Hero Saves You After Being Ambushed by Heroes Complete Series Script (M4F) (Strangers to Lovers) (Injured Listener) (Villain Listener) (TW: Abuse mentions, violence, violence against listener, abandonment, and past deaths of family members)

You thought you got out. You would never have to see or think of them again, but then the letter came. It's a trap and you know it, but what if it's not? Can you take that chance? Luckily, a sort of hero with his own agenda takes matters into his own hands and does what you never expected a hero to do, save you.

Hero Saves Your Life (Pt 1) (M4F) (Strangers to Lovers) (Injured Listener) (Villain Listener)

(Bickering) (TW: Extreme violence against listener and mentions of past abuse)

You know it's a bad idea. You feel it deep in your gut. This has to be a trap, but you're going

anyway just in case. You receive a note that drives you to go back to a city you haven't wanted to

see ever again. And of course, it's a trap. You, a "villain" get ambushed by heroes, but this is

different. You don't think they are there to get you arrested.

Approx word count: 1300

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[Footsteps running on a sidewalk]

Out of breath, and panicked No, no, no, no, no, no, no, no, no, no. I've got to get her out of there.

There are six heroes in there and she doesn't stand a chance. She'll take down a couple of them no problem, but no one has fought and won against the others. Ice Rage needs to stand down.

I've got to make it there in time. They'll kill her and I can't let that happen! Finally there's the...

[He stops running then a thud sound]

No! Holy shit They just dropped her from a fucking ten story building! Bunch of murdering psychopaths! Oh God, I need to get to her. Shit, they're still on the roof. They'll spot me if I go over. Come on assholes, leave. I can see her chest moving, but it's shallow. I can hear her breathing and heartbeat. I don't like the sounds I'm hearing. I think her lungs are filling with blood. If I can just get to her, wait, I can't see them anymore. This is my chance.

[He runs over to her and she uselessly struggles against him]

"Hey, I've got you. No, don't fight me damn it! Fine, I'm sorry. You can yell at me later. A little boost of serotonin and some morphine should put you out and stop the pain for a while. Please trust me. I'm going to help you. You're going to be ok. I promise."

[Everything fades out]

[She wakes up in a bed and tries to get up]

"Good evening."

[Sheets rustling]

"Hey, calm down. You'll only hurt yourself. You're ok. I'm here to help."

[Sheets rustling]

"Look, I understand. You're confused, maybe a little bit scared. No one here is going to hurt you. In fact, I saved your life."

(...) "Why doesn't matter. You're safe and that's all." (...) "Fine! Before I tell you, answer me this, did you recognize the heroes who attacked you?" (...) "Three of them? Geo, Ember, and Scarlett Storm right? The other three are Saber, Bolt, and mr. righteous himself Titan and fun fact, Scarlett Storm was Titan's apprentice. He and Scarlett are the strongest heroes in the country." (...) "No, Titan isn't usually in our city. The latter 3 are the heroes they only bring in when the city can no longer handle a villain. They were meant to beat you within an inch of your life then let you die then and there." (...) **Indignantly** "That is not what all of us do. They will leave permanent issues. It won't be a broken bone or two and a concussion. This will be legs shattered, spine broken, skull fractured, lungs filled with blood type injuries." (...) "Yeah. Had I not been there <u>vou</u> would be dead. You had all of those. Tone shifts from almost anger to somber thoughtfulness Although, I think your legs being shattered has happened before you were thrown off the roof. Am I right?" (...) "You, don't have to say anything, just nod." (...)

"Thought so. That's been Scarlett Storm's calling card on tougher villains. Coming from a doctor, it's excessive if you ask me." (...) **Offended shouting** "Wait, what? I am a real doctor! Just because I have healing powers, doesn't mean I didn't go to medical school and graduate top of my class at Johns Hopkins 6 years ago." (...) "Don't call me old man, I saw your file. You're only 2 years younger than me, you little shit." (...) "My name? Just call me Doc. That's my hero name." (...) "I don't care if you think it's stupid. It's a basic name that tells everyone exactly what I do." (...) "My powers are things like I can take your leg and in my mind I can see everything inside like an x-ray and mentally surgically put the pieces back together." (...) "I see the wounds in my mind and I can move things around to fix them without cutting someone open." (...) "Oi, watch it. I can also put you to sleep just by touching your head. Again" (...) "If I place my hand on your head, I can kind of do the same as fixing something. It basically lets me mess with the brain and make it do what I want by having it release whatever chemicals I

want or rewiring certain things."

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"For example, I can touch your head and make it release a shot of serotonin at will. Things like
that."
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"No, I'm not going to do it again, so stop asking. I need you in your right mind."
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"No."
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"No."
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"Whatever. What were you doing there in the first place?"
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"Those sick fucks. They sent you a note saying a villain and had your best friend?"
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"And when you got inside, they tried to knock you out, but you put up an ice shield, of course
Ember burned right through it."
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"Again with the why did I save you? I said it doesn't matter."
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Exasperated "What the hell do you think you're doing? Lay back down now!"
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"If you don't you're going to[Thud] fall. Right come on, back into bed."
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"I had to numb your whole body so when you woke up, you wouldn't feel as bad." (...) "Yes, this is your pain level when it's managed. Feel like you're going to die huh? Imagine it at full force." (...) "Oh no, I may have saved you, but you're still my enemy. Don't mistake that, but only out there. In this house, you will always be safe." (...) "Yes, house. This is my house." (...) "I wasn't with them because this was a top secret operation. I wasn't even supposed to know about it, but I was... working on something and I came across your file with a red x next to it. So I, opened it..." (...) "Yes, hacked would be a more appropriate word. I hacked in and saw they meant to terminate you." (...) "Because of the villain gangs, why else?" (...) "I'm talking about you being the top choice to lead each gang. Apparently you have the pick of the litter." Wait, her heart rate didn't increase. No change in breathing. Either she is a very good actress or... "You have no idea what I'm talking about do you?" (...)

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"Hold on a second. Stay here, I need to grab my phone."
(...)
There's no way they would target her for no reason. Ok, let me look at the pictures I took.
According to her file she is a top villain, but nothing in here shows any reason for HQ to want
her terminated. At least not in her skills and abilities. What else is in here?
(...)
"Yeah, I'm coming."
(...)
"What?"
(...)
"Yeah, I'll bring some water."
(...)
Shocked "Huh? Oh um you're welcome."
[He walks back in and she is breathing heavily and she's gripping her head.]
"Ok, you and I are going to... Calm panic as the doctor in him comes out Hey, hey, hey,
what's wrong? I see you. I'm here. How can I help?"
(...)
"Your head feels like it's about to explode? Ok, please try to be calm dear. I promise you, you're
going to be ok. I need to do something to see if there is a problem with your skull. Can you trust
me not to hurt you?"
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"Thank you. First, let me help you sit up. Not get up, just sit up. Easy, good. Now I'm going to lean you towards me. For this I'm going to need you to either keep your head very still or rest it on my shoulder." (...) "If you think you can hold it steady go ahead." (...) "There's no need for the attitude." (...) I told you to keep still." (...) "No you're not." (...) "I, [She lays on his shoulder] thank you. Resting me will definitely make this easier. Your hair smells nice." (...) "What? No, I'm not hitting on you. Just... shut up." (...) "You're going to feel a kind of rumble in your brain. It's fine. It's just my power assessing your injuries." (...) Her breathing is slower, not in a bad way and her body is leaning on me a lot more. Is she asleep? I guess it would be a good thing. I don't feel anything internal making her sleep. I think her headache was just the result of the day as a whole. Alright come here. I've got your head

steady in my hand and I'm just going to lay you gently back on the pillow. Just like that. Sleep well dear villain.

[Footsteps]

Now, I need to sit and read her file. First off, who marked her for termination?

[Opens his phone]

"Wait, it was Titan and, what the actual fuck?"

Explaining Who You are to Your Hero (Part 2) (M4F) (M Cameo) (Strangers to Lovers) (Slow Burn) (Injured Listener) (Villain Listener) (TW: Mentions of past abuse)

After waking up in a strange bed... again, you remember you're injured and the hero, Doc saved you. What was his motive? What did he want from you? And why does he seem so concerned?

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[Sheets rustling]
"It's about time you woke up. How are you feeling?"
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"Better? Good. Stern Now, what the hell is your connection to Titan?"
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"Don't give me that bullshit. If you have no connection why would he want you dead?"
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"Ok, fine you're a villain, but then why do the two of you share a last name?"
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"That got your attention real fast."
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"Don't look so scared. I stand by my statement of you being safe in this house, but you better
start answering my questions now or I may have to turn you in myself. I definitely don't want to
be on Titan's bad side. So, either you tell me what the hell kind of game you're playing or I turn
you over."
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"I never make promises I can't keep. I may still turn you in if I don't like what I hear."
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"Fine, I'll get you more water, but after that, you tell me everything. Got it."
()
"Good."
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She's going to try to leave. Her wanting water was just a way to get me out of the room. Luckily,
the second she steps onto the floor the door will lock and she'll have no way out. Hmm, still
nothing, surely she didn't. No way!
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"I, uh rushed back because I thought, I thought I heard you fall."
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"Good, I'm glad you're ok."
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"Right, yes, this water is for you."
()
"You're welcome."
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"Ok, now spill. What is going on? Is Titan your ex-husband or something?"
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"Jeez! You don't have to shout. You could have just said no. If not that, then what?"
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"Your, older brother. Holy shit. Titan has a sister?"
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"Two!"
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"Your sister who used to go by no. Miz Might?" Not her. They can't be related. "You're lying.
There have never been any files about Miz Might having siblings."
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"What do you mean she doesn't go by that anymore? Who is she?"
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Panic "Scarlett Storm? Scarlett Storm is Titan's sister? And you're their sister? And Titan and
Scarlett attacked you and attempted to murder you and <b>Dread and realization</b> oh I'm dead. I'm
so dead."
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"What do you mean yep?"
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"Yeah, I know they are merciless."
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"Wait a second. There were some injuries I meant to ask you about. This wasn't the first time
your legs have been broken or, or shattered was it? There were some old fractures that looked
like they never fully healed. It was Scarlett Storm wasn't it?"
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"And your shoulders. They've been dislocated a number of times. Was that her too?"
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"Titan did that?"
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Concerned anger "And you just put it behind you? Those are more than just siblings fighting,
Ice Rage those are almost torture wounds. They did that to you?"
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"I, I'm so sorry Ice. And well, it looks like you and I have a common enemy."
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"Your sister. 5 years ago when she was still Miz Might, she had a hero partner named Warp." (...) "So, you heard about her throwing a car at a villain and missing only to hit and, kill Warp?" (...) "Warp was my sister, Kate. The only reasons I joined the heroes society were to find whoever killed her and help save as many people as possible. That's what I was doing when I found your file. I was looking more into old paperwork about who her partner was at the time. Which, of course, her changing her hero name made the search a lot harder." (...) "Oh no, they didn't just let her get away with it. There was a manhunt for her. She would have been charged the same as if she killed a civilian or a villain, but she disappeared. Everyone thought she went into hiding. My theory now is that she left town and came back a year ago when Scarlett Storm showed up." (...) "Yeah, you didn't know she's only been here a year?" (...) "Oh you're not from the city." (...) "You live across the country? Then why were you here? Was it true, what you said about the note?" (...) "Why are you looking at me like that? Ice?" (...)

"They did send you a note, but it wasn't about a friend because, because you don't have any
friends?"
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"Your siblings kept you so isolated apart from them and some back alley healers they took you to
that you never had the chance."
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"Why back alley ones? They use such reckless powers, there is a reason they don't become fully
licensed healers. Most of them wouldn't even be able to spell doctor."
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"You would be so badly hurt that if they took you to real ones there would be too many
questions."
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Distraught "Oh God Ice. That's, horrible isn't even a bad enough word. That was evil."
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"It must have been something important in the note to get you here?"
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"When you were young, after your mother died, your father abandoned all of you?"
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"The note said they found your father and he was, dying and they wanted you to be able to say
goodbye. What a couple of sick demented fucks!"
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"When you got there it was only Titan and Scarlett. You thought it was real, but then she attacked you? You fought for a while holding your own, but when Titan stepped in, it was over. The rest of the heroes ambushed you and finally Titan grabbed you and... yeah, I saw that part." (...) "I did. The smack of you hitting the sidewalk was one of the worst sounds I've ever heard. I still shudder when I think of it." (...) "You don't have to thank me. I was just doing what a normal person would have done. Villain or not." (...) "What do you mean you're not a villain anymore? Why would we have such a long list of crimes you committed?" (...) "You gave up being a villain ten years ago? That was definitely not in the files." (...) "The only reason you became one was so you could steal enough money to run away from your siblings." (...) "And you finally did and you retired and moved far away." (...) "That's true the files did say you live here. If you're not a villain anymore then why do you still go by the fake name?" (...)

"You only know the name your siblings would call you? What?"
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"Your siblings just called you Ice."
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"You don't know your legal name at all?"
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This poor woman. So much physical and emotional trauma.
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"So, wait, the three heroes you knew weren't the cities most known. It was Titan, Scarlett and
who was the third?"
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"Why Ember?"
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"Oh fire powers. You wanted to make sure to stay away from her. That's understandable."
()
"What? No. I never wanted to be a hero. That was all my sister. I was happy when I was just a
doctor, but I wanted answers and submitting information request forms was practically
impossible when it's for information about heroes from outside the agency."
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"Thank you. You don't need to say sorry though. You didn't do anything wrong."
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"Hey, I see you hiding that yawn. Try to sleep some more, got it?"
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Secrets Revealed to Your Hero (Pt. 3) (M4F) (+FM speakers) (Strangers to Lovers) (Reverse Comfort) (Comfort) (TW: Abusive backstory revealed, mentions of abandonment by parent and

You begin to panic when the door opens and you hear Titan's voice. You think about jumping out

the window, but you know you can't make it far and there is no way you're leaving Doc with

him. Why is he here?

past death of parent)

Approx word count 2500

[...] are sfx

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\*Opening scene is a flashback to the night Ice was attacked by her siblings. The conversation is just between Titan and Scarlett Storm.

S - is Scarlett Storm dialogue

T - is Titan dialogue

D - is Doc dialogue

## [Pacing sounds]

- T: **Annoyed** "Scarlett, what am I doing here? I have my own city to protect. Away from you."
- S: Very bright and smug "We're going to bring dear little sis home."
- T:"What the hell are you talking about? Ice is gone. She's been in the wind for a decade."
- S: "You don't seem to get it. Ice Rage is our sister."
- T: "Haha, very funny. Ice Rage was an unknown villain for a short time a few years ago."
- S: "Look at this photo. Looks just like her huh?"
- T: Quiet sadness "Wow, it actually does. She kind of looks like mom."
- S: "Shut up about her. She doesn't need to be brought into this."
- T: "Whatever."
- S:"Little sis had better be ready."
- T: "Scar, what are you planning on doing?"
- S: **Still bright, but stern** "Just get ready to play a little game, big brother and everything will go according to plan."
- T: "Alright, let's get it over with."
- TIME SKIP to the end of the fight.
- T: **Anger** "You four get the hell out of here now!"

[Footsteps as the other heroes leave]

- S: "What's wrong Titan?"
- T: "What's wrong? You just made me throw my baby sister off the roof of a ten story building. I need to get down there."
- S: **Stern** "No, you don't. You are going to wait here until I say it's time to go."
- T: "Fine, but when I leave, that's it. I'm gone."

S: Bright and stern "It will just take a phone call and you'll be back in a snap."

T: "I, I..."

S: "Remember what mom and dad always told you?"

T: "Don't you dare."

S: "Just saying. Good night Titan. And thanks for the help."

TIME SKIP to when Titan is standing at Doc's door

[Street noises]

D: "Titan! What are you doing here?"

T: "Cut the bullshit. I'm here to see my sister."

D: "I don't know what you're talking about."

T: "Come on Doc, I saw you take off with her that night. I have to admit, I was relieved."

D: "Really? The person who threw her off a building is relieved to see she was saved? I doubt that."

"T: I understand why you'd be hesitant to believe me, but it's true. My sister, well other sister, has a hidden power no one outside of our family knew about. I'm not even sure if Ice knew about it. Although she was the victim of it most of her life."

D: "What the hell are you talking about?"

T: "Scarlett has mind control powers."

D: "Oh please, you expect me to believe that? And if I did, how could I be sure you weren't being controlled by her right now?"

T: "You have healing powers. Heal my brain and see what you find."

D: "I'm not that kind of doctor, nor do I have those powers."

T: "Can't you tell if something has been messing with my brain chemistry or something like that."

D: "I, um, well, actually yeah. I didn't think of it like that. But no, I saw her termination file. You were the one who marked her."

T: "That's possible. Scarlett either did it herself or she used her power to make me do it."

D: "How am I supposed to trust you?"

T: "You probably shouldn't. I did hurt my little sister. Mind controlled or not. I still did it."

D: "Why are you so calm?

T: "Tahlia is the one who has had rage issues ever since Ice was born."

D: "Tahlia?"

T: "Ah shit, I meant Scarlett. Her, uh, her real name is Tahlia."

D: "Oh."

T: "Yeah, I've just been her pawn for the greater part of 30 years. Ever since I was 8."

D: "So, what did you mean when you said since Ice was born?"

T: "Can I come in? I don't feel like spilling family secrets on the porch of some guy's house."

D: "Fine, but you aren't seeing her."

T: "Fine."

[Door closes and footsteps]

D: "Talk."

T: "Ok, Tahlia was a normal kid. Our parents doted on her because she was the baby. I was only

3, but I remember being protective of her. We both had our dad's super strength so we were pretty normal, but as we got older, Scarlett discovered she had another power. Mind control. It

came from our mother's brother. So, she got more attention and she loved it. And then when Scarlett was 4 and I was 7, Ice was born and she had mom's water powers."

D: "Water, I thought she was ice empowered?"

T: "Well, she does use ice a lot, but she can control anything with water in it and make it any other form. I've seen her make icicles from steam."

D: "So, your mom focused more on Ice than Scarlett and she lost all the attention?"

T: "No, that's the thing. Mom and dad still doted on her. Not only that, but our uncle came and taught her how to use her mind control."

D: "What changed?"

T: "She started using her power on Ice. She made her stop crying even when she needed things, she made her stop eating to try to get mom to spend more time with her. I had been suspicious about all the alone time Tahlia had spent with Ice, so I kept an eye on them. I, I wish I would have been better. One day Mom and I were in the backyard and dad was in his study while Ice was upstairs napping. Suddenly we heard this blood curdling cry. We rushed back inside and dad had her in his arms, but he said she was heading for the stairs. Scarlett was peeking out of Ice's room staring at her. She had this tiny smirk on her face. I told dad later after we had Ice checked out. Luckily mom put cameras in Ice's nursery to keep an eye on her and when they looked they watched Scarlett pull Ice from her crib and they heard her tell her to crawl and fall off the edge of the stairs.

D: "Oh God. What did your parents do after that?"

T: "Our uncle used his abilities to stop Thalia from using mind control, but he didn't know that his powers weren't permanent. Soon after our mom died, they manifested again and she was unstoppable. Dad couldn't handle her anymore so he left. I was only 10. I tried to take Ice and

leave. Then as Ice got older, Tahlia used her powers on me and we were merciless." D: **Angrily** "What did the two of you do to Ice?" T: "Beatings, some psychological torment that Ice hopefully doesn't even remember." (...) D: "What the hell are you doing out of bed?" T: "Ice?" (...) T: "No, please don't run." D: "She couldn't even if she wanted to. Although I thought that about her being able to stand, so. This woman is strong as hell and she keeps surprising me." T: A bit disgusted "Stop smiling at her like that, it's weird." D: "How long have you been listening?" (...) D: "Why am I not surprised?" T: "Ice, I..." (...) T: "Is what true?" (...) T: "Yes, every bit of it." (...) D: "No, I didn't confirm it yet." (...)

run because Tahlia still had it out for her, but she stopped me and told me I wasn't allowed to

D: "I'll try. You still willing to cooperate, Titan?"
T: "Call me Garett and yeah."
D: "Ok, Garett. Just sit right here. You're going to feel a slight rumble as I dig around."
[Rumbling sounds]
T: "Whatever. Ok, that does feel weird."
D: "No worries, you're perfectly safe."
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D: "Yeah, I can't help slip into doctor mode even when I'm, quote unquote, enemies with the
person I'm working on."
[Rumbling sounds]
D: "Whoa."
[Rumbling sounds]
D: "That is a lot of twisted neurotransmitters."
T: "What does that mean?"
D: "She fucked with your brain. I can clear all of out, but it would take a good amount of time."
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D: "I'd say at least a week or two."
T: "Do you believe me Ice?"
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T: "You'll believe Doc and what he found? I'll take that."
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D: "Why didn't I just lay my hand on yours when you had a headache? I didn't, ok yes, I did
cradle your head a bit, but I had good reason. One, I was trying to analyze a different part of the
brain than his."
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D: "I'm getting to two. Two is that I thought you may need the hug."
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T: "Yeah, I'm with Ice. There's something else."
D: He speaks really fast into having a small panic attack "Fine, I wanted to hold you ok? Is
that so bad? After watching you hit the pavement, even though we had never met, just feeling
you breathing in my arms was one of the biggest reliefs of my life. I never want to see anything
like that again. Especially not you!"
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D: "I'm sorry. I didn't mean to drop all of that. I just got scared."
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D: "What are you doing?"
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D: "Your arm around me and your hand on the back of my head feels nice."
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D: "Yeah, we're here and we are safe."
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D: "Ok, I'll look at and repeat after you."
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D: "You are alive because of me."

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D: "You are safe because of me."
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D: "You see me."
(...)
"Ok, I'm breathing."
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D: "Thank you, Ice."
T: "You doin' alright Doc?"
D: "Yeah. I'm good. What are you..."
[Kiss to his forehead]
D: "Mhm, the forehead kiss felt nice. Thank you."
T: "Ok, I'm glad you're good, but stop staring at my little sister with the creepy smile."
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T: Defensive "What? He's the one who..."
(...)
T: "Fine. Is the kitchen this way? I need a drink."
D: "Yeah, but I don't have anything but water."
T: "Good enough. It just needs to get me out of here."
D: "What was that about?"
(...)
D: "Yeah, I have no clue either. Either way. Thank you for calming me down."
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D: "I, I really appreciate it."
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D: "Ok, we need to go over a few things. First you need to get back in bed!"
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D: "No, you're not fine. I could feel your body shaking as you, held me."
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D: "Bed. Now."
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D: "Good."
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D: "Let me tuck you back in. Easy."
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D: "Now, how are you?"
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D: "I can see in your face you're not fine. Do you remember any of what Garett said?"
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D: "All of it except the stuff from when you were really young. Ice, I'm so sorry for all you've
been through."
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D: "I understand why you ran away. I can't even imagine living like that."
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D: "Hey, it's ok. Shh, here, can I hug you?"
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D: "Ok, come here honey."
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D: "No, I didn't shush."
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D: "I've got you. I'll never let her come near you ever again."
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D: "You're welcome."
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D: "How are you feeling now?"
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D: "Tired? That's good. Your body is letting you relax. Is it ok if I sit on the bed?"
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D: "Yeah, I know it's my bed, but still. You're the one in it."
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D: "Thank you. Good lord even in tears you're still a sarcastic brat."
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D: "Yes, you are. Now shh. I'm going to sit here and stroke your hair. Then if you want I can
release the chemical in your brain to give you a restful night's sleep."
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D: "That sounds good? Good."
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D: "You are a brave woman, you know that? The fact you survived what you did means you are
incredibly strong. And then you got yourself out of harm and that makes you even stronger. I

think Kate would have liked you. I like you. Retired villain or not. Hell, retired villain and a hero who hates hero society. Sounds like a cheesy odd couple or "and they were roommates" story or something. Sorry, didn't mean for that to get weird."

(...)

D: "Oh well, you're asleep. Thank God you didn't hear me. I definitely would have gotten that eye roll if you had. Please don't hit me after I do this. Just one peck on the head."

(...)

D: "Yep, she is definitely out. Good night Ice. Sleep well."

[Footsteps]

T: "Is she asleep?"

D: "Yeah."

T: Suspicious "So, what's going on between you two?"

D: **Panicked** "What? Nothing! All I did was save her."

T: "Hmm, I don't know, you guys seemed pretty cozy together in there."

D: "It's just you man."

T: Chuckles "Sure it is."

D: "It's the truth, besides she'd never..."

[Phone rings]

T: "Shit."

S: "What is it?"

T: "It's Tahlia. Just stay quiet."

S: "Hey Titan, you have a problem."

T: "What are you talking about?"

S: "Apparently someone hacked into the agency records and now we're doing a huge audit looking over every accessed file."

T: "And why is that my problem?"

S: "Because, I've been using your hero ID for all of my terminated heroes & villains. Including Ice."

T: "What the hell Tahlia!"

S: "Calm down. I'll see what I can do, just don't come into HQ."

T: "I swear I will not take the fall for you on this."

S: Stern "Yeah, I'm pretty sure you will."

T: "I,"

S:"Oh and one other thing, any clue what happened to Ice's body?"

T: "You lost her body?"

S:"No, you did. You threw her!"

T: Fighting the urge to shout "Because you made me!"

S:Unbothered "If you say so."

T: "I can't deal with you anymore Tahlia. I'm done. You made me kill our, no, my sister, and I'm done letting you manipulate me. Never contact me again."

S:"Don't be such a baby Titan. Mom and dad wouldn't like the way you're treating..."

[Phone beeps as he hangs up]

D: "Are you..."

T: "I'm fine. It's something that should have been done over a decade ago."

D: "Umm, I need to tell you something."

T: "What?"

D: "I'm the one who hacked the files. That's how I found out about Ice. They, well, I guess Scarlett put the location for the records to look right and I bolted. I didn't know Ice, but I read her rapsheet and I couldn't find anything that warranted death. I thought, if I could get there, maybe I could save her before anything bad happened."

T: "I never did thank you for that. For saving her."

D: "No need."

T: "You're a good guy Doc. Keep her safe if you can."

[Footstops]

D: "Where are you going?"

T: "I'm going to face Tahlia."

D: "Why don't we go to the agency in the morning and I can prove to everyone that it was her and not you?"

T: "I don't care about that. If she gets one word to the contrary out, it's over. She needs to be stopped."

D: "And what if she uses her powers on you and kills you?"

T: "I have to at least try."

D: "What if she forces you to tell her Ice is alive and to come here and kill her?"

T: "Right."

D: "Hey, can I ask you something?"

T: "Hmm?"

D: "What did Scarlett mean when talked about your parents?"

(Silence)

D: "If it's none of my business, just tell me."

T: "No, you might as well know. It's not a big secret or anything, just a promise I made. After Tahlia was born and then again after Ice was born, my parents made me promise to always protect my sisters. Then especially after I got my dad's strength. I told myself I would never let anyone hurt them. I didn't think the one doing the hurting would be my sister. I was so conflicted. I could stand by and watch Ice keep getting hurt, but I also could bring myself to stop Tahlia. I finally did have enough, but that's when she started using her powers on me to make me stay and to help her hurt Ice."

D: "You were a kid."

T: "Ice left when I was 25 years old when it ended and I did nothing to stop her. I deserve whatever Tahlia does to me."

D: "No, you don't! Do you think Ice thinks that? You are her big brother. Stick around and try to mend your relationship. If she's ok with it of course."

T: "Do you think she would be?"

D: "I can't say to be honest. I've only known her for a couple of days."

T: "If it's ok with her, I can try."

D: "I would like to think she would like that. At least the effort."

T: "I'll, give it a shot."

Protected by Your Hero and Brother (Pt 4/Finale)(M4F) (+MF Speakers) (Strangers to Lovers)

(Slow Burn) (TW Violence)

Two weeks after being severely injured, you are finally able to move around a bit, but your hero

doctor still wants you to take it easy. He has told you and surprisingly your brother his name is

Jason. Garett has temporarily moved in while keeping an eye on you. None of you have heard

from Scarlett in that time, so things seem easy. Now you just gotta wait for dinner to come out of

the oven. But really what is that look Jason keeps giving you?

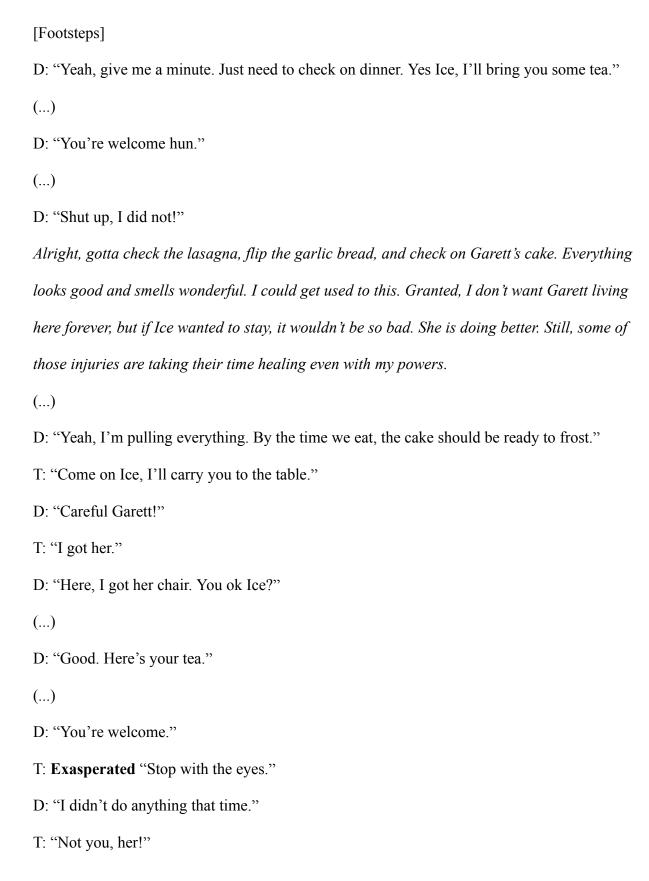
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D: Flirty "Oh?"
(...)
D: "No, no. Go on Garett. What was she doing?"
T: "Nope, I'm not doing this."
(...)
D: "Fine. I'll sit and eat."
T: "This is really good Jason."
D: "Thanks."
D: "Do you want to..."
[Phone Rings]
T: "It's my boss, I'd better take it. Be right back."
D: "Ok."
[Footsteps]
D: "So, what do you think of the food?"
(...)
D: "Oh good! I'm glad."
T: Calm anger "I told you not to call me again."
D: "Garett, is it?"
T: "Tahlia."
D: "Fuuuck. Put it on speaker."
S: "Don't know how long you thought you could hide her from me."
T: "What the hell are you talking about?"
S: "Cut the act. I know Ice is alive and you have been hiding her the last two weeks."
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T: "You watched me literally throw her off a building."

S: "Stop protecting her! You always do that! I don't want to hurt her, she doesn't deserve this,

you're a monster, blah, blah, blah. Bring her to me now!"

T: "Why do you have it out for her so bad?"

S: "I don't have to explain myself to you."

T: "You know what, no. I'm tired of you not answering this question. What did she, as a baby, do

for you to want her dead?"

S: "She had mom's powers!"

T: "What?"

S: "I always wanted mom's powers. I would sneak onto dad's computer and read about powerful

parents who can have kids with multiple powers. So, I tried to manifest them everyday! That was

all I wanted."

S: T: "Wait, I remember that. I remember you trying to manipulate water, but I thought you were

just playing around."

S: "Yeah, and then the little ice princess is born and gets mom's powers instantly!"

T: "You can't be serious. That's why you want her dead? She had no more control over what

powers she got than you did."

S: "I don't care! Just bring her to me!"

T: "You're insane."

S: "I'll make you a deal. Let me kill her and you will never see my face or hear my voice ever

again."

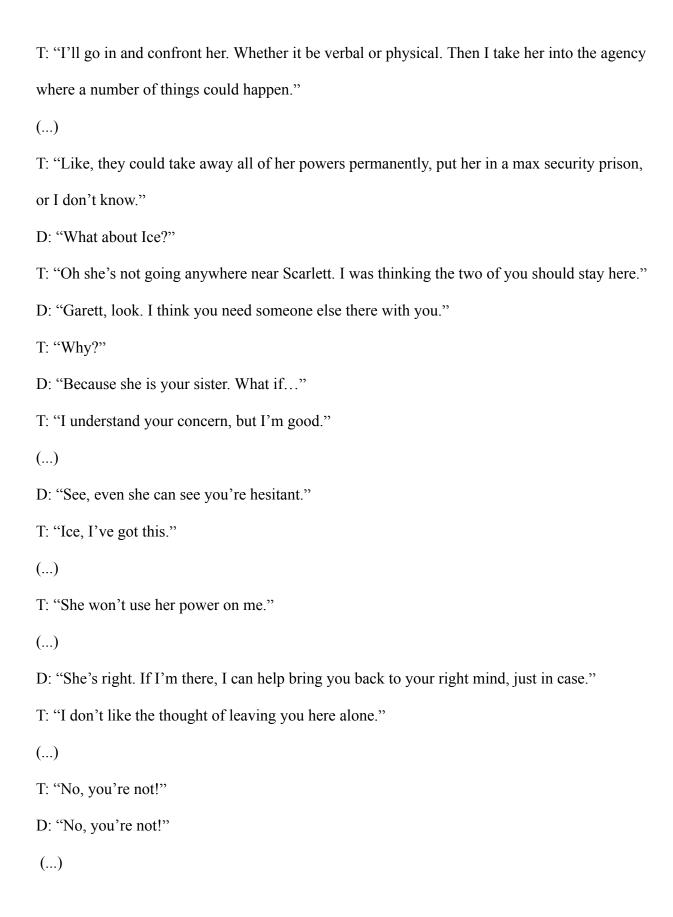
(Silence)

D: "Garett?"

- T: "I'm thinking. Shut up."
- D: "You've got to be kidding me!"
- T: "Shut up Doc or you'll be next."
- D: "How dare you! I won't let you take her."
- T: "And what are you going to do to stop me?"
- D: "I'll do whatever I have to."
- T: "Where do you want me to take her Scarlett?"
- S: "Meet me at midnight in the forest on the northside. You remember where."
- T: "Got it."
- S: "See you soon bro."

[Hangs up phone. There is a pause then Doc attacks him, but Titan stops him instantly]

- T: "Now, are you going to shut up and listen for a second? If yes, I'll let you go."
- D: "Fine! Just get me out of this headlock!"
- T: "Ok. Now, let me explain. I'm not taking you to her, I promise. But I am going to meet her and end this."
- D: "Wait, seriously? I really thought you were going to help her kill Ice."
- T: "No, she's crazy and needs to go down."
- D: "How did she even know you were alive? No one outside of the three of us knew."
- (...)
- T: "She has a point. Maybe Scarlett used her power to have someone trail one of us."
- D: "Maybe."
- D: "Ok, right now we need to focus on what's going to happen in the forest."



T: "Because she is trying to kill you in cold blood. You should want to stay as far away from her
as possible."
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D:"We aren't ok we are fighting your battle for you, but you physically cannot fight right now.
Your wounds are still healing."
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D: "Please listen to me Ice.I know you want to be there, but it would be dangerous for all of us."
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D: "Well, for one, I know protecting you would be my main priority and I'm pretty sure the same
would go for Garett."
T: "He's right."
D: "And second, she wants you dead."
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D: "I know you can walk and run, but you shouldn't push yourself so hard. Especially trying to
fight your sister who has super strength."
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D: "Ok yeah, she could try to use her powers and do something, but still. Please do this one thing
for me."
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D: "Good lord you are so stubborn! Don't you get that I need you to be safe?"
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D: "Why? You're really asking why? Because I spent the last 2 weeks taking care of you, healing you, basically taking in your brother, and now you want to go face the person who caused all of that in the first place?"

(...)

D: "I'm sorry, Ice. I didn't mean to snap like that. I'm just very worried about you. I care about you and I don't want to see you get hurt or, or worse."

(...)

D: "Yeah, I'd really like a hug actually."

(...)

D: "Thank you."

(...)

D: "I want you to know, I'm sorry. I didn't want to do this."

T: "Jason?"

[Struggling]

D: "It's ok. Shh. I got you. Don't fight it. It'll be ok. I promise. Just sleep. I love you."

[Everything fades out]

[She wakes up in bed and she grabs shoes and bolts out the door]

T: "Yeah, it's almost midnight and this is the right spot. When we were kids, we came here with our parents and sat on this ledge and watched the sunsets."

(Silence from Doc)

"Hey, pay attention. Don't worry. You did the right thing. She... oh shit."

[Footsteps on grass]

D: "Ice? What the hell are you doing here? I told you to stay at my place."

T:"You really need to go back. Lord knows what Tahlia's plans are. What if she tries to make us hurt you? I can't go through that again." S: "Aww if it isn't my big brother and baby sister. Who's this loser?" D: "Ouch." S: "Get lost." D: "Funny, there is no chance I'm leaving you alone with her." (...) D: "No, you are still very hurt Ice. Leave her to us." T: "Tahlia, this isn't what our parents would want." S; "Funny you should be the one to say that. What was the promise you kept to them?" T: "I'm keeping that promise by protecting my sister." (...) S: "I'll get to you in a minute." D: "Not happening." S: "Seriously, who are you?" D: "Hero name is Doc and I'm someone who is going to protect a woman, **Hesitant**, then strong I care for... that I love." S: "Oh Icy's got a little boyfriend huh? Shame that you'll have to watch her die." (...) S: "And what are you going to do about it? You can hardly stand. You're almost going to take the fun out of killing you." T: "Why do you even still care? You've come into your own powers, why bother worrying about

her's?"

S: "As I said, when she was a kid, I was jealous of her powers."

T "And now?"

S: "Well, I want to get rid of her, like mom."

T: "What are you saying?"

S: "Oh please, you have to know."

T" "Know what?"

S: "You really don't know."

T: "Tahlia!"

S: "I thought it was pretty obvious, I killed mom."

T: "What the fuck? Why would you kill her? Surely this can't all be for your obsessive need for attention?"

S: "Surprisingly no. She was going to have me committed. After what I did to poor baby Icy, she thought I needed professional help far away from the little protege. And now, I'm going to finish what I started when we were kids and get rid of the one who started all the problems."

D: "Ice no, stay behind me ok?"

D: "You truly are sick."

S: "Move out of my way you little insect. Sissy and I have some catching up to do."

[She punches him in the gut]

D: Pained, but not faltering "Not happening."

S: "Good lord you're annoying. Fine, I'll make you move. **Stern** Run and hide and maybe you'll live."

D: Stronger "Like I said. Not happening."

S: Confused "How are you not affected by my power?"

(...)

D: "Yeah, I'm good Ice. When I was healing Garett's mind, I basically studied what was in his mind and created a chemical balance in my own and made myself immune to her."

(...)

D: "Well, I wouldn't say genius, but you can."

S: "Shut up!"

(...)

D: "No, I'm ok Ice. Just run."

S: "Ok, you're starting to look familiar. Why?"

D: "My name is Jason Cunningham. You're the reason I joined the hero society."

S: "Flattered, but really don't care."

D: "Oh no, not a good thing. You killed my sister."

S: "I've killed several people, you're going to need to be more specific."

D: "Her name was Kate. You knew her as Warp."

S: "Oh, her. Damn, I thought I got all the loose ends."

D: "Missed one."

[He kicks her in the side]

S: "Ow, What the hell? That actually hurt!"

D: "You pissed off the wrong little brother."

S: "Right, she tried showing me pictures of you two together. Well, at least the cover story for this one will be easier. No one knows you. Warp however, was pretty popular. When I killed her, the accident story was a hard sell to most."

D: Disbelief "You did what?"

S: "What? Your sister was getting a little too close to my dark side. She would have had me arrested for sure. That's why I left the city. I became a different person, came back and Now, I have to get rid of you!" [She picks him up and throws him.] (...) D:"No, I'm alright. Don't worry." (...) T: "Ice?" (...) D: "No I can't. How did you know that?" T: "Wait, you can't heal yourself?" (...) D: "Oh, you noticed the cuts and bruises." (...) D: "Wait, what's going to be cold? Ahh! Ice, you put frost over it to keep it protected. Thank you." (...) D: "You still ok? You're shaking a lot." T: "Jason, stop. Let me handle this." D: "No, I need to do this. Just protect Ice." T: "Fine, I got her. You do what you need to." (...) D: "If you think you're ok."

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(...)
D: "Alright. Now, back to you. Tahlia, Scarlett, Miz Might."
(...)
D: "It's ok hun. Don't worry, my powers aren't just for healing."
(...)
D: "Yes, alright? I called you hun. I admit it."
S: "Can we get this over with?"
D: "One thing about being a real doctor is you know how to hurt someone just as easily as
healing them. Combine that with six years of Krav Maga and Muay Thai and..."
{He grabs her arm and brakes it]
S: "You fuck, you just shattered by arm!"
D: "Let's call it payback for Ice's legs."
S: "Fine, I'll deal with this my way."
(...)
S: Bright and stern "Oh Icy. Look at me little sis and stop trying to fight it."
T: "Ice? Hey, come on, don't listen to her."
D: "Ice, look at me, not her. Look at me!"
S: "She can't disobey me. I'm in her head."
D: "No. Sweetheart, you're crying."
(...)
T: "Jason, get her out of here now and heal her!"
S: "Awe too late. Come here Icy. Thata girl. Now, you're going to listen to me now aren't you?"
(...)
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S: "Good little sis. Now just follow me right over here."

T: "Leave her alone!"

S: **Stern** "Sit right here and don't move, Garett and if you move, insect, I'll make you watch while I poke and prod her brain until I get bored and snap her neck."

(...)

D: "Garett! Snap out of it damn it!"

S: "Oh, you look so scared Ice. Don't like being this close to the edge of the cliff? Well, don't worry. You won't be here for long and I'll make sure you have company momentarily. I've got the perfect story all set up. Titan, Doc, and I cornered you. You stabbed Titan with an icicle and killed him, then tried to do the same to me, but Doc, my old partner's little brother, sacrificed himself by throwing you and himself over the edge. It was really the only way to stop your rampage. Poor Doc, but hey at least he dies a hero."

D: "I got you Garett."

T: "Thanks. I'm so sick of that shit. Why are you still doing this Tahlia? I thought you were just trying to kill Ice."

S: "Well, the three of you know who I really am and it dawned on me while you were talking that with me rising in the hero ranks, I need one final boost to get to the top. Dethroning Titan as the strongest hero, taking down one of the worst villains in our cities history, at least according to the files, and having the sympathy of being the last one standing after a battle that cost the lives of two heroes and one murderous little villain."

D: "Sick, twisted, demented, fuck."

S: "Call me whatever you like, but there's nothing you can do."

[The cliff starts collapsing]

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S:"What the?"
T: "Ice, look out!"
[Both women start falling]
D:"No!"
{Ice cracking sounds as she catches Scarlett and builds a block of ice around their hands so
Scarlett won't fall."
S: "Let me go! I don't need your help!"
(...)
S: "I refuse to accept help from you! Now let my hand go before I crush it!"
(...)
[More ice forms around Scarlett as it encompasses her arms, legs, and torso]
S: "Hey! What the hell are you doing? Get this off of me! Stop, you're going to turn me into an
iceberg! I can't even move!"
(...)
D: "Ice! Oh thank God! Help me grab her."
T: "Holy shit, she saved Tahlia too! Sis, I've got you. You can release your ice from the edge."
(...)
T: "No, you're going to be ok. I know it's hard, but you have to trust me. I can pull you both up. I
promise Ice. I won't let you go."
(...)
T: "Come on. Up you go."
(...)
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T: "You're welcome. Thank you for trusting me. What are you doing? Oh, the hug does feel nice." S: "What are you doing? Hey! Stop! Get me out of this ice before I..." D: "And I think it's time for you to sleep." [Magic sound as he makes her sleep] D" "Ice! Come here." [CLothes rustle as they hug] D:"Oh I thought I lost you." (...) D: "Of course I was worried. I don't think I'll ever let you go." (...) D: "You don't want me to? Good. And you know what? I really think I should be applauded for my restraint from making a Princess Bride reference when I was confronting Scarlett. I almost said, the Inigo Montoya line, but I held back!" (...) T: "Yeah uh sure. I'm gonna call HQ and have them come get her. Ice, unless you want to come out of hiding, I suggest you head out." (...) T: "No, Jason is still a hero. He's good." D: "Oh no, I am definitely done with the hero society. Like I said, my main reason was to find my sister's killer. Besides, I do have a stubborn civilian to nurse back to health." T: "There is that creepy smile again. Stop looking at her like that." (...)

D: "That's my girl. Thank you. Let's go home."