



### xxx. Gi-Ant Man

"If Steve and Bucky are gonna make it out of there, we'll need a distraction," Sam cried, "something big."

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"I've got something big," Scott piped up, breaking into a run, "but I can't hold it for long. On my signal, run like hell, and if I tear myself in half, don't come back for me."

"What," Bucky asked, confused, "he's gonna tear himself in half?"

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"You sure about this Scott?" Steve asked.

"Yeah, of course. I do it all the time. Well, once. In a lab. Then I passed out," Scott cried as he ran, reaching for a button on his suit, "I'm the boss, I'm the boss, I'm the boss. I'M THE BOSS!"

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He pressed the button and everyone gasped as he grew and grew and grew to a gigantic size. He stretched out an arm and grabbed War Machine, who yelled, "Ok, Tiny Dude is big now. He's big now."

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"Holy Shit," Spidey cried, looking up at the gigantic man. Auralie laughed. Scott really had surprised them all with that one.

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Wanda smiled, "he is very impressive."

"Yes," Auralie agreed, "if he wants to stick around, no one will argue. Well, Sam will argue, but he's the only one of us cool enough to get away with it. Come on, let's go help the others." They got up and began to run.

"Alright," Tony yelled, "give me back my Rhodey."

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Scott obliged, throwing Rhodey to the side and away from the battle. He roared with delight, so happy that his trick actually worked. In all the chaos, Steve and Bucky dashed for the hanger and the quinjet.

Vision spotted them and made a final charge forward, gliding through the sky. He phased and flew right through the giant attempting to stop him. Scott let out a cry, "Something just flew in me!"

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Vision shot a forehead beam and toppled the tower over the quinjet. It should have ruined everything, but Vision was no match for Wanda and her powers.

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While Auralie shot at the robot, sending him flying, Wanda held up the tower. She was on her knees, magic pouring out of her, her eyes red. She was the image of power and nothing could touch her at that moment. Not even Auralie's cries of surprise as T'Challa dashed after Steve and Bucky. Auralie tried to go after them, leaving Wanda unguarded, but she was not fast enough.

Steve and Bucky made it, but just then, Rhodes came back into the fight. He fired a sonic pulse at Wanda. It caused her pain, made her head feel like it was splitting open. Her hands shot to her ears and the tower fell.

Auralie came running back, firing at Rhodes, who dodged and flew away. She raced to Wanda's side, the other girl was barely conscious. Fear and anger boiled in the light manipulator's heart as she held her witch. A glow formed under her skin, uncalled for. Auralie tried to breathe in and breath out as she stroked Wanda's hair, trying to calm her powers.

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"Wanda," she said, her voice feeling very small. If anything ever happened to the girl she would never forgive herself.

"I'll live," Wanda coughed, "oh hell Auralie, this has gotten out of hand."

"I know dearest," Auralie whispered, "just rest. We'll make it."

"They'll arrest us," Wanda choked out, "you go. Turn invisible. You can make it."

Auralie shook her head, "No. We're in this one together."

They wanted to get back up and help, but neither was in any condition to. They saw the quinjet flying away, they knew Steve and Bucky had made it. Meanwhile, Team Iron Man tried to figure out how to deal with Scott.

"How do we take this thing down?" Someone called.

"Is anyone on our side hiding any shocking and fantastic abilities?" Tony asked sarcastically.

"Ooh," Spidey cried out, "I have an idea. Has anyone ever seen that really old movie? The Empire Strikes back?"

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"Geesh Tony, how old is this kid?" Rhodey asked.

Tony rolled his eyes, "I don't know. I didn't carbon date him."

"When they're on the snow planet," the teenager continued, "with the walkie thingies!"

"He might be on to something," Tony muttered.

Spidey swung around, wrapping his webs around Scott's legs. Tony and Rhodes assisted. Auralie gasped and whispered to Wanda,

"they're doing Star Wars."

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"You love this don't you?" Wanda smiled weakly.

Auralie blushed, "I love Star Wars, I can't help it."

"No, I'm with you. I'm sad that they are the opposition, but it is an interesting tactic," Wanda's voice was serene, but there was amusement in there. She, like Auralie, could most definitely be called a geek.

Scott toppled over in a glorious yet horrifying display. During the fall, Spiderman had been swung into a truck. Tony had raced to his protegee's side. Once he hit the ground, Scott shrunk back to his normal size. Auralie heard his faint whisper as he took his helmet off. He said, "does anybody have any orange slices?"

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Auralie sat back. Scott would be alright. She stayed there, arms holding Wanda. Vision flew over to apprehend them, but they didn't have the strength to run. Steve and Bucky got away, they could save the world. That was what was important.

"For what it's worth," Vision said, looking down at them, "I'm sorry."

"Me too," Wanda nodded.

Auralie scowled at him, "she might be forgiving, but I'm not. I don't care if you lock me up, if you ever treat her like a monster again, I will end you."

"Well, Ms. Shadow, the decisions are out of my hands," Vision said uncomfortably.

"Hey, we have a flier, turn him into a glider," Tony called, referring to Sam. Vision turned around and fired, aiming for the Falcon wings. But he missed and hit Rhodes. War Machine went down, and Tony dove after him. Auralie felt the world go into that weird sort of slow motion as her teammate hit the ground. Vision and Sam both flew to help.

Auralie felt her lips trying to shape words, but no sound came out.

She had been so afraid of what the team breaking up would mean. She knew it could end in disaster. She had been right, and she wished she had been wrong.

She felt a hand slip into her own, and Wanda kept her anchored to the world as she wondered if they could get through this without anyone else dying.

**A/N: Yeah, so far things aren't looking good for Team Cap or the Avengers. But Steve and Bucky's errands shouldn't take too long, so they'll be ok in like, two chapters. Don't worry.**

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