37. The Last Time We March

The chapter begins with a reflection on loyalty and the consequences of foolishness, as Lunamor dismisses concerns about Rayse and criticizes Aona and Skai for breaking their pact. The narrative emphasizes the importance of understanding one's enemy, a lesson that remains relevant even amid ongoing conflicts. Lunamor draws a parallel between warfare and the art of making stew, highlighting his practical approach to strategy and survival. This opening sets a tone of resilience and pragmatic wisdom, illustrating Lunamor's perspective on the chaos surrounding him and the importance of staying focused on one's goals despite setbacks.

Set on the Shattered Plains, Lunamor, also known as Rock, is depicted stirring a stew on a plateau, surrounded by the stark, windswept landscape. Despite his initial surprise at feeling nostalgic for this barren terrain, he acknowledges the unique beauty of the plains—the open sky, the scent of baking stones, and the life within the chasms. These elements symbolize renewal and purpose for Lunamor, who finds solace and a sense of belonging in this harsh environment. His appreciation for the plains contrasts with the extreme conditions of his homeland, emphasizing his complex relationship with this landscape and what it represents for him.

The scene shifts to a training session led by Kaladin, with members of Bridge Four and other soldiers learning to harness Stormlight. The focus is on the challenge of teaching others to draw Stormlight into themselves, a difficult but essential skill for becoming Windrunners. Kaladin's leadership and the camaraderie among the trainees are evident, with moments of humor and determination. Lunamor observes these efforts, reflecting on the importance of perseverance and the shared goal of mastering this new power. The scene underscores the ongoing effort to build strength and unity among the soldiers amidst the backdrop of impending conflict.

Meanwhile, everyday life continues on the plateau, with Lunamor assisting in the kitchen alongside Huio, who unexpectedly adds spice to a drink, surprising Lunamor. This moment of camaraderie and humor offers a glimpse into the characters' personalities and their attempts to find normalcy amid chaos. Lunamor's appreciation for the unexpected flavor highlights the theme of adaptation and finding joy in small moments. The chapter concludes with Lunamor's recognition of Huio's ingenuity, reinforcing the bonds of friendship and resilience that sustain them through their struggles. This blend of humor and resolve encapsulates the chapter's core message of enduring hope and unity.