



iii. Friends To The Rescue

The alien woman threw the spear at the same time Wanda held out a hand, which sparkled with magic, to try and stop her.

The spear missed Wanda and flew past a train, which was finally passing by. It went into the shadows, only to be caught by someone standing there. Vision, Wanda, and Auralie all turned to look as Steve Rogers, who's beard had grown to an impressive amount since Auralie last saw him a few weeks ago, stepped into the warm glow of the lamps.

Auralie and Wanda both smiled relieved smiles as their friend threw the spear to another shadowy figure, Natasha Romano, who automatically whirled around and jabbed it into a very painful place on the alien man.

Auralie dropped Vision's arms, saying, "stay there!" Then she dashed to help two of her dearest friends kick some ass.

Steve and Nat were taking turns throwing the spear, whirling and spinning and trying to knock the female alien off her feet. The male alien was staggering back up, getting ready to rejoin the fight.

Auralie quickly turned invisible and dashed behind him, landing a blow to the back of his head that he could never have seen coming. He whirled around, trying to strike back, but he couldn't see her and she was fast. She darted out of the way, her footfalls light against the street, so quiet that he couldn't hear them.

Natasha had taught Auralie to dance all those years ago so she could become nimble, light on her feet, and agile. Maria had added to that training, and years of field experienced had honed Auralie into an agent and an avenger who was not to be underestimated. While she did not have the raw power of Wanda Maximoff, or the strength of Thor or the Hulk, or the technological talent of Iron Man, she had one advantage over all of them, and that was her honed skill.

Years of training herself and being trained by others paid off. She had become good at what she did, and what she did was use her powers to protect others and neutralize threats. And, occasionally, to turn invisible and surprise Clint Barton by jumping out of nowhere. A girl has to have a little fun.

This alien had good technique, but Auralie was a finely honed blade, she was made for this. Though she hated Elora, the woman responsible for her being this way, she had to admit, the bastard from another dimension had known what she was doing. Auralie's powers did not glitch once as she darted around the alien, raining blows and blasts of light upon him.

Finally, using a move her shield friends had taught her, she slammed her foot into his gut and sent him flying into a wall. Turning visible, she stood over him. Suddenly, his friend went flying onto the ground next to him, having been kicked aside by the Falcon, who had arrived to be the badass that he was.

Wanda had finally gotten Vision on his feet, a task that had taken all of the fight, the android was so weak from almost having the stone ripped from his head. She hauled him over to where her girlfriend was, and the six Avengers looked down at their enemies.

"We don't wanna kill you," Natasha said, "but we will."

"Speak for yourselves," Auralie chimed in, "I would have no issue with them dying. I was here on vacation with my girlfriend and they interrupted it with their little infinity stone hunt. Just one break without the world at risk, that's all I ask for."

Sam seemed to agree, "I feel yah Ali, this job has shit vacation hours."

Steve let out a long-suffering sigh at his two close friends antics, "alright. Wanda, Ali, you two take Vision to the jet, he needs to sit down. Sam, you and Nat stay here with me to sort this out."

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"They can't be working independently," Vision was saying, "what motivation would they have for the stones?"

"Power," Wanda suggested, replying to the android seated in the back of the quinjet, "but I agree, they're working for someone. I'll bet a lot of money that they're working with the creatures that attacked Tony."

"You think Tony has an infinity stone?" Auralie asked, "you think he found one?"

Wanda shook her head, "I think those wizard people we saw with him do. But that's not important. The important thing is, who wants these stones so bad that they're sending alien warriors to earth."

Auralie nodded, "the whole thing reminds me of the battle of New York. You two weren't there, but you know about it right. The whole mess with Loki and the tesseract. Just the whole aliens looking for infinity stones thing reminds me of it."

"Then there's a chance the two are connected. You usually are right about these things," Wanda said.

Auralie sighed, "I just wish I had a clue who was behind all this. I doubt it's Loki again, Thor said he was dead, and even if he isn't, Thor would have found out and put a stop to it. But I don't know any other space villains unless we're talking about Star Wars, and I doubt the Sith came to our universe."

Wanda's lips twitched up in a small smile, though she was still worried. She was concerned about what would happen to the world if they couldn't guard the stones properly, and she couldn't watch more innocents die. Wanda already was dreading the fight, though she knew she would run towards it in the end. She was Pietro's sister after all.

"Sorry about our vacation my dear, it's kind of going downhill," Auralie said.

Wanda strode over to the woman she loved, "it's alright. We can figure this out. Our friends came to help us, and together, I think we can handle it."

"What if we can't?" Auralie whispered. She hadn't wanted to admit it, but she was scared. Infinity Stone level power was scary, and the thought of it in the wrong hands terrified her.

Wanda pressed a quick kiss to the other girl's lips before pulling away and replying, "then we can at least try."

"Yeah, she's not going to listen. She's a hardcore Star Wars fan, for her it's all 'do or do not, there is no try'." Sam Wilson had walked in, an exasperated look on his face.

"What happened?" Auralie asked her close friend.

Sam sighed and went to the pilot's seat, "this big ass alien crap showed up and took the bad guys away before we could find something to do with them."

Natasha came into the jet, Steve on her heels, "yeah, not a pleasant surprise. But seriously you two, I thought you said you could handle a quiet vacation." She gave them a teasing smile, trying to lighten the mood, though that was basically impossible.

"Tell me about it," Auralie let out a sigh, "seriously, I better be getting paid overtime for this."

Natasha snorted, "this job really is hard isn't it?"

Auralie grinned, "plus, the health coverage is terrible."

"That's the truth," Wanda agreed quietly, looking at the hole in Vision's chest.

A/N: This fight scene was pretty badass. Also, I have a question for you all, just because I'm curious. Top 5 favorite Marvel Characters. Mine Are.....

5. Sam Wilson AKA Falcon (I mean, it's Sam, he's awesome!)

4. Shuri (She's just so smart and I admire her skill so much, she's so cool)

3. Wanda Maximoff AKA Scarlet Witch (well duh, Wanda's in the top 5, I mean, I'm writing this book about her. Her powers are amazing and she has so much potential as a character)

2. Rocket Raccoon (It's a snarky raccoon with a gun. Nu said)

1. Groot (especially baby Groot because he's so damn cute and funny and he needs to watch his language but I don't care, I just love the GOTG and how they parent him and all)

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