

Chapter 22: Part Two - Twenty One: "To Say Farewell"

The chapter "To Say Farewell" follows the protagonist as she is carried by a mystical wind through a void between worlds, numb yet comforted by Covenant's ring. She reflects on her emotional journey, recalling a poignant song by Pitchwife that evokes memories of her father and her unresolved grief. The song's themes of loss and love mirror her own struggles, allowing her to confront her past with newfound clarity and compassion. This introspection prepares her for Covenant's voice, which emerges from the darkness, offering solace and gratitude for her sacrifices.

Covenant explains the metaphysical forces at play, revealing how his acceptance of Lord Foul's paradox—their intertwined existence—enabled his victory. He credits Caer-Caverel for breaking the Law that would have rendered him powerless, allowing him to resist Foul's corruption. Covenant describes how Foul's attack inadvertently purified him, burning away the venom that bound him. His monologue underscores the novel's central theme: that opposing forces like good and evil are inseparable, and true strength lies in acceptance rather than domination.

Their conversation shifts to lighter moments, as Covenant recounts how he aided the First and Pitchwife in escaping the Cavewights. His near-laughter and warmth contrast with the gravity of their situation, highlighting their deep bond. The protagonist cherishes these fleeting moments, though she senses their time together is ending. As the void begins to fade, she grapples with the impending loss but finds strength in Covenant's assurance that his memory will live on within her.

The chapter concludes with her return to the physical world, greeted by the dawn of a new day. The sensory details—dew, ash, and budding trees—symbolize renewal amid the remnants of struggle. Though marked by blood and sacrifice, the ending carries a

quiet hope, as she steps into a future where Covenant's presence endures in her heart. The farewell is bittersweet, blending sorrow with the promise of enduring connection.

