are you doing here?

Arron: Gathering our forces (Arron looks upon Superman) this is not good

Oracle: Do you know what's wrong with him.

Arron: Superman's body is very good at absorbing radiation, I'm no expert but I'm detecting high levels of gamma radiation in his body

Oracle: He took a pounding by 4 gamma enhanced villains

Arron: There's a Doctor I've heard of, a SHIELD employee called Samson who might be able to help. He's sort of an expert with gamma. (He turns to Hawkgirl) your trip to Muspelheim was fruitful?

Zatanna: How do you?

Arron: Raven told me, everything. I'm sorry you got abducted the way you did. Wonder Woman and Supergirl both gone? (They nod) there's a former League of Assassins headquarters in the Gobi Desert, that's our rally point.

Oracle: Rally for what?

Arron: The Battle for the Universe. Get everyone you can. (He opens coms and is teleported away, Batman and Black Canary recover, Batman feels his ribs, Black Canary realises she can speak again)

Black Canary: Thank you (Batman looks at Superman)

Batman: Whatever you need to do, Oracle. Do it...

Hawkgirl: We've been drafted into a war! Let's get to work

Scene 4

League of Assassins base, Gobi Desert, 4 hours later

The Avengers, the Justice League (minus Superman and Martian Manhunter), the Juniors, Power Man, Iron Fist, Spider-man, War Machine, Falcon, Nightwing, the Winter Soldier,

Wolverine, Nightcrawler, Iceman, The Outsiders, Kyle Rayner, Josane, Lushein, Aprodyitie, Brudus Anarax and Arron gather in the base

Arron: We have all fought in this war, we have sacrificed something. (The camera circles around the gathered heroes) our planet (Focus on Aprodyitie, Lushein and Brudus) our friends (focus on the Juniors) our allies (focus on the Justice League) our mentors (focus on Kyle Rayner) our partners (focus on the X-men) our team mates (focus on the Avengers) even those we love (focus on the Outsiders) but the one thing our attacks have in common is that Surtur is ultimately responsible for them. He manipulated Thanos into causing the breakout and moving planets out of alignment to spark a war. At the beginning of the month I had my first encounter with the Enchantress, his enforcer. I planted an audio bug on her, one made of a metal that heat would not touch. He's been hiding in stars, taking the populace of a nearby planet and destroying it. Intel the Outsiders have gathered says that he's been using them to recraft the Twilight sword, shattered by Odin after their last battle. (Thor and Beta Ray Bill arrive on the scene)

Thor: Your suspicions are confirmed, Lady Sif has alerted that Surtur is attacking Asgard.

Arron: Reckon you can input co-ordinates, Anarax?

Anarax: I already have (she opens a boom tube to Asgard, Doctor Fate, Kyle Rayner, the Hulk, Raven, Yellowjacket, Hawkgirl, Longshadow Lushein, Miss Marvel, Iceman, Beta Ray Bill and Blue Beetle head through, Iron Man is about to join them but Thor stops him)

Thor: Nay, before you enter this battle, I must do my favour for the Dwarf King and return you this armour (he summons the Uru Armour)

Iron Man: Thanks Thor, good luck out there

Thor: Good luck to you, Iron Man (they head through but the Enchantress appears at the base)

Anarax: We've got company (The Enchantress fills the skies with fire demons whilst on the ground, former HYDRA agents teleport in, alongside former A.I.M. agents and former goons to various other thug factions)

Arron: Well, they're on the other side of the portal. Let's give these guys something to worry about

Scene 5

The Watchtower, 10:12 UTC

Computer: Recognised Doctor Samson A49 authorisation Oracle 18

Doc Samson: You should know, Director Hill isn't happy about this

Oracle: You're the foremost expert on Gamma radiation

Doc Samson: Outside of Bruce Banner but you probably don't want him on a space station (he examines Superman) I've never examined a Kryptonian before. (He

examines Superman) he's absorbed a small amount of gamma radiation but it seems to be inhibiting his ability to absorb solar radiation. I'll see if I can develop a solution that'll cancel it out. (Superman begins to recover)

Superman: What's happening?

Doc Samson: You're suffering from gamma sickness, you need to keep resting.

Superman: Not while there are still prisoners (he tries to get up, but falls down, weak)

Doc Samson: Superman's gonna need a blood transfusion or he will die

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