



xxxii. True Love

A/N: I'm sure you are all wondering "Wife? Are Auralie and Wanda married? What the hell is going on? Did I miss a chapter?" Well, no you didn't, and yes, you heard me right. We take a break from our previously scheduled program of Auralie and Wanda fighting Elory to bring you this important and clarifying chapter.

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Auralie Shadow had known she loved Wanda Maximo for a long time. She knew that eventually, she wanted to marry the girl. She had not, however, intended on proposing the night she did. Wanda had just gotten home from a mission only to find her girlfriend tossing and turning, restlessly.

"Darling, darling wake up," Wanda cried, shaking Auralie awake. The other girl woke with a start, panting nervously.

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"You were having a nightmare," Wanda said.

Auralie nodded, blinking back tears, "I just..... I was dreaming of my parents and the day they died. I sometimes wonder..... I wonder if they would be proud of me, a er everything. If they would hate me for what happened to Lucian and the wrong paths he went down. I know this is not the life they envisioned for me. I wonder if they would hate me for it."

"They wouldn't. Listen, dearest, you might not have expected this, but that doesn't mean it's bad. I mean, look at me, I always believed in magic, but I never expected to become it," the witch replied, holding Auralie close to her.

Auralie sni led, "I just.....I just don't know how I can be trusted with the fate of the world and with your heart when I couldn't even save my own brother."

"We've all done bad things. I've done more than most. But that does not mean we are not redeemable," Wanda said. It had been three years and five months since Wanda had met Auralie Shadow, and this was one of the lessons the shadow manipulator had helped her learn.

Auralie took a deep breath, "Wanda, I used to wonder what it would be like, having a normal life. But I wouldn't want any other life, not when this one led me to you. You're magic Wanda Maximo , and I don't know why you would ever want me or my shattered heart....."

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Wanda cut her o , "Auralie, I could not care less what you are and where you come from, what powers you have and how broken you are. I am yours and you are mine, and I will always want you."

"I don't know what to say."

"I do. I love you."

Auralie smiled slightly, sweetly, "I love you too. Gosh, Wanda, I'm so in love with you. There's no one else like you, no one else that makes me so happy."

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That was when Auralie climbed o the bed, knelt down on their bedroom floor, and said, "Wanda Maximo , would you do me the honor of being my wife? Will you marry me?"

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Wanda pulled Auralie to her feet and kissed her, tenderly, "Oh darling, of course, I will."

Auralie had not intended to propose that night, indeed she had only thought of it a few times before. They were only twenty-three a er all. But then, at that moment, she had realized that she wanted to be married, to be bound to Wanda for all of time. It was an impulse proposal, random, spontaneous, and fueled by love. Auralie and Wanda found it very romantic.

At least until Auralie's eyes went wide and she said, "oh shit, I don't have a ring for you!"

Wanda burst out laughing, "that's ok."

"No, it's not," Auralie groaned, sitting down, "what kind of idiot proposes without a ring? Geesh, I thought I couldn't mess this up, I mean, it's an impulse proposal a er all. But no, I forgot the ding dong ring. Now I feel very foolish."

"Darling, you're doing great. I don't care about a ring, I care about you."

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"I know, but still, I have no proposal skills. Damn, maybe Maria is right, and that my romance skills are horrible."

Wanda smirked, "it was only the one date."

"I'm sorry," Auralie laughed, "I didn't realize the restaurant would be so crowded. Or that we'd get stuck at the table next to Bucky and Sam. Hell, I didn't even realize Bucky and Sam had gone there to get lunch before going back on patrol."

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"It wasn't that bad," Wanda said soothingly.

Auralie grinned, "no, it was, and I should have never told Maria about it. Now once she hears about this, she'll make fun of me forever."

"So don't tell her," Wanda suggested teasingly.

Auralie shook her head, "no, no, she'll see right through it. I guess I just have to take the embarrassment."

Wanda smiled, "we all make sacrifices for love."

Auralie smiled and pulled the witch in for another kiss, "true."

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Two months later, there was a wedding. Not a wedding in a big sense, but a wedding none the less. Both Auralie and Wanda wanted a small wedding to begin with, and they wanted to be married fast. Things changed every day in the Avengers world, and they didn't want something to happen before they could make it o icial.

In fact, they hadn't even announced their engagement to people outside the team. It would cause a fuss, and they didn't want that. They wanted to be married and call each other wives, no big party.

So, when they had a sort-of-elopment, it was only with a few friends knowing about it, and even fewer attending. Steve, Natasha, Clint, and Tony knew about what they intended to do but were not invited to a very small ceremony. They only needed a few witnesses to be legally married and someone to perform the ceremony.

Sam and Bucky were happy to be those witnesses. Maria was there too, obviously. She walked Auralie down the little isle and was the maid of honor. An o icial married Wanda and Auralie at that late night wedding, and then they all ate cupcakes that Maria had gotten for them.

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It was nothing special at all, but it was everything to Wanda and Auralie. They didn't need a big party, they just needed each other. Of course, their friends would be shocked, but it didn't matter. They just wanted to be married.

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Auralie had smiled so brightly on that day, had been so starstruck by Wanda. Wanda had beamed, looking radiant, and found herself wondering if she had always noticed those silver flecks like stars in Auralie's blue eyes, or if she was just realizing.

Both had been very happy about the I do's and even happier during the kiss.

Ironically, they had gotten married so fast, because their lives were so crazy, so they didn't even have time to get engagement rings. It was fine. They didn't need them.

There were Wanda and Auralie Maximo now. They were married.

That was no object, or another person, no force in all the worlds, that could make them as happy as they made each other. It was true love, and now it was sealed forever.

And yes, at the wedding, someone did cry, and that someone's name was Bucky Barnes.

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A/N: So there you have it. Wanda and Auralie did get married. They are married. My ship is married. I'm squealing with delight. Anyways, there's your clarification and shipping and break from the intensity. Next chapter we will be back to the actual storyline, but I figured you all would need and enjoy this.

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