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Chapter 431 - Trinity - The Goddess's Second Gift (VOLUME 3)

Trinity

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I couldn't believe what had just happened. This was further proof for me that I was a Trinity. I was three species: wolf, witch, and fae. And now I was blessed by three different celestials: Nehalennia, Thoth, and Danu. I wondered for a moment what other true trinities there were in my life.

I couldn't think about it for long though. I was pulled back to reality, or whatever you wanted to call this plane of existence, when the Goddess spoke again.

"Now, Ríon Trinity, I have another gift for you. This gift is not something that you can truly take with you, however, it will still be very beneficial for you." With a wave of her hand. Danu summoned the two men that were behind her. They wore cloaks that covered their faces, and I could not tell who, or what, they were. I just believed they were men because of the size and shape of them.

The moment they were next to the Goddess they lowered their hoods. The man on the right was tall, pale, and looked very familiar. His hair was a gradient of blues, but they went from light to dark unlike someone else I knew. His eyes were three shades of blue; a dark blue that was almost black, then sapphire, and on the inside was a bright blue that almost looked white. It was unique seeing that the eyes went from black to light to black again.

The other man was the same height, the same build, the same complexion, even the same eyes. His hair was all that was different about him. The hair, instead of blues or multiple shades, was red. Just one shade of red. It was a warm looking medium auburn that didn't appear to be Fae like at all.

I felt like I knew them already. I may not have met them, but I knew who they were at least. Antirrhinum and Fynn. They were my ancestors.

"Fynn? Rhinum?" I heard the awe in my voice as I just stared at them. "B..but aren't you d..d..d-?"

"Yes." Rhinum nodded and answered before I could finish the word. "We both perished long ago. We were brought here by Danu. She thought that we might be able to offer some assistance and guidance, or comfort at the very least."

"Aye, we never got to meet the families that we left behind, and we know that left burdens on you all. For that, we are sorry."

Seeing them made me wish that there was someone else that I could see. I truly wanted to see my mother more than these two. She was part Fae too, right? Shouldn't Danu be able to bring her here? I didn't ask though. That wouldn't be right.

"Trinity, I wanted to tell my wife what I was. I wanted to explain it all. But I didn't want to do it right before I left. I thought that she might see that as me abandoning her rather than going to war. I wanted to explain it all when I got back. I didn't expect to die."

"How did you die though? What battle were you in?" I felt like I needed to know this.

"Everyone believed that I went off to fight in the world war. That was not true. I was summoned by a vampire clan to assist them in a territory war. I had long since registered myself with a band of warriors that traveled the world and helped those in need. I may have found my destiny, but that didn't mean that I could forget about my responsibilities. Can you and the others ever forgive me?"

I felt the sorrow in him when he asked me that. He was truly worrying that we hated him this whole time.

"We did. We never blamed you. I don't know about my grandmother or great grandmother, but they passed on a long time ago."

"I am glad that you do not blame me. I have made peace with my wife and daughter long ago." That was comforting to know. They were all together, wherever they are.

"Trinity?" The other man called out to me as he came closer. He placed both of his hands on my shoulders and looked me in the eyes. "You are quite the powerful woman. I am beyond happy that I have a descendant such as yourself. Never let anyone ever tell you that you are less for not being pure. You, the way that you are, is what will usher in the new wave of peace for the world. There is no one else that can do it except for you."

I felt like he was giving me a mission. It was like he was telling me that I had a destiny to fulfill, and I didn't even know about it.

"One more thing, Trinity." He looked at me fiercely, his eyes full of seriousness. "That pendant that you are wearing. Let me see it for a moment."

"What? This one?" I pulled the necklace out from behind the cloak. It was the necklace that my mother had left for me. I had been wearing it regularly again ever since the babies were born. I felt like it gave me strength.

"Yes, this one." He smiled at it like it was a long lost love.

I didn't really understand it. The pendant was just a silver caged tree. It was round with the tree's leaves and branches filling the space.

"This is not what you thought it was. The magic has grown within it since it was taken off the woman that I gave it to. But the power is still there, growing stronger and stronger all the time."

"What do you mean?" I was confused, but I gathered that there was more to this story than I thought that there was.

"Show this to my father, Trinity. Show it to him and have him explain it to you. And tell him that I never once blamed him for sending me to war. Tell him he was the best father I could have asked for, and that I want him to move on."

With that Rhinum hugged me tightly. He held me close as if he was holding someone he missed.

"And give this hug to my father for me." When he pulled back there were tears in Rhinum's eyes.

"I will."

Chapter 432 - Trinity - One More Gift From The Goddess (VOLUME 3)

6-8 minutes

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Trinity

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I watched as the men started to walk away. Rhinum turned to look back at me several times as if he was the most upset about leaving us. I could feel the sorrow and pain that was coursing through him.

I felt a tear stream down my cheek before they disappeared from sight. It was as if they had just faded away to nothing, which was what they were now. They had been gone for so long that there was nothing left but memories.

"Ríon Trinity, I think there is one more thing that you want from me, isn't there?" It was like the Goddess could read the truth in either my mind or my heart.

"You have given me much already, Danu, I cannot possibly ask for more." My voice cracked, my heart ached, and the pain filled me at the very thought of what it was that I wanted.

"You will never know if you do not ask me, child. You may be Ríon Trinity now, but there was a time in your life that you were just a normal person, and there was something you wanted more than anything else. And seeing these two that have moved on already has made you want that again, has it not?"

"It had, Danu. But I do not know if it is possible."

"It is, child, it is."

Danu smiled and stepped to the side. There was another cloaked figure behind her. This figure was smaller than the last two and very clearly a female. I felt the breath catch in my throat. I didn't know if she brought me who I wanted to see or not, but the possibility was enough to send my heart into a frenzy.

The cloaked woman walked forward slowly. It was like she was more nervous than I was. When she was right in front of me, standing at least a couple inches taller than me, she lowered her hood.

I saw her dark, rich brown hair, the soft, warm, light brown of her eyes, and the beautiful heart shaped face that I had seen in pictures several times before. It was my mother.

"Trinity?" Her smile was calm but her voice shook. "My baby, Trinity, is all grown up now." The tears were flowing from her eyes as she looked at me.

"You're my m..m..m..mother?" I felt like I couldn't get the word out. It had stuck in my throat and refused to move.

"Yes, Trinity, I am your mother. I know that you see Wesley and Eve as your mom and dad now, and I am happy about that. I couldn't be there for you so my brother stepped up and took my place. I couldn't be

happier about that. And I am sorry for what happened all those years ago." My heart was shattering. I was seeing the one person I had no memories of. I was seeing the woman who left me, but loved me. I didn't know what to feel.

"Why? Why did you leave?"

"I didn't have much of a choice. Edmond had intended for me to forget everything, and for a while I did. When I remembered though, the spell that he put on me started to eat away at me from the inside out. It was killing me."

"So, you didn't kill y..y..yours..s..s..self?" I sobbed the last word, unable to stop myself.

"No, Trinity, I didn't kill myself. The spell made it look like it since it was untraceable by wolves, but I didn't leave you on purpose. I wanted to be there for you. I wanted to protect you. I wanted to make sure that Edmond didn't get to you, but I wasn't able to. I am sorry, Trinity. I am sorry that I wasn't strong enough to fight the spell. I..I am s..s..so sorry that I..I was so w..w..weak." She was sobbing now, just the same as me.

At that moment, I threw my arms around her, hugging her close to me. I could feel her shaking from the sobs that were wracking through her.

"I am s..s..sorry, baby." She wrapped her arms around me and hugged me back.

"It's OK, Mom. I forgive you. You're not weak. You did everything you could. I'm sorry that I blamed you. I am so sorry. I love you."

"Oh Trinity, I love you too. I love you so much, I always have. Even when I was scared about Edmond coming back for me, and even though you were half his, I knew that you were special, and I loved you from the beginning. I love you so much."

We hugged and cried like that for several minutes, until it felt like I had no tears left to cry. When Mom pulled away she looked me in the eyes and cupped my face in her hands.

"You're so beautiful." With that she kissed my head softly. "Will you pass along a couple messages for me?" She looked nervous, like she thought I would say no.

"Yes." I nodded immediately, there was no reason to say no.

"Tell Wesley that he was the best brother I could have asked for. And tell Dad that I loved him so much, and that I am sorry I never told him who took me even when my memories did finally come back. Tell him I am sorry that I caused so many problems, and I don't blame him for anything."

"I will, Mom. I will tell them."

She smiled at me and walked away, looking over her shoulder like Rhinum had. After a few moments she disappeared as well. One second she was there, the next she was gone. The ache in my heart was still there, but it was different now. I had finally spoken to my mother for the first time ever. This was something that I used to want all the time as a child, and now that I was a grown woman with a family of my own, I finally got it.

"This is where I leave you as well, Ríon Trinity, you and Rí Reece will return now. Please heed all the warnings you have been given and just know that I appreciate your assistance. Thank you, both of you."

Danu walked away and faded like the others had. Before I even had a chance to look at Reece standing next to me I was surrounded by darkness, and I could feel the bed that I was laying in beneath me.

When I opened my eyes, I saw Reece laying next to me, staring at me with a look of confusion.

"If she could get us from point A to point B like that, why the fuck did we have to fall through the fucking heavens on the way there. I mean, she made me land on the rocks for crying out loud." I just laughed at him. His reaction was so funny that it broke the tension and the sorrow that had been there at the very end of the meeting with Danu.

Chapter 433 - Reece - A Meeting After The Meeting (VOLUME 3)

6-8 minutes

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Reece

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I was still reeling. I had never been to visit the Gods and Goddesses with Trinity before. It was amazing that this was all happening right now. But then there was the fact that there was now an unknown enemy that we were going to battle at an unknown time.

It was morning when we got back from the visit, and I felt like I hadn't slept at all. And from the look on my Little Bunny's face, she felt the same way. Still, we had to get up and get ready for the day. So, with slow movements we got out of bed and shuffled to the bathroom. I was in front of Trinity so I got in there first.

And what was the first thing that I saw when I was in front of the mirror? A brand new mark was waiting there for me on my chest just below my collarbone and above my heart. The mark was about the size of a silver dollar and was yellow and orange. It looked like a sun shining with the orange of the horizon behind it. But I know that it hadn't been there yesterday.

"Trinity?" I spun around and looked at her, searching for a mark.

She didn't have just one mark, she had three. The largest one in the center was about two inches in diameter and was right where mine was, though they were connected to the trinity chain that went around her upper body. The other two marks were about the size of a quarter, half the size of the other one.

The larger of her marks was a bright blue and looked like an ocean wave. One of the other two matched mine, it looked like the sun. The third mark was green, like grass, and had a vine pattern in it.

I knew what the marks meant. They were proof of the gift from Danu.

"I see we have new marks." My Little Bunny looked at my chest and touched the mark gently. "Are these Gods and Goddesses ever going to stop marking my body up?" She laughed like she didn't really hate what had happened, but she definitely wasn't overly happy about it.

"I think they look amazing on you." I smiled at her. "They make you look so cool, and sexy." My wink and words only earned me a slap on the arm. "Ouch. It's true though."

"It may be, but you're still a fucking perv, and I am too tired for this. I need a cold shower to wake me up and a gallon of coffee."

"Well come on then, Little Bunny, let's go."

I got the water going, and we showered as quickly as we could. Once we were dressed, we went down to breakfast and got ourselves some very strong coffee. That was one thing that I could commend the Fae for; they knew how to make a damn good cup of coffee.

We got Reagan and Rika back from Acacia's parents, along with the other babies as well. Lotus and Ash seemed a little reluctant to see them go, they had fallen in love with all the babies, especially Shawn and Dietrich's four little ones. They said that they were the most unique set of quads that they had ever seen; whatever they meant by that.

The festivities for the nature element were supposed to start today, but I wanted to talk to a few people about what had happened last night. Those people being Noah, Carter, David, Shane, Shawn, and Dietrich. They were the ones that we could trust the most. So Mom, Eve, Wesley, Samuel, Nikki, and Emmalee were going to take the children to see some of the spectacles the festivals had to offer.

When we had the afternoon free and could finally talk we dismissed Roisin from the house and discussed it all.

"Thank you all for joining us today. There is something that we need to tell you all about." I started the meeting while my Little Bunny sat next to me on the couch.

"What happened?" Shawn could tell right away that something was off.

"Well, last night Trinity was pulled into the realm of the celestials again." That earned gasps from everyone that was present.

"What did they want from you, Trinity?" Dietrich asked immediately.

"They took me with her." I added, and that was met with even more shock.

"How the hell?!" Carter was the first to shout out.

"Are you fucking kidding me?" Shane followed quickly.

"Where did you go?" Noah, and then David, were a little more practical than the first two.

"What happened?"

"Are you both OK?" Shawn was worried.

"What was their message?" Dietrich got down to business.

They all were looking at the two of us as if we were some creatures that were on display. This was new, this was different, and they were curious.

"I think it's time that we explain it all to you." My Little Bunny sighed and told them everything that had happened. I even showed them my mark and explained my wife's marks to them so that she didn't have to show them since they were gracing the top of her breasts. By the time the story was over the group of them were stunned into silence.

"Well, what do you all think?" Little Bunny asked them, prompting them to finally speak.

"Is this all that you have learned so far?" Noah asked. "Do we know anything else about the threat that is coming?"

"Unfortunately, no. But in the future we will need to work together with many of the Fae to save them." My wife was starting to act and sound more like a Queen as time went on. This was like sitting in on a meeting with advisors to the royals. I guess that's what it really was; only I wasn't just sitting in, I was one of those royals.

"So all that we've learned is that someone or something is coming, and we don't know when or where." Shane cut through the thick of it all and laid it out plainly.

"Essentially, yes. I want us all on the same page though. We need to work together." I nodded at him.

"This is going to test us in the future, but we need to prove that we can do this and overcome it."

"You're both starting to act more diplomatic." Dietrich smiled at me. "It's nice to see the Queen and King moving in the right direction."

I was glad to see how things were going. It would make things go more smoothly with all of us on the same page.

"Noah, Carter?" My Little Bunny called out to her brothers just as the group was about to disperse. "I want us to sit down with Mom, Dad, and Grandfather later because there is something else that I need to tell you."

During her explanation, Trinity had specifically left out the meeting with her mother. She told them about the meeting with Fynn and Rhinum, but not the other one. That one she wanted to do in private. I don't blame her though; it was personal and not meant for everyone's ears.

Chapter 434 - Trinity - A Family Meeting (VOLUME 3)

7-8 minutes

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Trinity

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I needed to tell my family about what had happened. I needed them to know everything that I had found out, not just from Fynn and Rhinum, but also from my mother. So I had planned a time that night after we put all the babies to bed for us to meet.

To keep things just between the family, I asked that Reece, Emmalee, and Nikki not come. It wasn't anything against them, I just thought that Noah and Carter could tell them all later. I wanted it to just be our family for right now, those that had all been with this since the beginning.

Once Grandfather came in and sat down, it was time to start the meeting. We were in the office that was on the first floor. There were a few sofas and a fireplace in the room that we had gathered around. I was standing near the fireplace as I started addressing them all.

"I want to tell you all something. Something that I think is very important."

"What is it, sweetheart?" Mom asked me with a soft expression.

"Well, I was summoned to the celestial realm last night, and this time Reece went too. I didn't meet with Nehalennia or Thoth though. This time I met with the Fae Goddess, Danu. She blessed me with powers as the others have and then she brought some people for me to talk to."

Noah and Carter weren't paying much attention since they had heard this part before, so they were just biding their time for the new information.

"First I saw our ancestors, Antirrhinum and Fynn. They both passed away a long time ago, but they were there to speak with me. Rhinum wants me to talk to Athair mór and tell him that he didn't blame him and that he was the best father he could have asked for; soon I will be seeing him to talk about the meeting as well. However, there was someone else that Danu brought for me to talk to."

"Wait, what? You didn't tell us that there was someone else." Noah was shocked and nervous about what I was going to say.

"Who else was there? Why didn't you tell us this earlier?" Carter looked hurt, like he thought I was holding out on him.

"Well, I didn't tell you two about the other visitor earlier because I wanted us to be together as a family when I told you who else was there."

"Trinity?" Dad looked at me with a knowing look, his eyes filled with sorrow. "Who was the other person you met with?"

It was like he already knew. And, judging by the look on Mom's face, she had guessed it as well. Grandfather looked like he might know, but didn't want to hear it. The three of them looked like their hearts were already broken from the news that I hadn't shared yet.

"The last person that Danu brought to talk to me was my mother."

The gasps were only from Noah and Carter who hadn't suspected that yet.

"Oh my." Mom put a hand over her mouth and looked like she was about to cry. Dad and Grandfather just looked at me with tears in their eyes.

"Trinity, what did your mother say? Tell me, please." Grandfather looked like he didn't want to know, not really, but it was also like he needed to know.

I took a deep breath and calmed my nerves. I know that this was going to be hard on all of them, especially Grandfather.

"Mom told me something that we all need to know. Grandfather, she didn't kill herself. She didn't leave us on purpose."

"What?" Grandfather stood from his chair angrily.

"But how? How did she die if she didn't.. if she didn't k..k..kill-?" Dad was unable to get the words out, his tears had started, so had Grandfather's.

"Trinity, what happened to her." Noah begged me.

"Sweetheart, what did she say?" Mom cried, and Carter was the only one who didn't say anything.

"Edmond had intended to make her forget everything, and she did for a time. However, after a while she started to remember. The memories of that time started to come back, but she didn't tell you. She didn't want to hurt you, Grandfather. She didn't want the sorrow to get to you all. Grandfather, she said she was sorry. She was sorry she never told you even after she remembered, and she didn't want you to think she blamed you for anything. Dad, she said you were the best brother she could have asked for."

They were all crying now. Dad and Grandfather were sobbing the hardest. Mom was crying silently while rubbing circles onto Dad's back. Noah's face was in his hands while he cried to himself softly. And Carter just stared at me with tears rolling down his cheeks.

After a few minutes, Grandfather spoke up and asked me something else.

"If she didn't kill herself, then how did she die? How did my baby girl die? What took her from us?"

"The spell on her memories. When it faded and she started to remember, the spell killed her. She said she could feel it eating away at her quickly. She didn't have much time when she realized what was happening to her so there was no point in telling you. It would have made you hurt that much more."

"So he killed her? That son of a bitch warlock killed my baby sister?"

"He took her from me. He took her from me twice. That warlock stole my baby and destroyed her innocence, and then he killed her."

Grandfather cried uncontrollably. I couldn't bear it anymore, I needed to comfort him. I walked over to him and put my arms around him. I held him for several minutes while he sobbed, crying over his lost little girl.

When I took my arms away from Grandfather, Dad hugged him next. He put his arms around his father, and the two of them cried together. They had finally learned the truth of what had happened, why their family had been destroyed all those years ago. I watched them, wiping the tears from my eyes as I did.

Noah and Carter didn't hug Dad or Grandfather, they came over and hugged me. Both of them put their arms around me at the same time. They held me tightly and cried with me.

"I know that must have been hard on you, Trinity." Noah sobbed into my ear. He had been the one who knew my mother the most out of the three of us. He loved her, and he missed her the most.

"I know you've wanted to meet her your whole life Trin, I'm glad you finally did. I'm sorry that you had to hear that though." Carter's words were soft and soothing.

"I..i..it's b..b..better knowing than n..n..not. Now w..w..we know th..th..that she d..d..didn't l..leave us o..o..on p..p..purpose. N..now w..we know th..that sh..sh..she l..l..loved us a..all and w..w..wanted t..to b..be with u..us." I blubbered when I spoke, having trouble getting the words out.

We all stayed like that for a while, just crying and holding each other until we finally left the office with red swollen eyes.

Chapter 435 - Trinity - Meeting With Athair Mór (VOLUME 3)

7-9 minutes

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Trinity

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That meeting with my family had been very emotional. I knew it would be though. After the meeting we all basically went to bed, our eyes too tired to do anything else. That night when I slept, all I wanted was for Reece to hold me close. I needed to feel his comforting warmth as I fell asleep. His arms anchoring me in place was all that would make me feel better.

The next day I decided to spend time with my family. I didn't want to miss things with them right now, I wanted to be part of it all. We went to the festivals, which this time included magical gardens that were growing all over the courtyards.

Most of the Fae that didn't live in the castle didn't have access to the crops that were grown in the castle. They needed to grow them on their own and those without nature magic tended to have a harder time with that.

The point of the nature days of the festival was to spread that bounty with everyone while celebrating the natural parts of the Fae magic. Noah, with his affinity for earth magic, was actually close to the nature side of magic. He even engaged in a building contest with someone else who was making things out of rocks. All the Fae were quite impressed by him since he was a wolf with little Fae blood. I had to wonder if Danu was going to bless the rest of my family with Fae magic, or if they already had it, and we just needed to learn how to use it.

On the third day of the Nature festival, I went to see Athair mór. I wanted to tell him about the meeting that I had and to tell him what his son said. I didn't want to take too long before I went to see him, but I had needed a day with the family. Not to mention that Reagan and Rika had loved the gardens and groves of trees so much.

I arrived at Athair mór's place for lunch. It was going to be just the two of us, I thought that would be best. When I went inside, he ran over to me and hugged me tight. He was so happy to have a family now that he couldn't get enough of all of us. I just hoped this didn't break his heart too much.

"Trinity, my gariníon, I am so happy to see you."

"I am happy to see you too, Athair mór." I smiled at him as he led me to the dining room.

"Come, come, let's have a wonderful meal with each other. We can talk and share what's new." He was acting like it had been more than just two days since we were last together.

"Thank you, Athair mór. There is something that I wish to tell you as well, so this will be a great opportunity."

"Yes, yes, the perfect time. Come now, let's sit." He pulled my chair out for me and then sat across from me excitedly.

We ate for a little bit, telling each other how we were enjoying the festivities. The food was great as always, and Athair mór was great company. I was happy, though I knew that I would soon be bringing the mood down.

"Athair mór, I need to tell you about something that happened to me the other night."

"Is something wrong? Did someone do something?"

"No, Athair mór, no one did anything. It was something magical and special that happened."

I proceeded to tell him about how I made it to the celestial plane for a meeting with Danu. I told him about my blessing and Reece's as well. I told him everything that Danu said about the upcoming threat. I was setting the stage for when I started to tell him about the other meeting.

"That is very distressing indeed. But why do I feel like that is not all? What more do you have to tell me, Trinity?"

"You're right, Athair mór, there is more. The two men that were behind Danu came forward after the blessings, and when they lowered their hoods I knew who they were immediately." He looked curious, but it was clear that he wasn't going to say anything else until after I continued. "The men who were there were Antirrhinum and Fynn."

I watched his eyes go wide and the shock wash over him. He had known something was coming, but he hadn't been expecting that.

"Antirrhinum? My son? You spoke to my boy?" Athair mór seemed to be at a loss for words. "What did my boy say?"

I smiled at him, knowing that this was going to make him happy and sad at the same time. I had known that this was something that was going to be difficult for us both.

"He told me to tell you that you were the best father that he could have asked for. He didn't blame you for sending him to war."

"I always knew that he was too forgiving of me." Athair mór spoke silently as the tears washed down his cheeks. "I loved him so much, even if his mother and I were not meant to be; I loved that my son had come out of that union."

"He wanted me to give you something too." I smiled at him, rising to my feet.

"What?" He looked at me with hope filled eyes.

"This."

I wrapped my arms around him then, holding him tight. He was startled at first, but then wrapped his arms around me in return.

"I should have known that my son would do this. He was a very loving man deep down, even if he hid it from most people. He was such a warm and affectionate child."

"He seemed like a wonderful man to me, Athair mór. I think you did a wonderful job raising him."

"I didn't do much, that was just how he naturally was. He was just born that way."

When I finally pulled back, I remembered the other thing that Rhinum wanted me to tell him, well to show him really.

"Oh, one more thing, Athair mór. He asked me to show you this."

I pulled the pendant over my head and handed it to him. He covered his face and the tears renewed. He began to sob into his left hand as he held the necklace and pendant in his right.

"This! Trinity, do you know what this is?"

"No, I'm sorry, but I don't."

"This was my son's ring. I can feel the power in it. This is the symbol of his status. I had it made for him when he was born. It was to show everyone that he was my son no matter where he went and who he saw."

"I never knew. My mother left it for me when she died. I guess it had been passed down to her through the generations. I am going to guess this is what he gave to Ellyria when he asked her to marry him. If the journals are to be believed, she never took it off. She wore it until the day she died."

"And it has been with you ever since." Athair mór smiled at me. "I am glad that it has stayed in the family. I was heartbroken when it didn't come back with his body. It destroyed me to think that someone had stolen it. Now, I know the truth."

We talked a little more, some more stories about Rhinum's past and some stories about my family. I also talked to Athair mór about the issue with the unknown Fae. He seemed to think it best that we investigate without telling Aunt Glory. If she were to find out, she might start to suspect too many people. In this situation, since we didn't yet know where the threat was coming from, it was best to gather more information first. I think he was right. It wasn't necessary to burden her with this just yet. Though, if the situations were reversed, I would want to know.

That was a hard situation. I know I would want to know, but also there was no information for me to give her so it would only make her worry constantly. How was I going to manage this?

Chapter 436 - Trinity - Christmas Morning (VOLUME 3)

6-7 minutes

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Trinity

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We were now halfway through the water festival, and it was also Christmas morning. We had left the bulk of the gifts at home, but we brought some with us. We had brought a gift for Aunt Glory, and even though I didn't know who it was going to be for, we had a gift for Athair mór. I had planned to give the gift to whatever family we found if they accepted us.

I was just glad that we had gotten a family that didn't just accept us, but they were overjoyed to have us. Athair mór had been wonderful through all of this. And he was looking forward to celebrating a real Christmas morning and not just the Yule Celebration.

When Christmas Eve came, he had come to spend the night in our family home. We offered to move to his for the night, but he said this would have been better over all. He made a string of popcorn for the tree and played games with the kids. It was all quite adorable to see.

This was also going to be the first Christmas that we were celebrating with the guards, and Dietrich. They had been my guards before this, but they hadn't spent the holiday with us before. Over these last few weeks though, we had gotten a lot closer, and they had become like family to me now as well. I was happy to have all of them here with me.

When the morning of Christmas came, we all went down and had breakfast. Roisin had made a special meal knowing that this day was special to all of us even if she didn't see why. She seemed happy though, to see us all having a good time.

After we ate we all went into the living room where we had put up the tree. There were presents scattered all around, and half of the children were excited to see them. The only ones who weren't were Shawn and Dietrich's four since they hadn't had a birthday yet, and therefore hadn't opened gifts yet.

At first Athair mór was just standing in the back and watching, but I went to him and pulled him over to the rest of us. He helped all the children open the presents, even Alyssa, Alexandria, Levi, and Luka. He didn't discriminate against the kids; he was already completely taken by all of them.

Toys, cute little gifts, and colorful paper littered the floor. The adults opened their gifts as well, having gotten some from me and Reece, as well as Lila, Grandfather, and Mom and Dad. Nikki and Emmalee had also made sure to bring gifts for the rest of the family and not just the kids.

"Merry Christmas." I smiled and handed Athair mór a box. His eyes lit up, and he didn't know how to respond.

"No, I couldn't. This is a time for your family." He tried to give it back, but I refused to take it.

"You are our family, aren't you?" I grinned at him.

"Yes, Valerian, my granddaughter is right. You are our family, even to me. You're just as much one of us as anyone else." Grandfather smiled at the man who was tearing up.

"She's not the only one." Reece came up with a gift he had prepared from things he had bought around the festivals.

"Yeah, we got you one too." Mom walked over with hers.

Soon, Lila, Nikki, and Emmalee walked over with the presents they had prepared for him as well. We all watched as he opened the various gifts. The pile had grown up so he started with the last one that he had received. There were a lot of wonderful things, and he seemed to love them all. However when he got to mine he paused and tears rolled down his cheeks.

"Trinity, I don't know what to say."

"I thought this would be something that you would like to have." I smiled at him in return.

Slowly, he moved the items around. There were different framed pictures of the entire family. Ones with just the kids, ones with parents and children, and one that I had even managed to get of all of us together. Along with that I had included an album of the first year of the lives of the children, even Elias and CJ. I wanted to make sure that the family that we saw here would be able to see us even if we weren't here.

"I will never be without reminders of all of you. I can't thank you enough."

He got to his feet and hugged me then, joy in his face and eyes. I was glad I could do something that he loved so much.

I had made a gift for Aunt Glory before I knew she was family. I had included some things from around the town that I knew that she would like. It wasn't much, but when I brought it to her later in the day, she had seemed to love it.

We all, including Aunt Glory, sat to have dinner with each other that night. It was special, with amazing food, great company, and lots of memories to take home with us. Aunt Glory and Athair mór seemed to enjoy their first actual Christmas, and I think that they would love to have something like this again. Maybe we should come to another Yule celebration in the future.

When we put Reagan and Rika to bed that night, they were clutching onto new stuffed toys they had gotten, with smiles on their little faces, and they fell asleep instantly. I was truly happy that we were here right now. I may be missing home and would like to go back soon, but there were times, like right now, that I loved where I was and was content with not being home. I guess that's just what it meant to be comfortable somewhere. That uneasy feeling from when we first got here faded, and this place truly felt like home to us now.. I don't think we would have any problems with coming back for future visits, fight or no fight.

Chapter 437 - Trinity - Water Show (VOLUME 3)

7-8 minutes

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Trinity

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On the last night of the water festivities there was a water show. This, like Aunt Glory's light show, was Athair mór's contribution. The two of them always put on a show, but apparently Sorrel's children and grandchildren performed his show for the end of the Nature days.

The two special shows prior had been amazing. Mazus and Lotus had been in charge of the Nature show this year, and they had made flowers sprout up everywhere with large blooms flying all over the place. The blooms would even pick people up and take them for a ride. It was a hit with all the children in attendance, including ours.

This time though, I was going to see what Athair mór had planned for the show. It was, once again, in the large amphitheater that we had been in for the other shows. Once the show was due to start, I watched Athair mór throw his hands into the air, and the entire inner part of the amphitheater became water. It was like looking at an ocean that had been teleported. It seemed to go on forever even though I knew it didn't.

Athair mór was now hovering on a stationary wave as he looked at everyone who was gathered.

"Welcome people of Fae." His voice was bright and cheery as he spoke. "I have a special show planned for all of you today. As you all know, there have been many new additions to my family, but with that came the knowledge of what happened to my son and the son he fathered."

There was a murmur that started to spread throughout the crowd that was gathered.

"The truth is, that my son whom I long thought was upset that I sent him to war, was never upset about it at all. I have learned that during that last war he was in, he met and found his mate. She was a wolf."

As Athair mór spoke, different figures started to appear in the water beside him. They were images of Rhinum and a beautiful woman. The story was forming on the water as if it were a stage.

"He asked that woman to marry him, and they completed their mating; this all happened just days before he was murdered by the enemy. However, I learned that he died to protect the woman he loved. A noble death if there ever was one. He died in the arms of his lover."

The story was moving along as Athair mór spoke, and I was captivated by the level of detail he was putting into the water characters. I know that he was using his imagination for the way that it all played out, but he did have the sequence of events from Ellyria's journals.

"Overtaken by grief and rage after her lover was lost to her, my son's mate, Ellyria, took revenge for him. Ellyria was the hero that we all know for ending the Fae land wars."

The water puppets were showing a fierce battle where Ellyria used her sword to take down the multiple foes while in a berserker-like state. That had actually been how I had imagined it as well.

"We thought that Ellyria skipped out on the banquet for her bravery because she didn't like the Fae; however, I have learned that it was because she was crushed under the weight of her heartache and loss."

The images now showed a sad woman walking away from the battlefields all alone.

"It wasn't long after the death of my son that she found out about the baby. She had him in secret since most places viewed her as a pariah for being with child and still unwed. After my grandson, Fynn, was born she fled to England where she raised him under multiple different names. She and the boy continued to live on for hundreds of years."

The water showed all of this with such detail that I couldn't stop the tears that spread across my cheeks. He continued with the story through the end of Ellyria, and then when Fynn mated with his wife. He told them of how the ring continued to pass along the family until it made its way to me even though his grandson had died just the same way his son had, while fighting in a war.

"I want us all to remember the bravery of my son and grandson. And to remember that without them, I wouldn't have the family here with me that I do now."

There were cheers and applause all throughout the crowd and I saw Athair mór grin broadly. I could tell that whatever was happening, he wasn't done.

"Now, let me get on with my show."

With those words, Athair mór dove into the wave he was standing on and the water puppets were now gone. I could see him, just barely, as he moved through the water. When he leapt out of the water as if he had jumped off of something, he was chased by a giant dragon made of water.

A moment later he landed on the dragon's back and started to ride it around the theater. The next thing I saw was him leaping back into the water while the dragon continued to fly through the air. The next minute he was back out of the water on the back of another dragon.

When the first dragon reared back like it was going to roar or blast or something, I found out what the dragon could do. There was a beautiful arc of water that went from one side of the theater to the other and rained tiny droplets of water down on everyone. The two dragons started to send that arcs one after the other, soon a rainbow had formed in the reflection of the light from below.

"Trinity! Reece! Noah! Nikki! Carter! Emmalee! Wesley! Eve! Samuel! Lila! Come up here." Athair mór yelled as he got closer to us all. Excitedly we all stood up with the babies in our arms.

The dragon seemed to grow a lot of extra arms so that it could pick us up, the only ones that seemed scared were Grandfather and Noah, they both screamed for a moment before the dragon sat us on its back and flew through the air. This was the best, and the moment that we were on the dragon's back the water gripped our feet. We were as secure as we could be.

The fear set in for several of the others when we dove straight toward the water, but we broke the surface with a giant bubble of air surrounding us. When we came above the water, we were standing on the water like Athair mór had been.

"I show you all once again, my family."

This time the applause that followed Athair mór's words was a lot louder and filled with excitement. I couldn't believe what had just happened to us all.

"That was wonderful." Emmalee exclaimed loudly.

"Truly, I loved it, Athair mór." Nikki shouted.

"Very exciting." Carter grinned.

"A little scary." Noah was panting but he was also smiling.

"I think you did amazing." I grinned at him.

"I am glad that you all loved it.." Athair mór looked happier than I had ever seen him and that was saying something since he was happy most of the time.

Chapter 438 - Trinity - Closing Banquet (VOLUME 3)

8-11 minutes

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Trinity

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We had made it through. It was over. The entirety of the festivities had come to an end, and it was now the end of the Yule celebration. It wasn't what I had expected, but it had been a lot of fun nonetheless. I wasn't at all upset that we had come for this visit.

I had a few more meetings with Aunt Glory before it was all done, and like Athair mór had suggested I kept the warning from Danu out of our conversations. I did, however, tell her about the blessing that Reece and I had received.

"Truly?" She asked the moment that I had mentioned them. "Mother summoned you and your mate?"

"Yes, though I have a feeling that there was some magic in the air during that time that might have caused it." I blushed and was glad that it was just the two of us at the moment.

"Oh ho, do tell." She winked at me with a mischievous grin.

"Aunt Glory." I yelled in disbelief.

"Oh come now, Trinity, we were friends before we knew we were family. We can still have our girl talk, right?" I sighed as I listened to her. She was right, and we had already had some girl talk before.

"Oh, alright. I guess you are right. We're two queens here right now, not family."

"That's it, Trinity my girl, tell me all about it." The grin on her face was so big I thought it must have been painful. Still, I just told her.

"Well, it happened after the light ball." I went on to explain it all to her. The way that Reece and I wanted each other so frantically that night. The way that we mated in our human and wolf forms and that afterwards we were both taken to the celestial plane for a blessing from Danu.

"I have never been summoned by Mother, not once. Then again, I did have hundreds of years with her before she and all the other Gods and Goddesses moved away from this world."

"She did say that she can't meddle in the lives of her children. It's not allowed. Perhaps that was the reason." I was paraphrasing here, but I wanted to make Aunt Glory feel better, even if it was just a little.

"Perhaps, it would explain why she has not been there for us. She did come down to collect Sorrel's body when he died."

"Glory?" I left off the aunt part so that she might answer me more freely. "How did Sorrel die?"

"He was in a battle and was injured gravely. He normally would have been able to survive, but a piece of the blade he was injured with was lodged within his body, and we didn't know. The metal poisoned him slowly, and he died from the sickness."

That had to have been painful. And it made me think of my grandmother. She had been in an accident and then even after healing died of an illness no one could figure out. I wonder if she was poisoned by the metal as well. It was possible, I guess, but I didn't know for sure.

Following the conversation with Aunt Glory, she was a lot happier than I thought. She accepted that Reece and I were blessed and wasn't upset about it. And in fact, she was looking forward to seeing what we could do, especially Reece since he was given light magic.

The next day was the closing banquet for the Yule celebration. We were expected to be there for that dinner, and then the following day was the New Year's Ball. Such a busy few days.

When we went to the banquet, we still took guards with us; however, those that weren't on official guard duty went as guests. That meant that Shawn and Dietrich were guests and sat at the table with the rest of us. This banquet was out in the courtyard just like the opening banquet and all the banquets that had been in the middle of the festivities.

Everything had been running so smoothly while we were here that I wanted to relax on the security a little bit, but Reece refused. He said you never know what would happen at any given time.

We even still had someone taste testing my food for poison. Tonight it was Pierre, a wolf from the Sentinelle. When the plates and cups were delivered to my table, he tasted them all. The food seemed to be just fine so I was allowed to eat.

We were talking with Athair mór and Aunt Glory excitedly as the night went on. My cup had become emptied, and a hooded server walked up to me and filled it without being asked. I guess that's what they're supposed to do after all.

Before I could take a drink though, Pierre snatched the cup from my hand and dipped a spoon into it for a test before I could have any of it. He swallowed it down and was just about to hand it to me when he tensed up.

Pierre's entire body became rigid and soon started to shake. Reece grabbed the cup and set it aside before it could splash across my face, and he quickly laid Pierre onto the floor of the dias we were sitting on top of. The server that had filled my cup had disappeared, but David, Shane, Waverly, Izzy, Thoma, Hugo, Mateo, and Brianna had taken off after them.

Shawn and Dietrich stood around me protectively, taking on their roles as my guards. Reece was trying to get Pierre to vomit the poisoned drink up, and I was still in shock. Had he not tested that it could have been me. I am such an idiot sometimes.

I let the guilt go though, I had work to do. I knelt at Pierre's side and placed my hands over him. I had been practicing healing magic, and I wasn't going to let that go to waste now. My hands started to glow over him, and I watched as his body slowly relaxed. It was working, I hoped. It looked like it was at least.

After a moment, Athair mór dropped to Pierre's other side. He put his hands over him as well, and the both of us had blue glowing hands over the man. The combined effort of our healing was finally doing the trick. The poisoned drink spilled out of his mouth, and he finally took a deep breath.

There was color coming back to Pierre's face and he was panting heavily.

"Th..th..that, my lady, i..is w..w..why I needed to test it all." He was looking at me firmly. "Please do not be so lax next time." His words were coming normally by the time that he was done lecturing me.

"Yes, Pierre, I am sorry. Thank you for being so diligent." I was on the verge of tears. This whole taste testing thing was not something that I thought I had needed in the first place, and here it was that something had actually happened.

"We got him." Shane's voice was coming up the steps moments before we saw him. "This creep here was the one that poured the drink."

"Let me go you fucking wolf!" He snapped at Shane as he forced the man to his knees before us.

I stood and walked to stand in front of him, Reece at my side. When I was in position, Shane pulled the hood of the man's cloak down to reveal his face.

"You're one of the asshats who tried to dance with my wife at the light ball." Reece growled at him.

"I tried to dance with her at all of them." He snapped at Reece in return. "She refused every time."

I hadn't danced with anyone, but Reece at the other two balls, I knew that he didn't like it.

"Why? Why did you deny me?" He was glaring at me.

"She is married and mated, you fuck nut; she is my mate and my wife."

"That means nothing. She could still have a Fae consort. She could have a whole slew of lovers if she wanted."

"Like hell she would." Reece's voice was a feral growl.

"Agreed, I don't want more lovers. I have all that I need and want." I sneered at the man, appalled at his words.

"That's stupid. The Queen always has consorts; she will keep them even when she gets a king. It's the way that things are done. Are you not a Queen?" He looked at me like he was the one that was appalled.

"Not that kind of one." I glared at him. "And still, whether I took one or not, you wouldn't be it. You tried to poison me. All you are worthy of is death."

I felt the regal attitude flowing within me. Reece looked at me like he wasn't sure that he heard me right, but I just gave him a calm expression.

"Reece, do you want the honors, or should I take this one myself."

"Trinity?" He was still worried as he looked at me.

"Fine, I will do it."

I stepped up to the man and placed a hand on his forehead. I felt the power of Danu course through me. It was the water magic that she had given me. I thought of the water that Athair mór had used and summoned it to me. Only the thing is, I didn't summon it to my side, no, I summoned it inside the man. It filled his lungs and throat and mouth. He was incapable of taking a breath because he was filled with so much water. It only took a second or two before his eyes rolled into the back of his head. He slumped to the floor then, dead.

My guards and family were looking at me with wide, shock-filled eyes. Aunt Glory and Athair mór were looking at me with pride.. I guess at that moment, I was more of a royal, or at least a Fae Royal than I was a wolf royal.

Chapter 439 - [Bonus] Reece - What Just Happened (VOLUME 3)

5-7 minutes

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Reece

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After the fiasco with the poisoning, and my Little Bunny turning all executioner on us, we went back to the house we were staying in. I needed to talk to my wife about what had just happened, and I wanted to do it alone.

As soon as we got back ,I asked if Mom and Eve could put Reagan and Rika to bed so that I could take Trinity to our room. They agreed immediately as they watched my Little Bunny apprehensively. I hoped this wouldn't lead them to being afraid of her. She had actually done what she should have done. The thing is none of us had ever expected that from her.

When we were alone in our room on the top floor I called out to her.

"Little Bunny?"

"Yes, Fido?" She turned and looked at me seductively as she started to slink toward me.

"What happened back there?" I wanted to cut straight to the thick of it.

"I'm sorry. I should have given the drink to Pierre to try before I went to take a drink. I know that the idea of me being the one poisoned must have frightened you. I will take it all more seriously from now on. I am so sorry."

She seriously thought this was about that? Granted she wasn't wrong, I was terrified when the poison was discovered because just seconds before she was about to take a drink from that cup. Still, that wasn't why I was talking to her now.

"That's not it, Trinity. I'm talking about what came after that."

"Oh, the healing? I have been working on that more, especially since the babies came. I wanted to make sure that no matter what happens to them I can heal it for them right away. I guess I still need to work on it though. I ended up needing Athair mór's help to save Pierre. My healing is nowhere near where it should be."

Oh my Goddess. I had to wonder if she was doing this on purpose. Seriously, did she know that she was being oblivious or was she really like this right now? If this was real then I was going to be even more worried about her because she wasn't stupid. She made mistakes like everyone but she wasn't stupid at all.

"Trinity, you have to know what it is that I am talking about here. Don't you? Please tell me that you know that I am talking about the man that you killed." I sounded like I was begging and pleading, even to my own ears. I could tell that I was becoming frantic.

"Yes, Reece, I know that is what you're referring to. I just didn't want to talk about it right now." She narrowed her eyes and looked at me angrily. "And I didn't kill him, I executed him. Isn't that what someone who tries to assassinate a Queen and Goddess Incarnate deserves? I mean, forgive me if I am wrong, but isn't that what you would have suggested?"

She was right. I would have suggested it, but I wouldn't have done it in front of everyone. At least, I don't think that I would have. Then again, doing what she did sent a message to all the Fae that were in attendance. She told them that she wasn't to be fucked with.

"Yes, I would have. It's just-."

"Just what, Reece? Just what? Are you saying that because I am a woman and a Queen that I can't do the dirty work? Remember we have seen Aunt Glory execute someone right in front of an entire banquet before. I am hardly the first."

I remembered what she was talking about, it happened last year during our first visit, and it had freaked us out back then.

"No, I am not saying that. I guess, I am just surprised that you took that initiative. I never expected something like that to come from you. You're my sweet Little Bunny." I felt like I was grasping at straws right now.

"Reece." She walked up to me and put her hands on my chest, feeling the muscles underneath my shirt. "I am still your sweet Little Bunny, but I am also a Queen. And when we finish setting up the kingdom back home I will need to rule my people. If a shifter or magic user were to try what that Fae did tonight then I will have to punish that person. Even if it is in front of a group of people. They will become a warning to the others."

I thought about her words. She was right. She was one hundred percent right. So why did I have a problem with any of this? The truth was, I didn't have a problem with it. I just didn't like seeing her have to do something like that. It meant that I failed her.

"I'm sorry, Trinity." I hung my head in the shame that I felt.

"You don't need to be. I need to show my power to those that need to see it. I guess you needed to see it too, Reece. You needed to know what it was that I was capable of. Now that you know, now that everyone knows, we can move on from here."

While my Little Bunny went to get ready for bed, I went to tell the others what she had said. They understood what she had meant, especially Dietrich. They all knew that she needed to prove herself to the Fae, to the shifters, and to the magic folk. She was a Queen now, and those weren't just words. She needed to run a kingdom with so many people in it that we had a hard time counting them all. We needed to know that all of those people would recognize her and bow to her if the time ever came for that. We all knew it, but it had still shocked us to see that she had done it with no warning or preamble. It had just taken us by surprise, that is all.

I guess this was just further proof she was becoming the Queen she was meant to be.

Chapter 440 - Trinity - The New Year's Ball And Leaving The Compound (VOLUME 3)

5-7 minutes

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Trinity

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The day after the incident, my family was acting mostly normal, though I could tell that they were a little nervous around me. I guess that's what happens when you become a powerful Queen. It made me sad, but it was also unavoidable.

Chances are that as time moves on they would see me do a lot worse than what happened yesterday. At least I killed the man without making it bloody or disgusting. I think that, overall, I did really well.

Now though, we had the New Year's ball to attend and then it was time to go home. After the attempted poisoning, Reece wanted to skip the ball altogether, but I told him that we needed to go. If only to show them all that they hadn't scared me away.

If that man had not been working alone, I needed his accomplices to know that I was not too afraid to show myself in their midst. This would also come in handy when we needed to come back to take care

of that threat that Danu told us about. They would always be slightly afraid of me, and that might be a good thing.

This time, Athair mór was at the ball. He hadn't been at the other three balls so I found this a little surprising. Aunt Glory had been at all of them so that wasn't a shock. The shock from her, however, was that she had asked that I be escorted to her side as soon as I got there and I was to not stray too far from her or her guards. I guess it didn't matter that my entire group was there to protect me as well. I had more back up than usual right now.

Reece and I danced to a few songs, and for the first time at a ball here, I didn't have men trying to dance with me. That doesn't mean that they weren't looking at me. Some were looking at me with lust in their eyes, others with fear. But I was still the center of their attention.

I didn't care. I was there to dance with my husband and celebrate the new year with my family that was with us. This was my last night here at the Fae compound and I didn't want to waste it at all.

The refreshments that were served were, of course, tested by Pierre. He was fully healed and ready to get back to his duties. He took them seriously and was proud to have saved his Queen's life. He said that he would wear that memory like it was a badge of honor. Honestly, I wanted to give him a badge of honor.

I was glad that nothing at all happened and we were all able to enjoy the ball. At the end of the night, when the clock struck midnight, there was a light and water display that looked just like real fireworks. Athair mór and Aunt Glory had done an amazing job, and I was happy to have been included in the night.

The next day Roisin was scrambling as she searched the house for anything that we might have forgotten. She was so efficient and skilled that she had managed the house with all of us single handedly. She was amazing.

Juliet, my guard, was actually staying behind here in the compound. She was going to live with Breon now that they were mated. She felt awful for leaving, me but I told her it was the way that things needed to be.

While I was doing my best to convince her that I didn't mind there was a knock on the door to the house. Roisin answered it swiftly and then bowed to her knees.

"My Queen."

"Rise, Roisin." Aunt Glory told her. "You don't need to bow to me right now."

"Queen Gloriana?" She was confused.

"I have something I want to say to my niece before she leaves, and it involves you. Please, come with me."

"Y..y..y..yes my Queen."

Aunt Glory and Roisin walked over to where I was with Juliet.

"Trinity, my dear." Aunt Glory hugged me close. "I am sad to see you leave, but I see that we are gaining a new resident in your place. How about we even things out a little." I didn't quite understand the smile that was on her face for a moment.

"I don't follow, Aunt Glory."

"Roisin, you enjoyed taking care of my niece, did you not? Would you like to continue to do so?"

"What? Oh, I uhm, y...yes my Queen. I would love to."

"Trinity, my dear, would you like to take Roisin back to your home? I understand that you are trying to create a kingdom and you will need every capable hand you can find."

"You know something, Aunt Glory, I would love to. I think Roisin would make a lovely addition to our household."

"W..wait? I..I can really go?" Roisin looked like she had just won the lottery. "I promise you, my lady, I will not let you down. I will take care of anything that you might need of me. I will do my best." She was speaking so passionately that there was no room for doubt.

"I know you will, Roisin. And I thank you for that."

It only took a little while for Roisin to get her things together, she didn't have as much as I thought she might have. We will take care of that later. We will make sure that she has everything that she might need.

Once we were all packed and ready to go, we all piled into the SUVs and started our journey home. I was a little sad to be going, but I was leaving with lots of memories. Not to mention, Roisin and Athair mór were coming with us. Roisin was coming permanently while Athair mór was coming to help me set up my new kingdom and to get to know his family even more.

Well, this sounds like things were still going to be exciting, at least for a little while.. I couldn't wait to see what the future had in store for us.