



Chapter Eighteen

The plan had not gone as it should have done and that appeared to be down to the Avengers interference. Alex glared at the house from where he sat in the back of the van. Less than an hour ago an FBI team had swept in and were now in there with his mother.

Had things gone as they should of, Y/N should have arrived around the same time or just a er. At which point the Hydra agents who were part of the FBI team would have been able to get hold of her, under the pretence of taking her somewhere safe.

Instead though, Y/N had failed to turn up at their family home and the plan was derailed for now. Alex had taken careful steps to make his mother truly believe he had been kidnapped, knowing that Y/N would be the first person she'd call and that Y/N would then come running. She was an integral part to what he was trying to accomplish with Hydra, but Alex knew his sister would never help him willingly. Y/N despised Hydra and had made it clear she wanted to destroy them for what they'd done to the family.

Alex didn't see it that way though and he wanted to ensure his father's work was completed. He had sought out Hydra and their scientists, wanting to work to restore Hydra to their glory. The problem was that in order to finish his father's last project, Y/N was the key he needed, the missing part of the equation to make the machine work.

If the machine worked then it would be the greatest achievement in the history of Hydra and Alex was determined to live up to his father's name. Y/N might have been happy to turn her back on everything he had done but Alex wouldn't. It had been the Avengers fault that his father had died, Ultron had been their creation and it still haunted Alex seeing those images of his father dead in his cell.

"Should we return to the lab now Strucker?" Elijah asked him from the front part of the van.

"Yes, it appears my sister has been held up indefinitely at the moment." Alex hu ed with irritation as he sent the signal to the agents inside that the mission was o . They would continue to maintain their cover as FBI agents though, they were too valuable to pull them out now.

Alex leaned back in his seat, watching as his home faded into the distance. He was frustrated that today had not gone as planned but there was still time to achieve what he needed to. His sister had always been headstrong and over protective, to a point he believed even the Avengers would have a hard time keeping her in one place for long.

"Elijah contact the other team and have them deploy to the Avengers compound, I have a new plan on how we can obtain my darling sister right from under the Avengers noses" Alex instructed with a smirk.

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Y/N felt like she had been hit by a truck, her head was pounding and her body ached. With a grunt of pain, she slowly sat up, her eyes squinting against the brightness of the lights. It took her a moment to clear through the fog in her mind, but then the memories came rushing back. Kissing Wanda, the phone call from her mum, using her powers against the others and Wanda stopping her before she could leave.

Standing up quickly, Y/N stumbled forward a few steps as she got a headrush from the quick movement. Her hand shot out to steady herself, pressing against a cold smooth surface. Confused Y/N managed to stop herself feeling dizzy and opened her eyes, looking around she found herself in what appeared to be standalone reinforced cell. It was situated in the centre of the large room, there were an array of screens and machines in the room as well.

On one of the screens, Y/N saw what looked like a full body composition scan and then the realisation hit that the scan was of her. Not only had they trapped her in this damn glass box but the team had also decided to carry out research on her. Clearly their ability to cross lines was in full swing today.

"Assholes!" Y/N said as she slammed her fists against the glass, it didn't even seem to register the impact, whatever it was made of had obviously been designed to hold someone stronger than her.

"Ah you're awake" Tony stepped out from behind one of the machines he had been monitoring and approached the cell.

Y/N glared at him her eyes glowing with fury as he came to stand on the other side of the glass. She wondered who else was down here with them, beyond the cell and the immediate area around it, the room was dimly lit which made it di icult to make out anyone else who might be watching.

"Look Y/N I'm as unhappy as you are about this situation but it doesn't seem like you gave the others much choice. You kept some pretty big secrets kid and we need to make sure that you aren't a ticking time bomb since your powers seem to be pretty all over the place" Tony explained as he looked at Y/N.

"Unhappy? You think I'm unhappy?!" Y/N yelled at him as her fist connected with the glass again, "Someone has taken my little brother and threatened my mum and rather than being there, you have me locked in this damn box! I am beyond unhappy tony, I am pissed o !"

Tony instinctively stepped back from the cell, even though he knew it was designed to hold the likes of the Hulk and Asgardian gods, Y/N's powers were an unknown currently which meant he didn't know if the cell would hold her.

"We're looking into it Y/N and I have personally sent Sam and Bucky to collect your mum and take her somewhere safe until we get to the bottom of what is going on" Tony told her as he paced the outside the cell.

"You can't keep me locked up in here like some kind of animal. I'm a federal agent, you are holding a federal agent hostage you realise that don't you?!" Y/N was furious, how could they think that this was okay?

The sound of a door opening and footsteps, had Tony pause for a moment before replying to Y/N. He looked over his shoulder and saw that it was Wanda who had come down there. Tony gave her a look, a warning that Y/N was not in a co-operative mood, which he doubted would be a surprise to Wanda.

"Stephen is on his way, he said that Wong will be with him as well" Wanda told Tony as she stepped into view of the cell.

"Alright well hopefully they'll be able to give us some answers, because myself and Bruce can only decipher so much from the scans we've done" Tony nodded, "I'll give you both a moment.

With that Tony turned and headed to go back up to the main section of the compound and find out how the rest of the team were doing.

Y/N honestly felt like she was in some kind of nightmare, they were treating her like she was the bad guy when there were people out there looking to hurt her family. She knew her powers were unpredictable, but she wouldn't ever hurt anyone, she had only lashed out earlier because her emotions had gotten the better of her.

"Y/N I'm sorry about this, I really am" Wanda said as she stepped closer.

"Go to hell Wanda" Y/N snapped at her, power flaring around her hands as she paced the cell.

"I think we were drawn to one another because of the mind stone, it's what unlocked the power in the both of us" Wanda told her, "Y/N do you understand that what's inside of you, it's magic, but it's di erent from mine that much I can tell. Stephen Strange is on his way here to see if the magic you have is the same as his and Wong's."

"I don't care Wanda! I don't care about my stupid powers or whatever magic it is you say I have. All I care about is finding my brother, which I can't do when you are keeping me in the damn thing! So let me out!" Y/N shouted at her, a blast of her magic escaped from her hands, slamming into the glass.

Wanda looked sadly at Y/N, she hated that this choice was hurting her.

"Y/N I'm trying to protect you, whoever took your brother could be looking to take you as well. If you go o n your own then you could be in a lot of danger and I can't... I can't let anything happen to you" Wanda said as she watched Y/N start pacing again.

"Why?! Why would you care if something happened to me?!" Y/N asked as she stopped and met Wanda's gaze.

"Because I... Lov-" Before Wanda could finish her sentence a loud commotion flooded into the basement of the compound.

"Sharon! What are you doing?!" Steve said as he tried to get ahead of Sharon and the team of CIA and FBI agents that flanked her.

"You have a federal agent imprisoned here, which is breaking so many codes I am not even going to bother listing them. What the hell were you all thinking?" Sharon replied sharply as she nodded for the other agents to spread out around the room.

"It's not like that Sharon" Steve argued as he stepped in front of her.

"So Y/N isn't currently locked in a cell that you had made to contain enhanced persons?" Sharon asked with an arched brow before she brushed past him.

Tony, Bruce, Natasha and Clint came rushing in having been alerted by FRIDAY about the situation. They all looked to Steve who gave them an exasperated look, there was no way for them to stop what was happening.

"Sharon" Y/N came up to the glass, relief flooding through her that someone who was sane was finally there.

"Hey, we're going to get you out of there" Sharon said reassuringly as she pressed her hand against the glass where Y/N's was, "I don't care who does it but one of you needs to unlock this right now."

Tony sighed and moved to the control panel and entered the required codes, the door of the side of the cell slid open, allowing Y/N to step out. She rushed over to Sharon, immediately hugging her.

"Get me out of here, please" Y/N begged Sharon, holding onto her tightly.

"Come on, I've got you" Sharon said so ly as she kept an arm around Y/N and began to lead her away.

Wanda watched, her heart feeling like it was being torn from her chest as Sharon held onto Y/N. Nat and Maria were suppose to have been working on stalling the FBI or CIA getting involved, she didn't understand how Sharon could have figured out so quickly what was going on. It didn't make sense.

The others stepped back as Sharon and Y/N walked past, the team Sharon had brought with her began to filter out behind them, ensuring that the Avengers weren't able to intervene. Sharon led Y/N through the compound and out to where the convoy of cars had been parked.

"We're in this one" Sharon said, gently guiding Y/N into the back of one of the SUV's before getting in as well.

Y/N slumped into the seat, she was exhausted.

"Thank you for coming to get me Sharon" Y/N said as the car started moving.

"Sorry about this Y/N, nothing personal" The voice that replied didn't belong to Sharon and the person who just seconds ago had looked just like Sharon now appeared to be someone completely di erent.

Before Y/N had a chance to process what was going on, the other woman who had been impersonating Sharon moved with inhuman quickness and plunged a needle into Y/N's neck. The liquid it contained worked almost instantly as it flowed into Y/N's veins, rendering her paralyzed.

"Yeah it's me, tell Strucker the mission was a success. Like taking candy from a baby. None of them suspected anything" The woman spoke into her comms piece, as she watched Y/N.