

Chapter Forty-Seven

The chapter opens with Cassian discovering Nesta sprinting through a side street, seemingly fleeing from her own actions and inner turmoil. Recognizing her distress, Cassian quickly intervenes, lifting her into the sky and flying away with her. Their flight takes them over the House of Wind and into the mountains, symbolizing a retreat from their troubled reality. Nesta remains silent and distant, overwhelmed by guilt and self-reproach for her recent unforgivable deed, feeling undeserving of kindness or rescue. The act of fleeing underscores her internal struggle and the weight of her remorse, setting a tone of emotional vulnerability and conflict.

As they settle in the mountains for the night, Cassian's demeanor is cold and guarded, contrasting with Nesta's silent despair. She isolates herself, lying on the hard earth beneath a boulder, wishing to disappear into the mountain itself. Her thoughts reveal her self-loathing and belief that she deserves punishment, even contemplating her own obliteration as a form of penance. Cassian's silent presence and the stark environment emphasize the depth of her pain and her desire to escape the consequences of her actions, illustrating her profound internal suffering and sense of unworthiness.

The narrative shifts to a mental exchange between Cassian and Feyre, providing insight into the broader political and emotional landscape. Feyre updates Cassian on Rhysand's overreaction and the tension surrounding Nesta's honesty about her feelings and actions. Their conversation reveals underlying frustrations with Rhysand's authority and the complicated dynamics among the characters. Cassian and Feyre's exchange underscores themes of loyalty, understanding, and the importance of facing difficult truths, as they acknowledge the necessity of confronting their feelings and the repercussions of Nesta's revelations.

In the concluding part, Feyre urges Cassian to bring Nesta back to Velaris, emphasizing that Rhysand has apologized and that their return is essential. Cassian reveals their plan to stay in the wilderness for a few days, intending to hike—a task Nesta has never experienced and will likely dislike. The chapter ends with Feyre's quiet reassurance and their mutual caring, highlighting the ongoing effort to support Nesta's healing process. The chapter encapsulates themes of redemption, emotional resilience, and the importance of patience amid turmoil, illustrating the characters' commitment to overcoming their internal and external conflicts.



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