

Chapter 5: Feyre

The chapter opens with Feyre lounging comfortably in bed, sensing Rhysand's return through their shared bond before he even enters their home. Despite an upcoming meeting in the Hewn City, Feyre has avoided paperwork in favor of reading, though she barely makes progress before Rhys arrives. His exhaustion is evident, but he deflects her concern with playful banter, revealing his plan to surprise Eris at the Court of Nightmares. Feyre insists on feeding him, noting his neglect of basic needs, and leaves to prepare a meal despite his protests.

Upon returning with food, Feyre finds Rhys still undressed and the room cluttered with important documents. Their interaction shifts between tenderness and teasing, with Rhys attempting to pull her into his lap while she prioritizes his nourishment. His voracious appetite confirms her suspicion that he hasn't eaten all day, sparking a familiar argument about his self-care habits. The exchange highlights their dynamic—Feyre's nurturing nature clashes with Rhys's tendency to prioritize duty over personal needs, yet their love and mutual concern remain undeniable.

The conversation turns to Feyre's recent struggles with her Fae physiology, particularly her biannual cycle of excruciating pain, a stark contrast to her human experiences. Rhys's overprotectiveness during these episodes becomes a point of contention, though Feyre acknowledges his unwavering support. The topic subtly transitions to their unspoken thoughts about children, with Feyre reflecting on the Bone Carver's vision and her desire to enjoy life with Rhys before starting a family. The chapter underscores the challenges of their new reality, blending mundane moments with deeper emotional undercurrents.

Ultimately, the chapter captures the intimacy and complexity of Feyre and Rhys's relationship, balancing humor, affection, and underlying tensions. Their banter and care for each other reveal a partnership built on mutual respect and deep connection,

even as they navigate the physical and emotional demands of their roles. The narrative weaves together personal struggles, shared history, and future aspirations, offering a poignant glimpse into their lives beyond the larger conflicts of their world.

