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others had gone to meet Maria and Phil in the surveillance room with a view of the containment cell and the agents working on the airship. Auralie told Maria about the mission in hushed tones while Fury explained the prison to Loki, who seemed to be perfectly happy with

They landed at the helicarrier and four armed agents led Loki to his

containment cell. Fury was waiting to make some speech and the

his situation. "You see how it works," Fury concluded, "ant...... boot." "It's an impressive cage," Loki admitted, "not built, I think, for me."

"Built for something a lot stronger than you," Fury fired back. Loki smirked, "so I've heard. A mindless beast who plays he's still a man. How desperate must you be if you call on such lost creatures to

defend you?" Auralie clenched her fists because Bruce was still a

man, and he still cared about things and had emotions, anyone with half a brain could see that. Auralie hadn't known them long, but she was very protective of her new team because she could respect anyone who was willing to put their lives in danger for the sake of others. "You threaten my world with war," Fury replied, "you have made me very desperate." Auralie winced. Fury was known for lying to gain the upper hand over an enemy. But Auralie thought he sounded very sincere right then. The thought that Loki was so dangerous that Fury was that worried made her scared. But she swallowed her fear and

put on a brave face, even though out of the corner of her eye, she could see Maria was worried too. She just had to stay strong, and everything would be ok, Auralie thought. "It burns, doesn't it?"Loki taunted back, "to have ultimate power in your hands and for what, a warm light for all mankind to share? And then to be reminded what real power really looks like." Fury snorted, "yeah, well let me know if "real power" wants a magazine or something." Maria flashed her sister a smile and Auralie felt the despair in the pit of her stomach receding a bit, though it was

still an ever-present reminder of the danger they were in. But if Fury could still mock his opponents that well, the world hadn't ended yet. Fury then came to the team, Bruce Banner coming in behind him. Fury began to ask about the Tesseract and the items Loki needed. Auralie didn't really understand what they were talking about. She

was good at comprehending the weird and fantastical, not the logical and rule-abiding. In short, she understood magic, not science. Maria caught her sister's eye and mouthed, "our prisoner has one weird shopping list." "Not the time," Auralie mouthed back, trying to keep track of the conversation and hoping no one noticed her and Maria's interaction. No one had, except for Natasha, who flashed her trainee the smallest of grins.

Tony's hand. Tony shook it, "Dr. Banner, your work is unparalleled. And I am a huge fan of the way you lose control and turn into a giant green rage monster."

Bruce had finished their science class.

Elvish, but no one knew how to teach it."

Tony grinned, "you a fantasy fan?"

awesome."

like a Hydra weapon."

personal flying monkeys."

her.

"Fantasy and sci-fi," Auralie answered.

"Finally, someone here who speaks English," Tony said, a er he and

"Is that what just happened?" Bruce asked, amused and reaching for

"Thanks," the scientist replied. Auralie rolled her eyes at the science bros and said, "Tony, the rest of us speak English, you two just speak intelligently."

Tony shot her a smirk, "well it's important to be bilingual in this day and age. That's what the schools teach, right?" "I don't know, it's what Shield teaches," Auralie replied, "Natasha is teaching me how to speak Russian. I wanted to learn Middle Earthian

lightsaber, but something tells me Pepper wouldn't like it. Pepper's my girlfriend. She's amazing." "I've heard about her," Auralie replied, "and a lightsaber sounds

"If you two are finished," Steve said, a frowning, but the frown didn't

stick of his. It might be powered by the cube, but it works an awful lot

meet his eyes, "I think we need to focus on Loki. Starting with that

"Maybe because Hydra used the Tesseract to power its weapons,"

Tony laughed, "you should come over to Stark Tower then. I have lots

of sci-fi movies. I'm actually toying with the idea of making my own

Auralie mused, "but I don't think the scepter and the tesseract are the same. They give o a similar energy, but the Tesseract opens doors across space, and the scepter can control people." "I don't know about that," Fury interjected, "but I am curious on how

Loki managed to turn two of the sharpest men I know into his own

"Flying monkeys," Thor spoke up, "I do not get it." "I do," Steve chimed, "I understood that reference." Auralie rolled her eyes, as Bruce began to state his views, "I don't think we should be focusing on Loki. That guy's brain is a bag of cats. You can smell crazy on him."

"Be careful how you speak. Loki may be beyond reason, but he is of

Asgard, and he is my brother," Thor said loudly.

Thor shi ed uncomfortably, "he's adopted." "Not the best excuse," Auralie commented, as Nick le the room, clearly done with all of the idiots he had brought together, and

needed to talk to Agent Coulson. Maria was supervising the bridge

when Tony came over to her. She eyed him warily, and Auralie

"He killed eighty people in two days," Natasha pointed out.

followed her gaze. She liked the genius, he seemed like a good man, but she still did not know him. Her eyes landed on his hands, which attached something to the back of a Shield computer system. She was about to raise her voice and tell Maria when curiosity stopped

Auralie was loyal to Shield, yes, but they had secrets, and she wanted

to know what they really wanted the Tesseract for. She didn't buy all

that unlimited energy bullshit. She really did care about her work,

but she wanted to know what they were doing and if it was for peace or war. And if Tony could show her that, then she would keep his little secret. Auralie tried to be loyal, but she had a desire to know more because knowing more meant being more in control. A er all the twists and turns of her life, she had come to want to be able to control as much of her life as she could. So she didn't cry out and let Tony begin to hack them. Tony, meanwhile, had started yelling ridiculous orders at the crew, who dutifully ignored him. He then covered one eye and began looking around, asking Maria, "how does Fury even see these?"

"He turns," Maria said shortly, not having the patience for the

"Sounds exhausting," Tony said. Maria rolled her eyes and exchanged

frustrated looks with Natasha. Bruce had begun to make his way back

Then Tony yelled, "That man is playing Galaga. Thought we wouldn't

notice, but we did." He pointed at one of the agents manning the

to the lab, and Steve was explaining flying monkeys to Thor. He

seemed very happy to have known that reference.

billionaire who could be a child at heart.

computers. Everyone ignored him, but Auralie watched the agent, wanting to see if Tony really was that smart and observant, or if he was just making a joke. Sure enough, the agent changed his screen and went back to playing Galaga. Auralie smiled a bit, finally understanding why her bosses had spent so much time and e ort on recruiting and learning about Tony Stark.

In the end, Tony had many great qualities, like his charisma and

speaking skills, his bravery, his intellect, but most importantly, he

but able to read a team well. Tony Stark might say he didn't like

working with others, but he was wrong to say he wasn't good at it.

noticed the little things, making for a person that was not only smart

Auralie knew that Fury had chosen them all for reasons and if they were anything like why he chose Tony, and if the team came together, the Avengers Initiative could be a game changer. A/N: Alright, we had Tony's sass and more insight into Auralie's character. Now, if you would take the time to read them, I have a

- I know it is taking forever to get to Wanda. I'm sorry, but this is

time to establish her character and backstory. I also really want

to put her in both Avengers and Winter Soldier, so that could take

a while, but we will get to Wanda eventually.

just as much Auralie's story, maybe even more, and I want to take

few announcements.

would be great if it is.

- Happy Thanksgiving

- Next, some of you may have read or were planning to read Magic and Miracles and All Powerful, my other two Wanda centric stories. Or maybe even my Romanogers story. I have deleted them because I hated the writing and didn't want to leave it up. I'm not coming back to the Wanda trilogy, instead dedicating myself to this book. I may write a similar Romanogers story in the future. So sorry if you wanted to read those, but they were really bad, and I just want the best content I can create for all of you.

- I got Grammarly, so hopefully, my grammar is better. That

- I am thinking about changing the cover of this story, but I also

considering. Please tell me what you think of them because I am

like the cover I have now. Here are some of the options I am

indecisive and would really like suggestions.

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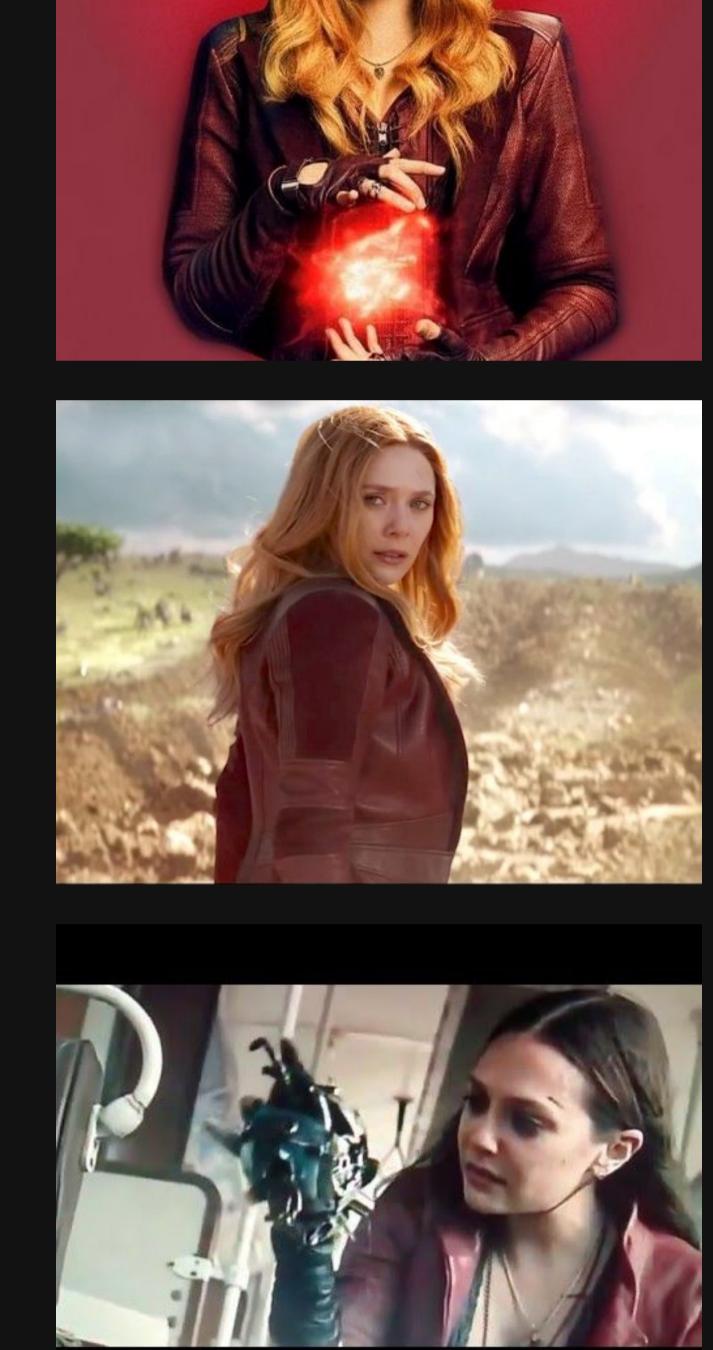
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I like the no more mutants one, but I'm not sure it fits because

this story is based in the MCU and not the comics. But it is such a

"THERE IS NOTHING MORE

HORRIFYING THAN A MIRACLE"



the Witch

And Finally (sorry this took so long, I had a lot that I am

considering)



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