

Chapter 70

The chapter opens with Lysandra witnessing a dramatic aerial assault involving Abraxos and twelve other wyverns, led by the Ironteeth witches. The scene is chaotic, with the witches unleashing destruction upon the Fae fleet, smashing through lines and creating a temporary advantage. Rowan's voice commands the archers to hold fire, emphasizing the tension and urgency of the battle. The witches' precise strikes and their strategic attack highlight their formidable power and the chaos of the battlefield, setting a tone of intense confrontation and showcasing the unpredictable nature of this aerial warfare.

Asterin Blackbeak, leading the Thirteen witches, engages fiercely in the fight, coordinating her coven to break through the enemy's defenses. Her wyverns, armored and disciplined, spear into the enemy fleet, forcing the opposing ships into disarray. Lysandra, longing to join the fray, wishes she had the strength to transform and fight alongside them. The witches' tactical use of their wyverns, blades, and magic demonstrates their skill and determination, turning the tide of battle. Meanwhile, Rowan and the others continue to combat Maeve's forces with relentless magic and strategic prowess, emphasizing the high stakes and the ferocity of the conflict.

As the battle rages on, Rowan's magic strains under the pressure, and the chaos begins to wane as the enemy fleet starts retreating. Rowan's command to hold the line reflects the fragile hope of victory. Amidst the turmoil, Rowan notices the absence of Maeve's flagship, the Nightingale, which alarms him deeply. The missing ship signifies a potentially critical development in the battle, raising questions about Maeve's intentions and the overall strategic situation. Rowan's concern underscores the uncertainty and danger that still loom, even as the tide turns against their enemies.

The chapter concludes with Rowan arriving at Aedion and Lysandra's ship, finding it bloodied and overwhelmed with casualties. Aedion's urgent command to find Aelin and

the others reveals that the battle is far from over. Dorian's report about Aelin's location by the coast adds a new layer of urgency and mystery, hinting at a larger, ongoing conflict beyond the immediate naval battle. The chapter leaves readers with a sense of suspense and anticipation, as the characters face the aftermath of the clash and prepare for the next phase of their struggle.

