Chapter 47

In this chapter, Rowan swiftly returns to their ship amid chaos, his magic nearly propelling him through the air as he races to the scene of a brutal skirmish. The other ships remain untouched, even questioning the commotion, but Rowan's focus is on the carnage he left behind. Upon landing, his relief quickly turns to concern as he witnesses Aelin kneeling on the deck, tending to Fenrys's bleeding, while a threatening ilken creature escapes into the night. The scene is tense, with injured allies and imminent danger, underscoring the urgency of their situation and the need for swift action to prevent the enemy from reporting back to Morath.

Rowan's immediate instinct is to confront the fleeing ilken, which he aims to shoot down with precision. Despite their injuries, Aelin, Gavriel, and Aedion are barely able to move, their wounds severe and their spirits strained. As Rowan prepares to fire, the group's camaraderie and confidence surface in a tense betting game about whether his shot will hit. Rowan's calculated shot finds its mark, killing the ilken and forcing a moment of levity amid the chaos. This act of precision underscores their resilience and determination to fight back against their enemies, even when overwhelmed by injuries and mounting threats.

Meanwhile, Aedion's perspective reveals his weariness with the constant surprises and the ever-present danger that threatens their lives. His memories of previous battles, especially the brutal attack by the ilken and the injuries sustained, highlight the relentless nature of their conflict. Aedion's focus shifts to Aelin, who is diligently working to heal Fenrys despite her own pain. Their silent communication and shared understanding emphasize the urgency of their situation—the enemy now aware of their location, forcing them to consider rapid movement and strategic planning to evade pursuit and ensure their survival.

The chapter concludes with Fenrys explaining the mysterious nature of his powers, which allow him to slip between worlds, and Aelin's unwavering resolve to tend to her injured allies. The narrative underscores the physical toll of their battle, the importance of teamwork, and the constant threat posed by their enemies. As they prepare for what lies ahead, their resilience and strategic mindset remain vital. The chapter captures the intensity of combat, the bonds forged in adversity, and the unwavering resolve to survive against formidable foes, setting the stage for the ongoing conflict.

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