

Chapter Four

Yrene Towers, a talented healer, reflects on her transformative two years at the Torre Cesme, a prestigious healing tower in Antica. The chapter opens with her deep affection for the tower's highest room, where she first found safety and acceptance under the guidance of Hafiza, the Healer on High. Yrene's journey from an unknown healer's daughter to a respected figure among her peers is highlighted, emphasizing her dedication and the magical gifts she wields. Despite the physical and emotional toll of her healing abilities, she remains committed to her craft, driven by gratitude for the opportunities she's been given.

The narrative shifts to a lesson with Hafiza, who tests Yrene's problem-solving skills with a tonic meant to treat a child's persistent cough. Yrene's quick thinking and innovative suggestion to use mirrors to optimize sunlight exposure demonstrate her growth and adaptability. Hafiza's approval underscores the importance of intellect alongside magical prowess in healing. This interaction reinforces the Torre's rigorous standards and the collaborative dynamic between master and student, where every encounter is an opportunity to learn and refine one's craft.

The chapter also explores the Torre's hierarchical structure, where physicians without magic serve as the first line of care, ensuring that precious magical resources are used judiciously. Yrene's humility and willingness to learn from both successes and failures are evident as she recalls her initial desperation to join the Torre, contrasting sharply with her current confidence. The setting—a sweltering, ancient tower—mirrors the challenges and rewards of her journey, with Antica's vibrant culture and advanced architecture serving as a backdrop to her story.

Hafiza's revelation that Yrene is deemed ready to leave the Torre marks a pivotal moment, hinting at the next phase of her journey. The chapter closes with a reflection on Yrene's growth, from a humbled outsider to a skilled healer poised for greater

responsibilities. Her story embodies themes of resilience, mentorship, and the balance between tradition and innovation, leaving readers eager to see how she will apply her hard-earned wisdom beyond the tower's walls.

