Chapter Eighty

The chapter opens with the arrival of spring in Velaris, where Feyre and her newborn Nyx are finally able to venture outside, often accompanied by Rhys or Mor. Nesta joins Feyre and Elain for a walk, reflecting on her intense relationship with Cassian, who has been openly calling her his mate. Despite their passionate bond, Nesta and her friends continue rigorous Valkyrie training under Cassian and Azriel's guidance, determined to refine their skills after the Blood Rite. Gwyn, though back in the library, considers attending Nesta's upcoming mating ceremony.

Preparations for Nesta and Cassian's mating ceremony are in full swing, with Rhysand sparing no expense to make it extravagant despite Nesta's initial wishes for simplicity. The temple is adorned with enchanted flowers, silks, and candles, reflecting Rhys's generosity. Nesta, however, focuses on the significance of the ceremony itself—the vows, the binding ribbon, and the joy of being with Cassian. Their relationship has deepened, and she feels no fear about their future, especially after Rhys gifts them the House of Wind as a mating present.

A poignant moment occurs when Nesta, Feyre, and Elain visit their father's grave to introduce Nyx. Nesta struggles to find words but ultimately leaves a carved rose on the gravestone, symbolizing her gratitude and love. She acknowledges her father's sacrifice and vows to honor his memory by embracing the love and support around her. Cassian's presence overhead reassures her, reinforcing their bond as mates and partners.

The chapter concludes with Nesta rejoining her sisters, her heart lightened by the visit to her father's grave. Nyx sleeps peacefully in Elain's arms as the sisters share a moment of unity and hope. Nesta's journey of healing and self-acceptance is underscored by her newfound sense of belonging in Velaris, surrounded by family, friends, and Cassian's unwavering love. The chapter highlights her emotional growth and the bright future ahead.

