

Chapter 35

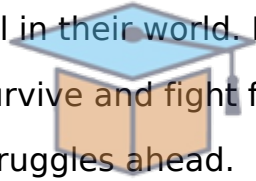
The chapter opens with Feyre awakening in a damp, dark prison cell, her senses painfully returning as she contends with injuries inflicted during her capture. Her face is swollen and broken, with a split lip and a fractured nose, yet her mind remains focused on survival. The oppressive environment, filled with the scent of mold and the sound of distant screams, underscores her dire situation. Despite the pain and despair, she strives to stay calm and assess her injuries, recognizing the importance of maintaining her composure to formulate a plan. Her thoughts are haunted by her recent violation of Alis's rules, driven by her desire to see Tamlin and fulfill her feelings.

As Feyre grapples with her physical pain, she reflects on her emotional turmoil and the perilous circumstances she faces under Amarantha's rule. She is acutely aware that her captivity is a death sentence designed to break her spirit, yet she refuses to succumb to despair. The distant screams and sounds of torture serve as grim reminders of the brutal reality she is trapped in, and her mind flashes back to her past sacrifices, including her own role in Clare's suffering. Despite her suffering, Feyre is determined to find a way to make things right, harboring a fragile hope that she can somehow endure and influence her fate.

Feyre's situation takes a turn when Lucien enters her cell, bringing a flicker of hope amid the darkness. Though weak and battered, she recognizes him and desperately seeks reassurance. Lucien's concern highlights the gravity of her injuries, especially her broken nose, and he reveals that some of her injuries can be healed magically, albeit with difficulty. Their conversation exposes the broader political landscape, as Lucien explains that Amarantha's influence extends even to the High Lords, who are now trapped under her command. The sense of helplessness is palpable, but Feyre's resolve remains firm as she faces the reality of her situation and the sacrifices others

are making to oppose Amarantha.

In the final moments, Lucien manages to partially heal Feyre's injuries, restoring her appearance and easing her pain, though he admits that full healing is impossible without revealing their alliance. They discuss the extent of Lucien's diminished magic and the grim reality that many of the High Lords are under Amarantha's control, unable to leave her domain. The chapter ends with Feyre contemplating the significance of the ring, which contains Jurian's eye, symbolizing the complex web of loyalty and betrayal in their world. Despite the overwhelming odds, Feyre's determination to survive and fight for a better outcome remains unwavering, setting the stage for the struggles ahead.



Summary