

Chapter 47

In Chapter 47, Celaena meticulously works on a magical ritual, drawing precise Wyrdblocks on a wall using her blood to create an archway that functions as a portal. The act is fraught with danger, as the symbols must be flawlessly executed for the spell to succeed. She recognizes that the power embedded in blood is essential for harnessing the magic, referencing Cain's ability to summon creatures and gain strength through dark means. Her focus underscores the perilous nature of this magic, which can warp reality and individuals alike, highlighting the dangerous allure of such forbidden power.

The chapter reveals Celaena's attempt to contact Nehemia through the portal, using an ancient spell that involves speaking in an unknown language and channeling her own blood. As she recites the incantation, the symbols glow green, and the stones darken, indicating that the spell has worked. However, what appears on the other side is a void, a dark emptiness that leaves her questioning whether she has truly reached Nehemia or some other realm. Her hope is tinged with uncertainty as she waits for a response from the other side, her desperation palpable.

When the portal stabilizes, Celaena sees a shimmering figure—Nehemia—whose face is clear despite her body fracturing with inner light. Nehemia's apparition appears to be on the threshold of crossing into her world, but she remains on the other side of the portal, warning Celaena sternly not to open it again. Nehemia's final words serve as a warning about the dangers of meddling with such realms, emphasizing that opening the portal again could be fatal. Her farewell is emotional, layered with a mixture of love, regret, and resolve, as she chooses to walk into the darkness rather than risk further harm.

The chapter concludes with a poignant farewell, as Nehemia disappears into the void, leaving Celaena devastated and filled with remorse. Her pleas for her friend to return

are met with silence, and the realization that Nehemia's presence was fleeting leaves her in despair. Archer's arrival underscores the gravity of the moment, as he witnesses the aftermath of the ritual and the loss of Nehemia. The chapter ends with a sense of foreboding, as Celaena grapples with the consequences of her actions and the realization of the dangerous boundaries she has crossed.

