

THE SILVER SURFER

REV. STORY/OUTLINE

"BATTLE CRY"

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TEASER

1. EXT. SPACE NEAR ZENN-LA - The SILVER SURFER and SHALLA BAL save Zenn-La and the other Soul Seeker Dimension planets. He takes her joyfully into his arms -
2. He's interrupted-awakened-by the NEBULA VIRAL, who's impatient because he and THANOS are supposed to make good their part of the deal. She points out that the Surfer's always making good on bad deals; it's what she loves about him. She also sees more to Thanos than even he knows. Agonized, the Surfer joins with Thanos and together they make Nebula human again.
3. As if that isn't enough, as Nebula takes a ship out of the new system, two fleets enter it: One Kree and one Skrull. Both claim this is their sector and that Zenn-La and the other worlds must bow before them-or be destroyed. They start FIRING, and the Surfer is hit as we FADE OUT.

ACT ONE

1. Thanos uses his PURPLE ENERGY FIELD for the first time that he knows of and saves the Surfer, and they're joined by R'ANDOM and his fleet, beating both sides and sending them WARPING away. This new sense of strength causes Thanos to become exultant. It's as though something deeply buried within him has been awakened. The Surfer knows what it is and worries greatly.
2. EXT. ZENN-LA. The Surfer does a walk and talk with Thanos and R'andom re his agony and sense that everything is futile. A Zenn-La MOTHER and CHILD thank the Surfer for all he has done, and he learns that R'andom is going to stay on Zenn-La and protect it. Both he and Thanos both think the Surfer should stay too—as the new Master. But there are too many memories here for the Surfer, too much of a sense of powerlessness. They stop their walk at R'andom's ship, and seeing it helps the Surfer decide to use his power cosmic to actively fight injustice and improve the universe—by stopping the most disruptive factor in it: The Kree-Skrull War! But how...?
3. EXT./INT. KREE-LAR. PRIME MINISTER ZAREK is meeting with the SUPREME INTELLIGENCE, discussing genetic strategy and their latest possible weapon, which has one possible flaw, and which we cannot see. (What a tease!)

4. ALARMS SOUND and Kree defenses mobilize—as the Surfer soars down to the planet, encasing Zarek in an ENERGY BUBBLE and heading back out to space with him. The Supremor uses its weapons, but the Surfer's too fast!
5. EXT./INT. SKRULLOS. PRIME MINISTER KIAR meets with ADMIRAL ZEDRAO re the hunt for the missing baby Skrull Mother. Zedrao reports failure. Kiar is incensed and about to institute "punishment" when:
6. MORE ALARMS, and the Surfer charges in, putting Kiar in another ENERGY BUBBLE and BLASTING away. The Skrull are in an uproar as:
7. EXT. INTERGALACTIC DISCONTINUITY. A universal No-Man's Land where two galaxies are colliding, particles, energies, and gases spinning together. Here we FIND the Surfer with Zarek and Kiar, who are busy threatening both each other and the Surfer. He tells them they're here to hash out an agreement to end the eons-old war, and he won't let them leave until they've done it. Oh, and they'd better hurry: The planet will break up in mere hours. Zarek and Kiar say they'll never do it, tell the Surfer he's out of control, and could become a bigger threat than their own cultures have been. It makes him furious! He starts BLASTING, causing a chain reaction that makes a huge chunk of space matter come charging at

them all, about to obliterate not only both men but the Surfer as well!

ACT TWO

1. EXT. INTERGALACTIC DISCONTINUITY. The terrified Prime Ministers say that they'll start discussing the situation, and the Surfer saves everyone just in time. It was a trick—or was it? Not even he knows for sure.
2. Before he can sort this out, his thoughts are interrupted—by the MENTAL VOICE OF SHALLA BAL. She pleads for him to rescue her from "this dark place," and the Surfer calls out to her for a better description of where she is, Zarek and Kiar looking on and becoming absolutely certain that he's crazy. The Surfer figures out where Shalla Bal must be, leaps onto his board and soars away. Maybe he *is* crazy, he admits...but only to himself. Behind him, a chunk of the planet breaks off. Zarek and Kiar get down to work...
3. EXT./INT. PLANET OF THE MONOLITHS. A hollow world filled with towering structures honoring the heroes of an ancient, lost civilization, dark and mazelike and with only one entrance. The Surfer flies in and uses his energy-spotting ability to find a source. But instead of Shalla Bal it's an IMAGE OF THE SUPREMOR, who explain

that the Surfer's reaction to Shalla Bal's fate was like a loud broadcast into the Supremor's brains. But while that made it easy to send a false message to the source of those thoughts, it also covered everything else, so the Supremor couldn't learn where Zarek had been taken. Now he wants to know—or else.

4. The Surfer chooses the "or else," and what appeared to be one of the statues comes to life: It's really an idealistic Kree soldier, CAPTAIN MAR-VELL, who is in fact the genetic weapon the Supremor told Zarek about. This is the perfect chance to test him.
5. Mar-Vell attacks, and it's an all-out fight. He's been filled with belief in the evil of the Silver Surfer and is motivated. The Surfer finds a kind of solace in the battle himself. Their BLASTS wreck the tunnels and everything caves in. At first we think both men have been killed. Then the Surfer emerges. In spite of what just happened, and the fact that he has to get back and save the Prime Ministers before the planet they're on finishes disintegrating, he looks for Mar-Vell, finds him, HEALS him. This weakens the Surfer, and the Supremor urges his weapon to attack...but Mar-Vell refuses the order. He sees that he has been lied to. The Supremor goes nuts: This was the genetic defect he was

worried about! This sense of honor. He orders Mar-Vell back for punishment, and, honorably, that's where Mar-Vell heads, while the Surfer races to:

6. EXT. INTERGALACTIC DISCONTINUITY. The Surfer returns just in time to save Zarek and Kiar, who are hanging onto each other to keep from falling off the madly spinning last piece of the planet. The good news is that they've worked out a peace treaty. All the Surfer has to do is get them home and the war is as good as over!
7. EXT. SKRULLOS. The Surfer brings down Kiar—and finds that Zedrao has taken over, rejecting anything agreed to by his predecessor and former ally. The Surfer uses a Skrull COM LINK to the Kree and learns that the same thing has happened there. The Supreme Intelligence has decided it doesn't need Zarek and will rule the Empire alone!
8. EXT. DEEP SPACE. A miserable and disappointed Surfer flies alone. He realizes he acted too rashly and was wrong to try and impose his will. He also realizes that even though he met a Kree he could respect, that Kree may well be no more. But the fact that the Supremor pretended Shalla Bal was alive has ignited hope in him. After all, he doesn't know for sure that she died...she

just "vanished" and he has to find where she is. Maybe things won't be so bad after all...

9. EXT. KREE-LAR/SKRULLOS - QUICK CUTS. Actually, they may be even better than the Surfer thinks. Both Zarek and Kiar are still alive and sneaking around, starting grassroots movements to change the order of things and end what they both see is indeed a senseless war.

Hmm...FADE OUT.

THE END