



x. More Powerful Than An Infinity Stone

Wanda and Auralie landed on the cliff where Vision was. They saw the dead body of the enemy alien and knew Cap and Vision must have been successful in their battle. Cap was scouting out the area to make sure that there were no more enemies about to ambush them.

Wanda raced over to Vision, who was kneeling on the ground, clutching his chest, which had a new hole in it, and said, "I'm so sorry for leaving you undefended."

"It's alright," Vision replied, "you had people to save."

"Yeah," Wanda agreed, "don't worry, we're here now."

Auralie approached and stood behind Wanda, "yeah, we can figure something out."

"No," Vision shook his head, "it's too late, he's coming, I can feel it."

"Well we can stop him, we have time," Wanda said, trying to deny it. She didn't want to kill anyone else. She didn't want to have that death on her conscience, and she didn't want the fate of the universe on her shoulders.

"No," Auralie took Wanda's hand, "if Thanos is coming then we're screwed. I'm sorry darling." Wanda nodded dejectedly.

Steve came over. The others had amassed, ready to help, and the Captain said: "we'll buy you time."

"It's more like stealing time at this point," Auralie muttered under her breath. A portal was starting to open, dark blue and like a smaller version of the one that had opened in the sky over New York a full six years ago, back when Auralie was sixteen and had just met her fellow Avengers. Thanos really was coming.

But really, he had been coming for a long time. He had been coming since that fateful day six years ago when he tried to take the infinity stones only to be held back by seven determined individuals. This was the culmination of a long struggle, and Auralie knew that soon it would come to an end. That thought was terrifying.

The others took their positions, but Wanda wasn't taking hers. Auralie tried to reach out for her girlfriend, to tell her it was going to be alright and that she could do it. But Vision had beat her to it.

"Wanda, Wanda listen to me. They cannot stop him, they cannot stop him but we can, together. You can. You have to Wanda, Wanda, please. Everyone is out of time." Vision said.

"I can't," Wanda whispered, her face painted with fear.

"Yes, you can. Only you can," Vision replied, "you've had to endure so much Wanda, and you've seen so much death. It's not fair, it's not fair that you have to deal with more. It shouldn't be you but it is. Please, Wanda, it will be alright."

"I don't want to kill you," Wanda said. She had begun to cry. She couldn't take it. She couldn't take another death, another nightmare. Vision didn't deserve to die. So many people hadn't deserved to die. Wanda hadn't been able to save one self-sacrificing hero, she didn't want to help another die.

"You aren't going to hurt me," Vision promised.

"Wanda," Auralie called, her voice breaking through to Wanda, "Wanda you can do this. Vision is being strong and saving all of us. Now you need to do your part. I will protect you. You can do this Wanda. I believe in you. You can do anything."

Wanda looked at Auralie, who she would do anything to save. She looked at her friends, who had been loyal to her even as she had done some questionable things. She thought of her brother, who would want her to save the world. And she nodded. She would do it.

Thanos had arrived and the others were racing to meet him. Auralie stationed herself in front of Wanda, hands glowing with bright light. Wanda's hands glowed with magic, and she looked at her friends, going to fight. Then she turned to Vision, shooting a beam of red light at the stone in his forehead, the stone that had damned him to this fate.

The magic connected, starting to penetrate the stone, slowly, and Vision's cape flew out from behind him. Wanda brought her other hand up to add to the pressure.

Meanwhile, the others were trying to stall. Bucky and Rocket had charged, guns firing, but Thanos had tossed them aside and trapped them. He did the same to Sam, Rhodey, and Bruce, despite their armor and their weapons. Natasha was thrown to the ground as she attempted to stop Thanos, and trapped as well. Groot used his vines to try and trip the Mad Titan, but Thanos was able to withstand even the attack of an alien tree.

Finally, all that stood between Wanda and Thanos were Steve and Auralie, and the stone was nowhere close to being destroyed.

Steve ran at Thanos, attempting to take him down with his shields. But that quickly failed, and Thanos aimed an infinity powered punch at the soldier. Auralie screamed his name, but he caught the punch and held the gauntlet for a moment before Thanos knocked him to the ground.

Auralie was now mad. Who was this man to think he could determine the fate of the world? Who was he to harm her friends? Who was he to try and hurt Wanda?

She lit up once more just like she had when she was surrounded on the battlefield, only brighter. Her whole body glowed as she launched herself at the evil grape colored monster.

He simply used the power stone and the space stone to throw her aside, trapping her underneath a pile of rocks. She tried to use her powers to disintegrate the rock, but she was too weak from attempting to take on the titan. Struggling, she looked to Wanda, hoping beyond hope that the witch could pull this off.

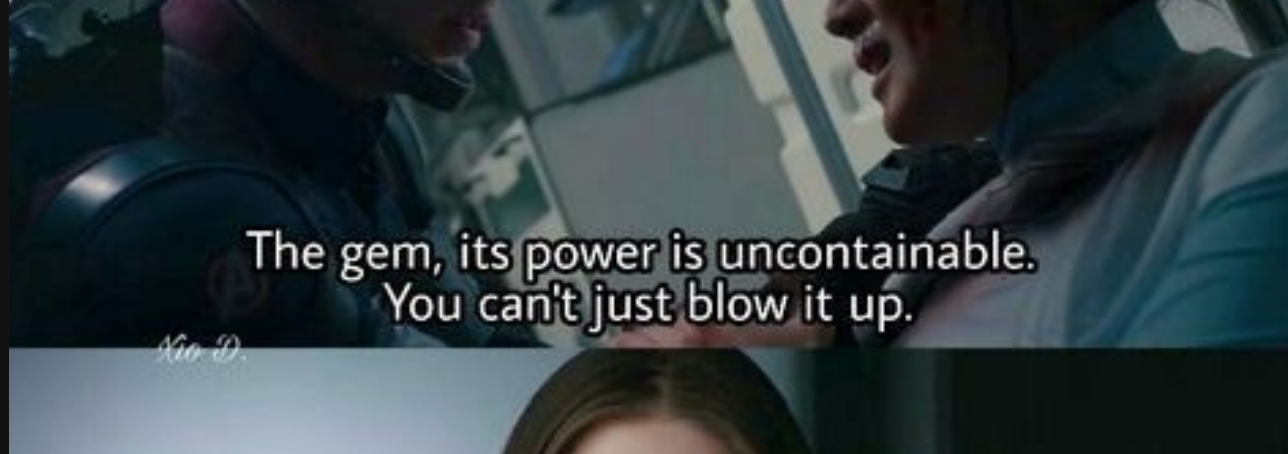
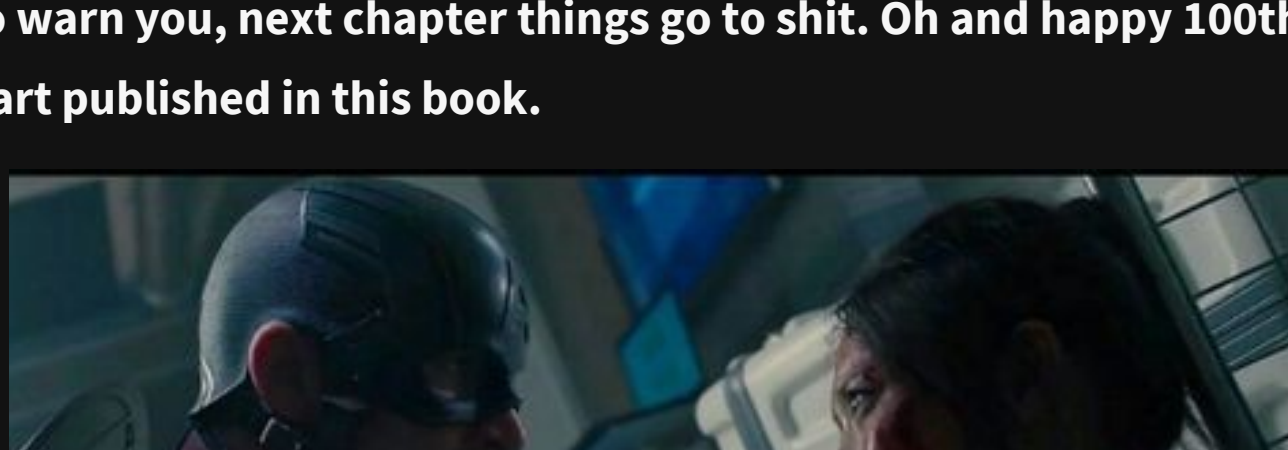
Wanda had started crying the instant she saw Auralie being thrown aside. She was worried that her girlfriend was hurt. But she had to stay strong. So as Thanos came closer, she took one hand away from the job of destroying the stone and used it to hold Thanos, who had the other five stones, back.

It worked. She sent him skidding back several feet. He tried to use the space stone to bypass her magic, but it didn't work, she had become so powerful at that moment. Angry, Thanos tried to push on, but it was hard, and he was too slow, too weak in the face of the Scarlet Witch.

Wanda thought of her friends, of her brother, of Auralie, and of why she had to do this. She used all of her might and her magic, and then she heard the cracking sound. Vision threw back his head as the stone was blown up, and a wave of energy washed over the cliff.

Wanda looked down at her hands as her knees gave out. Auralie was right. She was more powerful than an infinity stone.

A/N: Wanda is like, the most powerful character in the MCU because she could blow up an infinity stone while holding back the other five. She's awesome. Also, have a meme, because I have to warn you, next chapter things go to shit. Oh and happy 100th part published in this book.



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