



NATASHA ROMANOVA IS AN AVENGER, AN AGENT OF S.H.I.E.L.D. AND AN EX-KGB ASSASSIN, BUT ON HER OWN TIME SHE USES HER UNIQUE SKILL SET TO ATONE FOR HER PAST. SHE IS:

BLACK WIDOW

AFTER BRINGING DOWN THE INTERNATIONAL TERRORIST ORGANIZATION CHAOS, NATASHA QUIT S.H.I.E.L.D., REJOINED THE AVENGERS ON AN AS-NEEDED BASIS, AND PLANNED TO LIVE THE QUIET LIFE FOR A WHILE WITH HER CAT LIHO. BUT AS EARTHS COLLIDE AND THE END OF THE WORLD DRAWS NIGH, NATASHA IS ONCE AGAIN GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO ERASE SOME OF THE RED IN HER LEDGER.

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NOW.

I CAN'T
SAVE THEM
ALL.

WE
COULD NEVER
SAVE THEM ALL.
THAT'S NEVER BEEN
PART OF THE
DEAL.

BUT
SOME MUST BE
SAVED. AND YOU'VE
GOT TO SAVE
THEM.

THE SHIP
IS READY. GO.
DO WHAT YOU
CAN.

IT'S THE
LAST THING YOU'LL
EVER DO ON THIS
EARTH.

GO SAVE
THESE PEOPLE. THEY
ARE THE ONES WHO WILL
BUILD A BETTER FUTURE
IN EXCHANGE FOR
OUR PAST.

IF IT'S THE
LAST THING
I'LL DO ON
EARTH...
...I'LL MAKE
IT SOMETHING
GOOD.

THEN.
THE RED ROOM.

GOOD MORNING, NATALIA ROMANOVA.

GOOD MORNING, GENTLEMEN.

THIS IS MISTER YULOV. YOU KNOW HIM?

WE HAVE MET.

YES, WE HAVE. I SPOKE TO YOUR CLASS. YOU WERE IMPRESSIVE. THE RED ROOM IS FORTUNATE TO HAVE YOU...

AND NOW MEANS TO *USE* YOU, NATALIA.

I SHALL BE YOUR CASE OFFICER.

AND THESE ARE?

THE COMIENZA FAMILY. THEY ARE THE MISSION.

THEY ARE IN CUBA. THEY MAY HAVE INFORMATION THAT IS HELPFUL TO MOSCOW.

IF YOU'VE BEEN READING THE NEWS, YOU MIGHT KNOW THAT THE CLIMATE IS STORMY IN CUBA.

THIS FAMILY IS NOT FRIENDLY TO CASTRO AND WILL FLEE BEFORE THE POLICE FIND AND KILL THEM FOR BEING WESTERN DISSENTERS FROM THE COMMUNIST PARTY.

MOSCOW ASKS THAT WE RETRIEVE THE FAMILY BEFORE THE WEST.

I HAVE BEEN TRAINED IN EXTRACTION AND DISGUISE, AS YOU ARE AWARE. I CAN HANDLE THIS.

YOU WILL HAVE HELP. YOUR CLASSMATE MARINA IS THERE ON THE GROUND.

SHE HAS CULTIVATED A FRIENDSHIP WITH THE COMIENZAS. SHE WILL INTRODUCE YOU AS A PERSON OF BUSINESS FROM RUSSIA WHO CAN BE VERY HELPFUL IN SOLVING PROBLEMS.

DO YOU UNDERSTAND, NATALIA?



I WON'T DISAPPOINT.



SHE'S YOUNG--

SHE'S A KILLER, DMITRI. YOU'LL SEE.

SHE WILL NOT DISAPPOINT.