

Defender of the Universe by art1stic

Chapter 14

Zarkon orders "attack!" the first wave is dropped to the planet's surface and begins wreaking havoc on Arus' citizens. They attack communications first, then command centers (the Castle of Lions included), then any monument they can find. The Drune use infrared to seek out bio heat signatures to find citizens to attack. When the Lions appear, the Drune turn away from the citizens to attack the Lions all the same, this time using heavier weaponry by making themselves the weapons. The Drune also use individual infiltration and boobytraps to try to take out the Lions individually.

The second wave arrives, and the Drune step up their attack by using larger and more powerful weapons. The Drune exploit a weakness in the Blue Lion, damaging its front leg, but not enough that it cannot walk. One of the Red Lion's weapons is also disabled by Drune attacks. The Yellow Lion left with one eye to operate with, and the Green Lion experiences accidental fratricide, but is able to still operate generally. The Drune reconnaissance team finds the nomadic tribe with the missing component. The nomadic tribe begin to fight the Drune off, showing off an impressive weapons display.

The third wave lands and begins their campaign. Pockets of resistance hold up, but most of the Drune forces experience minimal resistance. When orphanages and elderly care homes are destroyed, Arusians are infuriated and begin fighting back more and harder. They create weapons and use terrorist tactics to fight back. Militias form and recruit nearly everyone able to hold a weapon to fend off the Drune. Others attempt to foil the Drune efforts to attack the Lion ships directly and indirectly. The Lion ships begin to use their elemental weapons to fight off the Drune, enabled by Arusian collectives (ala Avatar's Na'Vi worship of Eywa at the Tree of Souls).

The Black Lion is hit by a large weapon and downed near the nomadic tribe just as the tribe is being overrun by the Drune. When the Black Lion is recharged by its own element, the lightning also hit the missing component, rebooting it and clearing out Haggar's virus. The component reassembles itself to the Black Lion when it stands back up, killing the reconnaissance team in the process. The remaining tribe members bow in submission to tell Voltron "We have fulfilled our mission. Thank you for trusting us, great Voltron! We will always be at your service."