



## Chapter Five

The rest of the team had filtered out of the conference room pretty soon after Wanda had left to go and find Y/N. Leaving Sharon standing in there with Steve, who was still struggling to process what had just happened.

"Look I get that I've never been super popular around here, but I would have thought after all these years that the differences would have been set aside by now" Sharon spoke as she moved and sat down in the chair across from Steve.

Steve sighed as he ran a hand through his hair, trying to pull his thoughts into order as he looked over at Sharon. He knew that she wasn't a bad person and that there were clearly things he didn't know but he was angry that his attempt to get Y/N to trust and feel like part of the team had been so royally screwed up.

"What happened between you and Y/N?" Steve asked after a moment, it was only fair to give Sharon the chance to explain the history between them.

"We met each other after the blip happened. A task force was pulled together to try and deal with the chaos that ensued and to be ready for any other threat that might come. Y/N and I were working a lot of hours together and well one thing led to another and we made things official" Sharon explained to Steve as she nervously played with a pen that was on the table, before carrying on.

"I really loved her Steve, like the epic kind of love you see in books and movies. I thought she was the one and I asked her to marry me. She said yes but then you guys reversed the blip and suddenly the task force we were a part of was disbanded and we got moved back to our old jobs, which meant spending a lot of time apart. That didn't help and the arguments started between us." Sharon paused for a moment, fighting back the emotions that were being dragged up.

"Then one of Y/N's assignments went really wrong, I never found out what happened, she refused to talk about it. I only knew because one of her colleagues reached out because he was concerned about Y/N. She completely shut me out and then one day after she'd disappeared for weeks, she turns up at our apartment and says she can't marry me anymore, no explanation, just hands back her ring and walks away."

Steve could see the pain in Sharon's eyes as she spoke and realised that the way she had acted when she had first walked into the conference room had simply been a defence mechanism to hide it. She clearly had taken the chance to hurt and humiliate Y/N because of how things had ended and whilst he didn't like that, Steve understood it a little better now.

"So this is the first time the two of you have seen each other? How long has it been?" Steve lent forward, resting his arms on the table.

"It's been about ten months now and yes this is the first time we have seen or spoken to one another since then" Sharon nodded slightly, "I meant it though, I didn't know Y/N was going to be the agent assigned to this. Maybe there was a small part of me that hoped it was, fooling myself into thinking that if we just saw each other then things might be different."

"I'm sorry that you have been through this Sharon, I really am, but I can't have all of this personal stuff getting in the way of us dealing with Hydra. Can I trust you to be professional, or do I need to talk to Fury about having both of you taken off this?" Steve wanted to remain neutral to try and keep things from getting any worse.

"You can trust me, I want Hydra gone just as much as you guys do and I can set the personal stuff aside. But I think your concern should be whether Y/N is going to be able to or not. Like I said the Y/N I fell in love with disappeared and the person she is now is a shell of the person I knew" Sharon warned Steve as she got up from where she was sitting.

Steve didn't say anything more and let Sharon leave the conference room. This was clearly far more complicated than he had assumed and now he was going to have to talk to the others to figure out what to do about this situation.

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Wanda sat up on the roof of the compound, it had been a place she often came to when she needed to get away from everything. It was peaceful up there and she could just take a moment to herself. After the interaction with Y/N she had just needed some time to figure things out.

She had no idea why it bothered her so much that Y/N seemed to hate her, anyone else would have just let it go and walked away, after all they did barely know one another, but something was telling Wanda that Y/N was someone she was supposed to know.

Between Steve and Sharon though, Wanda couldn't help but feel like her hopes of growing closer to Y/N had been truly cut off. How was she ever going to compete against Captain America and an ex-fiancé who clearly still had feelings and an unresolved past with Y/N.

The sound of approaching footsteps pulled Wanda from her thoughts, Nat was making her way across the roof and had Yelena with her. Both of them smiled warmly at Wanda as they moved to sit down on either side of her.

"We thought you might be a bit lonely up here" Yelena said as she stretched her legs out.

"I take it finding Y/N didn't go very well?" Nat added as she looked over at her friend.

"She pretty much shut me down and told me to leave her alone" Wanda admitted with a sigh.

"Maybe Y/N just needs a good night out? You know let her hair down, and not be such a jerk?" Yelena suggested.

"Wands, I know you don't like to use your powers on people without cause but do you think taking a little look in Y/N's mind would possibly give us an idea about what's going on with her?" Nat asked, "I mean we need to know that she's someone we can trust to be a part of this whole mission."

Wanda frowned deeply.

"If I do that, then it'll just confirm the idea that she has of me being someone to fear, someone who will use their powers whenever they feel like it. I think Y/N needs some time and can we really blame her for being angry about what Sharon did?" She replied, looking between Yelena and Nat.

"I'm with Wanda, I don't think scrambling around in Agent Grumpy's head will do us any favours. I mean she's entitled to her privacy even if she's being an ass" Yelena shrugged.

"Alright fine, but I'm just saying I don't want to be out in the field and be worried that Y/N is a weak link, who might not fight as hard for us as we do for each other" Nat voiced her concern and Yelena gave a small nod of agreement.

"Let's give Y/N a chance, I don't think it's fair to judge her on these last couple of days, she hasn't exactly had the greatest start to working with us" Wanda replied defending Y/N, "Is Sharon still here?"

Yelena sat up slightly and nodded in the direction of the grounds below.

"Think that answers your question" she said pointing toward the figure that was walking out into the grounds, it was Sharon and she seemed to be heading in the direction of the trail Wanda had left Y/N on earlier.

Wanda couldn't help but be annoyed by the other woman's presence there and the comment that Sharon had made in the conference room had played over and over in Wanda's mind when she had come up to the roof. It was clear that Sharon had disapproved of Wanda going after Y/N and Wanda had the sense that Sharon would do what she could to ensure that she wasn't able to get closer to Y/N if she could help it.

"I'm all for you moving on Wands, but you sure you want to be in the middle of this?" Yelena asked as they watched Sharon disappear from view, "I mean sure Y/N is petty hot and stuff but is someone you don't really know worth the drama?"

"I don't know" Wanda admitted with a sigh, "But I can't really explain it, but there is just something there, I can feel a connection. Like our paths were meant to cross, but I'm just not sure why and I feel like I need to figure out what it means."

"Well it your witchy senses are tingling then it's probably worth listening to them" Yelena nodded offering Wanda a supportive smile.

"I'm going to try and find Steve and Tony and see what's going on with getting this mission going" Nat said as she stood up, "We're both here for you Wanda, whatever happens with Y/N or anything we'll have your back."

"Thank you Nat" Wanda smiled at her, she would be forever grateful for being able to use her powers to bring her best friend back, a world and life without Natasha in was one that would have been bleak and who knows where she would have ended up without her friend.

Nat left Yelena and Wanda sitting up on the roof, the pair of them remained up there for another hour talking about things before deciding that if the mission wasn't being started today then they deserved to have a night of fun. Which led them to the idea that a night out in the city would be a good way for the team to unwind.

They agreed to divide and conquer and find the rest of the team in the compound and convince them to come along.