

Chapter Seventy-Eight

In Chapter Seventy-Eight, the scene opens with Gwyn and Emerie resting in a parlor overlooking the river, their wounds healed but their clothes torn, symbolizing their recent ordeal. Nesta arrives, and amidst emotional exchanges, Gwyn's anger surfaces as she rebukes Nesta, who responds with tears and reconciliation, emphasizing the importance of their friendship and shared victory. The chapter highlights their resilience and camaraderie, as they reflect on their triumphs at the Rite and the significance of their newfound power, with Nesta confident that her mastery over the Trove remains unbreakable despite Mor's efforts to reclaim it. This moment underscores their bond and the hope for their future.

Emerie explains that the healing stone was responsible for their recovery, bringing them to a place where they could regroup. Gwyn quietly comments on how the Rite's outcome will anger the Illyrians, especially since she intends to retain her Valkyrie identity rather than be called Carynthian. Nesta, feeling victorious, expresses her excitement to witness the repercussions of their win, while also contemplating the potential consequences of their actions and the secret truths that will remain hidden within their circle. The chapter conveys a mixture of triumph, anticipation, and the weight of secrets kept among friends who have faced life-threatening challenges.

The narrative then shifts to the birth of Nyx, the baby born from Rhys and Feyre, described as a beautiful creature with striking features and delicate wings. Cassian, holding the infant, feels a surge of pride and mischief, knowing Nyx's future will be full of adventures and trouble. Nesta, despite her torn clothes and recent struggles, visits the newborn, her quiet presence symbolizing her ongoing connection to the family. Cassian and Nesta's silent exchange reveals a deepening bond and unspoken understanding, as they step outside to the riverbank, contemplating the sacrifices made and the future they are shaping together.

Finally, Nesta shares her reflections on her magic and sacrifices, revealing that she returned her powers to the Cauldron in exchange for knowledge to save her loved ones. She hints at making personal changes to prevent future sacrifices, and her conversation with Cassian reveals her readiness for a new chapter—possibly motherhood—while humorously dismissing the idea of ruling the world with her power. Their intimate exchange emphasizes her growth and the depth of their relationship. Nesta’s declaration of her desire for a “disgustingly ornate” mating ceremony adds a touch of humor and foreshadows a future filled with love, commitment, and a celebration of their bond.



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