Chapter 7

The days started to blend together as I spent my time casting magic spells as my magic replenished. I was happy to have developed a new ability. I think it came from my tutoring Carina in magic and sleeping with my head next to Amelia’s pregnant belly. The ability was very useful.

* Magic Sense I (Divination Magic Ability) – you can sense magic and estimate its power, each level improves the range

I was able to determine Carina had about 2% of my magic pool, so maybe 3 magic. She was also getting close to getting the same ability as she felt magic light stones as warmth, and when she did me it was almost a hot feeling. Once she got the ability I would try to teach her a spell. I also learned she was carrying twins.

It was late September while I was lying in bed with Carina and I focused on my status. My new sense ability seemed to have made some changes. I could now see my progress on advancing spells.

Magic Pool: 154, Magic Regen: 12.8 per hour

Spell Design Points: 3

* Ageless, Level 3 (Stone Magic Ability) – like all stone you are ageless, your body ages 1/12th as fast greatly increasing your life expectancy, each level increase slightly slows aging even further
* Shapeshift, Level 3 (Nature Magic Ability) – you can shape change into one beast form healing injuries, each level increase adds another beast form, forms: Black Panther, White Wolf
* Stalwart Immunity, Level 2 (Stone Magic Ability) – you have resistance to disease and infections, each level improves the speed at which you heal from injuries and poisons
* Magic Sense, Level 1 (Divination Magic Ability) – you can sense magic and estimate its power, each level improves the range
* Stone Golem, Level 9 (9/100) (Stone Spell – tier 9) – create a golem from 1 cubic yard of stone, each level increase adds density, strength and durability, COST: 7.7 Magic Pool, Evolutions: Reduced Golem Cost
* Soften Stone, Level 8 (3/100) (Stone Spell – tier 3) – turns 1 cubic yard of stone to clay, each level increases affected volume, COST: .8 Magic per minute, Evolution: Purify Stone
* Strengthen Stone, Level 7 (69/100) (Stone Spell – tier 3) – improves 1 cubic yard stones resistance to damage, each level improves the volume and the stones strength, COST: 1.1 Magic, Evolution: lighten stone by 20%
* Stone Bullet, Level 8 (27/100) (Stone Spell – tier 0) – temporarily creates a small stone and fires it at a target, each level improves the density and speed of the stone, COST: 0.1 Magic, Evolutions: Control the shape of bullet
* Nature’s Growth, Level 9 (30/100) (Nature Spell – tier 5) – complete 1 year of growth on a single plant in 60 minutes, each level increases the plant’s growth, COST: 1 Magic, Evolutions: Rejuvenate the soil around the roots of the plant
* Plant Snare, Level 2 (82/100) (Nature Spell – tier 0) – activate a square yard of plants to entangle an animal within 50 yards, each level increases the area and range, COST: 0.3
* Thermal Stone, Level 6 (98/100) (Stone Spell – tier 3) – raises the temperature of 1 cubic yard of stone 100 degrees for 66 minutes, each level increases the temperature and volume, COST: 0.9 per 106 degrees, Evolutions: Can stack the spell to extend the time of the enchantment
* Light Stone, Level 4 (51/100) (Stone Spell – tier 2) – creates a bright light source (2000 lumens) on 8.1 ounces of stone burning the stone over time 52 years, each level increases affected mass and time, COST: 10

The spell advances were good but I focused on the first two lines.

***Magic Pool: 154, Magic Regen: 12.8 per hour***

***Spell Design Points: 3***

I hadn’t realized my magic pool was at 154…very high if you considered I started at 100 I thought. My regen was up a lot as well. A golem cost me 7.7 of magic pool now. I decided I wanted to hold 50 magic so I could invest 104 in golems. That was 13 golems and I just had eight active. Instead of reusing my 4 dormant golems I would create 5 new golems, Defender, Granite, Emerald, Sapphire, and Topaz. Defender would join Aegis and Knight to work on the road and screen the eastern wilderness. The other four would be added to the workforce. It was getting hard to mentally manage 13 different golems so I had them on auto pilot most of the time.

I also had another beast form to choose. I decided on an aquatic form, a dolphin. My last focus was the design points which I decided to let accumulate. I intuitively knew I could cross my magic spheres by spending more spell points and I wanted some type of healing or cure disease spell. Europe was besieged by constant plagues sweeping through cities. My sanitation and great balanced diets had allowed us to escape this so far but as we grew it would become an issue. My best guess is a cure disease spell would cost around 6 spell points and a modest healing spell was 7 points to learn.

Carina stirred drawing my focus. She side hugged my body and pushed her head into my chest. Her hair smelled like lavender. I rubbed her back between her shoulder blades. Soon we were both aroused and I figured I had done enough planning, time to live in the moment.

The next three days I made my new golems that were getting even more lifelike as my artist skill increased. The additional labor force would help get everyone into a personal home before winter. Avalon had transformed. The main east to west road now had two separate roads crossing it. The new roads were paved and ran a mile south and a mile north. To the north and northwest we had our orchards and fields. To the south we had our livestock. The field harvest this year was exceptional and we would have plenty of supply. For animals we had almost 200 chickens, I did have to leave a golem to guard them overnight from wild animals. One of my happy accomplishments was the main street was 40’ wide and had 8’ sidewalks on each side. This would keep the traffic moving as the city grew. The two new streets matched the main street in width and sidewalks. I had also cordoned off a twenty acre plot of land to the immediate east. This land would be the town commons/park. We had a dirt road around it for now. To the north of the commons were the buildings for the Jane Austin School for Women that was currently serving as our general school building and overflow housing. This would have to be expanded soon. Ella and Renee had designed the College of the Performance Arts. It had a massive theater on the main road that housed three different theaters, one for two thousand people and two others that could seat two hundred each for intimate performances. Behind the theater would be eight buildings, two were dormitories for 500 students, two were music school buildings, one was for acting classes, one was for singing classes, one was for prop management and the last was for the dance school. It was an ambitious target. I added forty nine small houses on the layout to the north for the professors. I also increased the dorms to hold 600 students. The rest of the college campus I had envisioned would extend north and east and I portioned off 6 square miles to cover it. The only part of the campus that was scheduled for construction was the School of Botany, a single large building. A dorm with fifty rooms for 100 students would be built. What I was focusing on right now was the sewer system for the current and future city. I wanted human waste to be funneled ten miles south and turned into compost. That meant pipes, toilets, septic fields, and other headaches.

I was interrupted by the first crime in the city. An English man had struck a black man for talking to his daughter. I had to serve as judge. The trial was in front of the town. I asked the girl first the nature of the conversation, it was very benign and sounded like the black man was trying to be friendly. Next was the father who seemed to think black men were not allowed to associate with white women. Finally the black man said he was friendly to everyone in town and he meant no harm in talking to her. I made a speech, ‘All men are created equal, regardless of their skin color, their gender or their sexual preference.’ It went on for a few minutes before I finally fined the man two weeks pay to be paid to the court, two weeks pay to the black man for striking him and a three day sentence in the jail. I wasn’t sure how my verdict would be received but I saw a lot of people nodding in agreement. The black man thanked me profusely in private after and I said he was a good person who worked hard and he shouldn’t live in fear. I talked to the girl later and asked if her father beat her or her mother. Nothing besides spanking her every once in a while. Next I talked to the white man in jail to see if he could be broken of his prejudices. He seemed on the line. He liked the community and even admired the black men efforts. I just lectured him that people are people. I told him at the end if he was truly repentant then he should give the man a genuine apology when he got out and tell his own friends he was wrong.

I decided to take a road trip to the north. Amelia said I was the leader and needed to stop gallivanting around, I just smirked. I decided to establish the nation of Avalon. Free of English and all European rule. That meant I would need to establish laws, and boundaries. I started with a bill of citizen rights. I didn’t remember the entire bill of rights even though I took government as a minor in college. I came up with.

The Seven Citizen Rights

* All citizens are equal under the law regardless of race, gender or age
* Citizens have the right to freedom of speech, religion, press and assembly
* Citizens have the protection against property seizure without merit
* Citizens have the right to a fair and speedy trail judged by a jury of their citizen peers
* Citizens are protected from unjust excessive punishment and fines
* Citizens have the right to bear arms for harvesting food and for defense of the nation if registered in a militia
* Citizens have the right to eight years of education to minimally include reading, writing, and basic math skills in English

I hoped I was going down the right road.

Before heading north I went east and checked on the road. It was paved out to 30 miles and graveled out to 70 miles. Bridges were completed out to 70 miles as well. I even found a cleared field and two English settlers just off the road. They had seen the golems and were not afraid. I grew them some apple and cherry trees and told them they could trade in the city down the road. I needed to claim that bay were we landed. I changed my plans and continued east with two golems following and clearing the rough road a little more as we moved. When I got to the small inlet where we unloaded I found twenty settlers starting a small community, the trees I had grown had convinced them to settle here. Shit. At night I made a small 30’ monolith that was easily visible from the water and grew a few apple trees around it. That would make it easier for my captains to find the spot again.

I went north to Jamestown again. I didn’t think I would find my captains or ships but I was lucky and they were there. They were heading out in two weeks…I was lucky! I told him he was to make and recruit people to establish a town in the same bay he dropped us off at and told him about the stone monolith marker I set. He was to call the new city Camelot. They were to just keep bringing over people, 100 each year. They were to talk to the Duke and get a writ for the city as well and I hoped it would grow. I then went north. My goal was to deliver letters to Ella’s and Renee’s family. The land was definitely more settled than it was last time I was through here. I came upon an English fort. Instead of killing anyone I just placed a few thermal stones in the wall at 1200 degrees in the middle of the night. Eight total around the wall. The fort was burning merrily when I left. It was early November and the loss of the fort should slow them down. I repeated this twice more at English forts before reaching New York. There were nine English ships anchored there. Three looked like warships. I decided to use my dolphin form and placed three ‘burn’ stones on each. I watched two of the ships burn and sink, the 3rd responded fast and got the fires under control. Oh well. My efforts should slow the English down a bit.

Moving north in my panther form didn’t like the cold weather so I switched to wolf form. I was headed to Montreal and I had never been there in real life so I was just heading north. The golems carried me in a stretcher while I slept. I guessed I was doing 200 miles a day. I started to find the French. I didn’t speak French and it took a while to find someone who spoke English. They gave me a general direction. It took me 5 days to find the city of Montreal. I went and found the Lord Phillipe’s residence. Not impressive but he did have ten soldiers guarding it. After a few minutes the lord came out and invited me in. I passed the letters and was happy to see him using the light stones inside. I told him his daughters were well and fitting in. The mother asked me twenty questions and the father was upset neither had sought my bed. I told them I would bring the girl’s letters for them. I waited two days while they wrote letters and treated me to as much luxury as they had. I asked about instruments and they filled a crate that I sealed with canvas. I had bought a few stringed instruments, a harp, and a bunch of wind instruments for just 4 light stones. I added some nice pillows and bedding to the crate for two more stones. Next I added 28 pounds of silver for 4 light stones. Our silversmith in Avalon had been using my coins and silver bars were better. I ended up telling the lord father about the burned English forts and ships. We laughed about it until I told him my city of Avalon was declaring independence from all European rule. He said I was foolish and I was putting his daughters in danger. The might of Empires would crush my little city. He said he could send maybe 100 soldiers south to defend the city if I signed a pact with France. I declined.

I made it my goal to get more genetic diversity in my city. I wanted some Russian and Scandinavian blood. In the future I would try for Asia. The trip south had the golems carrying the crate and I slept on top while they carried it.

I was happy to return to the tower. I had been gone 49 days. Renee and Ella were thrilled with the crates contents and went off to read their letters from their parents and siblings. Later I was taking my evening shower after heating the stone in the cistern. Warm showers, I was spoiled. I was lathering up when a naked Ella stepped into the shower. She looked timid but not afraid. I had never really looked at the younger sister. She was not as lovely as her sister but she was attractive. She had turned 17 a few months ago and her breasts were very nice. I noticed her body was tan. I had told the girls and sun bathing and how UV light was healthy for the skin and maintaining a healthy body. I knew they all sun bathed together in the enclosed lawn in the tower but I had not caught them yet. I asked if she was ready and she nodded. My own body had already responded to her nudity. I took her hand and brought her to the shower and slowly lathered and cleaned her body. Then I took her from the shower to the bedroom. I dried her then began to kiss and nibble across her entire body. She was panting and ready. I was gentle and slow since it was her first time. I didn’t have the same attraction to her as to Carina but I was going to make it a positive experience for her. She came twice and myself once and we were lying there. She smiled at me. We talked for a bit and I learned why Renee had not seen me yet. She was ashamed because she was not a virgin. Ahh. That made a weird sense for the times. I told Ella to tell her sister not to worry because I was not a virgin either. We laughed together.

So that kinda of opened the flood gates. I know had to split my bedtime four ways. Amelia was eight months pregnant and she still wanted sex until she had a healthy girl, Daphne, on December 23rd of 1666. She was adorable and on March 28th 1667 Carina added her twins, Caleb and Dana. I could tell the twins were going to be strong magic wielders.