Weapon X (1 of 2)

Scene 1

Aphelios Delta, 1st August 2019, 12:00 UTC

Arron is staring looking at pictures of Martian Manhunter and the Hulk

ANARAX: S.H.I.E.L.D. reported Martian Manhunter missing 2 days before the battle for the Universe, the Hulk had not been seen since the breakout, initially it was dismissed as him wanting to be left alone but… With criminals running rampant across the planet there’s no way someone didn’t find out why

Arron: Agreed. Martian Manhunter is the only living density shifter. We need someone like him against the Ghost.

ANARAX: S.H.I.E.L.D. conducted a search for him, they found nothing

Arron: Put me in contact with Coulson (Coulson’s face is projected)

Coulson: This is a restricted frequency, who gave you our…?

Arron: Nick Fury

Coulson: What is it you need?

Arron: Martian Manhunter and the Hulk. Your team spent 3 months looking for them, and came up empty handed?

Coulson: We had other priorities, we had to disband the search

Arron: Fury wouldn’t have given even partial command of S.H.I.E.L.D. if you gave up that easily.

Coulson: I did utilise some unsanctioned resources to try and track him down. (A projection of Wolverine appears)

Arron: Any idea how to track him?

Coulson: He last reported in in the Canadian mountains, near the Alaskan border but that was a week ago.

Arron: Worth checking out. Thank you. ANARAX, prep the teleporter.

Scene 2

Yukon Territory, Canada, 06:00 PDT

Arron teleports in, it’s snowing heavily

ANARAX: I’m struggling to (interference) through, I (interference) you out

Arron: Snow storm must be interfering with the coms, initiating radio silence, Arron out.

<Arron>: Even this far north it shouldn’t be snowing this badly, it’s the middle of summer, something’s not right (he hears grunting and goes to investigate, Wolverine is fighting a villain in an orange snow coat)

\*\*\*\*: You’re done, runt (he’s about to land a finishing blow when Arron dives and pushes him away before flipping back to his feet, the villain recovers) another time then (he backs away into the snow storm)

Wolverine: I had him

Arron: Sure you did

Wolverine: What do you want?

Arron: Martian Manhunter and the Hulk. I heard Coulson tasked you with tracking them down

Wolverine: They’re being held at a Weapon X facility; I was letting myself get captured so I could get close. You’ve just ruined days of work.

Arron: Then it’s a good job I laid a tracker on him

Wolverine: Hh, good luck getting a signal from it in this storm

Arron: Yeah… About that, I think I’ve just found its source

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Ice Fortress

Arron flies Wolverine on top of the ice fortress, his glider closes upon them landing

Wolverine: How did you find this?

Arron: It’s amazing how easy it is to find things when you know what you’re looking for (sentry guns begin firing at them, Wolverine is hit and knocked down whilst Arron holds up his shield) come on, we both know you can take it! (Wolverine gets to his feet and unleashes his claws, he charges at the sentry guns, shredding them upon contact, Arron begins conducting scans of the base) the base has 3 separate power sources, we’ll have to take them all out to stop this (Wolverine begins sniffing) what is it?

Wolverine: Refrigeration chemicals, a lot of them, also some kind of nail polish, we’re not alone on this base.

Arron: (Running a scan) no we’re not, detecting one heat signature on the lower level

Wolverine: There’s more than one of them down there (He swipes his claws on the ground, creating big enough holes that he and Arron can pull open a hole big enough from them both to drop through onto the lower levels, a voice echoes through the chamber)

Voice: I was wondering when we’d meet again

Arron: I recognise that voice (Deathstrike comes out of the shadow with Mr Freeze) Victor

Deathstrike: Hello again, Logan (Wolverine just growls)

Arron: What are you doing here, Victor?

Mr Freeze: Weapon X has the capabilities that clearly, you do not have. They can cure my wife.

Arron: I made a promise that I would help you

Mr Freeze: 9 years ago!

Arron: Nora’s disease is especially rare, there are no blood samples I can work with. I’ve had to base any research on theories but I will get there, I just need more time

Mr Freeze: She has no more time! The cryo-freezing process did not stop the spread of her illness, it only slowed it down. She has months to live.

Wolverine: And so if you do what your pals at weapon X want, she’ll get a dose of a healing factor. Making her almost as immortal as you. All at the cost of both of your souls.

Deathstrike: Enough talk (she charges; Wolverine blocks her attacks as Arron approaches Victor)

<Arron>: 9 years ago I wouldn’t have been capable of getting close to him head on, but things have changed

Arron: Please, Victor. Don’t do this… Weapon X has been on a S.H.I.E.L.D. watch-list for years. If they help your wife, it’s going to come at a price

Mr Freeze: I don’t care (he fires his freeze ray at Arron but Arron blocks and proceeds forward) I have made a few upgrades to my suit (he lowers his weapon and begins typing into his hand, parts of his hand turn white, he tries to make contact with Arron but Arron dodges and touches his back with his electric gloves)

Arron: So have I (Mr Freeze returns to his feet)

Mr Freeze: This is pointless (he creates an ice wall between him and Arron)

<Arron>: Perfect ice, too thick to smash my way through, and a laser could refract through and hit everything (he attaches a weapon mod) good thing I have another way (he fires flames at the ice, and begins to melt it, meanwhile Deathstrike and Wolverine continue to exchange hits, she trips him up and pins him down to the ground)

Deathstrike: For the dishonour you brought upon my family, you will die, Logan-san. (She is about to strike but Wolverine catches her claws)

Wolverine: Lady, you can take your honour and shove it up your… (she knees him in the groin, Arron notices this and throws a bola at her, she easily breaks through but it allows Wolverine to grab her neck using his feet and force her down to the ground, just before Wolverine can pin her down she backflips to her feet, Arron has melted through enough of the ice, he punches his way through the rest of it)

Arron: It’s over, Victor

Mr Freeze: Hardly (he fires his freeze ray at Arron but Arron blocks it with his shield once again, Arron gets close enough and Freeze grabs him, his suit’s hands are still active and freezing him) Nora and I will be together again (Arron’s suit begins freezing up)

<Arron>: Damn it, Victor, you’ve forced my hand (he uses his reflex to get behind Victor and push him to the ground, he touches the floor and the ground around him begins to freeze, Arron kicks Mr Freeze in the back, forcing him through the ice and out of the fortress, Arron jumps after him, Mr Freeze activates a jet-glider built into his suit, Arron activates his glider)

Arron: You keep volatile jet fuel in your suit? That’s unbelievably dangerous for someone like you.

Mr Freeze: The fuel is an agent of my own design. It does not produce heat when it combusts. (He fires his freeze ray at Arron, but Arron easily dodges it, meanwhile Wolverine and Deathstrike continue to fight, Deathstrike jumps to dodge an attack, she passes over Wolverine and sticks her claws into his back, he yells out in pain)

Deathstrike: That’s it, the pain will last eternity with your healing factor. (Wolverine grabs her wrists, throws her in front of him and kicks her whilst still holding onto her arms, her arms, robotic are torn completely off)

Wolverine: Now would you mind shutting up!

Deathstrike: It’s not over (she runs to the hole and dives through) we will meet again!

Wolverine: Hh, sure we will. (Outside, Arron continues to avoid Mr Freeze’s blasts)

<Arron>: I need to end this now (he jets towards Mr Freeze’s back and disables his glider, causing Mr Freeze to fall.) Here’s hoping he has something to survive that, I’ve got bigger priorities (he jets back up to the ice fortress)

Wolverine: Right, let’s destroy this thing and be on our way.

Arron: We destroy this thing from this altitude and the debris will scatter for miles, we need to safely land this thing and call in a team to dismantle it

Wolverine: Or just let the thing plummet into the ocean

Arron: Or that.

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On the ground

Mr Freeze uses jets in his boots to slow his descent, Deathstrike is laying in the snow

Mr Freeze: Our delay tactic appears to have been successful

Deathstrike: (Turning over) We did not account for someone else showing up

Mr Freeze: His interference was irrelevant. (He walks right past an armless Deathstrike)

Deathstrike: A little help (Mr Freeze continues walking) jerk (she uses her shoulders to create the leverage required to backflip to her feet)

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Pacific Ocean, 25 miles off the Canadian shore

The Ice Fortress crashes into the ocean

Arron: I’ve set the systems to fry, I’ll alert the Titans and they can pick up and dispose of the rest.

Wolverine: Why not just blow it up?

Arron: The resulting tidal wave could wipe out the coast.

Wolverine: Getting a signal on that tracker thing yet?

Arron: (Brings up a holo-screen) yup, looks like the new weapon X base is… 50ft below us?

Wolverine: You’ve got to be kidding me?

Arron: Don’t suppose you carry a rebreather

Wolverine: Yeah I carry one (he holds it up)

Arron: Put it on (his face plate drops) we’re going swimming (they head to the upper level of the fortress) ready? (Wolverine nods and they both dive into the water, Arron uses the thrusters of his jetpack to increase his swimming speed, Arron begins scanning the room)

<Arron>: I hope Wolverine can take the pressure, we’re heading deep here (he notices a door which highlights yellow on his scans) there’s a lot of zeta radiation here, they could be using zeta-tubes to transport tech. There’s a door, but where does it lead? (He begins hacking the door, it opens, Arron and Wolverine swim through it, they reach the surface) some kind of domed underwater city. Why is weapon X working out of such an elaborate HQ? (Several video screens show Professor Thorton)

Professor: Welcome to your new home, Wolverine. I hope you like the new accommodations. (Wolverine grunts, throwing his rebreather away, an army of weapon X guards stand before them with their weapons primed, sniper lasers are targeted at both of them) I would recommend you surrender. (Arron activates his weapons jammer, disarming the weapons of the nearby guards, he inserts a weapon cartridge in his left arm whilst blocking sniper fire with the shield on his right)

Arron: Cover me! (Wolverine engages the guards on the ground whilst Arron takes aim for the snipers, he successfully takes out two of them but Wolverine is soon overwhelmed and knocked out by the ground forces, Arron drops some smoke and takes down some more of the ground troops but a sniper strikes him, knocking him out as well, Mr Freeze, Sabretooth and Professor Thorton stand over their bodies)

Sabretooth: Which of them do I kill first?

Professor: Neither. Wolverine is more valuable alive. And as for this one, he has a wealth of allies that could rain fire down upon us, it’s too big a risk. Wipe his memory and dump him on the surface.

Scene 3

New York, 23:00 EDT

Arron is lying unconscious on the ground, there’s a small fire behind him, a hand knocks on his face-plate and he goes back into consciousness

Deadpool: You had me worried there for a second, wasn’t sure how to perform CPR with that armour

Arron: You?!

Deadpool: Yes, me, and you know that if I’m here, we’re all in deep sh\*t. How’s that for a cliff-hanger?

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