

# Chapter Seventy-Seven

The chapter opens with Nesta harnessing the power of the twenty-sixth string on the Harp, which controls Time itself, to halt the moment of Feyre's impending death. As she plucks the string, the world around her freezes, leaving her surrounded by the horrified faces of her loved ones, including Rhysand, Azriel, and Cassian. A soft, wise voice—reminiscent of a maternal presence—whispers cryptic words about darkness and beginnings, guiding Nesta as she navigates this suspended reality. The scene is charged with tension and despair, emphasizing the gravity of Feyre's condition and Nesta's determination to intervene.

Nesta reflects on her emotional journey, realizing that her desire to feel nothing has transformed into a longing to embrace all emotions, even the painful ones. The voice probes her resolve, questioning whether she truly wants to experience the full spectrum of life, including its hardships. Nesta affirms her choice, declaring her love for Feyre and her willingness to endure anything to save her sister and the others. This moment marks a pivotal shift in her character, as she moves from self-imposed detachment to a profound acceptance of vulnerability and connection.

Kneeling beside Feyre, Nesta makes a desperate plea to the Cauldron, offering to return the power she once took in exchange for the knowledge to save Feyre, Rhysand, and their child. The room remains frozen as she whispers her love for Feyre, a confession she had never voiced aloud before. The Harp's silent note reverberates, holding Time at bay, while Nesta's tears and determination underscore the emotional weight of her sacrifice. The chapter builds toward a climactic moment as she prepares to act, her resolve unwavering despite the uncertainty of success.

As Time resumes, iridescent light flows from Nesta into Feyre, signaling the Cauldron's acceptance of her bargain. The room erupts with movement and noise, but the focus remains on the transformative power of Nesta's sacrifice. Rhysand's rage subsides as

he witnesses the light enveloping Feyre, and the others watch in awe. The chapter ends with a sense of hope and renewal, as Nesta's selfless act not only saves her sister but also symbolizes her own redemption and newfound purpose. The light becomes a metaphor for healing and the enduring bonds of love and family.

