

# Chapter 25: Part Two - 12. Trust Yourself

The chapter "Trust Yourself" follows Linden Avery as she confronts the enigmatic Harrow in Andelain, a figure who seeks her Staff of Law and white gold ring in exchange for guiding her to her son, Jeremiah. Despite warnings from her companions, including Stave and Liand, Linden grapples with whether to trust the Harrow, who has sworn not to coerce her but whose motives remain unclear. The Wraiths' passive acceptance of his presence suggests he may not pose an immediate threat, yet Linden remains wary, knowing her instruments of power are crucial to freeing Jeremiah from the croyel.

Linden reflects on past miracles and cryptic hints, such as Anele's mention of Morinmoss redeeming Thomas Covenant, which Stave elaborates on. The tale reveals Covenant's healing by a Forestal's power after enduring trauma, offering Linden a glimmer of hope that redemption is possible even in dire circumstances. This historical parallel strengthens her resolve to find her own path forward, though she remains uncertain how it directly relates to her current dilemma with the Harrow. The Giants and Ramen listen intently, underscoring the interconnectedness of the Land's lore and Linden's quest.

As tension mounts, Linden weighs the Harrow's offer against the risks of surrendering her power. She recalls how enemies like Esmer and Roger sought to prevent the Harrow's interference, hinting at his significance. Yet, Andelain's protections—such as the Wraiths and the awakened krill—seem to neutralize immediate threats, leaving her to ponder whether bargaining is her only option. Liand's urgency contrasts with Linden's cautious deliberation, as she resolves not to commit until she reaches the krill, a source of wild magic that could tip the balance in her favor.

Ultimately, Linden decides to hear the Harrow's proposal but refuses to agree without further assurance. Her determination to save Jeremiah at any cost is tempered by her need to retain agency, echoing Covenant's past resilience. The chapter closes with practical preparations to cross the Soulsease River, as Linden's companions, including the steadfast Ranyhyn and Giants, rally behind her. Her internal conflict—between trust and suspicion, hope and pragmatism—sets the stage for the next phase of her journey.

