



Battle for the Universe (2 of 2)

Previously

The final battle begins. Surtur has brought his wrath to Asgard but a team of the most powerful of Earth's heroes and several from beyond have arrived to stop him, whilst many others have gathered to stop an army of the Enchantress' forces on Earth. But the situation looks bleak for Superman, suffering from Gamma sickness, he is unable to help against the threat at hand. Can this final battle be won?

Scene 1

Delta-Janx School, 29th October 3018, 12:00 UTC

A class of students, from all different species have gathered and are presented with their holographic teacher, Miss Mary

Miss Mary: Today, we learn the history of the founding of the United Planets. (A hologram appears in front of each child's desks featuring a page from the book) it begins with 2 universes but their fates intertwined by the existence of forces beyond their ability to combat. Little did they know that an even bigger threat come from the great merge: Surtur. (We see flashes of Lady Sif, Baldar and the Warriors 3 trying in vain to fight him off) a being of great strength, power and intellect and commander of the forces of Muspelheim (see flashes of fire demons surrounding our heroes) he manipulated events to spark a war across the universe. And there came a day unlike any other, when the forces of good from across the universe would combine their efforts against a single source of evil.

Scene 2

Asgard, 27th October 2018, 10:15 UTC

Lady Sif, Loki and the Warriors 3 have been knocked out, Baldar tries to attack, but Surtur knocks him back,

Surtur: Asgard is finished (he hears a boom tube, and Doctor Fate, Kyle Rayner, the Hulk, Raven, Yellowjacket, Miss Marvel, Hawkgirl, Longshadow Lushein, Iceman, Beta Ray Bill, Blue Beetle, Iron Man and Thor head through)

Thor: Not yet. Have at thee! (He fires a full Odin charge at Surtur but he blocks with his sword, Kyle Rayner creates a sword construct and blocks the sword)

Kyle: Pour it on! (Raven, Lushein, Ice-man, Beta Ray Bill, Blue Beetle, Doctor Fate Iron Man, Miss Marvel and Thor all fire their respective weapons at Surtur, managing to make him stumble but he will not fall. Yellowjacket and Longshadow grow and punch him from up close, the Hulk jumps at him and tries to hit him but they are all knocked back. More fire demons appear, Hawkgirl quickly dispatches them with her mace and tries to hit Surtur but he swats her away before she can get close. Surtur manages to Shatter Kyle's sword with his own and unleashes a wave of fire that knocks everyone backwards)

Scene 3

League of Assassins HQ, Gobi Desert, 18:15 CST

The Enchantress's forces charge at the remaining heroes. Arron, Anarax, Wonder Girl, War Machine and the Falcon take to the skies to attack the fire demons, Arron inserts an ice cartridge into his arm cannons and fires upon the demons, dispatching them with a single shot.

On the ground Black Canary clears some ground with a sonic scream. Captain America knocks several HYDRA agents out with his shield, with the shield returning to him. Red Robin charges in, using his tasers on enemies. Nightwing helps out using his Escrima sticks surprisingly in sync with Damian. Red Robin blocks some fire blasts with the bullet shield in his staff before knocking several HYDRA agents with them. Flash and Kid Flash run together knocking out HYDRA agents, AIM goons prepare a weapon but they punch them unconscious and quickly disassemble the weapon, Plastic Man stretches himself around the battlefield, punching enemies unconscious on all sides

Zatanna: Erif nrut ot ria (any fire from HYDRA agents nearby turns to air, Batman knocks them out with Batarangs to the head)

Anarax converts her hands to laser turrets and fires at the demons, destroying them, one tries to attack her from behind but is quickly dispatched by War Machine, one approaches him and Anarax destroys it. Falcon flies past several demons, throwing blades from his wings into them destroying them

<Arron>: We have one advantage here, the Enchantress seems to be more than willing to let her demons do her dirty work (she summons more fire demons to continue the attack)

Red Arrow fires an arrow, knocking out an AIM agent but finds he's out of arrows, he looks to the base and sees an arrow firing gatling gun in the walls, he runs off to it. Wonder Girl ties her lasso around a fire demon and spins it around, knocking into other fire demons,

dispatching them all. Black Panther takes down two more HYDRA agents with vibranium weaponry. Iron Fist's fists glow as he punches 6 HYDRA agents with chi-punches. Power Man takes all the fire blasts and punches his way through several HYDRA goons. Red Arrow reaches the gatling arrow launcher and fires, knocking down several AIM goons, he looks up and dispatches a couple of Fire demons as well. Count Dracula uses his telekinesis to move some of the sand onto some Penguins's goons, then fires lightning to knock out several more. Beast Boy turns into an elephant and charges through some of HYDRA goons, the Enchantress summons more fire demons, overwhelming those in the sky but aid comes in the form of the defence force gun-ships, they open fire, dispatching the fire demons as well. Cyborg fires a laser into the air that dispatches several fire demons. Aqualad uses maces created from his water-bearers and knocks his way through the goons, Superboy jumps into the air, lands creating shockwaves that knock several AIM agents out. Captain America and the Winter Soldier fight together, watching each other's backs as they pass through their enemies. The Enchantress summons more demons to attack.

Anarax: How much longer before your plan comes into action?

Arron: Not sure (he dispatches another demon) let's just buy as much time as we can (3 fire demons are dispatched by defence force gunships, but several fire demons charge into on, blowing it up)

Scene 3

Asgard, 10:30 UTC

Surtur: Your resistance means nothing. I am stronger than I have ever been (Raven recovers and starts firing fire at him, it has no impact on Surtur) you have the flame within you (he lifts Raven into the air, forcing his mouth open and expunging both the flame creatures within him, he drops Raven and he turns into a bird to land safely, he lands and fires his staff, it has a small impact on Surtur, he is hit in the head by Mjolnir and blasted by more Odin force from Thor, he stumbles but does not fall)

Beta Ray Bill: (To Iron Man) Let's bring down the Thunder

Iron Man: Agreed (together they create storm clouds and strike Surtur down with lightning (Lady Sif recovers and she blasts Surtur with her sword, these prolonged attacks seem to be doing something, Kyle once again creates a sword to counter Surtur's, Loki recovers, firing magical energies at Surtur, continuing to weaken him. Miss Marvel takes out dozens of fire demons, absorbing their power and firing it at Surtur. Blue Beetle creates sonic weapons and fires them upon Surtur. Doctor Fate fires at Surtur, weakening him, but once again Surtur stands in spite of this, shattering Kyle's sword)

Doctor Fate's inside

Vladimir stands and talks to Doctor Fate

Doctor Fate: There is only way to end this, I must take full control, or we will lose this fight

Vladimir: (Watching as Surtur knocks back the Warriors 3 once again) do it
Doctor Fate: You are brave, may your spirit rise to Valhalla (Doctor Fate's eyes glows and Vladimir's spirit fades away)

Doctor Fate's eyes are in a constant glowing state. He creates an anchor from which Klarion's ring comes out.

Doctor Fate: It is time (Klarion comes out of the ring)

Klarion: Finally, it's beginning to get really cramped in there (he sees Doctor Fate) you!
(He tries to fight Fate but soon sees Surtur)

Doctor Fate: Your captor, an enemy of life, wanting a realm where neither chaos nor order can exist. Only our combined power can stop him

Klarion: You must be joking, Nabu

Doctor Fate: There is no time to debate (he lifts Klarion into the air, with Teekl screaming) order must control the chaos (Klarion is forced into the body of Doctor Fate) we are one (he creates a magical golden sword, with red energy dissipating from it, it clashes against Surtur's Twilight sword, noticing what's happening the others pour on their attack, Surtur tries to force the sword backwards, but cannot, Thor uses the Odin-force on the sword, shattering it once again, Doctor Fate uses his magic to transport each fragment away individually, Thor opens a portal to Muspelheim, which Doctor Fate enlargens)

Thor: Push him through (the others lay on their attacks on Surtur knocking Surtur towards the portal)

Surtur: No (Surtur sends out a flame wave but Kyle Rayner blocks the attack with a white lantern shield, he creates a giant white hand and pushes Surtur back with it, eventually succeeding in getting him through the portal, Doctor Fate summons the remains of the Norn stone to Muspelheim, and recreates it)

Doctor Fate: Odin's barriers are restored. This stone will remain in Fate tower with a single fragment of the sword, this will never happen again (he transports the stone away, before expunging Klarion from his body) Fate has decreed that we will survive this day

Klarion: That was interesting, I think I'll go back into the ring (he transports himself back into the ring, which Fate then transports away)

Thor: It's finally over

Scene 5

League of Assassins HQ, Gobi Desert, 18:34 CST

Enchantress: Enough (she creates a wave that knocks everyone backwards and destroys the remaining defence force fighters) you've all fought well, now you will burn

Anarax: Arron, we're out of time

Arron: It's good, he's here (Skurge the executioner jumps from behind the Enchantress and grabs hold of her)

Enchantress: Executioner, let me go!

Skurge: No, not until you free yourself from Surtur's control (she teleports out of his grip, but as she reappears her control begins to loosen)

Enchantress: Please, help (she returns to normal, unconscious, the remaining heroes return through the portal which Anarax closes behind them, the remaining goons surrender faced with the sheer number of heroes before them)

Scene 6

Delta-janx school, 29th October 3018, 12:45 UTC

Miss Mary: With the influence of Surtur no longer in play, the wars began to die down, and new alliances were forged. A military pact signed by 38 planets was the founding of the United Alliance, the foundation on which the United Planets was forged. But there were still sacrifices that needed to be made for everything to be put right.

Scene 7

The Watchtower, 27th October 2018, 11:45 UTC

Computer: Recognised. Superboy B04 (Superboy appears aboard the watchtower, where Doc Samson and Oracle await)

Doc Samson: I'm sorry to call you into this but you're the only one with Kryptonian DNA we know of, we need your help to save Superman. And I'm sorry but you may not survive this.

Superboy: Whatever you need me to do (he sits in a chair as he and Superman are linked up)

<Miss Mary>: Superboy gave everything so that Superman would live again. He did it not out of love but just knowing that it was the right thing to do.

Scene 8

Alaunus, 12:00 GMT

Raven stands over the ruins of Alaunus, Arron stands beside him

Arron: I'm sorry I couldn't save it. It was a wonderful place

Raven: I owe it to all who have died that it is made so again. I've been contacted by Lex Luthor, Bruce Wayne, Tony Stark, Justin Hamer, nearly conglomerate in America all have offered to invest in making Alaunus new again. Should I abandon the old for a new beginning?

Arron: Never forget where you've come from, Raven, but don't let it tether you either. Did Surtur take all your powers?

Raven: Just the fire, I won't miss it. (Arron smiles)

<Miss Mary>: The destruction caused in the war presented opportunities. Alanus would become the foundation of the new society Earth would create. Raven would remain as its protector.

Scene 9

Metropolis, 29th October 2018, 10:00 EDT

Heroes stand gathered in their costumes at a wake in honour of the heroes that have died

<Miss Mary>: Millions gathered to Metropolis, to pay respects to the many heroes that gave their lives fighting for their cause. (Superman stands at a Superboy statue)

Superman: Thank you, Kon-El

<Miss Mary>: Cyborg became a member of the Justice League this day, the Outsiders disbanded, with the loss of his son's soul, Count Dracula retreated to his home-world, never to be seen again.

Scene 10

New Juniors HQ, San Francisco, 19:00 PDT

The Juniors stand in civilian clothing to honour their fallen comrades. Dick Grayson enters the room

Dick Grayson: Just stopping by. Great new place, be good to have a few more heroes on the West Coast. You need a real team name though, Juniors is starting to sound patronising.

Tim: We've already got a new one, we're calling ourselves: The Titans

Dick Grayson: Nice. I'm certain they'll all be proud

<Miss Mary>: A boost of morale when it's needed most brought the Titans to be powerful heroes, who saved the world on many occasions.

Scene 11

Ephemeris-Omega, 15:00 UTC

Anarax: We still don't have any active prisons to put criminals in

Arron: A plan is in place, we're upgrading some old prison planets in the Galtos system, between them they'll hold nearly a billion prisoners; it should be enough.

Anarax: Well, that's great news...

Arron: You sound sad, what's wrong?

Anarax: The Council of Shadows have contacted me again, they want me to join their ranks as a permanent member. It means I'll have to disappear.

Arron: Have you agreed?

Anarax: No, but I'm considering it. I can do more good there than I can here. But I'll watch your back, wherever it is

Arron: Never doubt it (they hug each other, Arron kisses her on the cheek) good luck

<Miss Mary>: Anarax Meranos was never seen again after this battle. Her ultimate fate is unknown. And thus we bring this chapter to a close

Scene 12

Delta-Janx School, 29th October 3018, 13:00 UTC

The bell rings

Miss Mary: Guess it's lunch time. Don't forget about the test next week (the students rush out of the classroom, Miss Mary looks directly at the audience) it's not over yet.

Scene 13

Unknown

Arron: I'd like to thank you for tracking down Skurge, having him in the fray was an exceptional help

Thing: Eh, no problem. Pity I never got to clobber any of those goons but...

Arron: Your help was appreciated. But that's not why you're here.

Nick Fury: There are shadows forming in the wake of the war, we need a team ready to fight what's hiding in those shadows. (Josane, Lushein, Aprodyitie, Count Dracula and Brudus stand together) we're forming a team to do what S.H.I.E.L.D. cannot do, we're forming a Shadow alliance and allow us to introduce our final member (Superboy steps out of the shadows)

Arron: Thank you for agreeing to this, Connor

Superboy: With all due respect, a giant rock monster and a guy with an S on his shirt isn't exactly covert

Arron: True, but we need raw power for what we're fighting (he brings up a holographic image of the Council of Shadows) Anarax is our eyes on the inside, there's something deeply wrong in the council of shadows. Our primary mission is to find out what it is.

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