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"Strucker, the base is under attack!" A Hydra agent called, "it's the Avengers."

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"Can we hold them?" he asked calmly.

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The agent seemed confused, "it's the Avengers."

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Auralie was riding in the back of a truck with Clint. Natasha was driving. Steve was on his motorcycle, Tony was flying, the Hulk and Thor were crashing through the snow-covered forest. It was a full-blown Avengers assault on a Hydra base.

"Are we even sure the scepter is here?" Clint asked.

Tony replied, "yeah, Strucker couldn't launch this sort of defense without it."

"At long last," Thor cried joyfully.

A group of Hydra agents fired at the truck. Clint nailed one of them with an arrow, Nat and Auralie took down two more with Auralie's light and Nat's guns. Natasha rolled her eyes, "at long last is lasting a little long boys."

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Tony flew up to the top of the base. He blasted at the castle, only to find an Energy Shield blocking his repulsor beams. Tony, in anger, cried, "SHIT!"

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"Language," Steve replied.

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Auralie sighed, "well, that confirms it, Strucker has the scepter. No other Hydra base we've raided has been able to create things like this."

"Yeah, now we have to get it out of their hands," Clint agreed.

"Whoa whoa whoa, hold up," Tony interjected, "is no one else gonna deal with the fact that Cap just said "language"."

Auralie answered, "Yes Tony, we all heard it, we will all make fun of him later, now we have to fight Hydra."

"Sorry," Steve said, "it just slipped out."

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Auralie snorted, "yeah, sure it did pal, sure it did."

"Shut Up Ali," Steve grumbled.

"On the contrary," Tony cut in, "Beacon, your commentary is fantastic, keep it up."

"Sure thing," Auralie replied. Tony had come flying around, the Hulk had leaped into the sky, Thor was being pulled along by his hammer. Steve guided the motorcycle into a leap, Natasha, Clint, and Auralie all left from the truck in what would have been a beautiful cinematic sequence.

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Auralie and Clint ended up hiding behind trees together, Natasha a little ways away. They could see Steve and Thor fighting together, using Steve's shield and Thor's hammer to take out several agents at once. Natasha had gone chasing after Bruce, attempting to turn him back from the Hulk to himself. Natasha had that kind of attitude, the one where she could understand people, and that made her an asset to the team. She knew all their strengths and weaknesses and used them to teach them how to be better. Which was probably why Nat helped Steve run training sessions.

She heard Steve call, "We have an enhanced in the field."

Auralie was helping Clint by acting as a sort of sharpshooter, not with arrows like him, but with light bursts. Together they picked off enemy agents. Clint, being Clint, never missed, and Auralie was a decent shot herself.

That was when they saw the blue blur. It ran by and suddenly, Clint was on the ground. The blur slowed down for a moment to reveal a man, silver-haired, smug looking, Auralie's age, and clearly not on their team. He smirked at Clint and said with a Russian accent, "You didn't see that coming?"

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Clint rolled over, and Auralie could see he had been hurt in the chaos. Natasha, who had come over, cried, "Clint's hurt. The enhanced."

"Do not engage," Steve yelled back, "well, actually, Auralie, go after him, the rest of you, do not engage."

"And for gosh sakes, watch your language," Tony added.

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Steve let out a long-suffering sigh, "that's not going away any time soon."

Auralie ran after the enhanced being, becoming invisible so the speedster couldn't find her. She spotted him running around, a blue blur. Angling her light powers, she shot him with a blast, not enough to do some serious damage, but enough to knock him down and keep him there.

She ran over to find him sprawled on the ground. He muttered, "I didn't see that coming."

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Auralie became visible, standing over him, palms glowing. He looked up at her, "I didn't see that coming either." He spotted her glowing hands, "It was like a trick of the light. I take it you are the Eclipse."

"You got it in one," Auralie said casually, "now stay down."

"Sure, sure," the enhanced replied, "you know, I didn't know an Avenger would be so young. What are you, eighteen?"

"Nineteen, actually," Auralie answered.

He smiled, "oh, same as me. Like I said, young. And pretty. I didn't think you'd be so pretty."

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"I didn't think Hydra agents could be so annoying," Auralie shot back, her eyes narrowing, "and let me just make one thing clear, I'm lesbian."

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"Oh," he said, "sorry, I didn't know. Also, sorry about this." He was up in a flash, and she was knocked to the ground as he ran away.

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Swearing bitterly, Auralie got to her feet. The speedster didn't seem like a bad person, but he was working for Hydra. He was also very annoying. Auralie sighed. She missed the days when there was only one annoying bad guy and not multiple complicated ones running around.

"We have a second enhanced, female, do not engage," Steve called. Auralie perked up. Maybe the other enhanced would be less annoying to deal with than the Sonic impersonator.

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"Thor, report on the Hulk," Natasha called, trying to motivate Bruce, who was having a hard time.

"The gates of hell are filled with the screams of his victims," Thor replied. Auralie put her head in her hands. This could not end well. Natasha and Steve both shot glares at the god.

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Thor tried to cover his mistake, "but not screams the dead, of course, more wounded screams, mainly whimpering, complainants of sprained deltoids, and uh gout....."

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"Not helping buddy," Auralie commented.

"Hey Bruce," Tony called, "Dr. Cho's coming in from Seoul, can she set up in your lab?"

"Yeah, she knows her way around," Bruce replied.

Auralie read until they landed, only somewhat listening to Tony as he began planning revels and asking for a chance to look at the scepter. Then they landed, and Maria came over to the team.

"Lab's all set up boss," she said to Tony.

"Actually he's the boss," Tony pointed at Steve, "I just design everything, pay for everything, make everyone look cooler."

Auralie laughed, "yes Tony we know, and we appreciate you for all of it. But I think the real treasure is your fantastic commentary."

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"Thanks, Beacon," Tony cried, leaving with the scepter and planning to study it. Bruce and Natasha began the process of moving Clint, and Thor went off to grab a snack.

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Auralie and Steve joined Maria walking into the tower, and Steve asked, "the two enhanced?"

"Wanda and Pietro Maximoff," Maria said, "twins. Orphaned at ten when a shell collapsed their apartment. Sokovia's had a rough history. It's nowhere special, but it's on the way to everywhere special."

Auralie looked at the footage of the twins. The boy was definitely the same one she had seen before. The girl was his twin sister, who was much better looking than him, in Auralie's opinion.

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"Their powers?" Steve asked.

"He has increased metabolism and improved thermal homeostasis," Maria explained, "her thing is neural electric interfacing, telekinesis, mental manipulation, that sort of thing."

"Magic," Auralie breathed. Magic was always the most fascinating subject to her, and the thought of a real live witch.....

Steve seemed confused, so Maria simplified it, "he's fast and she's weird."

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"Well they're going to show up again," Steve said. Auralie nodded in agreement, and if Pietro was any indication, they were going to be trouble.

"Agreed," Maria sighed, "file says they volunteered for Strucker's experiments. It's nuts."

"Right," Steve said, walking into an elevator, "what kind of monster would let a German scientist experiment on them to protect their country?"

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"We aren't at war, Captain," Maria protested.

"They are," Steve said, and the elevator doors shut.

Auralie and Maria stood there in silence for a moment, and then Auralie turned to Maria, "he's right sis. You can't judge them for wanting to save their country. I think..... I met the man, he was arrogant, yes, and could be a threat, but he didn't seem like a good person. Maybe if we could talk to them, we could figure this out. Maybe they could even be allies."

"Alright," Maria smiled, "I trust your judgment Ali. Now come on, let's go get ready for the "revels" Tony's planning."

A/N: AGE OF ULTRON AND PART 2 HAVE BEGUN! And Pietro is here to be a little shit like he always is.

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