

## Chapter 30 : It all makes sense now

Avengers' POV

All the Avengers headed to the conference room at Fury's call. They went quickly because it looked urgent. They entered the room and found Fury at the end of the table with his back to them, accompanied by Agent Hill standing beside him facing the Avengers. They all sat down around the table where files and computers were laid out.

"You remember, 10 days ago, Agent Peyton and Agent Ivanov le on a mission," Director Fury began without turning around and with his voice low. The Avengers began to worry. "I received this morning in a package the flash drive with the data they recovered from their missions."

"Ah well, so they were successful? Everything went well? They're going to -" asked Thor.

"Did you get the message that they were leaving?" asked Nat, cutting Thor o.

"Yes, we got it. Agent Ivanov notified us of their departure and the agent on the ground when he took them to the airport," explained Fury.

"So what's the problem?" asked Clint. Fury turned around and the Avengers saw his grave expression.

"I received it three days ago. Their flight is only 11 hours and they should have arrived on Sunday," informed Fury.

"Have you tried to contact them?" asked Steve, concerned.

"We haven't received any response, we can't reach them," explained Maria.

"Have you tried to locate them?" asked Tony.

"We have no GPS signal from either Agent Peyton or Agent Ivanov." Maria continued

"Wait, you haven't heard from them in three days and you're only now calling us in?" exclaimed Tony.

"How do we know they didn't just go on a romantic vacation?" asked Bruce.

"Seriously Bruce?" exclaimed Clint.

"What? That's right! Didn't you think that maybe they wanted some privacy? Why worry like that? They're two responsible adults, they -"

"Agent Peyton is a HYDRA agent!" shouted Nat, cutting o Bruce's speech in the process. All attention then turned to her. "There's nothing between Agent Peyton and Y/n because he's a HYDRA agent and Y/n's mission was just to get close to him. I guess the mission they went on for a week was just a decoy and it was planned that they would not come back. You're not especially worried so I guess you made a plan with Y/n before she le. Isn't that right, Director?"

"Indeed Agent Romano ." nodded Fury.

"Wait wait wait.... Agent Peyton is part of the Hydra organization?! And you asked Y/N to spy on him?!" gasped Tony.

"Tony...calm down. There must be an explanation behind this." Steve tried as best he could to calm Tony down, being annoyed himself

"You all knew there was something wrong with Agent Peyton, but what you didn't know is that he is indeed part of Hydra. Shortly a er Y/n came into our walls, Agent Peyton made his presence felt within our walls and managed to get promoted. However, it was obvious that he was hiding something, he was very interested in Y/n's case and the base where we found her. A er discovering Y/n's skills, I decided that we should keep them secret, not divulge them to anyone but people we trusted. On her first mission, I ordered Agent Ivanov to observe, which she did very well."

"You didn't want her to observe Nat and me in action but to watch out for Agent Peyton?" interjected Clint.

"That's right. Unfortunately, I couldn't tell her that directly, otherwise Agent Peyton would have suspected something. Luckily, Agent Ivanov used her powers to help you and thus was able to accomplish her basic mission."

"Is that why you kept hier at the end of the debriefing, it wasn't at all to yell at her for stepping in?" asked Steve.

"Indeed, that day she gave me a detailed report on what she saw and I gave her her mission order," explained Fury.

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"Do you want to talk to me sir?" Y/n asked him a er a long, heavy silence.

"Yes indeed, first of all about your power. Have you lost control from what I understand?"

"Yes indeed."

"Explain."

"I had to stay focused to guide Clint and Nat out of the building while letting them know when they might encounter an enemy. The problem was that there were also enemies outside and I had to keep them occupied so they wouldn't come in. At first I had a hard time doing both but when I finally managed to fight while focusing some of my senses on the building, it quickly became too much. I'm not used to asking so much of my power. So it quickly took over but even with silver eyes I knew what I had to do. I had to beat the soldiers outside while guiding the agents inside and that's what I did until the end." she then explained.

"How was your return to yourself?"

"Pretty well I think, it seems to me that Agent Romano was able to bring me back to myself without me fighting back. I was just exhausted and had to rest on the ground for a few minutes before I could get up and head out to the jet. I haven't mastered my power yet."

"It will come, I believe. What you are telling us here is already proof that you are not a danger to Agent Ivanov, you could have fought Agent Romano or Agent Barton but you did not. Now, what I would like to talk to you about is something else entirely and I think you understand."

"Yes sir, I also know why you are not upset that I intervened on the mission. Because my mission was really an observation mission, wasn't it? You wanted me to use my powers to observe. That's why you sent me on that mission. "

"Indeed, and from your reaction, I was right to send you on it."

"Yes sir," she nodded. He then rested his elbows on his desk, leaned forward slightly, and clasped his hands together.

"Now begins your real mission, agent Ivanov," he said, looking at her intensely. "I want you to tell me in detail what you saw."

"At first I couldn't see anything very clear but I was looking for him so that I could then perhaps contact him and ask for help. I saw him away from the jet, he was walking towards a group of individuals that I first thought were guards from the warehouse, I then thought he was already helping us. But then I noticed that their uniforms were di erent, and they didn't fight with Agent Peyton. They waved at each other and spoke in German. Then one of the uniformed men pulled down his collar and showed a tattoo he has on his neck, and then O icer Peyton showed his tattoo that he has on his shoulder. A skull tattoo with tentacles. I saw him handing over some SHIELD files to these men and then they continued talking. One of them made a phone call and then handed over an envelope with, I guess, Agent Peyton's next order. They saluted each other and Peyton returned to the jet. That's all I saw, sir," Y/n explained.

"Hmm. That's what I thought. Those men you saw are part of the Hydra organization you came from as well." explained Fury to Y/n who was shocked to hear this.

"Alex- Agent Peyton is part of that organization?" she asked.

"Apparently so. He doesn't seem to have finished his mission, which doesn't surprise me considering you're still here."

"Huh? Do you... do you think I am his mission sir?"

"Yes, but I don't know what he wants to do yet. That's why I want you to get close to him, watch his every move when he leaves. Be subtle above all, you don't want him to realize that you're watching him."

"You... You want me to be the bait?" asked Y/n uncertainly.

"That's right. You are the most likely to succeed in this mission. If it's you he wants, then it will also be his mission to get close to you and gain your trust. I want you to make him believe that he can do it," Fury explained. Y/n remained silent for a moment.

"Okay, I'll do it," she said confidently, Fury flashed a smile.

"Good, I'll ask you to report to me as many times as possible, preferably at the end of each day. I'll expect your report in person even if it comes in the middle of the night."

"Yes sir."

"Above all, don't make any written record of what you observe. I will." ordered Fury.

"Of course, sir."

"Well, you can go Agent Ivanov, be careful, we don't know what he is really hiding."

"Yes sir, I won't let you down."

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"Every evening or night, sometimes even the morning of the next day, Agent Ivanov would report to me what Agent Peyton did during his day. It was not uncommon for him to have somewhat suspicious meetings during the day and for Agent Ivanov to have to use her powers to spy on what was going on there."

"Oh my god..." said Tony of revelation. "It all makes sense now."

"What are you talking about Tony?" asked Steve.

"First, about why Y/n was always glued to Alexis like she was crazy about him when we all know she doesn't like him and has someone else in mind." he said looking at Nat who wanted to smile when she heard that. "Secondly, we know why she was asking J.A.R.V.I.S. not to say anything about her whereabouts because I imagine that when she was using her powers to spy on Alexis, she o en had to be there all the time, especially on the roof, and if we had known that, we would have gone to her and interfered with her work. And finally, thirdly, we now know why whenever we saw her she was completely exhausted. The poor thing was just using her powers all day long and probably for a long distance sometimes. It must have drained her physical and mental energy. She was all alone in there, not being able to ask anyone for help..." explained Tony, whispering the last sentence.

Everyone was silent for a moment, all thinking about how Y/n must have felt during those days when she had to work tirelessly for her mission without ever complaining.

"Wow" Thor finally broke the silence. "This young human is much stronger than we thought. She impresses me with each passing day."

"Indeed, Agent Ivanov is a very good agent and is dedicated to the task," added Maria.

"What about the current situation? Is she in danger?" asked Steve.

"We don't know yet. At this point, there's no indication that she needs help," said Director Fury.

"How can you know that? You said that you had no means of communication and that it was impossible for you to locate them." asked Tony.

"Indeed, at the moment we have had no exchange with these two agents which is not surprising at all. We had anticipated this possibility with Agent Ivanov. That is why at the beginning of this spy mission I asked you, Stark, to create an alert device to put anywhere, on a watch, a necklace, an earring, etc. You created several that I gave to Y/n to use in an emergency. If I remember correctly, it will be possible for us to locate them?" explained Fury.

"Yes, they are small devices that will emit a weak signal, imperceptible with ordinary machines. So I have created the machine to receive these signals. This machine is linked to J.A.R.V.I.S. so if Y/n has them, and she uses one, we'll know right away, we'll have her location and we can go straight to her.," informed Tony.

"All right, J.A.R.V.I.S. hasn't reported anything yet so that means Y/n is fine." resumed Fury.

"So why did you call us in?" asked Bruce.

"I have assignments for each of you.

Banner, I want you to go through Agent Peyton's medical records, run some tests on Agent Ivanov's blood, I want to know if there's anything special and I want you to examine what's on that flash drive." said Fury as he handed Bruce a flash drive.

"Stark, I want you to check that your machine is working, that Agent Ivanov's gear is operational and try to locate the jet.

Agent Barton, Thor, I want you to go through all the files we have on HYDRA and Alexis, go through the classified reports I wrote based on what Agent Ivanov told me. Find me some useful information.

Agent Romano , Captain, I want you to go to every location on this list, investigate the people on the list and find out as much information as you can about Hydra, Agent Peyton and what they want from Agent Ivanov," ordered Fury.

"Sir, what exactly is this list of locations and who are these people?" asked Steve.

"These are the locations where Agent Peyton met with HYDRA agents and these are the people he met at these locations," explained Maria.

"Are these Y/n's reports?" asked Clint who was already in the classified files on the table.

"Yes those are them." replied Fury.

"Wow, she really didn't do her job halfway..." said Clint

"Well, now that you all know what you have to do, I want you to report back to me every three hours on what you have discovered. Stay alert and above all be ready to leave to rescue agent Ivanov. We don't know how long this will last, we have to trust agent Ivanov." said Fury.

"Yes, sir," said the Avengers at the same time. They all took their roles very seriously, the situation demands it.

"All right, then let's get to work." Fury then laid them out. All the Avengers went their separate ways to complete their tasks. They all set out to find Y/n in the end, safe and unharmed.

A/n  
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I'm tired but I'm back hehe  
Sorry for the absence, I'll try to repost every week now.  
Take care of yourselves!  
Love you all

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