

Welcome to **the Omnic Lab**. We're a podcast that focuses on the strategies inside of the game of Overwatch. We are here to learn through trial and error, even if things get a bit crazy and blow up sometimes! We'll brew up team composition strategies, stir in some tips to play better, and hopefully equip listeners with the instruments they need to gain a strategic edge!

This week Andres and Rob talk about some lore around Talon, Blackwatch, and a whole lot of speculation for what we think could be soon around the corner for us in the game!

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Discussion Points: Overwatch Lore 2017-2018

The start of the story:

"Over thirty years ago, without warning or explanation, a decommissioned set of automated megafactories re-activated themselves and launched a worldwide military campaign against all humanity dubbed the Omnic Crisis. Despite deploying new technologies including powered armour and super-soldier programs, no nation alone could stand against the growing omnic army."

- The UN formed OW
- For 20yrs OW served as a global peacekeeping force & overall world & space betterment
- Controversy struck their missions & forced disgraceful retirements through failed missions and allegations plus the uncovering of Blackwatch's covert operations surfaced
- The UN investigated and the OW Swiss headquarters was destroyed and Jack & Gabriel were reported dead during the investigations. The UN still decided to shut down OW & BW even with the destruction ruled as an "accident"
- The Petras Act declared all OW activity illegal & could be prosecuted
- Since then: [Vishkar Corp.](#) destroyed [Calado](#) Tower to control [Rio de Janeiro](#)

- Side note: Lucio's Father worked on design & creator for sonic tech for Vishkar
 - Lucio also is a known enemy & freedom fighter to force them out of Rio de Janeiro
 - Satya Vaswani (Symmetra) was a high rank hard-light architect & trade agent for Vishkar
 - Symmetra was the key in destroying Caldo Tower with Sanjay Korpai (Vishkar agent & Talon leader) who helped assist after they couldn't negotiate a contract with the Mayor of Rio de Janeiro.
- [Hyde Global](#) hired 2 international criminals Junkrat & Roadhog to swindle insurance

Heroes Introduced since launch:

- Talon:
 - Sombra ([Origin Story](#)) [Animated Short](#)
 - Doomfist ([Origin Story](#))
 - "Conflict & War is the Crucible by which we evolve."
 - Doomfist Smashed the airport in Numbani & OR-15 models
 - Moira ([Origin Story](#))
- Blackwatch Associations:
 - Genji
 - McCree
 - Moira
- Overwatch & Misc:
 - Ana - Fareeha's (Pharah's) Mother
 - Lore [Origin Story](#)
 - OW Sniper with original Overwatch
 - Faked her death just like Jack Morrison (76) & Gabriel (Reaper)
 - Brigitte - Torbjorn's Daughter, Reinhardt is the Godfather
 - Lore [Origin Story](#)
 - Orisa ([Origin Story](#))
 - OR-15 modified by Effie Odele to an OR15A
 - Wrecking Ball ([Origin Story](#))
 - Connected to Horizon Lunar Colony & Dr. Winston
 - Name: Hammond -- Connections with winning a Junkertown Arena

Events:

- Archives: **Uprising** (Overwatch Themed)
 - [Uprising Origin Video](#)
 - Tracer's first mission vs Null Sector Omnics in London
 - Tracer/Mercy/Reinhardt/Torbjorn Strike Team
 - Omic Extremist group "Null Sector" attack King's Row
- Archives: **Retribution** (Blackwatch Themed)
 - Reaper lead mission vs Talon in Rialto, Italy
 - Moira/Genji/McCree/Reaper Strike Team

Animated Shorts:

- ["The Last Bastion"](#) - Bastion
 - The only animated short with zero dialogue
 - Shows that Bastion was abandoned in a forest in Sweden after the Omnic Crisis
 - Ganymede somehow activated Bastion (the bird)

- The Omnic has PTSD from the battles in the crisis
- Finds some abandoned B73 models destroyed in a field & uses his repair tech to get a memory note on what happened
- Remembers what it's supposed to attack in the city, but takes the bird to help understand it is in the past
- Apparently, Bastion met Torbjorn after this and took him under it wing & upgraded it
- [“Infiltration”](#) - Sombra with Widowmaker & Reaper (Guest Zarya)
 - Talon assassination mission in Volskaya Industries (RUS)
 - Chairman Katya Volskaya? (defender against the omnics)
 - Sombra Blackmails her with knowledge of the Chairman using tech from Omnic technicians. (Chairman also shows her daughter)
 - Mechs being built use Particle Beams that Zarya utilizes & Shield Arms like her barriers
 - Zarya arrives at the end
- [“Junkertown: The Plan”](#) - Junkrat & Roadhog (Teaser for The Queen?)
 - Mostly Map & World building, Character fun
- [“Rise and Shine”](#) - Mei & Snowball
 - Mei & companions in Antarctica ran low on resources.
 - Cryo-froze themselves to power down the base.
 - Only Mei woke up from Cryo-sleep
 - Atmospheric predictions were far worse than expected.
 - Comms lost & they slept through the OW/Blackwatch controversy
 - Asleep for 9 years resulting in the companions' tanks to malfunction.
 - On the plus side, the 9 years the base while they slept.
 - Companions died to the Cryonics “Malfunctioning”
 - Opara (Cryonics) - from Numbani, Africa
 - Arrhenius (Climatologist) - from Sweden
 - Torres (Cryonics) - from Spain
 - Macready (Engineering) - from USA
 - Adams (Researcher) from USA
 - Mei sets out with the data and some snow gear to get back to Overwatch from Antarctica
- [“Honor and Glory”](#) - Reinhardt & Brigitte (OR-14 Orisa Model & Bastion models)
 - Rein & Brigitte talking to avoid going back to OW
 - Reinhardt's young crusader days “Live with Honor, Die with Glory”
 - Shows his arrogance and aggression while not protecting his men
 - An OR-14 Unit gets deployed and cuts Reinhardt's Eye open with a blade.
 - Reinhardt's senior officer gets a mortal wound from the same unit to rescue him
 - Fun fact: One of the crusaders helping while Reinhardt is on his rampage is a female crusader! This means that there could be more of his unit that were female or even omnics!
 - Reinhardt's superior rests in Eichenwalde (or at least the armor does)

Speculations?

- Omnics vs humans, thoughts?
- Lots of story retrospection, but how will they move forward?
- Talon, how do they come into play?
 - Will Sanjay Korpai, Talon leadership show up?
 - He's also Vishkar's CEO

- This guy was in the Symmetra comic (A Better World) & Masquerade Comic as well as the Moira Origin Story & sat with Moira & Maximillien when Doomfist returned.
- More Overwatch heroes? “Sound Quake” from the original trailer has STILL gone unmade “has chest missiles” according to punch kid

iTunes Reviews: (0)

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