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The chapter opens with Kelsier urgently preparing for a mission, directing his crew to secure their hideouts and warning them of potential Ministry threats. He assigns tasks to Breeze, Dockson, and Ham, emphasizing the need for caution and quick action. Ham expresses reluctance about betraying the Garrison, but Kelsier insists on his role as an informant. Meanwhile, Sazed reveals his limited stored speed, prompting Kelsier to decide on traveling alone—until Vin defiantly steps forward, ready to accompany him despite her inexperience.

Kelsier equips Vin with pewter beads and instructs her to flare the metal for enhanced endurance, warning her of the grueling journey ahead. The crew scrambles to gather supplies as Kelsier and Vin prepare to leave. Dockson acknowledges the urgency of their mission, though both recognize the slim chances of reaching the army in time to prevent disaster. Kelsier's determination to save the men underscores his leadership, even as he grapples with the grim reality of their situation.

The pair set off at a superhuman pace, weaving through the bustling streets of Luthadel. Vin struggles to keep up, her pewter flaring as she follows Kelsier's relentless speed. The chaotic scene highlights the stark contrast between their mission and the oblivious city around them. Vin's apprehension grows, recalling the dangers of her last mission with Kelsier, yet she remains resolved to support him. The chapter captures the tension of their race against time, with Vin's internal monologue reflecting her mix of fear and determination.

As they dash through the city, the chapter emphasizes the physical and emotional stakes of their journey. Kelsier's single-minded focus and Vin's unwavering loyalty drive the narrative forward, setting the stage for the challenges ahead. The urgency of their mission is palpable, with the fate of the army hanging in the balance. The chapter closes on a note of suspense, leaving readers eager to see whether they can avert the

impending crisis.

