

Chapter 37: But you're not

Avengers' POV

There was a silence between all the Avengers.
"Wait..." began Tony quietly. "Can you repeat what you just said?" he then asked.

"I know where Y/n is!" exclaimed Thor.
"But how?" asked Clint.

"So I..." began Thor before being cut o by Nat.
"We'll talk about it later, everyone suit up and meet at the jet. You can explain on the way."

"Nat's right, let's go," Steve replied.
Everyone then rushed to their rooms, they took all their weapons and hurried to the jet. Once there, Fury was waiting for them. He didn't ask any questions, he understood that if they were all rushing, it was because they had found her.

"Good luck," he encouraged them. "Bring her back safely," he finished when everyone had entered the jet. Clint then started it up.
"I'm going to need the destination Thor," Clint said.

"I don't know it," replied Thor.
"Huh?!" "What?!" came the response from his comrades.
"Wait what? You said you knew where she was and now you're telling us you don't know our destination?! Are you kidding us?!" snapped Tony.

"I don't know the name of the country or the city, but I have a map with a red dot on it showing the location of Y/n," replied Thor, pulling a piece of paper from his pocket.

"Show it to me," said Clint. Thor then gave the map to the agent, who examined it for a few minutes.
"It's a sketch, not a map! There are no landmarks, no directions, no way to tell where it is," explained Clint in frustration.

"Give it to me," said Tony, taking the sketch.
"J.A.R.V.I.S. I want you to scan this sketch and compare it quickly with the world map and find out what this red dot means," ordered Tony to his artificial intelligence. Tony placed the paper on a table.
"Yes sir," replied J.A.R.V.I.S. as he got to work.

"In the meantime, if you could explain how you got this," asked Steve of Thor.
"Well on the flight home in the jet I was thinking about this whole situation. Y/n is lost somewhere and it's impossible for us to find her, no matter how hard we look, Midgard is too big. Even if you, Stark, were to analyze every corner of your land, it would take too long. So I thought it would be more practical to have an overview and then be guided by the life energy of Y/n to find it. Now, you don't have that kind of ability here on Earth, but on Asgard we do. We have Heimdal who is the guardian of the bifrost. He has a vision that defies the laws of space-time. I went to Asgard to see him and then asked him to find her. However, even though he can see the whole of Midgard, he is only used to the life force of the Asgardians and not the Midgardians. So I explained to him that Y/n had a different energy than the rest of you and he eventually found it. He didn't have a recent map of your planet back home, so he drew what he saw around it, and I came over as soon as he was done drawing," Thor explained.

Everyone was transfixed by his story. Before anyone could say anything, a noise was heard, followed by a voice.
"A match was found," said J.A.R.V.I.S.

This got everyone's attention, everyone turned to the screen.
"Where is she J.A.R.V.I.S.?" asked Tony.
"The red dot refers to Devon Island, which is an uninhabited island in Ba in Bay, Canada," explained J.A.R.V.I.S.

"Let's go, Clint," ordered Nat to his friend. This one put the course towards Canada.
"The good news is that it is not far, we should be there in 2 hours," explained Clint.

"J.A.R.V.I.S. I want satellite images of this island and infrared images. Find me the base," ordered Tony, sending a dozen drones ahead.
"Here are the satellite images, sir," replied J.A.R.V.I.S. rather quickly. Tony then examined them for a few minutes.

"Find anything?" asked Steve.
"Hmm. It's just as I thought, it's covered in snow. If there's a base, it must be underground. J.A.R.V.I.S., send three drones to search the crater," ordered Tony.
"Yes, sir," replied AI.

30 minutes passed and then the first images of the place arrived, sent by the drones on site. They all began to examine them one by one, looking for a crack in the snow, an entrance to a mountain, footprints in the snow, technology that shouldn't be there... anything that would indicate that a Hydra base is located on this island.

"There!" said Steve a er a moment. Everyone rushed to their screens and looked. There was indeed a door hidden under the snow.
Tony flew the drones to the door and switched on the infrared vision. He saw the door and then a ladder going down. He could even see the Hydra logo on the door.

"Bingo!" said Tony.
"We've found the entrance to the base. Now we need to find out if there are any others," remarked Natasha.

"On it," replied Tony, fiddling with his keyboard. A er a few seconds he spoke again. "I found two more entries. I'm now going to scan the area to see if it's protected or if there are any sensors," said Tony. "It's okay, the coast is clear," said Tony a er about ten minutes.

"The path is faster than expected, we should be there in about 10 minutes," Clint informed them.

"All right," replied Steve. "Listen to me," Steve gained everyone's attention. He took the time to look them one by one in the eyes (except Clint of course, he's a pilot). "This mission is not a mission of destruction, nor is it a mission of rescue. Don't think about Y/n getting hurt or anything. This mission is a reckoning. We're coming to get OUR Y/n back and we're going to make them regret even looking up at her. Whatever you see out there, stay focused. The first person to find Y/n takes her back to the jet, once she's safe, the mission becomes one of destruction. But be careful, everyone must return safely. We won't leave if one of us is missing." Steve made his speech, Clint put the jet down and joined them at the open door. All were facing the snowy desert, but Tony's drones could be seen positioned at each door. "Remember, we're a team, a family. We fight forwards. AVENGERS!" shouted Steve "ASSEMBLE!" and they all ran towards the secret doors of the base.

Tony and Steve together, Nat and Clint together and Thor is with Bruce.

Tony and Steve's POV

Steve opened their door and Tony sent three drones in, which exploded at the bottom, killing the guards at the bottom. Tony then went down first, sending missiles at the guards still standing while Steve slid down the ladder. Once the way was clear, they began their search, opening each door one by one and fighting anyone they came across. The alarm was already being heard throughout the base. You could even hear the Hulk's roar shaking the walls.

"Anyone got anything new?" asked Steve into his earpiece as he continued to fight the oncoming HYDRA soldiers.
"Guys?" he asked again a er receiving no response from his comrades.

"We're a little busy right now Steve," replied Nat quickly.
"We don't have much time for small talk," added Clint.

"Here all is well. Banner destroys on his way, I have almost nothing to do, it's boring," replied Thor.
"Nobody found Y/n?" asked Nat next.

"No, but don't worry, we'll find her. Take care of yourself," reassured Steve.
Everyone continued to fight and search each room one by one.

Ivan's POV

"Sir! The Avengers!" shouted a soldier, entering the oice in a panic. Unlike him, Ivan was very calm.
"Stop the session of Death Giver and the winter soldier. Bring Ivanov to room 313 and prepare the winter soldier," ordered Ivan.

"Very well sir," replied the soldier, and then he hurriedly le oice to obey the orders he had just received.
Ivan then moved to room 313, which is the furthest from the base's access doors but also close enough to the emergency exit. The base was shaking on all sides and he could hear the Hulk's roar, the detonation of weapons and explosions here and there. He smiled as he entered the room. Y/n was already there, ready. Ivan then looked at Zemo.

"They've come for her. So we'll draw them to us," explained Ivan with a smile on his face. "Turn it up to maximum level and plug in the speakers, I want them to hear her."
"But sir-" Zemo wanted to retort.

"Funny, I don't seem to have asked your opinion. Was that a question?" replied Ivan.
"No sir."

"Then what are you waiting for?!"
"Yes sir," Zemo then obeyed his boss's orders and plugged the machine into Y/n.
"Ready to send in 3... 2... 1..."

Avengers' POV

"AAAHHHHHH"
All of the Avengers stopped at the shrill sound they had just heard. All were petrified.

"Y/n..." whispered Steve.
"Somebody find her!" shouted Nat as he resumed the fight.
Steve looked at Tony, they exchanged a silent look. Then Tony loaded his armor and fired into the crowd. He had no patience le. He cleared the way for Steve to search each room.

"Oh, not good," said Clint a er a few minutes.
"What's going on Clint?" asked Steve. But his friend didn't answer.
"Clint? Miss Natasha?" then asked Thor.

"Winter Soldier," said a voice quickly. "Here," those words were all they heard from Clint. They could hear in his voice that he was hurt and tired.

"Shit," hooted Steve as he continued to chase a er Tony's explosions. Until they stopped. Steve quickly caught up to Tony, and he saw him standing motionless in front of an open door. He approached and saw Y/n in a chair, her eyes open, her face and body relaxed. She was tied to the chair and wires were connecting her to a machine. Steve didn't know what to make of the situation, Y/n had a blank stare. He didn't see all the soldiers pointing their guns at them. Fortunately, Tony sent missiles at everyone in the room. Then he blew up the machine that Y/n was plugged into. Steve then came to his senses.

"We found Y/n. We'll take her to the jet. Where are you?" asked Steve as he rushed to Y/n's side. Tony was in the process of untying her.
"We're almost done, I'll take care of bringing Banner back," replied Thor.

"The winter soldier is gone. Something weird happened. We don't know where he went. Clint and I are injured, we're going back to the jet. Oh and Ivan got away," replied Nat.
"Too bad for him, we'll deal with him next time. The most important thing is to get Y/n back to safety," said Steve but as soon as he finished his sentence someone shot at him. He turned around and saw the winter soldier with a gun. Tony shot at him but he dodged.

The soldier then sent a grenade into the room. Before it exploded, Tony transferred his armor to Y/n to protect her from the blast and Steve positioned himself in front of Tony with his shield to protect him. The explosion sent them to the other side of the room. The soldier took the opportunity to enter the room and approached Y/n. Steve threw his shield at him, which the soldier caught with his metal arm.

Tony then stood up and analyzed the situation. The soldier threw the shield back with all his might to Steve, who caught it despite himself. With his watch, Tony checked the armor that Y/n was in. He shot the Winter Soldier, knocking him backwards. The two Avengers ran to Y/n.
"Take her to the jet, I'll take care of him," Steve ordered.

Tony didn't refuse, he took the armor back for himself, picked up Y/n in his arms and flew away. As he le the room, the winter soldier grabbed his foot, preventing him from leaving. But it was short lived as Steve threw his shield at his head.

"Your opponent is me!" shouted Steve at the soldier. Tony was then able to leave with Y/n and took her to the jet.

The soldier then stood up and Steve froze in place.
"Bu- Bucky?" he whispered. Now that the soldier's mask was o , Steve recognized him as his former best friend. The soldier frowned.

"Who's Bucky?" he then asked before running a er Tony. Steve chased a er him and quickly tackled him to the ground. He held him down, they were face to face.

"Bucky! It's me! Steve!" explained Steve, trying to remind his friend who he was but to no avail. The soldier was confused and didn't understand, he struggled against Steve, they fought for a few minutes and then when Steve was on the ground, the winter soldier took the opportunity to run in the opposite direction that Tony had taken. Steve was too shocked to do anything. His friend was alive, his friend didn't know who he was, his friend was a HYDRA soldier. His head was racing with thoughts and questions.

"Steve?!" he heard in his ear, bringing him out of his stupor.
"Yes?" he then replied, still in shock.
"Is everything okay?" asked Nat.

"Yes, yes, I'm coming," replied Steve before running towards the exit. Tony then arrived at the jet with Y/n. Thor and Bruce were already there and he had passed Natasha and Clint on the way running to the jet. He then laid Y/n in a hospital bed. And then he watched her. He felt like destroying everything in his path. Y/n was unrecognizable. Her hair was long and black. Her body was skinny and muscular at the same time. But the worst part was that scar on her face that crossed half her face. Not being able to look at what they had done with his Y/n any longer, he stepped aside. Leaving room for Clint and Nat.

Natasha had only one thought in mind, to see Y/n again and hold her. But she suspected that Y/n might be asleep and she preferred to wait until she was awake to take her in her arms. Her assumption was confirmed when she saw Tony flying over them with Y/n unconscious in his arms.

Arriving at the jet she helped Clint to a hospital bed. Honestly, she was exhausted from her fight with the winter soldier. She began to tend to her friend's wounds when he stopped her.
"Go check on her," ordered Clint to his friend and indicated Y/n's bed with his head. He wore a reassuring smile. Natasha returned the smile and walked over to Y/n's bed.

"Oh my God," she said, putting a hand to her mouth. Clint turned his head in her direction, worried. He saw Y/n's scar starting at her jaw from a distance. He clenched his jaw, frowned and looked away.
If only he had found her sooner he thought.

Natasha gently placed her hand on Y/n's face and followed her scar with her thumb. She caressed her gently the cheek then approached her face. She rested her forehead against her and whispered:
"You're safe now."

Then she gave her a kiss on the forehead and went back to take care of Clint and her own injuries.
Steve arrived a er a few minutes and was very quiet. How will Skyler Crook go to see Y/n. He took a bandage and put it on his wound. Then he sat down on a bench and stared into space.

Normally it is Clint who flies the jet, however since he is injured, it is best if he stays on the treatment bed.
Tony then walked over to Nat.

"If you can just get it o the ground, J.A.R.V.I.S. will take over once we're in the air," he said to Agent Romano . The latter got up and went to the command post, she started the machine then made it take o .
Once in the air, she entered the destination and engaged the automatic pilot. Everyone took advantage of the return flight to rest. Bruce was sitting in a corner with a blanket over his shoulders and his head in his arms. Steve was sitting on a bench with Thor in front of him. Clint was on his bed with Nat next to him and Tony was sitting next to Y/n, holding her hand. No one said a word person.

Once they arrived at their destination, they all got o the jet and found themselves facing the Director and Agent Hill who were waiting impatiently for them.
The director saw Bruce first, who rushed into the building. Then Thor came down. Then Steve, still in his thoughts. Seeing Steve's face, Fury began to think the worst.

"Fury ordered in his earpiece when he saw the blood on Steve.
Then Nat and Clint came down at the same time, asking for doctors. Fury then thought he had done the right thing in helping for doctors just now.

Finally, Fury was surprised and relieved to see Tony coming out of the jet with Y/n's body in his arms. They had finally found her. A er the long months of searching, waiting and worrying.
The doctors arrived and took care of Steve, Nat, Clint and Y/n.

Before it was too late, Fury told them:
"Good job Avengers." He resigned himself to giving them some days o , but not too many, because he knew they still had work to do.
Hydra still exists.

Author is speaking

Hi!
I need your help for something
I wanna start a new story (this one is my priority don't worry) But I'm gonna start writing a new one and I'll publish it when I have several chapters ready. I already have ideas. I want you to choose one (just comment on one). You can choose one in a marvel universe and also one that is not.

First : in the marvel universe

1- A good evil goddess
In this story you are a goddess! The sister of Loki and Thor. You're closer to Loki. You're a little bit naive but really smart when you want.
I'm gonna use the show Lucifer to create my story (Lucifer's characters won't appear, it's just for the plot). Like you'll be like Lucifer except that you're not the devil and Loki will be your Maze. But I won't rely a lot on Avengers movies. To be clear, Avengers 1 didn't happen. Only the Avengers initiative is on. In the Avengers we have : Tony, Steve, Clint, Sam, Natasha and Yelena. The Avengers are part of Shield. So Fury and Hill are there, as well as Coulson (I don't want him dead). Wanda, Pietro, Vision, Bucky, Peter, all Wakanda, Captain Marvel, Kate are not in the story for now, maybe later, I don't know yet.
2- Don't fear fire, feel it
You're Y/n Clarke. You are 21 years old and you are a firewoman.
You're not straight... obviously ;)
You live in New York but you used to live in GB until you were 16
You're really smart, like really really smart! You analyse everything really quickly. Your IQ level is 352 (I know, the max is 230... for now haha) But being that smart is not always a pleasure...
Your entire life has always been chaotic, and you're not an ordinary citizen.
3- Just smile
Stark had a daughter before having Morgan. But his daughter lived in the UK with her mother until she passed away. This young girl is named Theodora, she went living with her father when she was 5 but ended up being taken away by Hydra when she was 12. What happens if she is sold to the redroom month later and becomes the worst widow and yet when she is free, decides to be a lawyer.

4- Eleonora Clarke
Eleonora Clarke is a brilliant student, she is smart and likes to study. So she is excited to begin her first year in University in the US, away from her family in England. What if in her first day os school she catches the eye of someone she shouldn't have, not because she is her teacher but because she doesn't really know her, Professor Romano . But she got a nice roommate, Wanda Maximov .

5- When a flower meets a widow
Svetlana Kerno is from a special organisation, not Hydra, not the redroom. But the Botanical Room. It appears as a simple landscaping company when in reality it trains young girls to become the perfect woman, the perfect wife. They can't fight, kill, make dinner, take care of a man, speak in every languages, etc.
The best one becomes the Black Dahlia.

At the end of this 'school' they are sold to the highest bidder, no question about the intention of the buyer are asked.

6- Wrong number
It's a basic wrong number story, you, Y/n, were living your life in the US with your bestfriend and your boyfriend. But one day, when you wanted to text your bestfriend, you accidentally texted one of the Avengers.

Finally - Not in the marvel universe

1- An impossible crush
Sarah Cariken is a 17 years old girl who is gonna begin her last year of high school. She intends to succeed and find a college for the next year. She wants to focus on school, 100% of her focus, on school. But unfortunately, a certain someone is taking 50% of her concentration, even if nothing is going on between them. But the facts that they accidentally meet so o en is not helping her with her impossible crush.
2- I hate you because I love you
Zoe Smith spent almost all of her schooling in the same educational system in her city. But during 10th grade something happened. It was difficult for her so a er her school year ended she went to a residential facility to finish her high school years. A er the remaining 2 years, she returned to her family to start college with her best friend Amy, and her twin brother Noe. How to say that these two years away from her family and friends changed her a lot. She used to be small, acne-prone, shy, reserved and a real nerd. How will Skyler Crook react when she sees that her high school crush is no longer the shy, cute little girl she used to be but rather a girl who is not afraid to stand up for herself and has become incredibly hot.

3- School is a nightmare
Emilia Andrews has a hard past, she is suffering with social anxiety, depression, her nightmares and she is really shy. This year is her last year of high school and she intends to finish it without any problem and without being noticed. What if on her first day of school, she fails both by getting noticed by her new English Teacher

4- Finally free from Hell
Alexia is a troublemaker, I mean that's what the school thinks. When in reality she is dreaming of people letting her leave her life in peace. She has two friends and she is ok with that, they are the best of friends she could've ever asked for. She really is trying to go through this entire year. But you shouldn't mess with her, she isn't really friendly when you try to invade her private life. What happens if one of her new teachers is a little bit too curious?

To be Continued...

The Russian one

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