Chapter Forty-Seven

The chapter opens with Cassian intercepting Nesta as she flees through Velaris, consumed by guilt over an undisclosed action that has angered Rhysand. Without resistance, Nesta allows Cassian to carry her into the sky, where they meet Azriel, who provides supplies. Cassian flies Nesta to the remote Sleeping Mountains, where they set up camp in tense silence. Nesta, overwhelmed by self-loathing, withdraws completely, wishing to vanish into the landscape as Cassian builds a fire with cold detachment.

As night falls, Feyre initiates a mental conversation with Cassian, revealing that Rhysand has apologized for his overreaction and threats against Nesta. Feyre, though hurt by the truth Nesta revealed, demonstrates remarkable resilience and insists the family will face the challenge together. She urges Cassian and Nesta to return home, but Cassian declines, explaining they will remain in the wilderness for a few days. The dialogue highlights Feyre's maturity and Cassian's protective stance toward Nesta despite her actions.

Cassian reveals his plan to take Nesta on a punishing hike, framing it as both a physical challenge and a symbolic penance for her behavior. Feyre humorously notes Nesta's aversion to outdoor exertion, while Rhysand privately approves of the idea. The exchange underscores the complex dynamics between the characters—Feyre's forgiveness, Rhysand's lingering anger, and Cassian's balancing act between discipline and care. The mental conversation ends with Feyre entrusting Nesta's well-being to Cassian.

The chapter closes with Cassian watching over Nesta as she sleeps, curled into herself in the mountain's shadows. His silent vow to protect her contrasts with the day's turmoil, hinting at unresolved tensions but also at the possibility of redemption. The wilderness setting mirrors Nesta's inner desolation, while Cassian's steadfast presence

suggests a path toward healing, albeit one fraught with challenges. The scene leaves their future uncertain but anchored in quiet determination.