

I-1. Sylphrena

Sylphrena, the honorspren bonded to Kaladin, senses the approaching highstorm with childlike excitement, comparing its energy to distant music. She moves invisibly through Urithiru, preferring the company of children who treat her with casual familiarity rather than reverence. Finding few people awake, she visits Cord, Rock's daughter, who acknowledges her with a respectful gesture and leaves an offering of food. Syl playfully transforms into a tuber in response, though she doesn't eat, showcasing her whimsical nature. The chapter highlights Syl's dual personality—both playful and deeply caring—as she anticipates the storm's arrival.

Syl examines Cord's Shardplate, noting its difference from Shardblades; while both are made of spren, the Plate feels content rather than pained. She reflects on her own divided nature: one side is responsible, driven by her bond with Kaladin and larger concerns like Honor's ideals, while the other is childlike, easily distracted by noises, shapes, and curiosities. Her thoughts race with questions about names, sensations, and the world around her, revealing her unique perspective as an honorspren. This duality sets her apart from others of her kind, except perhaps Rua, another spren who shares her restless curiosity.

As Syl flits through the tower, she recalls faint memories of Urithiru's vibrant past, contrasting it with its current dormant state. She checks on Kaladin, who sleeps peacefully, and worries about his inner struggles, comparing his "dark brain" to her own chaotic thoughts. She hopes his new role as a surgeon will bring him peace but fears it may not address his deeper turmoil. Despite her playful exterior, Syl's concern for Kaladin underscores her deep bond with him and her desire to help him find solace.

The storm's arrival pulls Syl back into her exuberant side as she joins windspren in the chaotic winds. Yet, even in her joy, she clings to her worry for Kaladin, determined to find a solution for his pain. The chapter ends with Syl pondering the origins of

intelligent spren like herself, hinting at larger mysteries about their creation and purpose. Her character embodies a blend of lightheartedness and profound empathy, making her a compelling narrator who bridges the whimsical and the weighty themes of the story.

