

46. Bridget

Following a pivotal encounter with Rhys, Bridget ignites her bold strategy, aiming for transformative leadership over the realm of Eldorra, detaching from the philosophy of instilling fear as a means of rule. On a brisk Sunday, three days post her meeting with Rhys, she convenes an unscheduled press conference on the palace's verdant northern lawn, greeted by a mix of journalists and spectators eager for a royal sighting. Having briefed her U.S.-based comrades about her intentions, yet opting to conduct the press event post their departure to shield them from the ensuing storm, Bridget embarks on a solitary mission to voice her determinations and visions.

Addressing the assembly with an uncommonly informal tone, Bridget reveals her reflections on her journey and obligations as the country's future monarch. She acknowledges the speculation around her adequacy for the throne, attributing such doubts to her initial reaction to her brother, Prince Nikolai's abdication announcement. Bridget recounts her transformative experiences traveling across Eldorra, engaging with its citizens, and understanding their daily lives and anxieties, emphasizing her commitment to propel the nation forward while cherishing its traditions.

Highlighting the heart of her discourse, Bridget addresses the Royal Marriages Law and its obsolete constraints, subsequently admitting to her genuine relationship with Rhys Larsen, her former bodyguard. This confession disrupts the assembly into a state of animated chaos, amplifying Bridget's message's impact and its invitation for societal and legislative introspection.

Taking an astute question from Jas, a reporter from The Daily Tea, Bridget clarifies her stance on the antiquated Royal Marriages Law, urging for its reassessment and advocating for a balance between personal choices and royal duties. Articulating the essence of her speech, Bridget aims to sway public opinion and Parliament's stance through a compelling blend of ethical, logical, and emotional appeals, underlining her strategic acumen and deep-rooted love for Rhys Larsen, crystallizing her unwavering resolve to redefine monarchy in the contemporary era of Eldorra.