

Chapter Thirty-Two

In this chapter, Yrene continues her healing sessions with Chaol in the physicians' compound of the Torre. The scorching heat of the day contrasts with the cool, herb-scented workroom where Yrene meticulously exercises Chaol's legs, her healing magic flowing into him to repair damaged pathways. Despite his progress, Chaol remains guarded about his recent training with the guards, and Yrene refrains from pressing him for details. Their dynamic is one of quiet collaboration, with Chaol showing newfound adaptability to his surroundings, including a willingness to explore Antica.

Yrene delves into historical healing methods, sharing her research on ancient healers like Linqin and Saanvi, who developed innovative solutions for spinal injuries. Though their techniques are now lost, Yrene draws inspiration from their legacy, hinting at the possibility of overcoming Chaol's condition. Their conversation reveals the gaps in the Torre's records, particularly regarding healers who worked in remote outposts. Chaol's curiosity about Yrene's own records adds a personal touch, though she deflects with humor, focusing instead on their shared goal.

The chapter also touches on the lingering threat to Yrene's safety, with Chaol reassuring her of his protection regardless of how long her healing takes. Yrene's unease is palpable, as the attacker remains unidentified, leaving her restless despite the Torre's security. This tension underscores the urgency of their mission, yet Yrene remains determined to explore every avenue for Chaol's recovery, including revisiting the library for answers about the mysterious books related to their research.

The chapter concludes with Yrene and Chaol seeking Nousha's help in the library, hoping to uncover the origins of the ancient texts. Nousha's skepticism and the library's bustling atmosphere create a sense of mystery, as the pair persist in their quest for knowledge. The presence of a watchful Baast Cat adds an eerie undercurrent, symbolizing the hidden dangers and secrets that surround them. Their

investigation hints at deeper conspiracies, setting the stage for further revelations in their journey.

