

**BROTHER BEWITCHED**  
**CHAPTER 42**



PATTENIA. HATEABLE,  
IS SHE NOT? HAVING  
STOLEN THE STRENGTH  
NOW OF 10 MEN,  
LEAVING THEM ALL AS  
WEAK AS LITTLE  
GIRLS, SHE MAKES  
SHORT WORK OF DEVIN,  
DESPITE HIS  
COURAGEOUS STAND.  
SHE IS SIMPLY TOO  
STRONG.




**POW!!!**

THERE HE  
LIES, SERREN,  
YOUR HERO.  
BEATEN.  
BROKEN.  
DEFEATED.


OH, NINA, I  
HAVE SUCH SWEET  
PLANS FOR THIS  
ONE.



A woman with dark hair, wearing a gold crown and a black dress with intricate gold embroidery, is shown from the chest up. She has a serious expression. Two speech bubbles are positioned around her head. The background is a blurred, light-colored interior.

IT'S TOO  
DELICIOUS. YOU  
TURNED TO A MAN  
TO SAVE YOU, JUST  
LIKE THE STORYBOOK  
PRINCESS I  
INTENDED YOU TO  
BE.

NOW, YOU WILL  
WATCH AS ACTONIA  
TURNS HIM INTO A  
LITTLE GIRL. I WILL  
SEND HER OFF TO A  
FINISHING SCHOOL,  
WHERE THEY WILL  
MAKE HIM INTO THE  
SWEETEST MOST  
DOCILE YOUNG  
LADY.




SHE SHALL  
LEARN TO DANCE  
AND SING, AND I WILL  
HAVE HER PERFORM FOR  
ALL THE NOBLES. MY  
LITTLE DEVINIA. BEG  
ME, NINA. BEG ME  
NOT TO HUMILIATE  
HIM SO.



I WON'T BEG  
BECAUSE NONE OF  
THAT IS GOING TO  
HAPPEN.



YOU THINK  
YOU'VE WON.  
YOU'RE WRONG,  
THOUGH. YOU  
FORGOT ONE  
THING.



WE LOVE EACH  
OTHER, AND TRUE  
LOVE ALWAYS WINS  
OUT.

YOU ARE *SUCH* A GIRL.  
NOW, BEFORE WE DEAL  
WITH DEVIN, THERE IS THE  
MATTER OF YOUR  
PUNISHMENT. I WILL  
SLASH YOUR FACE AND  
LEAVE YOU SCARRED.



<GASP>!

NO. NOT  
MY FACE.  
PLEASE! NO!





YOU WILL BE THE  
UGLIEST GIRL IN ALL THE  
LANDS. LET'S START BY  
CUTTING YOU A BIG,  
GHOULISH SMILE!



DEVIN!

GET AWAY FROM HER.

<SIGH->  
ACTONIA.

GRRRRRRR




WHAT'S THIS? DEVIN BEGINS TO GROWL AND HIS BODY TO SWELL BIGGER. HIS EYES BLAZE WITH MADNESS.

I SAID, GET AWAY FROM MY GIRL.

A SECOND FIGHT WITH YOU WOULD BE SO BORING.

CRRRRRRR





YOU  
WILL NOT  
HARM  
SERRENIA!

TURN DEVIN  
INTO A LITTLE  
GIRL. I GROW  
TIRED OF HER.

GRRRRRRR

I THINK I'LL  
GIVE HER BLONDE  
HAIR AND  
FRECKLES. SHE'LL  
LOOK JUST LIKE  
NINA'S LITTLE  
SISTER!



DEVIN FEELS A FLICKER OF FEAR. YES, EVEN THE BRAVEST OF MEN FEEL IT AT TIMES. HIS FEAR, THOUGH, IS NOT THAT HE WOULD BE TRAPPED AS A LITTLE GIRL. HE FEARS ONLY THAT HE WILL FAIL SERREN. THAT, HE DECIDES, WILL NEVER BE AN OPTION SO LONG AS HE LIVES.



IF ACTONIA'S SPELL WORKS, I WILL BE THE MOST FEARSOME GIRL WHO EVER LIVED. I WILL STILL FIND A WAY!




THE SPELL FADES.  
DEVIN IS UNCHANGED.  
THE WIZARD WAS TRUE  
TO HIS WORD.

HA!





A woman with red hair styled in a bun, wearing a black lace dress, is shown in a dynamic pose. She is surrounded by a large cloud of glowing purple and white particles. Her right hand is raised, and her left hand is extended forward. Two speech bubbles are present: one on the left and one on the right.

SO, YOU ARE  
PROTECTED FROM  
THAT SPELL. I  
KNOW MANY  
OTHERS.

I WILL TURN YOU  
TO STONE AND--



AAAAHHH!

THWOK!



ACTONIA BEGINS TO  
SHIMMER, SCREAMING...

THEN VANISHES!

**POOF!**



GODDESS! WHAT HAPPENED?



JUST THE  
MAID CLEANING  
UP A MESS,  
PRINCESS!

ASRYN!

A comic book panel featuring two characters. On the left, a man with a thick brown beard and hair, wearing a black leather jacket and pants, is shown in a dynamic, forward-leaning pose. On the right, a woman with long dark hair, wearing a gold crown and a black dress with gold and red patterns, is holding a large, curved sword. The background is a blurred, ornate interior. Two speech bubbles are present: one from the man and one from the woman.

MY THANKS,  
ASRYANA. NOW,  
FOR YOU.

MEN. YOU  
NEVER  
LEARN.

SERREN'S HEART RACES. HE'S SO SCARED FOR DEVIN! YET, SO CHANGED IS OUR HERO THAT HE NEVER EVEN CONSIDERS ENTERING THE FRAY HIMSELF. ALL HE CAN DO IS WATCH AND HOPE FOR THE BEST.



THE FIRST TIME THEY FOUGHT PATTENIA  
WON EASILY, BUT DEVIN HAS SOMEHOW  
GROWN BIGGER, STRONGER AND FASTER.  
HE RAGES AND ATTACKS LIKE AN ANIMAL  
AND BEATS PATTENIA DOWN.



THE USURPER IS  
DEFEATED, AND  
THE PENALTY  
FOR TREASON...





IS  
DEATH!



**TO BE CONTINUED**