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AUGUSTUS'S POV

"So, what's the plan?" I asked Amalthea as she looked around while biting her lips.

I didn't want to burden her or anything, but she always has a plan, and given how she likes to refute my plan so much, I want to hear her opinions regarding the matter.

"Honestly, I am at loss right now. The shopkeeper said they have killed many guards too. There is a possibility the people standing as the guards near us are their people. We know nothing for sure, and this uncertainty is our biggest weakness right now. Do you have something in mind?" She asked me, and I hummed before looking around.

"Did your friend give you any kind of estimate? Like how many rogues are there going to be?" I asked her, and she hummed in reply.

"From what I saw, I mean he messaged, there were more than forty to fifty for sure," She said, and I sighed.

Fifty rogues with ambiguous positions, already armed with explosives are hiding among the shopkeepers in this dim light. Almost everything was against us right now.

'Charles. You said you were the one who took care of the guards posted here? Can you recognize which guard here belongs to the kingdom and which does not?' I mind-linked Charles, and he nodded at me before nodding.

"Yes, sir, I can do that," He said through the link, and I hummed.

"Be mindful of your actions. No other guards should know what is

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happening with their partner. They might get alert, and that's the last thing we want to happen. We need to exile the guards first. According to the shopkeeper, the rogues are hiding in the bushes and keeping an eye on us," I said so that Amalthea could also hear the plan, and Charles nodded.

"This won't do. Reward system. We can use a reward system for the guards. First, make sure the guards you have called don't enter this area. The rogues shouldn't know we have come prepared. Make it look like we are wandering, and we are happy with the guards' work and want to reward them. Take them to any corner, all of them, no matter whether they belong to us or not, and then send other guards back," She said before pausing.

"The guards should wear a mask with a new weapon and announce something like new ammunition for better protection or whatever that fits you guys. This way, they won't be able to know if the new guards contain their people or not," Amalthea said, and I looked at her in understanding.

Honestly, she always surprises me with her out-of-the-box solutions.

After ten minutes, as she had said, everything was done. The guards were replaced with new ones. There were indeed fifteen rogues standing among us.

It's a good thing we got rid of them first.

"What next?" Amalthea asked me, and I sighed.

"Let's find the places of the explosives and fight any rogues who will come to stop us. Start warning the packs so that we can catch them in the middle. They will be surrounded by the pack guards from outside and our guards from inside. They won't have anywhere to go," I said, and she showed me her thumb.

"It's an amazing plan, Bravo," She said while patting my shoulders, and though there was nothing extraordinary in this plan, I still felt proud of myself because of her praises.

Seeing her getting lost in the crowd, I sighed before getting to work.

After thirty minutes of gruesome work, we were finally able to kill most

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of the rogues who had come looking for the destruction.

"Are we done here?" I asked Charles, and he nodded his head.

"The vendor said three explosives, and we have found three. Most of the rogues who came to attack us are killed. Half of our team is going into bushes to find the rest of the rogues, if there are any," Charles said, and I was listening to his words as he explained the whole progress when my eyes landed on Amalthea.

She was looking around with a weird concerned look on her face, and I couldn't help but think about what was going on.

According to Charles, we have dealt with almost everything, then why is she looking around with such a complex expression.

"Amalthea, what is wrong?" I asked her, ignoring Charles, and she kept looking around as if searching for something.

"Amy, what is it?" I asked her before placing my hand on her shoulders to catch her attention, and she looked at me.

"Something is wrong. Did you notice that though the vendor mentioned there were three explosives and we found all of them, we had found one wire that was coming from the forest? I don't believe it was a spare wire. I have a hunch that there are more explosives. The three explosives made a triangle, and there is no way they would explode without a connection. They were not remote control explosives but manual ones," She said, and I nodded.

"I know about that, Amy. Our team is searching for more clues, and we have asked most of the vendors to vacate the place till morning. Don't worry, just like we found three explosives, we will find the rest of them," I told her before patting her shoulder and turning around.

"Hey, Joseph! What is the scenario with the team handling the caught rogues?" I asked him as I walked toward him, and I don't know what happened next, but I heard Amalthea shouting my name, and the next thing I know, I was pushed out of the way by Amalthea, and I heard a boom sound echo in the air.

Falling a few meters away because of the impact of the explosive, I widened my eyes when I realized what had just happened.

"King Augustus!"

"Sir,"

"Augustus!"

I heard collective sounds around me, but I couldn't focus on any of them.

Turning around, I saw Amalthea lying beside a tree with blood all around her as her torn skin oozed more blood. The soot on her face was making her look like she was on the verge of dying, and my heart felt like it fell into the pit of my stomach. I saw her wincing in pain while she was barely moving.

"Amalthea!" I shouted in agony as I realized the girl had pushed me away to protect me and had taken the impact of the explosive on herself.

"Amalthea!" I shouted again when she didn't move.

No. Please don't let anything happen to her. I prayed to the moon goddess before taking a deep breath when I saw her wincing again.

With great difficulty, I stood before limping my way toward her.

"Amy! Amy! Open your eyes," I said as I looked around helplessly.

"What are you waiting for! Get the car ready! Ask the palace doctor to be ready," I shouted, and I was about to stand to pick her up when Joseph came forward.

"Let me handle this, Augustus. You are too weak to pick her, and if she fell, she won't be able to handle the impact," Joseph said, and I backed away, knowing all too well that this wasn't the time to get jealous. It was time to protect her.

I saw how she opened her eyes slightly before looking around and smiling slightly, her tearful eyes breaking my heart as I looked away momentarily to control my emotions.

"Amalthea! Don't close your eyes. We will get you to the hospital soon," Joseph said as he picked her in his arms, and we moved towards the car.

Placing her head on my lap, I massaged her palms, blinking my eyes to

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stop the tears from falling at the sight of her.

After what felt like an eternity, the doctor came out of the medical room with a haggard look on his face.

"How is she? She is okay, right? Nothing will happen to her, right? Why are you not answering?" I growled at the doctor before holding his collar, and he looked at me with a sigh.

"She is okay, King Augustus. She suffered some major wounds in her legs and abdomen because of the explosive. Luckily she covered her face, or from what Mr. Joseph told me, her face would've burnt badly. Honestly, I am confused because she is healing quite faster than I had ever seen. Even Lycans don't heal so fast, but -" He paused, and I looked at him.

"But what?" I asked.

"It looks like she is in a state of a coma while she is having nightmares. We don't know when she will wake up, and there is no way we can bring her out of her nightmare. Her nightmare and flailing of the body will hinder her healing and might injure her even more," The doctor said, and I was about to enter the room when Scarlett beat me to it.

"Stop right there. Don't worry, I'll handle her. I'll make sure she doesn't move her legs and arms. You get yourself treated first. I know you are worried about her but look at yourself. You are heavily wounded too. Do you think she will appreciate it if you'll stand in front of her looking all bloody?" Scarlett said, and I looked at Amalthea before nodding and turning around.

"Please tell me if it hurts too much," Doctor said as he applied alcohol to my wounds to clean them, and I just closed my eyes, the scene from earlier circling in my head.

Was my pain anything in front of Amalthea?

Today she risked her life to protect mine. She knew she could've died in that explosion, but without thinking twice, she saved me. And I hated this kind of girl?

She doesn't even know I am her mate and doesn't feel any bond, but still, she tried to protect me today, and I was suspicious of such a girl. All I have done in the past is treat her badly and bad mouth her. I called her

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rude and whatnot, but she still saved me even when her main target of finding her parents' killer was not accomplished.

Not only did I hate her, but I was also thinking of rejecting her even after knowing what had happened to her. How she was cheated out of love and deceived by the love of her life. Yet, I was thinking of giving her another pain without thinking twice.

Kyle was right. Maybe this time, I had judged her character wrongly. I don't know who she is. She is quite strange and probably a girl that can't be tamed, but whoever she is, she has a heart of gold.

She says she is out to avenge her parents. I swear to the moon goddess that I am going to help her in that revenge, and not only that, I'll make sure that I make her mine.

A girl like her deserves all the happiness in the world, and I'll show what true mate love feels like. I'll show her what this mate bond is. I promise myself that I will stay true to this bond starting today and do everything to make her realize what we have.

That Blake guy has hurt her pretty badly and taken away her pack, no? I'll make sure he is destroyed at her whims.

From today onwards, her problems are my problems, and my happiness is all hers.

'You are quite cunning, Augustus. Just because she risked her life to save you today, you are speaking all these things. If she hadn't done that, you wouldn't have thought that, no?' Kyle said, and I sighed.

"It isn't entirely true. Honestly speaking, I was in denial for a whole month. I haven't been able to concentrate on anything else apart from her, and I know I have started liking her. You are right. Her saving me has indeed opened my eyes, but that's because I have finally understood her character. I would've seen her real self sooner or later, and my words would've been the same. This incident today has just accelerated things," I said, and he scoffed at me.

"Whatever. It doesn't change the fact that she will always be more fond of me. I confessed to her first, and I'll do anything to keep her happy, unlike you who only suspects her," Kyle said proudly, and I smiled at him.

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"We will see that. We will see who she falls for first because I have made up my mind. I am going to make her fall in love with me and wife her up," I sighed.

"I used to think that she makes my life adventurous and fun, but I never understood that she was melting my cold heart slowly with her smiles. I thought I was being with her just because I wanted to find a reason to reject her, when in honesty, I was with her because she used to make me happy and feel emotions that I have never felt before.

Today, I am confessing all these emotions to you and myself, and I will confess these to her soon," I said to him before walking out of the room to meet and welcome the rogues who are the reason behind my future wife's wounds.

It's time to give them some treats and reward them for their work tonight.

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