

67. Mishim

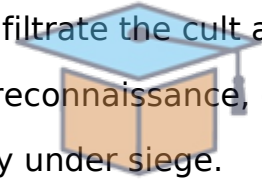
The chapter opens with a reflection on the state of the current generation's leadership, emphasizing that the underlying issue lies in a fundamental change within Honor itself. The quote suggests that the lack of multiple Bondsmiths and divisions among people are symptoms rather than causes, hinting at a deeper shift in the moral and spiritual fabric of their world. This sets a tone of introspection about the evolving nature of leadership and honor, which influences the ongoing political and social turmoil. The chapter underscores that the core problem is not merely external conflicts but a transformation within the very principles that uphold their society.

Following this, the narrative shifts to the immediate aftermath of a brutal murder involving Shallan, who experiences a strange sense of relief despite her trauma. She detects a faint, unsettling presence of the Unmade beyond the reflection, indicating the ongoing influence of dark forces. Her cautious investigation involves checking mirrors and alerting others to the threat, showcasing her growing awareness of the spiritual and supernatural dangers lurking within the city. This segment highlights her resilience and evolving perception of the unseen forces that threaten their safety, emphasizing the importance of vigilance and subtlety in confronting these malevolent entities.

The story then transitions to a strategic planning scene involving King Elhokar, Kaladin, Adolin, and Shallan, as they deliberate on how to rescue the queen and counteract the cult activity around the Oathgate. Elhokar devises a multifaceted plan that includes infiltration, rallying support from local lighteyes, and investigating the Cult of Moments, which is actively guarding the Oathgate platform. The characters discuss potential approaches—either stealth or military force—highlighting the complexity of their situation. The plan reflects their urgency and resourcefulness, while also revealing underlying tensions about trust, identity, and the threat posed by the cult.

and its mysterious leader.

In the final section, Veil, operating covertly, explores Kholinar's ancient market to gather intelligence on the populace and the Cult of Moments. She observes the city's worn, historical architecture and the subdued atmosphere caused by the siege-like conditions. Veil's focus on understanding the local sentiment and the movements of soldiers from House Velalant underscores her role in the larger intelligence effort. Her cautious approach and reflections on the city's haunted streets reveal her determination to infiltrate the cult and uncover its secrets. This segment emphasizes the importance of reconnaissance, cultural awareness, and the personal toll of living undercover in a city under siege.



Summary