



Chapter Eleven

Two Weeks Later

Y/N looked at the front of the compound, it had been two weeks since she'd been discharged from hospital. She had spent those two weeks at Sharon's apartment in the city, on forced bed rest, which Y/N had tried to protest against. Y/N had even tried to get Steve to convince Sharon to let her get back to work, but it hadn't made Sharon budge at all.

Today though Y/N had gotten the all clear from her Doctor, who had been pleased with how the wounds were healing. Y/N had let out the part where her leg was in constant pain where the bullet had hit, mentioning that would have meant not being cleared for duty and she really couldn't sit around watching any more trash day time tv, it was melting her brain.

Sharon was at Shield HQ today, but Y/N had sent her a message saying she was going to be at the compound, so she didn't freak out about the apartment being empty. Y/N had sensed the unease in Sharon's reply, she clearly wasn't fond of the idea of Y/N being back there without her.

"Are you planning to just stand and stare at the building until it moves or something?"

Y/N didn't need to look over her shoulder to guess the owner of the russian accent, it was of course going to be Yelena. A few seconds later and Yelena was standing beside her, mimicking the way Y/N was staring at the compound.

"With a world full of super human people and having gone through multiple world threats it really wouldn't surprise me if this building could just up and move" Y/N replied as she looked away from the compound to Yelena.

"Mmm fair point. Sure the Wizard guy or Wanda could probably do something like that if they felt inclined too" Yelena nodded slightly.

Y/N froze slightly at the mention of Wanda. She had known at some point she was going to have to see the red headed witch again after that moment in the hospital, but even with all the time to think whilst 'resting' Y/N hadn't been able to figure out what that moment had meant.

"If you're worried about another run in with Vis, he is in Wakanda at the moment. Helping Shuri out with some science project I think. So you're in the clear" Yelena spoke again, noticing the way Y/N had seemed to just stop when she had mentioned Wanda.

"Oh right, um yeah that's good" Y/N replied, "Is Steve about?"

"Yeah the fossil is probably in the gym, punching a bag or something" Yelena gestured for Y/N to follow her inside, "I'll drop you off on my way through."

Y/N followed behind Yelena, slightly surprised that the young russian assassin was being so friendly, she had assumed that most of the team would dislike her a lot after everything that had happened. It had been something that had crossed Y/N's mind a lot when she had been resting, none of them had been at the hospital, other than Wanda and there hadn't been any contact from any of them since she had got out.

So in Y/N's mind she figured they were blaming her for what had happened at the fake Hydra cell, for the fact she hadn't warned them sooner about it being a trap and that by the time she'd got there they were all being attacked.

Sharon had assured her that the team were all fine and it was likely they were just busy regrouping after what had happened. Y/N hadn't been convinced though and that was why she decided to come here as soon as she had gotten the okay at the check up.

"Yo America's Arse, you have a guest" Yelena announced as she led Y/N into the massive gym that was on the ground floor of the compound.

Steve paused the combo of punches he had been working through and reached out to steady the punching bag. He had always found being in the gym and focusing on training to be the best way to clear his mind and after leading the team into a trap he had been struggling with a lot of guilt about it.

"Y/N, hey I didn't know you were already back up on your feet" Steve said giving her a warm smile, "I'm sorry we weren't able to come see you, it was a little chaotic here after the mission and I thought it would be best if we gave you some space whilst you were healing up."

Y/N returned the smile as she walked over and took a seat on one of the benches that was in the centre of the room. Wiping his face with a towel, Steve wandered over and dropped down onto the bench beside Y/N, giving Yelena a small nod as she slipped out of the gym.

"Pretty sure I should be the one saying sorry to you" Y/N sighed as she tried to ignore the aching pain in her leg.

"Why would you think that Y/N?" Steve asked with a slight frown as he looked at her.

"If I hadn't done the things I did... If I had stayed and re-checked those files, then none of you would have been in that factory, you wouldn't have been attacked and Hydra wouldn't now know that we are all working on tracking them and their cells down" Y/N told him, the guilt written across her face as she spoke.

Steve shook his head a little and reached out to place a hand gently on Y/N's shoulder.

"Y/N don't be blaming yourself for this, any of us could have checked but we didn't. We all missed the signs of it being a trap because we were so eager to get started on the mission. If anything this is on me, I was the one who led the team into that factory" Steve said to her, "Plus you came back, you tried to warn us and then you protected members of the team. Which is something we all appreciate by the way, I'm just sorry it led to you getting hurt though."

"If everyone doing okay? Sharon said nobody suffered any bad injuries, right?" Y/N asked, needing to be assured that was true.

"Yeah that's right, we got a few bumps and scratches but really I think it's probably our egos that took the worst hit" Steve said with a slight chuckle, trying to lighten the mood.

"I'm glad that everyone got out and didn't get hurt" Y/N said, her body relaxing a little now she could believe it.

"So, you and Sharon, you're back together now?" Steve asked, not being able to help himself. He had heard from Nat that Sharon had rushed to the hospital after finding out what had happened, and that Wanda had been the one to see the reunion. Which he knew couldn't have been easy for Wanda, not when she clearly had feelings for Y/N.

"Yeah" Y/N nodded, "I guess getting shot made me realise that I had messed up with her, I shouldn't have treated her the way that I did."

Steve listened and couldn't help but notice that Y/N didn't seem to sound like she was exactly happy, maybe it was just down to the fact she was still recovering but he wondered if Y/N had made the choice because she felt like she had to with Sharon being at her bedside in hospital and not because she wanted for them to try again.

"How about we go and grab a coffee and take a walk around the lake? Then if you're up for it the team are having a games night tonight, you'd be more than welcome to stay and join" Steve offered as he stood up from the bench.

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Yelena practically sprinted through the compound, taking stairs two at a time after she had left Y/N with Steve in the gym. She needed to get to Wanda and give her the heads up about Y/N being in the compound. After all, Wanda was basically heartbroken over her and it wasn't going to be easy having Y/N around again. Skidding round the corner, Yelena cursed in Russian as she narrowly avoided colliding with Kate.

"Whoa, are okay? I haven't see you in such a rush to get somewhere since Thor said he was going to eat all you mac'n'cheese" Kate teased as she looked at Yelena.

"Haha very funny Kate Bishop" Yelena rolled her eyes but a smile was on her lips, "As much as I would like to enjoy your brilliant comedy, I really need to go and talk to Wanda."

Kate arched a brow, Wanda had been pretty absent over the last couple of weeks, spending most of her time in her room. All of them had tried to get her to open up but so far it had only been Natasha that had managed to really talk to her.

"Is something wrong?" Kate asked with concern.

"Depends if you consider Y/N appearing here at the compound, like now, as being something that could go wrong?" Yelena replied as she stepped round Kate, "I'll come find you in a bit, promise."

Yelena kissed Kate's cheek lightly before carrying on down the corridor to get to Wanda's room. ↪

"Oh Kate, do me a favour and find out where the heck Nat has gone, we might need her calming abilities if this all goes to shit" Yelena called over a her shoulder before turning round the corner.

Yelena reached Wanda's room, she took a moment to catch her breath before lightly knocking on the door.

"Hey Wanda it's me, you're favourite russian. I really need you to open door, so we can chat" Yelena said as she continued to tap on the door.

Wanda frowned at the door, she knew the team were worried about her, she had sensed it radiating off them in the compound. But after the hospital, after seeing the way Y/N had picked Sharon. Wanda just hadn't been able to bring herself to feel okay about it. The look in Y/N's eyes, when she had realised Wanda was stood there, it had played on Wanda's mind, she could have sworn she'd seen something like disappointment, but why would Y/N be disappointed?

"Wanda come on please open the door" Yelena raised her voice a little, "Y/N is here in the compound." ↪

A few moments later and the door swung open.

"Well if I had known that would get you to open the door then I would have led with that" Yelena complained as she frowned at Wanda.

"Why is she here?" Wanda asked as she looked at Yelena.

"Not sure really, she kind of just turned up. I found her stood outside sort of staring at the building" Yelena explained, "She's currently down in the gym with Steve."

Wanda stepped past Yelena and started walking.

"Whoa, wait up, where are you going?" Yelena jogged after Wanda, catching up with her.

"To the gym" Wanda answered as if it should have been obvious. ↪

"Wait, are you sure that's a good idea?" Yelena questioned Wanda, this hadn't been the reaction she had expected but Yelena was also aware that she wouldn't be able to stop Wanda.

"Y/N took multiple bullets for me, the least I can do is going and say thank you" Wanda told Yelena without stopping. ↪

"Right yeah... of course..." Yelena nodded slightly, she really hoped that Kate had found out where the hell her sister was, she didn't want Wanda to lose it and Nat had always been the voice of reason for her. ↪

Yelena carried out walking with Wanda, heading back to the gym.