

Chapter 12: Part Two - Twelve: Those Who Part

The chapter opens with Linden and Covenant sharing an intimate, sleepless night in Revelstone, cherishing their reunion after prolonged separation. Linden is acutely aware of Covenant's emotional state, sensing his certainty and desire for her, which feels like a form of grace. Around them, Revelstone exhales in relief as the Banefire is extinguished by Glimmermere's waters, and Nom restores the stream's natural flow. The city, once tormented, now basks in temporary peace, with Cail standing guard outside their door, ensuring their privacy.

Before dawn, Covenant leads Linden to Glimmermere, a mystical tarn hidden in the hills. The lake, fed by deep springs, holds profound significance—it once concealed the krill of Loric and possesses Earthpower strong enough to resist the Sunbane. As they walk, Linden feels the barren land underfoot, a reminder of the Sunbane's devastation, yet Covenant's anticipation infuses the journey with hope. The sound of flowing water feels fragile, mirroring the precarious balance of the Land's fate, but Covenant's unwavering purpose overshadows her doubts.

At Glimmermere, Linden is struck by the lake's mirror-like surface, reflecting the sky and mountains but not her own image. Covenant dives in, inviting her to join, and the icy water cleanses her physically and emotionally, burning away her weariness and grime. As they swim, Linden notices a surreal shift: her body becomes invisible underwater, only reappearing when submerged, as if crossing into another realm. Covenant's joy is contagious, and the lake's purity feels transformative, offering a fleeting respite from their burdens.

The chapter closes with Linden and Covenant immersed in Glimmermere's waters, their laughter and kisses embodying a rare moment of joy. The lake's magic seems to

renew them, symbolizing Covenant's hope and the possibility of redemption. Despite the looming threat of the Sunbane and Lord Foul, this interlude at Glimmermere becomes a sacred pause—a testament to their resilience and the enduring power of love and hope in a world teetering on the brink of destruction.

