

You Never Saw it Coming

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When mortal enemies are forced to become allies.

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EXT. FOREST - DAY

The sky is cloudy and snow is falling. Wind is moving the trees. Shuffling and grunts can be heard.

FREYA, a 22-year-old woman with light brown hair is dressed in brown leather armour. ROWAN, a 29-year-old-man with light blonde hair is wearing black leather armour. The individuals are fighting.

Freya throws punches at Rowan's face. Rowan answers by knocking Freya to the ground. Freya falls onto her back and is out of breath.

Freya attempts getting up from the snow covered ground, but Rowan catches her before she can do so. Rowan pins Freya to the ground and pulls a dagger out from the back of his belt.

ROWAN

God, you don't know how long I've been waiting for this moment. I finally beat you, Freya. It's over.

FREYA

Get it over with already, Rowan.

Rowan sticks the dagger to Freya's neck. As he starts to press down, the ground starts to shake.

A low rumbling can be heard from a distance. The noise gets louder. Both Freya and Rowan stop what they are doing. Rowan turns his head towards the direction of the rumbling.

Freya pushes Rowan off of her. The dagger falls to the ground. They stay still, not making a sound. They look at each other briefly.

Emerging from behind a tree is a large BEAST covered in dark brown fur. The beast's sharp teeth stick out from its mouth and its black eyes are focused on Freya and Rowan.

Rowan pushes Freya towards the beast and makes a run for it. The beast runs after Rowan.

The beast makes its way to Rowan, knocking him to the ground. Rowan attempts to fight back, but the beast is stronger.

As the beast nearly kills Rowan, Freya takes Rowan's dagger off the ground and sticks it into the beast, injuring it. The beast turns around and runs back into the forest.

Freya offers Rowan a hand to help him off the ground.

FREYA  
(laughing)  
Wasn't that something.

ROWAN  
Why did you save me? I showed you no  
mercy earlier. You should have left me  
to die.

FREYA  
A simple 'thank you' would suffice.

ROWAN  
I didn't need your help.

FREYA  
Clearly, you did.

Freya pulls her hand back.

Rowan pushes himself off the ground and walks away, wiping  
the snow off his clothing.

FREYA  
(under her breath)  
Coward.

Freya puts Rowan's dagger into the back of her corset,  
watching him walk away. Freya turns around and walks in the  
opposite direction.

EXT. FOREST BORDER - NIGHT

Freya emerges from the forest and walks towards a small  
wooden cabin. Smoke is coming out of the chimney.

Freya opens the door to the home. The door making a small  
squeak.

INT. FREYA'S HOUSE - NIGHT

Freya walks into her house. She lights a candle, slightly  
illuminating the room. The house seems empty. A bed sits at  
the back of the room with a large trunk in front of it.

Freya walks towards the trunk and opens the lid. The trunk is  
filled with weapons. She pulls out Rowan's dagger from her  
corset and puts it in the trunk, closing the lid.

Freya blows out the candle.

INT. FREYA'S HOUSE - MORNING

Freya is awoken by an aggressive knock on the front door. Freya quickly rushes to the trunk and grabs whatever weapon she can. She hides it behind her back.

She slowly walks towards the front door. The knocking continues. Freya slightly opens the door, recognizing the person at the door.

ROWAN

Freya.

Freya opens the door wider, still holding onto her weapon.

FREYA

Good morning to you too, Rowan.

Rowan invites himself into the house, slightly pushing Freya from the entrance.

FREYA (CONT'D)

Get out. I didn't say you could come in.

Rowan is pacing around the room.

ROWAN

We need to find out who sent that beast.

FREYA

There is no 'we'. There never was and there never will be.

ROWAN

I need your help. Somehow, you scared it off. That thing should've killed you the second you stabbed it.

FREYA

I despise you.

ROWAN

If you could just put that aside for now, Freya. I thought all the beasts had been killed by the Huntsman years ago.

FREYA

How could you be so sure? Clearly, he didn't kill all of them.

ROWAN

That thing killed my mother and my father made sure nothing of the sort would ever happen again.

FREYA

Why do you think somebody sent it?

ROWAN

Those beasts only attack others if they are given orders to do so.

FREYA

Alright, but just know that I'm not doing this for you. Get out of my house. I'll be out in a few.

Rowan walks out of the house and closes the front door. Freya releases the weapon from behind her back.

Freya walks towards a small dresser, putting her leather armour on and tying her hair back.

Freya walks to the trunk, opens it and pulls out Rowan's dagger. She places dagger at the back of her corset. She takes the sword she was previously holding and keeps it in her hand.

Freya walks towards the front door and opens it, revealing Rowan. Freya walks out and shuts the door, making a loud noise.

EXT. FOREST BORDER - MORNING

Rowan jumps and turns around.

ROWAN

Finally. What took you so long?

FREYA

Let's get moving. We need to get a head start before the sun sets.

ROWAN

Do you remember in which direction it ran away?

FREYA

Follow me.

Freya holds her sword tightly and starts walking into the forest.

EXT. FOREST - MORNING

Freya and Rowan continue walking. Rowan turns his head towards Freya

ROWAN

Why did you save me yesterday?

Freya stays silent.

ROWAN (CONT'D)

Answer me, Freya.

FREYA

I wanted you to die at my hand. To pay for what you did.

Rowan stops walking as Freya continues.

INT. CASTLE - NIGHT - (FLASHBACK)

A battle is taking place at Rowan's castle. Rowan's army is overtaking the REBELLION.

A WOMAN, light brown hair and wearing the same brown leather armour as Freya, is on the ground.

A 24-year-old Rowan walks over to the woman and offers her a hand. Before the woman can get up, Rowan points his sword at her heart.

WOMAN

Please, I can't handle the ma--

Rowan pushes the sword into her chest. The woman falls to the ground. Further, a 17-year-old Freya screams.

END FLASHBACK

EXT. FOREST - MORNING

Rowan continues walking, catching up to Freya.

ROWAN

I didn't have a choice, she was

dangerous.

FREYA

You could have let her go.

ROWAN

And let the Rebellion think of me as a  
coward?

Freya stops walking and swings her sword, just missing Rowan. Rowan pulls out a sword. The pair continue fighting until Freya gets an upper hand and kicks Rowan to the ground.

Freya pulls out the dagger Rowan lost yesterday and sticks it to his neck. Freya approaches her face to Rowan's.

FREYA

I won't kill you now. I'll show you  
the mercy that you should have shown  
my mother.

Freya does not remove the dagger from Rowan's neck. The pair look at each other, out of breath. Something changes.

Rowan lifts his head to kiss Freya. Freya kisses back and drops the dagger.

Rowan and Freya pull away, snapping out of it. Freya stands up while Rowan sits up. Freya looks at Rowan.

FREYA

This changes nothing.

Freya picks the dagger up and quickly walks away.

EXT. FOREST - NIGHT

Freya and Rowan are sitting on wooden logs around a fire.

ROWAN

You don't know the full story of that  
day.

FREYA

So tell me.

ROWAN

Your mother wasn't herself that day.

FREYA

What do you mean?

ROWAN

The leader of the Rebellion used her as his most valuable weapon. He spelled your mother with black magic. Your mother had no control, the leader used her as his puppet.

Freya stays silent.

ROWAN (CONT'D)

He wasn't on the battlefield that day, I never got to kill him.

FREYA

Do you think he could be the one who sent the beast?

ROWAN

He would have reason to do so. I killed his puppet. If it were my guess, you're next on his list, Freya.

FREYA

I don't understand.

ROWAN

The beast didn't attack you because they need you.

EXT. FOREST - MORNING

Freya is awoken by a rain drop falling on her face. She walks over to Rowan. Freya hits Rowan on the back of his head.

FREYA

Get up.

Rowan opens his eyes.

FREYA (CONT'D)

I know where we need to go.

Rowan gets up and the pair start walking.

EXT. FOREST BORDER - MORNING

As they walk out of the forest, Freya and Rowan come across a stone building.

The pair approach the building, both holding their weapons closely.

ROWAN

We're here. We need to come up with a strategy.

Freya looks back at Rowan.

EXT. STONE BUILDING - MORNING

At the back of the building, Freya watches Rowan through the window. Rowan walks into the building through the front door.

A guard stands inside. The duel ends quickly when Rowan kicks the guard to the ground and slides the sword into his chest. Rowan waves his hand, signalling Freya to come in.

INT. REBELLION BASE - MORNING

Freya opens the door and joins Rowan. The pair walk towards the back room.

The door is made of metal and is unlocked. Freya and Rowan look at each other and nod. Freya opens the door.

The LEADER of the Rebellion is sitting at his desk. Papers are flooding the desk. The man lifts his head.

Freya walks into the room first.

INT. LEADER'S OFFICE - MORNING

There are no windows in the room. The walls are made of stone as well. Rowan follows Freya into the room.

LEADER

Well, if it isn't my dear Freya. I've been waiting for you.

The leader stands, opening a drawer in his desk and pulling out a sword. Freya runs towards the leader, both their swords hitting each other.

FREYA

You killed my mother!

LEADER

I did no such thing, Freya. She was strong, just as you are.

The leader looks behind Freya, noticing Rowan.

LEADER (CONT'D)

You.

Rowan smiles.

LEADER (CONT'D)

You should be dead.

Rowan stands back. Freya is getting an upper hand in this duel. She attempts to kick the leader down. However, the leader avoids the attack.

Freya and the leader continue fighting. Freya pushes the leader. He loses balance and falls to the ground.

FREYA

Pathetic.

Freya wraps a hand around the leaders neck, holding him to the ground.

Freya turns to Rowan, shooting him a smile.

Freya pulls the dagger out from her corset and places it on the leader's chest.

FREYA (CONT'D)

This is for my mother.

Freya closes her eyes and slides the dagger into the man's chest. Freya stands up and turns to Rowan.

ROWAN

It's finally over.

Freya and Rowan walk out of the room and then out of the stone building.

EXT. FOREST BORDER - MORNING

Freya and Rowan continue walking until they reach the edge of the forest. Freya turns to Rowan.

FREYA

I was wrong about you. I didn't know you, but I do now.

Rowan frowns.

FREYA (CONT'D)

Where do we go from here?

ROWAN

We go back to hating each other.

Freya and Rowan look at each other, both smiling. Rowan takes Freya's hand in his and they continue walking into the forest.