

Chapter 11

Manon Blackbeak arrives in Morath with a fierce determination, prepared to continue her violent campaign. Despite her readiness, she reflects on the chaos that has engulfed Rifthold, acknowledging her limited involvement in its destruction while emphasizing her authority through her commanding presence and the roar of her wyvern, Abraxos. Her actions have left a trail of death among the Yellowlegs witches and others involved in the conflict, highlighting her ruthless approach to achieving her goals. The chapter underscores her strategic yet brutal nature, as she consolidates power and asserts dominance amidst the turmoil surrounding her.

The confrontation with Iskra Yellowlegs reveals underlying tensions and rivalries within the coven hierarchy. Iskra claims victory over Rifthold, but Manon counters with a display of strength and control, asserting that the city belongs to her. Their tense exchange is charged with accusations, lies, and threats, illustrating the fragile alliances and enmities among the witches. Manon's calm yet fierce demeanor, coupled with her threats and assertions of dominance, underscores her resolve to maintain authority and punish those who challenge her, even amid accusations and accusations of betrayal.

Following the confrontation, Manon prepares for a tense meeting with her grandmother and other coven leaders within Morath. She anticipates chaos and recognizes the potential for conflict, instructing her Second and Third to be ready to leave if the situation deteriorates. Her unwavering resolve is evident as she considers the risks involved, aware that her actions have made her a target for enemies. The chapter emphasizes her strategic mindset, her willingness to risk everything, and her determination to face the consequences head-on, underscoring her leadership and her commitment to her cause.

As Manon and her allies approach the council chamber, the scene is tense with suspicion and guardedness among the coven members. She remains resolute, determined to confront her enemies and defend her position, despite the looming threat of failure. Her internal resolve and readiness to face danger reflect her hardened nature and her understanding of the stakes involved. The chapter concludes with her entering the chamber, prepared for the inevitable confrontation, embodying her fierce leadership and unyielding spirit in the face of chaos and political intrigue.

