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## AUGUSTUS'S POV

"And if that's all, I think we should take a rest now. The night was already very tiring, and we don't want to tire out our special guest, Lycan King, after everything, right?" Christopher said, and I looked at him.

"Did you find out about the rogues who had dared to come near the council chambers even after knowing the ceremony would contain the most powerful Lycans and alphas?" I asked, and he nodded his head.

"We are not sure if that was their only purpose for coming here, but it looks like they were here to meet Luna Jade. They left a letter for Luna Jade that has already been delivered to her room," Christopher said, and I nodded before sweeping my gaze through the rest of the alphas.

It won't be wrong to say that I hated how the alphas envied and liked my mate so much, and I wasn't talking about the general likeness because there won't be a man happier than me to know that people like her, but I am talking about the romantic attraction they feel for her.

I also know the reason behind their attraction. In everyone's eyes, Amalthea is an alpha's daughter with a failed marriage and an untamed soul who will divorce Blake and take over her pack one day or another.

Marrying her would not only make the alpha stronger emotionally and mentally, but the merger of the pack will make that alpha the strongest in the world, right below Lycans.

I am sure some alphas want her for her beauty and character more than her power. Like Alpha of the celestial pack, and I don't know if it's a bad thing, but after they fought together, even Alpha Ace of Black blood pack seems to have taken a liking towards my mate.

This thing is going to continue. More men will fall for her charms, power, intelligence, and beauty until I claim her, and for that to happen, her wolf has to give us her permission.

I am still trying to figure out what her wolf was talking about when she said Amalthea is already under a lot of mental pressure.

According to Kyle, her wolf is the wolf of the world, and only three queens have received her so far, out of which two committed suicide and the other one died a horrible death.

Could it be that her wolf is just trying to keep us away from her because she doesn't want Amalthea to know this dark side of her wolf? That could be a valid reason for her wolf to keep her human counterpart away from the person, bound to love her eternally with all he has.

Kyle was already having a hard time because of this thing, and now that I have realized I have fallen for her too, I can't help but feel agitated.

"King Augustus, is there something that is displeasing you? You have been frowning for some time," Jake said, and I came out of my thoughts before looking at everyone who was already looking at me.

"I think Christopher is right. We should call it a night. Also, I would prefer if our new council head, Harry, joins such important discussions next time," I said to Christopher and Earl, and they nodded at me, making me look at Jake, who nodded back at me in understanding.

Standing from my place as everyone followed suit, I exited the room before walking towards my room when I remembered something.

"Christopher, there is something I want to know about," I said, and he came forward.

"What were the contents of that letter? Since Amalthea has been living in the Lycans palace, it's important I know about her dealing with rogues so that I can make sure she is not in trouble," I reasoned.

"King Augustus, I would have surely told you about it if I had known. Amalthea doesn't like it when anyone touches her things. That's why I have had it sent to her room directly. She has a keen nose. If she as much as smelt my scent on the inside paper, she would cause a ruckus

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and turn the chambers upside down," he said, and I observed him for a few seconds to see if he was lying before dropping my gaze.

"Hmm. Also," I stopped before trying to sense if someone was near us or not.

"There is no one here," Christopher said, and I nodded after checking it.

"Is there something with or about Amalthea that might attract Sirens towards her? Recently our palace was invaded by the top-tier sirens, and I can't help but find it weird that they invaded our palace when Amalthea was there and only her room, to be precise. It has never happened before. For the Sirens to risk their life to meet or harm Amalthea, this isn't simple or something that can be ignored," I said, and he looked at me a bit hesitantly, making me smirk.

"And I must mention that the wrong answer can cost your son's life. My whole Lycans kingdom is at stake. I can't have Sirens invade my palace just like that. If there is something Amalthea can do about it, I would like to know about it" I asked, and he looked away.

"I don't know what you are talking about, King Augustus. However, I am sure if you ask Amalthea, she might have the answer to the questions. She, too, had asked me something similar," Christopher said, and I hummed.

"Also, she was asking about any incident that had made her lose her memories when she was little. I told her there wasn't any such incident, but I was lying to her. There was indeed such an incident, and I don't know if this would be of help or not, but it included the head of the Sirens. I don't know how my sister Thea and Matthew came into contact with that Siren. It was a brutal incident, and Amalthea was on the verge of dying. I don't know many details, but a witch named Grusha saved her. I know nothing else," Christopher said, and I nodded.

This was indeed a piece of crucial information in this case. Now I have to find this witch, Grusha, and ask her what this was all about. I know Amalthea has been trying hard to know about her past and the people who might have been involved in her parent's death. I would be honored if I could help her even a little while protecting her from the dark energy of Sirens.

"King Augustus, can you do me a favor?" Christopher asked me, and I

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"What is it?" I asked.

"Can you not tell Amalthea about these things? I don't want to burden her with these things. My sister had taken a promise from me to not even mention this thing in front of her. It might trigger memories, and as I said, I don't know the details, but those memories can take her life too," Christopher said, and I hummed in agreement before turning around.

Things have been messy in my mate's life beyond what I had imagined when I met her and felt her wounded spirit.

She had gone through an incident when she was five and was saved by a powerful witch, Grusha. The head of Sirens was there. Her mother died because of a rogue attack and the cowardice of two Lycan ministers. Her father died mysteriously, too.

The person she fell in love with betrayed her for the Alpha's position and cheated her of her trust, and now also, things aren't exactly working her way with her wolf coming between her happiness with her mate.

Just how much can a woman bear? Is the moon goddess really testing her breaking point?

Walking towards Amalthea's room as I wanted to read the content of the letter, I was about to knock on her room when Jake stopped me.

"Sir, this is important," Jake said, and I looked towards him to continue what he was here to report.

"It looks like Antonio is in the city, only a few kilometers away from here," He said, and I raised my eyebrows at him.

"A guy who never comes out from his hiding is finally showing his face in public? What's the occasion?" I asked, and Jake shook his head.

'We know nothing about that. We got this news from the guard who died after delivering the message. He said Antonio is here for someone, but we shouldn't get in his way because it's not related to Lycans," Jake said, and I hummed.

'Well, if he has no feud with Lycans this time, then we don't have to stop

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him from doing what he wants. I am sure he won't be stupid enough to come here, either. Maybe he is there to meet some witch or Siren. Aren't those species coming out of their dens and caves more than ever? Besides, as the winter approaches, their presence will increase like every year. There is nothing to worry. He is a man of his word. If he says he won't harm a Lycan, we don't need to take action," I said, and Jake nodded before turning around and leaving.

Knocking on the door, I waited for a few seconds before sighing when she didn't answer her door.

Has she already fallen asleep? Well, that could be the case. Anyone is bound to get tired after such a tiring night, not to mention how my rude behavior pissed her off.

This reminds me, I need to get back at Joseph for tricking me into this prank.

Turning around, I was about to leave her room when I suddenly felt it.

'Her scent is too faint. Don't you think?' Kyle said, and I agreed with him. That's what I was feeling, a strange hollowness.

Why was her scent so faint when she was inside the room? It can only happen if she is wearing any kind of scent-hiding pendant, or- I paused when I realized.

'The rogues were here for Luna Jade. They left a letter,' Christopher's echoed in my ears.

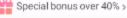
'Sir, Antonio is here. He said it's not related to Lycans. He is here for someone,' Jake has reported.

'Amalthea, how do you know Antonio? You were murmuring his name in your sleep,' I had once asked Amalthea when she was sleeping.

'Oh, it's nothing. I just dreamt of a guy with that name chasing me,' She had answered.

I don't know if I was going in the right direction with my trail of thoughts, but if I am thinking right as all the dots are matching, then Antonio is here for Amalthea, and that stupid girl has left the chambers, probably alone, to meet him.

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I thought before widening my eyes as images of scenarios that could happen started circling my head, making me feel a weird fear for my mate.

This isn't right. I have to do something. I thought and was about to call Christopher when Kyle winced.

"Augustus, something is wrong with our mate. She is hurt. I can feel my heart pounding faster. She needs help," Kyle suddenly said, making my mind go numb.

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