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### Chapter 451 - Trinity - Rise Of The Kingdom Part 6 (VOLUME 3)

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I just had to ignore the fact that they were acting like they couldn't handle simple words. I was going to move on and keep talking. If they couldn't keep up, that was on them. If they messed up afterwards, it was on them to deal with the consequences that might follow.

"From this day forward, all of your lives will be different in some way. For one, you are all now a noble within the court. The status of noble is going to be given to those who run a clan, coven, or pack. The ranking you receive will depend on different factors, and it will determine the types of jobs you have within the inner machinations of the system. All of you will need to follow the royal law, and the provisions that we set down."

That caused a stir to run through the room. They really didn't seem up to following my new laws. I could tell that there were several of them that wanted to say something to me about it all.

"I sense that many of you are not happy, is there something wrong?" Another stir, but still the unease from before. "If there is a question about the previous statements, you may ask them now."

As I watched, I saw five hands move until they were held up in the air. Some were more confident than the others, and their hands were all the way up, the others were more timid and barely raised them, which was better than the ones that wanted to raise their hands, but were too scared to.

"You." I pointed to the one closest to the front, timidly holding their hand in the air. "What is your name, species, and question?" The woman who I called on was very pretty with a deeply tanned complexion and brilliant crystal green eyes. She looked quite exotic and mysterious with a mix of black and bright colors in her clothes. The clothes themselves were also unique. A long flowing skirt, a scarf, and a shirt that showed most of her midriff, and all of it seemed to be made of exotic silks and other luxurious materials.

"M..my name is Daciana, and I am a Gypsy. Queen Trinity, what sort of laws will we be forced to follow?" Ahh, that explained some of what I had been wondering about her. And judging by the accent that Daciana had I would place her from somewhere in Europe near Bulgaria or Romania.

"Daciana, I am afraid that I cannot answer that just yet. We are still ironing out details, however, there will be a council that will be tasked with helping with the creation of laws. That council will need to be filled with one male and one female from each group. I will be taking recommendations as well as applications from those who think they are up to the job, or those you think might be up to the challenge."

Another stir went through the room and three of the hands in the air lowered almost instantly. Was their question answered or were they too scared to speak now. There was still one hand though, someone who was still willing to speak, and this person's hand was up all the way.

The man whose hand was still up could only be a Djinn or a Genie. OK, that was wrong of me to assume, but come on, he was wearing blue and green silk arabian clothes with black cloth under it all that looked like he just walked out of the kids movie. The clothes were layered and beautiful.

"You have a question as well?" I asked the man who was standing with his hand held high in the air.

"Yes, Queen Trinity." His accent was there, but it didn't make it so I couldn't understand him at all. It did, however, make him sound mysterious and exciting. "My name is Rahim Zayn, I am a Djinn, and I want to know more about the council that you are talking about." His words were direct, and he didn't falter at all.

"Of course, Rahim. I want the council to help with not only the selection of the laws, but to also help us to govern the world of the supernaturals. Those of us that have lived in the shadows for so long cannot leave this all up to one person. We need to have representatives to discuss what is important to them all."

"So, we will have a say in this so that our people don't suffer." He sounded like he wanted to do nothing more than to protect the others.

'Gabriel.' I called out to him in my head. 'What kind of person is Rahim? Can we trust him?'

I asked this because if he was someone that we didn't need to worry about, he would make a fine addition to the council.

'I believe we can trust him, milady. We can always give him a trial period on the council.' He answered back immediately.

'That is true.' As I looked at Rahim, I thought about the council and how happy I was to possibly have someone else to help fill it up.

"One more down." I whispered to myself.

We continued to talk more about what they all wanted to know before the meeting was concluded. There was one last thing that I needed to tell them though.

"I will be holding meetings with you all individually soon. This will happen this afternoon in my office. I will assign you all your noble rankings and take any applications or suggestions for the council positions."

I rose first, and they all bowed once again. Reece took my hand and started to lead me from the room. I heard Gabriel speaking to the gathered magic users as we walked.

"I will divide you all into smaller groups, and I will take you all to see the Queen in groups. You may explore the first floor of the castle or return to your rooms. Since the rooms are numbered I will take you all based on that. Rooms four hundred and one through four hundred and ten will be first. I will take you all in groups of ten until all two hundred of you have had your chance to meet with the Queen."

I couldn't be more thankful for Gabriel, he truly was the most efficient person that I could have asked for. He brought the people to me and helped me to gauge if they were trustworthy or not. Several of them were ready to volunteer for the job, but I think they just wanted to be important. There were others like Rahim that seemed to be the right person for the job even without them asking for it.

In fact, when I suggested to Rahim that he be on the council, he was hesitant at first. It seems that he was going to suggest someone else, but I told him that I wanted someone with his passion and his sense of loyalty to his people. In the end, he agreed.

I had gotten all the people I needed after that. The witches and warlocks were already accounted for so I didn't need to find someone among them, and the witch doctors were being represented by another group. I took two Gypsies, two Djinn, and two Genies to finish them all.

Daciana and a man named Razvan were the Gypsies, Rahim and Gaeti were the Djinn, Nadeen and Lahan were the names of the Genies that were joining us. After a full day of meetings and interviews, I was finally done.

I had worked hard to get them all done so that I could dismiss all but the council members. The ranks were given, and they knew what to expect for the current future. And now, it was time for me to go up to the tower and spend time with my family.

This Queen stuff was becoming a full time job.

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It had been relatively quick to get all the magic users here for the meeting. There were far less of them than there was of anyone else. Now though, I needed to bring in all the shifters. However, there was no way in hell that I was going to fit all of them into the castle at once. It was big but there were a lot of shifters in the world.

Just the wolf shifters of the world made up for like a third of the world's population. Yeah, I was only bringing in the Alphas and Prime Betas, but still, I needed to meet with them all. For that matter, I thought I would get the wolves done first since they would take the longest. I was going to bring in all the Prime Betas and small pack Alphas first. They would receive their information and ranks as the Ancillary Nobles. Following them I would call in the future Central Noble wolves and then finally the High Noble wolves.

These meetings would happen slowly over the course of about a week. I would most likely have them all here for one night, two at max. That would give me time to talk to them, explain things to them, and then assign them their rank and duties.

When I called them all, mentally of course, they were shocked to say the least. I did it as a one way conversation where they could only listen to me and not respond at all. Once again, Noah and Gabriel prepared transportation for them all to get to us and they were given no more than twenty-four hours to get here.

I have to admit, feeling the shock that they felt when I spoke to them and imagining the stunned looks on their faces was actually pretty funny. I have seen first hand what a person's face looks like when they hear me talk to them inside their head for the first time. And imagining a few hundred of those faces happening all over the world at the same time was hilarious.

I was happy, all in all, with how the meetings with the wolves went. It had actually taken me a week and a half because there were so many of them all scattered all over the world. Not to mention, I was really glad I spoke multiple languages. It helped me a lot when I was trying to contact them all.

In the end though, all the ranks had been assigned and the future duties had been briefly discussed. The things about the nobles, especially when it came to the wolves, was that they all couldn't come to the meetings that I had planned to do quarterly. So, instead I would send the High Nobles to go and see the others, or have them visit the High Nobles. During those visits the High Nobles would gather information about what had been going on for the last few months and then report it all to me when they came for the meeting. This would also happen with the other species as well. I simply couldn't house them all in my castle at once. I would need to grow it from forty thousand square meters to four hundred thousand square meters just to do that, and even then it might be too small. And that would actually make it the largest building in the world, even bigger than the Boeing factory. That one is only three hundred and ninety-eight thousand square meters.

Though, if I added that much square footage and it was all Noble guest rooms I would be able to put approximately four thousand three hundred more rooms, give or take a little. Perhaps I could build one of those customizable spaces out behind the castle. It would look small on the outside but it would be the largest building in the world on the inside. That could work, possibly. It would only need to be used during the big visits. Hmm, it was something to think about. Then again, if I did that then my castle chefs would have to cook for all of them as well and I don't really think that would be fair to them.

Nope, I am sticking with the High Nobles only coming here. That would be way more than enough to burden the staff with considering that there were still going to be a good chunk of them as well.

After the wolves had their turn I called in the Felines, who already had both their council members chosen, and then the Bears who also already had their members chosen. I was making this as simple for me as possible in the beginning. I didn't want to tell any of these people that they could be on the council since their seats had been chosen in advance.

Oh, and there are so few Feline and Bear packs that I was able to call all of their Alphas to the castle at once. They weren't oppositional to me at all since Landon and Trevor had laid the groundwork for me before they were called in. It was easier with them because they knew what to expect.

I called in the Avians, or bird shifters after the bears. I have dealt with them before and so it made things a little easier as well. Well, I have dealt with one pack of them anyway. There were less bird shifters than either of the groups that I had called already. And I hadn't chosen any of them to fill in the council at all.

I had worked with Noir before, she was the Alpha of the birds that were closest to us. She and her people had fought with us in the Battle of Edmond, or so everyone had come to call it. She was a capable person but she liked to keep to herself. She was the only person that I could think of to put on the council so far. And considering that there were only nineteen bird clans or packs worldwide she was probably one of the best options as well. Though, I would need to speak to them all first.

That group was also very quick to go through. And sure enough, Noir was the first bird shifter to join the council. The other bird to join us was an eagle shifter by the name of Arno Darvell.

Now that those shifter groups were done, it was time to call in all the others. And these were the groups that I have never even met someone from. This was going to be very interesting if you ask me.

Still, this was my responsibility and I would see it through. I wasn't about to shirk my duties or turn my back on it because I had never dealt with a sea shifter or reptilian shifter before. Nope, that was still my domain, they were still my people. And, for better or worse, I was going to have to lead them just as much as the others.

The kicker here though, was that none of them knew about me yet. Most of the mammal shifters tended to stick to their own and the same went with the non mammal shifters.. We didn't have much communication with them all that often if ever.

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These reptilian shifter groups were even smaller than the bird shifters. In all, the reptiles included snakes, komodo dragons, alligators, and crocodiles. And, is it wrong of me to say that they all looked a little scary when I met them?

Each and every reptilian shifter seemed to have something sinister about their looks. Gabriel and Vincent both said that they were trustworthy people; it was just the way that they looked. I had a feeling that a lot of people judged them unfairly the way that I had at first.

The more that I got to know the reptiles though, the more that I was able to see that they were mostly good people. Like every group there were a few undesirables, but for the most part they were open and receptive to meeting me and hearing what I had to say. I guess it also helped that I was clearly someone who had authority over them when they had to listen no matter what.

"Welcome, shifters, I introduce to you your Queen and King." Gabriel had given his speech the same as he had every time that we welcomed a new group. Everyone in the room looked at me reverently and with awe filled eyes. When they saw Gabriel bow to me as I sat on my throne they also sat down.

"Welcome." I called out to them. "As you have all heard by now, I am the Queen of the Shifters as well as the Queen of the Children of Magic. I have called you all here to discuss how the way we live might be changing slightly. I do not wish to drastically change your lives. To be honest, I want nothing less than peace for us all. I want all species of the supernatural world to get along with each other and work together. That is the first step to a world where we no longer have to fear being found out."

There was a murmur that went through the crowd, and I hate to say this but it sounded like the soft hissing of a bunch of snakes all at the same time. After they deliberated among themselves for a few moments they turned to look at me as a whole once more.

"We have no reason not to trust you or believe you." A man with piercing blue eyes and a white lightning bolt shaped scar on his cheek was the one to speak up. "We can all feel the power of our Alpha coming from you and we accept you. What is it you want from us?"

This man seemed to be someone that would work wonderfully on the council. I would need to suggest that he join us.

"What is your name?" I asked him in a polite voice.

"My name is Nathair Adder, I am a boa shifter."

"Thank you." I nodded at him in thanks for him following my request. "Now, Nathair, I am organizing a council that will need two of you to help fill the ranks. One man and one woman will be selected to help make sure that your people are given the proper consideration. The rest of you will be made into nobles that will be called upon to give feedback and reports on how your people are faring. I want a world where no clan or species is left out. You are all my people just as much as the others are."

The conversation continued for a little while before I conducted the individual interviews. There were a dozen of these clan leaders and there were so few of them that they mostly all went into the Central Noble rank so that they would have a chance to speak if need be. Four of them became High Nobles, and two of them would become Grand Nobles. Nathair agreed to join the council as did a komodo dragon woman by the name of Kayda Wyvern.

Now that I was through with meeting the Reptile Shifters there was only one group left to meet with. They only had six clans in total. This group was both smaller than all the others but larger than some of them. They only had the four groups in all but they also had more people in their clans than most of the other small groups.

The last group of people were the Sea shifters which was to say Mermen, Mermaids, Sirens, Selkies, and Sea Serpents. The Mermen and Mermaids made up the bulk of these people and they totaled close to half a million if not more. The others were smaller but still had some numbers to them.

When I called these groups to us, some of them didn't come alone. The Merfolk specifically, had brought with them a few of their dignitaries to help aid us. They apparently had their clans subdivided so that they were easier to manage. That means that they brought the men and women who were responsible for the smaller factions of their people. There were also three different Merfolk clans altogether.

The leaders of these subfactions were to become Central Nobles while the leader of the groups as a whole and the individual clan leaders would all become the High Nobles. I would also choose among them the two council members.

One of the Merfolk clans had brought with them a couple that ran a sub group. Their names were Analise and Reef Rivers. The two of them were a political dream team that would make a great addition to the team. They would both join the council, however they would only get one vote between them

when the time came to cast them. The last member to join us was Ronwin Brine, a Selkie that could turn into a seal.

Now that this final group had been met with and chosen from the council was complete. I would soon be meeting with the twenty-four, no twenty-five because of the Rivers.. Now it was time for us all to get things moving toward the right path for the future.

### **Chapter 454 - Trinity - The First Council Meeting Part 1 (VOLUME 3)**

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I think that I was starting to get more and more used to this whole Queen thing. I no longer found myself feeling nervous before these meetings. In fact, today was the first meeting with the entire council that I had assembled. I had to wait for Dietrich to finish his trip to the covens on the coast before we could begin, so it was now closing in on the end of the month. In fact, it was just a few days until my birthday.

Heh, isn't that funny? I am a wife, a mother, a queen twice over, and blessed by three celestial beings, but I wasn't even twenty-one yet. I will be soon, though. That makes me wonder, how do all these people like being bossed around by someone like me? That's got to irk some of them, doesn't it?

Well, whatever, it is what it is. Right now I was being put into one of those dresses that Reece ordered for me, again with the assistance of someone else. He had said he hadn't ordered very many of them, but the truth is, he had actually ordered them to make two dozen of these things in various styles and designs. There were some ball gowns at the ready for when I might need them, but the rest were all just regal queen-like dresses. And with Ella and Gina helping me into them constantly, I felt like I was someone from back in the Victorian days. If I kept wearing clothes like this, I was going to need a personal retainer to dress me every day.

Ugh, I just shuddered at the thought of that. I would do anything to stop that from happening. I could accept these dresses when I was in a meeting where I needed to be official, but I wanted times when I was able to relax and be myself.

Reece had it easy for situations like this though. All he had to do was put on one of his suits and coordinate his color accents to match me. That was one thing he made certain to do even without needing the very loud and boisterous warnings from Ella and Gina. Reece was there to rule beside me, but also be my arm candy since I was the one in charge. If anything were to cause me to not be able to do my duties, they would fall on Reece, but otherwise, I was the big bad wolf around here. Hmm, maybe I should make Reece wear red more often, like a hood or something.

Now that I was dressed and my crown was in place, it was time for the meeting to get underway. I was holding this meeting in one of the small conference rooms that was near my office in the tower.

That room had a large horseshoe shaped table that looked like an antique. It was polished to a shine with a gleaming golden design of different wolf and magic symbols inlaid into it. There were thirty-six seats around the table, which was more than we needed, but we anticipated future guest speakers or couples like Shawn and Dietrich and Analise and Reef Rivers. They each took up extra space at the table.

At the open part of the horseshoe there was a large ornate table where I would sit. This table definitely looked like it belonged in the house of royalty; the sheer amount of gold and jewels used to adorn it made it seem a tad too lavish.

Each of the council members had a large high backed chair with a dark wooden frame and rich mahogany colored leather. They looked very comfortable and luxurious. There were even two of them at my table for Noah and Vincent to sit at. Reece and I, however, had more of those throne-looking chairs that were in our offices. They were nothing compared to the real thrones that were downstairs, but they were still clearly more ornate and lavish.

By the time that we had entered the room, everyone else had already arrived and were standing next to their chairs. The moment that they saw Reece and I, they all bowed at once. It was like they had rehearsed this in our absence so they could get it just right. I was semi-used to all the bowing now, but it was still a little weird to see it happen all of a sudden.

"You may rise." I instructed them as I took my seat, Reece sliding into his chair next to me. Everyone rose at once and took their seats in a fluid movement that seemed like a well-oiled machine.

I was now looking at the full council for the first time. There were a couple here that had never met me, but had been briefed by their counterpart. They didn't look surprised at all so that was good.

I started to look around the table at all the people that were gathered here with us. First was Riley Gray, Reece's cousin who shared his dark hair and honied complexion, but had light gray green eyes. Next to him was Rawlynne Otsana, FBI agent extraordinaire, she was still as beautiful as ever with her long brown hair and gold and brown eyes.

Trevor Jacoby on her other side was there for the bears, his tanned skin, golden eyes and light brown hair were all lovely despite his disheveled and rugged looks. He had invited Tina Berkley, she was out of the Canadian Bear pack, and she was the Alpha's Beta. She had hair that was so light blonde that it nearly looked white, and she had bright blue eyes, that along with the pale complexion of her skin made her look like she was ethereal in her beauty.

Landon Clayton, our friendly feline neighbor was sitting on her other side and looked intimidating with his piercing emerald green eyes, but his boyish blond hair and crooked grin that he couldn't keep off his face kept ruining it for him. Landon had invited Natalie Madison from the Pacific Northwest feline pack. She was known as their Felicitas which was the equivalent of a Luna, Natalie had pure black hair and shining golden eyes.

The Bird shifters were next and they started with Arno Darvell, the eagle shifter who had brown hair with feathers coming out of it and bright yellow eyes. Noir Steelwing, the Alpha that I had met once before, was on his other side. She had black hair with lots of different brightly-colored feathers growing throughout and intense amber colored eyes. I had learned long ago that the adult bird shifters actually grew the feathers along with their hair. It started to happen after their first shifts.



The reptiles sat on the other side of the birds, continuing the line. Nathair Adder was there with his piercing blue eyes, white lightning bolt birthmark (I had learned it wasn't a scar), and his dark green hair that he kept buzzed so short it looked black. Next to him was the komodo dragon shifter named Kayda Wyvern, she had dark hair that looked like it was brown with green highlights, and her eyes were a deep red.

The last of the shifters were next. First was Ronwin Brine, the Selkie. He had a warm brown complexion with hair and eyes to match, he was also the shortest male shifter I had ever seen since he was a couple inches shorter than me. Analise Rivers was slender and beautiful like any mermaid should be. She had long flowing auburn hair that looked like she was in the water even when she wasn't, and there were pure, true red highlights in her hair. Her eyes were a pearly green color that were mesmerizing. Her husband, Reef Rivers, had shorter hair that was dark brown with pearly white highlights. His eyes were also green, but they were a seagreen.

Following the shifters were the magic users. Crawford was first with his graying hair, brown eyes, and wizened looks. Next to him was Leelin Ackerman (her name changed since she had been married and had a baby with Doc). She had that lovely dark purple hair and those unique orange eyes. She had also seemed to have gotten more confident since she mated with Doc.

After them were the Djinn. Rahim Zayn with his black hair and shining blue eyes that looked like he was radiating magic. His counterpart, Gaeti Adelle, couldn't have looked more different from him. She had light brown hair and eyes that both seemed to radiate light.

The Gypsy man, Razvan Ellund was next to Gaeti. He had pure white hair and purple eyes. When I met him, I asked if he looked like that when he met humans, and he politely explained that he hid his true appearance only when he needed to. Next to him was Daciana Joviak with her black hair and bright green eyes.

The genies were both wearing clothes that had to have either inspired or been inspired by the Disney movie. They were brightly-colored, revealing, and looked like they were made of silk. Lahan Naseer had light brown hair and golden eyes while Nadeen Tavay had golden hair and pink eyes.

Finally, we were reaching the council members that weren't part of my people. The first ones up were Dietrich and Shawn. Their familiar faces were a blessing at this moment. Dietrich's black hair and blue eyes that were so light they were almost white and Shawn's mix of gray and silver. I loved the two of them so much. The new vampire was Tatia Rekjavik, and she had platinum blonde hair with pure black eyes.

Athair mór was next, but I would need to call him Valerian Undine during these meetings. He was one of the most unique people here with his various shades of blue in his eyes and hair. The woman he brought in to join the council was Anastasia Lightly. She had pink hair and green eyes that seemed to have different petal-like flecks of blue and purple inside them.

That was all of them, the council in its entirety.. All twenty-six people that would meet whenever the need arose, and who were now my Grand Nobles that would live in the two towers on either side of my residential tower.

## **Chapter 455 - Trinity - The First Council Meeting Part 2 (VOLUME 3)**

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"I want to welcome all of you to Castle Gray. Some of you have been here before, and some of you have not." I smiled at them before continuing. "However, I know that you all know the reason and purpose behind your visit today. All of you have been chosen to be the members of my council. I want to use your wisdom and advice to help our people. I don't just mean my people either, I intend to do what I can to improve relationships between all the supernatural communities and factions. I only want what is best for all of our people."

There was still silence that met me after I spoke. It seemed that most of them had nothing to say at the moment. With a slight turn of my head, I turned to look at Dietrich to help break the ice and make them all feel more comfortable. He seemed to know what it was that I wanted since he smiled, nodded ever so slightly, and stood up.

"Thank you for that welcome, Queen Trinity. I, for one, know how you have already acted toward your people, and how you truly intend to lead everyone into a much brighter future. For those of you that do not know me, I am Dietrich Conrad. Up until about a year and a half ago, I was the Vampire Emperor. After having met Queen Trinity, I have since been blessed by the Goddess of Vampires. While my authority was already there, this ascension in power came with the title of king. So now, I am King Dietrich Conrad of the Vampires."

Dietrich paused for a moment and let the little bit of information sink in for the gathered members. They were in the presence of two kings at the moment. Three, if you really wanted to get technical, since Shawn was being called King Shawn by the other vampires. Much to Shane's dismay they never called him the Empress or the Queen.

"Queen Trinity is the only person I bow to, as you might have all seen. I may be a King, but she is a Queen twice over, plus I respect her more than I could ever tell you. She is a phenomenal leader who has done so much not just for her people here in Trinity Falls and Colorado Springs, but all around the country. Trinity has rescued people, offered assistance when she could, and organized different programs to help other people. She is a wonderful leader and a truly remarkable person." I felt like tearing up at Dietrich's words, but I needed to force them back. I couldn't cry in front of these people.

"Dietrich is right." Athair mór stood then, prompting Dietrich to take his seat. "I am Prince Valerian Undine of the Fae. I haven't known Trinity as long as the Vampire King has, but I know that she is an amazing person. Her magic is flawless and could be near limitless if the training she has been doing continues. She is a wonderful mother to her children, she cares deeply for her family, and she will not tolerate the fools who have attempted to harm her or her loved ones. I have personally seen Queen Trinity execute a would be assassin. The method was flawless and perfectly composed. I have never seen anything like it."

Suddenly I wasn't so happy that Athair mór was speaking on my behalf. Part of me wanted to laugh and part of me wanted to scream at him to stop.

"That isn't all there is though." Trevor stood up, stopping Athair mór from making any more of his speech.

"That's right." Landon followed him as he rose to his feet as well. "Trinity isn't just a woman blessed by the Gods and Goddesses. No, she herself is the Goddess Incarnate. She is the current living embodiment of Nehalennia. While she herself is not the Goddess, she has gifts and abilities unlike anything that have ever been seen before."

"Not to mention, she has the ability to share her gifts with the world. She has blessed many people with a new-found power they never had before." Trevor's eyes were shining with brightness.

"Power?" Nathair looked confused. "What kind of powers might those be?"

"All different kinds, Nathair." I told him with a smile. "The abilities I have granted include combat abilities and pure magical abilities. There are people who can summon elemental weapons or use telekinesis, some others can heal with just their words or their presence, while others can tell me if someone near us is a friend or a foe."

Those last words of mine caused those who didn't know me or my entourage to gasp and stop moving.

"So, we have all been deemed trustworthy then." Analise smiled. "At least that would mean that none of us are out to harm you."

"I am hoping that we find that none of you are out to harm each other either." I chuckled a little, hoping to convey that I was feeling light hearted and happy with the fact that the tension in the room was easing.

"I do not think there is much to worry about." Rahim gave a soft smile. "My magic has often told me if there is someone unfriendly nearby. I feel nothing of the sort at the moment. Many of us had been stressed and worried when we arrived, but there were no enemies here. This is a safe space."

"I am glad to hear that, Rahim." Reece finally spoke up for the first time. I guess he wanted to be more than my arm candy after all. "There is much that we wish to accomplish during this meeting. I am hoping we can get that done so that we aren't called back in for multiple sessions."

"Let us all hope that it can move that quickly." Reef laughed. "That will be a first for us. The peace missions we used to be sent on would often last for months.. They were a little difficult to handle at times."

### **Chapter 456 - Trinity - The First Council Meeting Part 3 (VOLUME 3)**

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Now that everyone seemed more comfortable, we moved on to actually discussing what I expected of my people and how I wanted everyone to work together.

I started by giving them a rundown of the new laws and expectations that were listed in the documents that were handed to them by Gabriel. They all followed along in the blue leather bound folders that they were given while I explained line after line.

\* Each member of a pack, clan or coven shall be respectful toward each other no matter their rank. No one can be persecuted or ridiculed just because they are a lower rank.

I explained to them this was because of the Hidden Moon pack in California. I explained to them briefly how all the Omega boys had been beaten and abused, many of them dying as a result, just because they were supposedly Omegas. Everyone in attendance agreed that was something that should be against the law in our new kingdom, and that the punishment for those crimes should be harsh.

"Hurting a child like that is wrong." Daciana said, as she spoke for the entire group.

\* Every High Noble in a given territory will help to govern the packs, clans, or covens that inhabit the lands that are near or overlap that territory. They will pass along information from the capitol, which is Trinity Falls, Colorado. The word of the Queen or King will be relayed to them, and they will be expected to follow those decrees. If a High Noble is ever found to be passing along false information to better suit their own needs, then they too will face harsh punishment.

This was also something they could all agree on. After having seen for themselves the size of the castle and the vastness of our people, they knew that every Noble could not be called upon at the same time. Therefore, I needed to rely on those who would be called for the quarterly meetings. I could pass along the messages telepathically; however, I needed to delegate those types of things to my people. I needed to let them handle the work they have on their own.

\* There is to be the formation of a Royal Army. The soldiers of which are to keep peace throughout the entire Kingdom. They will be trained at the castle and stationed at different locations. They will not be at the command of the nobles in that territory, but the King and the Commander of the Guards. Aside from those two, they would also answer to me if the need ever arose.

Everyone agreed with this as well. They didn't think that it was right that anyone aside from the royals or the commander would direct the army. If a dispute were to arise between two groups, the guards or army would mediate it. They would guard the lands that they were sent to protect from outside threats, but they were to not take sides between two groups of supernaturals. Also, anyone from the supernatural world, even Fae and vampires, could enlist in the Royal Army.

These were the major things that I wanted them all to know and agree with. The Other things were small, and I thought they would go over easily.

- No executions without royal permission.
- No attempting to usurp another pack's territory.
- No revealing things to the humans.

- All crimes should be reported to the capitol.

There were laws that we would be able to think of and add later. For now though, this was a good place to start. And I was glad that all the members of the council seemed to be in agreement and approved of these items.

"Is there anything else that we need to discuss at this time?" I asked them as the meeting seemed to be coming to a close.

"Who is it that will be commanding and leading the Army?" Trevor asked. "Who will be responsible for training them and maintaining the order of their ranks?"

"And where will the army stay when they are here? Will they be in the castle or a separate barracks?" Landon added to the initial question.

"Hmm." I thought about this for a moment. "I would not be opposed to having Paul take on the role of the Commander, as well as the lead trainer. He has been training our new recruits for almost two years now, and we have had the best new guards and enforcers under his tutelage. He is good at strategizing even though he doesn't seem like it to most people. However, I think he will need some assistance with that as well."

I could see the look in the eyes of the two men that had brought this up. They were both strong and capable men who led their own packs; though their packs shared territory with our lands so they were close enough to us as well.

"What do you two say about being generals in the Royal Army?"

"Could we call them the knights?" Trevor grinned at me, gave me a wink, and I saw the excitement in his eyes.

"Ooh, that sounds awesome. Yes, the knights of the Royal Guard, and we will be the Generals."

"Then let it be so." I nodded at them and they high fived in victory.

"With this session of the Peace Council completed, we thank you for your assistance and time." Gabriel nodded at them all. "My Queen."

Gabriel pulled my chair back for me and then pulled Reece's back for him. After Reece took my hand, he led me from the room and guided me to the elevator so that we could go up to our home and spend time with our children. I was doing so much work lately that I found myself missing the days when we were together a lot more. I missed my hugs and kisses from my little babies. But I did like the bright smiles they gave me when I came back home after these long days.. There is nothing like the joy on a baby's face."

#### **Chapter 457 - Trevor - The First Council Meeting Part 4 (VOLUME 3)**

6-7 minutes

Trevor

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Landon and I were still riding high after Trinity had named us generals of the knights. That was fucking cool, and I don't care what anyone else says about it.

Right now though, we were watching as Reece led Trinity out of the room. Before he left though, he had turned and nodded in my direction. He and I had talked about this before the meeting, and he wanted me to talk to the others about it as well. This was my chance to step up before the council with the approval of the King himself.

Dammit, that felt fucking weird as hell to think about; fucking Reece Gray, that kid that annoyed me until we became friends and eventually as close as brothers, he was now a fucking King. That was so fucking trippy.

I tried not to think about it though. I had other things to worry about right now. I needed to bring something important up to the rest of the council.

"May I have your attention please?" I called out to the room just seconds after the door had closed.

"What's up?" Riley looked at me confused. Landon didn't even know what was going on. This was happening because I wanted to do something, and Reece wholeheartedly approved of it.

"Recently Reece, or should I say King Reece, and I were talking and we came up with an idea that we want to implement. There have been some things that happened since Trinity was named the Queen. I don't know about the rest of you, but I want to protect her."

"What do you have in mind?" Shawn asked me. He was the only one of her people that was still in the room with us since Noah and Vincent had left with the others as well.

"Do you remember the poisoning attempt at the Fae castle?" I asked, glancing at Valerian as I said that. He was family to Trinity, and from what I heard already, very devoted to his family.

"Yes, I remember it." Shawn nodded.

"As do I." Dietrich looked at me with serious eyes.

"It was not pleasant." Valerian shuddered. "I almost lost my great great great granddaughter that day."

"It was truly unexpected to see that." Anastasia added.

"That is something we never want to see again. But it goes beyond that. There was a time that someone targeted the twins at the mall. They didn't know who they were, but what if someone who does know goes after them? There is much need for another form of guard."

There was silence in the room as the other twenty-five people in there all looked at me with intense gazes.

"Right now, there are already personal guards that the Queen has. Most of them are very capable, but there are a few that Reece would like to have trained better. I am guessing that they will be put through

whatever training the new Royal Knights will go through. We are not talking about eliminating those guards at all. We just simply want to supplement it."

"Supplement it how?" The Djinn, Rahim, asked with an interested voice.

"Well, we want to form a council guard or Queen guard. It will consist of members of the council that are more than capable of stepping in to assist the other guards, but can also move about more freely and gain intel. This will be a recon and defend squad. We will be focusing on making sure that enemies are identified before they get too close, and we will also make sure no one even gets the chance to get too close."

OK, my explanation may not have been the greatest, but I think they were getting the gist of it all.

"So you are looking for volunteers among us?" Nathair asked with an excited smile.

"Precisely." I nodded and grinned at him.

"You can count me in." Nathair stood immediately.

"And me." Rahim was the next to rise.

"I'm in." Landon jumped to his feet.

"Reece and Trinity are family to me so of course I will protect them." Riley stood next.

"I too want to help the Queen." Daciana rose next.

"I will help the Queen." Arno stood alongside the others.

"You can count on me as well. I will assist the Queen and King. I will protect them and their family." Ronwin's voice was deep and filled with resolve.

"We would like to help, but we have missions to complete for our clan." Reef lowered his head.

"We are sorry." Analise lowered her head as well.

"Do not be sorry. This is not a mandatory thing. We are looking for volunteers."

"Shawn and I are already considered part of her guard. Him because that was where he started, me because I choose to be. Though we will certainly aid you in your endeavors as well." Dietrich smiled at me.

"I will always be there to help Trinity." Valerian stood with a determined look.

"I will lend my assistance as well. Having two allies on this council for the Fae will definitely help you."

"Dietrich? Do you truly consider this Queen Trinity to be that worthy of our help?" Tatia asked him with an uninterested look.

"I do, Tatia. She is more special than you know. I know that great things will come from her."

"Hmm. If you say that she is worth my time, then I too will lend her my assistance." Tatia's Russian accent was giving that 'I don't care' attitude of hers a more biting edge.

"You will need to take this seriously, Tatia." Dietrich seemed to be warning her.

"Oh my, King Dietrich, are you saying I am incapable of taking something serious? I am offended."

"I was just making sure you were prepared." Dietrich laughed. "It is good to have you on board."

Before long, we had a little more than two thirds of the group on board with us. We were going to be working together to protect Trinity at all times. I never wanted to see Reece end up like his mom had. Losing the one you love can destroy you; that would be hard on anyone, but I knew that deep down, Reece was a lot more sensitive than most people knew.. I will protect him by protecting Trinity, and vice versa.

## **Chapter 458 - Reece - The Queen's Birthday Part 1 (VOLUME 3)**

6-7 minutes

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Reece

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Now that we had successfully finished our first ever Peace Council meeting, we could focus on other things. I am not going to say that our work was done, but the business of it all would lessen. The main reason that things were so busy for this past month was because we had needed to appoint noble titles, select council members, and hold meeting after meeting.

There was a lot that had to be done, and we had worked nonstop throughout the entire month since the day that the castle had been constructed. It had taken us over three weeks to do it all with near constant work every single one of those days. It was worth it though. To have it all done and out of the way, that was the best possible thing that we could do.

There were other minor things that we needed to take care of. Building and staffing the barracks. Calling in recruits from all over the world that would train here. Staffing the daycare center and getting that up and running. Finalizing the school and other infrastructure in the city that we had built. There was a lot, but we would get to all of it now that the first portion of business was done and over with.

Now though, we had to focus on other things. Tomorrow was my Little Bunny's twenty-first birthday. She didn't want a party, but that wasn't really an option when you're a Queen. Your people want to celebrate you, and that is just a simple fact of our new life.

One plus side of all of this was that her birthday was on a Saturday so we could host it and not have to worry about it. The actual 'party' was a banquet dinner and ball. The High Nobles were invited as were several of the Central and Ancillary Nobles. Not everyone was coming, of course, since we couldn't house them all. The Grand Nobles were already here for the meeting so they didn't need to travel to make it. The others were on their way and would be arriving throughout the day.



Tonight though, the day before the whole party, I wanted to celebrate with my wife, just the two of us. We were taking the day off from working at all. There were to be no interruptions for us until tomorrow afternoon.

During the entire morning and afternoon today we were going to spend time with Reagan and Rika. They were the most important things in our lives, aside from each other, and I just knew that Trinity wanted to be with them. Not to mention, she didn't know about my plans for tonight.

Our family and all those close to us were going to be here with us for part of the day to celebrate Little Bunny's birthday: Mom, Eve, Wesley, Noah, Nikki, Elias, Carter, Emmalee, CJ, Samuel, Valerian, Juniper, Paul, Rowan, Ilana, Shawn, Dietrich, Alexandria, Alyssa, Levi, and Luka, Shane, Falena, Kaiden, David, Rawlynn, Kaede, Vincent, Heather, Conner, Renea, Faith, Tyler, Charlotte, Gabriel, Roisin, Bryce, Bree, Riley, Katie, Roan, and Alexia, Landon, and Trevor.

It was quite the guest list, a lot of people that we had collected over the years. A few of those people will be 'working' technically, but they will also be part of the party as well. They all loved and wanted to celebrate with us because of everything that we had been through together.

I had bought Trinity a new dress for today, not one of the Queen dresses as she called them, just a regular dress. It was a casual style with a v-neck and slightly longer sleeves since it was winter. The dress itself shifted colors from solid black at the top to having different stars and fading down until it was white on the bottom. It was pretty, at least I thought so. And Trinity was wearing it so it must be at least a little pretty.

When Trinity came down to the party in her new dress, Rika ran to her first. As soon as Reagan saw her, he also ran to her.

"Mama pree, Mama pree dress." Rika was telling her mommy that she was pretty in her dress, and I saw my Little Bunny's face light up.

"Thank you, sweetheart." She kissed Rika's cheek.

"Mama." Reagan screamed when he got to her side. "Mama hug."

"Of course, Reagan. Mommy will always have hugs for you."

I watched then as my beautiful wife picked up both of our babies in her arms. They loved it when they were held together because they would hold hands when they were like that, still hugging the person back, but holding hands with each other nonetheless. They were such loving babies.

When everyone had arrived, and the party officially started up in the Royal Tower, it was just like how things used to be. We talked and joked about normal things that people do. We had fun watching all the kids playing together, even the youngest among them were seven months old and were active and curious about everything.

There was good food, excellent conversation, and music playing. Today had been the first time that I had seen my Little Bunny this relaxed since before we went to the Fae compound. Not that she had been stressed or upset, nothing like that. It was just that my Little Bunny had been so busy being the Queen and hadn't been spending any time just being herself. I knew first hand how hard that could be, but it

was on a smaller scale. Not that I was a Queen, nope nothing like that. For me it was being the Alpha and needing to stay in character during certain times. Still, at least we had times like these.

The party lasted until late in the afternoon. No one truly wanted to leave, most of all Trinity. However, I had other plans for her, and it was time to get going.

"Bye my babies. Mommy loves you.." My Little Bunny hugged and kissed Reagan and Rika before we left together.

## **Chapter 459 - Reece - The Queen's Birthday Part 2 (VOLUME 3)**

5-7 minutes

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Reece

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I took Trinity by the hand and led her down to the main floor. We didn't leave through the front door of the castle, instead we went into the garage that was dedicated to our personal vehicles and those of our friends and family.

Trinity was looking around at all of the cars that I owned and passed by. We weren't taking any of those though. We passed the Mustang, the Ferrari, the SUVs, the BMW, all of them. I took her to the Jeep that I had bought for her for our first Christmas together.

"The Jeep?" She looked at me with confusion in her eyes.

"It will serve the purposes well." I smiled at her. "It's been modified."

"OK, whatever that means." She rolled her eyes with a smile on her lips. "I take it you're driving, since I don't know where we're going."

"Yup." I opened the passenger side door for her to get in. "My lady." I held a hand out for her so that I could help her up.

"What a gentleman." The way she batted her eyes and moved told me that she definitely thought this was a joke. Nope, it was all real. She was my lady of course. More so than she was anyone else's.

After we were strapped into the Jeep, we started off. The thing was when we were past the inner gate of the castle I turned toward the trees and the mountain. I was heading further back into our property.

"What the hell?" My very surprised wife asked me as she bounced around in her seat. "Reece? Where are we going?"

"You will see." I winked at her as I followed the trail that had been set for us.

It was a little bumpy, that was for sure, but it wasn't anything that we couldn't handle. When I had come out here with Valerian to prepare this, we had made sure that the Jeep could make it through this

terrain. That had of course been while my Little Bunny was busy having other meetings. I had prepared all of this ahead of time.

"Reece, what are you doing? There is nothing out here. There's never been anything out here." She was still doubting me as I drove along the slightly sloped ground. We were climbing higher and higher as we made our way to the place that I was going to surprise her with.

The Jeep was capable of making the trek, I knew that, but I also didn't want to push the limits too much by driving too fast. This could get dangerous if I wasn't careful.

Not that it mattered all that much. Trinity had magic and could probably just drive us up to where we were going. I could have just shifted and ran up the mountain with her on my back. There were so many options that we had but this was what I chose because it was the least amount of effort needed on my Little Bunny's part. I wanted to do this for her. Not to mention it was fun.

That exhilarating feeling you get when the vehicle tips just a little, that adrenaline rushing through your body, it was all quite amazing. And despite the wondering look that was in my Little Bunny's eyes, she was showing how excited she was. This drive was a little bit like a personal roller coaster ride for us.

Finally, after more than twenty minutes of driving, we could see the place in the distance. It was a large cabin that we could retreat to. I had come out here with Valerian last week and built it with him and his magic.

The cabin was for me, Trinity, Reagan, Rika, and any future kids. It was our private retreat if things ever got too much for us, and we needed a break. There were seven bedrooms, four bathrooms, and lots of personal space. The master suite was fully loaded with every luxury amenity I could think to add for us. I wanted it to be our own private utopia.

"Oh my Goddess. Reece? What is all this?" She wasn't able to believe what it was that she was seeing right now.

"This is your birthday present. This is a place we can be alone, just the two of us. Or we can come here with the kids when we want to get away. It's still on the property but it's remote, very remote, and it's away from everyone in the castle."

"Reece?" She looked like she was about to cry. "I love it. It's so amazing. Thank you."

"You haven't even seen the inside of it yet." I laughed with her.

"I don't even have to, I already know it's going to be amazing."

She leaned over then and kissed my cheek.

"Thank you." The smile on her face was all worth it. She was the one I was trying to please here, and seeing that face she was making just made me fall in love with her all over again.

When we finally pulled up outside of the cabin, I walked around and opened the car door for my wife. I pulled her to me and held her in my arms until we were inside.

"You know, I could have walked." She grinned at me.

"I know, but I like holding you against me. Is that so bad?"

"No, I guess not."

I showed her around the place that we were going to be staying, especially the bedroom and bathroom that were meant just for us. I loved the fact that she was smiling broadly the entire time.

I had already sent luggage over here for us so there was nothing else to bring in or do at all. We just needed to enjoy ourselves, alone, all night. I had some very good plans for us. The first of which was trying out the tub, then the bed, and we could work out wherever else I decided to take her after that.

So after the tour was over, I carried her right into the bathroom and started to fill the tub.

### **Chapter 460 - Reece - The Queen's Birthday Part 3 (MATURE) ((VOLUME 3))**

5-7 minutes

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Reece

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While the tub filled with water, I turned to my wife.

"Hmm, I see you had a certain plan in place before you brought me here. Is this one of those kidnapped by a mountain man scenarios? Am I supposed to be your love slave while we're here? Do you want me to scream for help so that it can arouse you more?" My Little Bunny was full of jokes at the moment.

"Oh, you will be screaming, baby, but it won't be for help." I purred the words at her while I unbuttoned the back of her dress.

"Ooh, do you promise?" She seemed to shudder in excitement as she asked me that. "I really would like for you to make me scream. I wonder how long you can make me scream."

"All night long, and into the morning if you want, Little Bunny. I will give you as much as you want."

After that I pulled her toward me and pressed my lips to hers. I had been dying to kiss her like this all day. Hell, I had been dying to do this all month. We had been so busy since we got back that we hadn't been intimate at all. We were working all day and exhausted by the time night came so we hadn't come together since we were at the Fae compound.

Just feeling her, touching her like this, that was the ultimate high for me. I had needed her, needed this. I swear I even groaned in pleasure just from the kiss itself.

I don't remember the whole process of stripping her out of her clothes and getting me out of mine, but before I knew it we were in the tub, naked, and I was settling my sexy wife on top of my lap.

"Oh Goddess, Reece, I've needed you so bad." Those words, spoken in that tone of voice while she pressed her body against me, it was enough to drive me wild.

"If you keep talking like that I will lose control too soon, and I won't be able to please you as much." I could already feel myself growing harder and throbbing with need for her.

"Are you saying that you can't please me all on your own?" Her voice was seductive and full of challenge.

"I could, but this is supposed to be your birthday present from me. Aren't I supposed to be giving you everything?"

"As long as I have you, Reece, I will have everything."

Oh man, the way she was when she was turned on like this; it was so fucking hot.

"Trinity." I growled her name, both begging her to stop and to keep going. I needed her so bad, but I wanted to make her happy first.

"Reece." Her mouth was right by my ear when she said my name, and I could feel the way that her lips moved as she called for me. "What do you want, Reece?"

"I...I want whatever you want." I could barely get the words out as I was struggling for control. I was fighting myself to stop me from pulling her up and slamming her down onto my cock so fast that she didn't even know what happened to her.

"That's good, because what I want, Reece..." she paused for a moment and shifted herself until she was sitting up on her knees and holding herself up with her arms around my neck, "...Is you." Once she finished what she was saying, she pushed herself down onto me.

Her body enveloped me like she was the sheath to my sword. It was a perfect fit that always squeezed me just tight enough to drive me wild.

She wasn't able to get herself down all the way without my help, but I wasn't going to leave her stranded. If this was what she wanted, then I wasn't going to disappoint her.

"Ahh!" She cried out when I pulled her down and pushed myself to her innermost depths.

"Oh Goddess, Trinity, thank you. Thank you." I just repeated my words over and over, thanking her for giving me what I needed, what I wanted.

"Just shut up and fuck me already, Reece. I need you, now." She was just as breathless as I was as she started to rock her hips above me.

"Yes, my love." I grinned and gripped her hips.

I lifted her up and pulled her down with a biting force that still slammed me into her even with the resistance from the water.

"NGH!" She moaned in pleasure already, but it wasn't enough.

I was trying my best to set the rhythm for us. Lifting her, slamming her down, and hearing her cries of pleasure. It was going well enough, but it wasn't what I wanted. The water gave too much resistance for me to work the way that I wanted to, and then there was the fact that it was sloshing all over the place. We were unable to get what it was that we wanted from each other.

"R..R..R..Reece." She panted my name as she fought to speak.

"Hah...hah...hah...T..T..Trinity." I panted still, mostly from the effort of moving her so hard through the water.

"I..I...I need m..m..more. I..i..i..it's not e..e...e..enough."

"I..I know." I could hear the frustration in her voice when she begged me for more. "I..I know."

I had to do something. I had to fix this. But I didn't want to leave her, not for a second.

So, why should I leave her. I wrapped my hands around her ass and held her against me, holding her still. She still tried to move and rock her hips, but I wouldn't let her. Instead I was standing and lifting us from the water.

I didn't bother with a towel at all.. We could take care of things later, if we wanted to.