

Chapter Forty-Five

In this chapter, the focus is on Nesta and her fellow priestesses engaging in rigorous Valkyrie training, emphasizing their physical and mental endurance. Gwyn comments on the sadistic nature of Valkyrie exercises compared to Illyrian ones, highlighting their brutal discipline. Nesta struggles through the demanding routines, attempting to maintain her composure and utilize the Mind-Stilling technique to cope with the pain and fatigue. Cassian observes their efforts with a mix of amusement and admiration, revealing that he has been participating in the exercises himself, which adds a layer of camaraderie and shared hardship among the group. The scene underscores the intense physicality and resilience required for their roles.

The training session is interwoven with playful banter among Gwyn, Emerie, and Nesta, which provides a lighter contrast to the grueling exercises. They tease each other about naming swords, with Gwyn suggesting "Silver Majesty" and Emerie proposing "Foe Slayer," while Nesta humorously opts for "Killer." Cassian's interest in the conversation hints at a deeper curiosity, especially when he asks Nesta about naming a sword. The dialogue reveals their close-knit relationships and camaraderie, even amid the suffering, emphasizing their bond and shared resilience. Nesta's subtle smiles and the teasing serve to humanize the characters and deepen their connection.

Cassian's probing takes a more serious turn when he questions Nesta about her experiences at the blacksmith and the magical weapons she created. He reveals that the blades she touched have been imbued with her power and are now powerful, ancient magic weapons—an extraordinary achievement that signifies her potential to create even more. This revelation shifts the tone from lighthearted teasing to a moment of awe and realization for Nesta, as she grapples with the magnitude of her abilities. The chapter highlights her emerging role as a wielder of significant, ancient magic, which could have profound implications for her future.

The chapter concludes with a tense revelation about the broader scope of Nesta's magic. Cassian admits that the weapons she forged are part of a larger, hidden magical world, known only to a few powerful individuals like Rhys and Feyre. Nesta's confrontation with Cassian's words exposes her growing awareness of her own latent power and the secret knowledge that has been kept from her. Her sharp questioning and the atmosphere of secrecy underscore her internal struggle to understand her place in this new, dangerous magical landscape, setting the stage for future revelations and conflicts.



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