

23. Storming Strange

The chapter begins with Kaladin and his parshmen seeking refuge during a storm, highlighting the tense atmosphere and the ongoing threat posed by the unpredictable weather phenomena. Kaladin negotiates with a merchant for shelter and supplies, emphasizing the importance of secrecy regarding his group's movements. The merchant mentions strange disappearances of caravans from Revolar, adding an element of mystery and foreboding to the setting. Kaladin's concern about the storm's recurrence and its potential implications underscores the unpredictable nature of the environment they are navigating, setting a tone of uncertainty and danger.

As they prepare for the storm, Kaladin arranges for shelter and supplies, emphasizing the need for discretion and security. He instructs the merchant to keep their arrival hidden from the army, reflecting the covert nature of their mission and the importance of maintaining secrecy. The chapter reveals Kaladin's strategic mindset, balancing immediate survival with the larger goal of protecting his group. The parshmen, led by Khen and others, gather anxiously, demonstrating their reliance on Kaladin's leadership and the ongoing urgency of their situation amidst the storm's fury.

The narrative then shifts to the parshmen's arrival at a bunker, where they hunker down as the storm intensifies outside. Kaladin reflects on his feelings toward the storm, feeling both a kinship and wariness due to its destructive power, which has repeatedly threatened his life. The storm is depicted as a force that renews the gemstones carrying Stormlight, symbolizing both danger and potential power.

Kaladin's internal conflict about how long he can remain in this isolated position, and his growing awareness of the broader world's chaos, adds depth to his character and hints at the larger stakes beyond their immediate survival.

In the final moments, Kaladin considers the need to send a message to his allies and retrieve his spanreed, indicating his desire to stay connected to the wider conflict. He

notices a strange flicker of color from Syl, who appears different in appearance and demeanor, hinting at new developments or transformations. This encounter underscores the ongoing mystery surrounding Syl and the larger forces at play, leaving the reader with a sense of anticipation about the unfolding events and Kaladin's next moves in this tumultuous landscape.

