

Chapter 12: Feyre

The chapter opens with Cassian arriving at the townhouse, bringing pine boughs for Solstice decorations. Feyre teases him about his lack of manners, and their playful banter sets a lighthearted tone. Cassian's infectious energy and Feyre's sarcastic retorts highlight their close friendship. The scene transitions into a cozy, festive atmosphere as they share wine and attempt to decorate, though their drunken efforts result in a haphazard display.

Azriel arrives to find the decorations in disarray and immediately begins fixing them, much to Cassian and Feyre's amusement. The trio's dynamic is warm and humorous, with Azriel's exasperation contrasting their carefree attitudes. Rhysand joins them, teasing Feyre about her artistic skills while secretly sending her a flirtatious mental message. The group's camaraderie is palpable, emphasizing their deep bonds and shared history.

The mood shifts slightly when Mor and Amren arrive, bringing their own brand of chaos. Amren's sharp tongue and Cassian's quick temper clash, particularly when she mentions Nesta's upcoming visit. The tension surrounding Nesta is evident, hinting at unresolved conflicts within the group. Feyre defends her sister, showing her protective side, while Rhys remains contemplative.

The chapter concludes with Feyre seeking out Elain in the kitchen, inquiring about Nesta's absence. The contrast between the festive atmosphere and Nesta's looming presence underscores the family's fractured dynamics. Despite the joy of Solstice preparations, the unresolved tension with Nesta casts a shadow, leaving readers curious about her eventual arrival and the potential for confrontation or reconciliation.