

The History of Earth-46

In The Beginning...

The history of Earth-46 is similar in many ways to that of Earth-0. Mankind discovered fire, Christianity emerged from the Roman province of Judea, the Allies won World War I and II and the Great Recession of 2008 crippled the world economy. What made Earth-46's history unique from every other world in the DC Multi-verse was the coming of a plague which decimated mankind.

Night Falls (2012-2013)

A. The Mayan Virus

On December 21, 2012 the Mayan Virus, or Mayan Flu as it came to be called, first appeared in the Middle East and quickly spread across an unsuspecting world. It was a disease which destroyed the Y-chromosome in all living organisms. This airborne pathogen also inflicted smallpox-like symptoms upon its victims prior to death. First, it targeted meta-humans and then normal humans. Superman was the first of many to die from this virus. He fell during an attempt to rescue oil workers from a burning refinery in Kuwait. By December 25, 2012 the Mayan Flu had spread across the Middle East into Europe, Southeast Asia and Africa. As the pathogen continued its march across the globe, national states of emergencies were declared, international borders were closed, international flights were cancelled and international trade ground to a halt. As weeks progressed, the strongest and most physically fit of the superheroes and super-villains began to perish. Superheroines and super-villainesses stepped in to both bury their counterparts and assume their roles.

On January 5, 2013, normal healthy men began to die. President Barack Obama and President Vladimir Putin died two days later. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton was sworn in as the 45th President of the United States and the Chairwoman of the Bank of Russia, Elvira Nabiullina

was sworn in as the 5th President of Russia. Chinese Communist Party hardliner Wu Yi emerged from retirement to lead China after President Xi Jinping died on January 28, 2013.

By February 2, 2013 half of the planet's male population (1.87 billion) was dead. National health infrastructures collapsed, mass graves were dug and house-to-house searches for the dead and dying were organized. Refusing to die by the hands of the Mayan Flu, some men committed suicide. Yet, suicides among wives, mothers, daughters and sisters of their dead and dying husbands, fathers, sons and brothers began to outpace those of their male counterparts. As global markets crashed and deflation spread, the world slid into an economic depression reminiscent of The Great Depression during the 1930s.

On February 15, 2013 President Clinton, President Angela Merkel of Germany, Prime Minister Theresa May of Great Britain, President Nabiullina and President Yi met at the Camp David Conference to discuss ways to defeat the Mayan Flu, to maintain order in their respective regions of the world and to map out a way forward should they fail to stop the virus.

On March 1, 2013 the World Health Organization officially declared the male sex of the Human race and the Animal Kingdom to be extinct. The Mayan Flu swept the globe twice and claimed the lives of 3.75 billion people in less than four months.

B. World War III

On March 3, 2013 Queen Zazzala also known as The Queen Bee, the ruler of the Middle Eastern nation of Qurac, mobilized an all-female army she built prior to The Mayan Flu and launched a blitzkrieg against Qurac's neighbors—Saudi Arabia, Iraq and Oman. In response to these invasions of America's allies, President Clinton sought from Congress and secured a declaration of war against Qurac on March 5, 2013. Qurac declared war on the United States the following day and

World War III—also known as The Female War—was officially underway. Two days later; the leaders of the most powerful nations of the world, The Iron Women as they came to be called (Clinton, Merkel, May, Yi and Nabiullina) held The London Conference to discuss this new crisis in the Middle East. On March 8, 2013 Queen Artemisia X, leader of the Amazons of Bana-Mighdall, seized control of Egypt. Both Israel and Turkey went on high alert as Prime Minister Sofa Landver of Israel and Prime Minister Fatma Betul Sayan Kaya put their respective countries on a war footing. By March 16, 2013 Queen Bee's army swept largely unopposed into Kuwait, Bahrain, Qatar and the United Arab Emirates. To prevent a nuclear war from erupting in the Middle East, Wonder Woman travelled to Egypt, Israel and Turkey to find a peaceful solution to this emerging conflict. The fruit of her labor was the Mediterranean Mutual Defense Pact signed by the Bana Mighdall, the Israelis and the Turks on March 20, 2013. This agreement ended all hostilities amongst the three nations and allowed them to stand together against Qurac. In a surprise political and military move, on March 23, 2013, the Amazons of Bana-Mighdall invaded Libya, Chad and Sudan. Four days later, they invaded Tunisia and Algeria. On March 24, 2013 The Iron Women called for an emergency meeting of the United Nations Security Council and agreed to cobble together what was left of their militaries to confront both the Qurac and Bana-Mighdall threats.

On April 1, 2013 Queen Bee's armies invaded Iran, Jordan and Syria encountering a small but determined resistance from ex-Al Qaeda and ex-Islamic State fighters. To counter the Bana-Mighdall; Princess Diana returned to Themyscira asked for and secured from her mother, Queen Hippolyta, control of the Amazon Army. Wonder Woman also recruited some of her fellow superheroines to join the United Nations Army. Power Girl, Supergirl, Zatanna, Doctor Light, Steel (Natasha Irons) and Jesse Quick answered her call to arms. To counter Wonder Woman's superheroine recruits, Queen Bee hired super-villainesses such as Giganta, Cheetah, Killer Frost, Lady Vic, Livewire, Parasite, Plastique, Ravager and Silver Banshee to fight for Qurac.

On April 7, 2013 Wonder Woman was appointed Supreme Commander of the Allies by a unanimous vote of the United Nations Security Council. One week later, the United Nations Army, the Amazon Army and Wonder Woman's friends began to arrive in Ethiopia, Gibraltar, India, Israel and Turkey to block the Qurac and Bana-Mighdall onslaughts. By April 14, 2013 the Bana-Mighdall seized complete control of Morocco and stood poised to invade both Europe via Gibraltar and East Africa via Ethiopia. The following day Wonder Woman and her forces halted the Bana-Mighdall advance at The Straits of Gibraltar and the banks of Blue Nile. Princess Diana appealed to Queen Artemisia X for a truce to prevent any further bloodshed. Realizing she was outnumbered 2 to 1, Queen Artemisia X agreed and the two met at a Greek hotel in Gibraltar to discuss terms of an armistice.

On April 25, 2013 the Qurac army invaded Pakistan but was halted at the banks of the Indus River by United Nations Army troops led by Power Girl. By May 1, 2013 Wonder Woman and Queen Artemisia X reached an accord and signed The Treaty of Gibraltar. This agreement recognized the territorial gains of the Bana-Mighdall and legitimized their empire. In exchange the Bana-Mighdall pledged to cease all hostilities against their neighbors, to join the United Nations against Qurac, to improve the social and economic lives of the women and girls they ruled, and to submit themselves to UN inspections to make sure they honored their end of the treaty.

On May 3, 2013 the Qurac army was stopped at the foothills of the Golan Heights in Syria by the Bana-Mighdall and the United Nations Army. Realizing she had pushed her armies faster and farther than her supply lines could support, Queen Bee called for an armistice which Wonder Woman accepted the following day. Representatives of all the combatants met on the neutral island of Malta to discuss terms of a peace treaty. On May 10, 2013 the Treaty of Valetta was signed by the Queen Bee, Queen Artemisia X, Wonder Woman, Fatma Betul Sayan Kaya, Sofa Landver and the Iron Women. The Treaty of Valetta was a

carbon copy of the Treaty of Gibraltar with one notable exception. It called for the extradition of all super-villainesses who fought for Qurac to the International Court of Justice in The Hague where they would stand trial for war crimes. To this day, the Queen Bee continues to drag her feet on this stipulation and allows super-villainesses who fought for Qurac to use her territory as both a safe haven and as a base of operations for their criminal activities. Still, with the total number of civilian and military casualties standing at a million, Wonder Woman and the Iron Women wanted a quick resolution to this global war which would allow them to restore peace, return home and deal with domestic matters. On May 11, 2013, Queen Bee officially established the Matriarchy of Qurac which was recognized by the United Nations. The following day, World War III officially came to an end.

Twilight Approaches (2013-2017)

C. Unity Through Fear

In an effort to contain any future territorial ambitions of the Bana-Mighdall, some of the nations of Africa and Europe began to redraw the map of their regions. Through the Lagos Pact signed on June 20, 2013, the nations comprising the African Union (AU) added a military alliance to their political and economic union. A month later, the AU moved its capital from Addis Ababa, Ethiopia to Johannesburg, South Africa when Ethiopia under Empress Zewditu II not only declared itself an independent empire but also refused to join the AU. Acting on the same concerns as the AU on July 7, 2013, the Balkan states of Albania, Bulgaria, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo, Macedonia, Montenegro, Croatia and Serbia signed a mutual defense pact which became the cornerstone for the Organization of Balkan States (OBS).

Fearing the Matriarchy of Qurac would not honor the Treaty of Valetta, on July 10, 2013 the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) expanded to include Pakistan, India, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Nepal, Korea, Japan, Papua New Guinea, Timor-Leste, Australia and

New Zealand. On July 25, 2013 the Central Asian nations of Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan united into a political, economic and military federation known as the Central Asian Federation (CAF). Sandwiched between the Russian Federation and the Matriarchy of Qurac, the Caucasus nations of Armenia, Azerbaijan and Georgia signed their own mutual defense pact and reorganized themselves into The Confederation of the Caucasus (CC) on August 12, 2013. Finally on September 8, 2013 after months of negotiations, the European Union (EU) expanded to include Belarus, Ukraine, Moldava and Norway.

D. The Reign of the Iron Women

As the geopolitical map of the world began to settle into a new order, the Iron Women turned their attention to their own domestic agendas: Lowering their suicide rates and reviving their countries' economies. As suicide rates around the world skyrocketed, the Iron Women launched life affirming advocacy campaigns to help women and girls work through their grief and re-value their lives.

On September 10, 2013 President Yi of China launched "The Second Great Leap Forward" to mobilize the entire population back to work by improving the nation's entire public infrastructure. On September 18, 2013 President Merkel of Germany and Prime Minister May of Great Britain jointly launched the Let's Get Moving Campaign to mobilize their population through public works projects and self-sufficiency geared towards re-education. On September 30, 2013 President Clinton signed Executive Order 13898 initiating the "Work First, Mourn Later" Campaign. This campaign was designed to mobilize women and girls to abandon their grief, work together and revive the country through infrastructure programs and tax incentives to attend academic institutions ranging from community colleges to graduate schools. The campaign also offered incentives for women to take over previously male-dominated professions such as agriculture, welding and computer

science. It also provided billions in small business loans to first-time business owners. On October 2, 2013 President Nabiullina declared herself Empress Alexandra I, renamed the Russian Federation as the Czardom of Russia and dissolved the Russian Parliament in a bloodless coup. To keep the Russian people from rebelling against her changes, she ordered minimum wage increases, expanded job opportunities to non-Russians who lived in Russia and offered incentives for women and girls to attend vocational schools and technical schools. These campaigns collectively began to jolt the world out of the Great Depression of 2012 and lowered the suicide rate by giving women and girls a renewed sense of hope and purpose.

E. “The Code”

On November 1, 2013 after months of debating and negotiating on ways to preserve what was left of the human race, the United Nations General Assembly approved a worldwide ban on abortion, war and capital punishment. Between November 2013 and March 2014, most of the nations of the world not only ratified these bans but also encouraged the United Nations to go a step further. The United Nations General Assembly proposed, ratified and adopted the Universal Code Against Killing on December 15, 2013. “The Code” as it came be called declared that if someone was caught, tried and convicted of killing someone—outside of an accidental death or self-defense—then the accused would be sentenced to life in prison without the possibility of parole. To help enforce “The Code”, the world’s governments implemented ammunition swaps among their populations. With the exception of the military, police forces and private citizens across the globe were called upon to replace their lethal rounds of ammunition with rubber bullets, stun guns, sick sticks, tasers and stun batons. By January 31, 2014 both the murder rate and the suicide rate began to sharply decline worldwide. By March 30, 2014 “The Code” was ratified by the United States Senate and became the law of the land.

Only the Empire of the Bana-Mighdall and the Matriarchy of Qurac refused to ratify “The Code”.

F. The Quiet Years

From November 1, 2013 to January 7, 2017 the world entered into three and a half years of peace and calm. It was a period in which the shockwaves of the Great Depression of 2012, World War III and the geopolitical realignment of the world finally subsided. A sense of order and normalcy began to take hold and daily life became more routine and less uncertain during these years. The world economy began to improve, international trade was restored and international air travel was in full swing. Everywhere declarations of martial law were being removed as the civil and human rights women enjoyed before the Fall of Man was returned. The only real excitement which occurred during this period was among the ranks of the Iron Women. On November 1, 2013, Queen Hippolyta appointed Wonder Woman to serve as Themyscira’s Ambassador to the United Nations which formally recognized the island kingdom. In the German Federal Election of 2013, President Angela Merkel and her Christian Democratic Union Party barely beat back a strong challenge from Socialist Democratic Party Chairwoman Manuela Schwesig and her followers. In the American Presidential Election of 2016, President Hillary Rodham Clinton became the first sitting President of the United States to be successfully primaried! Under a campaign promising “Compassion, Peace & Prosperity”, Senator Elizabeth Warren of Massachusetts, went on to defeat her Republican challenger, Governor of South Carolina, Nikki Haley, in the general election and became the 46th President of the United States. In the British General Election of 2017 Conservative Prime Minister Theresa May was narrowly defeated by her Labour Party rival, Angela Eagle. Aside from these political changes, The Quiet Years were years of normalcy, years of calm and years of peace. Unfortunately, they did not last!

G. The Copenhagen Massacre

After spending nearly five years in vain trying to defeat the Mayan Flu, the world's leading virologists and epidemiologists agreed to meet at a conference in Copenhagen, Denmark to share their research and develop a cure. On January 7, 2017 the Virology and Epidemiology Conference on The Mayan Flu convened at the Comwell Conference Center. Two days later, the conference attendees were savagely and brutally attacked by the Daughters of Artemis. Led by Princess Artemisia XI known to the world as Artemis, her followers were a band of Bana-Mighdall renegades who believed the Mayan Flu was Dike's (the Greek goddess of justice) judgement upon mankind. They also believed cloning was the best path womankind could take to preserve its future and repopulate the world. If the scientists gathered in Copenhagen could find a cure for the virus, The Daughters of Artemis reasoned they could also defy Dike's verdict and find a way to restore mankind.

Using swords, bows, arrows and spears, the Daughters of Artemis overwhelmed conference security and slaughtered most of the attendees. Of the 71 virologists and epidemiologists in attendance; 36 were killed, 29 were critically wounded and the rest received minor injuries. No one escaped unscathed. By the time Danish SWAT teams reached the scene of the crime, some of the world's best and brightest scientists lay dead, dying or injured. The Copenhagen Massacre not only shocked the world but also gave rise to the rebirth of a new age of superheroines.

Dawn Breaks (2017-Present)

H. Birth of the Justice Leagues

The Quiet Years not only lulled Wonder Woman into a state of complacency but also the entire superheroine community. Violent crime was down thanks to the Fall of Man, the suicide rate dropped thanks to

The Iron Women, the murder rate plummeted thanks to The Code and there had been no major military conflicts since the end of World War III. Peace on earth finally had been achieved! Wonder Woman and her allies had every reason to believe they had brought Paradise Island to Patriarch's World.

The Copenhagen Massacre shattered that illusion and unleashed a wave of super-villainess activity that only an organized response could meet. Once more calling upon her friends who stood by her side during The Female War, Wonder Woman asked Power Girl, Supergirl, Zatanna, Doctor Light, Steel (Natasha Irons) and Jesse Quick to serve on the new Justice League of Amazons (JLA) on January 10, 2017. With their headquarters established in the Wonderdome and based in Washington, D.C., their mission was to maintain peace and deliver justice throughout the world. However, their first goal was to find and capture The Daughters of Artemis which they still have yet to accomplish.

Between February 2, 2017 and February 15, 2017 the super-villainess group, Deep Six, conquered the undersea city-states of Poseidonis, Tritonis, Shayeris and Xebel. Led by the only female "Manta Man" the new Black Manta, Siren—the twin sister of Mera—and the Marine Marauder, Deep Six captured the navies of these city-states and prepared to turn them against Atlantis. On February 16, 2017 Queen Mera, the ruler of Atlantis, followed Wonder Woman's example and called upon Dolphin, Tula, Aquagirl, Deep Blue, Lori Lemaris, Little Mermaid and Tsunami to form the Justice League of Atlantis (JLA). Outnumbered and desperate, the JLA launched a surprise attack against Deep Six on February 17, 2017. After two days of savage fighting, the JLA soundly defeated Deep Six and liberated the underwater city-states they annexed. With the War for Atlantis won, Mera gave the JLA a new mission: To maintain the freedom of the seas and protect Atlantis against all threats foreign and domestic. Queen Mera also appointed Dolphin to serve as the Atlantean Ambassador to the United Nations

which formally recognized the undersea kingdom as a sovereign nation on March 15, 2017.

To counter supernatural threats to the world, Zatanna called upon her friends and allies Raven, Madame Xanadu, Nightshade, Enchantress and Black Orchid to join her in the House of Mystery and form Justice League Dark (JLD) on April 1, 2017. With the Justice League of Amazons tackling global threats on the surface, the Justice League of Atlantis confronting global threats beneath the waves and Justice League Dark confronting global threats in the supernatural realm, smaller superheroine teams began to emerge and re-emerge to handle crises on a local level. One of those teams was the Birds of Prey.

I. The Golden Age of Gotham

When Batman died on December 23, 2012 all of his male allies and the villains he fought against died shortly thereafter. For five years there was peace and calm in Gotham. For five years the back alley fights, supervillain crimes and terror attacks were replaced with a plummeting crime rate, a lower mortality rate and a sense of well-being by the women and girls who lived and worked in Gotham. For five years, Gotham lived in a golden age. Though criminals like Poison Ivy, Catwoman and Harley Quinn still operated in the city, they were opposed by a revamped Birds of Prey who kept the peace in Gotham.

The core of the team never changed. Black Canary, the florist and martial artist, stood shoulder-to-shoulder with Huntress, a mobster's daughter turned vigilante and Lady Blackhawk, the World War II flying ace. Oracle, the wheel-chair bound Batgirl, was the founder and information tech-wizard of the group. Operating out of the Gotham Clocktower, the Birds of Prey fought to make Gotham a sanctuary of peace and calm in a world struggling to find normalcy.

After the Copenhagen Massacre, Oracle decided to open up the team roster to deal with any new threats they might face. She invited her

long-time friend Vixen to join the Birds of Prey. Feeling emotionally off-centered by the impact of The Mayan Flu, Vixen accepted the invitation. Hawkgirl came to Gotham to hunt down her arch-nemesis, Harpy. Failing to find her arch-enemy on her own, she reached out to the Birds of Prey for help. Lady Blackhawk offered Hawkgirl a deal: Join the Birds of Prey and help them protect Gotham. In exchange The Birds of Prey would help her find Harpy. Hawkgirl agreed.

Black Canary recruited Grace Choi from her job as a bouncer and bartender at the Iceberg Lounge. Grace agreed to join The Birds of Prey only because it allowed her to stay in Gotham and reconnect with her estranged lover, Dr. Linda Pierce. Pierce was working in Gotham General Hospital and still in mourning over the death of her father Jefferson Pierce, the late Black Lightning. With these new members and her original stalwarts, Oracle believed she had a fighting force which could stave off any new challenges Gotham might face.