



i. Intergalactic Threat

Wanda was sitting in their hotel room, sipping tea. The vision was due to be arriving any minute. Auralie was standing by the window, looking out over the dark streets while a light rain drizzled down.

"Are you ok my dear?" Wanda asked, putting down her tea and getting out of bed to go stand with her girlfriend.

Auralie shrugged, "I just have a weird feeling that something bad is going on. I mean, why else would Vision want to talk to us?"

Wanda sighed, "I know. I'm worried too. Something about all this just doesn't feel right. Did you call Steve and Nat and talk to them about how worried we are?"

"Yes," Auralie replied, "They said they would stay in the area in case everything goes wrong. I think they're worried too. I just can't do anything about it because I don't know what's the problem."

"Well, whatever happens, we'll face it together," Wanda promised.

Auralie turned to face the witch, "I know we will."

They leaned forward, pressing their lips together, Auralie's hands cupping Wanda's face in her own as they kissed in front of that window pane dripping with rain like teardrops. Time seemed to stop for them, and all the worries of the world melted away. There was only them and their love, a love that never ended.

They broke away and Auralie whispered, "that never gets old."

"No, it does not," Wanda agreed, "now come on. We should go wait outside for Vision. I think the rain is letting up a bit." Auralie nodded and took Wanda's hand. Together they went to go wait for what was coming.

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"The stone," Vision was saying as the three of them walked down the street, "it's trying to tell me something. Warning me, I think, of something to come."

The Android had a human-like disguise on, so they could walk around without being noticed. Still, Auralie had the strangest feeling that they were being followed.

"Any indication as to what?" Auralie asked.

"Not that I am aware of," Vision admitted, "I was hoping Ms. Maximo's mind reading could help me decipher it."

Wanda frowned, "I guess I could give it a shot."

"Tell me what you see," Vision said as Wanda waved her fingers, her red magic brushing against the stone, trying to make it give up all its secrets. Auralie watched, curious to see what they could find out from the gem.

Wanda sighed and her magic faded, "I'm sorry Vision, it's not giving me anything. I just feel you."

Vision hung his head in defeat, "well, I suppose we will have to go in blind, as they say. How have you two been?"

Auralie shrugged, "not bad except we're all freaking out over something your infinity stone is trying to tell us. We're also on the run. Ok, maybe we have some issues but it isn't all bad."

"Really?" Vision questioned.

"Yeah," Wanda chimed in, taking Auralie's hand and pressing a kiss to her cheek, "Auralie and I have been dating for two years now."

Vision smiled, "oh congratulations. I'm happy you are happy."

"Thanks," Auralie said, "but something tells me this peace won't last. Come on, we promised Steve and Nat an update on the situation."

They continued walking and talking. Vision was telling them the story of Tony's protegee, Spiderman, and his adventures against the Vulture. Apparently, he had saved a whole bunch of dangerous weapons from being distributed to bad people. It was pretty impressive for a high schooler with homework and a curfew.

Vision checked the time and said, "I should be going. I have a train to catch."

"Wait," Wanda called, wanting to make amends with her former associate, "are you sure it will be safe? If the stone is warning you about something, maybe you should stay here. Steve and Nat would help protect you, I'm sure of it."

"She's right, you're no good to anyone if you're dead," Auralie pointed out.

Vision turned around to reply, but then they heard noise from a nearby TV screen displayed in a store window. They raced over, only to see what could only be described as aliens. There was footage of two of the creatures and a donut-shaped spaceship landing in NYC.

Two people who fought by creating orange sort of portals, one who wore a red cape, were seen fighting them. Also spotted on the scene were Iron Man and Spiderman.

According to the news source, Tony was missing.

"What are they?" Wanda mused, taking her girlfriend's hand. A look of horror had spread across the light manipulator's face.

"What the stone was warning me about," Vision replied.

Wanda nodded, then said to Auralie, "what is it?"

"Tony," Auralie whispered, pain evident in her voice, "Tony's missing."

It had been two years since Auralie Shadow had fought with her friend. She hadn't had contact with him since. She didn't even know whether he read her letter or threw it away. She hoped he had taken her words into consideration and had forgiven her as she had forgiven him. She had missed Tony, she really had, and seeing that he was missing made her afraid. He was earth's best defender. She feared for the world without him and she feared for his fate as well.

"Oh hell," Auralie staggered back, and Wanda's arms encircled her, holding her up, "we have to do something, we have to help him!"

"It's out of our hands darling, we can't get to space. We can only hope that he isn't alone. Come on, the best we can do is call in reinforcements and figure out how to best deal with this," Wanda's words of reason pierced the fog of panic that had begun rolling over Auralie's thoughts.

"You're right," Auralie said, straightening up and regaining her composure, "let's head back."

They fell into step and for a single moment, things were going according to plan. Right after that moment was when it all turned to chaos.

A/N: Part Three and Infinity War have begun. Wanda and Auralie have their work cut out for them. But I just want to say, while this does include infinity war, everything after infinity war is my own story, so sort of an au.

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