

Chapter Two

The chapter opens with a tense confrontation as Nesta Archeron is informed by Feyre and Rhys that she must relocate to the House of Wind and begin a strict regimen of training with Cassian in Windhaven, followed by work in the library. Nesta, visibly disheveled and resistant, reacts with hostility, refusing the arrangement outright. Cassian observes the dynamics warily, noting Feyre's shielded presence and Rhys's protective stance, hinting at underlying tensions and Nesta's unpredictable power. The scene underscores the fractured relationship between the sisters and the court's growing concern over Nesta's self-destructive behavior.

Amren intervenes, revealing that Nesta's apartment is already being cleared and her belongings moved to the House of Wind. She cites Nesta's unresolved role as the human emissary to justify the court's authority over her, presenting a legal tome as proof. Nesta's defiance escalates, but Rhys's silent warning and Amren's uncharacteristic worry suggest the gravity of the situation. The exchange highlights Nesta's isolation and her refusal to acknowledge the intervention as an act of care rather than control, framing her stubbornness as both a defense mechanism and a barrier to healing.

Flashbacks reveal the emotional toll Nesta's actions have taken on Feyre, who wept upon learning of her sister's reckless spending and debauchery. Rhys's premeditated plan to intervene, supported by Azriel and Cassian, reflects the court's collective decision to act after months of failed hope. Elain's quiet presence during the discussion contrasts with Feyre's distress, hinting at her own complex relationship with Nesta. The backstory adds depth to the confrontation, illustrating how Nesta's downward spiral has strained familial bonds and forced the court's hand.

The chapter culminates in Amren delivering an ultimatum, though its specifics remain unstated. Cassian's internal reflections reveal his sorrow over Nesta's state and the

court's desperation to help her, even if it means imposing harsh measures. The unresolved tension leaves readers anticipating Nesta's response, while the emotional undercurrents—Feyre's grief, Rhys's protectiveness, and Amren's rare concern—paint a poignant picture of a family grappling with love, duty, and the limits of patience.

