

SCARLET WITCH

Celebrity. Party Girl. Mutant.

Wanda Maximoff has a destiny. And every magical faction in the Marvel Universe wants a slice.

Name: Wanda Maximoff

Origins: Eastern European

Father: Eric 'Magneto' Lensherr. Psychopathic, megalomaniacal supervillain

Mother: Isabelle. Human

Twin Brother: Pietro 'Quicksilver' Maximoff. Recently kneecapped by Magneto.

Abilities:

Hex Bolts

Flight. Could be cool Matrix-style effect. HOWEVER, she could never be arsed learn all that stuff, so improvises instead.

Minor object teleportation

ULTIMATE BG

Subject of Weapon X project.

Member of Brotherhood, defected to shadow projects dept. of Ultimates.

Visual: Early thirties, hair either black or auburn (auburn?) 5'7. Dresses in red, sometimes with headress.

Looks like: Grace Adler (Will and Grace)'s older, cooler sister.

SERIES CONCEPTS 'CHOICES'

Sex and the City. Relationships. What does SW get up to when not hanging out with the Ultimates? Jet-set but all-over-the-place and ultimately unfulfilling existence. Keep apart from Ultimate continuity but still a part of it. Quest for personal growth sparked by crying fit in Prada boutique (or she could do this to GC, which leads to them bonding). Brigitte Jone's Mutant Diary.

Visual kicks.

A million shoes,

WHAT DOES SHE LOOK LIKE AT THE PARTY?

Head dress maybe scaled down to a tiara. Red party dress. Fabulous.

CONFLICTS

Good vs. evil. Humanity vs mutants. Idealism vs. pragmatism. Magic vs. science. Feminism vs. being girly.

SETTINGS

Charity balls.

Catwalk.

Clothes shops.

Media parties.

Film premiers.

Yachts.

CHICK LIT STANDARDS

ARCHETYPES

GAY BEST FRIEND: English PA? 'Prejudice! Wrote a song about it. Want to hear it?' No.
BIG SISTER: In solid relationship. Bit ground down by life. Could be melded into GBF archetype.
RIVAL: Bugle Gossip Columnist
MAD 'UP FOR IT' FRIEND WITH SECRET HEARTACHE: Fellow villainess. Could meld into Gossip Columnist character.
USUITABLE BUT SEXY SUITOR: Dark horse of wealthy family. Mutant? Dark Horse, Black Sheep, Rotten Apple. Pretends to be estranged from weird family (with which SW can sympathize), but actually part of plot. Maybe he's the only mutant in the family, but family are all magicians, so not a big deal. Actually chosen son.
SUITABLE BUT INITIALLY UNSEXY SUITOR: Apparent fan/stalker.
SEXY EX: Set, minor serpent god. Not really remembered by SW (I kidnapped you? Part of the whole 'seven brides of the serpent god' thing? Then into 'bygones' Now demoted and ekes living as a magical hitman. 'But you only kill bad people?' Uh... sure. Why not?'
PRESSURISING MOTHER: Photo of Isabelle? Maybe even Agatha Harkness
PAIN IN THE ASS FAMILY MEMBER: Pietro.

WOULD RUN INTO:

Mary-Jane Watson (NY Model). MJ not super-model yet, maybe just starting out. Would get her name wrong (Mary-Joan) Rival redhead. 'Clearly dyed.' Well, if she's worth it...
Tony Stark. (Iron Man)
Wilson Fisk (Kingpin)

QUICK IDEAS

Crying fit in Prada.
Trying to find somewhere to smoke in NY.
Keeps missing Jeff Goldblum. ('Every time!')
Unsuitable (but sexy) man vs. Suitable (but unsexy) man.
Rival witch chick.
Opening with 'It is a truth universally acknowledged...' ... going into something banal about shoes.

Little prelude – lying to boss (Nick Fury) while preparing for party. Show levitating items, bit of occultish paraphernalia. Walks straight into Fury seconds later. How do you explain this? Magic! 'This would be the 20% unreliability factor I've read about in your report.'

Party. Double page spread.
Introduce PA. She tells him off. He doesn't take any shit. Obvious affection.
Sexy ex.
Obsessive fan. Face-off between him and Dark Horse.
Bitchy columnist. Same dress? Could make nasty mutant comment. SW makes drink spill on her top. Prejudice gag as SW + PA walk away.
Dark horse guy.
END with realizing she's ended up with Set. Oh bugger. Sudden attempt on her life! Cliff hanger!

Parties are as much a battleground for SW as the streets of NY are for Daredevil or the fields of Valhalla are for Thor. V. serious matter. PA a stout ally. Lots of secret code used. Maybe this is a better in than the 'lying to boss' thing. Sort of 'lipstick is my sword, PA is my stoutest ally, onto

fields of battle etc.'. Could do both – she lies to boss, thinking problem solved, then talks herself up for party – and bumps straight into Fury. Fortunately he thinks it's funny, but it's still mildly embarrassing, and foreshadowing later disappointment of party.

SW starts off puffed-up, ready for battle. Gradually gets worn down during party by series of small defeats.

Financial failures: Loss of book deal, failure of clothing range, action figure rubbish.

Obsessive fan (with anti-mutant protestors, but not a part of them).

Just as money problems become apparent, bumps into dark horse guy. Introduced earlier as heir (scion). Turns out to be 'not like I expected at all'. Takes her away from all this – turns out he can do some kind of magic – he is a mutant like her! (is that why he's a dark horse?).