

## 24. Full of Awe

The chapter delves into the internal dynamics of Shallan's fractured psyche as Radiant, Shallan, and Veil navigate their shared consciousness during a voyage in Shadesmar. Radiant takes charge of daily routines, assigning tasks to companions while grappling with Shallan's withdrawal and Veil's recent violation of their compact. Tensions rise as Shallan insists on uncovering a suspected spy among their group, but Radiant feels ill-suited for espionage and focuses instead on documenting their surroundings and studying Ialai's book for clues about the Ghostbloods and the mythical spren Ba-Ado-Mishram.

Radiant's research reveals that the Ghostbloods, led by the enigmatic Thaidakar, are obsessed with Ba-Ado-Mishram—an Unmade spren imprisoned in a gemstone. This artifact, believed to be Mraize's true objective, may hold the key to transporting Stormlight offworld. Shallan intermittently emerges, urging action to find the spy, but Radiant remains hesitant, prioritizing their collective stability over immediate investigation. The chapter highlights the trio's struggle to reconcile their individual strengths and flaws while maintaining their fragile balance.

Veil unexpectedly regains control, relishing the opportunity to act in Shadesmar's mysterious environment. Despite Shallan's demands to hunt the spy, Veil deliberately avoids the task, instead provoking Shallan by creating poorly drawn sketches—a symbolic act of defiance and apology for her earlier transgression. This passive resistance forces Shallan to confront her own rigidity, while Radiant observes with cautious relief as Veil acknowledges her mistake and seeks reconciliation.

The chapter culminates in a tense but pivotal moment of unity among the three personas. Radiant and Veil align in their decision to delay the spy hunt, emphasizing the need for collective agreement over impulsive action. Veil's apology and Radiant's mediation hint at potential growth in their dynamic, though Shallan's unresolved anger

lingers. The interplay of guilt, responsibility, and forgiveness underscores their ongoing journey toward self-integration amidst the larger mysteries of Shadesmar and the Ghostbloods' machinations.

