

BROTHER BEWITCHED

CHAPTER 36



*NOTHING HAS
PREPARED OUR BRAVE
HERO FOR THE TRIAL HE
NOW FACES. ANXIETY
GRIPS HIM, AS TIGHT AS
HIS CORSET.*



HE WANTS TO RUN AND HIDE.
CLIMB INTO BED AND PULL
THE COVERS OVER HIS HEAD.



HE'S TRAPPED IN A STRANGE WORLD HE
DOESN'T UNDERSTAND. HE DOESN'T KNOW
WHAT TO SAY OR DO. HE FEELS LIKE A
PRETTY LITTLE FOOL.

YET, HE IS A PRINCESS, AND A PRINCESS MUST FACE EVERY SITUATION WITH GRACE.

REMEMBER WHAT NEMERIA TOLD YOU, SERREN.





SMILE. BE
BRIGHT. BE
PRETTY. ALWAYS
PRETEND YOU'RE
HAPPY.



YOU WILL
GET THROUGH
THIS. IT'S
ONLY...

LADY LISSA.
SO NICE TO SEE
YOU.



MY BRIDAL PARTY.

I LOVE YOUR HAIR!

YOUR DRESS IS DIVINE.



YOU'LL
MAKE A
BEAUTIFUL
BRIDE.

SUCH SOFT
SKIN! OH,
YOU'LL BE SO
HAPPY WITH
RUNTICK, I AM
SURE.

IF ASRYN FAILS, HIS FUTURE IS THIS WORLD OF WOMEN. HIS DAYS WILL BE FILLED WITH TEA PARTIES AND KNITTING, TALK OF DRESSES AND-- BABIES - HE WILL LIVE IN THEIR WORLD.



I SUPPOSE YOU'LL WANT TO MOVE TO ANSEY CASTLE?

OH, THAT'S NOT FOR ME TO DECIDE.

WELL, YOU CERTAINLY HAVE LEARNED WHAT IT MEANS TO BE A WOMAN!

BRIDAL PARTIES IN THE SHATTERED ISLES ARE FOR THE FEMALES ONLY. THE ROOM SWARMS WITH FORMER LOVERS NOW ASSURING SERREN HE WILL BE A LOVELY BRIDE.

WINNIA! YOU LOOK SO PRETTY!

SHE WAS A WILD CAT IN BED. I DID HAVE SOME BLISSFUL NIGHTS LAYING WITH HER WHEN I WAS YET A MAN.

NOW SHE COMES TO TELL ME HOW HAPPY I WILL BE AS A WIFE AND MOTHER. CAN SHE EVEN BELIEVE THAT KNOWING-- WAIT. THAT SERVING GIRL.



I WOULD
HAVE LAIN WITH
HER 'TIL THE
COCK CROWED!
SHE'S SO PRETTY,
AND YET SEEMS
SO SHY AND
AWKWARD.



PRINCESS!!!!



GIRLS!

HELLO,
PRINCESS.

YOU'RE SO
PRETTY! I HOPE
I'M AS PRETTY AS
YOU WHEN YOU
GROW UP!

DID YOU
BREASTS GET
BIGGER?



MY BREASTS?
I-- UM-- I DON'T
THINK SO?

WE'RE QUITE
CROSS WITH
YOU.

YES.
RUNTICK IS
NOT
HANDSOME!
YOU SHOULD
MARRY A
BETTER
MAN.

EVERYONE
SAYS SO.



I WOULD LOVE TO TELL THESE GIRLS WHAT I THINK OF RUNTY, BUT PEOPLE ARE LISTENING.

YOUNG LADIES! AS GIRLS, WE MUST MARRY WHO IS CHOSEN FOR US. IT'S OUR DUTY TO MAKE OUR HUSBANDS HAPPY.

OH.


YES. OF COURSE, PRINCESS.



WELL SAID,
SISTER.

YOU'RE
SUCH A WONDERFUL
EXAMPLE FOR THE
LITTLE GIRLS.

I DO TRY.



AND SO HERE YOU ARE AT YOUR BRIDAL PARTY! BACK WHEN YOU WERE A MALE I SUPPOSE YOU NEVER IMAGINED TO ONE DAY BE A BLUSHING BRIDE.

I WAS QUITE BUSY WITH MY KINGLY DUTIES, BUT I TOOK MY LEAVE OF THE MEN FOR MY PRETTY LITTLE SISTER. YOUR BRIDAL PARTY! SUCH FUN FOR A GIRL.

IT'S A DREAM! THANK YOU FOR THROWING ME THIS WONDERFUL PARTY.

MORE LIKE A NIGHTMARE!



LOOK AT HER!
SHE'S QUITE
LOVELY,
WOULDN'T YOU
AGREE?

YES.
QUITE PRETTY.
I HAVEN'T SEEN
YOU AROUND
BEFORE, HAVE
I?

NO,
MILADY.



WHY, NINA.
CAN IT BE YOU
DON'T
RECOGNIZE YOUR
OLD FRIEND,
ASRYN?

ASRYN?
NO!

I'M
SORRY I
FAILED YOU!




I'VE STRIPPED
HER OF HER
TITLES AS WELL
AS HER BALLS.
SHE IS NO
LONGER A
NOBLE.

I'VE NAMED
HER FEATHER.

WAIT!

<SOB>




IT IS FORTUNATE FOR YOU THAT I CONSIDER YOUR WEDDING TO RUNTICK PUNISHMENT ENOUGH, BROTHER.

YET, I WARN YOU. DO NOT DEFY ME AGAIN.



I WILL MARRY YOU TO A PIG FARMER.

THERE ARE FAR WORSE THINGS FOR A GIRL THAN TO BE A PRINCESS.



YOU HAVE
LOST,
SERREN.

YOU ARE A
MAIDEN, AND
YOU WILL LIVE
THE LIFE YOU
ONCE MEANT
FOR ME.


PATTENIA EXITS. SERREN IS HEARTBROKEN OVER WHAT HAS HAPPENED TO ASRYN, AND HE FEELS CONSUMED WITH GUILT. YET...

EVERYONE IS LOOKING! I MUST KEEP UP APPERANCES.

SMILE. BE PRETTY. BE SWEET.

LADY RENALYN! THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR COMING! THAT DRESS! WHO IS YOUR DESIGNER? I SIMPLY MUST KNOW.





POOR
ASRYN, AND
IT'S ALL MY
FAULT! I AM
SUCH A
FOOL!

DEVIN IS NOW MY
ONLY HOPE. I HAVE
NO CHOICE. I MUST
BECOME HIS WIFE.

TO BE CONTINUED...