

## 29. Bridget

In Chapter 29 of the novel, Bridget and Rhys navigate the complexities of their clandestine relationship amidst Bridget's royal duties in Athenberg. After returning from a highly successful goodwill tour, Bridget's popularity soars, contrasting with the lower approval ratings of the Speaker, Erhall. Despite the thrill of their secret meetings, Bridget's responsibilities continue to demand her attention, particularly in advocating for the citizens of Eldorra during her meetings with the Speaker and the King.

Bridget introduces the Citizen Letters program, hoping to bring attention to various concerns, although she's aware of the Speaker's likely inaction. Her efforts to address the issues of Eldorra's people clash with Erhall's dismissive attitude and the challenges posed by her political rivals, including Andreas, who smirks at her advocacy.

One such meeting takes a sensual turn for Bridget when Rhys decides to spice up her day with a vibrator. The daring game between them escalates, challenging Bridget to maintain her composure in front of her grandfather, Erhall, and Andreas. Despite the awkward interruption by Mikaela, Bridget and Rhys manage to find pleasure and connection amidst the risk of discovery.

The chapter concludes with Bridget quickly composing herself to address Mikaela's concerns and meetings, though internally, she relishes the freedom and exhilaration her relationship with Rhys provides. Their love affair, peppered with risks and heated moments, adds a layer of excitement to Bridget's life but also underscores the tension between her public duties and private desires.