

50. Shash Thirty-Seven

The chapter opens with a directive not to return to Obrodai, as a new manifestation of a powerful entity is emerging there. This warning emphasizes the ongoing spiritual and cosmic upheaval affecting their world. The young girl associated with this new avatar harbors an intense and deliberate dislike for Dalinar, underscoring the complex political and personal tensions at play. These revelations highlight the shifting allegiances and the dangerous, unpredictable nature of the emerging powers, setting a tone of cautious foreboding about the future of Obrodai and the broader conflict.

Dalinar's experience of flying with Kaladin evokes the sensation of being on a ship at sea, emphasizing the natural yet unnerving nature of this form of travel. The wind and currents make it a perilous journey, mirroring the unpredictable chaos of the ocean. Despite the breathtaking view of the Shattered Plains and the strategic insight it offers, Dalinar finds the act of flying deeply unnatural and disconcerting, especially with the winds buffeting them. His reliance on Navani's guidance underscores the importance of support and control amid this unfamiliar, high-altitude environment.

As they traverse the skies, Kaladin demonstrates exceptional mastery of flying, contrasting sharply with the less skilled soldiers. This control symbolizes Kaladin's growing expertise and confidence, which he seeks to refine through practice, especially in preparation for a storm-fueled journey to Kholinar. The aerial reconnaissance reveals the layout of the warcamps and the strategic positions of allied forces, providing crucial intelligence. The scene underscores the urgency and tactical considerations of their military campaign, as well as the technological advancements in their transportation methods.

The chapter concludes with Dalinar and the others arriving at a well-preserved warcamp, where discussions focus on logistics and strategic vulnerabilities. The camp's state offers a sense of stability amidst chaos, but concerns remain about the

long-term sustainability of their operations. Navani's vision of establishing a new kingdom on the Shattered Plains contrasts with others' cautious outlook, reflecting divergent visions for their future. The chapter ends with Dalinar reflecting in his former residence, contemplating the ongoing challenges and the uncertain road ahead, emphasizing the fragile balance between progress and peril in their war effort.

