

Chapter 68

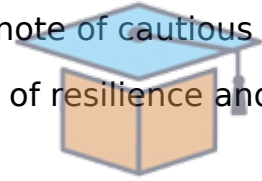
The chapter opens with a tense and visceral scene where Rhysand and his allies are urgently tending to critical injuries sustained during a confrontation. Cassian's wings are severely damaged, and Azriel's wound is life-threatening, emphasizing the gravity of their situation. Amren immediately takes charge, demanding to know the whereabouts of Feyre, whose absence weighs heavily on everyone. Mor arrives, exhausted and bloodied, revealing her efforts to save Azriel and her distress over the fate of Feyre's sisters, who have been tragically sacrificed in a cruel twist of betrayal by the king of Hybern. The chaos underscores the high stakes and the urgency to find Feyre.

In the subsequent discussion, Mor recounts the tragic events leading to Feyre's captivity and the betrayal by Iltane, which led to Feyre's sisters being turned into immortal queens through the Cauldron. Tamlin's failed attempt to save Feyre and the dangerous bargain with the king of Hybern are explained, highlighting the perilous political landscape and the sacrifices made by Feyre. Rhysand reflects on Feyre's strategic deception—pretending to hate them to gain her freedom—and the dangerous game she is playing by infiltrating the enemy's house as a spy. The chapter reveals the complexity of Feyre's situation, balancing her role as a traitor and a hero, and the tremendous risks she faces.

The narrative then shifts to the revelation of Feyre's true status as the High Lady of the Night Court, a role Rhysand has secretly sworn her into, marked by a twin tattoo. This revelation surprises Mor and Amren, who realize that Feyre's influence extends beyond her perceived role as a mortal woman. Rhysand's declaration underscores her importance and power, positioning her as an equal and a vital political figure in the ongoing conflict. The bond between Rhysand and Feyre is depicted as a source of strength and hope, symbolizing their deep connection amid the chaos. Rhysand's quiet

pride and love for Feyre come through as central themes.

In the final section, Rhysand emphasizes the necessity of patience and strategic planning, asserting that Feyre's sacrifice has shifted the balance of power. Despite the immediate danger, he is committed to moving at the right moment to dismantle their enemies—particularly the Spring Court and Hybern—slowly and deliberately. The chapter concludes with a resolute declaration that they will go to war when the time is right, with Rhysand prepared to unleash his power and lead his court into battle. The chapter ends on a note of cautious optimism and determination, highlighting the overarching theme of resilience and strategic resistance in the face of overwhelming adversity.



Summary