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Love and Magic (an excerpt)

Finn was standing in the same place but it was different, nothing was cracked and someone was sitting on the throne that was no longer cracked. Black fires burned on the torches on the ominous chair. Finn started to realize this when Gabriel, Aldo, and their mother imprisoned Malic. Finn waited a little longer and saw white, purple, and hot pink lights in the sky. There was a giant crash. When the dust cleared Finn saw Aldo, Gabriel, and their mom they guessed. They saw Malic look up then he snapped. Dark creatures rose from the shadows and then charged Gabriel's team. Aldo had his purple whip and with a snap of it, the low-level demons got split in half. Malic sighed then flicked a massive ball of fire Aldo's way but Gabriel sliced the black flames with his glowing sword. Malic started to lose his temper and the horns of a bull started to grow out of his temples. Once more did he send the fireball but this time when Gabriel sliced it spider demons came out, but Aldo expected this so as soon as the fire dissipated he slashed his whip once more then the spiders busted into a green slime as dark as rotting grass. Malic was visibly furious, his body shot up from the chair and now he was a full beast. His body was like dried lava, his bull horns cracked, and his legs were like the ones of a goat. Malic charged the group, he kicked the air and along with the movement, a purple slash was sent to the group, and a bunch of vines sprang up from the ground, blocking the slash. Aldo's whip went to attack Malic. Malic grabbed the whip and ripped on it but before Aldo went flying the vines grabbed the whip back and held Aldo to the ground. Malic snapped and the vines burst into flames. Before the flames spread to Aldo they went back into the ground preventing any harm to the group. Malic stepped forward but Gabriel went in for a strike faster than a flicker of lighting. Gabriel swung the sword of heavenly flame cutting Malic's cheek. Malic flew back and staggered as the small cut transformed into a deep wound. "Luna! Let's do it!" Aldo yelled. "**No**, I need you to look after Finn! Gabriel, let's do it." Luna yelled back. With a flash Gabriel was running next to Luna they both started to sound like the crackles of thunder, they both started glowing with Luna's marks starting to show. Her horns were like those of a ram, and her ears pointed like an elf's. Aldo sighed, snuck up

behind Malic, and made doubles of himself to help hold him back while Luna and Gabriel finished sealing Malic away. Bright hot pink and yellow lights flashed as the memory ended.