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Chapter 441 - Trinity - Finally Back Home (VOLUME 3)

Trinity

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The moment we were back in the city, I could feel the happiness and glory of being back home. I had missed this place so much. Coming back was like a piece of me sliding back into place, a piece that I didn't even notice was missing until it was back.

When we were driving up the long sloping driveway back toward the house, I was starting to get all giddy. I couldn't wait to be inside my own home again. There really was no place like home.

"Oh, this is lovely." Athair mór smiled. "But, Trinity, my gariníon, you are the Queen to not one but two peoples. You need a castle that is suitable for holding large scale meetings with your people."

"Is there really anything that I could do about that, Athair mór. What could fix this?"

"We can use Fae magic to expand the house that you have now. We can turn it into your very own castle." I saw the look on his face, it was like he could already envision it.

"That's possible?" That would make things a lot better in the long run, and it would be made to our specifications and it would still be our own home.

"Yes, it most certainly is."

We talked a little more about it as we were walking toward the house. Everyone knew we were coming back today so I was sort of expecting them all to be waiting for us. And I was not disappointed. The group of us were led into the house with Waverly and Pierre in the lead. They were checking for anyone or anything that might be out of the ordinary.

The moment we entered the foyer we noticed that Juniper, Paul, Cedar, and Acacia were there along with their children. Gabriel, Vincent and his family were also there to welcome us all home.

Gabriel was in the lead already preparing to bow when we were through the door.

"Welcome home, my Queen, we've been wait-." He stopped mid sentence and mid bow. He was now looking at the group of us like there was something he was searching for.

"Gabriel? Is something the matter?" I asked him with shock filling my voice.

"I smell the most delectable flowers."

There was joy in his eyes, and I thought that something wonderful might be happening. As I thought about this, I turned to look for someone specific. Just as I thought, Roisin was standing stock still like she was frozen in shock.

"Roisin." I called out to her. "Come here please."

Slowly, and with trepidation, Roisin walked toward my side. She was looking straight ahead like she was worried about what she might see there. I took Roisin's hand and led her to the front of the group.

"Roisin, this is Gabriel. Gabriel, I would like you to meet Roisin. She is a Fae who has come back with us. I think she might be someone that you will enjoy getting to know."

"Roisin?" Gabriel was grinning at the woman next to me.

"G..G..Gabriel."

They were staring at each other with love in their eyes. Everyone in the room was looking at them with surprise in their eyes and smiles on their faces.

"That was unexpected. I think we should leave them to get to know each other. Gabriel, come see me later and give me your report." I grinned at him.

"Yes, my Queen." He answered without even taking his eyes off of Roisin.

As we walked further into the room, Juniper ran toward me. Before I knew it her arms were around me, and she was grinning.

"Oh my Goddess, Trinity, I missed you so much. You were gone so long, and the moment you come back, there is another mated pair. You truly are the Goddess Incarnate. Everyone just loves being around you."

"I missed you too, Juniper." I hugged her back and felt the happiness of being home wash over me.

What followed was a welcome home party and lunch that had been prepared by Abigail. The children all seemed to be happy to be back as well. They were all running around happily and playing. I could tell that they had missed being in their own space.

The little party ran for a few hours as we all talked and told them about what had happened while we were gone. Everyone was also very excited to meet Roisin and Athair mór, and Vincent and Gabriel were shocked to find out that Juliet had left us. They were happy to know that she was mated though.

"See what I mean, Trin. Being around you, people just naturally find their mates. It's because you draw people to you, and they have a higher chance of meeting someone new. I am also glad that all the shadow groups are mixing together. The witch and Fae, the Fae and Wolf, and the wolf and witch. It's all so amazing!"

"I know what you mean, Juniper. My wife is truly the most amazing woman that there is in the entire world." Reece was boasting my greatness, and I was smiling happily and embarrassedly.

"Stop blushing, Trinity, they're right." Vincent was smiling at me. "You truly are the best Queen that we could have hoped for."

"Thank you, Vincent. I am glad that you think that way." I grinned at them.

The party ended a little while later, and along with Reece, Noah, and Athair mór, I went to the office to get a full report from Vincent and Gabriel about the time that we were gone. It was a little difficult to get Gabriel to leave Roisin's side, but I managed it after a little bit of prodding.

Gabriel was just going to have to wait for the meeting to be over, and then he could have the entire night with his mate to talk and get to know each other.. Abigail and the other female staff welcomed Roisin and showed her to her room while we went to our meeting.

Chapter 442 - Trinity - The Report (VOLUME 3)

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Trinity

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Once we were all seated in my and Reece's office, the meeting was able to start. We had been gone for almost a month, and I was certain that a lot had happened during that time. We needed to have a full report given by the two men who had been left in charge while we were away.

Vincent looked prepared and ready for the debriefing, Gabriel however, looked like he would rather be somewhere else entirely. I knew where of course, and that made me smile. But the fact that Gabriel, who was usually my super efficient personal assistant, was now nothing more than a dewy eyed, love struck man was surprising. I was glad he found his mate, but he needed to focus on work right now.

"First, even though it has been said several times already, allow me to say welcome back. I know that we have all been eagerly awaiting your return. It is not as easy running the pack as I would have thought, however, we didn't have any major issues while you were gone." Vincent's voice was smooth and easy going.

"Y..yes. Everything did go smoothly while you were gone, my Queen." Gabriel was sliding into his old tone after just a little bit of hesitation. "There were several members of the pack that had come to see you for small issues and squabbles, but that is nothing outside of the ordinary." He was right, there were a lot of small issues that were handled regularly. They were usually taken care of by Noah or Vincent before they even got to either Reece or myself. I had actually forgotten just how many of them there were.

"There were a handful of meeting requests from the warlocks, and a few vampire ambassadors came to seek counsel with Dietrich while he was away as well. There have apparently been a few disputes of territory between different vampire covens on the east coast. Those that came for a meeting have been noted and have been awaiting a message from Dietrich."

"I will pass along the message to him when we are finished here." I nodded at Gabriel as he was continuing to tell me what had happened while we were away.

"There have been more developments with the community that you have constructed. It has finally received its city incorporation, and the name has been finalized. The government form is set as a standard mayoral; the candidates were all put up for a vote, and a candidate has been chosen. They have also chosen a city council. Likewise, your petition to have our previously existing gated community rezoned as part of the new city has been approved."

"That is all wonderful, Vincent. What is the name that the residents have chosen for the new city?" I was smiling happily because this was something that we had been working toward for over two years now.

"Several names were put forth by the residents and then put to a vote. The results were unanimous, and so the new city has been named Trinity Falls."

Why did I just know that something like this was going to happen? I just placed my head in my right hand and shook it gently while groaning. These people, the residents that is, were mostly shifters and magic folk. I was their queen so they decided to name the town after me. Still, it was embarrassing and would no doubt feel strange to me whenever someone said the name out loud.

"And I bet I can guess who the new mayor is." I could just hear the smirk that Reece had to be wearing, based on the way he said those words.

"I am certain you can." There was a similar smirk in the tone of Vincent's voice as he responded. "The vote was once again unanimous. The mayor of Trinity Falls is indeed Trinity Gray."

"Well, I guess I will be delegating that work to my deputy mayor, whenever I select one." I groaned again.

"That will be more than fine, as long as you choose a worthy deputy. Furthermore, the population has now surpassed three thousand residents, and the completion of several stores has been finalized as well. The city is nearly one hundred percent self-sufficient without needing to rely on neighboring cities. We have secured many contracts with several large corporations as well, and they will begin to make shipments to the warehouses and stores in the city."

"Thank you, Vincent. And you as well, Gabriel. You have both done well in our absence."

"Thank you, my Queen." Gabriel nodded his appreciation.

"It was a great learning experience, that is for sure. However, I do not wish to take the helm more than absolutely necessary. I do quite enjoy my role as head of security." I could see a smile in Vincent's eyes. He was telling the truth, but he would step up anytime that we needed him. I was glad that I could count on him like that.

After they reported a few other minor details, I called the meeting to a close. I knew that by now Dietrich was already back home with Shawn and the kids, so I called him to tell him about the issues that were reported.

"Disputes you say?" Dietrich didn't exactly sound happy. "Did Vincent or Gabriel happen to say how major they were?"

"Not during the meeting, no. However they made note of everyone that came to visit you and a report of what the supposed incident was." I explained to him.

"At least I can be happy that your men are quite efficient in what they do. I will need to investigate all of this thoroughly. That will not exactly make Shawn happy, since I need to leave to speak to them in person. As you know, Trinity, a royal must do what is best for their people."

"Yes, I do understand. And I think that you and I will need to talk about how best to move our people forward in the terms of future events. I have ideas for a council, and I want someone from every species

or race on it. I want someone that will represent their people's needs and wants to the royals as well as the nobles that I plan to have."

"It seems to me like you have been thinking a lot about this, Trinity. I cannot wait to see what you have in store for us." I could tell that he was pleased with my words.

"Can I count on you, Dietrich, to be a part of that council?"

"Most definitely, I would be honored."

We spoke a little about who would be good for other seats on the council. I would take into consideration all of his suggestions as well as those of the others that I have already picked out to help me. Now that I was home, it was time to start building up my empire.

From this day forward, I needed to think about the overall best interests of millions of people. I needed to be the symbol of peace and equality among all of my people. I needed to lead and rule.. Ugh, I needed to sleep since this was already starting to exhaust me.

Chapter 443 - Reece - Forming A Castle (Volume 3)

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Reece

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The day after we got home a discussion started over breakfast. The day before, Valerian, my Little Bunny's great great great grandfather, or Athair mór, had mentioned making the house into a castle with Fae magic. I knew that it was possible, I just didn't know how.

The discussion that started was actually about how big, how many of each room was needed, and what style we wanted to fashion it after. The estate was already over thirty thousand square feet, or about two thousand eight hundred square meters. I thought it was large enough as it was, but Valerian didn't quite agree.

In a way, I could agree with him. What if we were to hold a meeting and we needed to house the nobles or the council that we were going to form? If that were to ever happen, we would need to have a place for all of them to be. We had a lot of space as it was, but not nearly enough for hundreds of people to stay if the need ever arose.

Right now, the discussion was on what forms of castles we all admired and what would be best for us up here. Now that we weren't part of Colorado Springs anymore, we didn't need to get permission from them to change things. That made things a lot easier for us in this aspect. It would also be a lot harder to explain to the city how things had been built so rapidly.

"Personally, I have always liked the castles and chateaus in France the most." Little Bunny was thinking about this seriously, I could see a crease in her brow.

"Hmm, are you sure you wouldn't rather go with something more Celtic in appearance? Or perhaps even a true Fae castle?" Valerian was talking fast with excitement.

"No, I think the French look would be best in this area. They are not over the top so it won't be too much of a shock when others come to see it for the first time. I don't want to scare my people. And, to be honest, most of them aren't Fae. Even though I am, I cannot craft this only after my heritage. I need to think of my people as well." Little Bunny was thinking in a larger aspect, something that I had noticed she started taking more seriously while we were at the Fae compound.

"Alas, you are correct, Trinity my dear. I was not thinking clearly when I made my suggestion." Valerian hung his head and admitted his fault. "Now, shall we start drafting a floor plan?"

His excitement returned almost immediately and the discussion continued. I think Valerian just wanted to prove that he was capable of being there for his family in any way that he possibly could. I was happy to see the thought and effort going into all this planning; however, I just thought it was all happening a little fast.

Fast or not though, it needed to be done. We couldn't start planning the court system within our little world without a place for it all to take place. It took us approximately three hours, if that, to map out the floor plan of the new castle.

The new residence was going to take up a lot more space than the current one so magic was being used to clear out and level the land that it was going to encompass. I stood and watched as Valerian and my Little Bunny used their magic to accomplish this.

There was going to be a large decorative front lawn, but nothing compared to the castles in Europe. The driveway would circle up in front of the main doors, and there were to be large roll up doors that looked like stone, and probably were, but still moved like regular garage doors. They were also building a massive underground garage that the future visiting nobles and the like could park in. The main garages, one on each side on the entrance, was meant for the royal families and future grand nobles.

The castle itself was going to be more than ten times larger than the estate was and it was going to take on a whole new shape once it was done. The actual castle was going to be forty thousand square meters or around four hundred and thirty thousand square feet, give or take a little.

The castle was going to have large towers at each of the four main corners with two slightly smaller towers along each main wall such as major entrances at the front and back and the middle of the side walls. There were also going to be three large towers in the middle. To be totally fair, it was kind of one large central tower with two towers that were nearly as big coming out of the sides of that main one.

Those central towers stood at ten stories high. The corner towers were eight stories, and the towers along the middle of the outer walls were six stories high. The rest of the castle went to four stories.

The central towers in the middle of the castle were above the throne room, grand dining hall, and grand ballroom (which was now a lot bigger than the one we had already had!). Above those rooms, which had ceilings that were three stories high, were the offices. A dozen offices in all, in the middle were mine and Trinity's then the five on the other sides would be assigned as time went on. Some were going to Noah, Vincent, Gabriel, and Paul as they all had important jobs to do.

Above the offices in those towers were residential areas. To be more precise the very central tower was for Trinity and I to live in with our children and the towers to either side were the residents for the high nobles when they visited us. The Noble towers were basically glorified bedrooms that were larger than most apartments while my Little Bunny and I had a six story mansion above the throne room. The entire top floor of which was going to be our bedroom.

Throughout the main floors there were the other lesser dining halls, kitchens (two small ones as well as a massive one for when there were grand meetings and celebrations). There were also meeting rooms for visiting dignitaries, a theater room, indoor pool, and lesser ballrooms. There were also those magical residential areas like the one we stayed in while at the Fae compound. These residential areas took no part of the square footage of the actual castle and would shape themselves to the needs of those who moved into them. These would be reserved for guards that had families and other staff that needed to live in the castle.

The fourth floor of the main part of the castle will contain the guest rooms for the visiting members of our nobility and other ambassadors, or anyone else who needed to stay in the castle. The back towers were primarily going to be used for the storage of different types. The front west tower was going to be the daycare that my Little Bunny had wanted to start before life got in our way. This was going to be even better now though, since there was an area that she can literally make to her specifications. There were eight floors in all for the tower, and it could be divided up by different age groups. Not to mention Trinity wanted to have different classes, lessons, and clubs for the kids in that daycare. The areas of study and interest would vary from improving education to cooking, sports, scouting, learning to fight, music, art, and more. She was still a Luna, and she still wanted to take care of all the kids.

Oh, and needless to say, there would be multiple points throughout the castle where there were elevators, especially in the towers. There was just way too much to expect everyone to have to walk to the central staircases. I could imagine what some of the staff would have to say if they had to walk what felt like a fucking mile just to go up the stairs. Yeah, they would hate us for sure.

I was just trying to imagine this whole castle and what it would look like when it was all done.. It was starting to seem a little unbelievable to me.

Chapter 444 - Trinity - Building The Castle (VOLUME 3)

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Trinity

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After we spent what felt like several hours, but was really only like three hours, mapping out the floor plan of our new castle; it was time for us to start building it.

The first thing that we needed to do was clear and level the land. This was something that Athair mór was going to need to coach me in since I had never done it before. The first thing that he did when we went outside was put his hand to the ground and close his eyes.

I didn't know what it was that he was doing, but it seemed like he was thinking really hard.

"I should have noticed this when we first got here, I don't know why I ignored it." His words were soft and he was smiling happily. "This will make things a lot easier. Plus, it will keep the magic in your new castle strong."

"What is it, Athair mór?" I knelt next to him and looked at where he was pressing his hand into the dirt.

"Can you feel this? The humming in the earth. It's like the ground itself is thrumming or vibrating."

I pressed my hand next to his and closed my eyes like he had. I could just barely sense it at first. It was like an imperceptible difference in the way that everything else around me felt. Then, I felt it more clearly. With my eyes closed, I could start to see the thrumming as if they were lines stretching out before me in my mind's eye.

"What is this, Athair mór? What am I feeling?" I kept my voice soft and my eyes closed as I spoke.

"What does it feel like, my dear?" I could hear the mischievous air in his voice. "What do you think it is that you are feeling?"

"It feels like magic. A lot of it. But I don't know what else it is."

"It is magic. It looks like this area of the mountain is a central crossing for ley lines. Do you know what those are, my dear?" The excitement was there, thick and easy to hear as he spoke.

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

"Ley lines, my dear Trinity, are the source of magic for the world. The place that the Fae compound lies is the epicenter of all the ley lines on this continent. It is currently the strongest and most prominent central point for any continent. The lands that we have created for ourselves will always follow the power of the lines. That is why we have said that the land of Fae only exists to those that can get in there. A human, for example, would pass right through us in the matter of a couple of steps and none of us would be affected by it at all. We wouldn't even notice it. If a stronger and more prominent central point were to develop, that is where the Fae compound would move to. We wouldn't need to do anything ourselves. The compound moves all on its own."

"That is actually quite scary. To possibly just wake up one day and find out you've been uprooted and moved with no prior notice." My words must have been funny because Athair mór started to laugh.

"No worries, Trinity, we have different Fae monitoring the lines, we would know before it actually happened."

"Oh." I felt relieved at his explanation. "Well, that is good."

"Yes. And what this all means for you right now is that these ley lines will power your castle. And, since so many of you are part Fae, there is a possibility that the Fae side will get stronger the more the others live here. It could be why your magic is as strong as it is already. You have family that visit often but don't live here permanently so they aren't as exposed to it as you are. However, that alone might awaken, or might have already awoken, their Fae magic without them knowing it."

I tried to wrap my head around what all of this meant. Basically, we have all been living around magic our whole lives without ever realizing it. Reece, the man who has always lived in this estate, has lived around it longer than anyone. Well, except for Lila. She has lived in this place since before Reece was born. What has that done to them? Is that why Reece has an affinity for magic?

After the discussion about the ley lines, it was time for us to start the process of building the castle that we had planned out. Together, with Athair mór's guidance, we cleared the land of trees and leveled the side of the mountain so that the castle would have a place to stand.

Once that was done, we both pressed our hands to the ground and focused on the castle we wanted to build. Of course, everyone was out of the castle right now, we didn't need someone getting hurt because they were moving around rooms that were being reformed. Soon though, I was able to see the changes as they happened right before my eyes.

A tall barrier fence sprung up around what was going to be considered the inner lands of the castle. There was also a gate that was forming around the rest of our lands that backed up toward Trinity Falls. It wouldn't be something that the humans noticed, but if the city residents were looking our way, they might notice it.

Aside from the gates there was the castle itself that was forming. The large facade, the towers, and the courtyard that was behind and alongside the central towers. I couldn't see the courtyard, but I knew it would be there. The castle was going to be everything that we needed and for my entire kingdom.

Oh, and some of those trees we removed magically reappeared in the courtyard so that it wasn't so bare. And more of them were relocated to the front garden that was between the inner fence or gate area and the actual castle.

Building this place literally only took about ten minutes. Ten minutes worth of magical effort, at the max, and we had a castle that was way more than ten times the size of the estate that we had before. That seemed impossible, but I was looking at it, so it must be real.

Sometimes despite all the training I have had, and all that I have witnessed in the world so far, I forgot just how amazing and wonderful magic could be. I seemed to forget at times the actual size and scale of massive magical efforts and abilities. I mean, I had actually watched Cedar and Noah rebuild a massive structure with their abilities and yet, I thought this seemed unbelievable. I truly needed to stop forgetting what all of us were capable of doing.

Magic was now, and forever more, a part of my life and the lives of those around me. That would never change no matter who it was that I was talking to or visiting with.. Perhaps even one day we could reveal true magic to the humans, have them accept us, and live our lives in the open instead of the shadows.

Chapter 445 - Trinity - Exploring The New Castle (VOLUME 3)

7-8 minutes

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Trinity

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From the point we had stood to the front door of the castle was at least half a mile if not longer. What the hell were we thinking, making something so fucking grand. I was starting to feel nervous about what everyone was going to say about this place when they saw it. Still, it was time for the current staff as well as the actual residents of the castle to reacquaint ourselves with the place that we called home.

The main entrance of the castle went into a grand foyer. It was big enough to fit at least two hundred people comfortably, if not more. We explored the entire downstairs of the castle and showed the staff where to go. So far, everything had turned out just as we had wanted. And best of all, I didn't have to ship in new appliances. The ones from my imagination seemed to have been installed already. That was truly very convenient.

The maids were a little overwhelmed at first at the sheer size of the new residence but they didn't let it show all that much. I also reassured them that I would be hiring more staff to help around the castle.

"That is a relief, my lady." Roisin spoke with audible relief in her voice. "But if I may, my lady, I would prefer to be in charge of the royal residence tower."

Roisin had single-handedly managed the entire residence that we stayed in at the Fae compound. I knew that she was more than capable of handling a job of that magnitude. And this time, she wouldn't need to handle the cooking, that job would be left to Abigail.

"I think that would be just fine, Roisin. And Abigail, you will still be in charge of meals for our family personally. You will technically be the castle's head chef, which means you will be in charge of directing the kitchen staff and wait staff. Is that alright with you?" I smiled at the women as I spoke to them one after the other.

"That would be perfect, my Queen. I wouldn't have it any other way." Abigail smiled at me as she answered me.

"Julie, I am naming you head of housekeeping, and it will be up to you to guide and manage all the maids, current and future. Peter, you will be the personal butler for the royal residence; however, you will also be the head butler. I want you to manage all of the butlers in the castle so they do their jobs properly. I am counting on the three of you; you will be the central pillars for making sure that the castle runs smoothly."

"Yes, my Queen." The three of them, Peter, Julie, and Abigail, answered in unison.

After that was settled, we continued to explore the new lay of the land, so to speak. When we got to the royal tower, it was only Athair mór, Abigail, Peter, Roisin, Lila, Reece, the twins, and myself that entered.

"Now, one benefit is that the only people who can enter this tower are those with your permission. Each floor can also be designated with different levels of admittance so the privacy can be higher in other places." Athair mór explained as we entered the tower.

"So I will not have to worry about a certain someone interrupting us ever again?" I could see a grin on Reece's face as he thought about this. He had been interrupted on more than one occasion by Noah. I

know he didn't appreciate that very much and would now like the fact that only those we allow would be permitted in our room.

In the royal tower, the first floor was a grouping of adjustable personal residences that the personal staff of the tower would live in, that was actually the fifth floor of that tower, considering the first three floors worth were taken up by just the height of the throne room and the fourth floor were the offices for me and Reece.

The sixth and seventh floors were the kitchen, dining, living room, and other 'common' areas of the tower. The eighth floor was all those adjustable personal residences for Lila and any other family that were to move to the castle with us. The ninth floor was going to be for the kids, current and future. And the top floor was all mine and Reece's. The nursery was directly connected to our room by a staircase that only went between the two. That had nothing to do with the main staircase that spiraled up the center of the tower. There was, of course, also an elevator that went up this tower as well.

The design scheme of the tower was much like that of the old house. The patterns and color schemes, even the furniture. That made things a lot easier to adjust to for us.

There was a lot of space to this tower; it alone was about as big as the old estate was. This whole castle life was going to take some getting used to. I wasn't worried about it though, I found the whole concept quite exciting, and I couldn't wait for it all to start coming together.

Reece and I went to the top floor by ourselves to check out the room for us. Lila and Athair mór watched Reagan and Rika while we went up alone. The moment that Reece and I went into the room, or onto that entire floor that was our massive bedroom, I heard him whistle.

"Holy shit, this is massive." He was laughing.

All of our stuff had been brought up here already, and there was a lot more furniture that there was to begin with; all of that furniture had been crafted with magic and imagination. Athair mór had told us that he had personally added some of the furnishings to our new room, one of which was the bed.

The new bed was literally massive. It had a giant intricately carved headboard that incorporated wolf motifs, magical elements, and Fae designs all in a beautiful layout; moons, paws, wolves, elements, vines, and more that was what was among the carvings. The footboard matched it but it wasn't as massive.

The bed itself was the largest thing that I had ever seen. It looked like it was at least twelve feet wide and no less than eight feet from headboard to footboard.

"I can't wait to try that one out." I heard Reece purr next to me. "Sounds like it will be fun, huh?" I just rolled my eyes at his words as I looked around our new space. There was a smaller version of the library in the room as well as different dressing stations for me and Reece, on opposite sides of the room of course. There were massive closets, way bigger than the ones we had before. And the bathroom, which was already huge, was now massive. The tub, if it is even possible, was bigger than the last one. There were also a lot of super awesome, relaxing looking jets on that tub so it was also like a super massive hot tub.

I couldn't believe this new room of ours, let alone this whole new castle.. It was surreal.

Chapter 446 - Trinity - Rise Of The Kingdom Part 1 (VOLUME 3)

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Trinity

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Well now that the castle was built, I guess it was time to build the kingdom itself. That and staff this massive fucking place. I guess I didn't realize how much 'bigger' this place was going to be after it was redone. And then there is the fact that, you know, we built it almost instantly and had like zero time to prep for it. In all honesty, we had done it all a little bit recklessly.

There were some plans that I had in mind before I got all of this rolling, aside from the council, so what I truly needed to do was bring a few people here to talk before Dietrich left for his meeting with the covens that were having trouble. This is something that would work well for me as well, since I wanted people who would be able to handle peace among the supernatural population. We could try to use this crisis as a starting point.

Aside from Dietrich, I knew that I wanted to have Riley, Landon, and Trevor on the council for the shifters, and I was bringing Crawford in for the warlocks. However, I wanted to have two representatives from each species. I wanted to have a male and female perspective of everything to make it a 'checks and balances' system. I wanted to make sure that everyone's opinions were viewed fairly and nothing overly misogynistic happened. This was a matriarchy after all, so women mattered a lot.

I wanted to get ideas from all of them on who should join the council with them. I called all of them to come and meet with me. I actually decided to do this the magical way as well; I just called them all mentally. I did get some grumblings, but not much, especially when they found out that it was important business.

Some of the conversations started like this one here.

'Trevor?' I spoke to him silently and waited for his response.

'Dammit! By the Goddess Trinity, that scared the shit out of me. This is the first time you've called me like this.'

'Yes, that is true. However, you knew it was a possibility.' I laughed in my head as I spoke to him, and I just knew he heard the laughter as well.

'Yeah well, knowing it can happen, and it actually happening are two completely different things.' I could hear a laugh from him now as well. 'What is it you actually need, oh great and powerful witch of Oz?'

'That's a good one.' I was laughing as I tried to think the words to him. 'I need to have a meeting, a really important one, and you're invited, oh great and brave lion.'

'OK, Dorothy, don't you dare confuse me with Landon, I am not a lion, I'm a bear.' These references were getting pretty funny.

'Yes, but when we meet the lion she does say lions and tigers and bears, oh my.' I did my best to remember, and I think I got that one right.

'Hey, don't mess up the classics. That scaredy cat scarecrow said lions and tigers and bears. Old D only said oh my.' I could tell that he was actually a fan of the movie.

'Oh my, I must have forgotten. Forgive me Mr. Bear.' I joked with him and waited for the laughter to leave his head. It was weird how I could hear it all.

'Alright, alright, what kind of important meeting is this?'

'I am building my kingdom and the council. The time has come.'

I could feel the seriousness that washed over him through the mental connection. After that, he promised to be there the next day. That was good, since everyone that I invited said they could be there the next day.

When they all did arrive, Reece and I were waiting for them outside. It was polite to greet your guests, right? OK, the truth was that we just wanted to see their reactions to the new house.

"What in the fucking hell?" Riley exclaimed as he got out of the car that he, Landon, and Trevor came in together. "What the hell happened here?"

"Where the hell is the estate? And when the fuck did you get a castle?" Landon looked just as shocked.

"Holy shit! Reece, I gotta change your dog name. This place is too fancy for the old one, I gotta call you, Fru Fru or Puffington."

"Fuck you, Trevor." Reece snapped at him. "Or I will call you Paddington because the little lost bear came all the way here from his backwoods home."

"Don't make fun of my woods, dude. They're awesome." Trevor smiled and joked back as another car was coming up the driveway, and behind that was one more.

"Well, this certainly is new." Dietrich laughed as he got out of his sleek car. "I dare say, this is bigger than my castle back in Germany."

"Holy, what the hell?" Shawn looked nervous. "Did I miss something?"

"No worries sweetheart. I am sure that Valerian helped them to build this place." Dietrich assured his mate.

"That he did." Reece smiled at him. "It happened way too fast."

The last car was Crawford, here to bring in the counsel of the magic users. It was just about time to get this meeting underway. He didn't say anything about the house, or castle, but his eyes showed that he was just as surprised as the others had been.

The group of them just followed us inside without any other words. We headed for my office, as it was the largest, even when compared to Reece's. That was where we were going to discuss all that had happened here at the castle, and what it was that we still needed to do.

Even though none of them said anything directly to us, I heard a few whispered words behind us.

"This place is massive."

"Dude! You need a car to drive in this place."

"Do you think they've even seen every room yet? I bet they will have dozens that they will never see no matter how long they live here."

We had seen them all, they just didn't know. I wanted to laugh, but I didn't.. We had just gotten to the elevator for the royal tower, in which were mine and Reece's offices and a few meeting rooms.

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Once we were all seated in my office, the meeting could officially begin. I couldn't help but notice that Athair mór had put a throne, or the equivalence of one, at my desk. I know that most of the castle was actually made in my image, with the things that I was imagining. However, Athair mór admitted that since there was not enough furniture to start with he helped us out with supplying some of the missing items with his magic and imagination. I appreciated it, but should my office chair really be a fucking throne?

"Well, I guess I should be the one to get this started." I smiled at them. Athair mór, conveniently, had met us at the elevator and was joining the meeting with us so that he could provide Fae input. And at that moment, he raised his hand to interject.

"If you want to be technical, my dear, Reece would start it as you have the highest status, or that is how the Fae do it. This is, however, your kingdom, and if the Queen wishes to start these meetings, then she will. Gloriana, who isn't supposed to do it, does start them quite often." I saw the laughter in his eyes as he thought about it. "You know what, gariníon, you do what you want to do. This is your place." He grinned and put down his hand.

"Thank you, Athair mór." I did appreciate him trying to educate me on court-type politics. "Now, the reason that I have called all of you here is that I am ready to build the kingdom that we will all be living in. What that truly means is that I need to set up the councils, positions, and laws that everyone will need to abide by."

"Is there going to be that much that changes?" Crawford raised his hand just like Athair mór had before he spoke.

"Not all that much. In truth, most of the clans and species will not see very many changes, but there might be a few things that I need to go over with some of them." I kept my voice neutral as I tried to think about all of the things that were in my mind.

"It is entirely up to the Queen to make whatever changes she wants." Gabriel spoke up as he stood behind me like a retainer instead of an assistant. I think he liked this whole castle thing so it could make him seem more official in his duties.

"You are completely right." Crawford nodded at him. "I didn't mean to imply otherwise."

Everyone looked at Gabriel with wide eyes, but they didn't say anything. All of the men here knew how seriously Gabriel took his job, most of the time. There was that incident the other day where he was a little too interested in Roisin to pay attention fully, but I forgave him. Finding your mate when you're about to turn six hundred and ninety-four was definitely something special. And that mate was also no spring chicken as well since she was a Fae.

"Trinity, if I may, what is this council that you mentioned to us? And what rankings are you planning to implement?" Riley brought us back to topic. "I think that is where we need to start."

"Of course." I smiled at him and then started to explain it all to them.

The council itself would consist of about twenty-four individuals. They would be my council that helps me to make decisions. No offense to anyone in the world, at all, but I really don't think that I should truly have full control and absolute power over what basically amounted to almost three billion people in all, if not more. This wasn't something that I was able to just play around with. There were people's lives and futures to deal with.

The council was going to have two representatives from all of the major species. If something was a subcategory then they would be represented by the larger faction, such as witch doctors represented by witches and warlocks and Sirens represented by the Merfolk. I also wanted to include the Vampires and Fae so that we had a fair representation of the entire supernatural world.

Aside from Gabriel, Reece, and myself everyone here was a member of this new council, and for that matter, they were now part of the ranking of Grand Nobles within my new kingdom. The Grand Noble rank would only be filled with the council members. They would hold special rankings because they would help make decisions.

The next rank after Grand Nobles were the High Nobles. Those would be the wolves that had more than seven hundred and fifty members in their pack or a feline pack with four hundred or more and so on for the other groups of people that had less members altogether. From there we went down to the Central Nobles, which would make up the majority of the ranks, and below them were the Ancillary Nobles who consisted of very small pack leaders, fealty pack leaders, and others of the sort.

The nobles would be expected to come to meetings at selected times of the year. For now, we're starting with quarterly meetings, but we could talk about it later. Perhaps only the larger packs or higher

ranked nobles would need to attend, and they could first visit the lower ranks before coming to the meetings.

We would come up with the different laws and rules and cement them once I had the full council assembled. And to do that I needed to get ideas about who to choose. I asked them all if they had any ideas of who we could add and what to do.

"Well, if you need a female wolf to fill in, then I vote for Rawlynnne." Shawn was the first to speak. "I may not be on the council, but that is my choice."

"Thank you Shawn, and we're not in a meeting of just council members now so your opinion is more than fine. By the way, you and the kids are also Grand Nobles now too. It's something that counts for family members." I winked at him, and he blushed.

From there we all started to discuss it. Leelin, Doc's new mate out in California with Star and Artem would be coming in for the witch side of it all. Dietrich gave an idea for the vampire side. Trevor and Landon each suggested someone for their sides, and Athair mór suggested a Fae.

Once that was done, I asked them all if they knew anyone who would want to come and work in the castle. We desperately needed to fill this place with a staff quickly. They all seemed to know some people who would be willing and interviews were due to start in a few days.

Now, I needed to call in the leaders of all the other clans and Alphas to all the other shifters. We needed to get this ball rolling, and fast. I wasn't about to just sit idly by and let things happen. Not anymore. I was going to be a true Queen to my people.. It had been nearly two years since I found out what I was, and I wasn't going to waste any more time.

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Reece didn't seem to agree with me that one major part of the process to building the kingdom was staffing the castle. Don't get me wrong, he knew that it needed to be done, but that didn't mean that he thought it was more important than calling in the next group of future nobles.

He thought I should leave the interviewing process to those that were running the house, and then we could meet with their choices to give them our seal of approval before they started their work. I guess I could see the merit in that. It would be Abigail, Julie, and Peter who would be dealing with them so I guess it could be them that interviewed them. That would help to assure that there was a smooth and comfortable working relationship for everyone.

Since I was letting the others handle that, I was focusing on the meetings with the other supernatural types. I thought I would get the magic users out of the way first since there were less of them. Also, I

was contacting the people that were suggested to me by the others and having them come for a meeting as well.

Not all of the council members could be here right away so I was going to be meeting with them on an individual basis. As for filling the council with the people I knew nothing about, I would need to spend time with and talk to them all while I tried to make my decision. I figured I would give a sort of trial period to the members that we knew nothing about, to all of them really. I expected this to be a committee that would strive for universal peace among our collective people. I did not want constant fighting, though I did expect them to stand up for their opinions. It was really hard to explain, I guess.

I started with calling in the leader of every clan and coven for the witches and warlocks, genies, djinn, witch doctors, and gypsies. There were a lot of them in the country with us, but the majority of them were actually back in Europe or in South America. I helped to arrange travel plans for them all in advance, or rather Gabriel did, so things were made easy for them. All they needed to do was pack and leave.

I was a bit forceful with them and didn't give them much leeway to take their time. They knew who I was because the legend of the new Queen had spread so I didn't need to make them believe what I had to say. The problem I had though was that several of them wanted more time before they left their homes. Some of them wanted as much as a week.. I gave them twenty-four hours until their planes took off. I needed to assert my authority over these people, I knew that I had a tendency to be too soft at times, and I was trying to be better.

Upon hearing how I had handled them, Athair mór had only encouraging words for me.

"You did wonderfully. You needed to show them that next to you they hold no status as of yet. They need to accept and understand your orders as facts and not to think of them as suggestions." It was really nice to have him on my side.

The night after I had spoken to the initial council members, the leaders of the magic users started to arrive. Those at the Aerie Convento were the first to show, and Crawford had never left. And since I wasn't inviting everyone from their covens and clans, just the leaders, I didn't need to prepare as much for them.

Abigail had decided to use these gatherings as sort of a hands on job interview for her candidates. Since we needed to be hospitable to our guests while they were here, they would just do the job like they normally would. From there she would pick the best people for the job. Julie and Peter soon took on the same idea and were making it more of a selection process. I could imagine it all felt like a really weird reality TV show. But hey, whatever worked for them.

The guests that had arrived were greeted by the staff and led to their rooms. They were all told that I would greet them all once they had all arrived and assembled in the throne room. Since this was the first time that they were meeting me and I needed to show my position and power to them, I was holding that meeting in the throne room. I would do the same for everyone else when it was their turn as well.

Not everyone arrived at a decent hour that first night, so their introduction was scheduled for the first thing after breakfast. I had received reports that they had all looked nervous when they arrived, and

that they didn't know what to think or even do. All of them, understandably, stayed in their rooms without even trying to leave. I was glad though since I didn't need them snooping around my castle.

They were all waiting for me when I was being dressed. Yes, I do mean dressed. Gina and Ella had taken it upon themselves to make me several 'Queen' gowns that they wanted to have at the ready for when I needed them. They had been told at some point that I was going to be building a kingdom and that I would need to 'hold court' before my people. I had too many suspicions on who could have told them that, so I didn't know who exactly to blame, but I thought it was annoying. Not to mention the fact that they had made these dresses so that one woman couldn't put them on by herself. Damn them.

The current dress, or gown as they called it, was really pretty, that wasn't the issue. It had a tightly laced bodice that just happened to tie in the back so I couldn't reach it. The bodice was in a dark, midnight blue, and it was a bit low cut so that the tops of my breasts seemed to show. The sleeves were a little different, at the top they were just the normal off the shoulders that a lot of gowns and dresses have, but there was a long, sheer blue sleeve that went to the tips of my fingers that was made with a soft silk material. The skirt of the dress wasn't as full as it could be, thank the Goddess, I didn't want it to be a full ball gown, and this would be a lot easier to sit in. The skirt was also mostly white with small silver designs that were in the shape of crescent moons, paw prints, and trinity knots. Over the white skirt was a dark blue layer of sheer silk that added some more color to it. It was really nice, to be honest, and I liked how it looked, but I wouldn't have bought it for myself.

Then, no sooner had they finished putting me into the dress, when I was about to leave the room, Reece came to see me.

"You look stunning." he smiled at me. "I am glad I had these made, and that they were ready in time, or at least some of them were."

"Just how many of these did you order?" I glared at him, half playfully half not.

"Enough to get you by for now. Not too many really." he was smiling at me, but I also noticed that he had his hands behind his back like he was hiding something from me.

"Reece, what do you have there?" I lifted an eyebrow and fixed my eyes on him.

"Just something that you need before you start meeting the masses.." He grinned, brought the item forward so I could see it, and my eyes just about popped out of my head.

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"Oh my Goddess! Reece, what the hell did you do?!" I yelled at him when I saw the item he had brought out for me.

"What, baby?" I thought you needed one." He was smiling innocently at me.

"You thought I needed a fucking crown? Seriously? A fucking crown?!" I was flabbergasted.

"Trinity, you are a Queen, you know. And think about it, every time that Gloriana was with her subjects outside of her private quarters, she was wearing her crown. You needed it."

"You didn't buy this after we got back. How long have you been planning this?" There was no way it had been made after we got back from the Fae compound.

"Well, to be honest, Valerian and I had it done. We went to see a jeweler while you were in a meeting with Gloriana, and now just seems like the perfect time to give it to you."

"Oh my Goddess, Reece." I just put my head in my hands and shook it from side to side.

"Come on, let me put it on you. After we had it made, Valerian enchanted it with Fae magic. It won't fall off your head at all, no matter what you do. It will always stay on until you take it off." Why was I seeing an inappropriate look in his eyes right now? I could just imagine what was going through his head, and oddly enough, and as kinky as the thought was, I liked it.

"Come on and stop being a spoilsport about this." He walked toward me and held me in place with those gorgeous eyes of his.

"Let me guess, you got one for yourself too, didn't you."

"Nope, I didn't. However, when it was delivered Valerian had one for me too, so he must have done it himself after I was done placing your order." He looked like he was telling the truth, but part of me just wanted to give him a hard time.

"Uh huh, sure." I rolled my eyes as I said it, then I looked more closely at the crown in his hands.

The crown was simple in its design, but it was anything but simple with the way that it had been made. The crown was actually a tiara that was pointed a little at the top and curved down until the top and bottom met. The centerpiece of the crown was made of three large blue sapphires that I could tell at a glance were really, really expensive. They were in the same shape that was on my wedding dress, the two crescent moons facing away from the full moon or just a circle. Above and below the sapphires was a filigree of those trinity knots like the one on the forehead of my wolf. They were linked together and so intricately designed that they all looked like a vine instead. That filigree went along the entire top and bottom edges of the crown. And that filigree was also entirely adorned with diamonds. I couldn't even begin to fathom how much the crown must have cost.

"Reece, it's beautiful and all, but don't you think this is too much?"

"Not at all, you should have seen what Valerian wanted to do. This is much more reasonable." I could see the look in his eyes and knowing what I did of my Athair mór I could definitely see what he meant.

"Alright, put it on me." I leaned forward and let him set the tiara-like crown on my head. "By the way, how much did this thing cost you?"

"Do you really want me to answer that?" He made me both want to know and not want to know at the same time.

"Just tell me." I sighed as I lifted my head.

"This was about eighteen million, give or take a little."

"REECE?!" I nearly screamed his name causing him to rub the back of his head sheepishly.

"It was worth every penny, I swear."

"Oh my Goddess, I don't even know what to do with you." I shook my head and just left the room.

When I was out of the room and down the stairs to the main part of the royal tower, I came across everyone who had been waiting for us. Athair mór, Gina and Ella. Apparently, they all knew about the crown as well.

"That looks splendid." Athair mór was the first to comment.

"I agree, it's wonderful." Gina smiled.

"Damn, Trinity, that is perfect. Oopsies, I mean that is a remarkable crown, Queen Trinity, and it goes perfectly with the royal dress you are wearing. If I do say so myself."

I just rolled my eyes at them all as I smiled. They were a great bunch of people.

"You're all incorrigible. You know that? I can't believe you have all been working on this without telling me." Despite what I was saying, I was smiling at the three of them.

"You are a Queen, Trinity, you need to act like one sometimes." Ella was the one to say this to me, and I could only thank her in my head as I nodded. She was right, and so were the others. I couldn't be the same old Trinity all the time. Not anymore. I was a Queen, and I needed to act like it.

I needed to act like it right now, honestly. That was why I was wearing all of this stuff. I needed to go down to the throne room and greet the magic users. I had summoned them, and while I (the Queen) could make them wait, I really didn't feel that I should. I needed to do a lot more than just say hi. This was going to take me a long time. I was just glad that I had several people that were able to help me out and support me: Reece, Athair mór, Gabriel, Noah. All of them would be there with me and help me through this whole process.

Did I mention yet that I was way too nervous about all of this?

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"Warlocks, Witches, Djinn, Genie, Witch Doctors, and Gypsies, I want to welcome you all to Castle Gray, home to the Queen of all shifters and magic users and Princess to the Fae. You have been invited here to be a part of history in the making. You should all be proud to be the first in this new order to meet with the Queen."

As I listened to Gabriel address everyone on the other side of the door, I couldn't help but wonder when the castle was named. I mean, it made sense to name it after us, but it was being called Castle Gray when it was primarily white. That was kind of funny if you asked me. Still, at least I didn't have to think of a name for it.

When I turned to Reece standing next to me, I saw that he looked just as surprised as I did so he probably didn't know about the name either. Well, it didn't matter anymore now, did it?

"Now, I want to introduce you all to the Queen that you may or may not have met before along with her King. I introduce to you all, Queen Trinity Gray and her King, Reece Gray."

There was nothing but stunned silence on the other side of the room as Reece took me by the hand and led me into the room. It was time for me to greet my people, even though it was wrong to think like that.

Reece was guiding me as if he were my escort instead of my king. Then again, I was the one in charge, and he was meant to be my second in command. I really shouldn't try to stop what was going on, I needed to go with the flow and adapt to how things were.

Reece didn't say anything at all as he led me to my throne. This too had been something that Athair mór had designed for me. It was large, ornate, and seemed to be crafted out of mostly white gold. It shone when the light hit it and sparkled with the jewels that were all over it. I see now that most of the Fae don't need to buy their stuff, they just make it out of magic, even when that item would cost millions and millions of dollars. The throne was huge, but comfortable. The cushions were soft and luxurious, like they were made of magic, which I guess they were. The deep royal blue of the cushion fabric contrasted so much with the shining of the throne, but it was perfect nonetheless.

Once I was seated, Reece went to his throne which was next to mine. His throne matched mine, but was a little smaller, the materials and colors were the same though. After we were both seated, it was time for the meeting to begin.

"Ladies and gentlemen, meet your Queen and King." Gabriel bowed after he had spoken and so did everyone else that was in the room. Gabriel stood after a moment, but everyone else was too afraid to move after they had bowed to me. Well, I did intimidate them to get them here.

"You may rise." I spoke in a loud, clear voice.

Everyone present did as they were told. They looked in my direction, but seemed too scared to make eye contact with me just yet.

"I know that many of you are probably worried about why I summoned you here for this meeting. As you all know by now, I have been named the new Queen to the children of magic by the God Thoth. All of our magic in the world comes from the gifts given to us by the Gods. For us, that is Thoth, and therefore his word is law to us. You have all witnessed the power that he has given me over you all. It is next to impossible to disobey a direct command made by me."

I watched as several of them blanched. A lot of the people gathered here did in fact try to disobey me, they wanted to postpone the meeting until a later date. That didn't work for me at all.

"Now, I think you all want to know why I called you here. I have been tasked with building a kingdom that will not be just for the children of magic, but also the shifters as well."

"Why must the kingdoms be one in the same?" A voice called out from the back of the room but it was hard to pinpoint them with all the echoing.

"Do not speak while the Queen is speaking." Gabriel reprimanded the man, and the room as a whole, after I was interrupted. "If you have a question, hold it until the Queen gives you permission to speak."

Damn, Gabriel was making me sound like I was bitch that would be mad at them about everything. I guess they should see me that way since it would make things easier on me in the long run. I needed to have their respect, and if that meant that they needed to fear me a little, then that was what I would do.

"Yes, please do not interrupt me while I am speaking. That is incredibly rude." There was a gasp in the hall as someone seemed to realize that they had made a major faux pas. "Now, I will answer that one question, and then I will continue." I cleared my throat and started to explain. "The children of magic are my people as my father was a Warlock. That means that I am a Witch, however, I am not only a Witch. I am also a shifter as I was born into the wolf pack that encompasses this area. And I am also the great great granddaughter of the Fae Queen's brother. What this means is that I am two different queens and a princess to another kingdom entirely. I am not a pure blood in any way, I am not a hybrid, but I am a tribrid. I was given the title of Shifter Queen by the Goddess Nehalennia. I was given the title of Witch Queen by the God Thoth. And recently, though I am not the Queen of the Fae, I was blessed by the Fae mother, Goddess Danu who, by the way, would be my great great great great grandmother since she was my Athair mór's mother. I have been blessed three times by three different celestial beings. I have been charged with leading two of the largest groups of supernaturals on the planet. As to why the kingdoms need to be the same, if I am running both of the groups, I am making them into one. It would be unnecessarily hard to create and rule two different kingdoms."

They were all stunned and quiet, and so were Reece and Gabriel. They were all just looking at me with their eyes opened wide and their mouths gaped open. Well, this was off to a great start.. Did I seriously just blow the mind of every single person in this room? Oh come on, this was not something that I wanted to deal with.