

115. The Wrong Passion

The chapter opens with a reference to a mysterious and dangerous power originating from another world, involving spren and Surges that have been forbidden to touch. These powers have led to the destruction of their lands, and now they are seeking aid from others, emphasizing the peril they pose. This sets a tone of high stakes and unseen threats, hinting at the complex mystical forces at play. The narrative introduces a sense of foreboding as these alien powers and their destructive potential threaten the current world, illustrating the gravity of the conflict and the importance of understanding these forces.

Dalinar's perspective reveals a tense scene amid a brewing storm, both literal and metaphorical. The Everstorm's fury dominates the sky, with lightning and violent clouds flowing from the west, symbolizing chaos and impending disaster. Dalinar observes ships sailing during the storm, highlighting the enemies' audacity and strategic boldness. The Stormfather's voice underscores Dalinar's limited control over the storm, reflecting the theme of human vulnerability against natural and supernatural forces. The strategic failure of the coalition forces underscores the unpredictable and overwhelming nature of the enemy's plans, emphasizing that the storm and the enemies' tactics have shattered their defenses.

Meanwhile, the chapter shifts to a tense gathering at the Oathgate, where characters like Shallan, Kaladin, and Adolin confront the reality of their dire situation. They witness the enemy's forces—Fused and spren—approaching, with ominous visions and the realization that they have been led into a trap. The characters grapple with the threat of Voidbringers and the uncertainty of their next move, contemplating illusions and distractions as potential strategies. Their dialogue reflects a mixture of fear, resolve, and the acknowledgment that their options are limited, highlighting the desperation and urgency of their mission to understand and utilize the Oathgate.

In the final section, Jasnah's perspective brings a strategic and pragmatic outlook. She recognizes that Thaylen City is already lost and must focus on evacuation and protecting key individuals, such as her uncle. Her calm demeanor contrasts with the chaos around her, as she assesses the battlefield and plans how to mitigate further losses. Lightning and storm imagery reinforce the ongoing turmoil, but Jasnah's focus remains on what can still be controlled. Her determination to act decisively amidst the destruction underscores the chapter's overarching themes of resilience, strategic thinking, and the necessity of adaptation in the face of overwhelming odds.

