

80. Oblivious

The chapter opens with a reference to Ba-Ado-Mishram's connection to the parsh people, highlighting her role in providing Voidlight and empowering certain forces. The narrative then shifts to Veil's perspective, describing her disquiet and her efforts to aid her community amid the chaos caused by the Everstorm. She navigates a damaged environment, seeking Grund, a young orphan, and reflects on her motivations—primarily driven by her desire to help those suffering from starvation and hardship rather than confront the monstrous threats of Voidbringers. Her cautious movements and covert disguises underscore her ongoing struggle to gather information without attracting attention.

Veil's interactions with Grund reveal her concern for the boy, who unexpectedly appears tense and guarded. Their exchange hints at underlying secrets and a tense relationship, as Grund's behavior suggests he is hiding something. Veil's attempt to gather intelligence is interrupted by her observations of the market and her efforts to remain unnoticed, revealing her skills in disguise and stealth. Her internal thoughts indicate a sense of unease, as she senses that something is amiss beneath her outward calm. The chapter emphasizes her internal conflict—balancing her mission with her empathy for those around her, especially Grund, who seems to be hiding deeper troubles.

The story takes a darker turn when Veil witnesses a group of thugs attacking Grund, revealing her protective instincts. Her anger ignites visibly as she confronts the assailants, but they scatter before she can catch them. She finds Grund injured, bleeding from a head wound, and desperately tries to help him. Her sense of helplessness intensifies as Grund, in pain and disoriented, reveals feelings of hatred and bitterness, possibly rooted in trauma and loss. Veil's attempts to soothe him are met with further emotional pain, exposing the harsh realities faced by the vulnerable

children in her world and her internal struggle to provide comfort amid chaos.

In the final moments, Veil's concern shifts to a broader threat—Grund's mention of others suggests a network or group that may be involved in the violence and suffering around her. Her urgency drives her to seek out Muri, a mother figure who might hold vital information or aid. Disguised once more, Veil races through the market to rally support and uncover the extent of the danger, setting the stage for potential confrontations and revelations. The chapter concludes on a tense note, emphasizing themes of sacrifice, hidden danger, and the ongoing fight to protect the innocent amidst a fractured world.



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