

# Chapter 60: The Final Door IV

Kell and Lila walk along the river, discussing her future as the sun sets. Kell offers to return her to her original London, but Lila refuses, stating there's nothing left for her there. Despite Kell's insistence that she doesn't belong in his world either, Lila remains determined to forge her own path. Their conversation reveals a mutual uncertainty about their futures, underscored by Lila's defiant question to Kell about whether he will find his way, to which he responds with tentative hope.

Kell gives Lila a small puzzle board as a gift, explaining it will help her practice magic, as Tieren believes she has potential. Their interaction is playful yet poignant, with Lila reluctantly thanking him. As they linger, Kell reflects on Lila's unpredictable nature—she is both a thief and a valiant partner, a fixed point in his ever-shifting world. The moment is charged with unspoken emotions, and Kell's final admonition for her to stay out of trouble is met with a smile that suggests she has no intention of doing so.

After parting ways, Lila embraces her newfound freedom, reveling in the possibilities ahead. She recalls the map she left behind in London, symbolizing her readiness to explore uncharted territories. Tieren's words about her untapped magic resonate with her, fueling her ambition to discover her abilities, whatever form they may take. Lila's determination is palpable as she declares the worlds hers for the taking, embodying a fierce independence and hunger for adventure.

Her attention turns to the ships docked along the river, each representing a potential journey. Among them, a striking dark ship with silver banners and night-colored sails catches her eye. With a smile, Lila decides it's the one she'll choose, symbolizing her readiness to seize the next chapter of her life. The chapter closes with Lila's unwavering confidence and Kell's lingering gaze as she walks away, never looking back, embodying her unshakable resolve to carve her own destiny.