

# Chapter 11: Part Two - Eleven:

## Aftermath

Linden Avery, driven by desperation, navigates the passages of Revelstone as water from Glimmermere is channeled into the Keep to quench the Banefire. The Giants and Haruchai have engineered an efficient route for the water, which now flows toward the sacred enclosure where the Banefire still burns. Linden's plan to extinguish the Clave's power stems from her realization that Covenant's intended self-sacrifice would only serve Lord Foul. Despite her efforts to stop him, Covenant refuses her intervention, leaving her distraught and questioning her own motives.

Linden reflects on her failed attempt to save Covenant by mentally dominating him, an act she now recognizes as morally reprehensible, akin to the Ravers' corruption. Horrified by her own actions, she considers sacrificing herself in the Banefire to atone for her mistakes. However, Findail intervenes, urging her to reconsider for Covenant's sake, as his survival depends on her presence. This moment of clarity forces Linden to confront her guilt and abandon her self-destructive impulse, though she remains emotionally shattered.

Meanwhile, the Sandgorgon Nom aids in diverting Glimmermere's waters under the First's guidance, demonstrating unexpected obedience. Linden stays to oversee the task, wrestling with trust in Nom's altered behavior after its encounter with the Raver. The First departs to tend to the wounded, leaving Linden to ensure the water's successful flow. Despite her inner turmoil, she focuses on the practical demands of the moment, though her thoughts linger on Covenant's fate and her own moral failings.

The chapter concludes with Linden's reluctant acceptance of her role in the aftermath of Covenant's ordeal. Though she is urged to tend to the injured, she remains fixated on the Sandgorgon's work, seeking solace in action. Her journey through Revelstone

mirrors her internal struggle—between despair and duty, self-condemnation and the need to persevere. The flowing water symbolizes a fragile hope, even as Linden grapples with the consequences of her choices and the weight of her responsibilities.

